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LEONGATHA MAN SHARES IN DIVISION ONE LOTTO SUCCESS

Nextra Leongatha Newsagency owners Dipti Thumar and Raj Joshi are excited to have sold another division one winning TattsLotto entry.

What next for our hospitals?

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service, which operates the Leongatha and Korumburra hospitals, is looking for community feedback on what you'd like to see from your health services now and into the future.

And they've called an 'open access board meeting' at the Korumburra Italian Social Club this Thursday, June 20, at 5pm for just that purpose.

There'll be a presentation about local services and plans, with a Q&A afterwards.

But there's at least some prospect that the local outreach exercise might be overtaken by concerns about region-wide plans for "closer strategic partnerships" between Gippsland's 11 hospitals, or even "management consolidation", a feature of which might be the replacement of

local boards and CEOs with one regional body.

It's a development that has already happened in the west of the state.

Local MP, Danny O'Brien, doesn't like the sound of it.

Speaking in State Parliament last week, Mr O'Brien has called on the State Government to "immediately rule out forced mergers or amalgamations for Gippsland hospitals".

Highlighting his concerns about a draft Health Services Plan which considers amalgamations, he rejected any suggestions this would improve services locally as "absurd".

"I am calling on the Minister for Health to immediately alleviate any concerns for Gippslanders that their crucial health services may be forced to amalgamate."

Mr O'Brien said.

"My concern is that these mergers will go ahead as a cost-saving exercise rather than for any real benefit to our community."

Victoria currently has 76 health services, he said, but recent reports suggest that the Allan Labor Government is considering reducing this to just 12, with six servicing Melbourne and another six to service the whole of regional Victoria.

This may include Gippsland's 11 health services being merged into one, he said.

"You only need to look at Foster's South Gippsland Hospital to see a great rural hospital that successfully provides theatre and maternity services as well as great relationships with the local GP clinic next-door and the nearby aged care facility."

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Corner block - good location



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TUE | Jun 18

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
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4° **13°**



WED | Jun 19

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

3° **12°**



THUR | Jun 20

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Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

4° **12°**



FRI | Jun 21

Showers.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

6° **14°**



SAT | Jun 22

Shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

8° **14°**



SUN | Jun 23

Shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

7° **14°**

IN BRIEF

Book to give blood this July

GOT a bit of time next month? Time to give blood and change lives? One in three people in Wonthaggi will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're rolling into town from July 9 to 19. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at lifeblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95. Find the mobile blood centre in the Big W carpark.

Council welcomes Cape Paterson transport and road safety experiences

BASS Coast Shire Council is preparing a "Local Area Traffic Management Plan" for Cape Paterson to understand and better improve traffic throughout the town.

Council is seeking feedback about people's experiences of transport and road safety in Cape Paterson. This consultation is open from June 13 to July 4, 2024.

The "Local Area Traffic Management Plan" for Cape Paterson seeks to understand and recommend improvements to make it easier and safer to get around the township. This will be done by reviewing existing conditions, evaluating traffic, parking and crash data and considering feedback from the community to determine trends and priority changes.

Bass Coast Shire Council want to hear from all road users including drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, people using mobility devices and commercial vehicle operators.

Please contact Council directly by email or phone if you would prefer to provide feedback in hard copy, in person or by email.

Following stage one consultation, Bass Coast Shire Council will consider all the feedback alongside the other information we've gathered and come back to the community in August to continue the conversation.

To provide your feedback, please visit the engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au website.

Upcoming artist talk in Yinnar

GIPPSLAND sound designer, sound editor, and audio-visual artist Mark Hooper is giving an artist talk at arcYinnar in the Switchroom@arc on Wednesday June 19, delving into his creative practice as an

audio-visual artist and the unseen art of sound design and sound editing for cinema.

He'll showcase some of his film work and unreleased audio-visual pieces.

Having worked in the film industry since 2018, Mark's sound has been featured in films shown at major international film festivals including Cannes, Sundance, and Vienna.

Notable projects include Oliver Stone's documentaries JFK Revisited (2021), Nuclear Now (2022), and Lula (2024), as well as the independent feature films 'My Animal' (2023) directed by Jacqueline Castel, and The Sweet East (2023) directed by Sean Price Williams.

Over the last 15 years, Mark has also been heavily involved in the Latrobe Valley music and art scene, with his work focused on surrealist and naturalistic interpretations of landscapes.

Excerpts of his 'Found Sound Gippsland' field recording project featured in the 2023 Latrobe Regional Gallery exhibition 'In Our Time', with his local work also including a live audio-visual performance about the closure of Hazelwood Power Station.

Sound design for the Gippsland-made short films 'FEIRG' and 'BUT' directed and written by Edward Yates and Alana Auden, is among Mark's recent work.

His June 19 artist talk begins at 5.30pm.

Berninneit triumphs again

BERNINNEIT Cultural and Community Centre in Cowes continues to impress industry judges, with its designer Jackson Clements Burrows Architects claiming a Public Design Award at the recent Australian Interior Design Awards.

That follows the building's success at this month's Victorian Architecture Awards at which it took out the William Wardell Award for Public Architecture.

The Australian Interior Design Awards were held at Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, celebrating interior design excellence nationally and internationally, and run through a partnership between the Design Institute of Australia and Architecture Media's 'Artichoke'. Berninneit was chosen

for the Public Design Award "for creating a well-considered community space that is light, airy and extremely welcoming".

The jury applauded the project's "high level commitment to sustainability via a Passive Haus approach and use of mass timber, as well as its integration of First Nations' design principles".

Berninneit was built by McCorkell Constructions, opening last October and having already hosted a wide range of performances.

The building's latest triumph is sure to be celebrated by those at Bass Coast Shire Council, with the council having expressed its delight after Berninneit's previous triumph.

New public toilet to be installed at Bena Bus Terminal

RESIDENTS and visitors in Bena will soon benefit from a new public toilet facility at the bus terminal on Bass Valley Road. The project, set to be completed in time for the busy summer season, promises a range of key features designed for convenience and sustainability.

The new facility will be strategically located to serve a diverse group of users, including residents, McGrath Park visitors, commuters, cyclists, and pedestrians, particularly those utilizing the Great Southern Rail Trail. The thoughtful placement aims to maximize accessibility and utility for the community.

Key features of the new public toilet include:

- Solar-powered lighting system to ensure safety.
- Rainwater tank for hand washing.
- Pump-out collection well system to prioritise efficient waste disposal and maintain hygiene standards.
- Pre-fabrication of the facility will be done remotely to ensure minimal disruption to the site.

Stolen cars all over

FACEBOOK has lit up with stolen cars in the past few weeks, from Korumburra and Leongatha through to Wonthaggi.

The latest one to be posted was this distinctive looking Commodore stolen on Monday morning.

A response to the Facebook notes that V8 performance Commodores have been a particular target around the state.



POLICE BRIEFS

Criminals apprehended thanks to the community

POLICE would like to thank the Korumburra and Leongatha communities for their support over the past week assisting in identification of offenders responsible for the theft of motor vehicles and property.

Last week police executed a search warrant in Korumburra where a number of stolen cars and property were recovered which resulted in the arrest of two people.

Ongoing inquiries are being made in relation to the whereabouts of a third offender.

"It's a timely reminder to lock your homes, vehicles and personal belongings," a spokesperson for Bass Coast Police said.

"We encourage the public to please report any suspicious behaviour immediately to police."

Car catches fire in plaza car park

A CAR caught fire at Wonthaggi Plaza on Friday afternoon. While the cause remains unknown, local firefighters indicated that it appeared to be electrical in nature.

The car owner had not long started shopping inside the plaza when a page was placed over the loudspeaker with her rego.

Multiple calls were made to emergency services for smoke inside the vehicle.

Wonthaggi Fire Brigade arrived on scene to find the fire extinguished itself, and utilised specialist equipment to ensure the fire was out in the door cavity.

The heat melted the inner plastic door frame and the driver's seat was also damaged.

The owner was fortunately safe.

Vehicle collides with fence

DRIVERS were advised to avoid the car park on Graham Street beside The Workmen's Club on Friday around midday with police on the scene of an incident with part of the car park blocked.

It's understood the female driver in her 70s from Cape Woolamai mistook the pedals and collided with a Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross and Ford Everest. The Eclipse has also struck a nearby Mazda.

It's understood no individuals were injured and the police investigation is ongoing.

"Thank you to the multiple people who assisted prior to police attending and looked after the welfare of the driver," Sergeant Ryan stated.

Leongatha car theft

INVESTIGATIONS are continuing after a property in Leongatha was broken into last week with offenders attempting to steal the car.

It's understood the offenders attempted to take off in a Chrysler but smashed it into a fence.

If anyone has information regarding the break-in and attempted theft or witnessed anything suspicious in Leongatha last night, please contact Wonthaggi Crime Investigation Unit on 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.



A female driver collided with a fence on Friday in the Graham Street car park, keeping officers busy as they surveyed the damage. C04_2524

Crime wave hits our district

A SPATE of crimes, road infringements and incidents has kept Bass Coast Police busy over the last fortnight.

The latest was the theft of a red 2015 Holden VF Commodore sedan. Stolen from an address in Wonthaggi in the early hours of Monday morning. It's unknown how many offenders were involved.

Meanwhile, at the northern end of the district, a smash-and-grab burglary was taking place. At approximately 5.30am unknown offenders forced entry into a service station in Grantville, smashing the front doors to gain access. Stealing cigarettes the offenders used a white Haval SUV to make their escape.

These two incidents are just part of a larger crime spree over the past week, including:

- A burglary in Welshpool at the Golf Club: Overnight on June 15/16, an unknown number of offenders forced entry into the Welshpool Golf Club's clubhouse, stealing

alcohol and leaving a trail of destruction in their wake.

- A business break-in in Waratah Bay: Between June 12 and 17, a business was broken into with no visible forced entry, but items were disturbed. It's unknown if anything was stolen by the intruder, with investigations ongoing.

- An attempted Chrysler car theft in Leongatha.

The crime spate comes as Bass Coast PSA (Police Service Area) recently held the Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum to discuss crime rates, youth offending, road policing, family violence, and drug-related crime.

While Bass Coast PSA sits below the state offence rate of crime, there was a significant increase of 9.4 percent in the January to December 2023 period compared to the previous year, with 5221 offences recorded. This marks the highest rate of offences recorded in a five-year comparison, with the second highest year being 2021 with

4842 offences.

Whilst breaches of family violence orders topped the list, criminal damage and other theft came in at second (464) and third (371) respectively.

And whilst local police are thanking residents for being the eyes and ears in reporting suspicious behaviour, which has resulted in offenders being located and charged, police are doubling-down their efforts against road offences.

"In an effort to reduce fatal and serious injury collisions, police are out and about," a spokesperson for Bass Coast Police said on Monday.

"Clearly these efforts have been positive with a driver recently caught travelling at an excessive speed through Korumburra."

The male driver was caught travelling at 103km/h in a 60 km/h zone in Korumburra on the South Gippsland Highway. The driver was intercepted by uniform police just after midnight on June 16.

The driver was issued an infringement notice.

Last year 78 individuals were involved in fatal and serious injury collisions with 41 drivers, 12 motorcyclists, 14 passengers and six pedestrians amongst the figures. Nine lives were lost.

Bass Coast Police are urging drivers to adjust their driving to the conditions, as wild weather, fog, and road surfaces significantly increase risks, especially at night.

"We have seen trees down across roads due to the wild weather, and thick sheets of fog blocking visibility, particularly overnight, and we are urging drivers to slow down and get where they are going safely."

Anyone with information relating to recent crimes is urged to contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or at crimestopperspersvc.com.au/report-a-crime, where reports can be anonymous, or contact Wonthaggi Police Station and Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit.

Shire urges local businesses to participate in survey

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is calling on all local business operators to take part in the newly launched 2024 Business and Industry Survey. This essential survey, conducted every two years, is a key initiative aimed at understanding and addressing the needs of businesses within the Bass Coast region.

The 2024 Business and Industry Survey is designed to gather vital information on the current state of local businesses, identify challenges, and help the Council tailor workshops and networking events to better meet local business needs. By participating, businesses contribute valuable data that will inform the Council's economic development planning and support services over the coming years.

The survey aims to:

- Identify trends
- Understand business sentiment
- Develop an industry workshop calendar
- Identify key issues for advocacy

The survey is straightforward and efficient, designed to take no more than 15 minutes to complete. Additionally, all participants who provide their contact details will be entered into a draw to win one of two \$100 gift vouchers for a local business.

The results from this year's survey will be compared with data from previous surveys conducted in March 2022 and 2020. This comparative analysis will help the Council track progress, identify ongoing issues, and develop strategies to foster a thriving business environment.

The Bass Coast Shire Council urges all local businesses to complete the survey and help shape the future of economic development in the region. Your input is invaluable and will play a critical role in ensuring the Council can provide the most effective support.

To participate in the survey, please visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/businessssurvey

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- **Business support**
– including exit packages and funding to help diversify.
- **Community support**
– health and wellbeing services and community development planning and funding.

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- Forestry Transition hotline – 1800 318 182
- Victorian Forestry Worker Support Program – 1800 122 001 vic.gov.au/forestry



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Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Le Serve



Coastell

Some of you may remember Council delivered a regular newsletter for many years called Coastell. I am very excited to let you know that it is back. We will be delivering a monthly e-newsletter to whoever was already subscribed with listings of news, events and ways to get involved with Council. If you aren't subscribed, please head on to our website and join up. Otherwise call our friendly customer service team. If computers aren't your thing, you can have a copy printed at our visitor and customer service centres.

Solar Savers

We are holding another event on 20 June for information about the Solar Savers program. I'd encourage you to join in on this and learn how you can save money on your electricity bills. There are already more than 8,800 solar systems installed on homes and businesses across Bass Coast, saving around \$8 million per year combined, and an average annual household saving of around \$1,200. This has also helped offset 53,400 tonnes of CO2.

Head to The Climate Action Portal to find more events – www.the-cap.com.au.

Cape Paterson Transport and Road Safety engagement opens

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Council are seeking feedback about people's experiences of transport

and road safety in Cape Paterson.

We want to hear from all road users including drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, people using mobility devices and commercial vehicle operators.

To provide your feedback, please visit the Engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au website.

Award winning region

We are absolutely thrilled that Berninnett has won a prestigious architectural award. It is a testament to the vision of everyone involved - Council, staff, contractors, community - and of course the architects Jackson Clements Burrows for creating a sustainable and functional space for generations to come. I extend our congratulations to everyone involved in this project.

Likewise, we are equally proud that our beloved Rhyll Foreshore Play Space has also been recognised with an architectural award this week for the work delivered by Orchard Design.

These awards really demonstrate our ongoing commitment to listening to and engaging with community about future places and working with people and organisations who are equally committed to sustainability and innovation in creating these spaces.

Thank you to the entire community who gets behind these projects and helps to shape the future of Bass Coast.

Work Experience

We were pleased to host several work experience students from local schools last week. See right for more details.

BASS COAST COUNCIL BRIEFS

Budget up for approval

AFTER responding to a question at the February Council meeting, from Mal Pinkerton, that "Council does not have formal efficiency targets" it seems the council has introduced some.

Prominent in the agenda for this Wednesday's council meeting is a recommendation for the adoption of the 2024-25 budget, without any obvious alterations but with this statement about efficiency:

"Council has imposed a stringent cost containment discipline in the budget build process and included targeted labour and fleet cost efficiency targets in the draft budget".

Caravan park set for refusal

THE BASS Coast Shire Council looks set to refuse to issue a planning permit for the second time for a caravan park and associated developments to be located on Inverloch-Venus Bay Road at Inverloch.

As well as camping and caravan park uses, the application details an ancillary food kiosk/general store and retail space, caretakers house, restaurant, art gallery and museum, place of assembly (community space) and boat hire and storage.

Among the reasons listed in the agenda for this week's council meeting is that an approved cultural heritage management plan has not been submitted under Section 52(1) of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

"The application is not consistent with the purpose or decision guidelines of the Farming Zone. It does not represent the highest and best use of the land and it is considered that just because the land is not currently optimally managed for agriculture, it does not mean that the land cannot be sustainably farmed. It is considered that the establishment of this non-agricultural land use would permanently remove all of this land from future agricultural use," according to the council report.

Enviro fund, who knew?

WITHOUT consultation or feasibility report, the Bass Coast Shire Council is set to go ahead at its council meeting this Wednesday, and set up an Environmental Fund in partnership with a recently established eco group, called Biodiversity Legacy.

There is no indication how much shire ratepayers are expected to commit financially to this new organisation. Time will tell.

Here's what council has to say:

"The establishment of the Environment Fund positions Bass Coast Shire Council as a leader in environmental innovation and conservation. By strategically leveraging its

Work experience at the Shire

By Mayor Clare Le Serve

I HAD the pleasure of meeting budding journalist and lawyer, Amelie who sat down for an interview with me. She has also written a wonderful blog for our website around the upcoming Whale Festival which you can see on our website. I'd like to thank all the schools, educators and staff and families for supporting work experience programs. It gives fantastic insight into different organisations and a wonderful opportunity for younger people to experience different places as well as for our staff to help mentor younger people into the workforce.



unique location and forming key partnerships, Council can drive significant social, environmental, and economic benefits," according to the council.

"The Environment Fund will facilitate collective action and community engagement, fostering a sustainable legacy for future generations.

"This initiative provides a forward-thinking approach to biodiversity preservation and landscape restoration, serving as a model for other regions and demonstrating Council's commitment to combatting climate change and reversing extinction."

Ongoing support for Island tourism

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is set to enter into an 18-month partnership agreement with Destination Phillip Island (DPI) after the present three-year partnership expires on June 30.

Bass Coast has been a member of DPI since its inception, contributing \$340,179 in financial support in the past three years and proposing an additional \$96,268.88 in the current budget.

"It is important that the Council continues to maintain effective working relationships with peak tourism bodies in the region such as DPI and Destination Gippsland," according to the council report.

"The Council's contribution supports DPI operations, domestic and international marketing and Phillip Island's participation in strategic touring routes such as Sydney Melbourne Touring and Go Beyond Melbourne."

Go for Inverloch to Wonthaggi path

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is set to let a contract for almost \$4 million to SR Excavations for the

construction of an inland pathway between Inverloch and Wonthaggi.

The works on the path, set to start in July 2024 are projected to be complete in March 2026.

Internal project costs of \$238,078 and a contingency of 10 per cent (\$396,797) brings the total to a tad over \$4.6 million but with an amount of \$7.7 million allocated to the project.

Tourism and the Green Economy this Thursday

BASS Coast Shire Council, along with Destination Phillip Island and The Festival of Big Ideas are proud to present "Tourism and the Green Economy" featuring keynote speaker Barney Swan on Thursday evening, June 20, from 6pm – 8pm.

Barney Swan is an acclaimed eco explorer, Founder of the charity ClimateForce and currently leading a project in FNQ to restore 527 acres of the world's oldest rainforest – the Daintree.

Taking place at Berninnett join Bass Coast Shire Council, Destination Phillip Island and The Festival of Big Ideas for an inspirational night exploring personal leadership, education, engagement and other mechanisms to support locals and tourists alike to enjoy.

Discover good business for all and how to create a more resilient and sustainable future in Bass Coast.

Pioneer Bay toilet soon

THE wait is over. The Bass Coast Shire Council recently let a contract to James G Morrison Builders for the design and construction of the Pioneer Bay Community Toilet Facility at a cost of \$203,184.82.

In other recent contracts, APS Drainage and Civil have won the contract for culvert renewal works on Loch Kernot Road, Kernot for \$598,837.

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Aussie Outdoor Emporium on Phillip Island remains open as discussions with Bass Coast Shire Council continue. Z05_2524

Council withdraws \$230,772 Cowes business threat

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has taken local business operator, Andrew Higgins, owner of Cowes' garden supplies firm, Aussie Outdoor Emporium, to the brink of incurring almost \$1/4 million in penalties plus fines of as much as \$11,538-a-day before pulling back.

Mr Higgins was told in April that he had 60 days to close the business, which was operating without a permit, and clear the site by June 10 or else face those astronomical penalties.

And the shire left him with that fearful prospect for two months, right up until d-day, Monday, June 10 when they were supposed to hit him with the book... but they did nothing beyond acknowledging, it seems, that Mr Higgins was right all

along, that the planning use "Landscape gardening supplies" is a permitted use in a Farm Zone.

Manager of the Cowes' Aussie Outdoor Emporium site, Sarah Henstridge, told the Sentinel-Times this week that despite the threats, they had no option but to stay and fight.

"We felt sure that we were in the right, that a Landscape Gardening Supplies business was a permissible use in a Farming Zone, but it's also our livelihood. We had no alternative but to stay," Ms Henstridge said.

"We already put in a planning application but we'll do that again and the shire is working with us now but honestly you shouldn't have to go through this.

"Having a \$230,000 fine hanging

over your head for two months is not nice. It shouldn't have come to that.

"We've had tons of great feedback over the weekend. Everyone wanted us to stay and that's great to hear."

A spokesperson for Bass Coast Shire Council has said it "has been informed by the landowner of their intent to lodge a planning application".

"As such the enforcement investigation will be put on hold until such time as an outcome on any planning application is determined."

The change of heart, which by no means equates to planning approval, comes ahead of the presentation of a petition, signed by 377, to be presented to the council meeting this Wednesday, June 19.

18,500 more houses in Bass Coast by 2051

VICTORIA'S councils are being asked to "unlock space" over the next few decades to help with Victoria's housing crisis.

And outside of Bendigo and Ballarat, the shires of Bass Coast and Baw Baw are expected to do some of the heavy lifting in regional areas.

According to target figures released this week by the State Government, Bass Coast is expected to add a further 18,500 houses by 2051 and Baw Baw 24,700.

While that would almost double the number of homes in Baw Baw by 2051, up from 25,800 to 50,500, Bass Coast housing would increase from 30,100 (state figures) to 48,600.

However, with almost 40 per cent of Bass Coast housing unoccupied, according to the 2021 Census, such an increase would more than double the number of occupied houses in Bass Coast.

The state government target of 18,500 additional houses for Bass Coast by 2051 assumes an increase in 660 new dwellings per year, as compared to the annual increase reported by the ABS in the 2021 Census of 579.4 additional houses per annum.

South Gippsland, by comparison has a target of 7500 new homes by 2051, as against an

existing homes figure of 17,500 (state figures).

In announcing the housing targets by LGA, the Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny said they would soon be kicking off the next stage of local government consultation on draft housing capacity targets.

"To give industry the confidence they need to get on and build, we need Government and all councils working towards the same goal: more homes for Victorians – in the right places," said Premier Jacinta Allan.

"We want to work in partnership with councils to build more homes in the areas where people want to live – close to the people they love and the things they love to do," said Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny.

Ms Allan said Victoria's councils had the powers to unlock space for more homes by proposing changes to local planning rules.

She said the Government would consult closely with councils to harness their local knowledge, with councils to report back on the draft target and the local changes they propose.

The draft targets for each local government area can be found at engage.vic.gov.au/project/shape-our-victoria/page/housing-targets-2051.

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Exposed workers to 'plumes of silica dust'

GLOBAL industrial minerals company, Sibelco Pty Ltd, was fined \$400,000 in the Wonthaggi Magistrates Court last Friday after being found guilty of two counts of failing to provide a safe workplace for staff who were regularly exposed to "plumes of silica dust" while handling pallets at the firm's Lang Lang quarry.

They were also ordered to pay \$20,799 in costs.

The court heard Sibelco operated a Lang Lang sand quarry and mill that produced silica-based products, including silica flour, sand and gravel. The site has since been sold.

Workers at the plant were required to fill and palletise 25-kilogram bags of product for transportation to customers.

During the process of bagging silica flour, they described plumes of silica dust escaping from the bags at head height and, on occasion, faulty bags bursting and leaving the machine operator covered in material.

The court also heard that a number of workers were placed at risk by this process between 2012 and 2020, including three; Kevin Weekes, Craig Robertson, and Alan Jenkins, who have since been diagnosed with silicosis.

The men were supported in court by officials of the Australian Workers Union as the case against their former employer was heard.

In sentencing Sibelco, Magistrate Stephen Lee told the court the workplace was "inherently dangerous".

"Four years and five years to



Australian Workers Union staff, members and Silicosis victims and family members at Wonthaggi Magistrates Court after Sibelco was sentenced.

introduce potentially life-saving devices was not good enough," Magistrate Lee said.

With workers' lives at stake, Magistrate Lee said, Sibelco should have moved mountains.

The court heard it was reasonably practicable for Sibelco to reduce the risk of exposure to crystalline silica dust by having automated bagging and palletising systems in place, including an automated and enclosed bagging machine and the use of a robotic palletiser.

"I requested a powered air purifying respirator," Kevin Weekes told the Sentinel-Times, outside the court after Sibelco's sentence was handed down.

"It was refused. Eventually I received a second-hand, unusable respirator."

In Mr Weekes' statement to the court, he explained how he received the "life-altering phone

call" from his doctor at work.

"I was called to the office to take the call, only to find the entire building devoid of any managers or support. The doctor's words echoed in my mind repeatedly: 'You have silicosis. Do you have your affairs in order?' I replied no, and he suggested I start getting them in order immediately. With no one around, I walked back to my area and broke down in tears.

"My health has deteriorated in many ways... and the financial stress is overwhelming."

Outside the court, Ronnie Hayden, AWU Victorian Branch Secretary, expressed his views on the sentencing.

"We're disappointed and frustrated," Mr Hayden said.

"This isn't just about individual cases, it's about holding negligent companies accountable and ensuring that no more workers

are sacrificed for profit.

"The fine is just pocket change. The government and the regulator need to wake up to the fact that the system is broken. The only way bosses will listen is if they're going to jail and industrial manslaughter laws (apply). You give a worker a death sentence and nothing happens."

WorkSafe Executive Director of Health and Safety, Sam Jenkins, said there was no excuse for putting workers at harm over a prolonged period.

"The risks associated with crystalline silica were well known and the company was also aware of the available measures to better protect their workers," Mr Jenkins said.

"Insidious diseases like silicosis do not discriminate so it is critical that employers continuously review and update their systems and processes to ensure

they are best practice."

Mr Weekes had worked in quarries for 28 years before he was made redundant by Sibelco after his diagnosis.

"It has taken a dramatic toll on the whole family," Mr Weekes said outside the court.

"I went through a few dark days, but fortunately I have a really good support system."

"We are trying to focus on the future. We have a five-year plan to travel around Australia. It's something we wanted to do when we retired but it's been forced on us early."

"Hopefully we can put (the court case) behind us and the wife and I can focus on what we want to do now."

Debra Weekes, Mr Weekes' wife, and his daughter were by his side as the sentencing was read.

"A kick in the pants for the company is not a small fine," Debra said.

"They've got to make them pay for the workers they've made sick."

In future, Mr Weekes and the Australian Workers Union said they would like to see workplace inspections conducted without notice and for inspectors to speak with workers on the floor.

"WorkSafe always notified the company. The weekend before the company would bring all the workers in on overtime and clean up the place. Even now a large percentage of inspections are announced," said Mr Weekes.

"Don't stay up in the office, actually go down and talk to the employees."



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Wonthaggi & District Historical Society will be bringing part the collection to life through six mini documentaries.

Black Dust & Community Strength secures government funding

WONTHAGGI & District Historical Society is one of 42 organisations announced last Wednesday that will share in \$350,000 of funding from the Local History Grants Program.

The local historical society has been awarded \$7150 for Black Dust & Community Strength: A digital history of Wonthaggi and district.

The digital project weaves together the stories of Wonthaggi and the surrounding district in a way that will be a visual and immersive experience.

Over 50 years 300 oral recordings were collected by the society from residents. They include memories and experiences of growing up in the town, to those working on the land. These recordings will form the

foundation of the project which can be likened to six mini documentaries.

"The grant allows us to curate and weave together a suite of digital stories, which will be distributed across a range of different mediums. It will showcase the collection we have here," Rees Quilford explained, noting a touch screen will be one format people can view the stories on.

"We will utilise them in our new museum space, and are exploring how we can potentially build them into digital walking tours.

"A lot of the work will be going through the archive and curating it, most of the material has already been digitised.

"It's such a rich and diverse

collection, an amazing record and testimonial legacy of the town and district."

Digitising photographs is an ongoing process at the society, with 3340 pictures catalogued to date.

Jenny Churchill and Rees collaboratively prepared the application for the historical society.

Rees highlighted the Wonthaggi Miners' Women's Auxiliary, which started in the mid-1930's and ran until the 60s, as a story likely to feature in one of the six documentaries.

"It was the first women's auxiliary of a miner's union in Australia. Originally a subcommittee they eventually formed as an incorporated type body.

"They were active in fundraising, political activism, women's

rights, they were also involved in setting up the kindergarten. They established a women's rest station in town, where women travelling in from farms could privately breastfeed. They raised funds for the school, the theatre... they left a huge legacy for many institutions around the town."

In making the announcement last week, Minister for Government Services Gabrielle Williams confirmed that the program will continue into 2025.

"It's almost harder to figure out what to leave out as opposed to what to include!" Rees smiled.

A detailed list of all the projects funded through the Local History Grants Program can be found at prov.vic.gov.au.

Call to keep jet skis away from Inverloch Esplanade

BASS Coast Shire Council candidate and Greens representative Mat Morgan expressed his support for a ban on jet skis from the Inverloch Esplanade.

While stating that safeguarding the coastal environment is a key priority for the local community, Mat also highlighted the risk jet skis pose to others in the water.

"Families should be able to enjoy the beach and swim without worrying about jet skis; they're dangerous, noisy and pollute the water running into Screw Creek," he said.

Mat stressed he is not proposing a complete ban on jet skis on the Bass Coast, suggesting using the new boat ramp at Mahers Landing instead.

"It's clearly more appropriate for jet skis to operate at Mahers Landing, away from the swimming areas," he said.

The candidate, who has previously run for the Federal seat of Monash and for a State seat in the Eastern Victoria Region, plans to visit 5000 homes in the Bunurong Ward before October's council election.

During his engagement so far with Inverloch residents, Mat has heard concerns about coastal erosion, tourists damaging delicate sand dunes, and dog owners allowing their pets off leash near hooded plover nests.

As for the jet skis, he recalls multiple accounts of near misses between jet skis and swimmers and doesn't want to see anyone hurt this summer.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News 2024 Local Government Elections

Would you like to be part of shaping the future of South Gippsland Shire? Are you passionate about making a positive contribution to your community?

Three information sessions are being held to provide prospective candidates in this year's local government election with an opportunity to learn more about the election process and what it means to be a Councillor. One session will be held in-person and two will be held virtually for greater flexibility.

Stand for Council - Leongatha

In this session facilitated by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) you will learn about the role and responsibilities of Councillors, the election process and candidate requirements.

When: Thursday 25 July (6.30pm to 8.30pm)
Leongatha Memorial Hall

Life as a Woman Councillor - Virtual

In this session, hosted by the Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA) prospective women candidates will be provided with an opportunity to hear from previous women councillors about their experiences representing local community.

When: Thursday 15 August (6.00pm to 8.00pm)

Becoming a Councillor - Virtual

Hosted by the VLGA prospective candidates will learn about their legal and regulatory obligations, Codes of Conduct and the leadership skills that promote and model good governance.

When: Thursday 29 August (6.00pm to 8.00pm)

All sessions are free to attend. Registration is required. For more information on the sessions, or to register, please visit:

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 26 June 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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

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

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Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings

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Do you have a question about Council's Community Grants Program? Not sure what the process is for applying for grants? What is SmartyGrants?

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Monday 24 June
In-person: 11.00am to 12.30pm
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TENDERS

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

RFT/412 – South Gippsland Shire Council Technology Refresh

Tenders close 2pm AEST on Saturday 13 July 2024

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Call for improved support for councils

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council, Rural Councils Victoria (RCV), Municipal Association of Victoria are among the organisations that have made submissions to an inquiry into local government sustainability, calling for increased federal support of local government.

The submissions were provided to the Committee Secretary of 'House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport', Luke Gosling OAM.

RCV advised the Federal Government that rural communities face losing essential community services and leisure facilities, with the organisation's Chair Cr Mary-Ann Brown highlighting the limited funding sources available to rural councils.

"Councils only have two reliable sources of income, rates – which are capped – and grants which have been declining in real terms for years," Cr Brown said.

She highlighted that natural disasters, a cost-of-living crisis and changed community expectations have all added to the financial pressure faced by rural councils, arguing the system for financing councils and their services has not kept up.

Cost shifting from higher levels of government to councils and a lack of adequate funding to meet extra responsibilities is another concern raised.

"Councils need more resources and we need Federal and State Governments to help us keep up with



South Gippsland Shire CEO Kerryn Ellis seeks better funding for local councils.

inflation," Cr Brown said.

It is noted that RCV's survey results show that member councils are dealing with soaring costs for providing and maintaining infrastructure and that if they are not able to raise more money, they won't be able to meet the infrastructure and service delivery needs of their communities.

Cr Brown says that Commonwealth Government's Financial Assistance Grants program is the largest source of operating grants for councils, but that as a percentage of total Commonwealth Government taxation revenue, the amount of Financial Assistance Grants made available across Australia has decreased.

She pointed out that many people in rural communities don't have the capacity to pay more.

South Gippsland Shire Council's submission from CEO Kerryn Ellis stressed the fact that rural councils are

hit harder by rate capping, having less revenue-raising ability than metropolitan councils that can generate income through sources such as carparking.

Ms Ellis states in her submission that the council is operating in a sound financial manner but needs to work closely with the Victorian and Federal Governments to appraise the financial pressures and constraints local government faces, particularly in rural and regional areas.

"The majority of South Gippsland Shire Council's revenue comes in the form of rates," she says, agreeing with Cr Mary-Ann Brown that rate capping presents the biggest revenue challenge in delivering services for the community, with costs rising at a much faster rate than income.

Ms Ellis highlighted the discrepancy between the infrastructure responsibilities of the different levels of government in Australia.

"The Municipal Association of Victoria recently shared that utilising a ratio of infrastructure to revenue, for every dollar of revenue, Victorian councils manage \$10 of infrastructure, compared to \$4 for the Victorian Government and \$0.40 for the Commonwealth."

The speed of asset deterioration is accelerated by severe weather events, the CEO argues, elaborating that in South Gippsland there are more regular and violent storms and tidal surges, with more infrastructure repairs and replacement required at the same time as material costs continue to rise.

While acknowledging State Government policy also impacts local government, Ms Ellis says South Gippsland Shire Council believes "The Australian Government can play a key role in preventing the erosion of vital community services."

A significant change the CEO suggests is for Federal Assistance Grants to be paid direct to councils, with a proportion of GST tax revenue going straight to local government, with the Australian Government funding model used to fund councils currently predominantly administered by State and Territory Governments.

Ms Ellis also sees a role for the Federal Government in leading a tripartite approach to work across the three levels of government to rebuild funding allocations to local government and mitigate the financial sustainability challenge that exists.

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams



BEING a Councillor has been such an amazing experience so far, and being Mayor has just been a cherry on top. I thoroughly enjoy representing our community and being part of the decisions for the future of our region.

With Council elections coming up, I was excited to speak at FinPro this week where I spoke to a room full of people about when I was inducted into Council with a focus on finance. When I became a Councillor, I went from managing a family budget, to a large Council budget and that is a scary thing.

If you are thinking of running for Council in this year's election, please know that you don't need extensive financial knowledge to be a Councillor. The onboarding process is designed to help you get up to speed on these topics and you have the opportunity to ask so many questions to give you clarity.

If you want to speak to any current Councillor about their experience, all of our details are on Council's website and we would be happy to chat to you.

Great Southern Rail Trail

In some exciting news, the Great Southern Rail Trail is now open from Nyora to Yarram! On Thursday, June 6 I was lucky enough to join Wellington Shire Council Mayor Cr Ian Bye on a ride of the newly opened section. With this extension complete, the Rail Trail now spans 130 kilometres, making it the third longest Rail Trail in Australia. We are so lucky to have this amazing drawcard in our region.

New Public Toilet for Bena

There will soon be a new Public Toilet in Bena at the bus terminal on Bass Valley Road. The location has been selected to suit residents, McGrath Park users, commuters, cyclists and pedestrians (a great pit stop for those on the Great Southern Rail Trail). Pre-fabrication will be done remotely so there will be minimal disruptions. The new toilet is expected to be installed ready for summer.

Workshops and Training

There are always opportunities on offer for you to extend your knowledge in particular topics.

The Latrobe Valley Authority is running an online session on Monday, June 24, 2024 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm on biodiversity conservation and restoration. This would be great if you want to learn more on how to regenerate land and the importance of community stewardship. You can find out more or book here: www.lva.org.au/about/festival-of-big-ideas-2024/fobi-2024-program

Monday June 24 is a busy day for learning! Council is also running Community Grants Information Sessions either in-person or online. This is the perfect chance to ask your questions about the Community Grants Program, the process and Smarty-Grants. To find out more or book, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining

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Want to check out what is happening in South Gippsland? Want to find out where you could have a local holiday or a new favourite spot to eat? Look no further than the Visit South Gippsland website! With all the details you need to plan your weekend events or stay-cation, it is a one-stop shop for all this South Gippsy.

If you're running an event, you can also list it for free on the website – a great way to promote your event beyond your followers.

You can check out the website here: www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au

Waste and Resource Recovery feedback sought

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is seeking community feedback on a draft Waste and Resource Recovery Plan. The Plan follows on from the previous Waste Management Strategy 2016 – 2021 and outlines the proposed provision of waste service in South Gippsland from 2024 – 2034.

Importantly, the draft Plan incorporates the Victorian Government's upcoming

waste and recycling policy reforms, which include the introduction of compulsory new services including a weekly food and organics collection service (FOGO), fortnightly recycling collection, and the separate collection of glass for recycling.

A number of challenges related to waste and resource recovery are identified in the draft Plan and include recycling contamination and

future landfill requirements. Opportunities are also highlighted, particularly in waste minimisation and education where Council is keen to see sustainable waste management practices supported and embedded into daily life.

The draft Waste and Resource Recovery Plan also features some waste management achievements for South Gippsland. These include substantially increasing

levels of recycling across the Shire with – on average – 75 per cent of material delivered to transfer stations diverted from landfill, demonstrating a robust commitment to environmental sustainability.

The draft Waste and Resource Recovery Plan is currently open for feedback at yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au and closes Sunday July 7.

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Wonthaggi's master muralist leaves lasting memories



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Prominent local artist and muralist Dennis Leversha has died aged 79.

WONTHAGGI artist and painter of 40 or more murals around the Gippsland region, Dennis Leversha, has died aged 79.

But he has certainly left his mark.

Many will recall seeing the tiger moth flying out of the frame near Mirboo North's BP petrol station, the iconic painting outside the Bullock Dray Café, and another setting the scene at the old Mirboo North Garage with an FJ Holden car up on the hoist.

But perhaps his best-known outdoor work locally adorns the two façades at Cargill's Sports Store right in the centre of Wonthaggi, depicting a community steam-train ride to Kilcunda for a miners' picnic.

While that painting remains, we'll never forget Dennis Leversha.

As a student, Dennis completed a Diploma of Fine Art (Painting) at RMIT but before he was given his qualification as a teacher, he had to complete two years in industry which led him to play a role in the design of the FLICK pest control logo, with obvious sensitivities until a large white dot was placed over the 'i' following the unveiling of a large neon sign.

He also worked as a painter of stage scenery at the Princess Theatre in Melbourne, later lending his skills to theatre companies locally, getting to meet the likes of June Bronhill, Frank Thring, Tex Morgan and even Marlene Dietrich along the way.

Ultimately though, he did qualify as a technical teacher in art, starting out at the Preston East Tech, Swan Hill, then Sale, but mostly at the Wonthaggi Tech School, teaching there from 1972 until 1991, and living 46 years in the town, together with wife Bev, with whom he welcomed three children, two boys Ben and Nathan and a daughter Jacinta. There are now eight grandchildren.

A member of the Bass Coast Artists Society, the Bass Coast Historical Society and ArtSpace Wonthaggi, Dennis staged only one exhibition of his own works, at Fish Creek's Gecko Gallery about 15 years ago, but featured in many art shows and combined exhibitions over the years.

Following his passing there may need to be a retrospective.

There will be no public funeral, the family is making private arrangements.

Peri-urban councils lead nation in growth surge

A NEW report from the Regional Australia Institute shows people are leaving Melbourne in their droves in favour of peri-urban living.

The Regional Movers Index (RMI) March 2024 quarter report identified Victoria's peri-urban local government areas among the fastest growing regions in Australia, prompting Peri-Urban Councils Victoria (PUCV) to renew calls for a more equitable share of Government funding.

"PUCV members are now in the position that growth suburbs found themselves in a decade ago in regard to land supply, housing supply and infrastructure provision," PUCV chair and Baw Baw Shire Councillor, Michael Leaney said.

"However, we do not have the same level of support as the growth councils, peri urban councils need a plan and we also need funding as a matter of urgency."

The RMI March quarter report, which measures population shifts between the state capitals and the regions as well as region to region migration, showed that growth in peri urban communities was some of the fastest in the country:

- Moorabool Shire Council was the fourth most popular destination in Australia for people moving from capital cities;
- Baw Baw Shire Council ranked third in Victoria and 10th in the nation;
- Bass Coast Shire Council ranked fifth in Victoria and 18th in the nation; and

"The financial capacity of Local Governments to appropriately invest in the enabling infrastructure and services needs action by the state and federal governments," Cr Leaney said.

"This report shows that the growth is happening today, the longer we let this gap grow the greater the challenge will be tomorrow," Cr Leaney Concluded. PUCV recently published a report containing several key recommendations to State and Federal Government regarding peri-urban housing and infrastructure which is available from the PUCV website at periurban.org.au

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Victorian Government fails to respond to deadline

Committee vows to rally in unprecedented numbers to protect the financial and personal futures of Wonthaggi residents and every Victorian landowner.

THE Victorian Government has failed to respond to a deadline to remove the retrospective Environmental Audit Overlay implemented on over 600 Wonthaggi properties, a rally has been organised for Sunday June 30 at 2pm, at the parklands opposite the Bass Coast Shire office, 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi (Wishart Reserve).

Wonthaggi and Bass Coast Shire residents have been crippled financially and personally by a retrospectively applied Environmental Audit Overlay (EOA).

Ordered by the Environmental Protection Authority, their land and homes, their biggest current or future asset, have plunged in value in a matter of weeks.

Either halted before building, shut out of occupying their newly built homes, access to finance blocked, or, for retirees, their ability to obtain a redraw on their home equity to fund their retirement. Residents are in financial freefall through no fault of their own.

Locally it has also plunged the local business community into an economic downturn, that some have likened to the well-remembered Global Financial Crisis.

By John Duscher, Chair Community Action Group

If this precedent of retrospectively applying EAO's on properties remains, it means that any property in Victoria could be subject to this.

At any time, a blight like this could be put on their land title, without warning, without notice – and in the case of Wonthaggi, taking five months before official communication arrived to inform affected property owners, and developers.

Now the overlay is in place, it means the owner can't make their house more accessible, for example, by adding an undercover wheelchair ramp, or sell their house; put an extension on; build a patio, a shed, or lay an extra metre of concrete on their driveway, without spending between \$15k minimum for a desktop audit and upwards of \$80k if auditors deem a full audit, plus extra dollars for remediation action that must be taken, in order to get any sort of permit.

Wonthaggi, the jewel of the Victorian Government's, 'Regional Housing Growth Plan' is now in crisis! Building permits – stopped. Certificates of occupancy – stopped. Builders and their trades – without work and certainty of when they can start. Building Surveyors, reluctant to issue permits, and banks reportedly refusing to finance anyone whose property now has

a retrospective EAO placed on it.

Not acceptable in any way! Prospective buyers are totally confused as to whether the property they are looking at is affected.

Victorian Governments' own incompetence, lack of implementing a site management plan and coordinating the staff and strategies between the Victorian Planning Authority, the Environmental Protection Authority and the Bass Coast Shire has devastated each landowner, potential landowner and a whole community.

Not one section 32 at the time of purchase in the past five years has made any mention of 'potential land contamination due to farming activities.'

This 'potential of land contamination' was first mentioned in the 2016 GHD Pty Ltd (April 2016) Wonthaggi North East Growth Area Planning Studies – Contaminated Land Investigation, prepared for Bass Coast Shire Council (document reference 1/33577/248148).

It was buried and forgotten, never acted upon. Not one potential land buyer, conveyancer, builder had any clue it existed. It was buried in the search engine of the Council website where no one thought they needed to look.

The Victorian Government's response has been dismal (including that of local elected member, Ms Jordan Crugnale

MP, Member for Bass).

The lack of immediate and active response to written requests to understand the plight of the community, to support the constituents they are elected to represent, and to remove this outrageous blight, has been frustrating, and this inaction leaves the community no choice.

Whilst commitment to cover the initial costs of desktop audits known as PSRA's has been announced by the Bass Coast Shire. There is NO COMMITMENT by the Council or the Government to pay for the more expensive full Environmental Audits if they are required.

The elected Wonthaggi North East Residents Community Action Group committee will not stop until the retrospective EOA is removed from every titled land.

The Wonthaggi community stands together, it supports each other and vows to make such a noise that every Victorian will hear!

If they can back date an overlay by five years here, it can happen to any Victorian landowner.

The alarm bells should be ringing!

We urge every Victorian, and every media representative, to attend our biggest rally yet.

Wishart Reserve: Sunday June 30, 2pm in parklands opposite Bass Coast Shire Office, 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi.

Planning fiasco relief in sight

THERE is progress on the Wonthaggi planning fiasco. Council appointed auditors, PRENSA, have completed their Preliminary Risk Screen Assessments (PRSA's) on hundreds of blocks in Wonthaggi's North-East residential growth precinct.

And the outcome of their assessments is due on July 1.

If they follow the pattern established by developers who assessed 80 acres in the Northern Views Estate and recently 114 blocks in other parts of the precinct, finding zero sign of any of the alleged "contamination", the Victorian Planning Authority and the State Government will be left with egg on their face after retrospectively slapping highly restrictive environmental overlays (EOAs) on the blocks.

Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Greg Box advised affected residents of the pleasing developments in a communiqué last Friday, June 14:

"Over the past two weeks, an environmental auditor has been working to bring certainty to landowners impacted by the Victorian Planning Authority's Wonthaggi North-East Environmental Audit Overlay.

"These Preliminary Risk Screen Assessments (PRSA's) need to be completed to provide the necessary justification to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the State Government to remove the overlay.

"While our Council appointed auditors, PRENSA, conduct their assessments, there has been some good news of PRSA's organised by developers as I wrote earlier this week in my update, with a total of 114 properties being cleared and no further investigations required.

"This is obviously a huge relief to those landowners and Council are currently in the process of notifying landowners as the results are known."

The Council has also written to the planning minister requesting that her department facilitate a planning amendment to remove the blight from titles cleared of any contamination risk.

SAVE WONTHAGGI NORTH EAST RESIDENTS

MAJOR COMMUNITY ACTION PROTEST RALLY.

The Victorian Government has failed to respond to the deadline to remove the retrospective environmental audit overlay on over 600 Wonthaggi properties and has turned their back on around 1000 Wonthaggi property owners.

These people have been decimated personally and financially and desperately need your help to have the government rescind the retrospective audit overlay and clear people's titles immediately. The Save Wonthaggi North East Community Action Committee, request you please attend the mass protest rally to send a clear message to the government that we care and will stand up and support these people who have lost their rights without consultation or compensation.

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If weather is inclement, the rally will be relocated to the Wonthaggi Town Hall.

The crisis the Government created has halted building activity, bans owners occupying completed homes, stopped people disturbing soil on their own land, blocked access to financing and refinancing and plunged sections of the business community into economic downturn.

At government directive, every Bass Coast Ratepayer from Phillip Island through to Inverloch and everywhere in between is now paying to address this government created fiasco. The government should pay all costs, not ratepayers.

We all need to stand up and support each of those so terribly affected by this Government action and in doing so will be standing up for all Victorians. If the Government gets away with doing this to Wonthaggi property owners, who will be next?

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Authorised by Hon Alan Brown, Wattle Bank.



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The Y will be hosting a fully funded Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course on Sunday 30th June at the Bass Coast Aquatic & Leisure Centre for people interested in joining the team at the Y. If you are interested in joining the team or would like more information on the course or employment opportunities, please contact the Y on 5672 4194.



Artist Aunty Patrice Mahoney OAM, second from left, discusses her artwork in the Link Conference Room at Wonthaggi Hospital with, from left, BCH Cardiopulmonary Clinical Nurse Consultant Jane Ori, Operations Director Jess Jude, CEO Jan Child and Aboriginal Health Clinical Nurse Consultant Darelle Van Haaster.

Unveiling of First Nations artworks at Bass Coast Health

THREE First Nations artworks were unveiled at Wonthaggi Hospital as part of Reconciliation Week activities at Bass Coast Health (BCH).

The large-scale paintings were created by Wonthaggi artist Aunty Patrice Mahoney OAM. They represent First Nations Peoples' connection with the Bunurong coast, shown by First Nations motifs and symbology in vivid, captivating colours.

"These works represent the land, family, and our relationships to our culture and the environment. They show how we live within these spiritual and respectful relationships and help us grow to know the lore that holds us accountable," Aunty Patrice said.

The three panels are part of a single artwork, entitled Our places, our people, from summer to winter, the sky to the sea. The artworks remind BCH staff and visitors of the Bunurong coast's First Peoples' history and the First Nations People living on Bunurong Country.

Art is used as a chronicle to convey knowledge of the land, events and beliefs of the Aboriginal people. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage comprises the intangible and tangible aspects of the Country, culture and family. BCH is supporting the First Nations Community by sharing cultural

practices, resources and knowledge systems. The health and wellbeing of our First Peoples is underpinned by strong culture and inclusion, and art is one way BCH can show that it is committed to walking, working and listening to First Nations People.

BCH CEO Jan Child said Reconciliation Week was the perfect time to unveil the artworks, as a way to recognise the history and contribution of First Nations People to our community.

"The artworks provide a picture of wellbeing, a place where people can get lost in them and feel like they can be at peace in a sometimes frenetic healthcare environment. The artwork has been on a beautiful journey to get to where it has got," she said.

The first painting, in Graham Wing, represents the hills, bluffs, sky and stars, according to Aunty Patrice.

"Sometimes, we forget that the sky, the stars, and the planets that form the constellations are the ultimate guides; they are the way-finders and the guardians who remind us each night that we are insignificant and yet individually empowering and essential partners in caring for our culture and Country. The sky's the limit," she said.

The Bunurong, with their rich cultural songs,

stories and ceremonies, have cared for these lands, waters and sky for thousands of years. We, the mob, the diverse and urban Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community living here today, continue this legacy, loving her as our own. We walk alongside the Bunurong as allies, united in our commitment to care for the country and bring with us our own vibrant culture."

The second panel, outside Maternity, depicts a baby, nestled in a tree. "The tree guides us to look at where our ancestors have been, who have guided us to succeed and grow when we're ready to be the leaders we need in our families, communities or workplaces," Aunty Patrice said.

"The marks on the trees are a cultural reminder of our heritage, where we come from, where we're going and the future we can develop. The tree is where the birth of culture, respect and new life reminds us that we are in this together, that we all belong, and that we come into this world with the love of thousands of mothers who came before us. Now, we are the mothers of new ideas, innovation, and creativity, the teachers of knowledge and the guardians of the next generation.

"Never forget how we got here and where we're going; everyone has the responsibility to be the next mother, leader and that old tree that guides us all into the future so we can all thrive. Be the tree."

The third painting in the Link Conference Room shows dunes and waves as vaults of knowledge, history and heritage.

"The townships and communities of the Bass Coast are represented along our coastline with a loud song or a quiet whisper, and this work represents those spoken words to remind us we are all part of the living and breathing Bunurong coast, and we're all part of the storytelling happening today," Aunty Patrice said.

"Let's all lean into gathering, sharing the history and listening to each other."

To further commemorate Reconciliation Week, BCH staff took part in the National Sorry Day community gathering at The Nobbies Visitor Centre, and were encouraged to wear yellow on Wear It Yellow Day to support a bright future for Indigenous children in out of home care.

Staff took part in a Meet and Yarn Up session to learn about BCH's Reconciliation Action Plan, and heard from guest speaker Aunty Ursula Winmar, who shared her emotional story about inter-generational trauma and how this is impacting her life and her family's lives in 2024.

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A dream the Red Pig Historic Bakery is set to open its doors

By Courtney O'Brien

A HIDDEN gem has quietly remained at the heart of a building in the middle of Toora, an old red shed, built in the 1890's that has stood empty and unused for the last four decades.

Within the building, a massive four metre scotch oven has proudly stood the test of time.

It's arched ceiling and thick walls of layered brick and sand above and below store heat from the wood fire, which is then extinguished, and bread placed in the oven to bake in the even heat gradually released by the oven walls.

"It's always been about bringing that back to life, which wasn't a very big job, it was in pretty good shape, and getting it back to being what it always was, a woodfired oven producing really good bread," explains owner Anne Roussac-Hoyne.

What began as a dream five years ago, has slowly transformed into a reality, a restoration project that has brought this gem back to life, and that within weeks will be revealed.

For most of her life, Anne has been a French language teacher, come artist and entrepreneur, among other things. When she got wind of the impending sale of the old site, she had a look, thought it was fabulous and bought it.

"It came along at a time, the only time in my life when I had both the time, because I was retired; and the money, because I sold my house that I lived in, in Melbourne," explained Anne, who then got married and moved to the area.

"My primary concern has been to make that building look as much like it did when it was built in the 1890s, as I could. And it didn't turn out to be very hard to do that."

Newly installed and brilliantly high windows bathe the bakery and café in natural light and a large viewing window from the café allows diners to see the old part of the original 1890s building.

Anne has been procuring objects that once belonged to the bakery, from previous owners, from the excavation



Helping to transform the 1890's Toora bakery into the Red Pig Historic Bakery are Scotch oven expert Dennis Benson, owner Anne Roussac-Hoyne with Hadley heritage brick layer Garry Massey.



The scotch oven (before the renovation) was built in the 1890's and will be used once again to bake sourdough and other tasty goods.

of the site itself and from other locals.

A concerned local had years ago, taken home the bakers peels – used to move bread into and out of oven – worried they would get stolen. This caretaker gave them back to Anne when he discovered she was renovating the place.

"I've got a really fabulous collection. A lot of the things are broken, bottles are broken, but there's some absolutely beautiful things there," said Anne, who plans to use the items to bring the history of the place to life.

"I think part of the curation inside of the cafe will be displaying this material in some artistic kind of way."

Three weeks after Anne purchased the property, which she describes as serendipitous, there was another opportune occurrence.

Anne had a chance encounter with a young French woman living in Foster, Capucine Germain, whose lifelong dream had been to become an artisan baker.

During COVID Capucine and her family went back to France where she undertook an extensive French bread and pastry course in a number of different woodfired oven bakeries.

Capucine subsequently returned to Foster and can't wait to get started at the Red Pig Historic Bakery.

"We're just so blessed to have someone who's so passionate and whose done all the training," commented Anne.

While the bakery will produce all the usual baked goods there will be a strong focus on sourdough.

The sourdough loaves and

other goods cooked in the scotch oven, according to many, and Anne herself, have a unique taste that you just don't get with mass produced bread or those cooked in less traditional ovens.

Rather, they possess that bit of, shall we say, *je ne sais quoi!*

The café will serve breakfast and lunch, and it will transform into a warm, atmospheric wine bar at night, with local wine, beer and cider and simple food served.

Next to the bakery, a large shop with 12-foot windows and ceilings, and an attached house exists.

The bakery shop was always separate to the bakery itself as it could become a scorching place to work because of the heat from the oven.

Traditionally the house would have been the baker's residence, as bakers lived on site to stoke the oven and prepare dough in the middle of the night.

The shopfront now houses Anne's Rare Earth Studio Gallery, after having transferred it from Foster, and has been operating there for the past five years. Some of her art will grace the walls of the bakery.

"We paint with only natural earth pigments, so it's a nice synergy between the two," Anne said, referring to the use of natural elements gathered from the earth to create something new and beautiful.

It has been five years of hurdles, delays and setbacks, and a substantial amount of time, money and energy has gone into the restoration project, which will be a major drawcard to the town for locals and tourists alike.

A generous grant of \$325,000 from the Victorian Government's Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund has helped Anne with a portion of the costs and has given her additional drive and determination to keep going.

"To know that you were chosen; to know they've entrusted me with taxpayers money, it's been a real confidence booster. To know that they think we can do it, that's made us really doubly certain, to make sure that we do make it happen."



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"One of the most important things to learn is how to do research. We can't hope to know everything and the science of horticulture is constantly evolving," says trainer Frances Saunders, who has nearly 30 years in the industry as a landscape designer and horticulturist.

"Students now have a good understanding of soil and how to improve it, dealing with pests and diseases, various propagation techniques and identifying and controlling the dreaded weeds. By the end of June, they will also have learned a wide variety of plants by their scientific name."

"Learning the scientific names of plants is one of the hardest things we do but through repetition and practice, we're starting to get the hang of them," student Tracey stated.

Another student Shaye says she's become obsessed with seed collecting and planting them wherever she goes!

"I'm a keen gardener already," says horticulture student Diana, "but I have been astonished by how much more I've learned."

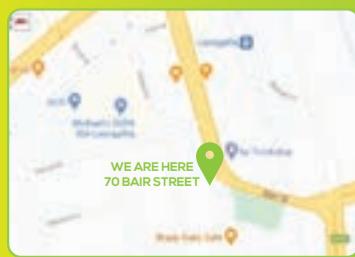
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Megan Le Serve decided the Poowong library cow finally needed a name and a competition is underway to find the best one. ob01_2524

Competition to name an old girl

THE COW at Poowong library needs a name and a competition is underway to find the best one.

The cow has graced the entrance to the Poowong library for over twenty years and was originally part of the Dairy Expo when it was first held in Poowong.

For the town's 150th anniversary celebrations held earlier this year, in April, to ensure the town looked its best, the old girl underwent a makeover.

"She was covered in trees and bushes and stuff, and was quite deteriorated," said Megan Le Serve, Myli Program Officer.

Local mum and daughter team, Wendy and Keira Tilling, stripped the cow back and repainted her afresh.

The local Lions Club also tidied up the old cow's home in the library garden, weeded, put down

mulch, and replaced the sign.

While another cow that resides at the Poowong Consolidated School has been named Clover, after one of the local teachers wrote a book about a cow called Clover, this library cow hasn't yet been so lucky.

When she returned just before the big weekend with her shiny new coat, looking magnificent, Megan decided it was time to give her a name.

"She looked amazing and I thought she needed a name, and thought the competition was something fun to do, and the kids have been loving it."

Megan has a stack of entries so far, and the Poowong Pub has donated a \$50 voucher for the winning name.

The search closes on Thursday July 11 and entries can be made at the Poowong library or online at myli.au/namethatco.



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50th Anniversary of the last train to Mirboo North

THE MIRBOO and District Historical Society Inc. invite the community to celebrate the 50 year anniversary of the last passenger train to run on the old Branch Railway Line from Morwell to Mirboo North.

It once travelled through the stations of Hazelwood, Yinnar, Boolarra, Darlimurla and onto Mirboo North, with the last passenger train running on June 22, 1974.

Mirboo North, Boolarra and Yinnar Historical Societies will be hosting the event, which will commence at 10.30am to 2.30pm on Saturday, at the Boolarra Multipurpose Building and the old School Museum, Boolarra – Mirboo North Road, Boolarra.

There will be photos, videos and memorabilia on display at the celebration, along with guest speakers who will share their memories.

With a gold coin admission, light refreshments will be available. Everyone interested is invited to attend and celebrate this milestone.

'From Train Tracks to Rail Trail', is a book authored by local historian Robert T Newton, and it details the early history of the railway, following is an excerpt.

William J. Peacock the spokesperson for the selectors, visited the Minister of Railways Duncan S. Gillies advocating for a railway line from Morwell to Mirboo North.

This was required to cater for the number of selectors moving into South Gippsland forests that had increased dramatically. His agitation for a railway began to grow. Sir Charles Gavin Duffy who represented the area in Parliament fought for a railway.

'This branch railway line from



The last passenger train from Morwell to Mirboo North ran this week on June 22, 1974, celebrate the 50th anniversary with the Mirboo North and District Historical Society.

Morwell to Mirboo North was surveyed during 1881 – 1882 with the tender of John S. White for the sum of 74,901 pounds, 6 shillings and 11 pence was approved on the 18th of January 1882 for the construction of 20 miles 15 chains of railway line from Morwell to Mirboo North (The Terminus).

Twenty-eight bridges were required and he started construction immediately but fell behind schedule owing to the dense forest and wet weather. His workforce of 350 men were dissatisfied and claimed an increase in wages over the bare minimum of seven shillings and six pence per day.

By July 1883, John White decided to terminate his contract, he had received 7000 pounds in progress payments for clearing works. The workers went on a strike when John White refused to lift the wages from 7 shillings and six pence per day and as a consequence White's contract was cancelled and awarded to John Robb. This new contractor

was appointed in January 1884, who was contracted to complete the job for 75,870 pounds two shillings and 11 pence with the requirement that the line be completed in 12 months.

Robb employed local farmers and contractors with horses and bullock teams for land clearing, bridge building and earthworks, although he too was delayed by wet weather causing flooding and landslips. There was a critical shortage of ballast which had to be sourced from a quarry.

As the line approached the settlement of Baromi, it was found that the only suitable site for a station was along the bridge about a mile and a half to the west. This became "The Terminus" and it was around this site of the railway station that the new town developed.

Surveyor John Lardner was employed by the government to survey the township in 1884. The line opened on the 10th of April 1885 and closed in 1974, (June 22).

Experts explain how they solved the mystery of the Sandy Point Man

IN 2017, a 95-year-old near complete human skeleton was discovered near Wilsons Promontory, and the identity of the named 'Sandy Point Man' was a complete mystery for six years.

The Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (and their collaborators New South Wales Police Force and Australian Federal Police) utilised the emerging technology of Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy to piece together the puzzle.

On Thursday June 27, at the Victorian Archives Centre, the public can hear from the experts who worked on this groundbreaking case.

Learn how anthropology, odontology, molecular biology, and radiocarbon dating were used alongside DNA and historical research to painstakingly build a family tree for the Sandy Point Man and trace it back to the fateful day in 1928.

By 2023 these experts had fitted all the pieces together to finally identify the remains as Buffalo man, Christopher Luke Moore, with the story detailed in the Sentinel-Times last August.

Christopher Moore was visiting Waratah Bay with his family and got into difficulty when he disappeared under the waves while swimming near The Gap on December 30.

1928.

Despite a concerted effort by his father, the body was never found.

The great niece of Christopher Moore, Cathy Hogan of Leongatha, speaking on Gippsland ABC radio last year, said the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine team had done a sensational job of solving the mystery, and providing closure for family members.

Fiona Leahy, a member of the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine team

who identified the man, said the efforts to solve the almost century-old mystery had been exhaustive.

"From the DNA analysis we could tell that his ancestry was Northern European, that he was likely to have blue eyes and dark hair and from the odontology, we knew that he had gold fillings, four teeth with amalgam restoration and older restorations and a partial root canal.

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Leongatha local competes for the 2024 Top Model Australia title

THE Top Model Australia Model Search competition travels Australia to find fresh faces in modelling, and on Sunday, June 23, the overall winner will finally be announced at the biggest event of the Top Model season.

The W Melbourne will host the exciting runway event, featuring contestants from all over Australia aspiring to launch their careers as an international model. The selected winner will win the trip of a lifetime to compete in London on the international stage and walk in London Fashion Week in September.

Sri Lankan Airlines will fly the overall winner of Top Model Australia in luxury to London!

Sarah Doolan is a Leongatha local who is one of the lucky contestants that has been selected to compete in the National Final.

After recently completing a modelling course at Tanya Powell Modelling Agency and taking part in her first runway event in Melbourne, Sarah said it's something she's always had an interest in as both of her parents modelled before she was born.

"When I did the course with Tanya Powell, they asked if I was interested in them putting my name and photos forward to the competition as they thought I'd be a perfect candidate," said Sarah.

"I, of course, said yes. Then I heard from Top Model, and they

said I had made it through to the National Finals for the competition."

"I was surprised as I had missed out on competing in the Victorian Finals last year so to be just put straight through was very flattering."

Sarah's experience so far in the modelling industry has been nothing short of supportive.

"I have met so many lovely girls along the way who have been really encouraging. My recent runway charity event was so much fun, and I enjoyed it thoroughly," Sarah said.

"I am beyond excited and thrilled to have been given the opportunity to compete with so many incredible and talented girls."

In an interview with the Sentinel-Times Sarah shared that she is the sort of person to just grab on to any opportunity that comes her way and she's looking forward to what this experience will bring and the adventures that come along with it.

"My highlight so far would definitely be finding out that I had made it into the National Finals," said Sarah.

"I remember calling each of my loved ones and telling them the exciting news and I just couldn't stop smiling as they were screaming down the phone with excitement!"

The final winner will be announced at 8pm on Sunday, June 23.



Property Manager Sarah Doolan – Top Model Australia finalist.

Seeking local employers for Speed Careers Event

FOR the third year running Bass Coast College will host Speed Career Conversations Sessions for Year 9 Students to nurture their aspirations and understanding of the world of work.

The aim is to introduce young people to viable pathways and opportunities locally, broaden their horizons and encourage them to start to think about life post-secondary school.

The initiative has been co-designed by local organisations working collaboratively to support the aspirations of young people in the region, including Country University Centre, South Gippsland and Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network, YES Youth Hub and Maxima Employment.

By engaging local employers from across a range of diverse industries the day is designed to offer a broad range of career perspectives to students to support their future career pathways.

If you are interested in supporting young people in our region, we are seeking volunteers to participate in either the morning or afternoon session (or both!), and there will be a networking lunch for volunteers in the middle of the two sessions.

Volunteers from across the spectrum of employment backgrounds will chat with groups of young people about their jobs. Students will be provided with questions that they can ask volunteers to learn more about their occupation and career pathway.

The Day will be held at the Senior Campus of Bass Coast College in Wonthaggi on Thursday, July 25, 2024.

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Healthier sleep in BCH's new clinic

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is providing a new service to help people suspected of having sleep apnoea.

BCH has expanded its respiratory services to include a sleep clinic for patients needing assessment for sleep apnoea.

BCH Chief Medical Officer Dr Renee Kelsall said poor sleep can have a significant impact on a person's health and in many cases, this can be corrected with the right specialist advice.

"Poor quality sleep associated with sleep apnoea can make it hard to function through the day," she said.

"Fortunately, our new service is here to help Bass Coast residents who may have sleep apnoea to be assessed and given strategies to help improve their health and ultimately enjoy a better sleep."

The new service entails an overnight test at home. A nurse fits the patient with a special device that monitors their body and provides full instructions about how to use it.

Patients return the device the next day and information gathered by the device is sent to a specialist sleep team at the Alfred Hospital. The team provides a report for our Respiratory Specialist Physician Dr Suzy Guo to determine the further course of action, if necessary.

Dr Guo sees patients fortnightly at the Phillip Island Health Hub and via telehealth consultations where appropriate. She sees patients after they've been



Patient William Guy receives a monitoring device from Outpatients Nurse Moriah Barrah as part of Bass Coast Health's new sleep clinic.

in hospital or who have been referred by a GP or a Respiratory Nurse Consultant.

Dr Guo can also help with respiratory illnesses such as chronic obstructive airways disease (emphysema), asthma, unresolved cough, bronchiectasis, pneumonia, pleural effusion, pneumothorax and lung cancer, and also patients needing assessment for home oxygen.

Appointments to see Dr Guo can be made via referral through the BCH Access team on fax 9102 5307 or via email Access@basscoasthealth.org.au

The new services complement the existing support BCH has offered to patients with Chronic Respiratory conditions for many years: specialist nurse consultations, rehabilitation groups and support.

Nominate the unsung heroes in our older community

NATIONAL Seniors Australia (NSA) has proudly launched the Inaugural Everal Compton Community Champion Medal to acknowledge older unsung heroes while also recognising NSA's Founding Father.

NSA Chief Executive Officer Mr Chris Grice said the medal honours NSA's Founding Fathers' long standing and outstanding contribution to the Australian community while celebrating everyday champions whose grass-root experiences and selfless contributions make a significant difference to their communities.

"At NSA, we are constantly reminded of the amazing, yet humble members of our older community. Whether they're volunteering, donating time and skills, or caring for others – what they do and how they do it is often so selfless and inspiring," Mr Grice said.

"The Everal Compton Community Champion Medal is a distinguished accolade that acknowledges these unsung heroes among older Australians. It also reflects NSA's values of fairness, excellence, and respect exemplified by Everal's own experience and achievements."

Mr Everal Compton said he was humbled and grateful to be honoured by NSA in a way that recognises the value and contribution of older Australians – an issue close to his heart.

"When I began NSA almost

50 years ago, I never imagined it would grow to a peak body, advocating for all older Australians," Mr Compton said.

"While NSA advocates on a range of issues from the Age Pension to aged care, it is the celebration of older Australians which, as the Founding Father, I feel most proud.

"Too often and too easily, older Australians get cast aside. But they're an asset and shouldn't be ignored. At 92 I am proof age brings with it experience, wisdom and a spirit that should be appreciated and celebrated.

"I look forward to learning about the nominees – their stories and the way they help to shape their communities for the better, especially those in regional, remote and Indigenous, and for future generations."

Mr Grice said he's keen to learn about and celebrate the inspiring stories of older Australians and encourages people who know an older unsung hero to check the eligibility criteria and apply.

"This is the perfect opportunity to honour a great Australian we all know and love and one we are yet to discover."

To nominate for the Everal Compton Community Champion Medal, please visit bit.ly/3KKU6Q1

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Young drivers urged to consider car safety

YOUNG drivers are being encouraged to get into cars with better safety features in a new advertising campaign.

The ad, produced by RoadSafe Gippsland in partnership with Latrobe Regional Health (LRH) features two young drivers involved in a head-on crash being brought into the LRH emergency department by ambulance.

One driver was in a car with fewer safety features and sustained critical injuries, while the other driver was in a safer car and is sitting up in bed with minor injuries.

It features LRH Emergency Department doctor Jay Weeraratne who is urging drivers to consider certain safety features when purchasing a vehicle.

The commercial is the third in a series "Setting kids up safely" funded by the Department of Transport and Planning's Community Road Safety Grants Program and will be aired on Gippsland TV, radio and social media.

RoadSafe Gippsland chair Andrew Milbourne said younger drivers were more likely to be involved in a crash through inexperience behind the wheel, or risk-taking behaviours.

"We see a lot of crashes on a daily basis, and young drivers often make simple mistakes, but they will be less likely to be injured or killed if they are in a safer car," Mr Milbourne said.

"You can find a four-or-five-star safety rated vehicle for under \$5000 so no matter what your budget is there will be a vehicle available with safety features to suit you."

People in the market for a vehicle can check out the TAC How Safe is Your Car website, which lists the safety ratings, technologies and price range of makes and models.

Important safety features to look out for include Electronic Stability Control, Auto Emergency Braking, Lane Departure Warning, airbags, side curtain airbags and Seatbelt Pre-tensioners.

Drivers aged between 18 and 25 account for 10 per cent of Victorian licence holders but make up 18 per cent of fatalities on Victorian roads, according to TAC data.

LRH chief executive Don McRae said emergency department nurses and doctors were sad to see young drivers end up in hospital in a critical condition because of road trauma.

"Too many young people are losing their lives on our roads because of unsafe vehicles, so we're asking people to choose cars with the best safety features they can afford," Mr McRae said.

"Safety technologies can make the difference between you ending up in critical care or walking away from a car crash."

For more information, visit howsafeisyourcar.com.au

Top four safe cars under \$10,000, p plate approved

FOR young drivers, safety is paramount, especially for those on their P-plates, and with RoadSafe Gippsland partnering with Latrobe Regional Health in a new ad campaign, the Sentinel-Times jumped onto howsafeisyourcar.com.au to find the top picks under \$10,000, five star approved (UCSR) vehicles.

Jeep Cherokee (2015)

All the following 'top picks' came with a recommended features of 6/10, but looking for important safety features, the Jeep Cherokee Sport five-door, nine speed auto ticks the box for electronic stability control, side curtain airbags (front and second row), front airbag's on the driver and passenger sides, and reversing camera.

The four cylinder, two-litre diesel engine medium SUV models rated good and acceptable in injury outcomes with a frontal offset test coming in at 15.16 (out of 16) and side impact test 16 out of 16.

The pedestrian protection test didn't fair quite as well as the driver with a vehicle score of 24.47 out of 36 points placing it in the acceptable level range.

Ford Kuga (2016)

Where the Cherokee scored five out of five for driver protection, protection for other road users and crash avoidance in the Used Car Safety Rating system, the Ford Kuga falls short with crash avoidance scoring four out of five stars.

The five-door manual, six speed Ambiente model includes electronic stability control, side curtain airbags (front row), dual front airbags and a reversing camera.

According to the ANCAP safety report, antilock brakes (ABS), electronic brake distribution (EBD) and electronic stability control (ESC) are also standard. Advanced seat belt reminders are fitted to all seats.

There was a slight risk of serious chest injury for the driver and passenger in the offset test and a slight risk of serious leg injury for the passenger. All injury values were good in the side impact and pole tests.

The two-litre diesel, medium SUV scored 15.33 (out of 16) in the frontal offset test and



The 2015 Jeep Cherokee is the top pick in the P-plate approved under \$10,000 vehicle category on howsafeisyourcar.com.au.



Young drivers are being urged to purchase and get behind the wheel of cars with more safety features in a new ad campaign.

16 out of 16 in the side impact. Whiplash was good, with the pedestrian test acceptable (25.09/36).

Whilst testing was conducted on the diesel left-hand drive European model by Euro NCAP the information showed that the results applied to all Australasian variants.

Mitsubishi Outlander (2014)

The next top pick was the Mitsubishi Outlander ES five-door manual wagon, including the safer pick tick, the vehicle includes electronic stability control, side curtain airbags in the front row, and dual front airbags (driver and passenger) with a reversing camera.

Priced on the private market

between \$8800 and \$10,800, the medium SUV Mitsubishi's have scored the same since 2012's Euro NCAP testing.

According to the ANCAP report published in 2012, the offset crash test driver chest, leg and foot protection was acceptable, and passenger chest and leg protection was also acceptable. Driver protection was good in the side impact crash test and head protection in the side pole test was good.

Scoring 15.58 (out of 16) for frontal offset and 16/16 for side impact, the 2.2 litre diesel engine vehicle scored 35.58/37 overall. The seatbelt reminders scoring only 2/3 and pedestrian test 22.9/36.

Honda CR-V (2013)

Last on this list is the 2013

VTi five-door, six speed manual. Priced between \$9150 and \$11,300, the UCSR granted five-stars for driver protection but only four-stars for protection of other road users, and crash avoidance.

The luxury 4x4 2.4 litre petrol variant was tested by ANCAP with the results applying to all variants, including diesel.

The frontal offset scored 14.91 (out of 16) with side impact scoring full points (16/16). In the offset test driver leg and foot protection was acceptable with passenger leg protection also acceptable, head, neck, chest and upper legs all scored good.

The pedestrian protection on the Honda was the lowest out of all four vehicles with a marginal score of 16.71 (out of 36). Overall, the car rated 35.91 (out of 37).

As for what the top five-star pick is that's p-plate approved without budget constraints, the 2024 BMW 5 series 520i sports sedan coming in at \$114,900 placed top spot followed by the 2024 Lexus RZ.

Next on the list were the 2024 GWM Haval H6 and 2024 Mitsubishi Outlander, both these slightly easier on the wallet at \$33,990 and \$37,740 respectively (according to howsafeisyourcar.com.au).

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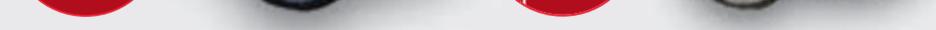
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Heating and cooling upgrades are still available for Victorian households. Don't get caught out this winter and save money today.

Energy-efficient heating and cooling rebates still available

VICTORIAN households can still take advantage of generous rebates for upgrading to energy-efficient heating and cooling systems through the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) program. This initiative aims to reduce energy consumption, cut household energy bills, and contribute to the state's broader environmental goals.

The VEU program offers significant discounts on a range of energy-efficient products, including heating and cooling systems. By replacing outdated and inefficient systems with new, more efficient ones, households can significantly lower their energy usage and costs. Victorian homes can save up to \$800 annually, as heating alone can account for nearly one-third of a household's energy bill.

To qualify for rebates, participants must install VEU-approved products. The program supports the replacement of various heating systems with ducted and non-ducted reverse cycle air conditioners. These systems provide both heating and cooling, making them versatile year-round solutions.

As part of the upgrade your old system may be decommissioned. Existing heating systems, such as electric resistance heaters and gas heaters, must be

properly decommissioned to qualify for the new installations.

Who Can Apply?

All Victorian households, including those in rental properties, are eligible for these rebates. Renters should collaborate with their landlords to implement these upgrades, ensuring both parties benefit from the improved energy efficiency and cost savings.

Participating in the VEU program is voluntary but highly beneficial. Households can enjoy reduced energy bills and a more comfortable living environment. Moreover, upgrading to energy-efficient systems aligns with Victoria's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting sustainability.

To apply for the rebates, households need to engage with accredited VEU providers who will guide them through the process, from selecting suitable products to installation and decommissioning of old systems. It is crucial to ensure that the installed systems meet the program's efficiency criteria to maximise benefits.

For more information on how to participate and to find accredited providers, visit the Victorian Energy website's heating and cooling section.



Ensure your wood heater is maintained to prevent fires and improve efficiency.
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Chim Chim Cher-ee... time for a clean

WINTER is well and truly here, and if you haven't already it won't be long until the wood fire is blazing away.

And whilst there is something magical about the warmth and cosiness that comes with wood heaters it's crucial that they are maintained for efficiency and safety, and one of the most important tasks is cleaning the flue or chimney regularly.

A flue is a duct or pipe that channels smoke and combustion gases from your wood fire out of your home. Over time, creosote accumulates inside the flue. If not cleaned, this build-up can become a fire hazard. When combined with soot, creosote forms a highly flammable coating inside the flue, potentially leading to dangerous chimney fires.

Neglecting to clean your flue can lead to

several problems:

- Backdrafts: These are gusts of smoke or combustion gases that can enter your home, posing health risks.
- Smouldering fires: A dirty flue can cause inefficient burning, leading to higher emissions and less heat.
- Reduced efficiency: A blocked flue prevents your heater from drawing enough oxygen, resulting in poor performance and less heat output.

While it's advisable to have a professional clean your flue annually, you can also take steps to maintain it between professional cleanings.

Ensure that your professional chimney cleaner also inspects the roof for any damage to the flue.

Taking these steps will help you enjoy a warm, cosy, and safe winter season.

Winter Warmth

Still time to head out and collect

THERE is still time to collect free firewood with the autumn season officially coming to an end in the coming weeks on June 30.

The spring season will reopen collection from September 1 to November 30.

Victorians can collect free firewood for personal use from state forest collection areas but are being reminded to check local weather conditions and plan their route before heading into the forest. Domestic firewood supply in state forests is provided from fallen trees and forest management works.

Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action Director Forest and Fire Operations Gippsland, Sam Quigley said people can collect up to two cubic metres per person per day during a firewood collection season with a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year.

Mr Quigley said firewood collection is only allowed in designated firewood collection areas during a firewood season and urged the community to continue to stay out of storm-ravaged areas.

"These areas are not designated collection areas and anyone entering them to take firewood is not only committing an offence, but they are risking their own safety," he said.

"When collecting, please drive only on formed roads, be aware of the environment around you and safety of yourself and others as trees may fall or drop limbs without warning," he said.

Mr Quigley also encouraged people who rely on firewood for heating and cooking to plan their needs early.

"Firewood collected during the collection season needs at least eight-12 months to cure and be dry before use."

The Victorian Government provides targeted energy support and concessions for people on low incomes who buy firewood or need assistance with their energy costs. This includes tailored support via the Energy Assistance Program, a \$250 rebate for eligible households from the Energy Bill Relief Fund, payments of between \$55 and \$619 per year for eligible households that rely on non-mains energy including firewood for heating and cooking, and up to \$650 via the Non-Mains Utility Relief Grant for Victorians on low incomes who rely on firewood as their only source of fixed heating.

More information about financial assistance is available for people on low incomes who buy firewood at ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/energy-concession-and-support.

To find your local collection area, visit ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood and more information about firewood collection rules can be found here: www.vic.gov.au/collecting-firewood.

Otherwise head to Wonthaggi Garden Supplies or Bass Coast Garden Supplies who can fix you up with a load without the day trip and labour.



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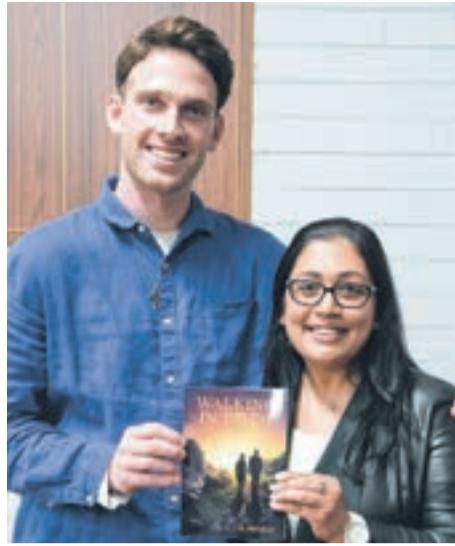
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Are you looking forward to the busier Koonwarra cattle sales after Pakenham Saleyards close at the end of the month?



Author Jordy Patullo with publisher Samantha Jansen at Wonthaggi Bowls clubrooms at the launch last week.

Local author's inspirational debut

WHEN a family tragedy strikes, James receives a message from God. On his journey to find purpose in life, he meets an orphan.

Walking in Faith is a fictional story entailing love, grief, and hope.

Local footballer Jordy Patullo now counts himself as a published author with his first novel, Walking in Faith, launched last Wednesday evening at Wonthaggi Bowls Club.

Surrounded by family, friends and local residents the launch was an overwhelming success with many first print copies signed and sold with Jordy speaking with the crowd.



New members, from left, are Jeannie Slocombe and Julie Kilgour with Vice President Marjorie Ford.

Wonthaggi - Inverloch Probus welcomes new members

WONTHAGGI-Inverloch Probus were pleased to welcome two more new members to our Club at our June Meeting.

We are always thrilled to welcome new members to our group.

Also, at our June Meeting we were privileged to have Toni Arfaras from the Stroke Foundation as our guest speaker.

Toni is a stroke victim herself, who has recuperated amazingly well after much trauma and rehabilitation, and now passes on her message of recovery and hope for stroke victims.

Plans to replace Coronation Oak plaque in Korumburra

THE Friends of Korumburra Botanic Park are working towards the replacement of the plaque on the Coronation Oak, a large English Oak planted in 1911 at the time of the Coronation of King George V.

The tree was planted by six members of the Korumburra community, influential businessmen A. Lambert (tailor), T. McCowan (grocer), W. Walters (blacksmith), A.P. Lloyd (ironmonger), A.J. Cope (tailor) and R.G. Shegog (solicitor).

Korumburra Historical Society suggests in its recent newsletter that these men were probably members of the original committee that set up the Korumburra Botanic Park.

Damage to the original plaque prompted current efforts to replace it.

"We thank the Friends of the Botanic Park for the work they are doing for our town," Korumburra Historical Society secretary Janet Wilson said.



George Tumino

Leongatha South

"This will be the main market in the area and it'll be good because cattle are all coming here and it will attract buyers; this is a good facility and they've done a marvellous job, the VLE."



Pieter Loedolff

Foster

"It should increase the number of potential buyers, which is great for South Gippsland."



Charles Kagonda

Toora

"That's ok, and the advantage is that everybody is under one roof."



Joe Brown

Gormandale

"This one will get bigger and that's probably a good thing. People seem to go where the numbers are, and the buyers are going to come if you've got 6000 to 7000 head of cattle."

Sentinel-Times

COMMENT

Too important to play politics

IT IS expected that the Member for Eastern Victoria, Renee Heath, will be able to present a petition to State Parliament this week, signed by 2000-plus people, calling on the government to urgently rescind the Environmental Audit Overlays retrospectively applied to more than 600 existing homes and building blocks in Wonthaggi.

And frankly, it's been a monumental stuff up by the State Government's statutory planning arm, the Victorian Planning Authority, that has put us in this position.

It should never have happened, certainly not without direct consultation with the affected Wonthaggi homeowners and building block owners.

So, as an initiative that might put some limited pressure on the government to act, it's welcome.

However, on the flip side, the Premier, the Planning Minister and our own local Labor MP Jordan Crugnale likely view the efforts of Ms Heath, the Opposition Leader John Pesutto and the Liberal Party as at least partially furthering their own political agenda, including their chances of winning Bass at the next election. We get that.

There's also the potential for others on the fringe to use the community angst as a chance to recruit support for their own purposes.

But the fact is that by failing to acknowledge they got it wrong, apologising and promising to make good the losses suffered by innocent victims in Wonthaggi, including young mums and dads, retired couples, and other 'ordinary' folk, the government has left a vacuum that others are only too happy to fill.

The reality is that once the VPA slapped an environmental overlay on these blocks, they couldn't be lifted until the risk, regardless of how low, was assessed and that's what the Bass Coast Shire Council is doing now.

And good on the shire CEO Greg Box for overseeing commendable progress with this work so far.

But, at the very least, the state government must accept the responsibility to remove those overlays as soon as they have reason to do so.

It might be the best thing they can do to help Bass Coast achieve the target they gave us at the weekend of building 18,500 new homes by 2051.

Cemetery a forgotten war zone

I RECENTLY restored my great, great grandmother's grave in the Wonthaggi Cemetery and had a plaque installed. Looks great.

I then went for a walk to the Church of England section where my great uncle is interred.

It looks just like a war zone, literally, like it's been bombed. Collapsed graves, headstones laying on their sides, an absolute disaster zone.

Of course, I had to give up looking, as names had also disappeared.

I invite anyone to go and see for themselves.

Geoff Lee, Longwarry

When is a tax not a tax?

THE headline says it all: "Labor pushes ahead with its unfair Schools Tax" (Sentinel-Times 12 June). It is not only misleading, there is no schools tax, but it is so obviously biased that I thought at first it must be a parody or satire of some sort.

Unfortunately, not. It appears it was a genuine article. I can understand this sort of content in the letters section or as an editorial, but as a news item ... really?

While I express no view about the merit or otherwise of payroll tax exemptions for non-government schools (the subject of

the article), what I do ask for is some balance in reporting.

We have only one local paper for much of the area covered by the Sentinel-Times.

In a world full of division, is it too much to expect that paper to inform, rather than to mislead and try to persuade readers to what, is presumably, the editor's particular political view?

Michael Nugent, Cape Paterson

Editor: As you rightly say, the "schools' tax" heading refers to claims the State Government is preparing to remove the long-standing payroll tax exemption from non-government schools, allegedly costing them thousands of dollars annually. It should have been disclosed that this issue was highlighted to us in a statement by the Liberal Party. But it raises an important point, nonetheless. As our education model stands at the moment, we need the non-government schools' sector for a couple of key reasons, one being the government (taxpayers) simply can't afford the cost of universal education. So, these schools need to remain viable and if they are losing money on payroll tax, they have to get it from somewhere else or cut services to the kids. As a card-carrying member of the Greens, you might like to ask your representatives in parliament how that's going to work, especially for poorly resourced independent and local Catholic schools.

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.



Citizen scientist and local photographer Peter Fogarty snapped this breaching humpback whale onboard Wildlife Coast Cruises on Sunday. Peter will be presenting "Photographing whales is no fluke" at the upcoming Phillip Island Whale Festival in July.



WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

ARE you aware of the power of meditation and mindfulness? They can do wonderful things for your health. Belief is an important component to optimise the beneficial results. If you do, then that's great. If you are wondering and perhaps hesitant, then take yourself by the hand and come on in and give it a try. There are many who would testify to their efficacy. We have four groups which provide these opportunities.

Firstly on Mondays 1pm to 2pm there is the Monday Meditation Group. A place where you can start your week, looking for some quiet time, to let go 'noise' or just relax. Bring a floor mat or you may choose to do it sitting on a chair, whichever is most comfortable.

Then there is Yoga with Linda on Tuesdays 10.30am to 11.45am. Linda has extensive training in yoga as well as relaxation and meditation.

On Wednesdays, 3.30pm to 4.15pm, there is Mindfulness with Maree, where she provides an opportunity for participants to learn and practice different mindfulness and breathing techniques that will enhance relaxation and inner peace.

Maree is back again on Thursdays 2pm to 3pm providing seated yoga, suitable for all abilities. You can stand using the chair for support or remain seated. Improve your flexibility, movement, concentration and strength. You are most welcome to come along and give these classes a try to determine if the practices will be of benefit to you.

It's now official, it's winter with a prolonged chilly spell, something to do with wintry clouds during the day and clear skies at night. Have you got yourself a lovingly crafted quilt on the go? Finished? No? Then picture yourself putting one together with the help and cheery company of the quilting group on a Monday, 9.30am to 12.30pm and bringing it along to the Craft and Cuppa group on Fridays 10am to 12noon to continue your endeavours and perhaps garner some ideas and skills from these friendly, craft loving people.

The Adults Living on the Spectrum Social Group (ALOTS) meet on the fourth Saturday of the month, 1.30pm to 2.30pm. This month it's on Saturday, June 22. It is for Autistic people and their supporters, and they are supported by AMAZE, the peak body in Victoria. Contact Kate Harmon on 0438 730 119 for more information.

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



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

BCAL's Practical Music group will be making an appearance at the Wonthaggi Acoustic Music Festival on Saturday, July 6.

The event will also feature friends of the music class including Keachange, Invy Horn Jam, former participant Jacqui Paulson, and Strat & Lyndal who have facilitated sessions for the group.

It will be a great opportunity for the group to play to a wider audience, and a valuable experience to perform in public.

The festival will be at the Wonthaggi Town Hall. A full list of performers and tickets are available at trybooking.com/CRJN

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

One of the least talked about physical and mental health benefits of gardening is the reward to be had from slow, methodical weeding.

It takes focus and acceptance, not rushing to finish the job because the weeding is never really finished. The weeds will be back.

Last week three volunteers got into that slow zone and tackled weedy trouble spots along gravel walkways and much used, mulched paths, where all manner of weedy growth was rampant.

It was a quiet and purposeful morning's work, and the results were there to be seen.

Weeding is just one of many constants on the garden's job list. Helpers are always welcome. Contact tgordon@westnet.com.au to find out more, drop into the garden on Thursdays between 10 and noon, or contact BCAL on 5672 3115.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies' Friday pyrography group will be welcoming some new members soon.

The art of burning images into wood with a heated stylus is a great introduction to woodworking for people who have a talent for drawing or pattern making, or those who wish to develop those skills.

They can create works purely as pictures or add embellishments to objects created by or in the turning, carving, toy making or furniture making sessions. The possibilities are endless.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or visit workshop.



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YES YOUTH HUB

LAST week the YES Youth Hub (YYH) had two events, Breakout and Rainbow Alley at Phillip Island Tenpin.

Our "Breakout" event was aimed at youth aged 12 – 17 who are looking to have a fun and physical night with friends. Overall, we engaged 50+ young people. Our event was an alcohol, drug, smoke, and vape free event so that all young people feel safe. We had an amazing array of youth workers, all with Working with Children Checks, providing a safe environment for all attendees. Additionally, we had free snacks, drinks, unlimited bowling and laser tag making the night an overwhelming success. This was provided in partnership with Bass Coast YMCA, GippSport, Bass Coast FReeZA & the YYH.

"Rainbow Alley" was delivered on Sunday afternoon, in partnership with Bass Coast YMCA, FReeZA, and HEY! LGBTQIA+ young people and their allies joined the YYH team for our first HEY! event of the season, and hung out with your close friends for a mental arvo of fun and celebration. Fifty free tickets were on offer and all attendees had a gorgeous time.

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

With school holidays coming up we have already organised a number of events and programs to keep the young people of Bass Coast safe, warm and full of tasty treats. If you are interested be sure to follow us on our socials for updates (young people and parents are welcome). We can be found on Instagram or Facebook on the following handles @YESYouthHub @basscoast.freeza @basscoast-skateparks @basscoastymca #engage! NB: The holiday program will include FREE movie days. Woohoo!!

Big thanks to Youth Advisory Council members, Oliver Jobe and Levi Simon for assisting with the writing and editing of this article.



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

THE new Term Program is almost ready and we have some interesting sessions coming up. The following is just a small snapshot of what will be on offer.

Visible Mending with Wool – create something unique to patch up the hole in your favourite socks, jumper, beanie or scarf.

Dying to Know Day has prompted some information sessions: Prepare your online digital legacy – what happens to online accounts when you are no longer around; and, Death Café – part of a series of conversations around death – this can sometimes be an awkward subject and here is an opportunity to sit and talk with others.

RUOK Day on September 12 and we're hosting an OK Cuppa at 11 am. We invite you to attend. On the same day we're also hosting a session on ADHD awareness and mental health wellbeing.

We also have a series of sessions to improve skills for work, volunteering or general interest with topics such as Canva (tool for making promotional posts), Microsoft 365, sessions focussing on Word, or Excel, Introduction to MyGov, Online Family History, and a big coup for the House is the opportunity to assist people who are looking to study at TAFE. We can help you achieve one of the requirements of entry with your LLN Assessment that will be recognised by TAFE Gippsland. In conjunction with Myli, we're offering three Cry Baby movie sessions, July 17, Aug 21, Sept 18 at 10am – you can bring your little one along to the movies. We are also offering Technical Support for Seniors.

If any of the above are of interest to you, please get in touch, we're happy to help.



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• FAITH FACTOR

Change is here to stay

By Pastor Sandro Schiетрома,
Wonthaggi Baptist Church

"CHANGE" can be worse than a swear word sometimes in faith communities. People will usually change their cars every so many years, their computers to keep them up to date, change or move the furniture around their home. But for some, when it comes to church certain things have to be done as they have been for years.

On the other hand some things are never to change for example, the word of God and all His teachings do not change as Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever, but things which are not really of biblical importance can at times have a stronger hold on us than His word and it can become a stumbling block rather than an opportunity to reach out to people with the message of hope.

In 2 Corinthians 3:18 we read... And the Lord – who is the Spirit – makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

There is a constant change which needs to happen in our lives in order for us to grow more and more like Jesus, reflecting His image.

From the moment of conception, we are forever changing as we develop into adulthood. Without change we become stagnant, unproductive, and ineffective in our world. Change into His image is something we need to seek, desire, and strive for.

For this we need His help, strength, and wisdom.



ARTHUR Riley Gent was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on June 4, weighing 3.28 kilograms. He is the first child for Jason Gent and Taylor Forrest of Wonthaggi.

Send your photos to news@sgst.com.au



Frittata di verdure e formaggio

Frittata with greens and cheese



By Meg Viney

IN SICILY, the greens would be wild, but cultivated ones are fine. You can decrease the ingredients to serve fewer, but this will serve 8.

Ingredients

- 500 gm greens (baby spinach, chard, broccoli rabe/rocket)
- 1 cup water
- 8 eggs salt and pepper
- 3 tablespoon olive oil
- 125 gm ricotta salt (feta is much easier to obtain)
- 1 clove of garlic crushed with a pinch each of salt and sugar with the flat of a knife

Method

In the cup of boiling salted water (remember salt increases the temperature of the water so you get a better result), drop in the greens and boil for about 3 minutes.

Drain immediately and squeeze out excess liquid. Chop and set aside.

Beat the eggs with some salt and pepper.

In a heavy pan, warm the olive oil add the garlic and cook very gently for a minute.

Add the greens and toss.

Add the eggs and sprinkle the cheese on top.

Cook, lifting the edges to allow the uncooked egg to flow underneath.

Once almost cooked, place under a preheated griller until golden and puffed.

Remove to serving platter or serve from the pan with crunchy bread and salad.

The art of sustaining the long 'Woodlands' campaign

IF YOU'RE not concerned about the prospect of thousands more B double sand trucks rumbling down the Bass Highway to sand mines, not only at Grantville where two new mines are set to open off McGrady Road soon, but also through Wonthaggi to Leongatha South, you soon will be.

Long-time Phillip Island surfer, now permanent resident, Mark Schaller, a renowned Victorian artist, has already seen enough.

"I drove down to the Mornington Peninsula last week with a mate and we couldn't believe the number of B double sand trucks on the road and it's only going to get worse," said Mark Schaller this week.

"And why you would want to be transporting the sand by truck back to Melbourne, from an area with major environmental issues when you have a perfectly good resource at Trafalgar with access to the main train line."

He's taken an interest in the local environment, as a direct extension of his work as an artist, painting all around Phillip Island and Western Port for more than 25 years, and his love of surfing, taking a hand in the Western Port Seagrass projects, supporting the Save Westernport campaign which ultimately won the day against the planned expansion of the Port of Hastings and in recent times the Save Western Port Woodlands campaign.

Mark is also concerned that mining interests might get control of the former Holden Proving Ground site and open up a further 900 hectares to sand mining.

"They've been clearly able to demonstrate that it's



Phillip Island artist Mark Schaller didn't have to look far for inspiration for his painting *The Minefield* which will be auctioned next week as part of an art exhibition fundraiser for the Save Westernport Woodlands campaign to turn back the expansion of sand mining in the Grantville area.

completely the wrong place for mining activities, so close to such an important location as Western Port with no prospect of containing the impact."

But Mark likes a challenge and when he heard about the 'Save the Western Port Woodlands Art Exhibition and Auction', June 21-23 he went on location to view one of Bass Coast's massive sand mines and put it down on canvas.

The result is a stunning piece of work, titled *The Minefield*, that will be auctioned as part of the special fundraiser at The Goods Shed Gallery in Wonthaggi on Sunday, June 23 from 2pm to 3pm, towards the end of the exhibition and sale of art which starts with an

official opening and awards night from 6pm-9pm on Friday, June 21.

All works will be for sale, with 40 per cent of the sale proceeds going to the campaign to save the Western Port Woodlands.

There's been something of a hiatus in activity for Save the Western Port Woodlands supporters waiting for the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes report to come out, while working behind the scenes, so far unsuccessfully, to have "publicly available" mine works plans released so that the local community can be better informed about the scope of present and future works.



Phillip Island artist Mark Schaller, in his studio at Cape Woolamai, didn't need to be convinced to support the Art Exhibition and Auction organised as a fundraiser to support the Save Western Port Woodlands campaign.

More interesting artefacts wash ashore at Inverloch

Community Hub who contacted the committee.

The Inverloch community has taken ownership of the shipwreck and they were delighted to hear about these latest revelations.

Both these artefacts will be wonderful additions to the Amazon collection to be displayed at future exhibitions and presentations in the region.

While it is difficult for experts to determine where the wooden section has come from, the Muntz metal, a copper alloy sheathing would have covered the hull to protect it against teedo worm and barnacles.

Each sheet was four foot by 14 inches and would have been tacked onto the hull with handmade wooden tacks at 1 1/2 inch intervals – a labour-intensive job.

Young Max, who turned 13 on the day, was given a membership to the Amazon 1863 Project and an Amazon cap.

Please contact secretary@amazon1863.org.au or call 0423 682 580 if you happen to see anything similar on our Surf Beach. Artefacts will tend to be deposited to the east of the wreckage, taken by the prevailing westerlies.



Inverloch local, Max turned 13 on the day he found a sheet of Muntz metal from the Amazon shipwreck, washed up near the Inverloch Surf Club.

Werner's photographic adventure into geometry wins art prize

AS THE recent winner in the 2D category of the Winter Solstice Exhibition at Artspace Wonthaggi, Werner Theinert talks about his journey into the creative form of photography.

In 2003 Werner returned to Australia from the Middle East having worked for a range of coal, gas and oil power companies throughout his career in Australia and overseas.

He started working at Yallourn Power station, but being close to retirement decided to go part-time and followed his wife Ursula into a photography and ceramics class at Yallourn TAFE; commenting that he wanted to find out why she seemed to be having so much fun there.

Werner found creative freedom in photography which pulled him into a flow that he couldn't resist and being an all or nothing man, he jumped in with both feet.

While developing images in the dark room, Werner found he couldn't get a precise line when creating a collage of images and he turned to photoshop.

Clunky as the program was twenty years ago, it allowed Werner more precise lines in his photographs and this was where his exploration and adventure into geometry within photography began.

Werner took his images of nature and replicated them again and again at equal and repetitive intervals to form geometrically perfect spirals.

This process delighted him, but it wasn't until he had one printed in large format and hung on the wall that the magic happened.

The images take on a 3D effect and seem to move and shimmer. They also form an optical illusion, where the



Werner Theinert recently won the 2D prize for the Winter Solstice exhibition at Artspace with his geometric photographs that create an optical illusion. ob02_2524

viewer is looking up into the light or down onto the light – which is created by the negative space in the centre of the spiral.

This spiralling effect that relied on geometry, maths and angles, as well as having a 'lens' effect, was part of how John Adam, well-known local artist, judged Werner's work to be the winner.

With the theme being Winter Solstice, John likened Werner's piece to Newgrange, a 5200 year old passage tomb in Ireland, best known for being lit up by the rising sun during the Winter Solstice.

Above the entrance to the passage of the mound there is an opening called a roofbox where a beam of light penetrates and travels up the 19 metre passage and into

the chamber, lighting it up.

Geometry, maths and light all merge together at the ancient site to celebrate the winter solstice event.

While Werner created the piece in 2007, he has continued his creative journey documenting and capturing nature through the lens in the context of climate change.

Coincidentally, Werner and Ursula were caught up in the devastating Black Saturday Bushfires in Callignee.

Photography was an outlet and using his already established style, Werner documented the darkness of nature, a reflection of that time.

And progressed to colour as epicormic growth sprung from the trees and tulip bulbs that had been given to them shot up out of the earth.

Despite working in 'dirty' energy for the majority of his career, Werner is a tireless and enthusiastic advocate for clean energy.

He is kept busy teaching classes about renewables and advising Bass Coast Health on sustainability.

"It's a revolution," states Werner.

This flip is also reflected in his most recent photographic work.

Werner says he is on a 'mirror trip.' He takes a photograph and reflects it back on itself, to create surreal, captivating and intricately detailed images; that may have to be put in another exhibition yet.

The Winter Solstice exhibition is on now at Artspace Wonthaggi, 1 Bent Street. Open daily from 11-3pm.

How a community saved Inverloch's beloved 'Dinosaur Park'



INVERLOCH author Judy Vradenburg has published another book.

The Wallace Avenue Community Park book is a celebration – the inspiring true story about how a community came together to save and develop Inverloch's much loved 'Dinosaur Park'.

Dating back to Inverloch Apex Park in 1986, this book is a fascinating and engaging piece of local history and includes a comprehensive photographic record.

The book is available now at PaperPlay Inverloch and South Gippsland Chiropractic Services.

Judy will be holding an author talk/book launch at Inverloch Library on Friday July 5 at 2.30pm, with special guests Mike Cleeland, Anne Heath Mennel and Terry Hall.

All are welcome.

Also known as J. M. Anderson, Judy's first novel Adjustments Down Under was released in 2018.

What's hot on TV... Bridgerton is back

DEAREST gentle reader, Bridgerton, the world record holding most in-demand romantic drama television series is streaming season three on Netflix, in its entirety.

Bridgerton was split into two batches, each of four episodes with part one leaving many on the edge of their seats last month, with part two dropping late last week.

Based on the series of books by Julia Quinn and brought to the screens by Shonda Rhimes (Greys Anatomy, Inventing Anna, How to Get Away with Murder, Scandal), Bridgerton is a must for those who enjoy Regency-era romance.

But beware who's watching over your shoulder – this show contains some steamy romantic scenes.

CONVERSATION with Claire

One person with a vision

By author Claire Chitty

SOMETIMES all it takes is one person with a vision or a belief to make a positive difference in the world. You don't need to be J. K. Rowling or Martin Luther King Jr. to create change. It can simply be something you're called to do; write, paint, sing, plant a garden, volunteer, stand up for a cause or a myriad of possibilities.

We all have hopes and dreams. You may see this as success, a loving family, physical health and a reliable social network. Or maybe you're still searching.

Ask yourself, 'What inspires me? How can I make this world a little brighter and offer hope for others?'

It's easy to be complacent and accept mediocre, but is that how you want to live, looking back on life with regrets, saying, "I wish I'd...". Wouldn't you rather leave behind a legacy, whether it's volunteering, mentoring, supporting environmental causes, lending a helping hand?

Living a passionate, purpose-filled life isn't going to land in your lap. Work towards releasing behaviors that are holding you back, including procrastination, limiting beliefs, self-judgement and what others may think. Give yourself permission to be more of who you truly are. When you believe in yourself, there's nothing that you can't achieve.

Once you make the conscious choice, the universe will align and bring in opportunities, ideas, resources and people to support you. Naturally, there may still be a few challenges yet persist. Success takes time. Follow the breadcrumbs. Once you find your purpose, you'll gain a different perspective and mindset on life that brings more joy, peace and understanding. You may discover new talents you never knew were within you [I never knew I could dance, paint or play basketball!] Life starts to transform in amazing ways and becomes more fun with new connections and experiences.

Looking around our region, there's many places named after individuals who have made a positive impact on the environment. There are also many amazing volunteers whose contribution is equally significant, yet they seldom receive due recognition for their selfless service.

I believe we can create a better world, but it starts with us individually. Find your unique purpose and heed the inner nudges. The universe is whispering to you. Are you listening?

For the diary this weekend

Tourism and the Green Economy
Thursday June 20, 6pm-8.30pm
Berninnett, Thompson Avenue, Cowes

Tarwin Lower Film Society
Friday June 21, 7.20pm
Tarwin Lower Memorial Hall

50th Anniversary Last Train
Saturday June 22
10.30am-2.30pm
Boolarra Multipurpose Building and the old School Museum

Eric Bogle in Concert
Friday June 21, 8pm-9.50pm
Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre

Arj Baker - The Mind Field
Saturday June 22, 8pm-9.30pm
Berninnett, Thompson Avenue, Cowes

Artisan Market
Sunday June 23, 9am-2pm
Jumbunna Hall

Creedence Clearwater Collective
Sunday June 23, 7.30pm
Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre

Meet the Maker
Monday June 24, 1pm-3pm
Phillip Island Winery

Submissions open for Bass Coast Film Festival

BASS Coast Shorts (BCS) celebrates creative storytelling and cinematic production and is now open for film submissions for the 2025 film festival.

BCS was established in 2022, and gives new and emerging, and established filmmakers, an opportunity to screen their films to a regional audience and showcase their talent.

Films of all genres are welcome, as are submissions from local, national and international filmmakers.

BCS is interested in a wide variety of themes. Films with environmental themes. Films that tell unusual stories in fresh and innovative ways. Films about people and issues, films that explore social justice and inclusivity, films that examine cultural heritage, and films that celebrate the many wonders of nature and life on earth.

The festival will accept films for several categories which are: open, local (from Bass Coast and the South Gippsland region), schools/under18, animation, documentary, music video, coastal life and environmental.

BCS is held annually in Wonthaggi, and other venues in the region.

The festival will include screenings, forums with guest speakers and social events to allow filmmakers and audiences to network and interact with each other in a friendly and fun environment.

There are also awards and prizes presented for the best film in each category as well as best LGBTI+/Inclusivity film, best First Nations film, best screenplay, best people and place film, and an emerging talent award.

This is an event for film lovers featuring forums, Q and A's, and the best short films from Australia and around the world.

The next festival is in April 2025.

The regular deadline for submissions is October 31, with a late deadline November 30, 2024.

From dream to renowned event

JUST over thirty years ago, a small group of locals, spearheaded by redoubtable bass player Neville Drummond together with his wife Margaret, dreamed up the idea of having an annual jazz festival in what was then the sleepy seaside village of Inverloch.

Some thirty years on the festival has grown to be one of the prestigious events in the Australian jazz calendar. It is still held annually in the now vibrant, beautiful seaside town and attracts people – both players and audience – from across Australia.

Over the years, the festival has unearthed some wonderful local jazz musicians who could perform on any stage: Streeton Court Big Band is always a crowd favourite as is the Invincible Horn Jam. Neville will again be performing, and the festival will also include renowned local musicians Ron Anderson, David Galea, singer Jan Blake and pianist Josh Fotopoulos.

Although jazz music has changed over the thirty years, it still appeals to a wide audience. The Inverloch Jazz Festival is now attracting a younger generation of talented musicians and their appreciative audiences. To this end, the festival has forged a close link with the Monash University's music faculty and its acclaimed jazz stream, and this year will feature three bands of Monash's highly talented



Inverloch Jazz Festival is celebrating 30 years and promises not to disappoint.

younger players.

There will be some 45 bands, carefully selected from more than 90 expressions of interest this year. Popular singers including Sarah Maclaine, Pippa Wilson and Anita Harris will be featuring alongside stalwarts such as renowned saxophonist Roger Clark, who played in the first Inverloch Jazz Festival. There will be around 15 bands new to the festival, all providing

entertaining music ranging from traditional jazz, contemporary and modern jazz, through to Latin jazz and the newer funk-style jazz.

This year's Festival will start with a bang on Friday August 2 at 7.30pm with three venues providing fabulous, but varied live jazz music performances. The Inverloch Hub, Warrawee and The Cottage at The Inlet Hotel will begin the 30th Anniversary celebrations in style.

Bendigo Bank, RACV Inverloch, Bass Coast Shire, Elite Signs, Alex Scott and Staff Real Estate, Warrawee, Inverloch Men's Shed and Sea Books Press have all been great supporters of the festival.

This year's Inverloch Jazz Festival promises to be the best yet. Tickets are available online at: Inverlochjazzfestival.com with early bird tickets available until the end of June.

Johnston brothers performing in Meeniyian



Don't miss classical guitar duo Ziggy and Miles Johnston, the award-winning brothers, praised for their exceptional musicianship and virtuosity, as they bring their internationally acclaimed talent to South Gippsland. Photo: Jiyang Chen

Sidekick, featured as one of WQXR's 'Best New Classical Albums of 2023'.

Praised by Soundboard Magazine as played with "perfect unanimity and admirable virtuosity", it showcases new works written for the brothers, their own "transfixingly beautiful" – according to Limelight – arrangement of Debussy's Clair de Lune, and works that have shaped their musical identity from Spain, Latin America, and Australia.

The title track 'Sidekick' is a character piece written for the

brothers by award-winning composer Katie Jenkins that ties this theme together.

In Jenkins' own words: "They make fun of each other but need each other, they compete with one another but are stronger together."

With more than 50 awards between them in guitar competitions and local music Eisteddfods across their home city of Melbourne, Ziggy and Miles proved their artistry as soloists and a duo from a young age.

Ziggy and Miles are actively

involved in community engagement and have a passion for providing education and music to people without access to live performances or high-quality music education.

That passion for live performances and education is shared by Prom Recitals, who are bringing the duo to the region next month, alongside other classical music performers throughout the year.

Prom Recitals also aims to make a small profit on their concerts which they use to support the music program in local secondary schools. In 2023, the Prom Recitals Schools Program worked with more than 500 students involved from five schools across the region – Mirboo North SC, Foster SC, Leongatha SC, Korumburra SC and Bass Coast College to run workshops and performances that culminated in an end of year concert involving all vocal and instrumental ensembles from the five schools.

Ziggy and Miles play guitars by Australian luthier Jim Redgate and play Savarez strings. They are managed internationally by Young Concert Artists.

The concert is on Sunday July 14. Doors open at 2pm and the concert starts at 2.30pm.

Adult tickets are \$60; children \$20.

To book, go to trybooking.com/CRYXB

Music is fun and for everyone

IDENTIFYING a need to highlight acoustic music as part of arts and culture in Bass Coast Shire and in particular in Wonthaggi, a few individuals began mulling over the idea of an acoustic music festival. They are excited to say that now their ideas for this community event have now been put into reality by hard work from a core group of volunteers and the very much appreciated support by Bass Coast Shire Council.

Acoustic music has been at the core of family, folk and community music throughout the ages. Those traditions are practiced today, and community music is thriving in Bass Coast, but many people are unaware of it or how to access the various acoustic groups.

The richness of immersion in acoustic music has been profound in Bass Coast Shire and Regional Gippsland, made possible by many dedicated musicians and music groups generously sharing their music.

To raise the profile of music in Wonthaggi, the Wonthaggi Acoustic Music organising committee thought that Gippsland musicians should be represented and featured at their first WAM festival. Any musician who resides in Gippsland or has resided in Gippsland could be represented.



The award-winning Davidson Brothers will be in Wonthaggi headlining the festival.

This opened up a vast list of wonderful community minded musicians.

For a number of years, Jacqui and Dani Paulson have run singing workshops locally and are not only talented in music and performance but are very gifted instructors. They will provide an opportunity for those who wish to participate with the instrument of voice.

WAM are also very proud to feature performers Strat & Lyndal who also run Invy Horn Jam, South Dudley Tom, and The Bass Coast Pickers. They are all lifelong talented musicians who so generously share music making with the local community and be beyond.

The headline act features the award-winning Davidson Brothers, born and raised in Gippsland's Yinnar.

They have toured extensively throughout Australia, Europe and America, representing Australia at the IBMA World of Bluegrass in the USA (2004, 2009, 2014, 2018) and headlining at the European World of Bluegrass in The Netherlands. They had the honour of being invited to perform back-to-back with Ralph Stanley, performing at Bill Monroe's childhood home in Kentucky, and presenting at the 2010 International Bluegrass Awards in Nashville's historic Ryman Auditorium.

Exemplary, as some of

Gippsland's outstanding musicians, these multi-instrumentalists – banjo, fiddle, mandolin, dobro – have built the reputation of being one of Australia's best Bluegrass acts and entertainers retaining huge respect for the traditions of the genre. They have also written the majority of their repertoire with 68 of the 101 tracks commercially released being original songs.

With five Australian Country Music Awards (Golden Guitars) to their name, as well as Australian Bluegrass Championship titles, the Davidson Brothers, take the music they love to folk and country festivals nationwide, and now including a return performance to Wonthaggi.

By bringing the festival to Wonthaggi, WAM aim is to showcase our talented musicians and give people access to the many local music opportunities and groups for all abilities in Bass Coast. Most of all they want people to enjoy the day.

BYO drinks and nibbles, and acoustic instruments for informal jamming sessions. Give it a go, take up that instrument you have always wanted to play, join a singing group. It's never too late to start.

Most of all WAM want people to enjoy a full day and evening of music and entertainment.

Listening, singing or playing music is for everyone.

PICES is calling all contemporary artists

BUILDING on the success of last summer's exhibitions, Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space (PICES) is thrilled to announce its sixth summer exhibition program to be held at Berninnett, Cowes, running from December 14, 2024, to January 27, 2025.

NEW EVENT: PICES 2024-25 Pop In Exhibition

Dates: December 14, 2024, to January 1, 2025

Featuring: Small 2D and 3D contemporary works, no larger than 50 x 50 cm

Open to: Emerging and established artists to show works in keeping with PICES philosophy of exhibiting high quality contemporary art

Entry forms: Available on the PICES website at pices.com.au

Application deadline: July 14, 2024

Further details: See Pop In Exhibition Guidelines on the PICES website.

PICES 2025 Pop Up Exhibition

Dates: January 4-27, 2025

Featuring: Two curated exhibitions of a broad spectrum of visual arts including paintings, drawings, ceramics, collage, original limited edition artist prints, photographs, textiles, installations, and video/film

Open to: Emerging and established contemporary artists

Expression of Interest Application: Available on the PICES website pices.com.au

Application deadline: July 14, 2024

Further details: See Pop Up Exhibition Guidelines on the PICES website.

Looking forward to another exciting series of exhibitions in December/January 2024/25.

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Bring your own drinks, nibbles,

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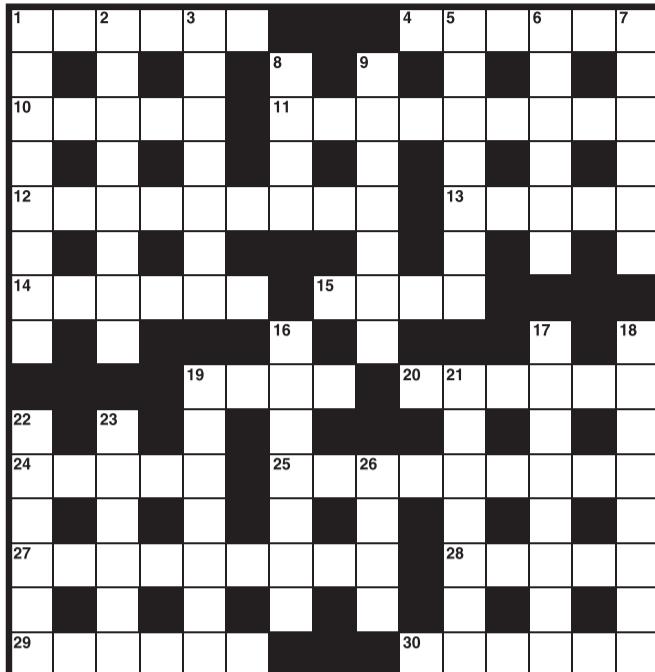
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Info: wonthaggiaacousticmusicfestival@gmail.com





CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Beachgoer's two-piece (6)
4 Masses of bees (6)
10 Cavalry weapon (5)
11 Banishment (9)
12 Root out (9)

13 Popular garden figure (5)
14 Sufficient (6)
15 Brink (4)
19 Actor, - Gosling (4)
20 Family head (6)
24 Hand digit (5)
25 Blend (9)

9-LETTER

No. 233



Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".

Today's Aim:

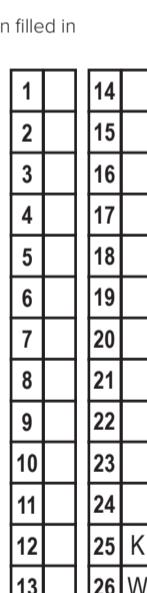
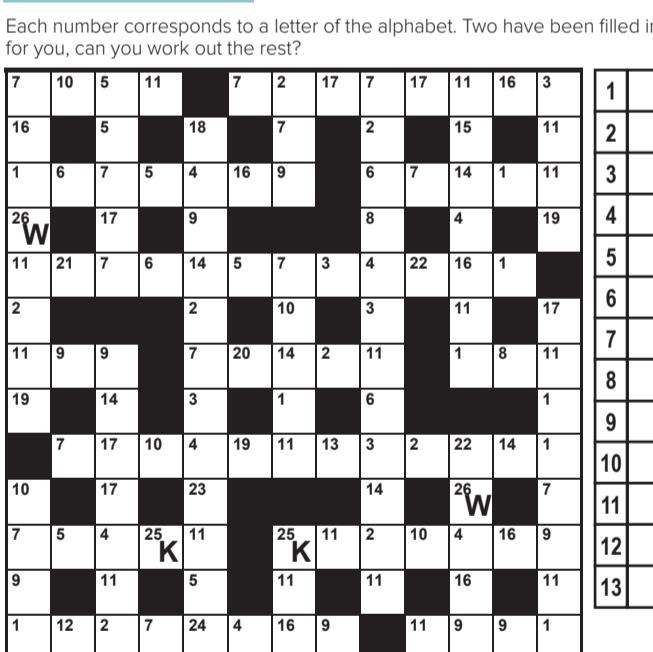
8 words: Good

12 words: Very good

17 words: Excellent

CODEWORD

No. 182



QUICK QUIZ

- How many extra teeth did Queen frontman Freddie Mercury have?
- At the 95th Academy Awards, which 91-year-old composer became the oldest Oscar nominee in any category?
- Who is trapped in the ninth and final circle of Dante's hell?
- Which US state is the only one with a single-syllable name?
- The fictional Lydia Tàr is the chief conductor of which orchestra?
- What were the first living creatures to be sent to space in 1947?
- Which artwork at the Louvre has its own mailbox for fan letters?
- In what decade was the Taiwanese beverage bubble tea first released?
- Which three Baz Luhrmann films has actor David Wenham (pictured) appeared in?
- Oobleck, a substance that mimics both a solid and a liquid, is made by mixing water with what?



ANSWERS: 1. Four. 2. John Williams. 3. Satan. 4. Mainie. 5. The Berlin Philharmonic. 6. Fruit flies. 7. The Mona Lisa. 8. 1980s. 9. Moulin Rouge! (2001). Australia (2008). 10. EVIs (2022). 11. E. 12. P. 13. X. 14. U. 15. Q. 16. N. 17. M. 18. F. 19. D. 20. Z. 21. J. 22. O. 23. V. 24. Y.

No. 232

WORDFIT

27 A continuous expanse of land (9)
28 Beauty and the Beast heroine (5)
29 Bears (6)
30 Brigand (6)

DOWN

1 Follower of a particular religion (8)
2 Australian animal (8)
3 Requiring (7)
5 Argue (7)
6 Very large, horned, plant-eating animals (abbr) (6)
7 Season (6)
8 Roman garment (4)
9 Goes regularly to (an event, etc.) (7)
16 Executive group in government (7)
17 Exhaustive (8)
18 Sharpest vertical angle (8)
19 Reconstruct (7)
21 A branch of mathematics (7)
22 Adhesive (6)
23 Central Asian fruit (6)
26 Ballet skirt (4)

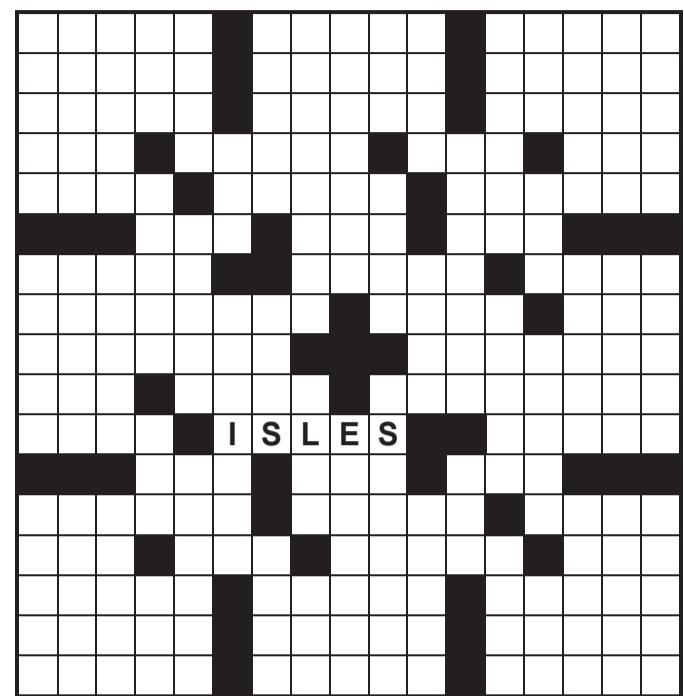


WORDFIT

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BRUSH
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CREST
CRIME
DOONA
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FLAIL
ARMS
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ONUS
SACS
SEAT

7 LETTERS OCTAL
STAIR
OFFER
PANDA
PASTE
GOATS
HAVOC
HEATS
IDOLS
IRKED
SEEDS
MODEL
NEIGH



8 LETTERS ASTRIDE
ASTUTEST
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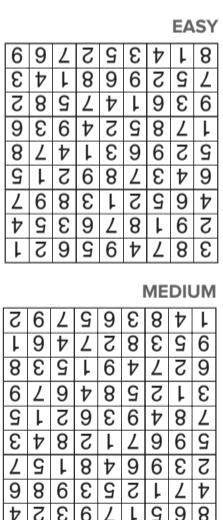
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HASSLE
IRISES



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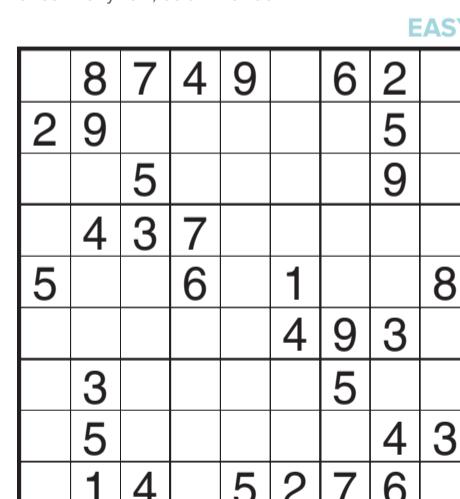
SOLUTIONS



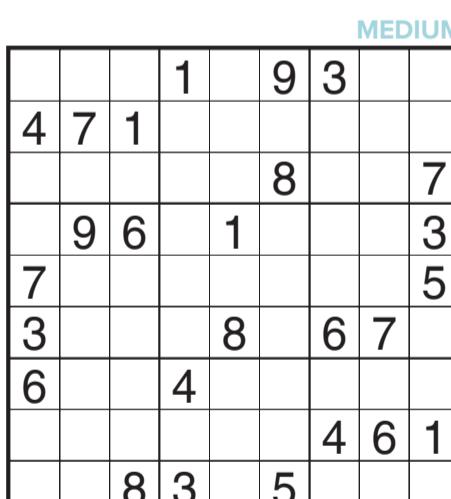
SUDOKU

No. 232

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 3x3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



EASY



MEDIUM

CODEWORD: 1-S, 2-R, 3-T, 4-I, 5-L, 6-C, 7-A, 8-H, 9-G, 10-B, 11-E, 12-P, 13-X, 14-U, 15-Q, 16-N, 17-M, 18-F, 19-D, 20-Z, 21-J, 22-O, 23-V, 24-Y

WORD SEARCH

No. 142



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

BACHELOR-	GESTURE	TEDDY
ETTE	GIVE	TOKEN
BOOK	HANUKKAH	TOYS
BOUQUET	HOMEMADE	TREAT
CANDLE	KIND	VALUE
CARD	KNICK-KNACK	WANT
CONSIDERATE	LIST	WRAPPING
ENGAGEMENT	MONEY	
EVENT	MOTHER	
EXCITING	NEED	
EXPERIENCE	OCCASION	
FATHER	PLANT	
FOOD	REGISTRY	
GADGET	SUSTAINABLE	

SECRET MESSAGE: Is gift giving your love language?



Marg and David Tattersall enjoyed their Sunday morning at the Leongatha Rail Trail Community Market.



Matt and Jayden Saario represented the Leongatha SES at the Leongatha Rail Trail Community Market. The SES was providing hot food and providing information to potential recruits.



Inverloch's Noah, Elsie and Flynn Kemper had a fun morning at Leongatha Rail Trail Community Market.



Jo Justin, Tess Rossouw and Graeme Charles at the screening of Evil Does Not Exist at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.



Eve and Andrew Pollitt and Nicole Baker at the showing of Evil Does Not Exist in Wonthaggi.



Hayden Trapnell and Max Parry were supporting Phillip Island at the junior footy on Sunday.



Bronwyn Matthews and Julia Munro were barracking for Dalyston at the junior footy.



Jackie and Zoe Reed awaiting to see Sunset Strip by Offshore Theatre at Newhaven College.



Nathan and Indi Hollings at the junior footy match between Dalyston and Phillip Island on Sunday.

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Leongatha Rail Trail Community Market, Evil Does Not Exist screening, junior football, Offshore Theatre's Sunset Strip and Leongatha premiership reunion.



Ollie and Andrew Cameron had a stall at the Leongatha Rail Trail Community Market. Their products are Australian made and made to last with Corten steel, created from their own designs.

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Amaya Malcolm and Hayley Campbell were ready to compete in the Youth Girls at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve on Sunday.



1964 Leongatha premiership players in the Seniors Alan Sperling, Bruce McKean and Fred Jungwirth enjoy Saturday's reunion. A09_2524



Kate Browne, Kate McCarthy and Jodie Arnup were interviewed about the 2004 Leongatha A Grade netball premiership. A11_2524



Bass Coast Fine Film Group's Larry Hills with moviegoers Liz Eddy and Di Bellham in Wonthaggi.



Lulu Jones-Terrill, Mia Weston and Milla Laub before their Youth Girls match.



Julie McKnight and Correen Ahern at the closing show of Offshore Theatre's Sunset Strip at the Black Box Theatre on Sunday.



Allison Trevena and Kelly Nihver before going in to see Sunset Strip at the Black Box Theatre.



Insurance hike deals another blow to housing affordability

VICTORIA'S home building industry faces another setback as the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority (VMIA) announces substantial increases in domestic building insurance premiums. Effective from August 6, new single and multi-unit dwellings will experience a 65 per cent hike, while premiums for renovations will rise by 20 per cent.

The announcement last Thursday has sparked significant frustration among industry leaders.

Keith Ryan, Executive Director of HIA Victoria, expressed his concern.

"Today's announcement of increases to the Domestic Building Insurance premiums will be yet another blow for Victorian home builders and their clients and further undermine housing affordability," Mr Ryan stated.

This increase follows a substantial 43 per cent hike last September, compounding the financial strain on both builders and new home buyers.

Master Builders Victoria (MBV) echoed these sentiments, with CEO Michaela Lihou highlighting the potential impact on the Victorian Government's ambitious housing targets; this new significant cost increase could put a major financial handbrake on the Victorian Government's ambitious target of building 80,000 new homes every year for the next decade.

"While we applaud the Government's vision for growth



In another blow for new home builders and renovators, particularly those in limbo in Wonthaggi, the VMIA has announced a 65 per cent domestic building insurance premium hike.

and remain keen to work with the Government to achieve this much needed housing increase, it's obvious that major escalations in costs like this for both the building industry and consumers will not help build confidence in the industry," she said.

"We acknowledge how important it is for the industry to have a sustainably funded underwriter, but we are very concerned that this significant cost increase this will create yet another

significant barrier to securing projects and put builders under even more financial pressure than ever."

The financial implications of these increases are considerable.

For a new single dwelling with a contract value of \$300,000, premiums will rise from \$2635 to \$4348. A new home costing \$500,000 will see premiums increase from \$3872 to \$6388. MBV estimates that a standard

Category C new single dwelling build with a current DBI cost of \$4562.91 will now jump to approximately \$7528.76.

These hikes come at a time when the home building industry is already grappling with increased costs of materials and labour. The additional financial burden on builders and consumers could exacerbate the housing affordability crisis in Victoria.

"It means new home buyers

face more fees and charges," said Ryan.

"With the typical home in Melbourne already paying more than 40 per cent of the cost of a new house and land package in taxes, fees and charges – which is locking thousands of Victorians out of home ownership."

Lihou pointed out the broader economic impacts.

"... It's worth noting that this just announced VMIA increase is the second our industry has had to deal with from the agency in less than a year, after a 43 per cent increase just 11 months ago."

"It is enormously frustrating to say the least."

While acknowledging the VMIA's financial pressures due to numerous claims from collapsed building companies like Porter Davis, industry leaders urge a more collaborative approach.

Ryan emphasised the need for government agencies to work together to lower home building costs as the Victorian government seeks to boost housing supply by delivering 800,000 new homes over the next decade.

Both HIA and MBV stress the importance of sustainable funding for insurance but argue that such large premium increases unfairly burden home builders and buyers.

"Many of our members feel like all too often it's one step forward and then literally two financial steps backwards for them and their clients," Lihou remarked.

Melbourne ranks among least affordable cities in latest housing affordability report

MELBOURNE'S housing market continues to challenge affordability as it ranks among the world's least affordable cities in the 2024 edition of the Demographia International Housing Affordability report. Authored by Wendell Cox and presented by Chapman University Center for Demographics and Policy along with The Frontier Centre for Public Policy, the report provides a comprehensive analysis of housing affordability for the third quarter of 2023 across eight nations, including Australia, Canada, China, and the United States.

The report highlights Melbourne's median multiple – a measure of median house price to median household income – at 9.8, placing it in the "impossibly unaffordable" category. This ranks Melbourne alongside cities such as Hong Kong (16.7), Sydney (13.8), Vancouver (12.3), San Jose (11.9), and Los Angeles (10.9), underscoring the severe affordability crisis affecting these major urban centres.

Joel Kotkin, Director at the Center for Demographics and Policy at Chapman University, emphasised the broader social implications of the findings.

"High housing prices, relative to incomes, are having a distinctly feudalising impact... young people, minorities, and immigrants are the primary victims, losing hope of homeownership. Understanding these facts is the first step towards resolution," Kotkin stated.

The report identifies several critical factors driving the housing affordability crisis, notably restrictive land use policies and urban containment measures. These policies, intended to control urban sprawl and increase density, have inadvertently led to severe land shortages and skyrocketing housing costs. Land values, especially close to urban centres, have surged dramatically, with prices inside urban growth boundaries being eight to twenty times higher than those outside.

According to the report, middle-income households are particularly affected, as housing costs now far outpace income growth, contributing significantly to the cost-of-living crisis. Historically, home prices increased at a rate comparable to income growth, making homeownership attainable. However, this balance has shifted drastically in many high-income nations, including Australia.

The report stating 'Australian markets have a median multiple of 9.7, having deteriorated from 6.9 in 2019. This represents an increase of 2.8 years of median household income, in just three years. All five of Australia's major housing markets have been severely unaffordable since the early 2000s or before.'

Furthermore, the report declares 'the range between the most affordable and least affordable markets has grown from 2.0 median multiple points in 1981 to 7.0 median multiple points in 2023, the equivalent of a five times incomes increase over the period.'

The report also highlights New Zealand's reforms aimed at increasing land supply to meet demand, suggesting that similar measures could be beneficial for other nations facing housing affordability challenges.

The emphasis is on prioritising the well-being of people over rigid urban planning ideals, advocating for policies that enhance economic opportunities and support middle- and lower-income households.

Although discussing Australia's major cities, locally Wonthaggi's median sale price was \$553,000 for the March quarter according to REIV, with a median weekly household income of \$917 according to the 2021 Census data. The median multiple, although considerations need to be taken into account, would place Wonthaggi at 11.59 – ranking it fifth between San Jose and Los Angeles.

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WONTAGGI Cnr Murray & Billson Streets **03 5672 1911**



Modern home offering serene views of the rolling Loch Hills

SET in the charming Loch village here you will find this delightfully renovated three-bedroom, two-bathroom home on a good size 669m² block. Boasting stunning views of the rolling green hills from the fantastic front deck. This property would be ideal for first home buyers, couples, small families or would be a great downsize for retirees.

This home features three bedrooms including master with WIR and ensuite, additional two bedrooms with BIR's. A modern central bathroom includes a walk-in shower, bath, vanity, floor to ceiling tiles and a separate toilet. The stylish kitchen features an electric wall oven, gas cooktop, dishwasher and an island bench. An open plan living and dining area, which flows out onto the front deck for extended living space. A split system reverse cycle keeps the home comfortable all year round.

There is a solar system with 18 panels and an inverter, which feeds into the grid. Lovely established gardens surround the home and create a private space to enjoy. Shedding consists of a workshop and a carport for your storage requirements. Centrally located just 11 minutes to Korumburra, 29 minutes to Inverloch, and 1.5 hours to Melbourne's CBD.

This home is a must-see to fully appreciate the comfortable lifestyle it has to offer. Situated only a short 300 metre walk to the village's main street, where you can enjoy all the trendy eateries and entertainment. "Life is better on the deck" offering a peaceful retreat with picturesque views.

For further information or to inspect the property, please contact Sharon Turton on 0447 604 796 or Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083

For a Due Diligence Checklist go to: consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist



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669m²

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Leongatha 780m²
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Privacy and serenity amongst stunning gardens

OFFERING extensive views over this sanctuary of established gardens and trees, through to neighbouring farmland, this tranquil three-acre property gives a new meaning to peace and privacy.

Located on the outskirts of the popular Meeniyan township, this property will leave you in awe of the colour display offered by the manicured park like gardens. As you meander through the gardens and around the ornamental dam, you will hear nothing but birdsong and stillness.

The very well-designed brick veneer family home looks as good as the day it was built and boasts a great sized formal living area with an abundance of natural light as well as an open plan living/dining/kitchen space with dishwasher, gas stove top and reverse cycle heating and cooling. For year-round comfort there is also a ducted heating system.

The master suite is complete with a walk-in robe, reverse cycle air conditioner and a spacious ensuite with corner spa, shower and toilet. The outdoor entertaining area is the hero of this home with all-weather blinds for year-round use and overlooking the picturesque gardens. Three further bedrooms, a central family bathroom and a double garage with internal access make this an ideal family home.

Outside there is an abundance of parking space as well as a 12m x 6m (approx.) lock up shed. The garden offers a beautiful assortment of exotic trees including ash, maple, magnolias and camellias as well as an abundance of fruit trees; apples, pear, lemon, plum, mandarin and lime just to name a few.

An inspection of this gorgeous property will not disappoint. Contact us today to arrange a private viewing.



4 | 2 | 2 | 1.21ha

54 Martins Road, **Meeniyan**
For Sale \$1,350,000
Agent Ray White Leongatha
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For Sale

19 A'Beckett Street, **Leongatha**

CENTRAL TO EVERYTHING!

- Solid BV home close to shops & schools
- Polished timber floors & A/C
- Large covered entertaining deck
- 9x6m lock up shed & fenced yard

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$550,000

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For Sale

945 Meeniyan Mirboo Nth Rd, **Dumbalk**

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- 4 bedroom home with wrap around decking
- Plenty of shedding & abundance of fruit trees
- On towns edge with town water connected

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\$945,000

4 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2



For Sale

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1.6 acres



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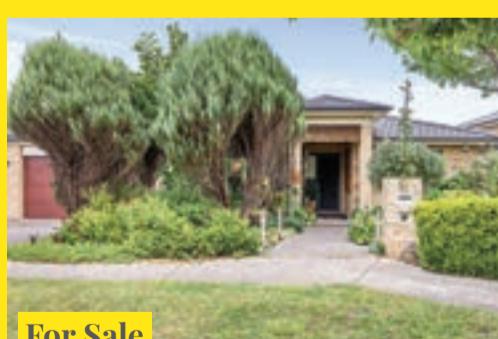
WHY BUILD?

- Modern family home with neutral tones
- Spacious open plan living/dining/kitchen
- Second formal living & well sized bedrooms
- Established landscaped gardens

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

\$729,000

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For Sale

16 Eleanor Court, **Leongatha**

PRICE REDUCTION

- Spacious land area of 914 sqm
- Ducted heating and cooling
- Enclosed outdoor entertaining area
- Side access for trailer, boat or caravan

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

\$730,000 - \$750,000

4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2



Neat, solid & ideal location

LOOKING for a solid, low maintenance home, walking distance to the shops, medical clinic, transport, cafes and more, then look no further!

Downsizing made easy with this lovely two-bedroom residence, on its own title, so no unit body corp fees here.

Positioned in the picturesque Greenwood Parade with views across the Great Southern rail trail, and paddocks beyond. Providing ease of access for walks and push bike rides, by trail or footpath to the shops, schools, and all that our beautiful Leongatha has to offer.

The home features a north facing open plan living and dining with a reverse cycle split system for heating and cooling. The kitchen with electric cooking, good bench space and great storage.

Two generous sized bedrooms, both with built-in robes, family bathroom with separate toilet and good-sized laundry that leads out to the rear courtyard, with small garden shed.

A single garage provides direct access into the home.

This much-loved brick veneer two-bedroom home, perfectly positioned in the heart of town with a rural aspect is most worthy of your inspection.

Contact Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate to arrange a personal inspection.

2 | **1** | **1** | **288m²**

6 Greenwood Parade, **Leongatha**
For Sale \$475,000
Agent SEJ Real Estate
Irene Walker 0429 045 632



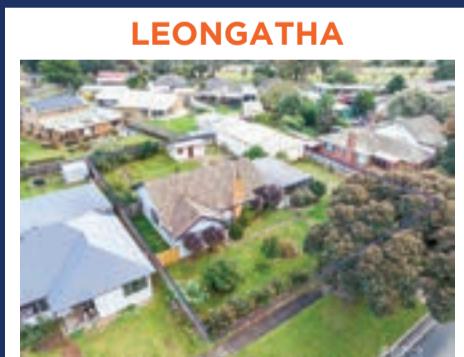
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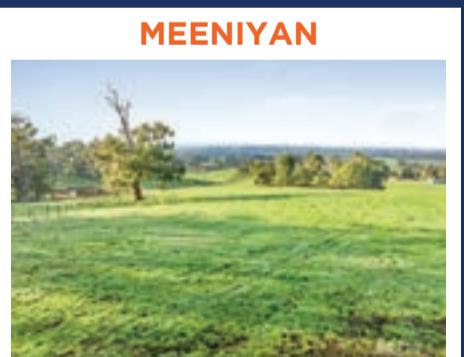
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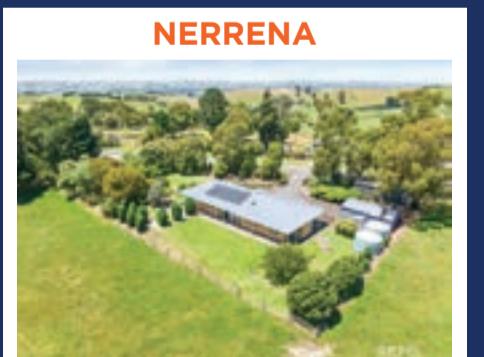
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ON THE LAND



Poowong North dairy farmer disappointed at decision to delist Gippsland Jersey

LAST week Gippsland Jersey announced that Coles were delisting their product from 68 of their stores, about 45 per cent of the dairy brands market, despite recently being awarded winner for the best milk producer in Australia by the Dairy Industry Association of Australia (DIAA).

Gippsland Jersey (GJ) was founded in 2016 and has grown to have five dairy suppliers across Gippsland and locally produce milk, butter, cream, sour cream, cheese and ghee.

One of these dairy farmers is Luke Wallace of Wallacedale Jerseys, in Poowong North, who has been supplying Gippsland Jersey for the past six years.

Luke said he is disappointed to hear of the supermarket giants decision and is concerned about the impact this will have.

"It makes us worry as suppliers, that if we don't fill that market space, whether our income will be impacted by it, or whether it'll actually have a negative impact on Gippsland Jersey in the short term," said Luke.

"It's just disappointing that being a small, Australian company, Coles can just drop it. I know it's still in a few stores, but I think consumers should have the opportunity to purchase what they want."

Luke comments that often when he goes into the supermarket, despite being supplied, GJ is not on the shelf and the supermarkets appear to prioritise restocking shelves with their own product rather than that of their smaller suppliers.

"I wonder whether sometimes they'd have more success if it was actually available all the time," said Luke.

"I think that's frustrating when you see that as a farmer, not just to a Gippsland Jersey farmer, but all farmers really."

Co-Founder of GJ, Sallie Jones said that while their product will still be available in 16 of the stores, the decision to delist them is extremely disappointing.

"Coles is saying we can't give them enough margin for what they need, but the thing is, Coles now go direct to farms, farmers and do deals and contract. They've got two of their own processing milk factories



Dairy farmers Mel and Luke Wallace with Sallie Jones from Gippsland Jersey, who they have been supplying for six years.

now. They do their own processing, and they own the supermarket shelves. And yet, we get little old Gippsland Jersey that pays more in bottles, caps and labels – a premium on everything because we're so small scale; we have to compete with them, and we can't."

Sallie commented that she has never worked harder promoting and advocating for the brand in store, meeting customers and talking to them about what they want, but negotiations with Coles have failed.

"They don't really have any solutions for us, because it's such a big business," said Sallie.

"It's just massive, and if you don't fit into the structure, then you're sort of 'bye, bye'."

Gippsland Jersey don't yet know what the future will look like or how heavily they and their suppliers will be impacted.

Luke is hopeful for a positive outcome and comments that GJ have always stayed true to

their values of, fair price for farmers, good mental health and kindness.

"They've been fantastic to us and made a big difference to us, as far as what they paid us for our milk, certainly in the earlier years, was well ahead of what the rest of the industry was paying."

"They were certainly standing true to their word of paying a fair price. So, this sort of thing just makes it harder for them," said Luke.

"Hopefully some more independent IGAs and cafes can come on board just to give people extra options and places where they can actually purchase (the products)."

A ground swell of support has arisen from customers who love the GJ brand and product, and want to support local.

Sallie hopes that the supermarkets will reconsider and offer customers greater choice.

"We have an absolute army of people that have supported us. From day one, every single

person on social media has been earned. It's not been paid for, and it's an amazing platform of people that we've got that go into battle for us, and we have seen that come out."

Despite the setback Sallie remains optimistic and is determined to push through to a good outcome.

"Gippsland Jersey has been born out of adversity, and we have been hit with many adversities, and we always seem to somehow come out the other side of whatever it is. So, we're believing that the best is to come, kind of scenario."

New stockists, existing stores, cafes and coffee shops who are willing to make room for Gippsland Jersey on their shelves can phone 0435 757 047 or email [Hello@gippslandjersey.com.au](mailto>Hello@gippslandjersey.com.au) or for more information go to gippslandjersey.com.au.

In the meantime Gippsland Jersey is available at IGAs across our region and also local independent supermarkets.

Highly successful farm safety projects gets green light extension

THE Victorian Farmers Federation's Making our Farms Safer project (VFF MOFS) will continue to run until 2025 after receiving a \$600,000 grant from the Victorian Government.

VFF Vice-President Danyel Cucinotta welcomed the extension and said the project, which launched in April 2020 will continue to help shift the dial towards zero on-farm deaths and injuries.

"The VFF MOFS project has been a vital and trusted resource for the farming community since 2020 and the team will hit the ground

running to help reduce the overrepresentation of the agriculture industry in workplace deaths and injury."

"Farmers and our regional communities have told us loud and clear how important this project was to them, and I welcome the government's commitment to helping us keep farmers safe," Ms Cucinotta said.

Ms Cucinotta said the project will focus on four key areas to help ensure the safety of farmers.

"Mental health is an enormous, hidden burden confronting many farmers. The

VFF MOFS project will develop and publish a handbook specifically made by our farmers, for our farmers."

"The use of telehandlers on farms brings particular risks which are a key focus for the VFF. With the new options for telehandler licencing to roll-out beginning in July, we'll be working with farmers to help ensure they understand the requirements and dangers when operating or working around them."

"In 2022, over 40 per cent of all deaths on farms were tragically people aged over 60. This

announcement means we'll be able to continue the roll-out of the recently launched 'Stay Farming Longer and Safer' handbook, aimed at farmers over 60."

"Nothing beats in-person, tailored safety advice to your farm. The team will be busy conducting on-farm safety visits, safety briefings as well as attending field days and presenting to community groups throughout Victoria," Ms Cucinotta said.

Please visit makingourfarmssafer.org.au/ to learn more and access the resources on offer.



MARKET REPORT

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CLAAS Harvest Centre 

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, June 14, 2024

Grown Steers

C Jorgensen 24 Angus	633kg	\$3.23	\$2050
P Van Kuyk 12 Angus	632kg	\$3.08	\$1950
Liptrap Waters 16 Angus	607kg	\$2.98	\$1810
S & W Cumming 16 Hereford	594kg	\$3.35	\$1990
R Hopkins 15 Angus	586kg	\$3.24	\$1900
V Albanese 23 Angus	584kg	\$3.51	\$2050
NW Page 15 Angus	561kg	\$3.36	\$1890
Midgley & Town 10 Angus	554kg	\$3.25	\$1800
S Hasthorpe 12 Angus	544kg	\$3.60	\$1960
L Osbourne 17 Angus	543kg	\$3.57	\$1940
Liptrap Waters 16 Angus	536kg	\$3.22	\$1730
A Wilson 11 Angus	525kg	\$3.73	\$1960
King Parrot Creek Farm 23 BB	523kg	\$3.77	\$1970
Boyd Road 18 Angus	517kg	\$3.58	\$1850
Stonewarra 20 Angus	515kg	\$3.74	\$1930
J Griffin 16 Angus	513kg	\$3.41	\$1750
M & N McIennan 28 Angus	511kg	\$3.81	\$1950
Jilliby 23 Angus	501kg	\$4.01	\$2010
Dr & JI Ostment 12 Angus	501kg	\$3.67	\$1840
B. Paulet 13 Angus	498kg	\$3.61	\$1800
D Jelbart 21 Angus	493kg	\$3.85	\$1900
Liptrap Waters 21 Angus	487kg	\$3.90	\$1900
Coonmore Angus 26 Angus	482kg	\$3.94	\$1900
King Parrot Creek Farm 19 Ang	478kg	\$3.81	\$1820
Latrobe Park Angus 23 Angus	472kg	\$3.94	\$1860
D Jelbart 21 Angus	472kg	\$3.87	\$1830
Cowmore Farm 12 Angus	471kg	\$3.35	\$1580
Melaleuca Past 18 Angus	468kg	\$3.91	\$1830
T & J Donchi 20 Angus	467kg	\$4.00	\$1870
J Daniels 21 BB	462kg	\$3.72	\$1720
Bruangil Park 24 Angus	456kg	\$4.12	\$1880
B Radulovich 18 Angus	453kg	\$3.95	\$17900
C Stockdale 13 Angus	450kg	\$3.66	\$1650
E Triantafyllou 12 Angus	441kg	\$3.78	\$1670
Ranleigh Downs 27 Angus	435kg	\$3.95	\$1720
J. Reid 10 Angus	435kg	\$3.56	\$1550
Ranleigh Downs 20 BB	433kg	\$3.33	\$15100
Ponderosa Herefords 13 H/Ford	430kg	\$3.48	\$1500
Mirrabooka 25 Angus	422kg	\$4.02	\$1700

Weaner Steers

Ranleigh Downs 22 Angus	396kg	\$3.88	\$1540
N & K Hansford 20 H/Ford	395kg	\$3.56	\$1410
J Dean 23 Angus	386kg	\$3.75	\$1450
Heyson Pastoral 19 Angus	383kg	\$3.92	\$1500
G & N Belcher 19 Angus/BB	380kg	\$3.65	\$1390
Mirrabooka 17 Angus	380kg	\$3.57	\$1360
Ranleigh Downs 16 BB	377kg	\$3.31	\$1250
G & N Belcher 22 Angus	373kg	\$3.78	\$1410
Ranleigh Downs 33 Angus	372kg	\$3.49	\$1300
Bulleondurra 37 Angus	371kg	\$3.45	\$1280
L Surman 12 Angus	370kg	\$3.48	\$1290
D Young 22 Hereford	370kg	\$3.10	\$1150
Somers Electrical 12 Angus	369kg	\$3.52	\$1300
Ponderosa Herefords 21 H/Ford	367kg	\$4.08	\$1500
Home Hill 19 Angus	366kg	\$3.16	\$1160
D Bates 26 Angus	360kg	\$3.83	\$1380
G & N Belcher 24 Angus	357kg	\$3.50	\$1250
Gem-Brae Ag 27 Angus	353kg	\$3.22	\$1140
G & N Belcher 43 Angus	339kg	\$3.95	\$1340
Chrypin P/L 17 Angus	335kg	\$3.58	\$1200
Pbi18 P/L 17 Angus	335kg	\$2.98	\$1000
D Jerram 24 Angus	334kg	\$4.07	\$1360
D Bates 24 Angus	334kg	\$4.01	\$1340
C & K Worthy 19 Angus	330kg	\$3.69	\$1220
Cloud Creek 18 Angus	324kg	\$3.67	\$1190
Bulleondurra 21 Angus	324kg	\$3.36	\$1090
Hidden Valley 19 Angus	316kg	\$3.95	\$1250
Tullaree Past 20 Angus	301kg	\$3.88	\$1170
Groves Est. 19 Angus	279kg	\$3.83	\$1070

Heifers

A Walker 27 Angus	499kg	\$3.32	\$1660
J & D Hood 13 Hereford	438kg	\$2.76	\$1210
Burfield Partners 13 Angus	418kg	\$2.58	\$1080
J & D Hood 14 Hereford	417kg	\$2.78	\$1160
Gr Bastin 20 Angus	411kg	\$3.33	\$1370
Miralai P/S 20 Hereford	406kg	\$2.95	\$1200
R Radulovich 20 Angus	404kg	\$3.11	\$1260
Nw Page 20 Angus	399kg	\$3.00	\$1200
Malanda Pastoral 20 Angus	396kg	\$2.97	\$1180
Mirrabooka 24 Hereford	384kg	\$2.73	\$1050
Burfield Partners 13 Angus	369kg	\$2.84	\$1050
Trandarra P/L 26 Angus	359kg	\$3.50	\$1260
Ranleigh Downs 27 Angus	358kg	\$2.65	\$950
G & N Belcher 13 BB	352kg	\$3.06	\$1080
Ranleigh Downs 23 Angus	350kg	\$2.54	\$890
Belgrano 12 Angus	346kg	\$3.03	\$1050
B & R Cashin 16 Angus	335kg	\$2.68	\$900
Gem-Brae Ag 22 Angus	334kg	\$2.93	\$980
M Breen 23 Angus	321kg	\$2.64	\$850
JD Christinson 14 Angus	301kg	\$1.89	\$570
G & N Belcher 29 Angus	293kg	\$2.45	\$720

Cows & Calves

T & J Waters 11x11 Angus	\$1940
D Marsh 8x8 Angus	\$1870
D & T Glover 11x12 Angus	\$1760
D & T Glover 4x4 Charo	\$1620
E&K Triantafyllou 11x11 Angus	\$1525

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Jersey & Jersey x	.....	\$21 to \$50
Friesian Bulls	.....	\$35 to \$68
Friesian Heifers	.....	\$22 to \$80
Beef Bulls	.....	\$40 to \$150
Beef Heifers	.....	\$36 to \$150

Number of Calves: 152

Number purchased to rear: 44

Cattle sale transition from Pakenham to Leongatha continues

LIVESTOCK manager of Alex Scott & Staff Pakenham, Dave Setches, said the transition from the closing Pakenham Saleyards to those in Leongatha is made easier due to the agency already having a presence in Leongatha.

He was at Friday's Leongatha store sale, which attracted approximately 5500 head of cattle.

"Certainly, the bulk of our cattle will come here," Dave said, having explained that it is still being determined where cattle from clients north of Pakenham, into the Yarra Valley, and north east of Melbourne will go.

"It's a fair way to bring them down here," he said, explaining there is a possibility fat cattle from those areas may be sent to Shepparton or in some cases sold directly to meatworks.

He spoke of the initial challenges that will arise at the Leongatha Saleyards after the final cattle sale at Pakenham on June 27.

"As it stands at the moment, the facility is probably not going to cope with the increased numbers," Dave said, suggesting that store sales may need to be split until further expansion of the Leongatha Saleyards occurs.

"For animal welfare issues, you wouldn't want to see too many more cattle coming through than what we're seeing here today," he said.

However, Dave expressed confidence that given time and the addition of more selling pens, the initial challenges will be overcome.

President of the South Gippsland Stock Agents Association, Simon Henderson,



Livestock manager of Alex Scott & Staff Pakenham, Dave Setches, with some of the cattle the agency was selling at Friday's Leongatha store sale. A05_2524

confirmed he has been advised there are still plans to move some infrastructure from the Pakenham Saleyards to those in Leongatha but is awaiting details from the Victorian Livestock Exchange (VLE).

He spoke on Friday about current works taking place at the Leongatha Saleyards.

"Building is going on out the back to give more holding capacity, and VLE is also introducing and building at the moment, new double deck races for loading and unloading, which is good," Simon said.

Earlier this year he praised the two new lanes of selling

pens the VLE had recently added in Leongatha, describing them as "very efficient".

The new part of the selling centre is working extremely well, and everyone is happy about it," Simon said on Friday.

"It's a good add on and it gives us a lot more capacity to pen the first run of cattle."

Simon said the Leongatha Saleyards can currently handle 6000 head of cattle, describing that as "fine for selling".

He spoke of the extra capacity he considers will likely be required out the back.

"They need room to feed 800

and the capacity possibly to hold 3000 cattle outside," with the total desired capacity close to 10,000.

The new schedule for the Leongatha Saleyards will include weekly Tuesday prime (fat) sales beginning on July 2 and weekly store sales from July 4.

Prime sales were previously held there weekly on a Wednesday, while store sales have generally been held on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

Simon is pleased with the shift to weekly store sales.

"It will help enormously. It's going to help truck drivers, farmers, agents, VLE staff and it's even going to be beneficial to the canteen ladies here, rather than having a big, long day once a fortnight it will be a medium day once a week, and it gives farmers more options," he said.

"I know the VLE are doing their best to get things sorted out and although it may be a bit uncomfortable at times, we're all in this together for the betterment of the industry."

Simon stressed that the Leongatha Saleyards are an integral part of the South Gippsland landscape, offering not just a place to buy and sell livestock but also social benefits for farmers to catch up and have a chat and to come and see their cattle being sold.

VLE Managing Director, Brian Paynter, spoke earlier this year on the significant boost that can be anticipated in Leongatha and surrounds.

"It will be the biggest and busiest saleyards in Victoria," Brian said.

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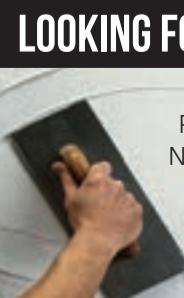


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Fantastic season for Sunset Strip

OFFSHORE Theatre enjoyed a successful season of Sunset Strip at Newhaven College's Black Box Theatre last week.

Sunset Strip was a staged reading by Suzie Miller, which ran from June 13 until June 16.

The cast and crew were thrilled with a fantastic opening night last Thursday, as well as the number of tickets sold for the shows on Friday through to Sunday.

"We've had some awesome feedback from everyone who has come to see the show," director Remi D'Agostin said.

"Everyone has been commenting about how there's something for everyone – everyone can relate to the story in some way."

Offshore Theatre is now trying to keep the buzz going ahead of its next show, which will be performed at Berninniet in

early November.

The show is another family drama called My Sister Jill.

It is set over the 1950s and 70s and explores PTSD post war and the way it impacts family dynamics.

The story follows a daughter who idolises her father as a young child and celebrates his war stories, while her older siblings know the realities.

The audience experiences the shift in this character as she grows and understands war is not something to be glorified.

It delves into family relationships, leading into one of them being conscripted in Vietnam.

With a great cast and script, Offshore Theatre is looking forward to presenting My Sister Jill.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

Will this planning application affect you?

The land affected by the application is located at: **40 Surf Parade INVERLOCH**

The application is for a permit to:

- An extension to the existing dwelling
- Removal of the covenant on the title

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Number: **PDPLANPER-2023/000800**

Address: **40 Surf Parade INVERLOCH**

Applicant: **AD Building Design**

For further reference contact: **Brendan**

Phone number: 1300 BCOAST (226 278)

How can I find out more?

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How can I make a submission?

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority. If you object, the responsible authority will tell you its decision. This application has not been decided and you can still make a submission before a decision has been made.

An objection must:

- be made to the responsible authority in writing by emailing basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au or posting it to: **Bass Coast Shire Council, P.O. Box 118, Wonthaggi VIC 3995**;
- include the reasons for the objection and;
- state how the objector would be affected.

The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available for any person to inspect free of charge until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application.

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PUBLIC MEETING

Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Incorporated

Notice is given of a Public Meeting to be held at the Grantville Hall, 1470 Bass Highway, Grantville on Saturday 29 June 2024 commencing at 10am.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the committee of management for the Grantville Hall and Recreation Reserve for a term of three (3) years. The current committee's term will expire on 26 July 2024. All positions will be declared open. Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Tamika Lovett, Program Officer, Land and Built Environment, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action on 0436 616 642 or email tamika.lovett@delwp.vic.gov.au.

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Poowong Basketball Autumn Grand Finals 2024



U12 boys: Yellow 17 def Blue 11. Yellow: Coach Josh Campbell, Angus Tumino, Jett Beaumont, Archie Tumino (MVP), Hamish Campbell, Lincoln McDonald, Lucas Allely and coach Brad McIntosh. Blue: Joel Csincsi, Fraser Guy, Levi Bowey, Jack McIntosh, Coen Guy and Hugo Dyer.



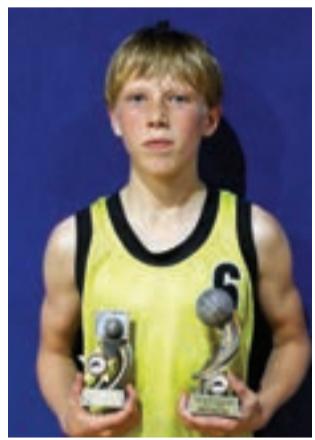
U12 boys Grand Final MVP Archie Tumino.



Under 13 girls Grand Final MVP Bridget West.



U15 boys: Yellow 45 def Purple 31. Yellow: Coach Evan Jeremiejczyk, Locklan McIntosh, Lachlan Huston, Jason Stewart, Braxton Falkingham, Dylan Canavan, Decklen Jeremiejczyk (MVP), Harrison Stuchbury and coach Phil Maddocks. Purple: Richard Patrickson, Nicholas Maddocks, Cooper Morris and Nate Murray. Absent: Zaiden West, Jhai Townley and Oaklin Brown.



U15 boys Grand Final MVP Decklen Jeremiejczyk.



U13 girls: Blue 42 def Green 22. Blue: Coach Jane Adams, Pia Pask, Bridget West (MVP), Zara Murray, Olivia Maddocks, Jade Comer, Ruby Brighton and coach Phil Maddocks. Green: Phoebe Moriarty, Kaylee Dowlan, Matilda Hoffman, Olivia Fitzpatrick, Emma Fitzpatrick and Isabella Finocchiaro.



Noah Peacock Award for Best in Final - Matt Slattery pictured with Michelle and Jake Peacock.



Women's Grand Final MVP Georgia Chiavaroli.



Men: Kookies & Kareem 40 def Young & Old 29. Back: Matt Slattery, Reide Macqueen, Lochie Haverkamp, Mitch De Kleuver and Beau Grabham-Andrews. Front: Rhys Butler



Women: Mia's Team 33 def Big Ballers 30. Mia's Team (back row): Brooke Olsen, Mia Blackwood, Skye Hancock, Georgia Chiavaroli (MVP), Eliza Cozzio and Chloe Rodda. Big Ballers (front row): Tiarna Blackwood, Bianca Monson, Emma Henshall, Katie Cronin, Livinia Mandemaker.

Underwater hockey head to Internationals

From page 64

"We are incredibly proud, as a club, to continue producing international level players, and being able to keep the kids focused to continue with underwater hockey when they leave high school and head into their adult careers – which we have seen with Ben and Kasey at an international level."

A staggering ninety per cent of state competitors call Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club home.

Vice President Mick Milnes wears multiple hats spearheading the Wonthaggi Junior development, and Victorian state development. He's also the proud father of two underwater hockey players, including Caden.

"It's just awesome to see juniors coming through and developing to an international level," Karl continued.

"We wish all the players the best of luck at the World's. When you see the world's best playing together, it gets pretty crazy – it's going to be fierce."

Similar to cricketer Peter Dell's international selection, the four Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey players also have to fund their own trip – including accommodation, food, competition fees and transportation, not to mention the travel costs associated with current training schedules.

In light of this Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club donated \$800 to a surprised Caden and Jack on Thursday night that will be shared equally between the four players to help with costs.

The monies come from the club's fundraising efforts which this year have included tree planting, sausage sizzles, raffles and tournaments.

If any readers would like to donate an amount to assist Ben, Caden, Jack and Kasey with their expenses please contact Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club on 0488 040 028 or via email at wonthaggiunderwaterhockey@hotmail.com and remember to reference Worlds Donation.

For parents looking for an unusual and awesome unisex sport for their children to participate in give the team a call or head to Wonthaggi YMCA on a Thursday evening (7pm).

"Give hockey a shot – it's so much more than you think."

The Sixth Age Group World Underwater Hockey Championships will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia between July 18 – 27.

Underwater hockey shines at Kings Cup

OVER the recent long weekend Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club sent two teams to compete in the "Kings Cup" on the Gold Coast in Queensland. We sent one team of juniors with three adults to compete in C grade and a second team of adults to play in the B grade comp.

B Grade

Wonash competed in the B grade of the King's Cup Club Championships in the Gold Coast. Unfortunately, due to a lack of Wonthaggi and Monash club members able to attend, we were ineligible for a medal, but this did not stop a weekend of exciting and close hockey games for all. Wonash included some consistent players including Sarah Joordens, Ally Lee, 'Thunder' Hamish Meikle, Tim Ogden, Hamish Scothern and Jamie Targett. Our numbers were bolstered by a rotating cast of ring-in players, including Jack Ryan and Caden Milnes of the Wonthaggi UWH club, who were also playing A grade with their U19 national team, who put in a mammoth effort playing A grade and B grade, barely missing a game.

With such excellent support, Wonash managed to go undefeated in the round robin, only conceding two close draws to the Sunshine Coast and Cairns. Unfortunately, this run did not continue in the finals, as we dropped a hard-fought game to Wollongong, leaving us to play off for third place. The final game was played to a nail biting finish with Wonash coming out the victors, 5-4 in overtime against the Sunshine Coast Seadragons. Wonash would like to extend a huge thank you to all the players from far and wide that made this tournament such a fun and fulfilling experience.



Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club headed to Queensland for the Kings birthday weekend to compete in the Kings Cup.

C Grade

It was always going to be a tough weekend for the juniors playing predominantly against adult teams, but the kids were keen to have a crack and show them exactly what Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club was made of, what these kids lacked in age they made up for with skill and determination.

We started the competition on Saturday with a hard-fought win over the Sunshine Coast Sea Dragons. The next few games were hard fought losses where the opposition tactics appeared to be to "remove the player then get the puck" but the kids kept going and showed that Wonthaggi grit.

Sunday started with a loss to the eventual cup winners, but we were back Game 2 with a

convincing win over the Sydney Kings and then after a short break it was into the finals to play the Gold Coast, a team that hadn't lost all weekend. We gave them enough of a scare that their captain came over and asked if the kids were really only 14 years old.

We were now playing off for a bronze medal against the 'Grizzlies from Hell' and those kids wanted a shiny medal come hell or high water. There were some massive underwater efforts made by the likes of Dan and Oscar that swam most of the pool with the puck only to be stopped at the goal tray. Devlin and Will outsprinting adults off the break to reach the puck first then going around them like witches hats at a training drill.

Ethan, Amy and Felix with

their backs up against the goal trays stopping goals, stealing the puck and turning them into offensive charges, the elusive Cathal and Sandra who would turn up as if by magic to receive a pass and press forward in attack. These kids were being out-muscled, but they were definitely not being out-skilled.

In the end we didn't quite get the win, finishing fourth on the board but they left with no regrets keen to return next year with the knowledge that they'll be back bigger, faster, stronger and right in the mix for a medal.

The C grade team members included: Emma Le-man, Sandra Davidson, Michael Milnes, Ethan Milnes, Will Stein, Devlin Rowe, Cathal O'Flynn, Oscar Hatty, Daniel Pearce, Amy Pearce, and Felix O'Shannassay.

Experts gather to address drowning among multicultural communities

ROYAL Life Saving Australia and Life Saving Victoria hosted a Multicultural Water Safety forum in Melbourne, last week, in response to a tragic summer where it is estimated that 25 per cent of drowning deaths involved people born overseas.

Over 60 delegates from across Australia, including multicultural community leaders, government officials, academics, and the water safety sector, gathered for a two-day, nationally focused workshop to prioritise high-level solutions for addressing drowning among Australia's multicultural communities.

The forum highlighted several key areas that require future discussion and action to improve water safety and reduce drownings in diverse communities. Some of these include:

1. Partnerships and collaboration among water safety organ-

isations, swim program providers and multicultural agencies and community leaders to drive community level change, including working with university sectors to prioritise strategies for international students.

2. Sustained, expanded investment for the ongoing implementation of programs and initiatives aimed at reducing the drowning toll in vulnerable communities across the country.

3. Robust communication of water safety messages that go beyond translation and signage, co-designed with community leaders to ensure education campaigns and safety messages are understood and have greater reach into communities.

4. Removing barriers to participation and increasing access to appropriate swimming and water safety education programs for people of all ages, from all

backgrounds and abilities.

Royal Life Saving Australia CEO Justin Scarr said, "One in four drowning deaths last summer were people born overseas. There are many water safety initiatives designed to reduce drowning among our multicultural communities. This workshop was about assessing what is working and what else can be done to prevent another summer of sadness."

"Existing measures include translated community campaigns, swimming and water safety programs, and signage, all prioritising a diverse range of groups, including tourists, migrants, refugees and international students. We are keen to hear from community leaders and policy managers to identify what more we need to do," said Mr Scarr.

Community leaders who attended the Forum made it clear

to policy makers and water safety agencies that multiple solutions are needed that go beyond signage, learning to swim and translated resources. Community leaders emphasised that initiatives need to be co-designed with community and tailored to community needs in order to make a difference.

A highlight of the Forum was hearing from young community role models from multicultural backgrounds who learnt to swim in Australia and are now teaching their own communities, as one example of successful solutions that address both water safety and settlement outcomes, such as employment and social networks.

The Australian Water Safety Strategy 2030 prioritises addressing drowning in multicultural communities. The workshop will contribute to the mid-term review of the Strategy.

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 18
1.30am	0.66m
8.43am	1.36m
1.36pm	0.97m
8.03pm	1.40m

WEDNESDAY	June 19
2.21am	0.63m
9.45am	1.41m
2.38pm	1.04m
3.51pm	1.07m
8.53pm	1.38m

THURSDAY	June 20
3.16am	0.59m
10.44am	1.48m
3.51pm	1.07m
9.47pm	1.38m

FRIDAY	June 21
4.15am	0.54m
11.39am	1.55m
5.03pm	1.07m
10.45pm	1.37m

SATURDAY	June 22
5.08am	0.48m
12.30pm	1.63m
6.00pm	1.03m
11.45pm	1.39m

SUNDAY	June 23
5.58am	0.42m
1.17pm	1.69m
6.46pm	0.97m

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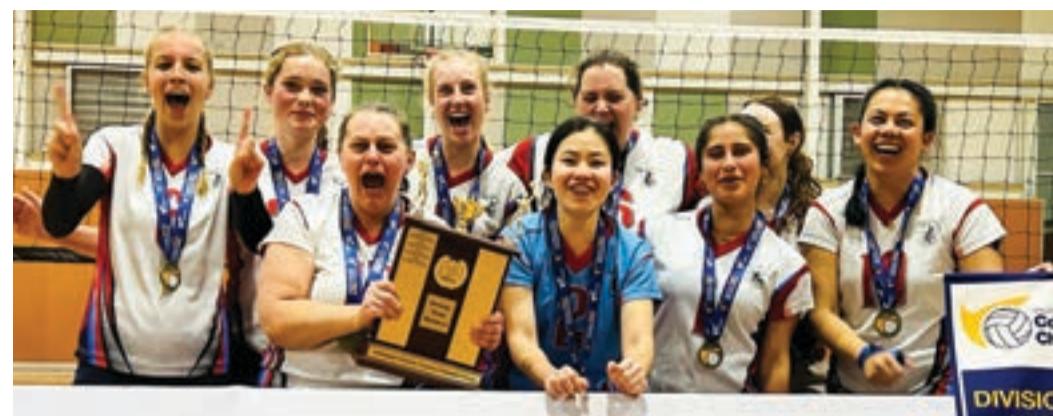
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South Gippsland women clinch gold at Volleyball Country Champs

THE South Gippsland Women's Division 3 volleyball team triumphed at the Volleyball Country Champs held over the King's Birthday long weekend, securing a gold medal in a thrilling finale.

Held at the Churchill Leisure Centre, the event saw teams from across the region compete fiercely, showcasing the depth of talent in country Victoria. South Gippsland's Division 3 team, led by coach Jessica Sanders, demonstrated exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the tournament.

The gold medal match was a nail-biter, with South Gippsland facing off against a formidable team from the Albury-Wodonga region. The South Gippsland women had a fierce battle, going down the first set 25-18. South Gippsland rallied in the second set, edging out a 25-13 win to level the match. The third set saw intense back-and-forth action, but South Gippsland's precision and resilience shone through as they claimed the set 25-19. With momentum on their side, South Gippsland sealed the victory in the fourth set, winning 25-17 and clinching



The South Gippsland Women's Division 3 volleyball team secured the gold medal at the recent Country Champs in Churchill.

the gold medal.

The tournament's prestigious accolade the 'All Star Seven's and MVP' Charlotte Smith was pivotal in the team's success, delivering powerful serves and strategic plays, together with captain Tamara Miller's leadership on the court was complemented by the outstanding performances of teammates Jessica Sanders, Mae Kindom, Antonella Sepulveda-Olmedo and Sophie Allen with the two youngest team members, Natalie Churchill and Georgia Mills completing the line up, along with Jessie Tan, whose defensive libero skills were crucial in

securing the championship title. Special mention and thanks need to go to chief statistician, Dave Fuller for capturing crucial stats and providing strategic support, guidance and wisdom.

Coach Jessica Sanders praised the team's effort, saying, "Our players showed incredible heart and dedication throughout the tournament. Every single member of the team contributed to this victory. Winning gold is a testament to their hard work, dedication, training and teamwork."

The victory was a momentous occasion for the South Gippsland team, marking

their first gold medal at the Country Champs.

The atmosphere was electric with celebrations from the South Gippsland supporters, who had turned out in numbers to cheer on their team. This victory will undoubtedly inspire young athletes in the area and boost the popularity of volleyball in South Gippsland, which is already growing in prominence in the region.

With the gold medal now in their grasp, the South Gippsland Women's Division 3 team looks forward to building on this success and aiming for more triumphs in future competitions.

Aislin Jones takes on Italian World Cup

LEONGATHA Olympian Aislin Jones departed for a Shooting Australia training camp in northern Italy ahead of the final ISSF World Cup before the Paris Olympic Games last Tuesday. The team is based out of Desenzano on Lake Garda for the event at Tiro A Volo Concaverde in Lonato.

Aislin said of the opportunity, "I love shooting at Lonato. It's one of my favorite ranges. Shotgun ranges are amazing facilities in Italy, with up to 12 layouts for trap and five or six for skeet, their own restaurants and even accommodation, gyms and pools at some. They are very impressive with great backgrounds to shoot on. This is my fourth time here at Lonato and I'm looking forward to the events."

Traveling with the five others who will possibly make up the Australian Olympic shotgun team for Paris once it is announced on June 27, Aislin has spent a week preparing at clubs TAV Mattarona and TAV Cieli Aperti while the ISSF Olympic Trap events take place at Lonato.

On the training opportunities Italy offers Aislin explained.

"In Italy there are often a number of world class ranges within a one-hour radius. We can train on different ranges each day and we have been training with the USA team which has been great.

"Shotgun is a very important sport here. Many of the factories like Beretta are also here and I was very lucky to visit the factory and museum



Aislin is looking forwards to participating in the Marathon Pour Tous after the Olympics in Paris.

this trip, and sign my next four year contract."

Aislin represents Australia in ISSF Women's Skeet, a shotgun discipline requiring athletes to shoot 10cm clay targets flying at speeds approaching 100kmh – often in pairs which travel in opposing directions. She has less than 1.4 seconds to shoot both targets. It's fast, fun and very challenging.

Aislin can often be found training at Korumburra Gun Club where their state-of-the-art Laporte Skeet traps are very similar to the traps that will be used at the Olympic Games in Paris, though in club competition the targets are much slower.

Aislin was very happy with how her preparations were going in the lead up to the World Cup, with fine tuning in the early Italian summer a much better option than trying to train for a summer Olympics in the Victorian

winter conditions experienced in the last week or so.

Aislin's event commenced Saturday, but final results won't be known before print, with the individual competition taking place over three days. Fifty targets each day for the first two days and a final 25 targets on day three. Mixed teams will take place on day four, which will see Aislin compete again with Sydney shooter Josh Bell, her partner for their bronze medal at the Baku World Cup.

To help cover unpaid leave and expenses Aislin is excited to have been offered the opportunity to take part in the Aussie Athlete Fund's Million Dollar Challenge powered by Ampol. The challenge pairs 100 athletes with 100 businesses with the goal to raise \$10,000 each to assist them to pursue their chosen sport.

Driven by five-time Olympian Natalie Cook (Gold – Beach Volleyball) as a result

of her experience of the challenge funding her sporting career, it is an opportunity to assist 100 athletes to achieve their goals. Tax deductible donations can be made at asf.org.au/projects/aislin-jones/aislin-jones-to-paris-beyond

While taking part in the training camp she has also been out running on the shores of Lake Garda as she prepares to fulfill her plan to run her first Marathon in the 'Marathon Pour Tous' at the conclusion of the Olympic Games. Jones has been fortunate to gain a place in the event for the international public.

The event will be run on the Olympic marathon course overnight, while the course and security are still in place, with the Eiffel Tower and other landmarks spectacularly lit up.

Commencing at 9pm on August 10, the event will be split 50:50 with 10,012 women and 10,012 men selected by ballot offered the opportunity to take part out of over 400,000 aspirants.

Aislin took part in the ballot but was offered a place as a Rio Olympian. She previously ran in the 24 kilometre event at Hallora in December with her mum Lynne and aims to return to the Warraul event in December 2024.

Aislin has been busy training at home on the rail trail and at DF Fitness in Leongatha, with physical fitness being a very important part of her preparation for both her shooting events and her debut marathon.

South Gippsland Bridge Club

June 11: at Wonthaggi RSL.
Eleven pairs competing.
Master Point winners:

First: Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson with 62.04 per cent average board score. Second: Matti Shub and John Quayle 60.19. Third: Alan Johnston and Mike Dooley 55.56. Third: Maureen Stiles and Hannah Martin 55.56. Fifth: Ruth Harvey and Sue Edwards 54.63. Fifth: Clive Hope and Faye Rowlands 54.63.

June 14: at Inverloch Angling Cub.
North/South point winners:

First: Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 58.09. Second: John French and Deb Anglim 56.20. Third: Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson 54.07.

East/West point winners:

First: Matti Shub and John Quayle with an excellent 65.13 average. Second: Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 58.18. Third: Moya Crowley and Mike Dooley 50.10.

The club salutes and acknowledges with many thanks long time player and Grand Master, John Sutton.

He has decided with great reluctance to retire from competing after providing much appreciated teaching and service for many years.

His playing partners and opponents will certainly miss his wisdom, competition and guile.

Footy coach who defrauded teammates awaits sentence

A FORMER local football coach, who took advantage of his position and the trust he'd developed with employers and teammates to defraud them of \$700,000, will return to Melbourne County Court for sentencing on Thursday this week, June 20.

Dean Pipicelli, a former coach and player at the Kilcunda-Bass Football Netball Club, pleaded guilty last Tuesday, June 11 to eight counts of obtaining financial advantage by deception, over a 12-month period, in 2019 and 2020, principally to feed a gambling addiction.

The court heard that Pipicelli had over 4500 Sportsbet transactions during the period, using the proceeds mainly from fraudulent timber purchase arrangements, some of which involved his teammates.

In one of the incidents, Pipicelli misrepresented a business opportunity to one of his star players, before receiving deposits of \$123,400 from the victim, allegedly to purchase timber from his employer, indicating the 'loan' and profits would be paid back periodically.

Another of the charges related to signing a contract with a private building company for the supply of \$220,000 worth of timber from his employer, while pocketing deposits in the sum of \$93,081 for himself.

He also pleaded guilty to taking an amount of \$150,000 from his employer, supposed to go towards the purchase of a \$245,000 block of land for the victim in Coronet Bay.

A further charge arose out of an incident in which he encouraged another team mate to invest \$142,000 into a scheme, buying timber at wholesale prices and on-selling it for a profit of \$1000 per timber pack which was to be paid back periodically to the victim. Pipicelli simply took the money himself to chase his gambling losses.

The poorly conceived Ponzi-style scheme started to unravel when one of the victims reported the incident to the police and also notified Pipicelli's employer.

Appointed as Kilcunda-Bass' senior coach in September 2019, he resigned in May 2020 for "personal reasons".

In a victim's impact statement read to the court, his former employer said the incidents had impacted her financially and emotionally, and had affected her health and relationships.

She said she had been "naïve and trusting" of her employee Pipicelli, with the stolen funds supposed to be set aside for financial security and retirement.

The court heard Pipicelli was estranged from his family since the events of 2019 and 2020 and that it had also impacted his mental health.

He was remanded in custody awaiting sentencing later this week.



Mark Hanrahan (S), Laurie Bell (3), Brenda Moloney (2) and Aggie Gratton (L) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners.



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's best one game winners were Steve Edge (S), Wendy Pownall (3), David Talbot (2) and Alan Weeden (L).



Betty Huitema, Lia Smith, Marg Hender and Fred Demenech were Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls' Friday winners.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday winners were Frank Seaton, Amanda Gray and Aldo Sartori.



Messrs. Terry Hall and Klaus Edel were on hand at Inverloch last Thursday to graciously accept the donation from the Inverloch Bowls Club's "Bowl Over Cancer" Day.



Winners at the Bowl Over Cancer Day at the Inverloch Bowls Club last Thursday were, from left, Judy Caughey (lead), Carol Hughes (third) and Neil Everitt (skip) with 32 points.

FOSTER

IT WASN'T looking very good at the start of the week, but the wet weather held off enough for this month's Triples. The sun actually made an appearance while we were inside having lunch!

Our sponsors for the day were Foster Pharmacy and Duesburys Accountants.

A big thank you to them both for their continued support.

We had a good roll up of 14 teams. And at the end of the day there was two, three game winners. They were equal on points, but on shots up, the winners were, Ian McLeod, Kelvin Park and Don Cripps with 21 shot up. And the runners-up with 18 shots up were Mark and Maureen Taylor and Norm Cooper.

The Encouragement prize went to the team of Daryl Talmash, Alex Crouch and Malcolm Ellis.

Our next Winter Triples will be on Thursday July 11, 10am start. Phone Noleen McGlead 0427 928 542 to enter a team!

Saturday Social Bowls has been ticking over also. With a regular turn up of players each week. Names into the club by 12.30pm for a 1pm start time. Phone 5682 2061.

INVERLOCH

INVERLOCH Bowls Club hosted its annual "Bowl Over Cancer" day on Thursday, June 13.

The aim of the day was to provide support to the Cancer Unit at the Wonthaggi Hospital through funding for the purchase of another three Dinamap Carescape Monitors to supplement the existing three that are in the unit already.

The day raised approximately \$3000, which was matched by the Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary (IFA), all of which will be directed toward the purchase of Dinamap "Nurse On a Stick".

machines for the Cancer Unit.

IFA representatives Klaus Edel (secretary) and Terry Hall (treasurer) were on hand to accept the funds from the club with Mr Terry Hall stating that the funds will go a long way in supplying an additional three Dinamap machines for the Cancer Unit at the Wonthaggi Hospital, where there is an urgent need for their installation.

This funding would not be achievable without the support of the many corporate sponsors who donated goods towards the day and they were: The Cape Tavern - Cape Paterson, The Invy Hotel, Inverloch Par 3 Golf and Café, Leongatha RSL, That Eco Place - Inverloch, Paul The Pieman - Inverloch, Terry White Chemist - Inverloch, Monacel-lars - Morwell, Mitre 10 - Inverloch and Alex Scott and Staff - Inverloch.

Added to this list is all the volunteers from the club who readily gave of their time and effort in ensuring that the day went off without a hitch.

Thank you one and all. So, to the bowls.

Despite the mostly cool and overcast conditions, some 50 bowlers turned up the support the "Bowl Over Cancer" day, which comprised two games of 10 ends each.

Only three teams were good enough to register two wins each with the hard luck story of the day going to the team of Ron Burge (skip), Di Selby (third), Jack Miller (second) and Angela Smith (lead) with wins of 10/9 and 13/6 scoring 31 points. The runner-up and winning teams both scored 32 points from their respective two games, shots up were required to separate the two remaining teams.

Runners-up with seven shots up and wins of 11/8 and 12/8 were John Hallas (S), Peter Shaw (third), George Scott (second) and Fred Martin (L).

The winners, with two wins, 32 points and 16 shots up were Neil Everitt (S), Carol Hughes (third) and Judy Caughey (L).

It was good to see Jack Miller back on the green and also Bob Davis who rolled in to look over the goings on.

On Friday, June 14, the club's membership draw took place where \$200 was up for grabs.

The random number generator drew membership number 96, belonging to Barbara Houston who regrettably was not in the clubhouse.

This means that the next draw, to be held on June 28, will jackpot to \$220.

The wine went to Member 127, Betty Marshall, while the major winners of the lucky envelopes were Rob Howard and Carol Waters.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Next Friday evening, June 21, is the fortnightly dinner where Neil and Reg will entertain all attendees with lots of prizes on the biggest spinning wheel in town.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

FOLLOWING a wet winter week of terrible weather, Thursday started off very threatening.

However, 31 bowlers braved the elements to once again fight it out for team of the week.

The weather held throughout the day with no rain and virtually no wind.

It may have been a bit cold, but it was a great day overall.

The green was in excellent condition, but it still surprised a few players who had some trouble with it.

The bowlers were welcomed to Lang Lang by Pauline and John, who signed everyone in.

Peter and David arranged the teams and completed the scoring at the end of play.

Marianne and Colin looked after our thirsty bowlers when needed.

One or two wrong bias bowls, but it's great to see the Royal Children's Hospital tin filling up through the year.

The quality of bowls was once again first rate.

The winners on 37 points were Mark Hanrahan (S), Laurie Bell (3), Brenda Moloney (2) and Aggie Gratton (L).

Runners up on 33 points were Nick Arnold (S), Derek Fenn (3) and Peter McWilliams (L).

Best one game on 22 points were Steve Edge (S), Wendy Pownall (3), David Talbot (2) and Alan Weeden (L).

A big thank you to Vern for clearing the green after the game.

Also, thank you to Marianne, Colin and Laurie for kitchen duty and cleaning up after the game.

Next week, the bowlers will be meeting at San Remo as unfortunately, Corinella will have no electricity for the day.

The group looks forward to seeing everyone by 10am to allow for a 10.30am start of play.

Till then stay safe and have fun.

WONTHAGGI

WINTER has arrived.

Wednesday was a washout, with Saturday being the only day for bowls.

A fine but cold day greeted 36 bowlers, which suited two games of triples over 10 ends.

There were four two game winners with three cards being a very close result.

The winners were decided on shots up.

The winners were Frank Seaton, Amanda Gray and Aldo Sartori with a score of two wins, 33 points and 12 shots up.

Runners up were John Gililand, Caroline Donohue and Charlie Wright with a score of two wins, 33 points and 10 shots

up. The unlucky team was Stan Noad, Heather Blanch and Rod Beech with a score of two wins, 32 points and 23 shots up.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

The club would like names in by 11.30am to help with the teams.

The club has been busy with repairs and other things that need attention.

Wayne Mattock has as always been on call and is a great asset for the club.

Don't forget the members draw on Friday night at 6pm.

This week the total stands at \$220 and you have to be there.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

A REMINDER that next week on Friday, June 21, the club is having an extraordinary meeting to elect a new committee.

All members are encouraged to attend - remember, this is your club.

Another enjoyable week of bowling with a total of 43 players competing.

On Tuesday, there were 23 players.

The winners with a plus 19 were Ken Peterson, Phylis Peterson, Helen Rook and Jim Rodhi.

Runners up on plus 12 were Pat Smith, Rhonda Rattenbury, Sylvia Mattock and John Rook both teams won two games each.

On Friday, there were 21 players with all teams winning one game each.

The winning team with a plus 13 were Betty Huitema, Marg Hender, Lia Smith and Fred Demenech, defeating their opponents who did not score for the entire match.

Runners up on plus nine were Barb Culph, Laurie Culph and John Postlethwaite.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, June 5: Stableford: Five players. Winner: Steve Rose (10) 32 points.

NTPs: first Steve Duffield and 13th Peter Van Agtmaal.

Thursday, June 13:

Stableford: 13 players.

Winner: Jaarl Enbom (15) 42 points.

NTPs: first Wayne Knights, seventh Tim Fowles, 10th Peter Johnson and 13th Peter Van Agtmaal.

Saturday, June 15:

Sponsor: Neil Spargo.

Par: 38 players.

A Grade: Neil Spargo +3.

B Grade: Wayne Knights.

NTPs: first Zac Scholte, seventh Paul Hopkins, 10th Walter Hutton and 13th Paul Hopkins.

Ladies

THE recent rain and cold weather did not deter the small group of golfers last Wednesday.

Jenny Blackmore (23) was again top of the leaderboard, finishing with a great 35 points.

Kim Enbom (41) was runner-up, 29 points.

On Friday, the club had two teams participate in Leongatha's Bowl and Deb Wrigley played well to win B Grade with 34 points.

There was a good field out on Saturday, playing the winter course so there were handicap changes.

Merrissa Cosson (13) had a lovely 38 points to win the competition and Shelley Snooks (22) had 35 points to be runner-up. BDTL went to Julie Hillberg (22) and Johanna van den Heiligenberg (13), both 33 points after a c/b.

NTPs were first Merrissa, 10th Johanna and 13th Julie.

LEONGATHA

THERE was no Tuesday golf due to inclement weather.

Thursday, June 13: Stableford.

Thursday's Stableford event had 47 members/guests taking to the course.

At a 9am shotgun start, players chose their preferred coloured tee.

A Grade winner: Peter Clingin (14) with a score of 39 points.

A Grade runner up: Mark Lafferty (3) with a score of 37 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Matthew Pearce (31) with the high score of the day with 40 points.

B Grade runner up: David Forbes (17) with a score of 38 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Peter Clingin at 2.65m. NTP 14th: Peter Brownlie at 1.69m. NTP 16th: Peter Brownlie at 3.34m.

Saturday, June 15: Par.

Saturday was a Par round off the blue winter tees with an excellent field of 81 members/guests enjoying course conditions and quality results.

A Grade winner: Mark Billows (10) with a score of +3.

A Grade runner up: Philippe Du Plessis (7) with a score of +2.

B Grade winner: Martin Fuller (15) with a score of +3 on a countback.

B Grade runner up: Mark Anderson (12) with a score of +3.

C Grade winner: Michael Wrigley (21) with a score of 0 on a countback.

C Grade runner up: Peter Read (17) with a score of 0.

D Grade winner: Miles Wrigley (23) with the high score of the day of +7.

D Grade runner up: Michelle Richards (23) with a score of +3.

NTP fifth second shot: Paul Deery at 2.94m. NTP 14th: Grant Richards at 2.00m. NTP 16th: Mark Anderson at .72m.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: June 13, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Ian Murrells 36.

Runner up: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 34. BDTL to 33.

Ball sweep: Philip McCrimmon 34, Graeme Crawford 34, Chris Wilkinson 33 and Bruce Betts 33.

Results: June 13, SR. 34.5.

Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.

Winner: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 17. R/up: Blake Cornelis 16.

BDTL to 15.

Ball sweep: Ian Murrells 16, Paul Cornelis 16 and Secondo Tiziani 15.

Results: June 15, S.R 71.

Competition: three or four person Ambrose.

Overall winners: Craig and Bailey Harvey, Geoff Prowd and Steven Brann 59.

R/up: Heath Dobbie, Scott Williams and Dean Williams 59.167.

Ball sweep: Robbie Geyer, Les Brewer, Neil Edwards and Ross Yann 59.375, Ross Lovett, Ian Gilmour, Stephen Kane and Geoff Huther, 60.5, Brad Andrew, Allan McLean and Neil Waters 60.833, Cohen Van Der Velde, Brendon Stapleton, Bernard Cashman and Jamie Naismith 62, and Phillip Studham, Glen Moresco, Ian Baker and John Geyer 62.125.

Eagle: Ross Yann 11th.

NTPs: Paul Cornelis second, Neil Waters fourth, Allan Mclean propin eighth, Craig Harvey 13th and Ian Johnson money hole 17th.

Ladies

GOLF can be played all year round, but it certainly was a challenge after 52 mils of rain dropping on the course overnight, coupled with the Arctic winds on the day.

However, a small bunch of hardy souls turned up to give it a go.

While the scores reflected the difficulty, the winner was Catherine Bolding (18) with a credible 30 points.

BDL went to Patsy Britt 28 and Simone Lindsay 17th.

NTP on eighth was Catherine Bolding and 17th Simone Lindsay.

The nine-hole winner was Wendy Cross 14 points.

Mixed

SUNDAY was a fun day of Canadian Foursomes for 17 pairs of enthusiastic members.

A huge thank you to the generous sponsors Haymes Paint Shop Wonthaggi for their generous support.

The winners were the pair of Layla Robertson and Bailey Harvey who again teamed well to post the best result 89 (18) 71 net.

The runner-up prize was won on countback by team captain Ian Baker and Marg Johnson 81 (6.375) 74.625 from team captain Catherine Bolding and Andrew Hooton-Shandley 87 (12.375) 74.625.

BDL went to Norm Burne and Patsy Britt 75.875, Mat and Donna Brosnan 76.25, Rob and Kathy Geyer 76.75, and Craig Harvey and Wendy Cross 76.875.

NTP collected on day went to 13th John Geyer and 17th Bailey Harvey.



Brian Twite with the winners of Brian Twite Bowl Marg Ryan, Dawn Judkins and Patsy Britt of Wonthaggi.

Wonthaggi win Brian Twite Bowl



The Grade winners of the Brian Twite Bowl Debbie Wrigley and Elly Berryman with Brian Twite. Absent: Dawn Judkins.

by Wonthaggi Golf Club with an aggregate score of 100 points.

An excellent score from Dawn Judkins of 40 points put the team in an excellent position.

Patsy Britt had 35 points and Marg Ryan 25 points.

Elly Berryman from Woorayl Golf Club took out the A Grade honours with 36 points, a top effort in heavy conditions.

Korumburra Golf Club player Debbie Wrigley won B Grade, on a count back with 33 points and of course the excellent

score from Dawn Judkins (Wonthaggi Golf Club) won her the C Grade prize.

Down the line balls went to Mary Whelan (Phillip Island Golf Club) 35 points, Sheila Constantine 35 points (Meenyan Golf Club), Kay Dumbleton, Fay Quilford and Bronwyn Debenham all on 35 and all from Leongatha Golf Club.

Elly Berryman had a day out on the greens, second shot on the fifth and closest on the 14th, and Kylie Collins (Foster Golf Club) was nearest on the 16th.



Winner Catherine Bolding was still trying to keep out the wind at the Wonthaggi Golf Club.



The winning pair of Wonthaggi Golf Club's mixed competition was Bailey Harvey and Layla Robertson.

Gippsland Soccer League shines at 2024 CFLA Country Champs



GSL U14 Girls Edith Rowbottom vs Albury Wodonga.



GSL U12 Boys Harry Sivori vs Bendigo.



GSL U14 Girls Addisyn Stubbs vs Geelong.



GSL U18 Boys Oscar Murdoch vs Sunryasia.



GSL U18 Girls Lisse Bath vs Latrobe Valley.



GSL U12 Boys Captain Sebastian Stellmach vs Bendigo.

OVER the King's Birthday long weekend 69 players from across the Gippsland Soccer League made the eight-hour journey up to Mildura to represent the league at the annual CFLA Country Championships. Across the three days over 200 games are played as representative teams from rural leagues across the state play each other across several age groups.

This year the GSL proudly fielded teams in the U12 Boys, U14 Girls, U15 Boys, U18 Boys and for the first time in league history; U18 Girls age groups.

Facing tough competition from larger regional leagues, the GSL teams played well. Some notable match moments include:

U12 Boys – A final match against local team Sunraysia proved a nail biter as Drouin's Jonah Bennet scored a lovely goal in the first half and converted a penalty in the second half to finish a draw. Goalkeeper Henry Kennedy pulled off some incredible saves.

U14 Girls – In their first match played in thick fog, the U14 Girls took on neighbouring league LVSL with Wonthaggi's Aurora Laing making some critical saves and despite some excellent attacking play from Phillip Island's Edith Rowbottom the game finished a draw.

U15 Boys – In their second match up against Sunraysia (the favoured team to win) the U15 Boys came back from 3-1 to 3-3 during the game. Goalkeeper Mirboo North's Raiden Knabe's reflexes paired with centre back and captain Lincoln Newton proved critical in denying a strong lead to the home team. Whilst their opponent eventually took the win, the GSL team can be proud of their strong work ethic.

U18 Boys – Despite several injuries and general fatigue, the GSL U18s played their best game of the tournament against South-West Victoria in their last fixture. Converting an early penalty, the Gippsland team took the lead and continued to pepper their opponent's defence. Leongatha's Lincoln Hamilton, who had an exceptional tournament performance in goals, along with strong centre back Drouin's Thomas Lilford, were critical in denying South-West's speedy forward. A beautiful finish by Leongatha's Oscar Murdoch saw the teams equalise 2-2 but a late goal to the opposition saw them take the win.

U18 Girls – In their final match against neighbours LVSL, the Gippsland girls pulled out all the stops. Despite conceding an unfortunate early goal, a beautiful goal from GSL forward Lisse Bath sent cheers through the crowd. The defence worked hard against a strong, composed opponent. Despite the game ending 3-1 to their opponents, the first time GSL side proved themselves to be competitors to look out for at further tournaments.

The Gippsland Soccer League would like to thank all the players for their dedication to extra training sessions leading up to the championships, to their parents for their support and the coaches who volunteered their time and skills to enable this opportunity for our players.

Winning streak ends for Gippsland Under 18s

ON SUNDAY the under 18's Gippsland United football club hosted third on the ladder Ashburton, the lads were keen for another win to keep the streak going however from the first whistle it was clear Ashburton were hungrier for the win. Although the Gippsland lads showed snippets of good play in the first half it was Ashburton's Aiden O'Flynn that put four unanswered goals past our keeper, three of which were from the Gippsland defence making minor errors, with Ashburton quick speed up front.

At the half time break GUFC Technical Director put the challenge to the boys and revved them all up, and from the start of the second half the Gippsland boys showed a lot more composure and more importantly intensity to win the ball.

Although most of the second half saw the play in our forward half, we were unable to find the back of the net, having only two shots on target in the first half. We had six shots at goal and on target to Ashburton's three shots. Levi Colantuono played well in the midfield winning lots of 1v1's and delivering the ball to teammate's feet, while Abraham Konyi was solid in defence stopping numerous attacking opportunities from his opponents. Ben McCartney was placed up front and provided lots of options. Leeton Hilli, Nicolas Nardone, Spencer Boughton and Jed Foster lifted in the second half; this also inspired the rest of the team.

Ashburton were lucky to score late in the second half with the final whistle sounding Ashburton 5 Gippsland United 0

This Sunday we are on the road again to face top of the table Ringwood for a 3PM kick off.



Gippsland United U18s Captain Abraham Konyi two votes (Domino's Pizza voucher), Levi Colantuono three votes (best on ground medal) and Ben McCartney one vote.

Under 12's Langwarrin vs GUFC

They say that to be the best, you need to beat the best. With Langwarrin holding top spot on the ladder, this was GUFC's first real test against the best in the league.

Despite an interrupted preparation with two weeks off due to a bye and a forfeit, GFCU had won their last three encounters, and should have been coming in full of confidence.

Form, however, is often fleeting and so it was that within minutes, Langwarrin went 1-0 up with a flukey goal that reared up awkwardly past the keeper. Given that the pitch was like a turnip paddock no one could fault the keeper in this instance.

As has often been the case against sides of notoriety, the GUFC u12's were again giving the opposition way too much respect, fearing more about being scored against, than trying

to score themselves. This only further played into the hands of Langwarrin who were dominating the midfield despite Bailey's penetrating goal kicks.

After conceding the early goal, GUFC were well in the contest up until half time. Without an actual shot at goal, however, there was very little

to write home about. Will Calabro was occasionally able to break the line and while able to make good territory down the wing, he had little support moving forward in the middle of the pitch and without anyone to cross to, his efforts were largely in vain.

Langwarrin were dominating most positions over the park so the half time whistle couldn't come soon enough, with the GUFC fans hoping for more in the second half.

Unfortunately, at the return of play it was more of the same, Langwarrin taking full control of play and making GUFC look

pretty ordinary. Langwarrin would score again early in the second half and without some quality keeping from Brock the scoreline could have been much worse. Never a good sign when your goalie needs to be treated for leather poisoning halfway through the second half.

To say that Brock had a day out would be an understatement, one particular airborne diving save to his left even had the Langwarrin supporters clapping, it was that good! Team GUFC can largely thank Brock that they were able to walk away with the score line of only 3-0.

With a degree of complacency and over confidence creeping in to the team mindset, the coaches and players alike will be hoping that this could be the wake-up call that inspires a greater degree of focus and commitment to training and game time going forward.

Gippsland Soccer League Fixture

GSL Round 8 Results – June 15 & 16

Senior Mens: Drouin Dragons Maroon 3 d Trafalgar Victory 2, Phillip Island Breakers 8 d Lang Lang United 1, Leongatha Knights 3 d Inverloch Stars 2

Senior Womens: Drouin Dragons Maroon 2 d Trafalgar Victory 1, Phillip Island Breakers 7 d Lang Lang United 0, Inverloch Stars 2 d Leongatha Knights 1, Wonthaggi United 4 d Mirboo North United 1

Mens Reserves: Trafalgar Victory 2 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1, Korumburra City 5 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 1, Inverloch Stars 5 d Leongatha Knights 0

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 7 d Drouin Dragons White 4, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 5 d Phillip Island Stingrays 0

Under 14 Mixed: Korumburra City 8 d Phillip Island Stingrays 2, Wonthaggi United 4 d Mirboo North United 1, Inverloch Stars 3 d Leongatha Knights 2

Under 13 Girls: Korumburra City 4 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1, Wonthaggi United 2 d Phillip Island Breakers 1

Under 12a Mixed: Phillip Island Stingrays 7 d Korumburra City 1, Drouin Dragons Maroon 6 d Trafalgar Victory 0

Under 12b Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 8 d Korumburra City 2, Phillip Island Sharks 8 d Lang Lang United 2, Inverloch Stars 4 d Leongatha Knights 0, Mirboo North United 5 d Wonthaggi United 0

GSL Round 9 Fixture – Sunday June 23

Senior Mens – 3pm

Drouin Dragons Maroon V Lang Lang United, Phillip Island Breakers V Trafalgar Victory, Leongatha Knights V Korumburra City

Senior Womens – 1pm

Drouin Dragons Maroon V Lang Lang United, Mirboo North United V Inverloch Stars, Phillip Island Breakers V Trafalgar Victory

Mens Reserves – 1pm

Leongatha Knights V Korumburra City, Phillip Island Breakers V Trafalgar Victory

Under 17 Mixed – 9.30am

Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island Stingrays, Phillip Island Penguins V Drouin Dragons White, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Wonthaggi United

Under 14 Mixed – 11.20am

Leongatha Knights V Korumburra City, Mirboo North United V Inverloch Stars, Phillip Island Stingrays V Wonthaggi United

Under 13 Girls – 8.30am

Leongatha Knights V Korumburra City, Drouin Dragons Maroon V Wonthaggi United

Under 12a Mixed – 10am

Leongatha Knights V Korumburra City, Phillip Island Penguins V Trafalgar Victory, Phillip Island Stingrays V Wonthaggi United

Under 12b Mixed – 11.30am

Drouin Dragons Yellow V Lang Lang United, Leongatha Knights V Korumburra City, Mirboo North United V Inverloch Stars, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Wonthaggi United

MiniRoos – Saturday June 22

Bass Coast Hub are playing at Inverloch from 9am

South Gippsland Hub are playing at Trafalgar from 9.15am

Knights Under 8s take on Trafalgar



Ernie Eddy demonstrates his footwork for the Leongatha Knights in the U8s match against Trafalgar.



Korumburra City's Mason Surace boots the ball down the field in the U8s match against the Leongatha Knights.



Ernie Eddy cleverly dribbles the ball by his opponent in the Leongatha Knights' U8s match.



Mirboo North teammates Elky Stoertbecker and Jax Taylor share the ball in the U6 match.



Leongatha Knights' Austin Sandhosh avoids his opponent Lex Thomas and keeps possession of the ball in the U8s match.

Kimmings wins the jolliest player

WONTHAGGI Table Tennis regular competition was put on hold to honour the birthday of our wonderful head of state, King Charles. How else to celebrate English royalty but with a table tennis tournament, a game patented by our 19th century aristocratic overlords. No doubt one day our Head of State will prove he's dinkum with an excursion down under that should include grilling prawns, spilling vowels, kicking torpedoes and visiting our neighbourly Traralgon, host of the Victorian Table Tennis Country Week Championships.

So, 12 Whiff Whaffers representing Wonthaggi in B1, B2, D1 and E1 grades ventured across to Traralgon with both King and Union Jack in our hearts, his mum in our wallets and hope that one day modern royalty will again matter.

A near famous sage from the Cape Tavern drunk tank reminded us that sporting success, if not winning the top shield, is building towards it. After three days locking paddles with the colossal table tennis hubs of large Victorian towns, Wonthaggi players returned better players, mostly with a higher ranking. A success indeed.

The trio of Charley "Rocketballs" Donohue, Lee Lee "Boom Boom Backhand" Costello and Leigh "the Great Wall of Wonthaggi" Allenby were especially outstanding winning the E1 grade.

Charley and Justin Licens won leading players in the E1 and B1 grades respectively. A superb effort.

Honourable mention to David Kimmings for winning the jolliest player.



Dave crosses the finish line at Grand Ridge Parkrun.

Twenty-one runners take on the crispy morning air

YET again the light shone through the trees early(ish) on Saturday morning and the locals gathered with smiles and greetings to participate in the 196th parkrun event at Grand Ridge Rail Trail. We had some participants use the event as training for cross country and others enjoying the active catch-up with friends. Overall, 21 people attended.

The wet trail kept it interesting, and we needed to be mindful of where our stride landed. We welcomed first-timers and congratulated others on reaching their personal goals and working towards milestones. Ideas were shared over coffee at Jimmy Jams about the upcoming 200th event at Grand Ridge Rail Trail and how we might celebrate the highlight of our Saturday mornings.

As always thank you to our volunteers who enjoy making sure these events happen every week in Mirboo North; Greg Lawrence, Darcy Linforth, Melita Ludekens, Jodie Pincini, Carmel Quirk, Marissa Shields, Steve Quirk, Rongshang Zhang and Julia Groves.

Wildcats shine on the court

AS BASKETBALL heads into its off-season, Korumburra Basketball Association is looking ahead and hoping for a three-peat in the women's Country Basketball League.

Korumburra Basketball Association has had a lot to celebrate over the years and its reputation as a starting point for some of the state's best continues to grow.

"One of our main successes is our women's program," the association's director of coaching Bill Jeffs said.

"It's been running here for a long, long time. Our women's team won the VJBL way back when. We've had Sharon Deacon (nee Amiet) come through here and become the vice-captain of the Australian Women's Team in the World Championships and the Olympics. We had Wendy Smith become a member of the Victorian State Team in the Australian National Championships in 1981.

"When I first came up here in 1974, there was a women's domestic competition and out of that, some of those girls ended up being selected. We have had a huge history of success."

Most recently, the Country Basketball League (CBL) squad enjoyed premiership wins in 2022 and 2023.

A squad of girls coached by CBL player Chloe Hogg has also had a fantastic run in the Junior Country Champ tournaments since 2022.

"We won our first Division 1 as U16s in 2022. It was really unexpected, especially from a small town. We were the underdogs going up against teams like Bendigo and Ballarat. It was really good to see the kids gel together – they really showed their team spirit, which is what helped them get across the line," Chloe said.

"The following year, those kids were pretty much all bottom age U18s and we won Division 1.

"Now they are playing with me in CBL. It's a really interesting experience to have kids I coached come up and play alongside me and win a championship together."

This year, Korumburra Basketball Association saw its U12 girls become Division 3 champs, and its U14s boys Division 2 champs.

The U16 girls were also the U16 champs in Division 2 in 2023.

The association is continuing to put a lot of effort into its young squads and is seeing rewards through selections to state teams.

Most notably, Phillip Island's Joel Robinson was selected for the U17 Australian squad.

Joel represented Korumburra in VJBL in the U14 and U16 sides.

Korumburra Basketball Association has been well represented at a national level in recent years.

Representatives of the association – both players and coaches – have been selected to play in the National Championships on the Victoria Country State Teams in the last three years.



Korumburra Basketball Association's women's team have won the CBL premiership two years in a row.



Chloe Hogg has been instrumental in coaching Korumburra Basketball Association's promising young players.



Korumburra Basketball Association's U14 boys were the Division 2 champions in the Junior Country Championships.

The association supports its players going through the Future Development/State Development Program.

Korumburra players have been selected in teams to participate in high performance pathway programs including State Combine, Southern Cross Cup Tou, Golden Nugget trials, Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup (ACJBC), and Country Metro Challenge.

Chloe has been coaching for eight years and is now involved in the National Performance Program.

She has enjoyed watching local players excel.

"It's like watching your own kids grow up – it's such a surreal feeling," she said.

"You get to know these kids

really well – not just from a basketball perspective, but on a personal level – and it's awesome to see them compete at their best. It's really nice to see the kids' progress and to watch all that hard work pay off."

The association has also received accolades at the Basketball Victoria Country Awards in recent years.

It was named Small Association of the Year, and also received 2022 Male Coach of the Year, Female Coach of the Year and the Social Media Award.

Although in the off-season now, the association is looking forward to its 39th Korumburra Basketball Association Tournament to be held in October.

This will come off the back of a highly successful 2023, which attracted 139 teams, and 1522 registered players, coaches and team managers.

The association's own membership numbers are healthy with 346 registered junior domestic players, 100 senior domestic players, 125 junior representatives and 66 VJBL players.

Korumburra Basketball Association is also looking forward to its upcoming rep season, another domestic season in August, Aussie Hoops and CBL.

The club is run by volunteers and is able to offer so many programs and opportunities for juniors due to the help of recreation centre manager Adam Smith.



Tayla Tatterson was lively in the forward line.

Bonbeach prevail over Breakers

THE Breakers welcomed top of the ladder Bonbeach for their Saturday twilight match.

The home side came out firing with some great team play which was finished off by Sophie Bolding putting one through the big sticks. Not to be outdone Tayla Tatterson added herself to the highlight reel with a beautiful snap from the boundary.

With two goals apiece both teams went into the second quarter with some confidence. However, while the Breakers did plenty of attacking it was Bonbeach who were able to utilise their opportunities, benefiting from the space of the big ground and opening up a half time lead.

Having another solid performance in the ruck, Sophie McCracken-Evans was playing around the ground like a midfielder and added goal kicker to her resume with a lovely goal on the run.

Gaby Hynes continues to improve and played an important role at both ends of the ground. Vic Jaskula is another youngster who is growing in confidence each week and having a real impact at the stoppages.



Jen Pumphrey contests for the ball.

Happy with the team's performance so far coach Ella Angarane set the team a goal of winning the last quarter and the players got the memo. Lifting their intensity the Breakers worked hard to keep the ball in their forward line.

Ella Cargill provided a great forward target all game and after giving off a few throughout the match was rewarded with a goal.

Despite keeping Bonbeach scoreless in the last quarter, it wasn't enough to peg back the score.

Final Score: Bonbeach 6.3-39 def Bass Coast 4.5-29

Goals: Sophie Bolding, Tayla Tatterson, Ella Cargill, Sophie McCracken-Evans.

Best: Sophie Bolding, Jenna Russo, Ella Cargill, Sophie McCracken-Evans, Gaby Hynes.

Next week the Breakers travel to Balnarring for a Friday night clash against Cerberus/Balnarring.

Female Football Forum to bring stakeholders together

AFL Gippsland and Female Football Gippsland are proud to announce the upcoming second Female Football Forum, scheduled for Monday June 24. The forum aims to bring together football stakeholders to actively participate in the growth potential of girls and women's football in the Gippsland region.

The forum commencing at 6.30pm will feature a range of interactive discussions and activities, including a statistical overview of the current state of the game in Gippsland, a SWOT analysis to identify strengths,

weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, and the establishment of priorities for the short, medium, and long term.

Participants will also have the opportunity to join Female Football Forum Working Groups, where they can collaborate and develop plans for reporting back and actioning the identified priorities.

"We are excited to host the second Female Football Forum and continue the important conversation around the growth of girls and women's football in our region," said AFL Gippsland Region Manager, Tim Cotter.

"By coming together and working collaboratively, we can ensure that the game continues to flourish and provide opportunities for all participants."

The forum will be held at the Mowtell Bowls Club and online, with full details available on the AFL Gippsland website aflgippsland.com.au/gathering-round. Those interested in attending are encouraged to RSVP in advance to secure their spot.

For more information, please contact AFL Gippsland at info@aflgippsland.com.au.

Parrots gather to celebrate at Leongatha Premiership Reunion



Leongatha's 1964 Reserves premiership is celebrated by players Graeme Crofts, John Western, David Boag, Daryl Sullivan and Russell Trotman, who borrowed the Seniors' flag to mark the occasion. A13_2524



Members of Leongatha's 1964 Thirds premiership team Greg Fennell, Murray Leitch, Greg Fawcett, Brian McMaster, Tony Johnston and Graeme Hemming celebrated the 60th anniversary of that accomplishment. A12_2524



Members of Leongatha's 1964 Senior premiership winning side Neil McMaster, Bruce McKean, Alan Sperling, Fred Jungwirth, Phillip Shandley, Ken Boromeo and Kevin Howard (at front) celebrate the achievement at Saturday's reunion. A14_2524



Players from Leongatha's 2004 A Grade netball premiership team reunite to celebrate 20 years since the occasion, with Kate McCarthy, Jodie Arnup, Nat Anderson, Kate Browne and Sally Trease. A15_2524

MID GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Newborough 62 d Boolarra 49
Tawin 18 It Yinnar 71
Toora 45 It Foster 53
Mirboo Nth 42 It Morwell East 49

B GRADE

Thorpdale 31 It Hill End 66
Newborough 67 It Boolarra 69
Tawin 20 It Yinnar 59
Toora 34 It Foster 70
Mirboo Nth 48 It Morwell East 49

C GRADE

Thorpdale 12 It Hill End 56
Newborough 36 It Boolarra 49
Tawin 36 It Yinnar 44
Toora 40 d Foster 25
Mirboo Nth 34 d Morwell East 26

D GRADE

Thorpdale 11 It Hill End 40
Newborough 40 d Boolarra 21
Tawin 33 It Yinnar 38
Toora 30 d Foster 20
Mirboo Nth 30 It Morwell East 31

17 & UNDER

Newborough 20 It Boolarra 72
Mirboo Nth 22 d Morwell East 20

15 & UNDER

Newborough 18 It Boolarra 59
Tawin 6 It Yinnar 34
Toora 49 d Foster 6
Mirboo Nth 45 d Morwell East 8

13 & UNDER

Newborough 22 It Boolarra 33
Tawin 6 It Yinnar 34
Toora 37 d Foster 5

LADDERS

A GRADE

	%	pts
Yinnar	191.08	32
MDU	143.71	32
Fish Creek	160.00	30
Morwell East	121.60	30
Foster	105.35	24
Newborough	109.94	20
Boolarra	95.10	20
Mirboo North	91.38	20
Toora	88.40	16
Stony Creek	83.82	16
Tawin	61.94	4
Thorpdale	44.70	4

B GRADE

	%	pts
Foster	192.15	36
Fish Creek	168.49	32
Boolarra	141.58	32
Morwell East	117.66	28
Stony Creek	119.81	20
Yinnar	107.93	20
MDU	104.68	20
Mirboo North	104.14	20
Hill End	106.01	16
Newborough	97.61	12
Toora	90.09	12
Tawin	38.84	4
Thorpdale	36.87	0

C GRADE

	%	pts
Yinnar	181.59	36
MDU	145.88	32
Morwell East	124.79	28
Toora	126.94	24
Boolarra	120.08	24
Mirboo North	126.80	20
Newborough	117.74	20
Tawin	115.48	16
Hill End	110.78	16
Fish Creek	84.19	12
Stony Creek	80.71	12
Foster	71.10	12
Thorpdale	15.73	0

D GRADE

	%	pts
Fish Creek	178.54	36
Stony Creek	177.65	36
Yinnar	139.19	32
Toora	118.91	22
Morwell East	97.86	22
MDU	127.36	20
Newborough	129.84	16
Tawin	102.25	16
Boolarra	98.34	16
Mirboo North	98.68	14
Hill End	90.71	14
Foster	68.66	8
Thorpdale	15.27	0

17 & UNDER

	%	pts
Boolarra	225.69	36
Yinnar	206.57	32
Toora	169.36	32
Fish Creek	152.40	28
MDU	153.09	24
Hill End	75.56	24
Stony Creek	50.21	16
Newborough	52.66	12
Mirboo North	61.66	8
Morwell East	36.83	4

15 & UNDER

	%	pts
Toora	216.33	36
Boolarra	197.87	32
Hill End	161.15	30
MDU	202.41	28
Mirboo North	176.88	26
Yinnar	161.19	24
Stony Creek	100.54	20
Fish Creek	50.68	16
Foster	50.68	16
Newborough	52.73	12
Morwell East	42.99	8
Tawin	29.62	4

13 & UNDER

	%	pts
Yinnar	368.75	36
MDU	179.17	36
Boolarra	186.67	32
Hill End	194.05	28
Fish Creek	58.62	24
Newborough	88.81	20
Mirboo North	113.91	16
Tawin	93.84	16
Stony Creek	41.57	16
Toora	62.16	12
Foster	19.90	12



Mirboo North wing attack Jessica Holland gets her pass to goal attack Chloe Hogg.



Mirboo North wing attack Indi Eden considers her next pass.



Goal attack Chloe Hogg steadies herself in the A Grade match against Morwell East.



Dalyston's Abby Grenville controls the ball during the intense netball match against the Panthers.



Olivia Bramley (GD) and Gemma Thomas (GK) keep options limited for their Kilcunda-Bass opponent.



Kiahra Maloney secures a goal for Dalyston even with her Kilcunda-Bass opponent putting in a flying defence.

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	57	d Garfield 41
Phillip I.	50	It T-Dalmore 59
Dalyston	46	d K-Bass 39
Kor-Bena	16	It I-Kongwak 55
Koo Wee Rup	45	d Bunyip 39
Cora Lynn	50	d Warragul I. 31

B GRADE

	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	52	d Garfield 21
Phillip I.	24	d T-Dalmore 20
Dalyston	36	It K-Bass 17
Kor-Bena	33	It I-Kongwak 61
Koo Wee Rup	30	d Bunyip 40
Cora Lynn	41	d Warragul I. 37

C GRADE

	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	42	d Garfield 16
Phillip I.	13	It T-Dalmore 36
Dalyston	24	d K-Bass 35
Kor-Bena	24	It I-Kongwak 39
Koo Wee Rup	40	d Bunyip 32
Cora Lynn	32	d Warragul I. 27

D GRADE

	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	44	d Garfield 4
Phillip I.		



Kate McCarthy scores for Leongatha during the Parrots' massive B Grade win over Maffra, contributing 36 goals and named her side's best on the day. She also celebrated being a part of the club's 2004 A Grade premiership. A23_2524



Mackenzie Fort leaps in defence against Buln Buln. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Bethany Scott seizes the ball for Leongatha as the Parrots soar towards B Grade success over Maffra. A25_2524



Lily Scott has the ball for Leongatha as Maffra's Abbie Ross charges to the scene during the last quarter of the Parrots' victory in B Grade. A24_2524



Tanasha Walters sends the ball into Nyora's attacking end.



Tiana Heylen narrowed the margin after converting this shot at the goal.

ELLINBANK

RESULTS

A GRADE

Buln Buln 49 d Poowong 42
Yarragon 48 d Lang Lang 45
Ellinbank 46 It Neerim Sth 47
Trafalgar 39 It N-Darnum 61

B GRADE

Buln Buln 56 d Poowong 21
Yarragon 22 It Lang Lang 44
Nyora 43 It Catani 46
Ellinbank 57 d Neerim Sth 39
Trafalgar 36 d N-Darnum 28

C GRADE

Buln Buln 46 d Poowong 27
Yarragon 31 It Lang Lang 43
Nyora 13 It Catani 65
Ellinbank 37 It Neerim Sth 40
Trafalgar 31 It N-Darnum 40

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	173.80	36	Catani	252.13	36
Nilma-Darnum	154.60	32	Poowong	196.20	34
Ellinbank	143.06	24	Trafalgar	155.46	32
Trafalgar	107.05	16	Yarragon	188.42	30
Lang Lang	92.67	16	Nilma-Darnum	150.86	24
Yarragon	91.08	16	Longwarry	134.30	24
Buln Buln	90.50	16	Ellinbank	73.40	16
Poowong	81.71	12	Lang Lang	81.97	12
Longwarry	64.06	8	Buln Buln	69.49	8
Catani	56.98	0	Neerim South	33.11	4
Nyora	0.00	0	Nyora	10.24	0

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Ellinbank	182.37	40	Buln Buln	184.75	38
Neerim South	132.97	32	Catani	162.81	34
Buln Buln	130.00	28	Poowong	155.10	28
Trafalgar	118.90	28	Trafalgar	123.56	28
Nilma-Darnum	108.86	28	Lang Lang	132.72	24
Lang Lang	124.92	20	Neerim South	119.34	24
Catani	93.14	20	Yarragon	108.26	16
Poowong	79.13	12	Nilma-Darnum	85.34	16
Nyora	70.48	6	Ellinbank	67.96	8
Longwarry	56.24	4	Longwarry	59.93	4
Yarragon	69.84	2	Nyora	5.22	0

C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Ellinbank	184.71	36	Buln Buln	673.02	36
Neerim South	180.32	36	Yarragon	205.56	36
Lang Lang	151.50	36	Poowong	229.70	32
Catani	151.78	28	Lang Lang	208.09	32
Nilma-Darnum	125.87	24	Trafalgar	141.94	24
Yarragon	101.54	16	Ellinbank	112.79	16
Buln Buln	97.47	16	Longwarry	104.73	16
Trafalgar	84.62	16	Neerim South	88.13	12
Poowong	72.78	8	Nilma-Darnum	78.82	12
Longwarry	78.63	4	Catani	16.62	4
Nyora	17.49	0	Nyora	2.99	0

GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Leongatha 84 d Maffra 40
Morwell 48 It Wonthaggi 51
Sale 45 It Moe 50
Traralgon 43 d Bairnsdale 40
Drouin 50 d Warragul 48

B GRADE

Leongatha 75 d Maffra 27
Morwell 47 It Wonthaggi 68
Sale 36 d Moe 33
Traralgon 56 d Bairnsdale 42
Drouin 56 d Warragul 50

C GRADE

Leongatha 31 It Maffra 34
Morwell 45 d Wonthaggi 36
Sale 34 d Moe 32
Traralgon 39 d Bairnsdale 33
Drouin 51 d Warragul 31

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Moe	172.32	40	Traralgon	213.79	40
Drouin	133.08	32	Leongatha	200.88	36
Warragul	121.43	28	Bairnsdale	132.26	28
Traralgon	117.26	26	Sale	126.41	24
Wonthaggi	100.68	20	Drouin	122.74	24
Bairnsdale	94.41	20	Wonthaggi	100.00	20
Leongatha	102.91	16	Maffra	84.64	16
Morwell	101.79	14	Moe	53.32	8
Sale	60.63	2	Morwell	55.37	4
Maffra	44.88	2	Warragul	35.57	0

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Traralgon	136.34	36	Bairnsdale	203.42	38
Drouin	130.33	36	Sale	159.77	38
Leongatha	163.51	34	Traralgon	166.79	28
Moe	119.95	26	Maffra	100.53	24
Sale	88.73	22	Moe	100.53	20
Warragul	98.95	16	Drouin	83.50	16
Wonthaggi	100.67	14	Wonthaggi	75.00	16
Morwell	86.27	10	Morwell	75.00	12
Maffra	52.17	6	Leongatha	62.76	8
Bairnsdale	67.83	0	Warragul	55.98	0

C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Drouin	155.63	38	Leongatha	214.65	36
Morwell	141.78	38	Traralgon	203.33	34
Maffra	109.90	28	Maffra	217.46	32
Traralgon	97.87	24	Sale	183.52	26
Leongatha	100.62	20	Moe	175.70	24
Wonthaggi	106.02	16	Bairnsdale	112.65	16
Moe	96.92	12	Drouin	84.12	16
Bairnsdale	87.77	12	Wonthaggi	27.61	12
Sale	62.95	8	Morwell	29.27	4
Warragul	67.84	4	Warragul	15.17	0

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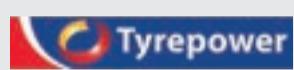
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BULN BULN POOWONG

Buln Buln 10.1 17.5 25.7 34.12 (216)
Poowong 0.2 1.3 3.6 3.6 (24)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Patrick Ireland 13, Robert McCallum 6, Hayden Baker 5, Jack Symes, Samuel Batson 2, Mitch Nobelius, Nathan Tutton, Jackson Kos, Cameron McPhan, Bailey Leatham, Jared Lane 1 each

BEST: Patrick Ireland, Hayden Baker, Will Battley, Cameron McPhan, Robert McCallum, Trent Baker

GOALS, Poowong: Alex Henshall 2, Jack Hazendonk 1

BEST: Conor Cunningham, Jack Hazendonk, Alex Henshall, Zac Gray, Bryce Riddell, Tyran Lord

RESERVES

Buln Buln 9.3 14.6 21.12 30.16 (196)
Poowong 0.0 1.0 1.1 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Ryan Bradshaw 8, Bryce Monahan, Jack Nuttall, Damien Jones 4, Josh Becroft 3, Jake Herbel 2, Brendan Wall, Logan Wallmeyer, Jaryd Kelly, Simon Dawson, Bradley Dixon 1 each

BEST: Jake Herbel, Ryan Bradshaw, Jack Nuttall, Jaryd Kelly, Bryce Monahan, Damian Jones

GOALS, Poowong: Damien Barreto 1

BEST: Ashley McIntosh, Caspian Jackman-Riches, David O'Neill, Anthony Orsini, Ben Carter, Tarek Minchin

THIRDS

Buln Buln 0.0 1.0 1.2 3.8 (26)
Poowong 2.1 5.3 8.6 9.6 (80)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Jake Baughan, Kai Arthur-Smith, Conner Seymour 1 each

BEST: Bailey Nicholas, Fionn Whelan, Adam Pickthall, Jake Vaughan, Flynn Bravington, Charles Kilmartin

GOALS, Poowong: Jet Blackwood 3, Anthony Orsini, Thomas Burgess 2, Calvin Langford, Patrick Dorian 1 each

BEST: Jett Blackwood, Lachlan Wilson, Anthony Orsini, Hayden Hessel, Jack Allchin, Noah Furness

FOURTHS

Buln Buln 2.3 4.4 6.7 8.8 (56)
Poowong 0.1 0.3 0.4 0.5 (5)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Riley Eastwell 3, Jack Monson, Ty Kindermann, Keegan James, Harrison Jones, Lachlan Budd, 1 each

BEST: Riley Eastwell, Jack Hutchison, Jack Monson, Max Morland, Lewis Aubrey, Charles Kilmartin

GOALS, Poowong: Christian Dorian, Gavin Monson, Keyon Taylor-Wilton, Kohen Mandemaker, Kade Zealley, Johnathan Wilson

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

52 **102**

NYORA CATANI

Nyora 0.0 4.4 4.4 8.4 (52)
Catani 6.5 8.5 12.9 15.2 (102)

GOALS, Nyora: Jayden O'Brien 4, Dylan Heylen 2, Jono Hewitt, Lachlan Roberts 1 each

BEST: William McGindle, Jayden O'Brien, Fletcher Kennedy, Jordan Anderson, Jesse Heylen, Dylan Heylen

GOALS, Catani: Thomas Kelly, Adam Splatt 4, James Williams 2, Declan McFarlane, Nathaniel Rodda, Tyson Robinson, Joshua Stewart, William Kouris 1 each

BEST: Kyle Van Dord, Tyson Robinson, Brodie White, Jack Roberts, Thomas Keily, Jordan White

RESERVES

Nyora 1.0 5.6 8.7 10.10 (70)
Catani 4.5 5.5 7.6 8.7 (55)

GOALS, Nyora: Robert Moxon 5, Rex Lazaros 3, Kallion Rigby, Charlie Moller 1 each

BEST: Charlie Moller, Andrew Dike, Shaun Lamb, Blake Boyd, Robert Moxon, Rex Lazaros

GOALS, Catani: Owen Fitzpatrick 4, Adam Jacobs 2, Bailey Osseweyer, Luke McFarlane 1 each

BEST: Bailey Osseweyer, Robert Simpson, Nicholas Cullen, Wade Haysom, Matt Kouris, Tom Williams

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Neerim St 10.12.72 d Ellinbank 6.8.44
Lang Lang 15.5.95 d Yarragon 8.9.57

Trafalgar 9.9.63 d N-Darnum 7.8.50

RESERVES

Ellinbank 12.8.80 d Neerim St 5.11.41
Lang Lang 25.11.161 d Yarragon 2.1.13

N-Darnum 6.5.41 d Trafalgar 4.5.29

THIRDS

Ellinbank 14.7.91 d Neerim St 4.4.28
Catani 10.6.66 d Lang Lang 7.5.47

Trafalgar 20.11.131 d N-Darnum 2.2.14

FOURTHS

Ellinbank 8.9.57 d Neerim St 4.2.26
Lang Lang 6.8.44 d Yarragon 6.8.44

N-Darnum 8.9.57 d Trafalgar 3.8.26

Poowong taken to the cleaners



Jack Shearer takes the mark for Poowong in the Under 16's against Buln Buln on the weekend. Photo: Jeff Tull.

POOWONG travelled to Buln Buln for all four grades of football on a fine day with the ground conditions good.

Unfortunately, we had five changes losing Mitch DeKleiver, Andrew Logan, Joel Norton, Mitch and Dave O'Neill replaced by Jake Cochrane, Michael Robinson, Brady Rayner, Bryce Riddell and Timothy Gallert, in his first senior game. Buln Buln was the fourth top four side we have played in the last five weeks with a bye included. Losing some of our tall players it was going to be tough to match up around the ground.

Poowong kicked to the Warragul end and were first on the board with a point, but our defence, without Andrew Logan, was soon tested by the Buln Buln forwards. Despite the back line's efforts, the taller, heavier and stronger Lyrebird forwards were racking up the goals. When Poowong did go forward, the defence cleared the ball or we turned it over.

Connor Cunningham, Jack Hazendonk and Alex Henshall tried hard to help the younger players, up against a side that probably could be in the Grand Final on their performance. Continually outpacing Poowong players, Buln Buln's strong marking found Poowong wanting. Poowong added one goal, a snap by Alex Henshall; unfortunately, Buln Buln added seven.

During the third quarter



Jesse Heylen floats back to attempt the mark against Catani.

Nyora fall flat in Blues bout

HAVING lost the first quarter, Nyora was unable to catch up and endured a 50-point loss to Catani.

Playing at Nyora Recreation Reserve, a strong wind favoured one end of the ground – Catani's end in the first quarter.

Catani capitalised and kicked six goals in the first term, leaving Nyora scoreless.

Catani was hungry for the win and was winning many of the centre clearances, allowing for more entries into its forward line.

The switch of ends after quarter time allowed Nyora to make a bit of a comeback.

Nyora put four goals on the scoreboard to Catani's two.

Full forward Jayden O'Brien led Nyora's goal scoring efforts with four for the game.

Nyora also switched up its tactics to address some of the issues from the first quarter, delivering an improved second quarter and a smaller margin heading into half time.

Catani kicked it up another notch with four goals in the third quarter.

Unfortunately, it was another scoreless quarter for Nyora.

Jesse Heylen was instrumental

By Geoff Wyatt

Poowong had more of the play than any other, kicking two goals, with one to Jack Hazendonk and the other to Alex Henshall. Buln Buln racked up eight goals to go in at three quarter time 25.7.157 to Poowong 3.6.24.

Buln Buln players were still working hard, moving the ball around the ground in the last quarter. The Poowong players were outrun and the strength and fitness of Buln Buln showed, the Lyrebirds adding nine goals to run out easy winners. Lyrebirds' full forward Paddy Ireland kicked 13 goals, a great effort. Hopefully the young players from Poowong learn from this game and work harder on their fitness and their skill work under pressure. On Saturday's performance, Buln Buln look a finals team, whereas Poowong hopefully can get a couple of players back and freshen up, and have a say in who plays in the finals.

The U/16's battled hard against a talented team and the U/18's had another good win whereas the reserves were outgunned by a strong side of Buln Buln. Next week we travel to Yarragon in all four grades, the Under 18's up against Ellinbank – will be a good game. Let's finish the season off on a high note. Remember the Club Ball on June 28, details on the Football Club Website.

Nyora fall flat in Blues bout

across half back, trying to slow Catani wherever he could.

It was a showdown in the fourth quarter.

Nyora kicked the first four goals of the quarter and narrowed the margin to just 25 points.

However, one of Nyora's players was sent off and the team battled on with 17 players for the last 15 minutes.

The loss of the momentum allowed Catani to run away with a comfortable win.

Despite the end result, Nyora still had a lot to celebrate after the reserves claimed a 15-point win.

Playing a lot of old senior premiership players, Catani was hoping for a win, but the Nyora fought to the end to claim its second win of the season.

The club congratulated Charlie Moller for playing his best game of the season.

Next week, Nyora will take on Nilma Darnum at home.

Nyora's Seniors suffered a tough loss to Nilma Darnum in round one.

The team is looking forward to going into battle again to see how it has improved throughout the season.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	10	0	324.80	40	Ellinbank	10	0	564.11	40	Catani	8	1	183.89	88.8	Buln Buln	9	1	436.99	90.0
Neerim South	8	2	211.83	32	Lang Lang	9	1	324.64	36	Ellinbank	8	2	215.34	80.0	Ellinbank	9	1	392.23	90.0
Ellinbank	8	2	174.95	32	Neerim South	8	2	325.00	32	Poowong	7	2	170.53	77.7	Neerim South	8	2	291.61	80.0
Lang Lang	8	2	161.76	32	Buln Buln	7	3	321.55	28	Longwarry	7	3	172.13	70.0	Poowong	6	4	141.03	60.0
Longwarry	6	4	139.57	24	Nilma-Darnum	6	4	109.66	24	Neerim St	5	5	115.56	50.0	Nilma-Darnum	5	5	107.77	50.0
Trafalgar	5	5	89.46	20	Trafalgar	5	5	96.31	20	Trafalgar	4	6	109.95	40.0	Trafalgar	4	6	80.73	40.0
Nilma-Darnum	4	6	87.57	16	Longwarry	4	6	98.40	16	Lang Lang	4	6	64.84	40.0	Lang Lang	2	7	34.88	22.2
Yarragon	3	7	63.11	12	Yarragon	3	7	50.76	12	Nilma-Darnum	1	9	39.02	10.0	Yarragon	1	8	22.08	11.1
Poowong	2	8	61.74	8	Nyora	2	8	26.46	8	Buln Buln	0	10	31.96	0.0	Longwarry	0	10	29.83	0.0
Catani	1	9	51.33	4	Catani	1	9	42.62	4	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Nyora	0	10	20.47	0	Poowong	0	10	9.46	0	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0.0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0



Leongatha's Ty Hall is pursued by a Maffra opponent as Noah Fixter looks on. A20_2524

Marriott leads Leongatha to success over Maffra

By Andrew Paloczi

WHILE Leongatha didn't quite deliver the consistently high standard of footy coach Trent McMicking demands, the Parrots still prevailed by 62 points over Maffra in front of a contingent of the club's 1964 premiership players.

In a game that started in glorious sunshine before increasingly cold conditions took hold, top-placed Leongatha was always in control against improving, but bottom of the ladder Maffra.

Highlighting the increased competitiveness of the Eagles, when the sides met in Round 3 at Maffra, Leongatha claimed a 102-point win.

Much of Saturday's success for the Parrots was due to a bullocking and skilful performance from skipper Tom Marriott, a clear best on ground whether winning the hard ball, setting up opportunities for teammates or booting goals.

He finished with three majors as did teammates Tallin Brill, Jackson Harry and Jenson Garnham.

Harry again presented a mobile target for Leongatha's midfielders, displaying his ability to mark while steaming out on a lead or overhead in a contest.

Cooper Alger continued to demonstrate why Leongatha brought him across from Warragul, with another classy



Leongatha and Maffra compete for possession during the Parrots' comfortable win on Saturday. A17_2524

display, again having the composure to find targets out of defence and able to push up the ground and have an impact, his efforts rewarded with a second quarter goal.

Sam Forrester and Jake van der Pligt worked hard at the coalface, winning plenty of the footy and distributing it to fellow Parrots, while Ben Willis continued his committed efforts in the ruck, with the likes of Noah Fixter playing a part in that department when needed.

Adam Trott showed moments of class on the ball and

kicked a goal on the run.

Matt Borschman worked hard in his 100th senior game.

Leongatha continued to be blighted by injuries, with the Parrots physio working hard on the sidelines.

Guy Dickson was out of action in the first term with a hamstring injury and the Parrots' backline took a further hit during the opening half when Sean Westaway also hurt a hamstring, but the likes of Darcy Hume and Travis Nash continue to show good signs down back.

Jacob Lamers looked uncomfortable while undergoing assessment on the massage bench but returned to action.

Leongatha conceded just six goals for the game, a number McMicking was reasonably happy with, the coach noting his defence continued to hold up well despite the further losses of personnel.

However, at the last change, he had drawn the attention of his players to the fact the ball got over the top for a couple of Maffra goals during the third term, suggesting the Parrots were fortunate not to give away a couple of free kicks for chopping the arms during that period.

"I want you to really start communicating to make sure we stay on top of things," McMicking urged his players.

Caleb Calwyn was the main target up forward for the out-classed Maffra, booting two thirds of the Eagles' goals, with a bag of four, while Jett Kiloran and Harry Stables were named the beaten side's best.

"It was a bit ugly but we got it done," McMicking said after the game.

"Skipper, your game was outstanding," he told Marriott.

The coach stressed the importance of the next couple of games, both away encounters, against currently third-placed Moe and second-placed Traralgon, describing them as a mini finals series and urging his players to prepare well.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 10

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

105 **43**

LEONGATHA

MAFFRA

Leongatha	3.3	7.7	10.9	16.9 (105)
Maffra	1.1	2.3	4.4	6.7 (43)

GOALS, Leongatha: Tallin Brill, Jenson Garnham, Jackson Harry, Thomas Marriott 3, Julian Callahan 2, Cooper Alger, Adam Trott 1 each

BEST: Thomas Marriott, Cooper Alger, Sam Forrester, Jackson Harry, Jake van der Pligt, Benjamin Willis

GOALS, Maffra: Caleb Calwyn 4, Alex Carr, Jack McQuillen 1 each

BEST: Jett Kiloran, Harry Stables, Henry Anderson, Seth Smith, Alex Carr, Caleb Calwyn

RESERVES

Leongatha	2.1	3.5	7.7	10.8 (68)
Maffra	1.0	1.3	2.5	3.6 (24)

GOALS, Leongatha: Trent McRae 4, Timothy Sauvarin 2, Ben Fort, Rhett Kelly, Flynn Matera, Nick Nagel 1 each

BEST: Timothy Sauvarin, Kim Drew, Christopher Rump, Beau Grabham Andrews, Hayden Lindsay, Jesse Burns

GOALS, Maffra: Callum Bourke, Winston Gieschen, Benjamin Harrington 1 each

BEST: Bayden Dowsett, Benjamin Harrington, Joel Bristow, Jordan Stubbe, Bailey Wright, Ryan Phelan

THIRDS

Leongatha	3.1	7.3	8.9	11.15 (81)
Maffra	1.1	1.2	1.2	2.2 (14)

BEST, Leongatha: Isaac Bolge, Mitchell Croatto, Jude Fixter, Nathan Skewes, Ollie Mahoney, Ben Fort

BEST, Maffra: Elliot Stables, Samuel Richards, Elijh Berry, Carter Thompson, Chase Henry

FOURTHS

Leongatha	0.0	1.1	2.2	2.2 (14)
Maffra	0.0	6.9	8.11	10.14 (74)

BEST, Leongatha: Alby Logan, Noah Bradley, Jacob Bolge, Willis Patterson, Archie Gannon

BEST, Maffra: Judd Burgiel, Charlie Ross, Jaylen Henry, Lucas Felmingham, Jacob Munro, Fabian Vera

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

31 **55**

MORWELL

WONTHAGGI

Morwell	3.0	3.2	4.3	4.7 (31)
Wonthaggi	2.4	2.9	5.11	7.13 (55)

GOALS, Morwell: Brandon McDonald 3, Boyd Bailey 1

BEST: Brandon Bailey, Max Linton, Archie Grant, Boyd Bailey, Cody Macdonald, Tom Smith

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Noah Anderson 3, Joshua Bates, Brayden Duve, Toma Huther, Cooper McInnes 1 each

BEST: Jack Blair, Isaac Chugg, Joshua Bates, Shannon Bray, Jye Gilmour, Kaj Patterson

RESERVES

Morwell	1.1	2.1	3.1	3.2 (20)
Wonthaggi	4.2	9.4	13.5	15.9 (99)

GOALS, Morwell: Michael Duncan, Dylan Makepeace, Ethan Smith 1 each

BEST: Zac Cheffers, Leigh Effenberg, Joel Soutar, Timothy Hutchinson, Dylan Makepeace, Callum Bailey

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Adam Busana 6, Reeve Moresco 3, Blake Cornelius, Jai Williamson 2, Ethan Dickison, Andrew McNeel 1 each

BEST: Adam Busana, Ethan Dickison, Blake Cornelius, Andrew McNeel, Jai Williamson, Jarvis Brown

FOURTHS

Morwell	1.2	1.2	1.5	4.5 (29)
Wonthaggi	3.2	7.5	13.7	18.9 (117)

BEST, Morwell: Lachlan Ainsworth, Jack Mooney, Suede Makepeace, Tanner James, Taydn Perez, Riley Ades

BEST, Wonthaggi: Jaxon Brouwers, Jasper Shone, Billy Wyhoun, Noah Romeril, Archie Jobe, Harvey Smith

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Sale	13.8.86	d	Moe	10.7.67
Traralgon	9.7.61	d	Bairnsdale	8.8.56
Drouin	16.8.104	d	Warragul	10.6.66

RESERVES

Sale	8.4.52	d	Moe	6.5.41
Traralgon	13.10.88	d	Bairnsdale	6.5.41
Drouin	12.7.79	d	Warragul	3.5.23

THIRDS

Moe	6.9.45	d	Sale	3.4.22
Traralgon	19.14.128	d	Bairnsdale	1.3.9
Drouin	11.3.69	d	Warragul	8.10.58

FOURTHS

Moe	12.9.81	d	Sale	4.2.26
Traralgon	12.12.84	d	Bairnsdale	3.7.25
Drouin	7.10.52	d	Warragul	5.6.36

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

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ROUND 10

Wonthaggi wins crucial '8-point' game at Morwell

TO SAY Wonthaggi's gutsy win over Morwell in the Latrobe Valley on Saturday was 'a must' is a major understatement after Sale surprised Moe and move two games clear of Wonthaggi in fourth place on the ladder.

Had Wonthaggi lost to Morwell, as it did by two goals at Wonthaggi back in April, it would almost certainly have ended any realistic hopes of playing finals this year.

But, as it stands, with a strong five goal-to-one second half, in a defensive, low-scoring affair, Wonthaggi impressively won the day and avoided an eight-point swing on the ladder, now a game and a half behind the Tigers who sit fifth.

More importantly though, Wonthaggi has finally established a

settled line-up, built on a bullet-proof defence, a competitive on-ball unit and an improving attack taking the club into the second half of the season with hopes of beating any of their next eight opponents.

After Morwell won the first centre break and was gifted a goal, following a generous 50 metre penalty to Boyd Bailey, it was Wonthaggi who had more possession, creating plenty of chances up forward.

Aiden Lindsay won the next centre break, and it was clear the Power was at least going to break even at the stoppages.

However, it was sometime before they could answer Morwell's lucky opening goal, with Jarryd Blair figuring in a couple of the team's best chances, overlooked

for a free in front and then trying a long shot from 50 metres out that just fell short.

Finally though, it was a thrilling 'team effort' goal that got the scoreboard ticking over for the Power, the ball running coast-to-coast through the hands of Shannon Bray, Tim Knowles, Jaxon Williams, Jarryd Blair, Mitch Hayes, Jarryd again working a 1-2 with Jye Gilmour, on to brother Jack, then Noah Anderson who found Brayden Duve on the break for the easy opener.

It was some passage of play, but it set a pattern of team involvement for the day, and the visitors never looked back.

After giving up a couple of goals to Morwell's Brandon McDonald, Cooper McInnes closed the gap late in the first term when he

contested the ruck close to goal, took the ball off the pack and snapped truly within seconds of the siren.

The Power's inaccuracy in front of goal hit a high mark in the second quarter with five points to two but they had plenty of the play and hopes were high of better output in the second half.

As it turned out, Morwell only found one more goal such was the dominance of the Power's back half, led by Shannon Bray intercept marking and constantly setting up the play from deep in defence. He was ably assisted by Tim Knowles, Josh Bates, Jakeb Thomas marking across half back, Isaac Chugg and Fergus O'Connor rebounding, plus others providing a platform for

stability and success.

And finally, the forwards came to the party.

Morwell got a goal against the run of play early in the second half, again to McDonald and Jaxon Williams had one he might have kicked but finally it was Toma Huther in the right spot who received from Josh Bates to kick a crucial one to put the Power back in front.

There were two more for the quarter, one each to Noah Anderson and Josh Bates, and Anderson booted two more in the last quarter to secure a four-goal victory, a clear win in the context of a low-scoring game and an impressive effort in a clutch contest away.

Final scores: Wonthaggi 7.13.55 defeated Morwell 4.7.31.

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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

 **21**  **100**

TARWIN YINNAR

Tarwin 1.2 1.3 2.6 2.9 (21)
Yinnar 4.4 7.5 8.5 15.10 (100)

GOALS, Tarwin: Daniel Houston, Ryan Waddell 1 each

BEST: Travis Krause, Ben Ellen, Harrison Cumming, Ben Chalmers, Ricky O'Loughlin, Jason Kennedy

GOALS, Yinnar: Ben Cheffers 4, Kane Grinstead-Jones 3, Josh Bugeja, Luke Cheffers, Stuart Patten 2, Flynn Schill, Chris Witchell 1 each

BEST: Thomas Robertson, Ben Cheffers, Flynn Schill, Chris Witchell, Luke Cheffers, Callum Hutchison

RESERVES

Tarwin 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.4 (4)
Yinnar 4.2 10.4 16.8 19.13 (127)

BEST, Tarwin: Brenton Taber, Nick Tucker, David Leggo, Nick McRae, Tom Giroud, Adam Bell

GOALS, Yinnar: Patrick McGrath 5, Cameron Le Page 4, Callum Alexander 2, Jack Findlay, Xavier Geddes, Elijah Lappin, Matt Moseley, Mathew O'Toole, Wayne Rowley, Daniel Schneider, Daniel Webster 1 each

BEST: Gabe Olver, Ryan Mayo, Nathan Rowley, Patrick McGrath, Cameron Le Page, Elijah Lappin

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

ELLINBANK

ROUND 12

Neerim South v Buln Buln
Yarragon v Poowong
Nyora v Nilma Darnum
Trafalgar v Lang Lang
Longwarry v Catani
Ellinbank - BYE

GIPPSLAND

ROUND 11

Maffra v Drouin
Bairnsdale v Morwell
Warragul v Traralgon
Wonthaggi v Sale
Moe v Leongatha

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 10

Stony Creek v Toora
Morwell East v Thorpdale
Foster v Newborough
Hill End v Tarwin
Boolarra v Fish Creek
Yinnar v MDU
Mirboo North - BYE

WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 11

Kilcunda-Bass v Warragul Industrials
Bunyip v Phillip Island
Inverloch-Kongwak v Nar Nar Goon
Tooradin-Dalmore v Korumburra-Bena
Cora Lynn v Dalyston
Garfield v Koo Wee Rup



Tarwin's Tom Vanderkolk battles for the ball against Yinnar's Dean Linton.



Tarwin's Cooper Scott drives the ball away from his Yinnar opponent.

Magpies soar over Sharks

By Rob Popplestone

THE MGFNL finishes the first half of the season with all clubs having the benefit of a weekend off courtesy of the King's Birthday holiday just seven days ago.

With so many opportunities still available, it's right now that clubs will need to take their chances or else see their season slowly and painfully slip away.

It was Tarwin's turn to step up to the plate in the hope of being able to knock off an in-form Yinnar side.

The Sharks, well rested, well coached and on their home deck were hopeful of inflicting a rare loss on the visiting Magpies.

What was witnessed however was a classy combination of Magpies that used the opportunity to fine tune what has already been an impressive first half of the year.

The Magpies may well have their sights set on a change of scenery in 2025, but they also need to be careful to not take their eye off what is required, in a very hot competition, in 2024.

"Very happy with the contribution from right across the board. We managed to get a handy buffer by half time," Sam McCulloch, Yinnar coach said.

"Tarwin got on top in the third quarter but didn't capitalise on their inside 50's. We were happy with the way we responded in the last and ran the game out well."

The Magpies indeed have managed to do that far more times than opposition sides would like to concede, that is be threatened for periods within a game, but still have the maturity, even within a young group to compose themselves and go again.

"The boys battled hard all day in regard to effort," Jason Kennedy, Tarwin coach said.

"After losing Matt Williams in the warmup and having no rotations in the second half it was always going to be a tough game. We gave it a red-hot crack in the third quarter but couldn't convert our chances and inside 50s. When playing against a top team you need to take the opportunities Yinnar was consistent all day and really run away with it in the last quarter."

The Sharks are starting to lose touch with the positions on the ladder they had their eye on, but it only takes two or three weeks of success in such an even competition and a club's outlook and possibilities can quickly change.

Hawks first win in 14 years at Tigerland

MORWELL East achieved its first win at Tigerland since 2010, with a commanding 74-point victory over Mirboo North on Saturday.

As has been the case all year, the Tigers were victims of the law of diminishing returns, caused by serious supply chain issues into their forward line.

There was plenty of discipline, purpose and superb teamwork by the Hawks, as they methodically wore down the struggling Tigers, before ruthlessly disposing of them in a one-sided last quarter.

Morwell East has now won six of its eight games this season and currently sits fourth position on the Mid Gippsland ladder.

Veteran onballer, Shane Peters, celebrated his 250th club game for Mirboo North with the first kick of the day and continued to display his renowned silky ball-handling and disposal skills for much of the afternoon.

Harry Mahoney was Mirboo North's best performer by a street, whilst Brad Kimberley, Michael Diaz, Lucas Towns and Eric Semmler were all consistent contributors for Morwell East.

Other Hawks to shine included former Mirboo North representatives, Jacob Blair and Isaac Abas.

Burly Morwell East power forward, Chris Wangman, made a valuable contribution to the visitors' victory by booting five goals without venturing very far from the big white sticks.

With the Tigers taking it right up to Morwell East in the contested ball battles, it would be 11 minutes into the opening term before the

By Rover

Hawks scored their first goal.

At the long break, Morwell East was 30 points in front, after a long goal from Rhys Kratzat, and another major by Nick Cummaudo, finally saw some Mirboo North action on the scoreboard.

There were a couple of promising Mirboo North build-ups early in the third quarter that resulted in behinds, and just before the last change, Kratzat's dribble kick from the right forward pocket bounced the wrong side of the left goal post.

Solid and defiant defensive work from Taj Wilkins, Beau Peters, Joe Brooks and Linc Oddy, restricted the Hawks to 3.2 for the term, where they took a 47-point lead into the three-quarter time huddle.

There was little Mirboo North's exhausted players could do to stop the relentless Hawks in the final quarter, as they mercilessly put the accelerator to the floor to close with 5.5.

Dom Pinneri recorded Mirboo North's third goal, before Shane Peters was afforded a guard of honour by both sides and carried from the field by teammates in his milestone game.

Later, in the social rooms, where Matt Snell, Dale Banks and Josh Taylor, regaled many on-and-off-field 'Choco' stories to a receptive audience, Peters was awarded life membership of MNFNC.

This Saturday, Mirboo North has the bye.

RIGHT: Mirboo North's Rhys Kratzat protects the ball from his Morwell East opponent Jarryd Pickett.



Mirboo North's Riley Oddy sends the ball down the ground, under pressure from his Morwell East opponent.



Tigers gritty win keeps their finals hopes alive

By Rob Popplestone

AS MUCH improvement as Toora have made in the 2024 season, the scalp of a finals contender still remains out of their grasp, their weekend match on their home ground against a quality opposition in Foster provided yet another opportunity to be rewarded for all of their hard work, but it was one that the Tigers were never going to give away easily.

The Tigers just going about

their weekly business and getting the job done in workman-like fashion, as they have for most of the year.

"I'd be asking for my admission fee back if I were a spectator; that wasn't pretty at all but sometimes you just have to win ugly," Sam Davies, Foster coach said.

"There are a few positives to take out of the game but

generally it'll be a box ticked and quickly move on."

Foster, despite winning ugly, appears as though they are on the right track, and there is also evidence that the Tigers can lift to a higher level when required, and it will be required in the weeks ahead.

Toora on the other hand showed signs at times but those times were far too short and also too few.

"It was frustrating to again

be in the game for periods and not get the reward for effort," Jack Weston, Toora coach said.

"Enough moments to suggest the next win is not too far away."

Finals might be on the cards for Foster and not likely for Toora, but the Magpies can and most likely will enjoy some small wins along the way.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 9

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Fish Creek	7	1	199.25	32
Yinnar	7	1	194.74	32
Foster	7	1	132.49	32
Morwell East	6	2	222.69	28
Newborough	6	3	151.54	24
MDU	5	3	120.20	24
Thorpdale	5	4	109.58	20
Boolarra	3	5	85.76	16
Tarwin	3	5	68.44	16
Stony Creek	2	6	103.52	12
Toora	2	7	68.89	8
Mirboo North	1	8	36.93	4
Hill End	0	8	27.22	4

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Newborough	8	1	380.33	32
Stony Creek	7	1	344.93	32
MDU	7	1	210.44	32
Yinnar	6	2	413.30	28
Morwell East	6	2	251.24	28
Fish Creek	5	3	248.16	24
Boolarra	3	5	52.07	16
Tarwin	2	5	78.06	12
Toora	3	6	64.03	12
Thorpdale	3	6	51.72	12
Hill End	2	6	27.29	12
Mirboo North	2	7	17.58	8
Foster	0	8	20.49	4

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
MDU	6	0	266.67	34
Yinnar	4	3	172.91	24
Newborough	3	4	49.91	20
Mirboo North	2	5	43.27	16
Fish Creek/Tarwin	2	5	105.43	14
Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0
Foster	0	0	0.00	0

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 9

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

 **23**  **97**

MIRBOO NORTH

MORWELL EAST

Mirboo North	0.0	2.0	2.3	3.5 (23)
Morwell East	1.4	6.6	9.8	14.13 (97)

GOALS, Mirboo North: Nicholas Cummaudo, Rhys Kratzat, Dominic Pinneri 1 each

BEST: Harrison Mahoney, Taj Wilkins, Beau Peters, Joe Brooks, Lincoln Oddy, Shane Peters

GOALS, Morwell East: Chris Wangman 5, Jarrod Lont 2, Isaac Abas, Michael Diaz, Brandon Francis, Jay Francis, Bradley Kimberley, Jackson Mackenzie, Eric Semmler 1 each

BEST: Bradley Kimberley, Michael Diaz, Lucas Towns, Eric Semmler, Jackson Mackenzie, Nik Kyriacou

RESERVES

Mirboo North	0.0	0.1	1.1	1.1 (7)
Morwell East	4.6	10.10	16.16	23.20 (158)

GOALS, Mirboo North: Mitchell Richardson 1

BEST: Michael Aveling, Isaac Shineberg, Alex Krausz, Anton Tarraran, Robert Devine, Cameron Young

GOALS, Morwell East: Nathan-Lee Nikodemski 8, Steven Tobin 5, Ryan Carlson, Brad Gibson, Liam Little, Zachary Mangion 2, Aaron Dodd, Brodie Murdoch 1 each

BEST: Nathan-Lee Nikodemski, Brodie Murdoch, Jordan Wilson, Kaleb Chapman, Dylan Day, Liam Little

THIRDS

Mirboo North	0.4	1.4	2.4	3.4 (22)
Yinnar	3.2	7.3	11.7	14.10 (94)

GOALS, Mirboo North: Lachlan Poljak 2, Lachlan Eden 1

BEST: Billy Jennings, Lachlan Poljak, William Campbell, Jesse Rawlings, Tom McGrath, Harrison Malady

GOALS, Yinnar: Hudson McCulloch 3, Luke Douch, Billy Durea, Harvey McKay 2, Zachary De Beer, Isaac Krizanac, Noah McCafferty, Jay Rogalsky, Harry Townsend 1 each

BEST: Billy Durea, Riley Zielecki, Hudson McCulloch, Harvey McKay, Harry Bugeja, Jay Rogalsky

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

 **33**  **77**

TOORA

FOSTER

Toora	1.1	2.2	4.2	5.3 (33)
Foster	2.4	5.7	7.11	11.11 (77)

GOALS, Toora: Jake Smart 2, James Maurilli-Pullin, Aidan Peile, Joseph Platt 1 each

BEST: Dylan Trifritt, Wellesley Jenkins, Adam Parry, Jake Smart, Ashley Hewson, William Goosey

GOALS, Foster: Jake Best 4, Jonathan Segat 3, Billy Flavelle, Michael Green, Leevi Lidstone Riley McDonald 1 each

BEST: Craig Wray, Jack Rathjen, Jonathan Segat, Mitchell Allott, Oliver Callcott, Leevi Lidstone

RESERVES

Toora	3.1	3.3	4.7	6.8 (45)
Foster	2.2	3.3	5.6	5.7 (37)

GOALS, Toora: Aron Rhodes 2, Sam Bright, Leigh de Boer, Tex Dyson, Casey Ferguson 1 each

BEST: Matthew Hoppner, Ayden Walker, Khyli Morgan, Luke Anedda, Leigh de Boer, William Cashin

GOALS, Foster: Jason Midwinter, Nick Willemsen 2, Jedd Davy 1

BEST: Jedd Davy, Nick Willemsen, Angus Lomax, Lucas Welsh, Simon Gibson, Will McDonald

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Newborough	13.9.87	d	Boolarra	7.8.50
Thorpdale	22.14.146	d	Hill End	5.5.35

RESERVES

Newborough	27.12.174	d	Boolarra	1.1.7
Hill End	9.9.63	d	Thorpdale	7.3.45

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS RND 10

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

 **77**  **72**

PHILLIP ISLAND 3.4 5.7 8.9 **11.11 (77)**
Tooradin-Dal 0.2 3.3 8.3 **11.6 (72)**

GOALS, Phillip Island: Jesse Patullo, Billy Taylor 3, Zac Walker 2, Yianni Caffieri, Jack Taylor, Travis Woodfield 1 each

BEST: Charlie Bruce, Daniel Pearce, Max Walton, Hayden Bruce, Jesse Patullo, Cooper Walton

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Cooper Shipp 5, Piva Wright 2, Johnny Duff, Panos Papas, Stewart Scanlon, Xavier Shinners 1 each

BEST: Adam Oxley, Matthew Buntine, Brad Butler, Connor O'Riordan, Piva Wright, Cooper Shipp

RESERVES

Phillip Island 1.1 2.1 3.1 **6.2 (38)**
Tooradin-Dal 0.4 3.7 4.10 **6.11 (47)**

GOALS, Phillip Island: Nick Anderson 3, Brady Ross 2, Alex Duyker 1

BEST: Jacob Patullo, Thomas Macrokanis, Connor Thompson, Alex Duyker, Nick Anderson, Brady Ross

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Alexander Sabbatucci 2, Timothy Lenders, Ray Lengel, Oliver Sail, Julian Suarez 1 each

BEST: Adam Galea, Brett Coffey, Justin Smaluch, Corey Provan, Danyon Blew, Timothy Lenders

THIRDS

Phillip Island **20.8 (128)**
Tooradin-Dal **2.2 (14)**

GOALS, Phillip Island: Jack Huther, Finn O'Brien 5, Max Taylor 4, Jasper Cashman 2, Max Arceo, Daniel Caffieri, Sonny McMillan, Leo Savona 1 each

BEST: Finn O'Brien, Oliver Hibbert, Charles O'Garey, Jack Huther, Eden Goldsbury, Daniel Caffieri

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Chayse Campbell, Adam Zoori 1 each

BEST: Vasili Papas, Chayse Campbell, Aaron Knight, Jacob Cameron, Harrison Hardy, Riley Sherwood

FOURTHS

Phillip Island 3.0 4.1 6.1 **7.4 (46)**
Tooradin-Dal 2.1 2.2 3.3 **5.5 (35)**

GOALS, Phillip Island: Sam O'Garey 2, Felix Bathgate, Blake Murphy, Reef Riky, Archie Ross, Xavier Williams 1 each

BEST: Xavier Williams, Jeremy Kelly, Cade Wragg, Ashton Smith, Harrison Carlon, Archie Ross

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Jack Gillespie 2, Joel Cochrane, Hudson Rogers, Jayden Worrall 1 each

BEST: Kasy Deren, Joel Cochrane, Chevy Simpson, Darcy Freeman, Noah Baker, Jai Carroll

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS
Koo Wee Rup 14.17.101 d Bunyip 3.3.21
Nar Nar Goon 16.18.114 d Garfield 6.1.37
Cora Lynn 18.16.124 d Warragul Ind 7.10.52

RESERVES
Koo Wee Rup 23.19.157 d Bunyip 0.1.1
Nar Nar Goon 17.18.120 d Garfield 1.0.6
Cora Lynn 10.11.71 d Warragul Ind 4.5.29

THIRDS
Koo Wee Rup 12.9.81 d Bunyip 0.4.4
Nar Nar Goon 8.11.59 d Garfield 4.6.30

FOURTHS
Koo Wee Rup 8.10.58 d Bunyip 2.3.15
Nar Nar Goon 9.6.60 d Garfield 2.2.14

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Phillip Island **11.11.77** d Tooradin-Dalmore **11.6.72**

Koo Wee Rup **14.17.101** d Bunyip **3.3.21**

Nar Nar Goon **16.18.114** d Garfield **6.1.37**

Cora Lynn **18.16.124** d Warragul Industrials **7.10.52**

Kilcunda-Bass **7.13.55** d Dalyston **7.5.47**

Inverloch-Kongwak **14.24.108** d Korumburra-Bena **2.2.14**

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Phillip Island wins nail-biter



Vice-Captain Hayden Bruce eludes his Tooradin-Dalmore opponents. Photo: Carol Ratcliff

IN A thrilling contest, Phillip Island emerged victorious against Tooradin-Dalmore by a slender five-point margin. The Bulldogs came out firing in the first quarter, setting the tone early. Despite the loss of Youle to a tight hamstring, the return of Damien Holmes and Aaron Harris bolstered the backline significantly.

By half-time, Phillip Island looked strong, having only conceded six scoring shots. However, Tooradin-Dalmore rallied in the third quarter, slotting five goals to the Bulldogs' three, narrowing the lead and setting up an exciting final term.

In the fourth quarter, it was anyone's game. Tooradin-Dalmore jumped out with two quick goals to take the lead. Phillip Island showed grit as Zac Walker marked and goaled to keep them in contention. Max Walton then made a significant impact by winning a contested ground ball, but his momentum was halted as he slammed into the turf and was unable to take the free kick. The ever-reliable Billy Taylor stepped up and took the free kick in Walton's stead.

remaining cool, calm, and collected to slot a goal and level the scores.

Refusing to stay sidelined, Walton demanded to return to the field. With two minutes left, the scores were level. Tooradin-Dalmore intercepted a mark at half-forward and attempted to play on quickly, but a bad bounce saw Walton swoop on the ball and release it to Jesse Patullo, who slotted a goal on the run from outside 50.

With one minute remaining, the Bulldogs strategically placed two players behind the ball. Tooradin-Dalmore won the centre bounce and kicked forward, but the ball went straight to the spare Bulldog defender. A stoppage ensued, leading to a free kick for the Seagulls with five seconds left. As Tooradin-Dalmore lined up for a shot to tie the game, the ball faded for a point, securing a dramatic five-point win for Phillip Island.

The Bulldogs' victory against another grand final contender boosts the belief in this young group's potential, showcasing their resilience and growing confidence.

Magpies and Bulldogs celebrate girls' footy



Dalyston's Paige Yann impressively moves the ball down the field.

SOUTHERN Gippsland Junior Football League's Dalyston and Phillip Island teams went head-to-head at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve on Sunday.

This was an important showcase, as Dalyston and Phillip Island are the only two teams in Bass Coast to offer a pathway for girls to play football from Auskick through to the Youth Girls.

This has created amazing opportunities for local players and coaches, and both clubs are seeing outstanding results.

"We had Milla Laub play four games before she was picked to play for Gippsland Power, and we've got girls playing in All Stars program," Dalyston's junior coordinator Elli Linney said.

"We've also got people in the Lead Your Way program, which the AFL is running for the time and is about women in leadership roles in football."

"At Phillip Island, they've got people in the Female Coaching Academy."

Dalyston will also be celebrating Billie Orpin's 75th game next week.

"It is an incredible achievement in junior football – especially in girls' football where there have been fewer opportunities. To hit 75 games is just

amazing," Elli said.

Elli said the development of the young players through the season has been incredible, and hopes the competition continues to expand next year.

Currently, the pathway for girls after Auskick is to play U10s mixed and U12s mixed.

In the U14s, the teams split into mixed or girls' sides.

There are hopes to build on having an U12s girls' competition next year.

Bass MLA and sponsor of both clubs Jordan Crugnale was thrilled to head over to the Dalyston Recreation Reserve to support the day.

"A big congratulations to Dalyston and Phillip Island for nurturing girls and women in football, from Auskick all the way through. It's brilliant to see girls on the field and seeing these clubs create pathways to the AFL. It's wonderful to be here today (Sunday) to watch the girls play," she said.

"I'm a big promotor of giving our kids the opportunity to be active and supported in sport. These clubs are a family, and everyone looks out for each other. The culture of football has changed significantly and it's great to see men and women in leadership roles to nurture these players."



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Panthers pounce to vanquish valiant Magpies

WITH a mere 90 seconds left on the clock, Anthony Daraio iced victory for Kilcunda-Bass over close rivals Dalyston in their tightly fought-out round 10 contest.

In a game which ebbed and flowed throughout, goals were at a premium and neither team enjoyed more than a two-goal margin at any stage.

The Panthers have enjoyed a resurgence in 2024, currently sixth on the ladder, with an eye on qualifying for their first West Gippsland finals campaign.

Dalyston, coming off a five-week run of upper-echelon opponents, had plans to disrupt K-B's ascension and came very close to accomplishing that aim in what turned out to be a low scoring but ultimately absorbing contest.

Commencing in fine conditions, Brad Monson made the most of a well-weighted pass from his coach Mitch Hallahan to put the home team on the board.

Panthers ex-AFL recruit Travis Tuck created the response with a deep entry that Daraio latched onto and sent through on the fly.

A sudden passing rain shower had both teams mishandling the slippery ball and stifling connection further afield. However, the Panthers managed a late goal to Jack Soroczynski giving them an eight-point quarter time edge.

The momentum swung in the second term with Dalyston dominant early with Wallis and Monson both adding goals. The Magpies' tackling pressure was elite, nullifying K-B's flow and for a while the visitors struggled to actually possess the ball.

Returned Magpie Kyle Kirk

was in everything and having major influence. Under pressure, he snapped truly from 40 metres to cap off a fluent team passage.

The Panthers to their credit stopped the bleeding and a late goal to Tuck crept them back to within a goal.

The intrigue of the first half continued into the premiership quarter. Both teams were acutely defensively minded in their approach and while the Panthers pushed forward for several good looks their finishing was slightly astray.

Dalyston's forward 50 pressure caused a turnover with Karamoshos marking the rebound kick and slotting the set shot.

Predictably the Panthers returned fire and important goals to Gunn and McRae saw them greet the last break five points in front.

With everything to play for there was no room for error, and K-B's reliable Sam Watson nailed a critical early goal, capitalising on a 50-metre penalty.

Time was elapsing and Dalyston pushed Blake Carew forward to be a target, which worked with immediate effect. Blake firstly added to his highlight reel with a long bomb goal from tight on the boundary and then had his team within two points by outpointing his opponent in the goal square.

With only red time to go the result was anybody's and the crowd was fully involved.

Last roll of the dice and Cam McKenzie sends it deep to the pocket and into the hands of Daraio. And the noted goal-kicker boomeranged it through to deliver the eight-point victory that was earned the hard way.



Panthers' Callan Brinkman has the sit over Dalyston's Jesse Orchard-Moore. Photo: Michelle Chisholm.

Despite inaccuracy, Sea Eagles overshadow the Giants

INVERLOCH-Kongwak continued on its winning way with a 94-point win over Korumburra-Bena on Saturday.

The Sea Eagles welcomed Jarvis Pryor back to its lineup for the first time this season after a long injury.

Named in the 2023 Team of the Year, Pryor was a handy addition.

Playing in good conditions at Korumburra, the two sides competed in a good battle early on.

Under the leadership of coach Josh Hopkins, Korumburra-Bena worked hard to turn on its defence and hold the Sea Eagles to just two goals in the first quarter.

The Giants' offensive pressure was as strong as its defensive pressure, restricting the Sea Eagles' opportunities.

Tyler Newton played a great game down back and steered the ship with some great defensive marks.

Kye Benson was back in the Giants' lineup after a week off and was an asset in the midfield.

The Giants also had Jack Spencer play his first Senior game for the year, showing great skill in the ruck.

However, Inverloch-Kongwak adjusted in the second quarter, focusing on its own game plan and came back firing.

Goal scoring was shared be-

tween nine goal kickers up forward, and the backline proved to be just as dangerous.

Pryor, Luke Johnson and Dylan Clark were vital down back, taking a lot of defensive marks and pushing the ball back into the Sea Eagles' forward line.

Inverloch-Kongwak continued to control the game in the second half, ensuring it was played completely on its terms, and Korumburra-Bena's intensity began to drop off.

Regardless, Korumburra-Bena continued to fight and put up some good contests, and its pressure remained evident as Inverloch-Kongwak racked up an inaccurate nine behinds in

the third quarter.

Ultimately though, the fitness of Inverloch-Kongwak was too much for the Giants.

Next week, Inverloch-Kongwak will compete in the highly anticipated match against top of the table Nar Nar Goon.

This is set up to be a big contest and Inverloch-Kongwak is ready for the challenge.

Korumburra-Bena will be travelling to take on fifth-placed Tooradin-Dalmore in another tough fixture.

The Giants will be working on resetting and backing its own strategies, and are looking forward to seeing a few more players back in the line-up this week.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

SENIORS						RESERVES						THIRDS						FOURTHS						ROUND 10					
W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	pts av	W	L	%	pts av	W	L	%	pts av	W	L	%	pts av						
Nar Nar Goon	9	1	318.11	36	Tooradin-Dal	9	1	508.13	36	Phillip Island	8	0	518.42	4.00	Phillip Island	9	0	842.71	4.00	Kor-Bena	0.2	2.2	2.2	2.2 (14)					
Cora Lynn	8	1	244.78	34	Inverloch-K	9	1	347.18	36	Warragul Ind	7	2	233.70	3.11	Warragul Ind	7	2	240.57	3.11	Inverloch-K	2.4	7.11	10.20	14.24 (108)					
Phillip Island	8	1	168.01	34	Nar Nar Goon	8	2	421.18	32	Inverloch-K	6	2	250.82	3.00	Inverloch-K	6	2	340.11	3.00	Kor-Bena	0.2	11.5	12.12	17.13 (115)					
Inverloch-K	8	2	276.46	32	Cora Lynn	8	2	215.00	32	Phillip Island	6	4	216.09	24	Garfield	5	3	101.03	2.50	Garfield	3	6	75.00	1.33					
Tooradin-Dal	6	4	165.75	24	Kilcunda-Bass	6	4	178.11	24	Koo Wee Rup	3	5	105.53	1.50	Koo Wee Rup	3	6	77.08	1.33	Koo Wee Rup	3	6	71.15	1.33					
Kilcunda-Bass	6	4	104.11	24	Warragul Ind	5	2	118.58	16	Tooradin-Dal	2	5	69.98	1.25	Tooradin-Dal	2	5	69.98	1.25	Tooradin-Dal	2	5	69.98	1.25					
Warragul Ind	5	5	110.29	20	Koo Wee Rup	4	6	69.13	16	Cora Lynn	1	7	15.18	0.50	Cora Lynn	1	7	15.18	0.50	Cora Lynn	1	7	15.18	0.50					
Koo Wee Rup	3	7	76.22	12	Garfield	4	6	41.30	12	Bunyip	0	8	14.33	0.00	Bunyip	0	8	14.33	0.00	Bunyip	0	8	14.33	0.00					
Garfield	3	7	41.30	12	Dalyston	2	8	41.26	8	Kor-Bena	1	9	24.27	4	Kor-Bena	1	9	24.27	4	Kor-Bena	1	9	24.27	4					
Dalyston	2	8	68.91	8	Warragul Ind	2	8	41.26	8	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00					
Kor-Bena	1	9	37.26	4	Kilcunda-Bass	1	9	4.41	0	Bunyip	0	10	4.46	0	Bunyip	0	10	4.46	0	Bunyip	0	10	4.46	0					

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 10

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

47 **55**

DALYSTON

KILCUNDA-BASS

Dalyston 1.1 4.3 5.4 7.5 (47)

Kilcunda-Bass 2.3 3.4 5.9 7.13 (55)

GOALS, Dalyston: Blake Carew, Brad Monson 2, Dino Karamoshos, Kyle Kirk, Hayden Wallis 1 each

BEST: Kyle Kirk, Mitch Hallahan, Kurt Thomas, Blake Carew, Fraser West

GOALS, K-Bass: Anthony Daraio 2, Timothy Gunn, Dean McRae, Jack Soroczynski, Travis Tuck, Sam Watson 1 each

BEST: Travis Tuck, Lleyton Cartmel, Dale Gawley, Joseph West, Steven Scott, Anthony Daraio

RESERVES

Dalyston 1.0 2.3 2.5 2.5 (17)

Kilcunda-Bass 3.3 5.5 9.9 12.12 (84)

GOALS, Dalyston: Matrix Chisholm, John Jones 1 each

BEST: Ben McRae, Beau Ransom, Zachary Storry, Will Hynes, Ash Chetland, Noah Shepherd

GOALS, K-Bass: Zach Gorsuch 3, Lincoln Allan, Adam Banks, Trent Cartmel, Espen Gelsi, Scott Pugh, Travis Stuckey, Dylan Susic, Ben Wemyss, Phillip Winmar 1 each

BEST: William Campbell, Mehdi Daoud, Zach Gorsuch, Dylan Susic, Travis Stuckey, William Speed

FOURTHS

Dalyston 0.2 1.2 4.4 6.9 (45)

Kilcunda-Bass 0.2 0.4 1.4 1.4 (10)

GOALS, Dalyston: Angus Benetti 3, Malachi Ori, Shelton Winmar, Joe Wylie 1 each

BEST: Zack Hughes, Malachi Ori, Riley Pearson-rutland, Joe Wylie, Shelton Winmar, Angus Benetti

GOALS, K-Bass: No players named.

BEST: Taye Prasad-Taylor, Hayden Power, Riley Eden, Blake Eden, Tyler Duell, Rhylee Duell

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

14 **108**

KOR-BENA

INVERLOCH-K

Kor-Bena 0.2 2.2 2.2 2.2 (14)

Inverloch-K 2.4 7.11 10.20 14.24 (108)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Joel Cuman 2

BEST: Josh Hopkins, Tyler Newton, Kye Benson, Jack Spencer, Mitchell Wightman, Blake Webb

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Nicholas Baitas, Toby Mahoney 3, Tate Short 2, Rem Dal Pozzo, Tom Hams, Paul Pattison, Lachlan Scott, Oscar Toussaint, Thomas Wyatt 1 each

BEST: Dylan Clark, Luke Johnson, Paul Pattison, Oscar Toussaint, Lachlan Scott, Toby Mahoney

RESERVES

Kor-Bena 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.1 (7)

Inverloch-K 6.3 11.5 12.12 17.13 (1

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Jack and Caden were presented with a cheque on Thursday evening, on behalf of Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey club, for the four club players to split as they prepare to head to Malaysia for the Worlds. C05_2524

Underwater hockey head to Internationals

IT MAY not be an Olympic sport yet, but until such time as it's recognised amongst the likes of water polo, diving and swimming, the World Championships will continue to unite and showcase the best of the best.

This year those best include four local players, all a product of Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club: Jack Ryan, Caden Milnes, Ben Robinson and Kasey Hoskins.

Jack Ryan and Caden Milnes, both Under 19 Men's competitors, are juggling Year 12 at Newhaven College and Bass Coast College, respectively, with their intense training schedules. Their counterparts, Ben Robinson and Kasey Hoskins, who compete in the Under 24

Men's and Under 24 Women's categories, respectively, are training in Western Australia with the world's teams and their coaches.

It's a rigorous training schedule for the quartet with lap swimming, skills and gym work taking place multiple nights a week.

"I started when I was 11 years old," Caden explained.

"I was doing distance education. We lived in a rural area and there's not a lot of social contact, so when my mum asked what sport they should get me into, my dad replied with underwater hockey; he had played it for a few years when he was 18."

Jack started not long after, following a broken arm.

"The doctor said to swim (as part of my rehabilitation), and I came here, saw the sign and just jumped in."

"It's great fitness, a great community and you get to meet people all around the country – all ages, all backgrounds."

The opportunity to compete at the world level came two years ago when coaches sought interest during a national event.

It hasn't been a cheap ride since then with training camps and qualification taking the duo to Cairns twice, the Gold Coast twice and to New Zealand (as part of the development team).

"It's just setting in, it's surreal," the duo stated in unison.

"It's just setting in that I'm travelling overseas to represent Australia – it's starting to get real," Jack said.

"Being able to represent your country is not something everyone can say, so it's pretty special," Caden added.

"Thank you to all who have got us where we are."

The Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club has a rich history of producing top-tier players.

"Since 1980 our club has produced at least 20 Australian players," Karl Scotthern, Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club President, said noting a push in recent years towards junior development.

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Twenty-one-year-old, centre/wing Kasey Hoskins will be playing off in the Australian U24 Women's team in Malaysia.



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