



AILEEN'S DILEMMA

It's not a house, it's a home, says Aileen Hughes

IF THE outcome of a bureaucratic process, in the middle of a serious housing crisis, is to issue a local pensioner with an order to "cease occupation", then there's something seriously wrong with the process.

But that's the situation that long-time Meenyan resident, Aileen Hughes, has found herself in, facing eviction from her own home in the town, at a hearing in the Korumburra Magistrates Court next month, following a two-year struggle with the South Gippsland Shire Council.

How has it come to this?

"I've always lived on a rural property and when I was looking to buy something for myself, 30 years ago, I could afford some land with no house, or a house with no land," said Aileen last weekend.

But horses have always been Aileen's life, so it was a no-brainer.

She bought a 6.9-acre rural residential block on the edge of Meenyan, ideal for her horses, with space for training, equipment and supplies.

Ten years earlier, in 1985 and 1986, Aileen won what was effectively the Australian bending championship for horse and rider at the Royal Melbourne Show, a timed equestrian race through a slalom course of six poles, completing the races in an incredible six seconds one year and seven the next.

She's also been a devotee of camp drafting for more than four decades, and just about every other form of competitive horse riding.

And she's something of a real-life horse whisperer where equine troubles are concerned.

The prized Melbourne Show championship ribbons, together with photos of happy times with horses and friends, adorn the walls of her living room, and there's an interesting array of knick-knacks around the kitchen. A slow-combustion heater warms the bones.

These days, Aileen limits herself to looking after a quarter horse named 'Darcy', saving him from the knacker's yard, and building back his fitness and confidence enough to make him a good companion.

"I just love how he greets me in the morning," says Aileen, as Darcy lets out a snort and a blow on her approach to the yards beside the house.

But he's another complicating factor should Aileen be forced to leave.

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"Back then, it was the Woorayl Shire, and I went in there to ask them what I had to do to build something for my horses and my stuff and they said that as long as I built it 100 metres off the road, I didn't need a permit.

"Some years later, I went back to the council and asked what I had to do to build a self-contained area in the shed. The bloke I spoke to took notes and said I had to put in a septic, but as long as I used licensed tradesmen, I'd be fine.

"Finances didn't allow me to do anything else and that's where I stayed.

"When they came out in 2016 and spoke to me about living here, I asked, 'What happens now?' and they said they'd get back to me.

"But it wasn't until two years ago that they contacted me again, saying I'd turned my shed into a habitable dwelling, and I'd have to get a Certificate of Occupancy.

"They said I'd needed to pay for a building report first, but I can't afford the \$2000 or \$3000 it would cost, not on a pension, plus who knows where that would lead."

Ms Hughes is concerned that while the self-contained unit she had built by a licensed local builder, and the septic she had installed, which she has serviced regularly, continue to provide a safe, warm, comfortable and cosy home, they might not comply with all the new regulations today.

"They know I've been living here for nearly 30 years. It's my home address after all, and I pay my rates, but they've done nothing about it until now.

"If they told me back then, when I might have been able to raise the finances to do it, I could have done something, but I simply can't afford it now.

"And surely, they've got better things to do than have six of them working on this. Imagine the cost of it! Going to court and all the rest. They'd be better employed going out and fixing the roads.

"I don't want to be in town. I don't want to live anywhere else. But what else have they



There's a ready cuppa on hand when friends come to call but a dispute with the shire has left the future uncertain for Meeniyans Aileen Hughes.

got for me to live in?" asked Ms Hughes.

"There would be hundreds of people, thousands probably, who'd be happy to live here. So, what's the problem?"

Ms Hughes said the prospect of being made homeless, together with dealing with the shire's bureaucratic processes has been increasingly stressful.

"Surely," she said, "there's got to be a workable solution."

Ms Hughes said there had been some talk of issuing her with a permit for what is effectively a granny flat or even allowing her to put a caravan on the site.

"People have been very supportive, I've already been offered a few caravans, but those offers by the shire seem to have evaporated," she said.

"It's a silly impasse. A waste of ratepayers' money. They're making it impossible for people to live."

Ms Hughes will be 75 years of age by the time the matter goes to court, and frankly, she could do without the mental anguish it has caused, and is still causing, as the court date approaches.

"I've never told anyone in my life to f--- off, but one day, when a big bloke from the shire came out, unannounced, to see if I'd complied with the order to leave, I've got to admit I did get a bit upset.

"I've previously had a stroke, and I just felt that pressure building in my head.

"It's all just so unnecessary. There's nothing wrong with the house. Why don't they just leave me alone? How much longer can I be here anyway?" she said.

Response from the Shire

The South Gippsland Shire Council was offered the opportunity to respond and while not unsympathetic to Ms Hughes' situation, they stressed their statutory responsibility.

"South Gippsland Shire Council reminds the community that it is unlawful to live in any building that has not been designed, approved, and constructed for residential use – this includes sheds.

"Victorian building legislation sets minimum safety and construction standards for dwellings to ensure they are

safe and suitable for habitation.

"Unfortunately, the use of sheds for accommodation is a growing concern, and councils have observed serious risks including poor living conditions, fire hazards, water damage, and mould.

"While we understand the pressures of housing shortages and rising living costs, Council has a legal duty of care. Once we become aware of someone living in a shed, we are required to act. Councils have previously been found liable for failing to intervene in similar situations.

"Our approach is to:

1. Engage with the occupant and seek voluntary compliance by requesting independent evidence that the building is safe for occupation.
2. Offer referrals to appropriate support services.
3. Issue a building order to cease occupation if compliance cannot be achieved within a reasonable timeframe.

"Council is committed to working respectfully with the affected individual while upholding community safety and legal obligations."

Flood-related planning concerns in South Gippsland

By Andrew Palocz

SOUTH Gippsland Shire councillors acknowledged the need for a proactive approach to the increasing frequency of significant flood events but expressed reservations about the potential impacts of integrating available Flood Overlay mapping into the South Gippsland Planning Scheme.

Councillors voted at Wednesday's council meeting to seek written consent from the Minister for Planning to prepare and give notice of a draft Planning Scheme Amendment to the South Gippsland Planning Scheme, to implement a host of flood studies, which combined encompass a significant portion of the shire.

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority prepared the studies pertaining to areas within its jurisdiction and has developed corresponding Flood Overlay mapping intended for integration into the South Gippsland Planning Scheme.

"Council has proactively secured funding through the State Government's Regional Flood-Related Amendments Program to facilitate the implementation of these adopted flood studies into the South Gippsland Planning Scheme," the June council meeting agenda states.

It is stressed that the comprehensive planning scheme amendment process will include extensive public consultation, ensuring all interested parties can provide submissions to council and an independent Standing Advisory Committee for consideration before any modifications are made to the South Gippsland Planning Scheme.

Cr Nathan Hersey, speaking at Wednesday's meeting, successfully moved a motion different to the recommendation before councillors, to ensure any landowners who would be impacted are appropriately notified.

His motion stated, "Council commits to undertaking a transparent and inclusive consultation process during the exhibition of the draft Planning Scheme Amendments to implement the flood studies."

Specifically, it calls for written notice to all owners and occupiers of affected land identified in the mapping, broad engagement with wider affected township communities and information sessions to ensure everyone is aware of the situation and able to participate and engage.

Cr Hersey highlighted the challenges ahead, noting that adopting and acting on the flood studies and overlays will affect many South Gippsland properties, with potential impacts on insurance and on property values.

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IN BRIEF

Mayor Schelling hits out at misleading corruption allegation

MAYOR John Schelling responded to a claim from avid South Gippsland Shire Council observer David Amor accusing it of being classified by the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) as one of the most difficult councils to deal with out of those with comparable populations.

Cr Schelling referred to IBAC’s ‘Corruption and misconduct allegations dashboard’ that was publicly launched last December, explaining it “allows people to view corruption and misconduct allegations across Victoria’s public sector”.

“Recently, Council Watch posted a social media post with a cropped image which gave the impression that South Gippsland Shire Council was the second highest council for reports made to IBAC in relation to corruption; the social media post was misleading as the user was required to click on the image to expand to the full data set,” he said.

Cr Schelling elaborated that doing so revealed South Gippsland Shire Council ranks 29th on that list, adding that takes account of council size.

“IBAC makes it clear that submissions received by IBAC do not mean that corrupt conduct has occurred and this dashboard should only be used as an indicator of IBAC workload commitments,” he stated.

Council reckons Korumburra has all the dunnies it needs

ALTHOUGH conceding Korumburra’s still new toilet facility offers fewer cubicles than previously available in the town’s railway precinct, South Gippsland Shire Mayor John Schelling expressed the view there are sufficient to cope with demand most of the time.

The less than glamorous topic arose during Wednesday’s council meeting in response to a question from regular council watcher David Amor as to whether councillors know Korumburra’s new toilet block provides just four standard and one disabled toilet.

Mr Amor said there were previously 13 toilets available, expressing concern about what happens if a couple of buses arrive at the same time and pondering why the new facility is so small.

Cr Schelling responded that the now demolished previous toilet block contained nine cubicles, including an accessible one and a urinal, confirming the new facility includes five cubicles.

“The facility has never been expected to accommodate two busloads of people at one time,” he said, adding that council considers the new facility safer and a more efficient arrangement and expressing

the view that it meets demand the vast majority of the time.

Bus fire at the Concourse, Cowes

COUNTRY Fire Authority (CFA) responded to a non-structure fire at approximately 9.35 am on Tuesday, June 17, at the Concourse in Cowes. Crews arrived to find a bus on fire. The bus was located in the open, away from other buses and structures.

Some wins on drought taskforce, but big challenges remain

THE Drought Taskforce chaired by Victorian Premier, Jacinta Allan, and Rural Councils Victoria (RCV) has acknowledged some breakthrough wins delivered by the Victorian Government’s Drought Response Taskforce, while warning significant challenges remain unresolved.

The Government has agreed to speed up access to interstate fodder, expand fodder delivery routes, and fast-track kangaroo control permits for rural landholders.

RCV has been in constant dialogue with member councils about the types of support rural communities require.

Challenges raised by rural councils include the need for:

- Greater access to emergency water supplies, including assistance with delivery
- Household allowances to support families through hardship
- Boosted mental health supports
- A relaxation of roadside grazing rules
- The expansion of the Rural Financial Counselling Service
- More flexibility in the criteria for on-farm infrastructure support, and
- Additional support for community events and informal social opportunities to strengthen social bonds and reduce isolation.

RCV Chair Cr Rob Amos (Campaspe Shire) said Victoria needs a whole-of-government drought resilience strategy that integrates economic, health, environmental and community outcomes.

“Entire rural communities are feeling the strain, including farmers, families, shop owners and service businesses.”

Dive into the Arockalypse this August

AROCKALYPSE now explodes back for its fourth year on August 2, 2025, at The Westernport Hotel, San Remo!

Get ready for an epic night which hosts six local original bands and five Melbourne bands to rock the stage, including Hot Machine, Willie J’s 6v6’s, Pizza Death, Space Junk, Laura and the Hell Cutz, The Dropkicks, The Foxy Junes, Ratbird, Boxthorn, Book

Runner, and Chrome Gypsy.

The Westernport will pulsate with energy as it has since the first Arockalypse, with heavy riffs drawing in seasoned fans and new faces of age, as they unite for a lineup of electric sound that evolves rock culture, with the introduction of progressive artists.

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Council endorses Transport Strategy

BASS Coast Shire Council adopted the Integrated Transport Strategy 2025-2045, setting out a 20-year vision to create a safer, more accessible and sustainable transport network across the region.

The strategy will guide future transport investment, policy and decision-making for all modes – walking, cycling, public transport, motor vehicles, parking and freight.

Community feedback highlighted the need for improved transport infrastructure, greater public transport reliability and solutions to seasonal parking pressures.

With Bass Coast’s population expected to grow by 35 per cent by 2046, and transport already the fastest-growing contributor to emissions, the strategy provides a much-needed roadmap to reduce congestion, lower emissions and improve road safety.

The strategy will be reviewed every five years to ensure it remains relevant and responsive to emerging needs and priorities.

A community gathering in Poowong

A COMMUNITY get together over soup and sandwiches is being held at the Poowong Football Clubrooms on Wednesday, June 25. All locals, including businesses, farming families and young parents are invited to attend the free event which is simply for connection, conversation and a cuppa.

The event is being hosted by the Strzelecki Lions Club and the Poowong and District CWA.

“It’s our little contribution back to the community for now because we felt these are the communities that we raise our money in whenever we do fundraising things, and that these are the communities that support our organisations. So, we’d like to put something back in,” explained Thelma Hutchinson from the Poowong and District CWA.

It is also a chance for locals to check in with one another and talk about what they or the community might want or need, particularly during these tough times. Depending on the response and feedback received from the community at this event, the Lions Club and CWA may organise a series of events tailored to local feedback and expressed needs.

Locals are invited to turn up on the day or call Thelma on 0412 368 791 for more information.

BCSC calls on state to repeal ESVF Levy

BASS Coast Shire Councilors have unanimously voted to take a strong and united stand against the State Government’s Emergency Services Volunteer Fund (ESVF), passing a motion at the June Council Meeting to:

1. Reiterate the concerns and objections raised in Council’s May 21 resolution, particularly around the significant financial burden the levy will place on Bass Coast ratepayers.

2. Highlight the unfair and inequitable impact the levy will have on the Shire’s farming, commercial and industrial sectors.

3. Call on the State Government to listen to the community and immediately repeal the implementation of the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund Levy (Bill).

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead said even with the 12-month pause for primary producers, the ESVF will still result in an estimated \$4.5 million increase in charges collected from Bass Coast ratepayers, a 43 per cent rise compared to the previous Fire Services Property Levy.

“This is an unreasonable hit to our community,” Cr Halstead said. “The burden is being unfairly shifted to local residents, farmers, and business owners without proper consultation. Council is united in saying this is not acceptable.”

Cr Brett Tessari, who brought the motion forward, said Council is echoing the voice of the community and standing alongside other regional Councils, like Loddon Shire, who are also demanding the State Government reconsider this flawed approach.

“While we fully support our emergency services volunteers, this levy is excessive, inequitable and poorly designed,” Cr Tessari said. “The pause on increased charges for primary producers is welcome, but it doesn’t go far enough, it still leaves a huge burden on the rest of our community.”

Council also voiced its concern about being tasked with collecting a State-imposed charge, warning of the administrative and reputational consequences it brings at the local level.

“Council should not be put in the position of administering a deeply unpopular State tax,” Cr Halstead said.

New stats indicate crime spiralling out of control

THE latest figures from the Crime Statistics Agency were released last week, painting a grim picture with crime rates spiralling out of control and rising across South Gippsland and the Bass Coast by 11.2 per cent and 13.3 per cent respectively.

South Gippsland

In the twelve months to the end of March 2025, South Gippsland recorded 1609 criminal offences, an increase of 162 offences or 11.2 per cent on the previous year. Compared with the state criminal incident rate of 6692.2 per 100,000 population, South Gippsland's rate was lower at 5145.7 per 100,000 for the year ending March 2025. However, family violence rates in South Gippsland were 30.7 per cent higher than the state average.

There were 612 family violence incidents recorded over the last year to end of March, an increase of 14 per cent on the previous year.

"These statistics are devastating and reflect a deeply disturbing trend that simply cannot be allowed to continue unchecked," said The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien.

The top five criminal offences for South Gippsland all increased over the year to March. There was a 100 per cent increase in stealing from a motor vehicle with 134 incidences, a 43 per cent increase in breach of family violence order with 221 incidences, a 7.6 per cent increase in criminal damage with 169 incidences, non-aggravated burglary rose by 11.2 per cent with 79 incidences, and other theft increased by 3.9 per cent with 133 incidences recorded.

Mr O'Brien said these figures confirm what locals already know – crime is getting worse by the day.

"These are not just small increases – this is a full-blown crime crisis," Mr O'Brien said. "Our region is being hit hard, and the State Government has contributed to this crisis through huge numbers of unfilled police vacancies, closing and understaffing of police stations, and weakening of bail laws."

Mr O'Brien said while local police are doing an outstanding job under pressure, they are fighting a losing battle without proper support.

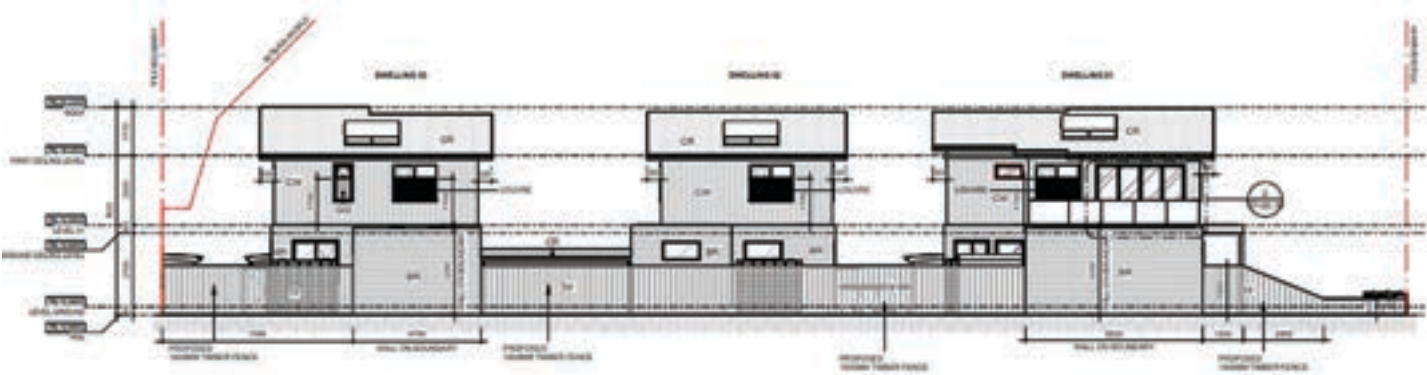
"I want to commend our local police – they are working incredibly hard and continue to make arrests, but the reality is they're up against a government that has abandoned them."

Bass Coast

There were 2510 criminal offences recorded in Bass Coast in the twelve months to end of March 2025 – an increase of 293 offences or 13.2 per cent.

For the year ending March 2025, the criminal incident rate per 100,000 population for Bass Coast was 5662.6 compared with the Victorian rate of 6692.2.

Read the full story online at sgst.com.au



The construction of three double-storey dwellings in Cowes in a General Residential Zone with a Vegetation Protection Overlay has been approved by Bass Coast Council.

Loss of vegetation no barrier to multi-storey unit development on Phillip Island

By Bruce Wardley

A THREE double-storey development and three-lot subdivision in a general residential zone in Cowes has been approved by Bass Coast Council despite strong objections from local residents over loss of vegetation.

Twenty objections were received opposing the development.

"This development is contrary to what we want to achieve with our neighbourhood character," said Island Ward Cr Ron Bauer.

"I appreciate that due to the DAL, we will need to infill larger sites but to make the entire area look like a sardine can, with two-storey dwellings is against what we want to achieve in Cowes."

"Over-development, overshadowing, and three two-storey developments."

"It's one thing to be able to tick the planning boxes but it's another to make our community have to live with it," said Cr Bauer.

Cr Tracey Bell said she understood that overshadowing was a major problem but wanted to point out that according to a submission by Bass Coast Housing Matters, the housing need in Bass Coast is not for three- or four-bedroom houses but for one- and two-bedroom homes.

"Some people want to live in a sardine can," said Cr Bell.

"They're single people who just need a bed and a roof over their head."

Cr Jon Temby said he was sympathetic to the reasons for the objections and was not happy about a two-storey building close to a back fence where there was overshadowing as well as visual impact.



"But this plan meets all the planning rules and if we say no, it will go to VCAT."

"Let's make the rear building single-storey," Cr Temby suggested.

According to Cr Tim O'Brien, there was a clear conflict between what was being proposed and the character of the local neighbourhood.

Birdwood Avenue in Cowes comprises predominantly older, single-storey brick or weatherboard dwellings with no or low fencing and scattered vegetation.

"This is out of whack," said Cr O'Brien.

"We should be able to protect places that have a specific character."

Cr Jan Thompson said it would cost \$10,000 to \$15,000 to go to VCAT and Council Officers who are professionals have advised that we don't have a leg to stand on.

"How many times have we

gone to VCAT and lost recently?" Cr Thompson asked.

"One lot of people are being forgotten," said Cr Thompson.

"That is single homeowners and people who are retiring and want smaller abodes."

"I want to move from a three-bedroom home to a single-bedroom home, but I can't because there is nothing in my area," said Cr Thompson.

Cr Mat Morgan said he was particularly concerned over the removal of vegetation but at the end of the day, the development met legislative requirements.

Deputy Mayor Cr Brett Tessari who grew up in a miner's cottage in South Wonthaggi with a huge backyard said times had changed.

"Unfortunately, we have to move with it."

"Some people want to live in a two-storey townhouse close to town, and some

people want to live on a quarter, or half acre block out in the sticks," said Cr Tessari.

There is a housing affordability problem according to Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead.

The way it is being addressed said Cr Halstead was by doubling down on township boundaries, forcing people to cut up their blocks and increase density.

"As a local government we no longer have the power we used to have," said Cr Halstead.

In accordance with the Vegetation Protection Overlay, a planning permit is required to remove, destroy or lop any vegetation specified in the Overlay schedule.

The proposed subdivision and three-dwelling development at Birdwood Avenue was considered to have merit when consideration was given to broader state and local policies related to residential development and housing affordability.

The council arborist requested that a Flax Lead Paperbark tree and eight Photinias be retained having regard to the Vegetation Protection Overlay, and the height and spread of the tree canopies which contributed to the streetscape character.

Of ten trees on the site, three were found to be fruit trees with no planning permit required for their removal, and a mirror bush and a sweet pittosporum which are classified as weeds.

The proposal to construct three, double-storey dwellings in a General Residential Zone with the removal of vegetation in a Vegetation Protection Overlay was supported by a majority of Bass Coast councillors and the development was approved.

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Mayor's Message



Cr Rochelle Halstead



AT our June Council Meeting, I was proud to see my fellow Councillors working together with focus and a shared commitment to delivering strong outcomes for our community.

A number of significant decisions were made – including the adoption of the 2025/26 Budget, the San Remo Structure Plan, and our new Integrated Transport Strategy. Each of these plans has been shaped by the voices of our community and will help guide our investment in infrastructure, services and sustainable growth over the coming years.

We also adopted the Mountain Bike, BMX and Pump Track Implementation Plan, which lays the groundwork for inclusive and accessible riding infrastructure right across the Shire – for bikes, scooters, skaters and more.

Council unanimously endorsed sending the draft Governance Rules 2025 out for community consultation. These rules guide how Council meetings are run and how decisions are made, including during election periods. I encourage everyone to review the draft and have your say before consultation closes on July 17.

We also endorsed a three-year plan to continue fireworks as part of Bass Coast's End of Year Celebrations. This decision follows a comprehensive review that included community engagement, environmental impact assessment and event attendance analysis. The results were clear – 84 per cent of more than 2,300 survey respondents supported keeping fireworks. The plan strikes a balance between celebrating together as a community and managing the broader impacts of these events.

Council also reaffirmed its strong opposition to the proposed Emergency Services Volunteers Fund (ESVF) levy. Bass Coast residents would be expected to contribute approximately \$1.8 million annually – a disproportionate and unfair burden on our community. Our advocacy on this issue will continue.

And I couldn't resist one more plug – please vote for Kilcunda in the Victorian Top Tourism Town Awards! Kilcunda is the perfect blend of coast, country and character, and this nomination is a great way to celebrate our region's charm. Go to basscoast.vic.gov.au/news-listing/vote-for-kilcunda to read more and vote.w

Finally, thank you to everyone who takes the time to contribute to Council's engagement– your input helps shape the future of Bass Coast. Please visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au and also subscribe to our monthly newsletter. Thank you to my fellow Councillors for their continued collaboration and focus on delivering for our community.

Investing in the community Bass Coast Shire adopts 2025/26 budget

BASS Coast Shire Council has adopted its 2025/26 Annual Budget reaffirming a commitment to delivering high-quality services and infrastructure across the Shire while maintaining financial discipline within the State Government's three per cent rate cap.

The \$123.2 million budget includes a \$31.5 million capital works program supporting major strategic projects and provides for new borrowings to fund vital infrastructure.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead, said the budget reflected Council's commitment to both community wellbeing and long-term sustainability.

"This budget strikes a careful balance," said Cr Halstead. "It supports the essential services our residents rely on every day while delivering on infrastructure that will help meet the needs of a growing population."

"We've been disciplined in our approach, targeting efficiencies, managing costs and



A unanimous vote of support by Bass Coast Councillors for the 2025/26 Bass Coast Shire Budget included an 80 per cent farm rate differential for the rural community. M16_2525

continuing to invest in what matters most to our community."

Despite rising costs and a lower-than-expected increase in rates revenue Bass Coast Council has forecast a modest operating deficit of \$1.5 million, a return to surplus in 2026/27 and a balanced cash position for 2025/26.

Highlights of the budget include \$3.5 million for the Inverloch to Wonthaggi Trail, \$3

million for Cowes Streetscape improvements, \$2 million for the Bass Recreation Reserve Netball Pavilion, \$1.9 million for the Wonthaggi Netball Pavilion, \$650,000 for Urban Roads and Drainage Improvement (URDI), \$440,000 for the Phillip Island Sporting Precinct, \$400,000 for climate change actions in support of Council's Climate Change Action Plan, and \$330,000 for accessible beach access at Cowes.

While budgeting for a net debt reduction of \$3 million, Bass Coast has included \$2 million in new borrowings to help fund major community assets including \$1 million for the Inverloch to Wonthaggi Trail and another \$1 million for the Wonthaggi Netball Pavilion.

"We're backing regional facilities that improve community life and set us up for the future," said Mayor Cr Halstead.

Grey-headed flying fox impacted by fireworks on Phillip Island

BASS Coast Council has approved fireworks for at least another three years at Cowes, Inverloch and Coronet Bay despite misgivings about the possible environmental impact on wildlife and marine ecosystems.

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

Bass Coast Councillor Mat Morgan told Council he liked fireworks generally but not in Cowes.

"It's not the place," said Cr Mat Morgan "and neither is Coronet Bay."

According to Cr Morgan, the Island is a delicate ecosystem centred around environmental assets and fireworks simply don't belong.

"The grey-headed flying fox is listed as a threatened species and they are impacted by these fireworks," said Cr Morgan.

"Sorry to be the fun police, Madam Mayor," he said.



Cr Mat Morgan told Bass Coast Council he liked fireworks but not in Cowes. B11_2525

"I know we all love fireworks, but we need to at least move them away from environmentally sensitive areas."

Deputy Mayor Cr Brett Tessari said he loved fireworks.

"For the five, six, seven minutes we see the fireworks and the joy it brings to our community I think it's money well spent," he said.

"People come to the Island from everywhere, and it brings money into our community."

"It puts you in good spirits

to start the new year," said Cr Tessari.

Cr Jan Thompson told Council the three locations at Inverloch, Cowes and Coronet Bay had great community involvement with music, food vendors and the CFA involved.

Recognising and sharing the public's interest in fireworks displays Cr Jon Temby said he did not approve of fireworks over water or anywhere else where the waste cannot be collected and disposed of properly.

Cr Tracey Bell said her family loved the fireworks and it was a great community atmosphere, but the environmental impact was hard to stomach.

According to Cr Bell, the three-year delivery plan would give Council time to hopefully bring down the price of drone shows because the alternative was very expensive.

Cr Ron Bauer said having attended Carols by the Bay in Cowes many times it was always wonderful to see the delight on the faces of the community and especially children when the fireworks were let off with a sparkle and a bang.

"We should not be worried about our Council-operated events but be looking at the real danger of illegal fireworks let off on our beaches and hinterland," said Cr Bauer.

"That is a bushfire waiting to happen."

Cr Tim O'Brien explained having fireworks going off all around the coastline rather than concentrated in the one spot in Cowes, there was not only the fire risk but the risk to wildlife spreading over a much wider area.

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Mayor clamps down on abusive language in questions

ABUSIVE, intolerant or otherwise unacceptable language in questions to Council, and from councillors themselves has angered Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead.

The tone of several letters to Bass Coast Council this month and an attempt at humour during a discussion on fireworks caused the Mayor to withdraw several letters from the agenda and censure one councillor.

A question on Council's 'aggressive push' to seal roads by putting in gutters and footpaths against residents' wishes was answered with the explanation that respecting prevailing neighbourhood character was an important element of any road and drainage scheme, and residents were presented with a range of options as part of the design process.

Objecting to the use of the term 'aggressive push' in the question Mayor Halstead said that sort of language would not be acceptable in the future.

A further question on the process used to confirm signatures on petitions for special charge schemes was addressed by CEO Greg Box who explained Council verified the name and address of each landowner when a petition was received.



Cr Ron Bauer enjoying a cuppa with Graham Jolly after a question from Mr Jolly to Council regarding progress on designs for a new sporting oval and off-leash dog area at Hilton Chadwick Reserve. B13_2525

Answering a question on the premature failure of bitumen pavements and dust suppressant seals, due to Council's failure to adequately maintain road shoulders and table drains, CEO Greg Box said Council would undertake to continue with its program of road maintenance including the regular patching of potholes.

One resident from The Esplanade in Surf Beach questioned Council's declaration to remove illegal stormwater connections into sewer pipes. "Illegal stormwater connections to Westernport Water's sewerage system causes

overloading and risks sewage pump station overflow," explained Mr Box.

Mr Graham Jolly in a letter to Council asked what progress had been made on the detailed designs for a new sporting oval and off-leash dog area at Hilton Chadwick Reserve on Phillip Island.

Another question to Council, related to the design of a turning lane.

Mr Box responded that Council was in the final stages of designing a left turn lane into the future Phillip Island Recreation Reserve and once approved the designs would

be available for public engagement.

With changes to speed traffic signs in Wonthaggi, Cowes and a number of other towns another letter to Council asked who was paying for the materials and labour to remove the existing signs.

"Speed zone changes are funded by Council," answered Mr Box.

"Are supermarket car parks counted in car parking surveys?"

"Supermarket car parks are counted in car parking surveys," replied Mr Box.

Question time concluded with questions on the removal of wildlife on Phillip Island, an item on Council's Balance Sheet, progress on Council's Net Zero target and statutory protection for the 80-acre recreation reserve on Phillip Island.

"Just having your word isn't enough," claimed the correspondent.

Mr Box said the 2025/26 budget did not include provisions for the implementation of statutory protections for the 80-acre recreation reserve however Council had gone to significant efforts to secure the land including a public acquisition overlay for the site.

"Council has no intention of selling the land," said Mr Box.

Have your say on new governance rules for Bass Coast Council

NEW draft governance rules including an updated election period policy have been endorsed by Bass Coast Shire Council and released for public consultation.

The draft rules will be open for community feedback from Wednesday, June 19 to 5pm, Thursday, July 17, 2025.

Governance Rules inform the Council meeting process, including public questions, petitions, and election period legislative obligations.

Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead said the proposed updates reflect Council's commitment to transparency and continuous improvement.

"Good governance is the foundation of community trust," Cr Halstead said.

"These rules guide how decisions are made and how Council operates particularly during sensitive periods like elections."

The current governance rules have been in place for three years and supported Council through the 2024 Local Government Election. The review has identified ways to improve clarity, address inconsistencies, and strengthen governance practices, particularly in the lead-up to elections.

Community members are encouraged to review the draft rules and provide feedback during the consultation period.

"The draft rules aim to ensure our processes remain fair, accountable and clear," said Cr Halstead. "Community feedback will help us make sure we're on the right track."

To make a submission go to engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/governance-rules-2025.

Plan to shape San Remo

BASS Coast Shire Council formally adopted the San Remo Structure Plan at its June meeting. Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead said the plan is a significant milestone for San Remo and council.

"San Remo is a gateway to Phillip Island and a much-loved destination with a strong sense of identity," she said.

"We know the town is facing increasing pressure from population growth and visitor numbers, and this plan gives us a roadmap to manage that growth sustainably and strategically, while keeping what makes San Remo special."

The adoption of the structure plan also includes two key companion documents:

- The San Remo Urban Design Framework, which provides detailed design guidance for key town precincts like Marine Parade and Lions Park.
- The San Remo Access and Movement Study and Car Parking Plan, which sets out long-term strategies to improve traffic flow, safety and parking options.

Cr Halstead said the plan reflects the shared aspirations of the San Remo community.

"The final plan wouldn't be what it is without the passionate contributions of local residents, businesses and community groups," she said. "We're incredibly grateful to everyone who took the time to provide input - this is your plan, and it will help shape San Remo for the next generation."

Farmers let down as Bass Coast farm rate differential remains at 80%

BASS Coast farmers struggling with dry conditions and low prices for milk, beef and lamb are yet to see any rate relief from Bass Coast Shire.

Commenting on the 2025/26 Bass Coast Budget Cr Tim O'Brien said it was disappointing that Bass Coast still had an 80 per cent farm rate differential.

"Council had let farmers down," said Cr O'Brien.

Recalling the ghosts of councils past, Cr Ron Bauer said this budget was based on the last Council's four-year plan which had effectively become a five-year plan.

Cr Mat Morgan said Council needed to go through community consultation when looking at rates charges because these things affect every resident.

Although sympathising with farmers and coming from a farming background himself



Cr Meg Edwards, Cr Tim O'Brien and Cr Ron Bauer shared afternoon tea with residents and ratepayers at this month's Bass Coast Council Meeting. B14_2525

Cr Morgan said rates affect everyone including renters who don't pay rates but still need services from the Shire.

"We need a whole of community approach when we're talking about changes," said

Cr Morgan.

South Gippsland Shire currently applies a 70 per cent differential rate to farmland, Baw Baw Shire 80 per cent, Cardinia Shire, Latrobe City and East Gippsland Shire all

75 per cent.

Bass Coast Council offers farmers a land management rebate as an incentive for farmers who carry out recognised practices to contain weeds and soil erosion.

The objective of the differential rate according to Bass Coast Shire is to identify land used for primary production and ensure such land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council.

The differential rates are currently set as follows, Developed (Residential, Commercial and Industrial Land) 100 per cent, Vacant Land 150 per cent and Farmland 80 per cent. There is no limit on the number or types of differential rates that can be levied, but the highest differential rate can be no more than four times the lowest differential rate.

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Myli's Tim prepares for the school holidays.

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LOOKING for ways to keep the kids busy these school holidays? Myli's libraries across Bass Coast and South Gippsland have a big line-up of creative, educational and hands-on events, all completely free. From messy crafts to cosy Storytimes and fun new experiences, there's something for every age and interest.

In the Bass Coast, Wonthaggi and Phillip Island libraries will welcome local author Yvonne Bornstein for a special Storytime and book launch. Wonthaggi will also be hosting a cosy movie session, cardboard bird-making, and the hands-on Air Clay Club. Phillip Island will be buzzing with Whale Festival celebrations and Mr T's Mathematical Marvels. Inverloch's program features poetry, science experiments and paper crafts, while the

Waterline Library will offer a mix of activities including Planks, cardboard creations and DIY harmonicas.

Over in South Gippsland, Foster Library has Lego building, story stones and NAIDOC-themed workshops. Leongatha's line-up includes movies, robots and rolling contraptions, while Mirboo North and Korumburra will be busy with crafty projects and other creative holiday events.

It's a great way to get out of the house, explore your local library and make some memories along the way. Our school holiday events are friendly, inclusive and designed to be as engaging as they are fun. Best of all, they're free! Tickets go live at 5pm on Monday, June 23 at myli.au/july25. We'd love to see you at the library these holidays!

Night shift erosion fix as sandbags continue to collapse at Inverloch

FURTHER erosion at both ends of the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club has forced Bass Coast Shire Council to undertake urgent sand renourishment works at night.

With large swells forecast this week, essential sand renourishment works will be undertaken at low tide overnight to maintain the integrity of the protective sandbag wall on the Inverloch surf beach and surrounding dune area.

The latest erosion fix comes just two weeks after sand was dredged from the eastern end of the surf beach and dumped at either end of the geotextile sandbag wall for a second time.

A protective barrier of sand was dredged from low sand dunes in April and placed around the Inverloch SLSC in a race against time to beat the Easter king tides.

Bass Coast Council has expressed its appreciation to the local community for understanding that Council needed to act quickly to protect this vulnerable stretch of coastline.

Approval for the night works was received from the Environment Protection Authority.

The Nationals' MP Melina Bath called on Labor's Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos to act urgently on the escalating erosion crisis between Inverloch and Cape Paterson.

Ms Bath said Minister Dimopoulos had failed to answer important questions on the Cape to Cape Resilience Project raised in February, as residents have been watching with growing alarm as the surf beach dunes collapse at Inverloch, infrastructure is undermined, and access to beaches is lost.

"The sand renourishment works



Matthew McGannon looks over sand erosion damage at the Inverloch SLSC. B21_2525

to date have been largely futile," said Ms Bath.

"Local residents are documenting how quickly the sand is being washed away, days after being put in place.

"The community is seeking commitments and actions instead of Labor's reliance on temporary band-aid fixes prior to stage one works commencing in the spring."

Ms Bath criticised the Government for its lack of transparency and communication on the Inverloch to Cape Paterson coastline investigation since its inception.

"It has been five years since the Cape to Cape Resilience Project began and despite feedback on the draft report closing nine months ago, the final report still has not been released.

"The final plan must be released before these works commence so

the community can have confidence in the project's final direction and scope.

"There is justifiable concern that Labor will continue to pursue its retreat strategy despite fierce community opposition.

"Locals are seeking a long-term funding commitment for adaptation and protection measures over the next decade," said Ms Bath.

"The \$10 million provided this year, divided between six communities is insufficient.

"This coastline is home to vibrant communities, vital ecosystems, and cherished public assets.

"Without urgent action and a long-term funding commitment from the State Government to stabilise the coast, many fear this unique environment, along with public and private infrastructure, will be lost forever."

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Ngangga NAIDOC Celebration on Milawul

BASS Coast Reconciliation Network is excited to announce the very first Ngangga on Milawul (Phillip Island) – a free event celebrating NAIDOC Week on Sunday, July 6.

The event, run in partnership with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community, will see First Nations-owned stallholders, volunteers, Community organisations, musicians and artists come together to celebrate Culture through fun activities, games, live music, deadly (great) information and support, arts, crafts and more.

Aligning with the 2025 NAIDOC theme of Next Generation, Strength, Vision and Legacy, Ngangga aims to empower young people and families to celebrate, experience and learn more of our shared history.

The one day festival will run from 12pm-5pm at Berninneit in Cowes starting with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.

Everyone is invited to come along and be part of the great First Nations’ stalls, music, workshops, activities and family fun across the day that will be followed by an evening performance from Uncle Kutcha Edwards (tickets required) in the theatre at Berninneit.

It will be a treat to see First Nations artists Candice Lorrae and Fonzie (Paul) Patten performing as part of the free festival along with local business WKY events running cultural games along with a variety of First Nations stallholders and activities.

The event is support by Aboriginal-led partnership Dhelk



First Nations artist Candice Lorrae will be performing as part of the free Ngangga NAIDOC week event.

Dja. Paul Patten is part of the event organising committee and also Chairperson for the Inner Gippsland South Coast Dhelk Dja Action Group.

“We wish everyone a happy NAIDOC week. What better way to celebrate than to be together. There are so many events happening across Bass Coast, come along and celebrate with us,” Paul said.

Leslie Briggs, Owner of WKY Events, will be running traditional games and an artefact display on the day.

“To me, the festival means togetherness and recognising our Indigenous Culture and opportunities to gain knowledge and respect,” said Leslie.

“We bring cultural activities and give our community the opportunity to learn and get hands on experience in

Aboriginal Culture. People should come along to learn and engage with our culture to then spread awareness for others.”

First Nations Community member and co-Chair of the Network, Dr Bev Munro said: “A NAIDOC event on Milawul (Phillip Island) holds immense significance for both myself and the wider community. It’s an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the rich culture and heritage of First Nations Peoples. For the community, it is a chance to come together, learn, and foster understanding through shared experiences. It’s also a powerful reminder of the importance of reconciliation and the ongoing journey towards healing and recognition for First Peoples.”

Ngangga (meaning to hear, to understand, to listen in Boon-

wurrung language) welcomes First Nations Peoples together with our allies and supporters, residents and tourists to share our history; celebrate our culture, ancestors and Elders; elevate the voices and visibility of First Nations Peoples and create an exciting future for next generations through empowering and supporting our young people to work towards self-determination and economic prosperity.

Bass Coast Reconciliation Network has run many major reconciliation events including a Bridge Walk for Reconciliation in 2022 where over 1000 community members walked across the bridge from San Remo to Milawul.

Want to come along to Ngangga?

We are asking people to register on Try Booking for their free ticket to Ngangga! This is not essential – you can just turn up on the day – it just helps us with planning. See ad for details and more here basscoast.vic.gov.au/ngangga-festival.

NAIDOC across Bass Coast

There are many events happening across Bass Coast this NAIDOC Week including the annual NAIDOC Art Exhibition in Wonthaggi, Birdz & Fred Sounds @ Wonthaggi on Saturday, July 5 at 7.30pm and a special performance by Uncle Kutcha Edwards at Berninneit in Cowes on Sunday, July 6 following the Ngangga Festival (paid tickets for this performance are required). Get your full guide in next week’s paper.

Opening doors to university life

COUNTRY Universities Centre (CUC) Bass Coast is making higher education more accessible for students of all ages.

Based in Wonthaggi, the Centre works in partnership with schools, universities, and education providers to expand study opportunities across the region.

As part of its mission to raise aspirations and awareness about tertiary study options, CUC Bass Coast has partnered with Swinburne University to offer local secondary students the chance to experience university life firsthand. Free return bus transport will be provided to Swinburne University’s Open Day at the Hawthorn Campus on Sunday, July 27.

“This initiative is about showing students that there are multiple pathways into tertiary education,” said Rhett McLennan, education program coordinator.

“Relocating to Melbourne is just one option – many students are now choosing to stay local while they study, and that works too.” The Open Day experience includes:

- Free bus transport for students and their families
- Campus and residential tours led by Swinburne student ambassadors
- Complimentary lunch and a first-hand look at university life

Supported by the Australian Government’s Regional University Study Hub program, CUC Bass Coast offers free learning facilities for students enrolled in a degree, diploma, or Certificate IV from any Australian higher education provider. Research shows that people in regional and rural areas are 50 per cent less likely to engage in higher education. CUC is working to close this gap through programs that build aspiration while students are still in school.

“Our Centre has shown that regional students no longer need to choose between staying home or pursuing higher education,” said centre manager Sarah Bourke. “CUC enables them to do both, strengthening not just individual outcomes but the broader capacity of our local workforce and community.”

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Council's Integrated Planning Documents

South Gippsland Shire Council has formally endorsed its suite of Integrated Planning documents at the June Council Meeting. These documents set a clear and strategic direction for the municipality over the coming years.

The endorsed documents include:

- *Council Plan 2025 - 2029.*
- *Financial Plan 2025/26 - 2034/35*
- *Revenue and Rating Plan 2025 - 2029.*
- *Budget 2025/26 - 2028/29, including the 2025/26 Council Plan Annual Initiatives.*
- *Asset Plan 2025 - 2035.*
- *Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025 - 2029.*
- *Integrated Planning Engagement Report 2025.*

These documents were adopted in accordance with the relevant sections of the *Local Government Act 2020*, following extensive community consultation.

Council Plan

The Council Plan is one of the most important documents produced by Council as it provides the foundation for activities over the next four years. It features the following key themes:

- Leading with Integrity
- Developing a Sustainable Future
- Empowering Communities

Under each of these themes are a variety of strategies and actions that Council will work to achieve annually.

Budget 2025/26 - 2028/29

This year's budget features a number of new initiatives with a fiscally responsible focus. One major initiative is a \$1.2 million reserve to help our community respond to future storms and extreme weather events, which are becoming more common.

To view the Council Plan and the other plans in the suite, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/key-plans

Draft Road Management Plan 2025



South Gippsland Shire Council is reviewing its Road Management Plan (RMP). The Plan outlines how Council manages and maintains local roads and the associated road asset network to ensure it remains safe, accessible, and fit for purpose.

The Draft Road Management Plan 2025 is open for community feedback before the final plan is adopted.

To have your say, visit:
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 2.00pm.

Details will be available on Council's website:

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South Gippsland Shire councillors celebrate the adoption of a suite of council plans, with councillors Brad Snell, Sarah Gilligan, Scott Rae, John Schelling (Mayor), John Kennedy, Bron Beach and Nathan Hersey, joined by council CEO Allison Jones. A11_2525

South Gippsland Shire Council seeks cost savings

WHILE councillors spoke mostly with pride in announcing their support of a suite of South Gippsland Shire Council plans on Wednesday, outlining benefits that will flow to the shire's communities, there was concern expressed over the longer-term situation and the need to ensure financial sustainability.

Speakers agreed that council is currently in a healthy financial position but stressed it is crucial to find ways to reduce council expenses and to ensure higher levels of government meet their share of costs. The spotlight again fell on the large building portfolio council is responsible for maintaining, something that should have community groups who occupy such buildings thinking proactively about ensuring their facilities are not underutilised.

That point has previously been illustrated by the decision not to renew the lease of the Korumburra Senior Citizens Club and to encourage its members to share facilities at the town's new Community Hub, along with efforts to relocate the Grow Lightly group.

The integrated suite of plans approved at the June council meeting consisted of the Council Plan 2025-2029, Financial Plan 2025/26-2034/35, Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-2029, Budget 2025/26-2028/29 including

By Andrew Paloczi

the 2025/26 Council Plan Annual Initiatives, Asset Plan 2025-2035, and the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029.

Cr Sarah Gilligan stressed that something needs to change for councils to remain financially sustainable.

She noted the annual rate cap applying to councils across Victoria since 2016.

"This means councils haven't kept up with CPI for almost a decade," Cr Gilligan said, stressing South Gippsland Shire Council has to budget to keep the lights on, but is constrained in terms of new initiatives or capital works.

She offered the lack of funding for design and implementation of required infrastructure for Nyora as an example, noting that is despite growth being well underway there.

Cr Gilligan added that funding is lacking for major improvement to the shire's roads, including the need for adaptation design in key landslip areas, observing that many worthwhile community projects are also unable to be funded.

She then turned her attention to where savings can be made.

"We have close to a billion dollars' worth of assets, most of which are in need of

significant maintenance and renewal, and the kicker is, around half of our assets are not ours," Cr Gilligan declared.

Council mergers and other happenings have resulted in the burgeoning building portfolio South Gippsland Shire Council is responsible for maintaining regardless of whether it owns the land and buildings.

"The main asset holder we help is the State Government," Cr Gilligan said, adding that puts council up against the wall.

"So, in this term we are proposing a reckoning of assets, a quantification of cost shifting by the State Government; with this information, we (will) have a whole picture so we can start making smarter decisions around renewal, replacement and consolidation," Deputy Mayor Gilligan remarked.

"We are doing this by looking at assets from a number of angles, ownership, risk and liability, community benefit, renewal and maintenance forecasts, historical context, location and user numbers."

Cr Gilligan went on to speak about the need for improved partnerships between council and community to achieve the necessary efficiencies while still serving community needs.

"Our communities can only benefit from a council working to a plan within its

means," she said.

She expressed pride in the now approved integrated suite of council plans, believing they are consistent with council's aim of being financially responsible for the long-term planning of South Gippsland.

Cr Nathan Hersey backed Cr Gilligan's views on the current challenges facing council, commenting specifically on cost-shifting from State Government to council and the need for the issue to be addressed.

On a positive note, he reflected on "solid Budget initiatives" such as \$1.2 million for a reserve fund for South Gippsland to respond to severe weather events, an extra \$20,000 for community grants, \$150,000 to begin work on a developer contribution plan for Nyora, and \$80,000 to create an open space asset management plan for parks and play spaces.

\$50,000 to fight the shire's weeds, and the same amount for a heritage review for select townships were other positive initiatives in council's Budget that Cr Hersey pointed to.

The Budget contained \$21 million towards council's Capital Works Program.

For those keen to check out more of council's latest Budget or the other recently approved plans, all are available by visiting southgippsland.vic.gov.au/key-plans.

Mayor's Message



Cr John Schelling

Integrated Planning Documents

I'd like to begin by acknowledging a major milestone for South Gippsland. At the June Council Meeting, Council formally endorsed our suite of integrated planning documents. These plans represent months of dedicated work by Councillors and Council staff, and we are very grateful to the South Gippsland community for their valuable feedback. Your input has ensured that these documents reflect the aspirations of our region and will guide our decision-making, investment, and service delivery into the future. www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/key-plans

Funding Application for Local Sport

Also at the meeting, Council endorsed an application for \$250,000 under the Victorian Government's 2025-2026 Country Football and Netball Program. If successful, this funding will support a lighting upgrade at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve – a fantastic boost for our local sporting community.

Parma for a Farmer

Last week's Parma for a Farmer event in Korumburra was a great success, with tickets completely sold out. I had the pleasure of attending the lunchtime session at the Middle Pub – known for serving some of the best parmas in Victoria. It was wonderful to see our local farmers come together to connect, share stories, and support one another during these unseasonably dry conditions. A big thank you to Agriculture Victoria, Gipps-Dairy, and NEX Business Farming Wellness for partnering with Council to make this event possible.

First Round Kindergarten Registrations

A quick reminder for families that first-round kindergarten registrations for three-year-old and four-year-old programs close on June 30. If you haven't registered yet, please do so soon to secure your preferred kindergarten placement for your child. www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/kinder

Services Australia Bus

The Services Australia Bus will be in Mirboo North on June 25, parked opposite the Shire Hall on Ridgway, from 9.30am to 4pm. The mobile service can assist with Centrelink, Medicare, child services, and more. It's a great opportunity to access support locally.

Draft Road Management Plan

We're also inviting community feedback on Council's Draft Road Management Plan. This Plan covers a wide range of assets including roads, footpaths, bridges, signage, and roadside vegetation. It also outlines how Council responds to common hazards like overgrown vegetation and damaged signage. Please take a moment to have your say at: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Community Training

On Thursday, June 26, Council is hosting a free community training session called Safety, Risk and Insurance – Navigating Disasters. The training will be held at the Korumburra Hub from 6pm to 9pm. This session is designed for not-for-profit community groups to help them understand their legal obligations around safety and risk, especially during times of disaster. It's a valuable opportunity to build resilience and preparedness – Please register. www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining

Advocacy in Canberra

Finally, over the weekend, I travelled to Canberra with Councillors Hersey and Gilligan to attend the Australian Local Government Assembly. We are also taking the opportunity to meet with Ministers to advocate for South Gippsland, directly communicating our region's priorities to receive the funding and support needed to make South Gippsland a place where people can live, work, visit, and thrive.

Feedback leads to plan tweaks in South Gippsland

FOLLOWING extensive community engagement to inform the development of a suite of draft plans, South Gippsland Shire councillors voted on Wednesday to adopt the final versions of those plans, with public feedback on the draft versions leading to some tweaks.

Small formatting and grammatical changes were made to the Council Plan 2025-2029 to improve clarity.

A trio of changes were made to the council Budget 2025/26-2028/29.

One of those was a correction to the Meningococcal Immunisation Fee, Men B, with that fee rising from \$95 to \$145.

The Trust for Nature rebate was removed for properties being charged rates on the Farm Rate differential, with notification of that alteration sent to the 25 landowners impacted and to the Trust for Nature organisation.

There was also a minor adjustment relating to the Planning and Building Department, the relevant Full Time Equivalent employment figure rising slightly.

No changes were made to the draft versions of the Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-2029 or the Asset Plan 2025-2035.

Council acknowledged that useful feedback from partners, community members and other interested parties

was received in relation to the draft version of the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029.

"Much of the feedback has been incorporated without requiring substantial change," council said of the adopted version of that plan, adjustments including expanded explanatory notes regarding each of the plan's themes.

Measures to encourage healthy local eating have been added, as has information on the importance of maintaining or increasing canopy cover and green spaces to help tackle climate change.

Council's extensive consultation between late January and the end of February this year,

helped to ensure its Community Vision 2040 continued to reflect local aspirations while helping develop its suite of plans.

During that engagement period, responses were received through an online survey, 22 in-person engagements, including councillor pop-ups and event attendance, across 17 towns.

Council said that 946 survey responses were received, with over 1100 council plan initiatives provided for councillor consideration, councillors then participated in a series of internal workshops to discuss community feedback, develop priorities and help inform the development of council's suite of plans.

I dug a hole

By Daniel Prior, Partner, Prior Law

THE last time I watched *The Castle*, I was a teenager. I'm not sure what prompted me recently to suggest it as a movie to sit down with the kids, but as soon as the movie started, I felt embarrassed that a rewatch had been so overdue. If you haven't watched *The Castle*, do so, right now and come back to this article. Things will make more sense. But you will also be doing yourself a favour.

It's interesting watching a movie again and noticing all the things that you didn't notice the first time round. That is particularly relevant when the movie is still such a part of the Australian narrative. Even more so given I work in the Legal field where the "vibe" is often an important consideration, even if it is derided. A lawyer I know talks about using "the force" – an idea that is seemingly all around us – but is closely related to the "vibe".

So when I sat down with the kids to watch *The Castle*, I let the movie wash over me and soaked up all the brilliance of the story and the cast. A couple of things popped out to me.

Firstly, I am certain that when I watched the movie as a teenager, when Dale announces to his dad that he dug a hole and it was filling with water I honestly thought at the time that he dug a hole so deep that it hit the water table. Readers of this column will note my fondness for digging. But this time when Dale announces that he had dug a hole and it's filling with water, my life experience kicked in and gave me a perspective. For you see, I too have dug a hole that filled with water and that was not because the hole was so deep that I hit the water table, it was because I had hit a poly pipe. In that moment, with the experience of hitting the poly pipe having my hole filled and overflowed with water, the phrase took on a whole new meaning to me.

Now, I know what you're thinking. The intended meaning of that phrase was always that he had hit a pipe and that the hole was filling with water because of the water in the pipe. But that's not what I understood at the time - that event had never occurred to me. It wasn't in my experience.

The second thing I took away was just how close to the bone it is when Dennis Denuto has a fight with the photocopier. It's a classic scene. Anyone that has worked and been relying on a photocopy or a printer will know exactly how he feels. I have had some Dennis Denuto photocopier moments recently, minus the expletives of course.

Thirdly, it also reminded me of the role of the Legal system in the community in keeping our lives moving in an orderly fashion. Darryl Kerrigan and Dennis Denuto meandered their way through the court system – but not every matter needs to continue to be escalated to the High Court. Mostly, it is about trying to keep society in motion, without putting on too many handbrakes. We have to be able to rely on the Legal system providing us some remedy or resolution to the matters that we are faced within everyday life, when pre-litigation efforts have failed. Without it, without people being able to rely on the Legal system to resolve matters that arise, people's faith in the Legal system wane and the consequences can be dire.

It simply means that we need to all buy into a legal system, and understand that whilst it's not perfect by any means, it serves a purpose.

Dale Kerrigan says of his old man Darryl that "Dad also had a way of making everyone feel important". I think that vibe is what lawyers should be aiming for. Because even when presented with an issue that seems small and seemingly inconsequential in the scheme of things – it is often not for the client. Lawyers have to consider the perspective of the client and what their life experience has been. In can be the seemingly inconsequential matters that cause people to lose sleep night after night, as they consider all the permutations of the dispute and how it might be resolved.

But is also not often just about the subject matter of the dispute – its not about the jammed photocopier - there is often more at play. Finding what that is and how you can help, is part of a lawyers brief and in doing so lawyers can understand the experience of their client (the hole), work through the side issues (the photocopier) and resolve the matter (next time let's make enquiries as to easements and pipelines!).



The Far Eastern Curlew is an endangered species that Birdlife Australia is concerned could be impacted by Esso Australia's plans at Barry Beach Marine Terminal. Photo: Leanne Cusack.

Council unfazed by Barry Beach Esso project

POTENTIAL environmental impacts from Esso Australia's planned dismantling of decommissioned gas and oil rigs at Barry Beach Marine Terminal prompted probing questions from Stan Woodhouse of Friends of the Earth, with responses provided at Wednesday's South Gippsland council meeting.

Mr Woodhouse stated that council has previously voiced support for the project and the use of the port on the proviso that a rigorous environmental impact study demonstrates any impacts to the natural surrounds could be effectively managed, and taking account of appropriate community engagement.

He posed the following questions.

"Considering the community concerns surrounding Esso Australia's planned actions and (council's) commitment to a rigorous environmental impact study, will council be pushing for the proposed activity to be declared a controlled action under the EPBC Act and will council be demanding an environmental impact study?"

The EPBC Act is the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, with a controlled action being declared when a proponent's proposed action has or will have a significant impact on

protected matters.

Should a controlled action be declared, further assessment will be required, with the matter to be subject to a ministerial decision.

Mayor John Schelling responded to Stan's questions.

"Council understands the current EPBC Act process being undertaken by Esso Australia is assessed by the Australian Government; the process undertakes an environmental impact assessment undertaken by the proponent," he said.

"Council has been informed of the proposed oil and gas decommissioning project at Barry Beach Marine Terminal, and (council) officers and the operators of the Terminal remain engaged in active discussions with respect to future operations on the land and the need for relevant approvals.

"Council will ensure that any future planning permit applications are in accordance with any decision made by the Australian Government in relation to this matter."

As previously reported in the Sentinel-Times, Esso Australia made a 'referral' relating to the establishment of an Onshore Reception Centre (ORC) at Barry Beach Marine Terminal, stage one of its decommissioning campaign.

The referral is a requirement under the EPBC Act, with anyone whose project could impact any matters protected under that Act needing to submit a referral.

A referral is a written request for the Environment Minister to decide whether the action proposed needs assessment and approval under the EPBC Act.

Birdlife Australia made a submission in response to Esso's referral, arguing the company's proposed action should be declared unacceptable under the EPBC Act, stating it is likely to have significant and unacceptable impacts on 'matters of national environmental significance'.

"The proposed action will likely disturb roosting habitat, roosting patterns and assemblages of a wide range of migratory shorebird species, including threatened species within the Corner Inlet Ramsar site," the submission states, offering the Far Eastern Curlew as one such threatened species.

Birdlife Australia's submission noted that Barry Point, adjacent to the southern boundary of the proposed project area, is a significant roosting site for migratory and resident shorebirds, outlining concerns that increased levels of noise, light and dust may lead to site abandonment by disturbed birds.

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Leongatha's Anne Yerbury chats about the local bus service to Melbourne. A02_2525

Have your say on Yarram to Melbourne coach service

AT TUESDAY'S V/Line session in Leon-gatha, community members concerned about possible negative changes to the coach service between Yarram and Melbourne were assured the intention is to add additional services rather than removing any.

Attendees heard previously announced extra State Government funding will allow one extra service per day to be added, with consideration being given to whether to stop at Pakenham Station.

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

Representatives of the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) were at Leongatha Memorial Hall to outline what is being considered and urge members of the public to have their say by completing a survey.

There was a healthy turnout, with some having read online or heard of the possibility of coach services ending at Pakenham Station and passengers needing to complete the journey to Melbourne by rail.

However, attendees heard such an idea is strongly opposed by community and won't be implemented.

They were told that DTP wants to understand when extra services would suit people and whether they would like those services to stop at Pakenham offering a variety of transport connections, but adding an estimated 20 minutes to the overall coach journey time to Melbourne for those who remain onboard.

Any changes to the Yarram-Melbourne coach service are not intended to be introduced until 2026, allowing time for those at DTP to thoroughly consider public feedback and how any additional services would tie in with transport links if stopping at Pakenham.

Some of Tuesday's attendees mentioned the desirability of reduced coach wait

By Andrew Paloczi

times but some expressed concern about the added journey time that stopping at Pakenham would entail.

However, one gentleman was outspoken in support of commuters being given access to transport links there.

Another labelled the idea "ridiculous". Leongatha local, Anne Yerbury was pleased at the announcement that existing express services between Koo Wee Rup and Melbourne will continue.

"I don't have a problem with a deviation to Pakenham, but if you're trying to add that in with all the other stops, you're going to add time (to) the trip into Southern Cross," she said, noting she doesn't want anyone on the existing route to suffer a reduction to coach services in their towns.

While Anne conceded everyone has their own views, she said additional services that stopped at Pakenham wouldn't appeal to her and that she would rather drive than face a lengthier coach journey.

Meeniyani's John Tebbutt came to the Leongatha session both as an individual and as a representative of Voices for Monash.

"I believe the V/Line service is critical for our region and I wanted to ensure we had V/Line listening to us and being engaged with the community," he said.

John was concerned as to whether adding new services would lead to undesirable reductions in existing ones.

"I was pleased to hear that they don't intend to change existing services," he said.

He's unsure whether a connection to Pakenham is needed, suggesting the possibility of improving the existing service to Dandenong.

Those wanting to have their say on what should happen with the Yarram to Melbourne coach service can do so by visiting engage.vic.gov.au/Yarram-Melbourne-VLine to complete the survey, with the feedback period closing on Sunday, June 29.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPENING SOON



Greenhills Community Benevolent Society Incorporated invites applications from eligible tertiary students and apprentices with a residential connection to Bena, Loch, Nyora and Poowong for the 2025 scholarships. New and return applications are welcome.

Scholarships for Residents of Bena, Loch, Nyora, Poowong and Surrounding Areas.

Greenhills Community Benevolent Society Incorporated has as one of its aims, the encouragement of local residents to attain tertiary qualifications or an apprenticeship.

Greenhills Community Benevolent Society Incorporated is pleased to announce that the next round of applications for the scholarships will be accepted from Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

ELIGIBILITY:

The scholarship is available to students attending an Australian university or tertiary institution or undertaking an apprenticeship in the past 6 months. Preference will be given to those studying full-time and those studying Certificate 3 and above. Students must have a residential connection with Bena, Loch, Nyora, Poowong or surrounding areas.

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP:

The maximum value will be \$1000 per year. Students may reapply each year, up to 4 times. Those who have had 4 scholarships may be eligible for our education grants which must be applied for separately.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

Applications will be assessed by the Greenhills Community Benevolent Society Incorporated Board. Short-listed applicants may be interviewed.

Applications will open on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 and must be received by Thursday, July 31, 2025.

The Greenhills Community Benevolent Society decision is final. Scholarships will be paid in early September. All applicants will be notified of their results.

Application forms can be obtained from: The President, Greenhills Community Benevolent Society Inc., P.O. Box 26, Poowong, Vic. 3988 or download from www.greenhillsloch.org.au

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Bass Coast gets pumped for new bike facilities

BASS Coast Shire Council adopted the implementation plan for the Mountain Bike/BMX/Pump Strategy at its June meeting.

This sets the foundation for a series of new recreational facilities across the region. The plan identifies five priority sites for design and future development and accommodates a variety of users and skill levels, offering inclusive and accessible outdoor spaces for bike riders, scooter users, skaters and families.

“This is an exciting plan. The reference group have done a brilliant job, and I look forward to watching young and old enjoying these jumps and having lots of fun. The detail is outstanding,” Cr Jan Thompson said.

The implementation plan focuses on:

West Area Road (State Coal Mine site), Wonthaggi: a mountain bike and pump facility is proposed using the site's natural features.

Design elements include beginner and intermediate flow trails, a hybrid pump/jumps trail, and an upgraded car park.

Gap Road, Ventnor: This council-managed site is suited for a wide range of cycling activities. Proposed features include jump lines of varying difficulty, asphalt flow and pump tracks, and cross-country trails. Adjacent land managed by Westernport Water may enable the expansion of the trail network.

Five Ways Reserve, Cowes: A short, easy cross-country loop is proposed, incorporating timber and dirt features. The reserve is managed by Phillip Island Nature Parks, and any future development will be subject to their approval and minimal impact on native vegetation.

Sunset Strip Reserve: This site, currently used informally by local riders, will be formalised with two jump trails and a cross-country loop designed for beginner and intermediate users. The trails will be constructed away from the roadway and will feature tabletop jumps, berms and rollers.

Sunnyside Reserve, Cape Woolamai: Following community consultation and a petition advocating for youth recreation facilities, a new asphalt pump track is planned for this site. The track will support bikes, scooters and skateboards, and include amenities such as shelter, seating, drinking water and accessible pathways.

Developed in partnership with the Bass Coast Mountain Bike Association Working Group and a professional design consultant, the plan builds on the Mountain Bike/BMX/Pump Strategy adopted in August 2024, which was informed by extensive community engagement.

Initial design work will be delivered in the 2025/26 financial year using existing operational budgets.

“I wholeheartedly endorse this implementation plan,” Cr Mat Morgan said.

“I’m just excited to see the mountain bike jumps, really. This is a great thing, for young people especially, across Bass Coast. I think it’s been canvassed pretty widely that there’s not enough for young people to do. There is a lot of conversation happening around youth crime and anti-social behaviour. This is what we need.

“If I could just send a quick message to the State Government when it comes to youth justice, stop building prisons and build us some bike jumps.”

To learn more, go to engage.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/bikestrategy.



Celebrating the official opening of Amcal at Nyora Pharmacy were Sally Hourigan, Vicki Warne, Sam Shalabi, George Spyropoulos, Amber Parkinson, Amira Darwish, Emma Meade and Jenny Read. ob01_2525

Nyora Pharmacy offers expanded range and better deals under Amcal

NYORA Pharmacy has transitioned from an independently owned and run store to Amcal, with the official opening celebrated last Wednesday, with a community BBQ, face painting and 20 per cent off storewide.

By coming under the Amcal brand, the pharmacy will be able to offer more choices, better deals and cheaper prices for consumers.

Amcal also offers a lot of additional health services on site, such as vaccinations, medication checks and Webster packs for example, making it easier

and more convenient for people to keep up to date with their health and medications.

“The offer that we have for the community from the pharmacy, would be enhanced because they’ll have a whole new range of products. Not just the Amcal products but a whole new range of perfumery and cosmetics that haven’t been available to us previously. So that’s pretty exciting,” said co-owner George Spyropoulos.

“We didn’t have a loyalty club previously, so that will be available to us with different

discounts and different offers for customers.”

The pharmacy has been serving the local community for the best part of a decade and Nyora-born and bred man, 84-year-old, Don Garnham, thinks it’s a pretty good thing.

“This is one of the best things that’s ever happened around here,” he said, going along to join in the celebrations and have a sausage.

George remembers Don being one of their first customers – popping his head in the door and asking what was going on –

when they first opened.

The store has developed over the years into a community hub, and has seen a refurbishment, with a café added and a post office all in one convenient and welcoming place, for locals and travellers alike to stop in.

Co-owners of the Amcal pharmacy George Spyropoulos and Sam Shalabi said the change-over will provide better value for their existing customers and are hoping the expanded range and services will attract new customers from the greater area.



The Wellbeing team leads the Newhaven College community in promoting wellbeing and provides counselling and social work support to students, parents and staff. L-R Tahnee Brown (Head of Wellbeing), Andre Whitton (Chaplain), Christina Aitken, Sarah Derham and Emma Gale.

Nurturing hearts and minds at Newhaven College

AT NEWHAVEN College, student wellbeing is at the heart of the school’s culture. The College is committed to holistic pastoral care, offering a range of support systems designed to nurture each student’s emotional, social and academic development.

From enrichment programs to leadership opportunities, every student is encouraged to grow in confidence and character. The College’s vertical House structure plays a key role in fostering strong relationships and a deep sense of belonging across year levels. Students are supported daily by dedicated house leaders and mentors, who guide and connect with them in meaningful ways. Each morning begins with home group, where students from different year levels come together to reflect, collaborate and focus on areas such as wellbeing, academic goals and community spirit.

New to Phillip Island, before

sending her children to the College, parent Kyoko Blondel has built strong connections within the College community. “The staff are caring and passionate, taking the time to truly know each student and support their unique strengths and interests. There’s a genuine sense of community here, and the values of respect, curiosity, and kindness are lived every day, not just spoken about,” she said.

Newhaven’s size is another advantage. Smaller than many schools, it offers a more personal environment where students are known and supported as individuals. This attentiveness enables students to flourish, both personally and academically, as they’re encouraged and challenged in ways that suit their unique strengths.

Pastoral care at Newhaven encompasses more than welfare and behaviour management – it is about caring for the whole person. Respect and trust

between students and staff are foundational values, and this philosophy is evident across all year levels. In the Junior School, class teachers are the primary providers of pastoral care. As students move into the Middle and Senior Schools, their pastoral journey continues through the College’s House system.

Support also extends through specialised services. The College Chaplain plays a vital role in promoting the emotional, social, and spiritual wellbeing of students, staff, and families. Working alongside the wellbeing and allied health teams, the Chaplain contributes to a comprehensive support network.

The Counselling Team at Newhaven includes professional psychologists and social workers who are available to all students. Whether seeking a one-time conversation or ongoing guidance, students are welcomed with compassion and

care. The goal is always to promote positive mental health and to help students navigate challenges with resilience and self-awareness.

At Newhaven College, wellbeing is not an add-on – it is embedded in every part of the school experience. It is a place where students are safe, supported, and truly able to become their best selves.

Mother of three students at the College, Pharrah Underwood said, “We’ve had such a positive experience with Newhaven College. The school provides a nurturing and inclusive environment where our children feel supported, challenged, and genuinely excited to learn each day.”

Newhaven College has regular College Tours throughout the year, but private tours can also be arranged by contacting the Admissions Team on 5056 7505 or admissions@newhavencol.vic.edu.au.



Middle and Senior School House Mentors support students in fostering strong relationships and a deep sense of belonging across year levels. Senior School House Leaders, Cam Pedersen, Sharon Paterson, Hannah Blake and Hugh Wilson provide support to senior students, as well as having some House competition fun along the way.



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Public notice of intention to declare a special charge for the purpose of constructing and improving roads and drainage along Links Street, Surf Beach



In accordance with a resolution of Bass Coast Shire Council (Council) made at the 18 June 2025 Council Meeting, notice is given that at the 15 October 2025 Council Meeting, Council proposes to declare a Special Charge (Special Charge) under section 163(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (Act), and otherwise according to law, for the purpose of defraying costs and expenses incurred and/or to be incurred by Council in relation to the construction and improvement of roads and drainage along Links Street, Surf Beach situated within the municipal district of the Council (Street), such works involving the full upgrade of roads and drainage, including the provision of road pavement and sealing works, the provision of underground surface and storm water drainage in the Street, the provision of kerb and channelling, nature strip works and other ancillary works necessary to complete the construction of the project known as the 'Links Street Special Charge Scheme' otherwise in accordance with the concept plans approved by Council at the 18 June 2025 Council Meeting (Scheme). So far as can be reasonably ascertained from available records of the Council and can reasonably be concluded, Council has ascertained that the roads or any component of the roads for which it is proposed the Special Charge will be declared have not previously been constructed by way of a special rate or charge.

The criteria which form the basis of the Special Charge are the ownership of rateable land in the Scheme area based on equally sharing the costs of some portions, front or side boundaries of the properties in the Scheme (modified where appropriate) for some portions and the area of the properties in the scheme (discounted where appropriate) for some portions which about the roads to be constructed or upgraded and which rateable land is situated within the geographical area of the proposed declaration are included.

Council considers that each rateable property included in the Scheme area that is liable to pay the Special Charge will receive a special benefit through the provision of proper, safe and suitable roads, drainage and property services; and there will be a special benefit to the persons liable to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit over and above, or greater than, the benefit to persons who are not subject to the Special Charge and, directly and indirectly, the works to be provided will enhance or maintain the value and the use, occupation and enjoyment of the properties included in the Scheme, through the provision of proper, safe and suitable roads and drainage and property services.

In proposing the declaration of the Special Charge, Council is performing functions and exercising powers in relation to the peace, order and good government of the municipal district of the Council, in particular the provision of proper, safe and suitable roads, drainage and property services in the area for which it is proposed the Special Charge will be declared.

The total cost of the performance of the functions and the exercise of the powers referable to the Scheme (and the amount which the Council intends to declare and levy) is an amount of \$338,299 being the estimated cost of the Scheme works to be undertaken) with Council intending to declare and levy by way of the Special Charge an amount of \$261,911.

The Special Charge will commence on and from the making of any Council decision to declare the Special Charge and will remain in force until such time as the Special Charge has been paid in full.

The Special Charge will be declared and assessed in accordance with the amounts which have been calculated and appear alongside each property in the Schedule attached to and forming a part of the proposed declaration of Special Charge (being Schedule 2), such amounts having been calculated based on both a road component cost and a drainage component cost as referable to a combined method of sharing some costs equally and to the length of the frontage and/or sideage of each property included in the Scheme (for the road component) and the area of each property included in the Scheme (for the drainage component).

The Special Charge will be levied by Council sending a notice of levy to the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge. Incentives will be given for payment before the due date for payment as set out below. The levy notice to be sent will include four options for payment which are as follows –

(a) Payment Option 1: Lump Sum Payment – upfront payment of the Special Charge in full within 30 days of the date of issue of an invoice, with a 5% discount and no interest.

(b) Payment Option 2: Lump Sum Payment – upfront payment of the Special Charge in full within 90 days of issue of an invoice, with no discount and no interest.

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Any person may make a submission about the proposed declaration to the Council under sections 163A and 223 of the Act. In addition, any person who will be required to pay the Special Charge to be imposed by the proposed declaration has a right to object to the proposed declaration under section 163B of the Act. Submissions and/or objections must be received by Council by 5pm on 20 August 2025. Submissions and/or objections must be in writing and addressed and sent by mail to the Chief Executive Officer, Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi VIC 3995. In accordance with sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Act, the Council will consider all written submissions and take into account all objections that are received by the closing date.

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Crown Prosecutor Dr Nanette Rogers SC wrapped up the prosecution case mid-week last week in the so-called mushroom murder trial at Morwell, clearing the way for the final remarks from the defence and an end to the opposing cases after 35 days of hearings.

Jury decision as easy as A, B, C, D, E, F, G claims prosecution

THE prosecution wrapped up its case just before lunch, on Day 33 of the marathon mushroom murder trial in the Supreme Court at Morwell, last Tuesday, June 17.

Crown Prosecutor Dr Nanette Rogers SC used the last moments of her closing submission to the jury to focus attention on the lies she claims the accused Leongatha woman, Erin Patterson, told police, doctors treating her alleged victims, health department officials, her estranged husband, and even her Facebook friends following the family meal at her home on July 29, 2023, out of which the three charges of murder and one of attempted murder arose.

She extended that to lies allegedly told by the accused to the jury itself during the trial, described by Dr Rogers as “perhaps the starkest lie”, about plans to get gastric-bypass surgery from a clinic that only offered cosmetic surgical procedures, including liposuction.

However, in the 15 minutes that Mrs Patterson’s defence counsel, Colin Mandy SC had with the jury prior to lunch, he reminded them that Dr Rogers’ address was not evidence.

He alleged that the prosecution had cherry-picked the evidence in the trial to support their case, providing several examples, including one close to home for two of the main protagonists in the case, separated husband and wife pair, Simon and Erin Patterson.

He claimed the prosecution had ignored the detailed memory of the Patterson’s daughter, that she noticed her mother go to the toilet 10 times on Sunday, July 30, simply because she couldn’t remember the unconnected event of going on the drive to Tyabb on Sunday afternoon for her brother’s aborted flying lesson.

Mr Mandy said peoples’ recollections of events and statements could differ wildly, quite innocently, depending on the circumstances and it was with that thought in mind that the jury and the court retired for lunch.

Prior to that, Dr Rogers concluded her closing remarks, the last time the prosecution will be heard in the trial, following a presentation which took almost exactly a day and a half.

And she finished with a flourish, claiming that the accused had come up with a narrative that attempted to fit the evidence already assembled against her and that significant portions of her account to the jury rely on only her evidence.

Ultimately, she gave the jury an A, B, C, D, E, F and G guide to why they should reject the

proposition that it was just a terrible accident, urging them to remember to combine all of the evidence in this case, as follows:

A. The evidence that the accused prepared and allocated the meal that was served on July 29, 2023;

B. The evidence that the accused was the only person out of the five people who consumed that meal that did not fall seriously ill;

C. The evidence that the accused was familiar with the iNaturalist website and the observation map on that website for death cap mushrooms;

D. The cell tower evidence which is consistent with the accused’s phone being in the very two locations in Gippsland where death cap mushrooms had been sighted and recorded on iNaturalist in April and May 2023;

E. The photos of the mushrooms the accused was dehydrating sometime between April 28 and May 4, 2023, which are consistent, we say, in appearance to death cap mushrooms and the evidence that remnants of death cap mushrooms were found in that dehydrator;

F. The evidence of the lengths that the accused went to in an effort to conceal her actions, in particular, dumping the dehydrator at the Koonwarra Transfer Station and concealing her real phone from police and, finally;

G. The many, many lies told by the accused about the true source of the mushrooms that went into those Beef Wellingtons.

“When you consider all of the evidence in combination, we suggest you will be satisfied that the accused deliberately sourced death caps, deliberately served death caps to Don, Gail, Ian and Heather and that she did so intending to kill each of them or in the case of Don, Gail and Heather, to at least cause them really serious injury.

“Those conclusions, we suggest, will lead you to be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the accused is guilty of each of the four charges on the indictment.”

Erin Patterson, the 50-year-old mother of two, charged with the murders of three of her in-laws and the attempted murder of a fourth, as a result of the meal she prepared for lunch guests at her home in July 2023 has pleaded not guilty to all charges, saying that what happened on the day was a tragedy and a terrible accident.

It is expected that the jury will retire to consider its verdict in a case that has captivated the interest of the world on Wednesday evening this week or Thursday morning at the latest, after receiving their final instructions from Justice Beale.



The defence team in the Erin Patterson triple murder trial, headed by Colin Mandy SC, leaves the Supreme Court in Morwell after concluding its defence of Mrs Patterson last Thursday.

Did she, or didn’t she?

The pros and cons of the ‘mushroom murder’ case

IT’S a question that’s being asked at football matches, coffee shops and around dinner tables across Australia, and the world.

Did she do it, or didn’t she? But whether Leongatha ‘mushroom cook’ Erin Patterson, a 50-year-old mother of two, meant to poison her husband Simon’s parents, Don and Gail Patterson, and his aunt and uncle, Heather and Ian Wilkinson, or not, is “a matter for the jury”, as they say.

And they’ll get their chance to decide this Wednesday evening, we’re told, when they retire to consider their verdict after they’ve received the judge’s instructions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

But, given the blanket coverage the eight-week, triple murder trial has received in the mainstream media, not to mention online blogs and social media, it’s only human nature to have an opinion... mixed with sympathy you’d hope for a family who has seen these terrible events replayed time and time again over the past month and a half in the Supreme Court in Morwell.

The evidence of the Director of Intensive Care at Austin Health, where the four Korumburra patients were ultimately sent, Professor Stephen Warrillow, must have been among the hardest to hear.

On Day 18 of the trial, back on May 23, 2025, it was his task to describe in detail, for the record, how three people died and one miraculously survived.

“Once the amanita poison is within the body, unfortunately, the body tends to recycle it internally, and that can actually cause persisting injury to the liver,” said Dr Warrillow.

From the onset of severe diarrhoea and vomiting overnight on Saturday night, July 29 into Sunday morning, to bloody diarrhoea, Don Patterson, for example, needed to be sedated, intubated and placed on a range of drugs for pain management and treatment, and ultimately presented at the Alfred, with severe liver failure. His circulation was increasingly compromised, and he showed all the signs of ileus,

when normal bowel function has ceased, leaving the medical team at the Alfred with only one option.

“It was thought that the only possibility of saving his life was through a liver transplant,” said Dr Warrillow.

But his condition got relentlessly worse, despite maximal therapy, and on clinical advice it was decided his condition was not survivable, and he died of refractory multiple organ failure, secondary to acute liver failure, due to clinically diagnosed amanita mushroom poisoning at 11.30pm on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

The others, including Ian Wilkinson who survived the unimaginable ordeal, suffered similar clinical calamities.

Dr Warrillow’s evidence goes to the first of the four elements of a murder conviction, outlined on Day Two of the trial by the judge, Justice Christopher Beale: “That the accused caused the death of the deceased by serving the deceased a poisoned meal”.

It is an agreed fact in the case that death cap mushrooms, foraged in the wild, were included in the meal of Beef Wellington, prepared by Erin Patterson, either accidentally or on purpose, for the family lunch at her home that day, Saturday, July 29, 2023, that killed three people and almost killed a fourth.

But the other three elements are a test of intent.

Was the accused’s alleged conduct conscious, voluntary and deliberate?

And, at the time of the alleged conduct, did the accused intend to kill or cause really serious injury to the deceased?

And did the accused kill the deceased without lawful justification or excuse?

Erin Patterson has pleaded not guilty to all charges; three of murder, and one of attempted murder, arising out of the poisonous Beef Wellington lunch, maintaining that what happened on the day was a tragedy and a terrible accident.

It will be up to the jury to decide whether her actions were deliberate or accidental.

Here are some of the issues addressed by Crown Prosecutor

Dr Nanette Rogers SC, and the defence counsel for Mrs Patterson, Colin Mandy SC, in their closing submissions last week that are central to the case.

The motive?

- Mr Mandy asked, ‘How could she kill them?’ The brief spat between Erin and Simon, he said, also involving his parents Don and Gail, in November-December 2022 over child support, was sorted out six months before the Beef Wellington lunch and there’s evidence of “anti-motive” in the loving and supportive relationship between Erin Patterson, her children and their grandparents. She barely knows Ian and Heather, he said.

- Dr Rogers demonstrated on the evidence that Erin Patterson was angry about Simon’s changed status as “separated”, also about Don and Gail’s attitude to the relationship, felt increasingly isolated by Simon’s family and frustrated by the emphasis on religion, but ultimately said motive doesn’t have to be proved by the prosecution.

The plates

- Dr Rogers claimed it was a “striking piece of evidence in the case” that the accused served the lunch on one type of plate for the lunch guests, who became unwell and served herself on a different plate. Ian Wilkinson, she said, gave “reliable” evidence that the accused plated the food by herself. She said he gave clear evidence of four matching, large grey dinner plates, not dark or light grey but a sort of middle grey colour, was his evidence, and then a fifth smaller orangey-tan coloured plate for Erin herself. Under cross-examination, Dr Rogers said he conveyed no doubt about what he had seen.
- Mr Mandy said there was doubt about the colour of the dinner plates used for the meal, on the evidence of Simon Patterson who said there wasn’t a matched set of plates and the Patterson’s son who cleared away the plates and put them in the dishwasher describing them as white.

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The cancer

• Dr Rogers described the cancer claims made by Erin Patterson as “the first deception”. She said she “fabricated a cancer claim to provide a reason for her otherwise unusual lunch invitation” to get the guests to the meal in the first place.

• Mr Mandy said the argument by the prosecution that the accused wanted the lunch guests to take the lie about the cancer to their graves had to be completely wrong because she'd discussed the lump on her elbow weeks earlier and Simon already knew of her health concerns. Mr Mandy claimed Erin never told anyone the reason for the meal, quoting what Ian Wilkinson said he realised while they discussed Erin's health concerns afterwards: “This is the reason we've been invited to the lunch.” In any case, Mr Mandy said that when the cancer issue was discussed, the guests had already eaten the meal.

The phones

• Dr Rogers: It is the prosecution's case that Erin Patterson concealed her main mobile phone from police when they executed a search warrant at her Gibson Street home on Saturday, August 5, 2023, describing it as another example of incriminating conduct. “We suggest to you that the only reasonable explanation for engaging in all of this deceptive conduct is that she knew that the information on Phone A, her usual mobile phone, would implicate her in the deliberate poisoning of the lunch guests,” said Dr Rogers in her closing. This is another example of incriminating conduct.

• Mr Mandy said if the accused wanted to conceal Phone A from police, she didn't need to go to the elaborate efforts described by the prosecution. If, as the prosecution said, “she had planned the cold, calculated murders” she would have destroyed the phone days earlier, or simply factory reset the phone. In any case, she didn't know the police were arriving on that day. “It is an important theory for the prosecution, because it provides them with an explanation for evidence that doesn't exist.”

The issues

Other issues in the case were also hotly debated between the prosecution and the defence, including the disposal of the dehydrator which Mr Mandy argued would not be disposed of at the local tip using your own credit card.

There were also the issues of whether the children ate the leftovers, whether Erin feigned sickness after the meal, her knowledge of the iNaturalist website where the presence of death cap mushrooms locally was posted a few months earlier and the foraging for mushrooms.

It's up to the jury now to decide if these and other events in the case raise the burden of proof above the threshold of reasonable doubt.

Mr Mandy had the final word that Thursday:

“Our submission to you is to say that Erin Patterson had very different motivations for doing the things she did, other than those suggested by the prosecution, and these are the categories: pretending she's unwell, being reluctant to receive treatment, being reluctant to get her children treatment, disposal of the dehydrator; and the last of those topics is the phone evidence. Now, this is the prosecution's answer for the deficiencies in their case and the deficiencies in their evidence, and they want you to use the absence of evidence to fill the gaps.”

If the jury accept that appeal from Mr Mandy, they will find Erin Patterson not guilty when they commence their deliberations, after directions from the judge, likely on Thursday this week.

Erin Patterson has pleaded not guilty to all charges maintaining that what happened on July 29, 2023, was a tragedy and a terrible accident.

If it's only possible or likely, it's not guilty, he says

WHEN defence counsel for Erin Patterson, Colin Mandy SC, told the jury last Thursday that they would always have the golden rule of “the burden of proof” to fall back on if ever they were accused of doing something wrong by an honest but mistaken witness, he didn't refer to Ian Wilkinson.

He might have been talking about the evidence of any one of the dozens of witnesses who appeared in the Supreme Court at Morwell over the course of the eight-week mushroom murder trial.

But the testimony of the only guest to survive the meal of Beef Wellington, containing death cap mushrooms, at Erin Patterson's Leongatha home on Saturday, July 29, 2023, which has been variously described as “striking”, “compelling”, “substantial” and “reliable” by Crown Prosecutor Dr Nnette Rogers SC, was targeted by Mr Mandy in his closing address.

Mr Mandy first drew a distinction between what Mr Wilkinson said Erin Patterson told the lunch guests about her bogus cancer scare and Erin's own evidence.

He said it was the accused's evidence that she told the invited guests about an ovarian cancer issue she had a year or two earlier that might need some treatment in the next few weeks or months.

Mr Wilkinson, he said, told police in an interview that Erin announced that she had a “suspected cancer”, although under cross-examination, Mr Wilkinson said he had probably understated the fact at that point and was clear that she had said she had cancer.

There was also the issue of the lunch plates.

Mr Mandy told the jury that while the issue of the plates was a “very colourful piece of evidence”, he claimed Mr Wilkinson had to be wrong about what he said about there being four, large grey plates, on which the meal was served to the guests and a smaller, coloured plate for the accused.

“But when you look at all the evidence on the issue of plates and what plates Erin had in her house and what everyone says about that issue, it has to be the case that Ian Wilkinson is wrong about what he said.

“It makes no sense logically that you would use that method to deliver up an unpoisoned parcel, but otherwise, on all of the evidence, he's wrong, honestly mistaken,” said Mr Mandy, as Ian Wilkinson looked on from the public gallery.

Mr Mandy also referred to the evidence about what plates the police saw during their search of Erin Patterson's home on August 5, 2023, the two boys who arrived home while the lunch guests were still there, and



Defence counsel, Colin Mandy SC, had a lot of ground to cover during his closing address to the court in the Erin Patterson mushroom murder trial, over three days, last week.

Simon Patterson who said his estranged wife had “no formal or uniform set of plates” in the house.

Mr Mandy also addressed the claim by the prosecution that the jury should reject the evidence of the Patterson's teenage son, who stacked the plates in the dishwasher after the meal, clearly describing them as plain white dinner plates, in favour of Mr Wilkinson's evidence.

“Nothing could be more clear from that evidence,” said Mr Mandy.

He covered a lot of ground in this way during his closing address, probing all aspects of the prosecution case over the course of three days, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday last week before summing up.

“In conclusion, we say to you that the prosecution's argument is this: if you pick and choose, if you rely on misleading impressions, if you assume witnesses can never be honest but mistaken, if you use hindsight to reconstruct events to suit a theory, if you work backwards without any expert evidence to establish the fundamental propositions that you rely on, then you can manufacture a picture. And that's what happened here,” Mr Mandy claimed.

He said that once they found death cap mushrooms in the meal, that Erin wasn't as sick as the others, that she got rid of the dehydrator and told a bunch of lies; that the police began to reconstruct, backwards with the benefit of hindsight.

But, he said, it wasn't enough for the jury to convict on what was more likely, on who had the best argument, or whether someone had behaved badly or not. It was all about the evidence which the prosecution relied on to prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt.

“A jury can't say, ‘Oh, well, she's probably guilty, so that

will do’. A jury can't say, ‘Oh, well this is all a little bit suspicious, this is all a little bit dodgy’.

“A jury can't say, ‘She lied about her lump on her elbow. She lied about cancer. She said terrible things about her in-laws in a Facebook chat. She shouldn't have done those things... therefore, we're going to convict her’,” said Mr Mandy.

Earlier, Mr Mandy had addressed the terrible tragedy of the deaths, the sadness in the courtroom and the fact that the families were still grieving for their loss and acknowledged that it was only human nature to think that whoever caused their death should be held to account.

But, he said, deciding what was likely to have happened was not proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

He likened the task ahead of the prosecution to a high jump competition, that only they had to clear because Erin Patterson was innocent and would remain so unless the prosecution cleared the highest bar known to law.

“She is presumed innocent of these charges. She doesn't have to prove her innocence to you because she is innocent, and it is for the prosecution to disprove her account of accidental poisoning beyond reasonable doubt before you can move from that position, before you could find her guilty of anything.

“And when you go out to deliberate next week, you have to decide how far up that scale this evidence can take you – and the evidence, only the evidence. Not prejudice, sympathy, rumour, speculation, misleading impressions, honest and mistaken witnesses.

“So, in conclusion, the way of thinking about this in relation to deliberateness: was the poisoning deliberate? If you think that it's possible that Erin deliberately poisoned the meal, you must find her not guilty.

“If you think that maybe Erin deliberately poisoned the meal, you must find her not guilty. If you think that she probably deliberately poisoned the meal, you must find her not guilty.

“If you think it's possible that she intended to kill or cause really serious injury to Don or Gail or Heather, you must find her not guilty. If you think maybe she intended those things, then you must find her not guilty. If you think, probably she intended those things, you must find her not guilty.

“And if you think it's possible Erin intended to kill Ian, you have to find her not guilty. Maybe she intended to kill Ian: not guilty. Probably: not guilty.

“If you think at the end of your deliberations, taking into account the arguments that we've made that it is a possibility that this was an accident – a reasonable possibility, you must find her not guilty. And if you think it is a reasonable possibility that her evidence was true, you must find her not guilty.

“And our submission to you is the prosecution can't get over that high bar of beyond reasonable doubt. And when you consider the actual evidence and consider it properly, methodically, analytically, your verdicts on these charges should be not guilty.” It was over, the evidence was in, the summing up by opposing sides in this most serious of contests was complete and it is left to the judge, Justice Christopher Beale, to give his final instructions to the jury on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, June 24 and 25, before the jury retires to consider its verdict.

Erin Patterson has pleaded not guilty to all charges, maintaining that what happened at the family lunch in Leongatha on Saturday, July 29, 2023, was a tragedy and a terrible accident.

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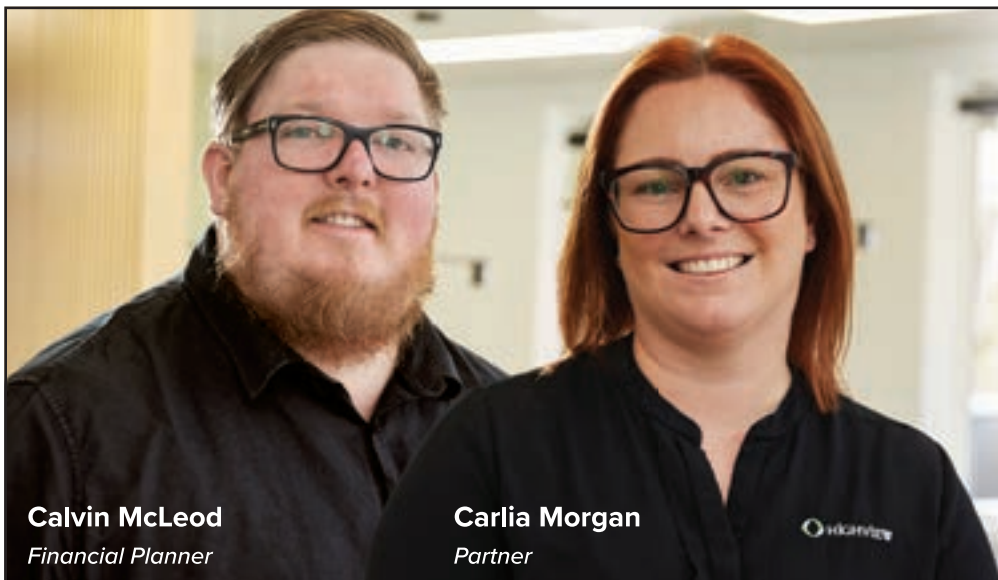
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Whilst there are certainly times and places to purchase a Lamborghini Temerario attempting to claim it as an essential vehicle for farm work probably isn't going to cut it with the tax department, though a Lamborghini Trattori on the other hand may. As we approach the end-of-financial-year, the ATO are reminding people to only claim work-related expenses.

Tax tales: What not to do

DURING the end of financial year period, people try and get away with all kinds of things in order to get money back through their tax returns.

Though there are plenty of expenses worth claiming during this time, there are some things Australians just haven't been able to write off as work related in previous years.

This has led to many people going above and beyond, trying all kinds of tricks to get out of paying their taxes. Unfortunately for these Aussies, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has warned they will be keeping a very watchful eye on everyone this year and won't stand for people claiming their private expenses on tax returns.

The best way to learn is from previous failed attempts, so here are a few tax-dodging techniques Australians have tried (and failed) to use in the past:

- The most common scheme Australians have tried to pull off is claiming tax returns on non-work-related expenses during the EOFY. There have been times where people have insisted their wedding rings, designer clothes, gaming consoles, microwaves, air fryers and plenty of other things are must-haves for their jobs, requests which the ATO quickly declined and referred to as 'outrageous'.
- Fraudulently claiming GST refunds can have severe consequences with many Victorians receiving jail time in recent years. One Victorian man is currently serving four years and seven months imprisonment for fraudulently

By Milla Walker

obtaining \$2.4 million in GST refunds and attempting to receive a further \$300,000. He was ordered to make reparation of \$2.4 million. Between March 1, 2021 and February 2, 2022, the offender lodged a total of 31 business activity statements (BAS), claiming his business had made nearly \$30 million worth of purchases.

- Bosses have been known to pay their employees cash and then neglect their responsibility to deduct tax, meaning there is no record of the payment at all and the employee is not subject to taxation. This is extremely illegal and frequently leads to employees reporting their bosses and abandoning the job, as well as serious penalties.
- As many prepare to claim their tax returns this June/July, it is crucial to have evidence of your purchases such as receipts which explain the connection between your expenses and your occupation. In the past, people have been known to make false claims such as 'I've lost my receipt' or 'I paid cash', a technique which often falls through and leads to hefty fines, which can vary between 25 and 75 per cent of the shortfall amount.

Overall, the ATO wishes to remind people that 'if they are making a work-related expense (they must) follow the three golden rules – you need to have paid for it yourself, it directly needs to relate to the income that you're earning, and it can't be private in nature'.

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Keith Gwyther

By Tory Cayzer, Previously published by Leongatha and District Historical Society

WHEN I was a teenager my Dad took me for a bushwalk, near where he came from in Gippsland, Victoria. We went with one of his mates named Keith Gwyther. Keith was in his late 60s and I wondered how this old man would be able to walk all day... how would he keep up with us young fellows? But when we started walking he left us for dead; I couldn't keep up. After a long day of hard bushwalking, I was left wondering who is this old man?

Later my Dad told me about this man Keith. His story is one of amazing courage and resolve. His story made our bushwalk look like a walk in the park.

You see, Keith Gwyther was disappointed to miss WWII, he was too young. So five years after that war ended he was one of the first to enlist for the Korean War. This war was basically about stopping the spread of Communism. Australia joined to support our allies the United States of America and the United Nations.

After three weeks of training in Australia and three weeks of training in Japan, Keith landed in Korea by parachute and literally hit the ground running with a Bren gun and rifle in hand. Keith had funny stories to tell like the time he was firing at what he thought was a foxhole camouflaged with branches of trees only to see it open up and big guns swing down towards him. It was a tank and Keith thought they would blow his head off, the shells went over, about three feet above his head and so he flattened to the ground.

On Anzac Day 1951, seven months after he arrived in Korea, Keith was taken prisoner of war. The Australian newspapers reported that the battle he had fought in as having the highest enemy casualty rate any Commonwealth unit had claimed in a single day. Their stand will be remembered as one of the finest in the war. They ripped an attacking enemy force to pieces, and when that day was over, 500 enemies lay dead on the hillside amongst the shell crater. Unknown to his mates, Keith lay there with them, buried almost to his neck in clods of dirt from a bomb blast. Keith was a forward gunner. No one got the retreat orders through to Keith and his mob. While they came under attack from the enemy they were also bombed with napalm from four American planes trying to halt the enemy. The napalm bombs burst so close that it shrivelled the leaves he was using to camouflage his foxhole. His last memory was seeing his men waving desperately, signalling to the planes to stop bombing their own men.

Keith was later dug out by the Chinese who were searching for their own wounded amongst the dead. He spent more time as a captive across the 38th Parallel than fighting. Over the next few years, he was held in various prison camps. He was among the first Australians in any war to have to have to stand up to brainwashing. Days of endless torture and interrogation, starvation, squashed in a small box with other prisoners with dysentery, teeth knocked out, beaten to be unconscious, left to hang by the neck and wrists so that if they lowered their heels they would hang themselves. They were indoctrinated by Communist speeches and told to convert.

All through this they never gave any information away that might help the enemy. Keith said that not one Australian fell for the brainwashing stuff they tried to feed them. They would have rather died than help the enemy. Keith attempted many escapes and spent days on the run and drifting at sea. Each time he was recaptured the torture and interrogation worsened. For all those years he was presumed dead, missing in action. Apparently, it was only his mother who did not give up on him.

Eventually, he was released and when he got home to Leongatha they gave him a civic reception with a half-day holiday. His story is one of courage and determination for his country. Not giving an inch to the enemy for what is right and worth fighting for.



Chinese propaganda photograph taken at Camp 5, Pyoktong, North Korea, on the Yalu River near the Manchurian border, of four Australian POWs. They are all wearing typical Chinese issue padded uniforms, which offer some protection against the harsh winter temperatures of minus 40 degrees celsius. Left to right: Private (Pte) Robert (Bob) Parker, Pte Keith Roy (Mo) Gwyther, Pte T H J Hollis and Corporal (Cpl) Donald Pattison (Old Man) Buck.

The son who returned home to a death certificate

THERE are many memories and stories of the life of a young chap from Leongatha, Keith Gwyther, who survived years as a prisoner of war during the Korean War.

His beautiful wife, Shirley was kind to share some of these with the Sentinel-Times last Thursday, however, it would be remiss not to mention the camaraderie. You see, although four young POWs lives took them in different directions upon their return home to Australia, they were always there for each other and when retirement beckoned they found more time to see each other.

"They were really close," Shirley recalled, highlighting the calls from Darwin when Keith was sick.

"That's what probably helped them get through."

In Shirley's own words, Keith was a "one-off!"

"He was very hard-working, and I always knew he'd make a good father and a good husband.

"He was always there when you needed him."

Private Gwyther was captured on Hill 504, after being accidentally left behind after his company's withdrawal on April 24, 1951. He was alone in a forward weapon pit at about 5pm; the other occupant, a Bren gunner, had gone to find out what was happening when a shell or mortar bomb exploded nearby; he was buried and concussed by the blast. When he regained consciousness some hours later, he saw Chinese digging in all around him.

He was discovered, dug out and made to carry Chinese wounded from the battlefield. He joined a party of 24 American POWs and marched 150 kilometres to the "Bean Camp" where he joined Pte Parker. On May 16, 1951, they were marched to a collecting point where they met another 3RAR soldier, Cpl



South Korea. 9 August 1953. Private T. Hollis, of Enmore, NSW (right), and Private Keith R. Gwyther, of Leongatha, celebrate their return to freedom, with a drink outside the hospital ward at the Britannia Camp. Both had been prisoners of war (POWs) and were released today. Photographer: Phillip Oliver Hobson.

Buck, who had been captured along with Pte Hollis in the Inchon sector on January 21, 1951.

On the night of June 5, they all set off to march to Camp 5, the POW camp on the Yalu River near the North Korean border with Manchuria.

Pte Gwyther attempted multiple escapes but each time was recaptured, with the Australian War Museum noting the "corrective discipline" they were subjected to, with the torture worse after each recapture.

As Shirley noted, a piece in The Australian Prisoners of War summed up her late husband:

Keith Gwyther, a self-reliant son of a farmer, devised an ingenious means of manufacturing compasses from a short length of cable stolen from a loudspeaker by another prisoner. Using the three copper strands to make a coil which he connected to one of the few light outlets in the camp, he magnetised short lengths of the steel wires of the cable, which he shaped and centre-pinned to give free suspension for the needle. The magnetism lasted about five months.

The Officer Commanding the British Repatriated Prisoners of War Interrogation Unit made the following comments about these four men:

"As long as men such as these are to be found, the British Commonwealth has nothing to fear from any foe. Their indomitable courage in the face of terrible hardships and their steadfast refusal to give in to their captors, even when threatened with death, are an inspiring example of loyalty and devotion to duty.

"No stronger ties in comradeship and mutual trust can ever have existed than those which bound these four men to each other. Not once did any of them falter, despite the knowledge that a fairly harmless 'confession' or a small piece of information would have brought relief from their sufferings.

"It is felt that some recognition of their outstanding conduct while prisoners of war would not only be just reward, but might serve as encouragement to any others who may find themselves in similarly unfortunate circumstances in the future."

TOMORROW, June 25, marks 75 years of Australian service in the Korea War.

It was June 1950, a mere five years after World War II ended, and Australians were at war.

According to the DVA, "the Korean War has been largely overshadowed by the global devastation of the Second World War and the Vietnam War – the latter being one of the longest conflicts of the 20th Century. Nevertheless, the role of Australian service personnel during the Korean War was significant and deserves national recognition."

Over 18,000 Australians served throughout the Korean War, and post-armistice period with 340 Australians losing their lives and more than 1200 wounded.

Thirty Australians were taken hostage.

Australia's contributions to the Korean War

By Inverloch RSL

AS THE 75th anniversary of the Korean War approaches on June 25, 2025, Australians have an opportunity to reflect on the significant contributions made by their nation during this pivotal conflict. The war, often referred to as "The Forgotten War," introduced many lessons learned from the Second World War, along with innovations that shaped modern military strategies, particularly in air combat with jet aircraft and the use of helicopters.

Australia's involvement in the Korean War was both swift and impactful. The Royal Australian Navy (RAN) was among the first international forces to arrive in support of South Korea, demonstrating Australia's commitment to collective security and the principles of freedom. Australian Army unit (3RAR) and the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) (77Sqn) played crucial roles as well, earning unit citations for outstanding bravery and exemplary service. Their actions on the ground and in the air exemplified courage and professionalism under the harsh and challenging conditions of war.

The Korean War also marked a turning point in military technology and tactics. Innovations in air combat introduced strategies that would later become central to modern warfare. Similarly, helicopters began to redefine battlefield mobility, not only for troop transport but also for medical evacuations, altering the dynamics of combat support. Australian forces adapted to and contributed to these advancements, leaving a legacy of ingenuity and resilience.

As Australia observes this milestone, the courage and dedication of its servicemen and women during the Korean War continue to inspire. Their contributions not only shaped the outcome of the conflict but also forged a lasting bond with South Korea, a partnership that endures to this day.

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ON JUNE 25, the Inverloch RSL will commemorate this anniversary with a solemn service at the Cenotaph at 11am. This gathering serves as a moment to honour the sacrifices of those who served and to ensure their efforts are remembered by future generations. It is a poignant reminder of Australia's enduring commitment to peace and security on the global stage.

Wonthaggi RSL

WONTHAGGI RSL Sub-Branch will be conducting an RSL Active Event on July 27, marking the anniversary of the ceasefire that marked the end of active hostilities in Korea. There will be a small service at this event.

Leongatha RSL

LEONGATHA RSL Sub-Branch will be commemorating the Korean War with a public commemorative notice on display at the Cenotaph on July 27.

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This uplifting event is designed to bring people together in a relaxed, welcoming space that fosters inclusion and resilience. Whether you're new to town or a long-time local, there's something for everyone.

Enjoy classic yard games, light-hearted activities, and get hands-on with interactive stations designed to introduce our Extreme Weather Spaces, explore the Korumburra Resilience Plan, and try out handy emergency apps.

One of the highlights? A delicious free lunch – prepared with love by participants from our food relief cooking classes and supported by local service groups. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the talents in our community while enjoying great food and even better company.

Our soft entry approach means you can participate as much or as little as you like – no pressure, no labels, just genuine connection. You'll leave with new friends, fresh ideas, and maybe even a new favourite game.

Let's build community, confidence, and connection – one joyful lunch at a time.

Everyone's welcome. Bring your smile and join the fun!

We are super excited to be able to host this event with thanks to the South Gippsland Shire Council, Community Connection Building Resilience Grant.

You must book your spot at this event. RSVP before June 27 by calling 5655 2524 or visiting milpara-communityhouse.org.au, or pop into our friendly office at the lower level of the Korumburra Community Hub.



The Wonthaggi View Club congratulate members Marea Kiekbosch and Eira Thomson for their 30 years of service.

Congratulations on
30 years of service

THE Wonthaggi View Club are very proud of their members, Marea Kiekbosch and Eira Thomson, for the 30 years of service they have each given. The View Club, as part of the Smith Family, raise money to support Australian students to be able to complete their education.

The Wonthaggi View Club are supporting five students at present. The club also provides fun and friendship for women and meets on the third Monday of the month at The Wonthaggi Club.

For more information, contact Ann on 0490 061 172.

Welcoming the next generation
of Victorian Paramedics

By Ania Falzon

AFTER a gruelling three years of full-time study, the next generation of Victorian Paramedics have been out on the field for a month, gaining experience and delivering hope, service and care to their community.

These eager graduates have proven their worth through the ruthless months of coursework, placements and practical simulations, demonstrating their readiness for real experience in the field. The most recent intake of 20 graduates have officially embarked on their journey as Medium Acuity Transport (MATS) paramedics stationed at various AV branches across the state. The program will run for 16 months where new recruits will manage medium code two and three situations: acquiring new knowledge and gaining key experience in the field.

"MATS paramedics play a critical role by attending less urgent cases, helping to free up our emergency ambos and keep them available for life-threatening code one cases," said Mary-Anna Thomas, Minister for Ambulance Services.

After the first six months under direct supervision, graduates will convert to responding to critical emergencies including the prominent triple zero cases, being extremely beneficial to communities as an allowance for more efficient response as emergencies arise.

New graduate Claire Mills has been on the road in the MATS programme for just over a month now, she praises the



Claire Mills is one of the new MATS paramedics on the road in Wonthaggi, but although new to paramedicine she has 18 years of paediatric and NICU nursing experience in her pocket and is looking forwards to the next chapter in her career. C10_2525

programme claiming that she's "happy to do the lower acuity jobs" as it helps with "getting (her) skills up".

Claire believes that the education prior to her placement was extremely effective, although she asserts that "nothing really prepares you until you go into the field".

Claire grew up in the Latrobe Valley and was a nurse for 18 years prior to her career in paramedicine. Her nursing background entailed working with children and infants in

the paediatric unit and NICU.

"For the last eight years I had a bit of a goal to become a paramedic," Claire said.

Claire's desire to work in healthcare came about after a friend was injured.

At the age of 16, Claire's friend was the victim of a car accident, throughout the 12 months of recovery she observed the nurses and it became clear to her that healthcare was the right career to pursue.

She now highlights that she

"couldn't imagine doing anything else but healthcare" due to her caring nature and drive to help the community.

"The recruitment process is quite competitive," Claire said of the programme and paramedicine.

During a two-year gap after studying paramedicine, she worked as an ACO (Ambulance Community Officer) before being stationed at the Wonthaggi AV branch to begin the on-road component to the MATS programme.

Claire stated that her main goal throughout the 16 months of training 'is to serve the community and be the best (she) can be for the people'.

When questioned about what advice she would offer to aspiring paramedics, Claire said, 'Stick at it' and although it's a competitive career, 'it's worth the wait'.

She commended paramedic services for their staff mental health support programs noting paramedics are exposed daily to confronting sights and conditions.

"It's really highly encouraged that staff utilise those services and utilise them early on in their careers," Claire said.

"I'll touch base with the service in the next couple of months even though I'm fine. It's good to get them involved early and they'll keep an eye on (me as) I'm tracking along."

The new generation of paramedics stationed widely across the state are sure to become extremely successful in their careers, equipped with their determination, adaptability, patience, and compassionate nature.

Ricko relishes third chance at life thanks to BCH

AFTER cheating death twice in the last 12 months, Wonthaggi's Ian Rixon attributes his third chance at life to his 'angels' at Bass Coast Health.

His life changed on May 1, 2024, when he was in the cabin of a truck with a cherry picker that rolled.

Despite escaping with his life and tearing a major muscle in his shoulder, his health dramas did not end there.

'Ricko', as he is commonly known, then gained 16 kilograms in weight over eight weeks.

One day in mid-August, he was surprised by how he struggled to walk a kilometre.

That night, his health began to deteriorate and the next morning, he called for an ambulance to take him to the emergency department at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Ian was assessed and with a plan for further follow-up, was discharged.

The following Monday, he received a call from Bass Coast Health's (BCH) Rapid Access Atrial Fibrillation Clinic nurse consultant Angela Tiziani, asking him to return to emergency for prompt medical attention.

A specialist later told him he had suffered heart failure.

"I had been feeling fluid in my ankles and my lungs. I knew that I had not been eating too much to put on the weight. It was my heart struggling with



Ian 'Ricko' Rixon (centre) with Bass Coast Health's cardiology nurses Angela Tiziani, Harry Warne, Jane Ori, and John Carter from Heart Support Australia.

the fluid that had built up," Ricko said.

"My heart was like an old weatherboard house. The weatherboards were deteriorating, and the frame of the house was falling apart."

After five days in the Kodowlinun ward, Ricko was cared for at home by BCH's Hospital in the Home (HITH) team, providing hospital level care in the comfort of his own surrounds – a service Ricko described as "brilliant".

He is now on the road to recovery, having been prescribed medications that are working well, undergone a procedure at The Alfred to clean his heart and repair damaged tissue, and had a pacemaker inserted to enhance his heart function.

Ricko also attended BCH's cardiac rehabilitation program to improve his cardiovascular function and is now able to walk further than he did before starting the program.

Above all, he's still here for

his four children and nine grandchildren, with the birth of his 10th grandchild imminent.

"The way the team at BCH got together was just fantastic. They were sensational," he said.

"The staff of BCH, as well as the Alfred, I can't commend them enough. When I saw Harry (Warne, BCH cardiac liaison nurse) again, the first thing I did was give him a hug."

"The whole team at BCH are lifesavers because of the care, empathy, commitment and dedication they showed. From emergency through to the acute ward, to HITH to the cardiac team, it's been such a well-coordinated response."

Ricko joined Heart Support Australia's Wonthaggi Peer Support Group for 'fellowship and encouragement'.

He's met others who have suffered heart conditions and together, they share their experiences and support one another through their psychological recovery.

The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10am at the Wonthaggi Senior Citizens Centre at 6 Murray Street.

To learn more, email John Carter on john.carter48@bigpond.com or head online to heartsupport.org.au.

To learn more about BCH's cardiology services, go to basscoasthealth.org.au/cardiology.

Carinya residents celebrate Pride Month with Brenda Bressed

THE residents of Carinya Lodge were treated to a show-piece event to celebrate Pride Month, with Melbourne-based drag queen Brenda Bressed performing live at the aged care facility last Wednesday.

Brenda first came to Australia's attention when she made waves on Season 12 of The Voice Australia, and more recently as a stand-out on Drag Race Down Under, Season 4.

Playing the piano and with her powerful vocals, Brenda had everyone singing along to classic hits and golden oldies. Residents and staff alike were adorned in colourful leis and rainbow hats and outfits in celebration and support of Pride Month, which runs across June each year.

"Brenda performed for the hour. It's been very funny, there's been a bit of comedy and she's singing a few songs today," said Vince Lethbridge, leisure and wellbeing coordinator and chair of diversity



Sarah Jackson and Vince Lethbridge from Carinya, who are working towards gaining LGBTIQ+ accreditation for the facility and celebrating Pride Month, with events, activities and discussions forms part of this. ob07_2525

and inclusion committee for Carinya.

Carinya Lodge has been celebrating Pride Month for a few years, and while getting Brenda on site was the highlight of the month, these activities and events ultimately

are a step towards gaining accreditation.

"We have a diversity and inclusion committee here and one of our objectives at the moment is to get specialist verification for LGBTIQ+, part of that is gaining the

Rainbow Tick accreditation."

The Rainbow Tick is a framework with six standards or standalone assessments that help organisations show they are safe, inclusive and affirming places for the LGBTIQ+ community and are designed to build lasting LGBTIQ+ inclusion.

"We are working hard to get that," said Vince.

Education sessions and discussions about the LGBTIQ+ community are also held with staff and residents during June, who, according to Vince, receive this very well.

"It's sort of inspiring, actually, to see just how willing residents are to learn. One lady said, you know, we never had an opportunity to learn this stuff – so it just goes to show a little bit of an education can go a long way – especially when it comes to these sort of things. And we have a 101-year-old that was very excited to be here today," said Vince.

Mary breathes life into palliative care at GSHS

FOR the past 25 years, Mary Ross-Heazlewood has breathed life into palliative care at Gippsland Southern Health Service. At age 66, Mary is retiring after a nursing career covering 46 years, including the past 25 as GSHS's palliative care clinical nurse consultant.

And she wants to leave with a positive message about the role of palliative care.

"Palliative care can be difficult, but it's the most extraordinarily rewarding role out of all that I have done across my career," Mary says.

"We need to normalise dying. It is confronting, but the more we speak about it, the more we will be ready for dying. Yes, palliative care is about dying but it's so much more about living."

Mary said she often saw patients who say they've been told there's nothing more that can be done for them. She disagrees.

"We may not be able to offer a cure, but we can work with them to ensure they have the best possible quality of life," she said. "We're there to support them and their family and we do it as a team."

"At palliative care, we're there to help people live well, well and truly before they die."

Working in the field has had its tough and emotional moments, but it has given Mary a positive outlook on life.

"We're all going to die and if I have the conversation in my head that one day I am going to die, it helps me to live my life to the fullest. That's the gift this wonderful job has given me over the past 25 years."

Originally from Newfoundland in Canada, Mary has worked in an intensive care unit in Vancouver, a post open-heart surgery unit, and helped to establish an AIDS unit at the height of the epidemic.

After completing her nursing training and travelling through Europe, Mary took a job in Vancouver in the early 1980s and met and married an Australian man.

"He said do you want to go to Newfoundland or go to Australia – I didn't hesitate and said Australia."

That was in 1986 and they moved to Warrnambool, her husband Chris's hometown,

before moving to Leongatha in 1989. She has been with Gippsland Southern Health Service for 32 years, making her one of GSHS's longest-serving employees.

"My Gippsland Southern Health family has afforded me many wonderful opportunities," she said.

Her earlier roles included acting director of community services, accredited breast care nurse, general nurse and community health nurse.

Mary was also seconded to work with the Gippsland Region Palliative Care Consortium as a project worker in clinical practice and education and was an adjunct lecturer at Monash University.

While formally retiring, Mary has offered to continue working on a casual basis.

"I will miss the work and I've had a wonderful team – not one person does this job. I've had many wonderful mentors and teachers and the greatest teachers have been the patients I've worked with and their families, along with learning from my colleagues."



Mary Ross-Heazlewood has reflected on 46 years of nursing, including 25 years spent supporting patients and their families through palliative care at Gippsland Southern Health Service.

In retirement, Mary hopes to complete a death doula course to continue developing skills to provide compassionate support to those at the end of life.

"More than anything, I'm curious about how it differs from what I've been doing for the past 25 years," she said.

Take control and live confidently with incontinence support

FOR many people, going to the toilet is a simple process that causes minimal interruption to everyday life.

However, for people with incontinence – the inability to control one's bladder or bowel – life can be difficult, frustrating and, in many cases, embarrassing.

Bass Coast Health (BCH) is fortunate to have the services of skilled continence clinical nurse consultants who work with consumers to reduce the impact that incontinence has on their daily living.

World Incontinence Week was from June 16 to 22 and was an opportune time to raise awareness of BCH's three continence nurse consultants – nurse practitioner Dianne Jones, Joanne Sawyers and Ebony Scott.

They help adults with a range of incontinence issues, providing

advice and education about bladder and bowel control, and can also help children to manage constipation, bedwetting and more.

"Our team works with you to develop a management plan and provide education for problems identified," Dianne said.

"Some clients have urinary catheter devices or a history of urological problems. Our nurses can validate your concerns and provide advice on how to improve and manage your issues."

BCH's continence team consults from the Phillip Island Health Hub and Wonthaggi Hospital and can visit people's homes when necessary.

The service is staffed Monday to Friday across the two sites.

To book, phone 5671 3353. The service is free, and no GP referral is needed.



Bass Coast Health continence clinical nurse consultant Joanne Sawyers chats with Brian Metcalf.

Presenting Bleak Squad

BLEAK Squad is a Melbourne four-piece band comprised of true Australian art-rock royalty, labelled as the most well-known band that no one's heard of – co-authors of some of the most critically acclaimed antipodean music of the last 40 years.

Featuring Mick Turner (Dirty Three, Mess Esque), Mick Harvey (Nick Cave and The Bad Seeds, PJ Harvey, The Birthday Party), Adalita (Magic Dirt) and Marty Brown (Art of Fighting), the unlikely quartet unite for the first time on Bleak Squad's brooding, noir-rock debut LP, Strange Love.

"I think the name Bleak Squad speaks to both this loose collection of misfits," says Adalita of the concoction.

"And the noirish mood of our music."

Bleak Squad's debut LP Strange Love is the moving sum of these parts, one that sees all four members juggle multiple instruments, songwriting, their idiosyncrasies and – in the case of Adalita and Harvey – lead vocal duties. The nine songs percolate on brooding guitars, slippery basslines, organ drones, Brown's lyrical drumming, and the unmistakable, illogical fizz of Turner's guitar squawks. Over it, Adalita and Harvey swap and share tales of love dampened, hope on hold and threaded tendrils of acceptance.

As with all great works, Bleak Squad's story starts by the pool.

"I was sitting around Fitzroy pool one summer bemoaning I wasn't playing drums enough," said Marty Brown.

"So, I thought I might start a new project, and I just called everyone then and there. I can't remember why I thought it would work. Maybe I recognised we all had a similar way of making music – uncomplicated and instantaneous."

Bleak Squad is set to hit regional Victoria in August, with their second show ever hitting the stage at Meeniyah Town Hall on Saturday, August 2. Tickets available online.

• FAITH FACTOR

Living in
"Shalom, Shalom"

By Pastor Sandro Schietroma,
Wonthaggi Baptist Church

ISAIAH 26:3 "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You because he trusts in You."

At first glance, this verse offers comfort. But digging into the original Hebrew reveals a deeper treasure. The phrase translated as "perfect peace" is actually "shalom, shalom" – a repetition that emphasises fullness and completeness.

"Shalom" means more than just peace in the absence of conflict. It encompasses wholeness, well-being, safety, and harmony with God, ourselves, and others.

When the Bible says "shalom, shalom," it's pointing to a profound, unshakable peace that goes beyond circumstances – a peace that guards the heart and mind.

How do we live in that kind of peace today? Isaiah gives the key: it comes to the one "whose mind is stayed on You."

The Hebrew word for "stayed" suggests being supported or upheld, like leaning completely on something trustworthy. In a world filled with anxiety, chaos, and distraction, fixing our thoughts on God's character, promises, and presence becomes the pathway to lasting peace.

This doesn't mean ignoring life's problems. Rather, it means anchoring our thoughts in God's truth amid them. Through prayer, Scripture meditation, and worship, we shift our focus from what's unstable to the One who is unchanging.

Trust is central. "Because he trusts in You" closes the verse. Shalom, shalom is not the result of positive thinking – it flows from a relationship of trust in a faithful God.

In times of uncertainty, we can experience true "shalom, shalom" by leaning into God, fixing our minds on Him, and trusting His heart. The promise of Isaiah 26:3 still stands: perfect peace is possible when we let God be our constant focus and foundation.

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Not an option
especially in a
housing crisis

IT'S worth mentioning that Aileen Hughes didn't contact us here at the Sentinel-Times. We contacted her.

It was by chance that one of our journalists, who attended the farmers' rally at Wonthaggi on Friday, June 13, came over for a chat with Eastern Victoria MLC Melina Bath, after the rally, and met up with Ms Hughes by chance.

Of course, we know Aileen from her 20-year stint at Southern Saddlery in Leongatha and her years on the camp draft and agricultural show circuit.

The two had been talking about Ms Hughes' impasse with the South Gippsland Shire Council, in relation to a historic issue about occupancy of her home in Meeniyen, and included us in the conversation.

We visited Ms Hughes at her home, on the edge of Meeniyen over the weekend, and found it to be a thoroughly idyllic place to live, with a cosy, self-contained unit, albeit built by a licensed builder inside a farm shed on the 6.9-acre site, warmed by a slow-combustion heater, with yards outside and room to exercise her rescue horse 'Darcy'.

Let us be clear from the outset, like the Environmental Audit Overlay imposed on completed homes in Wonthaggi's north east last year, this is not an outcome that the community wants to see.

Kicking a pensioner out of her home, in the middle of a housing crisis, or just as bad, threatening to do so, is simply not an option.

And stepping back from where this train wreck scenario was going a year or so ago, shire officials had to see the potential for the upset and mental anguish it has caused. You'd think, after what happened at Turton's Creek in May 2014, they would have come up with a way to manage these situations better.

That's not to say the shire is doing the wrong thing, technically. Ms Hughes acknowledges herself that she can't produce an Occupancy Certificate for the home, although she does say that in 1994, when she approached the Woorayl Shire about adding some self-contained amenities to the shed, including a kitchen and septic toilet, that they provided their approval.

Certainly, the rural-lifestyle property would likely be worth enough money to buy a modest unit elsewhere but Ms Hughes, a person of very modest means, at almost 75 years of age, doesn't want to live in town. She never has. She loves it just where she is with the magpies and butcher birds to keep her company, autumn trees turning golden, red and brown and 'Darcy' calling to her as she arrives for his morning feed.

The shire, we're told, doesn't want to pay for the building report that would detail whether the home is habitable or not, and Ms Hughes can't afford to do so. So, here we are, in an impasse that's caused upset on both sides, set to go to the Magistrates' Court next month for who knows what outcome.

This is not what we want to see from our local council. Call off the action today and find some other solution, maybe approval for a caravan or agreement that her house is every bit as good as a granny flat. Simply doing nothing would be a better outcome for all concerned.



A big crowd turned out to celebrate the winter solstice at Kilcunda last Saturday night. There was a similar event at Archies Creek on Friday night.

Our days get
brighter from here

AT BOTH Archies Creek on Friday night and at Kilcunda on Saturday night, the bonfires were lit and the community got together for one of the time-honoured traditions of human existence, a celebration of the winter solstice.

The winter solstice is celebrated because it marks the symbolic rebirth of the sun and the turning point from shorter days back towards longer daylight hours. It's a moment of hope and renewal, signifying the end of the darkest part of winter, the darkest part of the year and the beginning of a new cycle.

It's not a big thing in terms of daylight hours initially, gaining only a minute or two of sunlight over the next few weeks, but it will gather momentum and before you know it, we'll be back at the beach again.

The Archies Creek event was headlined by Jonnie Goes To Church and the music of Celia Church and Jon von Goes in and outside the Archies Creek Hall, while the Kilcunda event was an outdoor occasion with a big bonfire, food trucks and music attracting a big crowd.

It was a positive event and who couldn't do with a bit of positivity right now?

Fly me to Canberra

THE Mayor is provided an electric vehicle by Council. Please provide a comprehensive listing of each travel expense with claim dates that total \$8,861.51. That's the community question the Bass Coast Mayor disallowed at the June 2025 Council meeting. But why?

It is known that the Mayor has flown to Canberra eight times since being elected. Has there been any benefit to the ratepayers linked to the travel. But wait, the Mayor is off to Canberra for the ninth time in July. So, what are the benefits when Council has a declared Climate Emergency?

Bill Wilson, Narre Warren East

Thanks BCSC outdoor team

THUMBS up this week goes to the Bass Coast Shire outdoor staff for their prompt assistance in repairing the ripped up section caused by a heavy truck in White Road (Wonthaggi). Very much appreciated.

Carole Sartori, Wonthaggi

Be careful what you sign for

IN THE June 19 BCSC meeting CEO Box reminded ratepayers that a petition requesting a Special Charge Scheme anywhere in Bass Coast Shire only initiates a scheme; a simple declaration of interest. Many ratepayers sign out of interest, with the intent of discovering aspects of the proposal, cost, changes to infrastructure etc. They don't consider a petition signature as a binding commitment.

Whilst CEO Box's statement is true, there is another concerning truth underlying signing such a petition. That being that whilst a petition only initiates a project, ultimately your signature can lead to that project being declared without any further involvement by yourself, or any other ratepayer. Once initiated by petition, it's possible for the process to continue through to declaration, without any further ratepayer input at all.

Once council announces its "intent to declare a special charge scheme", it is not necessary for 50 plus per cent of ratepayers to vote "Yes" for the project to proceed. At this point only 50 per cent plus one "No" votes

from ratepayers can definitely prevent the scheme from going ahead. Any non-votes by ratepayers become council votes.

The classic example is the Pioneer Bay special charge scheme in 2018. Twenty-seven ratepayers voted "No", and zero ratepayers voted "Yes". The absence of 50 per cent plus one "No" votes gave BCSC complete control and the scheme proceeded.

The Government Act 1989 enabling Special Charge Schemes seems undemocratic. How in a democracy can a minority of residents force a substantial financial burden on others? Why does the Act not require 50 plus per cent of residents to vote in favour of a scheme for it to go ahead?

The Say No group has the majority with individual schemes (e.g. The Esplanade) where majority ratepayer support of 50 per cent plus one is demonstrable.

However, we are deeply concerned that the existing process is seriously flawed and allows schemes to proceed which fail to meet this standard.

If you sign a petition pay close attention to council proceedings. Ensure you lodge your vote.

Speak to your neighbors so they are aware of the above facts.

Be vigilant and be aware; signing a petition might get you exactly what you don't want.

Ross Bencraft, Surf Beach

Transmission towers risk
Gippsland's energy future

NEW engineering research featured in Create Digital this week confirms that overhead powerlines are no longer fit for the conditions we're facing. The towers being built today still rely on outdated standards and they simply won't stand up to the more extreme weather ahead.

This is especially concerning for Gippsland, which is set to host Australia's first offshore wind farms and take over from the Latrobe Valley as the state's primary energy source.

You cannot build energy security on infrastructure that collapses in a storm. And when towers fail, it's not the power companies who pay – it's households and businesses. All of us.

That's why Better Transmission Gippsland is calling for underground transmission. It's not just smarter – it's essential.

Kirra Bott, Chair, Better Transmission Gippsland

Vox Pop

What are your top
Australian songs
of all time?



John
"On the Road to Gundagai, Waltzing Matilda and Part of My Heart in Wonthaggi."



Natalie
"Stayin Alive – The Bee Gees, Holy Grail – Hunter and Collectors, Horses – Daryl Braithwaite."



Dane
"It's a Long Way to the Top – AC/DC, Holy Grail – Hunter & Collectors, You Shook Me All Night Long – AC/DC"



Ronda
"Friday on My Mind – The Easybeats, Treaty – Yothu Yindi, Run to Paradise – Choirboys"

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.

Top 100 Australian songs of all time

IN CELEBRATION of 50 years of Triple J Radio and their hottest 100 lists, they've opened the voting to find the top 100 Australian songs of all time.

Aussies all over the country are putting in their votes to get their favourites on top of the list. With iconic artists like Jimmy Barnes and Missy Higgins offering their opinions, why not get in on the action? Cast your vote today on the ABC Triple J website, voting closes July 17.

With a number of lists circulating over the years of the top Australian songs, yet disliked by some in the Sentinel-Times office, we've collated a list of the top 100 most popular songs.

How did it fit up to those in Wonthaggi on Friday?

For Wonthaggi local Mark, Back in Black (AC/DC), Boys in Town (Divinyls) and Working Class Man by Jimmy Barnes made the top cut whilst Alex and Tate's top three included Back In Black (AC/DC), Black Betty (Spiderbait) and Eagle Rock by Daddy Cool.

Here's a list of the top 50 hottest Australian hits influenced by the favourites of everyday Australians:

1. Eagle Rock – Daddy Cool
2. Friday On My Mind – The Easybeats
3. Never Tear Us Apart – INXS
4. Back In Black – AC/DC
5. It's a long way to the top – AC/DC



Fans of Australian classics and hits, alongside country music, Alex and Tate certainly rounded out a top three choice of Australian rock with AC/DC, Spiderbait and Daddy Cool. MAF05_2525

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| 6. Flame Trees – Cold Chisel | Collectors |
| 7. Beds are burning – Midnight Oil | 20. You're the Voice – John Farnham |
| 8. Highway to Hell – AC/DC | 21. Throw Your Arms Around Me – Hunters and Collectors |
| 9. Power and the Passion – Midnight Oil | 22. Great Southern Land – Icehouse |
| 10. Pleasure and Pain – Divinyls | 23. Run To Paradise – Choirboys |
| 11. Down Under – Men at Work | 24. Can't Get You Out of My Head – Kylie Minogue |
| 12. Somebody That I Used to Know – Gotye | 25. Chandelier – Sia |
| 13. Evie – Stevie Wright | 26. Heart's A Mess – Gotye |
| 14. Berlin Chair – You Am I | 27. Khe Sanh – Cold Chisel |
| 15. How to Make Gravy – Paul Kelly | 28. Into My Arms – Nick Cave |
| 16. Stayin' Alive – Bee Gees | 29. Solid Rock – Goanna |
| 17. Need You Tonight – INXS | 30. Are You Gonna Be My Girl – JET |
| 18. Don't Dream It's Over – Crowded House | 31. Reckless – Australian |
| 19. Holy Grail – Hunter & | |

- Crawl
 32. Heavy Heart – You Am I
 33. Torn – Natalie Imbruglia
 34. Quasimodo's Dream – The Reels
 35. Jessie's Girl – Rick Springfield
 36. Physical – Olivia Newton-John
 37. Know Your Product – The Saints
 38. Hey Little Girl – Icehouse
 39. TNT – AC/DC
 40. Boys In Town – Divinyls
 41. The Loved One – The Loved Ones
 42. Under the Milky Way – The Church
 43. Sounds of Then – GANG-gajang
 44. (I'm) Stranded – The Saints
 45. Black Betty – Spiderbait
 46. Joker and the Thief – Wolfmother
 47. Straight Lines – Silverchair
 48. Wide Open Road – The Triffids
 49. The Real Thing–Russell Morris
 50. Horses – Daryl Braithwaite
- And if you're a lover of great Australian music, check out the amazing band Kingswood this winter holidays. These genuinely talented Australian musicians have opened for the iconic AC/DC and are currently on their 'Midnight Mavericks Tour'. With six studio albums featuring a mix of country and indie-rock, these guys are a must-see event, coming to Tarwin Lower River-view Hotel on July 5.

Top 5 rom-coms to warm your heart this winter

By Ania Falzon & Milla Walker

EVER sit in front of the TV for hours on end, trying desperately to choose something worth watching? Here's a guide to some of the best hot-chocolate-drinking-blanket-snuggling rom-coms to warm your heart this winter. Here they are:

1. 10 Things I Hate About You

Kat (Julia Stiles) and Bianca (Larisa Oleynik) Stratford are two sisters who are complete opposites with a strict father who won't allow Bianca to date until her notoriously bitter older sister Kat does. When Cameron (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) falls for Bianca and learns of their father's rule, he sets up an elaborate scheme to find Kat a boyfriend.

2. What A Girl Wants

Daphne (Amanda Bynes) travels to England in the hopes of meeting her father, only to find he's an uptight politician. As they slowly become a part of each other's worlds, they soon realise they have a lot to learn from each other.

3. What Happens in Vegas

Joy (Cameron Diaz) and Jack (Ashton Kutcher) meet during a night out in Vegas and drunkenly get married, before miraculously winning \$3 million at the casino. The next morning they form a simple plan to get a quick divorce and split the money in half, but everything goes haywire when the judge demands they live together and try to make their marriage work first.

4. 27 Dresses

Jane (Katherine Heigl) has been a bridesmaid 27 times and faces a dilemma when her seemingly perfect younger sister gets engaged to the man Jane secretly loves, all while the man who may just be the one has been under her nose the whole time.

... 5. How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days



Imagine Live! - Alison Lester

Family Theatre

THU 10 JUL / 11:00AM / FROM \$12

Imagine Live! brings Alison Lester's award winning children's book to life on stage. Enjoy digital puppetry and animation technology paired with a brilliant music score and participatory storytelling.



INFO & TICKETS

Berminneit, Cowes



The Owl's Apprentice

Family Theatre

SAT 12 JUL / 11:00AM / FROM \$12

This is a voyage into a gorgeous realm of shadow puppetry while acting as a creative catalyst for exploring the unique biology of Australian animals. A mesmerising and perfect piece of family entertainment.



INFO & TICKETS

The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi



Conrad Sewell & Rene Le Feuvre

Live Music Performance

SAT 19 JUL / 7:30PM / FROM \$45

Celebrate a decade of the multi-platinum hit 'Firestone' with Conrad Sewell as he brings his iconic vocals to regional stages across the country with special guest Rene Le Feuvre.



INFO & TICKETS

Berminneit, Cowes



Winter Pyjama Party!

basscoastculturalvenues.com

SAT 19 JUL & SUN 20 JUL

Get your pyjamas on, rug up and join us for special screenings of one of our favourite family flicks this season - Elio!



INFO & TICKETS

Both Venues



Playing With Light

Shadow Puppet Workshop

SAT 12 JUL / 12:30PM / \$12

This amazing hands-on workshop teaches children the skills to make their own shows as well as a take-home puppet. Children will finish with a performance of their own stories on a real shadow puppet stage!



INFO & TICKETS

The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi



Cinderella - Inventi Ensemble

Live Orchestra

FRI 18 JUL / 2:00PM / FROM \$15

We are thrilled to have Inventi Ensemble return! Like Cinderella's transformation at the stroke of midnight, experience a symphonic metamorphosis that transports you through every twist and turn of the story.



INFO & TICKETS

Berminneit, Cowes



Christine Anu

Live Music Performance

SAT 23 AUG / 7:30PM / FROM \$65

Christine Anu is one of Australia's most popular recording artists and performers of all time that uses her voice and reputation to spread a message of unity and hope.



INFO & TICKETS

Berminneit, Cowes



Victorian State Ballet presents

Beauty & The Beast

SAT 6 SEP / 2PM & 7:30PM / FROM \$20

Featuring internationally recognised artists, one of the world's most loved fairy tale classics is retold through beautiful costumes, exquisite choreography and leading dancers to honour the spirit of this magical work.



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The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi

Winter Imaginarium Program

The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi
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PICES Summer Exhibition entries open

IF YOU or someone you know is an established or emerging contemporary artist, then this opportunity is for you.

Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space (PICES) will hold its seventh popular and successful Summer Exhibition at Berninnet Art Gallery, Cowes from December 12, 2025 to February 1, 2026. There will be three consecutive exhibitions during the period.

December 12 to January 1: Small Works Exhibition. Open entry.

January 4 to February 1: Contempora Exhibition featuring two curated exhibitions of works by emerging and established contemporary artists. Entry by Expressions of Interest and selection panel.

January 4 – 15: Contempora 1 Exhibition

February 17 – 1: Contempora 2 Exhibition

Exhibitions feature a broad spectrum of art such as paintings, drawings, ceramics, collage, original limited edition artist prints, photographs, textiles, installations, and video/film.

Applications open on July 1, 2025. See PICES website pices.com.au for further information and application form.

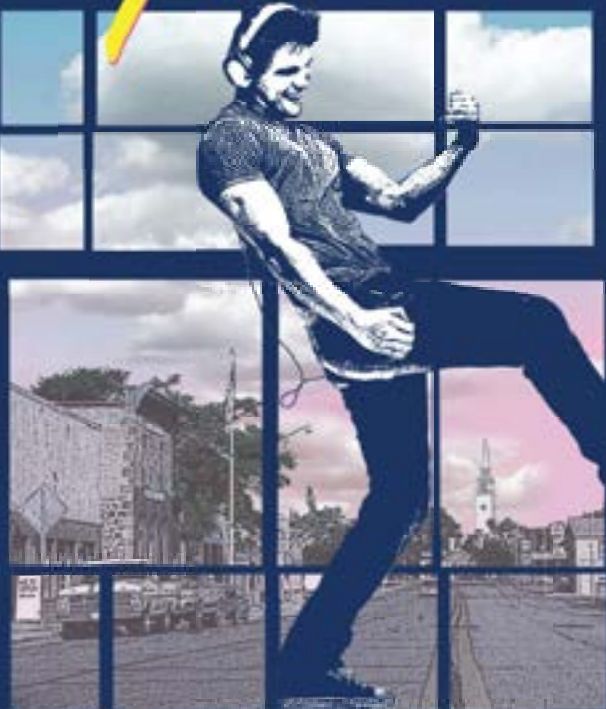


A vibrant collection of small artworks from 50 exciting artists took centre stage at Berninnet in last Summer's exhibition, and now is your chance to apply for the 2025/26 summer exhibition.



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11 - 26 July, 2025

Memorial Hall, Leongatha

Tickets via trybooking.com



MELBOURNE SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA PRESENTS
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SAT 2 AUG / 2.30PM

Melbourne Symphony Orchestra violinist Sarah Curro curates a profound program exploring the human response to the futility of war. Music by modern masters including Debussy, Britten and Webern features alongside some of most poignant poetry of the 20th century. Join us to reflect and be moved by the soothing balm of music and words written in times of darkness.



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Hitchcock classic turned-comedy hit

IF YOU'RE looking for a night of clever comedy, fast-paced action, and classic theatrical charm, look no further than Wonthaggi Theatrical Group's upcoming production of *The 39 Steps*, directed by award-winning director Justin Stephens. With performances running from July 4 to 13 at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, this production promises a madcap night at the theatre, perfect for audiences aged "9 to 109."

Based on Alfred Hitchcock's iconic 1935 film, which was itself adapted from John Buchan's gripping 1915 spy novel, this riotous stage version reimagines the story as a whirlwind comedy with a distinctly Monty Python-esque twist.

"It's a love letter to old-school theatre," Stephens said.

"We've got four actors playing more than 100 roles, hats flying on and off, accents changing mid-sentence, doors slamming, and the occasional chase across the moors – without leaving the stage."

Stephens, who recently relocated to South Gippsland, is no stranger to ambitious, high-energy productions. A seasoned director and the founder of REDFOX3 Theatre Company, his work has been seen across Melbourne's most respected venues, including Chapel Off Chapel, La Mama Courthouse and the Alex Theatre in St Kilda.



Secure your tickets before it's too late in a night of laughter and mystery.

His productions – ranging from the eerie suspense of *The Woman in Black* to writing and staging the adaptation of the sci-fi film *Coherence* – have earned him critical acclaim and multiple industry awards for direction, sound design and set design.

But this is his first time directing with Wonthaggi Theatrical Group, and the experience has been nothing short of a delight.

"The welcome I've received here has been extraordinary," he said.

"There's such a deep love for the arts in this region, and WTG was quick to throw open the doors and say, 'Let's make something great together'."

That 'something' is a play that calls for pinpoint timing, split-second costume changes and boundless energy. Thankfully, Stephens has assembled a cast more than up to the task. Local favourites Joel Stevenson and Pearl Hunter – well-known to the community for past standout performances – take on a dizzying array of roles, delivering both the drama and the laughs in equal measure.

"They're phenomenal," said Stephens.

"Watching them shape-shift night after night is a joy. You'd think there was a cast of twenty."

Stephens also works closely with his wife, Rhiannon, on the production.

"We've created theatre together for years, and she's an integral part of making the magic happen," he added.

"There's something special about creating work as a family – especially with a show as joyous and ridiculous as this one."

The show has already stirred buzz among local theatre circles, with Stephens praising the high calibre of talent in the region.

"I've seen amazing work here from WTG, Offshore Theatre, Lyric Theatre in Leongatha, Foster and Warragul Theatre Companies. The bar is high, and the community's appetite for quality theatre is even higher. That's exciting as a theatremaker."

At its core, *The 39 Steps* is a chase story: a man wrongfully accused of murder, a secret organisation, and a race to clear his name. But on stage, it's a completely different beast.

"Imagine Hitchcock filtered through the lens of *Fawlty Towers*," Stephens laughed.

"It's high-stakes and utterly bonkers."

With its mix of physical comedy, theatrical invention, and sly nods to vintage film noir, this production is set to be a highlight of the winter arts calendar. Whether you're a Hitchcock buff, a comedy fan, or just looking for a brilliant night out, this is one not to miss.

Bookings are now open via wtg.org.au, with both evening and matinee sessions available.



Osso Buco

By Meg Viney

THE first time I was taken to the Australian Italian Club, I was advised to have the Osso Buco with Risotto Milanese. Quite an experience. We don't get veal any more in Australia, but beef shank will do a fine job. Get thick pieces (they will have the ring of marrow in the centre bone).

The first time I cooked it I put it in a low oven, very well sealed, overnight. Fell off the bone – scrumptious. It sounds complicated, but it is not at all.

Ingredients

- 2 pieces of beef shank
- 1 tbsp flour
- 1 tbsp each butter and garlic oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 grated carrot
- 1 stalk celery, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- ½ cup white wine
- Chicken stock

Method

Heat a large heavy-based pan and when hot add the oil and butter and immediately add the beef.

Brown well on each side. Remove to a slow cooker/casserole.

To the pan add the onion and a pinch of salt (these days I add a pinch of sugar, which does sweeten the onion nicely).

Put the lid on and cook over low heat until golden and aromatic.

Add the carrot and celery, sauté a little longer, then add the flour and stir until amalgamated.

Then gradually add the tomato paste, the wine and the chicken stock, stirring so the flour does not form lumps. The liquid ought to cover the meat.

Seal the slow cooker (you can do a casserole in a slow oven if you choose, but seal well – the French make a flour and water paste, make it into a roll and seal the lid of the casserole with it). Or just the slow cooker. To seal it well, place a lid of foil right down over the meat – works brilliantly.

Cook for four or five hours.

Leave a day for an even better flavour.

To serve, remove the meat and reduce the liquid to a thickish sauce by simmering in a saucepan whilst you reheat the meat in a low oven.

Next week Risotto Milanese and Gremolata to serve.

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Leongatha locals Julie Drysdale, Heather Canning, and Lyndy Elliott came to learn more about what may be happening with the local coach service to Melbourne at Tuesday's Memorial Hall information session. A04_2525



Paul and Sienna at Voyage Fitness in Wonthaggi were helping to raise funds for the Cancer Council as part of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. B18_2525



Lucas Ion, personal trainer, and Luke Hynes, manager of Voyage Fitness in Wonthaggi, take part in the gym's annual fundraiser for the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea. B19_2525



Fiona, Liz and Dannielle at Voyage Fitness in Wonthaggi for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. B20_2525



Bass Coast Deputy Mayor Cr Brett Tessari shared afternoon tea with Newhaven College work experience students Milla and Ania at the monthly Bass Coast Council meeting in Wonthaggi. B12_2525



Former Leongatha FC players Tim Bolge and Cameron Brown at the 1995 Premiers Reunion. B25_2525



Former Leongatha FC players Des Thorson, Graham Sperling and Daryl Lyons (Reserves) at the 95' Premiers Reunion. B27_2525



Richard Elliott (former Leongatha FC player) at the 1995 GLFL Premiers Reunion. B28_2525



Former Parrots players Trevor Riseley and Geoff Forrester at the 1995 Premiers Reunion. B29_2525



Pictures of you and your friends at Parma for a Farmer, V/Line session in Leongatha, Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea at Voyage Fitness, Nyora Pharmacy Amcal celebrations, drag show at Carinya Lodge and Leongatha Parrots Reunion.



South Gippsland Shire Mayor John Schelling and councillor Scott Rae enjoy Parma for a Farmer. A08_2525



Mardan beef farmers and father and daughter Robert Gray and Rhonda Lester, with Agriculture Victoria dairy extension officer Bec Cameron. A09_2525



Dairy farmers Louise Sherar, Lisa Monson, Paul Sherar and Kellie Walker take it easy after lunch at Parma for a Farmer. A10_2525



Co-owners of the Nyora Pharmacy, George Spyropoulos and Sam Shalabi celebrate the changeover from independent to Amcal. ob04_2525



Nyora Pharmacy celebrate joining the Amcal team with Sally Hourigan, George Spyropoulos, Sam Shalabi, Jenny Read and Emma Meade. ob06_2525

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Former Leongatha FC players Kristian Gray and Allen Riseley at the 1995 Premiers Reunion. B30_2525



Past Presidents of the Leongatha FC Tony Johnston (2001-03) and Don Allen (2004-05) at the 1995 GLFL Premiers Reunion. B32_2525



Brenda Bressed with Carinya Lodge resident Mary, who enjoyed singing along with Brenda for Pride Month.



Able Seaman Marine Technician Harley Orpin displays his HMAS Sydney tattoo onboard HMAS Sydney during Regional Presence Deployment 25-2.

Love for his ship, forever on his arm

NOT many people can say that they have their workplace tattooed on their body like Marine Technician Able Seaman Harley Orpin. The sailor, originally from Wonthaggi, serves in HMAS Sydney and has the ship specifically tattooed on his arm.

He spent 14 hours in the chair to receive the ship tattoo, with the rest of the design on his arm split over three days.

"My tattoo artist said he'd seen many pirate ship requests but never had a request for a Navy ship like this," Able Seaman Orpin said.

He has been on board Sydney since April 2022, with multiple deployments under his belt, but it was a moment in 2023 that struck a chord with him during a memorial where one of the ship's predecessors,

Sydney II, had sunk.

Sydney II, a Leander-class light cruiser, sunk with all hands off the coast of Western Australia on November 19, 1941, during a mutually destructive engagement with the German merchant raider Kormoran.

"That feeling I got during the ceremony really stuck with me, which is why I chose to have the gun from Sydney II on my tattoo, rather than the gun we actually have," Able Seaman Orpin said.

Able Seaman Orpin is on his dream posting in Sydney, working unique days as a marine technician.

"I was a bit nervous because I had some trouble choosing a tattoo until I saw a picture taken by one of the former imagery specialists of HMAS Sydney crashing through the waves – that set it for me," he said.

On the other side of his arm, Able Seaman Orpin has an anchor entwined in a skull, which comes from his meaningful everyday work.

"During specials, I'm on the windless, which is what controls the movement of the anchor," he said. "It's been my spot since day one, so anchors mean a lot to me."

Able Seaman Orpin is part of Sydney's crew, which is more than halfway through its regional presence deployment in the Indo-Pacific region, having already participated in Exercise Bersama Shield, Operation Argos, multiple international port visits and at sea manoeuvres.

"While we still have some time left at sea, I am hoping for a stormy day, much like my tattoo with some large waves and lightning," Able Seaman Orpin said.

Grave Hunter performs valuable role at Cemetery

By Andrew Paloczi

WITH his business aptly named 'Dave the Grave Hunter', Dave Hunter hears plenty of Ghostbuster jokes and enquiries as to whether he can detect buried treasure, the Archaeological Geophysicist recently in action at Korumburra Cemetery.

His expertise in using ground penetrating radar and interpreting associated data played an important role in his investigations of the existing cemetery and of the planned expansion area. In the new area, Dave established how far down one can dig at specific locations before hitting rock, enabling appropriate planning.

"The radar system maps the layering of the soil, including the rock layers," he said.

While not checking for burials in the intended new section, Dave was on the hunt for unmarked graves in the existing cemetery, so they can be marked to prevent fresh graves from being dug at those locations.

His radar doesn't detect bodies or treasure but indicates where the soil has been disturbed. It is an involved process, using software and reliant on Dave's expertise.

Being shown an image of the type of display he sees on his computer screen while walking around the cemetery, it is clear why his



Dave Hunter, the Grave Hunter, at Korumburra cemetery with his ground penetrating radar.

experience is needed, with the squiggly lines holding little meaning for the average person.

He pointed to upside-down V-shaped images, saying that is usually caused by an air gap in something that is buried, which could be a storm water pipe that doesn't have water in it.

"You'll also see that inside a new burial where the lid on the casket hasn't decomposed yet, and so there's still an air gap inside the casket," Dave explained, with that situation eventually altering when the casket lid decomposes and soil falls into the space where

the air gap existed.

The example image he showed contained a water pipe for a garden tap, a rabbit hole and a grave.

He pushes his ground-penetrating radar along set lines that are 25 centimetres apart, ensuring he doesn't miss any unmarked burials, even for small infants. Long ago, some illegal burials occurred in cemeteries, with people unable to afford a formal grave for their loved one sneaking in at night and doing their own digging.

When analysing what his radar has discovered, Dave studies 'time slices' that show what is going on at a particular depth across the entire surveyed area.

"We can slice it at whatever depth we want," he said, saying you could theoretically do so to a depth of six metres, but don't have to go that far as nobody is buried that deep.

Television program Time Team, which features teams of specialists carrying out archaeological digs, was the inspiration behind Dave's career, prompting him to study archaeology and geophysics for archaeology.

Geoff Wyatt of the Korumburra Cemetery Trust said the work cost \$24,500, with the Victorian Government's Department of Health providing \$20,000 of that through a grant.

Real Estate

South Gippsland and Bass Coast



Local real estate agent Matt Redmond has branched out on his own with Area Specialist for South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

Real estate agent goes the extra mile for his clients

BORN and bred on a farm just outside Leongatha, Matt Redmond is a local real estate agent who is known for going the extra mile for his clients and will continue to do so, but now as an Area Specialist.

With nine years under his belt in the field, Matt has gained expert knowledge of properties across the region and decided it was the perfect time to branch out on his own.

"It became a dream of mine to one day work for myself as I am very passionate about my work and the industry."

"I offer a personalised and tailored service. It's important to me to provide each client with a personalised service, and maintaining good communication is key to that," said Matt.

"I treat each of my clients with genuine care, and I strive to help them as best I can. I am willing to get out and do little jobs to help people get the best result for their property."

"Working with my clients to present their property in a way that stands out from the crowd or giving them advice on their presentation is a strength of mine"

Matt has an office in Roughton Street,

Leongatha, where he can meet clients face to face, but is moving away from a traditional model and is strong and adaptable when it comes to the digital and online space in real estate.

"I am able to provide high-quality marketing services, whether that be showcasing a property on social media platforms or creating videos, etc," Matt said.

This hands-on agent is an allrounder in the industry and is skilled and experienced in selling residential, lifestyle properties and farms – large or small.

Growing up on a farm has given Matt personal insight into rural real estate, and he has successfully sold a wide range of rural and lifestyle properties across South Gippsland and the Bass Coast.

"I've had a great start, and I am proud of this new beginning. If you're thinking about buying or selling, I look forward to hearing from you. I am committed to making your buying or selling journey a smooth process from start to finish. Check out my listings that are live and follow my socials to stay up to date," said Matt.

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Resolve rental disputes out of VCAT

THERE'S now a fast, fair and free way for Victorian renters and landlords to resolve simple disputes.

Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister for Consumer Affairs Nick Staikos announced last week that Rental Dispute Resolution Victoria (RDRV) will go live on Monday, June 23 (yesterday).

RDRV will help renters and rental providers settle disputes over bonds, compensation, repairs and rent increases in a more informal setting, freeing up VCAT to deal with other cases.

The free service – announced as part of the Government's nation-leading housing and renting fairness reforms – will give renters a fairer go without the barrier of expensive legal fees or an intimidating VCAT hearing.

Anyone involved in a residential tenancy dispute can access the free service by calling 1300 017 378, jumping online, or attending RDRV in person.

At RDRV, highly skilled resolution experts will work to bring parties together and resolve rental disputes quickly and avoid a formal hearing. They will oversee each case from start to finish.

A new team of around 40 resolution coordinators have been recruited and trained to handle cases, and an additional 10 staff will soon join as intake officers to support the RDRV call centre.

RDRV will be headquartered on King Street in the CBD with four community locations at Oakleigh, Bundoora, Frankston and Bendigo. It's also a digital-friendly service that can be easily accessed and used online.

Cleaning tips for winter

IF YOU'RE planning a clean-it-up-and-chuck-it-out project this winter, EPA Victoria has some handy hints to make it a satisfying result.

"A little knowledge can equip you to avoid the traps of sending waste to the wrong place and turning it into a pollution problem that will come back to get you," EPA interim CEO Joss Crawford said.

"Everyone has an environmental duty in Victoria. There are pathways for disposal of things like old paint or chemicals, or asbestos that work much better than trying to hide it at the bottom of the bin. You just have to know what to do.

"Victoria's Environment Protection Act includes a General Environment Duty that makes it everyone's responsibility to take reasonable action to prevent pollution, so a little homework on the EPA website before you start can make life a lot easier."

Hiring a skip? Choose a respectable company, ask to see the receipts that show they take waste to a licenced landfill or recycling facility, and beware of suspiciously low prices that might mean your waste will be dumped illegally in the bush, park or a creek.

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Varroa, now only a matter of time

THE deadly Varroa Mite virus, which destroys honey bee populations is moving closer to the region and six new cases have now been detected in East Gippsland.

These cases have been identified and reported by apiarists located between Lake Tyers, Buchan and Marlo and Andy Tiege, President of South Gippsland Beekeepers said it's only a matter of time until it reaches the local area.

"We know it's coming. We have had several training evenings. Some club members have been to the Vic training days. It's just a matter of time before it gets to us.

"I said all our summer it's rather like the Phoney War in 1938, we know it's coming, but it's not here yet. It's pretty devastating, really, but there's absolutely nothing we can do. We've tried to prepare our members as well as we can."

Andy explained that during the cooler winter months, bees cluster together in tight groups to generate and conserve heat and maintain a stable temperature within the cluster. This means that they are less active outside, so the chance of Varroa infestation is lower now than at other times of the year.

"The bees are all put to bed for winter now. We do a thing called packing down, which basically is to give the bees the best chance of survival through the winter," explained Andy.

While the activity of the bees does depend on individual circumstances, it will be September before Andy checks on his apiaries again, but he has no doubt Varroa will hit them at some point.

"We're just playing that waiting game and praying that our own bees don't get infested sooner rather later.

"The problem with Varroa is that it actually jumps. It can jump off a bee onto a plant, and then when a clean bee comes along and goes onto the plant, the Varroa can jump onto it."

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Uncertainty surrounding milk supply may force processors to explore alternative milk supply arrangements such as transporting milk longer distances. B141_2225

Reduced milk supply creates greater opportunities for farmers

By Bruce Wardley

MILK processors sourcing milk from Victoria's northern irrigation areas may soon be forced to look elsewhere for fresh milk including South Gippsland due to the long-term contraction of the raw milk pool and increased competition.

United Dairy Farmers of Victoria (UDV) President Bernie Free said the farm-gate price for milk should be \$10 per kilogram of milk solids (kgMS) well above what has been offered recently.

"The base price for supermarket milk is currently \$1.60/litre," said Bernie Free.

"Supermarket milk should be way above \$2/litre," he said.

According to Mr Free Northern Victoria, Western Victoria and Gippsland are intertwined.

"All have manufacturing sites," said Mr Free.

With milk production continuing to decline from the irrigation areas, some processors have already responded by modifying their production mix or transporting milk from alternative regions.

These shifts have been influenced by structural changes in the dairy sector including declining farm numbers, increased competition for raw milk,

water availability constraints and changing market dynamics according to the UDV.

Agriculture Victoria's latest Dairy Farm Monitor (2023/24) estimated 1022 dairy businesses in Gippsland produce 1.9 billion litres of milk accounting for 36 per cent of Victoria's milk production and 22 per cent of milk production Australia-wide.

Mr Free said the more milk that goes to cities in New South Wales and Queensland the more processors will rely on milk from Gippsland.

"There is increasing pressure on farmers in South Gippsland to produce a consistent supply of milk on a flat curve throughout the year," said Mr Free.

It is possible to do it according to Mr Free, but you need to be paid accordingly.

A recent report commissioned by Dairy Australia on the Australian Dairy Industry makes for concerning reading according to Bernie Free.

Dairy processors face multiple pressures stemming from long-term raw milk supply contracts, rising production and transport costs, market constraints, and increasing competition from both domestic and international markets.

"Processors are not prepared to pay for a flat milk supply," said Mr Free.

Farmers providing a flat milk supply face extra costs for silage, calving in difficult times of the year, and extra pressure on their carbon footprint, according to Mr Free.

"It makes the dairy farm a much more complex operation.

"There is no reason why the price for flat milk should not be higher."

Bernie Free said the current price of milk offered by processors is way below where milk should be valued given current export prices.

"The export market is paying more than what the domestic market is," said Mr Free. "Supermarkets can sell a product at a profit or a loss. Farmers need to be getting what that milk is sold for elsewhere."

According to Bernie Free, the returns to processors for higher-value products are not being reflected in milk prices at the farm gate.

"Farmers should not be the ones that carry the can of poor negotiations in the supply chain to the supermarkets," Mr Free said.

"We should be getting the true value of the product."

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Amy Ivany and Kylie Holmes of NEX Business Farming Wellness were among those providing information on services available for farmers at Thursday's Parma for a Farmer gathering. A06_2525



Buffalo dairy farmer Peter Young, Andrea Henry of Agriculture Victoria and Dumbalk dairy farmer Mark Calder at the Korumburra Middle Hotel for Parma for a Farmer. A07_2525

Parmas and support for local farmers

PARMA for a Farmer got locals off their farms and away from the associated challenges, enjoying a catch-up with other farmers and hearing about available support services to lighten the load, all while enjoying award-winning Korumburra Middle Hotel parmas.

South Gippsland Shire Council again ran the event, with representatives of Agriculture Victoria and NEX Business Farming Wellness on hand to offer valuable information.

Council's Ken Fraser spoke of the importance of Parma for a Farmer, saying it fosters social connections and links farmers with service providers.

While Mardan beef farmer Robert Gray wasn't part of that discussion, he backed up the sentiment.

"Sometimes we don't get out to find where the contacts are and this is good," he said of the value of the event, also pleased to hear something a bit different.

Mayor John Schelling told the Sentinel-Times that townspeople and businesses rely on farmers and when farmers do

it tough we all do, believing Parma for a Farmer is a great way for people to network.

Farmer and councillor Scott Rae said it's a great day, providing an informal way to meet people and pick up information while just attending an event.

Buffalo dairy farmer Peter Young said it was a chance to have a break from the farm where things have been "tight and tough" and to learn more about dealing with conditions and finances.

Catching up with other farmers was enjoyable for Dumbalk dairy farmer Mark Calder, saying the event gave him the chance to chat to a nearby farmer, the pair usually just saying a quick hello in passing as they go about their business.

Farmers were encouraged to interact more with each other.

Kylie Holmes, executive officer at NEX Business Farming Wellness, formerly the Rural Financial Counselling Service, was the guest speaker.

The rebranding of the organisation was prompted by the

fact financial counselling is only part of what it offers.

Kylie explained that NEX is the nexus between viable businesses, prosperous farms and healthy communities.

"We provide business coaching and support, business planning, support with grant writing and tender writing; we also provide wellness," she said.

NEX helps with finance solutions, assisting clients to get the best deal from their lender, but is not a broker.

Kylie told farmers of the importance of taking care of themselves, explaining that not doing so impacts their family and business.

She gave the example of needing to fit your own oxygen mask on a plane before helping others.

Amy Ivany, wellness support at NEX, helps farmers negotiate stressful times and impacts on their wellbeing, explaining she refers them to other service providers such as doctors when required and also acts as a sounding board.

Financial challenges, the

current impacts of dry weather and succession planning are a few sources of stress.

Thursday's attendees heard about an Agriculture Victoria Field Day in Foster about futureproofing your farm, being held on Wednesday, June 25, and about the online webinars the organisation has established to help farmers gain valuable information.

The broad-ranging free Field Day includes discussion of available options to best deal with dry seasonal conditions, farm biosecurity, and energy options.

Publican Ben 'Fish' Fisher invited people and their families along to a men's mental health evening at Korumburra Middle Hotel on Friday, June 27 at which free pork rolls will be served in the bar at 6pm, the evening encouraging men to get out and have a chat.

Parma for a Farma was undoubtedly a success in bringing farmers together and ensuring they are aware of available support and the fact they don't have to tackle everything alone.

Fonterra ups lowly opening milk price

WHILE Fonterra got on the front foot, announcing its opening price for the new milk season ahead of other processors, there was no doubt its initial Australian offer of \$8.60 per kilo of milk solids had to rise, the company since joining the annual step-up parade and boosting its weighted average price to \$8.90/kgMS.

A 30 cent per kilo lift sounds impressive but still leaves Fonterra's milk price well below what farmer representative bodies argue is required, particularly given the challenges presented by drought in the Gippsland region and increasing input costs.

The step-up was announced on Friday, June 13.

"Since our opening price announcement, we have secured key customer contracts which provide further clarity and greater confidence in the outlook for the season ahead," managing director of Fonterra Oceania, David Breckenridge said.

With Saputo having opened with an initial, \$8.80-\$8.95/kgMS range and Burra Foods \$8.60-\$9.10 range, both having since upped their offer, and a host of other processors also starting with higher prices than Fonterra, the latter was always going to find a way to improve its original price.

As stated in the previous edition of the Sentinel-Times, United Dairy Farmers of Victoria president Bernie Free argues the market justifies a price of \$10/kgMS, saying what's on offer doesn't match the uplift in global conditions, and also commenting that the current proposed prices fail to offset the challenges farmers are facing locally.

The prospect of a diminishing milk pool resulting from drought conditions in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania and flooding in New South Wales, and the need to ensure the viability of dairy farmers remaining in the industry is sure to apply sustained pressure on processors for further price step-ups.

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Feeders in demand

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded another very good offering of 3700 cattle at Thursday's VLE Leon-gatha store sale.

Most of the regular buyers attended and operated strongly on the feeder cattle again with prices fully firm on last week's rise with good black feeder steers making \$4.30 to \$4.76 range.

Some excellent heavy Angus feeder heifers 380kg to 540kg attracted strong bidding and made from \$3.90 to \$4.26 to be 10 cents dearer.

Overall both weaner steers and heifers held firm with varying results subject to breed and type with plenty still heading to northern orders, while there were few less dairy types than last sale with results pretty similar.

Leon-gatha Store Sale on Thursday, June 19, 2025

Steers

P McBeth 15 Angus	612kg	\$4.24	\$2600
J Gieschen 16 Angus	515kg	\$3.95	\$2040
C Fleming 12 Charo	499kg	\$4.44	\$2220
L&M Fajerman, 11 Angus	499kg	\$4.40	\$2200
T&C Brown 31 Angus Steers	492kg	\$4.60	\$2270
Wattlebrook Farm 18 Angus	467kg	\$4.76	\$2230
D & P Whiteley 19 Angus	462kg	\$4.67	\$2160
Melaleuca Pastoral 18 Angus	460kg	\$4.58	\$2110
P,C & J Green 20 Angus	442kg	\$4.63	\$2050
SP Dunlop 14 Angus	417kg	\$4.45	\$1860
P Doyle & Assoc 19 Angus	391kg	\$4.50	\$1760
L & T Love 20 Sp	383kg	\$4.14	\$1590
A & R Bowman 17 Angus	380kg	\$4.46	\$1700
J & J Beamish 10 Angus	378kg	\$3.96	\$1500
P & J Scott 20 Angus	365kg	\$4.21	\$1540
Hollywood Past 12 Angus	360kg	\$4.19	\$1510
R & C Carmichael 13 Angus	356kg	\$4.29	\$1530
Ponderosa Herefords 9 Hereford	345kg	\$3.59	\$1240
JD Chewie 11 Angus	341kg	\$4.10	\$1400
C Lord 14 Angus	333kg	\$4.37	\$1460
Littlejohn & Son 15 Hereford	335kg	\$3.67	\$1230
Wattlebank Acres 17 Angus	333kg	\$3.71	\$1240
T & L Morrison 12 Angus	322kg	\$3.33	\$1440
W Roberts 14 Angus	325kg	\$4.90	\$1270
C & J Knox 12 Angus	303kg	\$4.01	\$1220
Von Pace 19 Angus	301kg	\$4.14	\$1250
J & L Fiddelaers 16 Angus	297kg	\$4.19	\$1250
P & C Carmichael 13 Angus	295kg	\$4.29	\$1270
B&D Harrison 19 Angus	272kg	\$4.59	\$1250
A&D Scott 18 Angus	266kg	\$4.69	\$1250
D Land 18 Angus	262kg	\$3.15	\$830
R & D Chisholm 14 Angus	249kg	\$4.20	\$1050
J & S Kelly 25 Angus	244kg	\$4.50	\$1100
Sandbach Angus, 42 Angus	228kg	\$4.75	\$1080

Heifers

Baillie Bros 20 Angus	538kg	\$4.00	\$2160
R Kelly 9 Angus	411kg	\$3.93	\$1620
G & B Morrison 15 Angus	404kg	\$3.90	\$1580
D & P Whiteley 17 Angus	434kg	\$4.14	\$1800
G & G Thompson 19 Angus	406kg	\$4.03	\$1640
Von Pace 12 Angus	389kg	\$3.95	\$1540
S & D Perry 10 Angus	369kg	\$3.69	\$1210
J & A Gilliam 16 Angus	366kg	\$3.54	\$1290
B & L Jefferis 16 Angus	363kg	\$3.93	\$1430
W Roberts 10 Angus	312kg	\$3.46	\$1080
Riv Past 24 Angus	308kg	\$3.43	\$1060
B & L Jefferis 12 Angus	281kg	\$3.05	\$860
D & M Taylor 18 Angus	271kg	\$3.30	\$900
J & L Fiddelaers 13 Angus	268kg	\$3.05	\$820
B&D Harrison 20 Angus	261kg	\$3.60	\$940
A&D Scott 18 Angus	258kg	\$3.29	\$940
D Jerram 26 Angus	238kg	\$3.36	\$800
Cambridge & Carter 33 Angus	225kg	\$3.27	\$740

An unexpected journey to breeding and showing alpacas

WHAT began as a solution to a fox problem about 13 years ago slowly evolved into an alpaca farm, a venture to get good quality fleece and an Alpaca of the Year win.

Greg and Jenny Bradshaw were living in Hastings when they began losing sheep to foxes so bought three alpacas to protect their flock, never imagining it would evolve beyond that.

However, two years later and after a few challenges, their first cria – baby alpaca – was born, alongside a venture to start breeding the animals.

While breeding white alpacas is not difficult, getting a good quality, consistent white fleece is, so the Bradshaw's decided to focus on breeding brown animals instead.

"It was a bit different because not many people concentrated on that sort of thing. It's a bit more prevalent now, but back then we decided we'd try and breed brown," explained Greg.

They soon discovered that getting a consistently brown-coloured fleece was not as straightforward as one might imagine.

"So, we got whites mated with black males to try and get brown, so you've got a whole lot of different colours, as in dark brown, light brown, mid brown, medium and dark fawn."

Even when they began breeding two brown alpacas together, they still ended up with animals with black fleeces, grey fleeces and everything in between.

"It's not 50 shades of grey, but it is 50 shades of brown," laughed Greg.

Greg and Jenny scrutinise their alpacas' fleece and suitability for show from a young age because they can be entered from six months.

"You're trying to do a breeding program to encourage all the better tracings of the animals you're trying to breed with; density and fineness in the fleece and confirmation in the animals are what you're trying to breed for. Then hopefully you get a decent



Jenny Bradshaw with Ringo who will be shown at the upcoming Korumburra Alpaca Show. ob10_2525

animal out of it at the end."

Once a year, when the weather begins to warm up, the alpacas are shorn, and if the Bradshaw's get a decent fleece off their animals, they'll show them at Gippsland-based halter and fleece shows – after having moved to South Gippsland about five years ago.

"If you've got good fleeces the idea is to show them and hopefully win some ribbons to help showcase the animal as well," explained Greg.

The fleeces are bought by local spinners and there are companies who also collect fleeces in bulk to make carpets or other products.

At the upcoming Korumburra Alpaca Show, which is a halter show only, Jenny will be taking four of their alpacas – and yes all their animals have names.

On show will be Ringo, Thunderstruck, Archie and Maverick, and the breeders are hopeful about winning a ribbon or two after the success they had at the Victorian Eastern Region Show 2023/24.

"One of our boys was named Alpaca of the Year, in the huacaya section," explained Greg.

"He's a roan, so that was pretty good for us because we never thought we'd ever win anything like that."

Greg also mentioned that competition is stiff in the show ring, especially where male alpacas are concerned, and those that don't make the grade are usually neutered and sold as pets or herd guards.

"They do make good guards, as in for looking after and protecting sheep and lambs," explained the pair who also said they make good pets and

companion animals; when they are not overhanded.

"When you're stressed, you just go out into the paddocks. They come up to you, and you just seem to relax. It's just so relaxing being around them and they have their own personalities," said Jenny.

"They're a nice, calm animal, they're good on your paddocks because they've got soft pads so they don't chop the paddock up. If you can get hold of one and train them up from four months, they're good with the kids and can be good with older people that have health issues – it helps them relax a bit and get some joy out of being up close to the animals."

The Korumburra Alpaca Show will be held on Saturday, June 28, from 9am-4pm at the Korumburra Showgrounds and entry is free.

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Simon Henderson of Phelan & Henderson & Co. in action at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale. A14_2525



Brian McCormack sells for Nutrien. A15_2525

Leongatha Store Sale a mixed affair

MEAT & Livestock Australia's Brendan Fletcher observed a mixed affair at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale, heavy cattle and lightweight steers holding firm in price due to demand from feedlot and northern buyers respectively, while the remainder of the yarding sold up to \$100 a head cheaper.

With a little over 3600 head available, Brendan labelled overall quality as "very good", highlighting the more than 500 Angus steers over 400 kilos.

The Sentinel-Times saw 11 Toora Angus steers from L &

M Fajerman, described by auctioneer Simon Henderson of Phelan & Henderson & Co. as a "lovely pen of feeders" and weighing an average 500 kilos go for \$2200 a head at \$4.40 per kilo.

A pen of 14 Angus steers from T & C Brown of Koonwarra, being Monaro bred and of Hazeldene blood, weighing an average 466 kilos, sold for \$2180 each at the excellent return of \$4.67 per kilo.

The same vendor also fared well with a pen of 17 Angus steers that averaged 513 kilos

and went for \$2340 a head at \$4.56 a kilo.

Brian McCormack of Nutrien sold a pen of 15 Angus steers from P. McBeth of Fumina for \$2600 each, working out to \$4.24 per kilo for animals weighing an average weight of 612 kilos.

On the heifer side of the sale, Baillie Brothers of Tyers performed strongly, with its pens making between \$4 and \$4.26 per kilo, the 23 head that fetched the top price weighing an average of 497 kilos and selling for \$2120 each.

Brendan of MLA spoke of the general demand for cattle that caught the eyes of feedlot buyers.

"Angus cattle over 350kg were keenly sought after by feedlots and this demand crept further into the black cattle of more questionable breeding," he reported.

"The weaner offering was more mixed and there were fewer dairy cattle and their crosses."

It was noted that coloured calves and yearlings largely sold to softer demand.

Don't sacrifice your perennial pastures

WITH good rain across most of Victoria, farmers may be looking to return stock to paddocks following months of containment feeding.

Agriculture Victoria Livestock and Land Management Extension Officer Neil James said returning stock too early may result in damage or death of deep-rooted perennials such as phalaris, cocksfoot and fescue.

"The loss of perennial pasture is primarily caused by overgrazing, but when combined with extended dry periods, pasture decline can intensify," Mr James said.

"Perennial ryegrass, however, rarely survives prolonged dry periods, regardless of grazing pressure.

"Many pastures are already under stress due to the prolonged dry conditions. Late-season rainfall will have triggered some green leaf growth.

"However, repeated grazing of these new shoots can deplete the plants' root reserves, ultimately leading to plant death.

"Ideally, livestock should be held in containment until pastures have grown sufficient leaf area to maximise photosynthesis and rebuild their root reserves. This may take four to six weeks following rain or longer, depending on the starting condition and temperature."

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20 Hereford steers 18-22 mths
15 MG steers 18-22 mths
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30 Speckle steers 18-22 mths
GF & ABF

A/c B Carr, West Creek (ELDERS)
30 Angus & BB steers, 2 yo, East Gippsland bred, GF & ABF

A/c M Steenholdt, Woolamai (ELDERS)
30 Angus steers, 2 yo, GF & ABF

A/c P McDonnell, Glen Forbes (ELDERS)
30 Angus steers, 2 yo, Tasmanian bred, GF & ABF

A/c Malanik Farms, Trafalgar South (ELDERS)
30 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, GF, ABF & NE Accred

A/c A Ballantyne (ELDERS)
25 Hereford steers, 14-16 mths, High Country Bred

A/c Tarro Lodge, Cape Schanck (ELDERS)
22 Angus x Hereford steers, 22 mths, by Glatz bulls, GF & ABF

A/c Lobet Pty Ltd, Nutfield (ELDERS)
18 Angus steers, 20 mths

A/c Manks Earthworks, Woodleigh (ALEX SCOTT)
16 Angus steers, 14-15 mths, Strathbrae bred, Banquet blood

A/c L & C Deal, Poowong (ELDERS)
15 Angus steers, 2 yo

A/c L Johnson, Woolamai (ELDERS)
15 Angus steers, 2 yo, GF & ABF

A/c J Goumas, Phillip Island (ALEX SCOTT)
15 Speckle Park steers, 20 mths, by Fish Creek Speckle Park bull

A/c D Hourigan (ELDERS)
15 Hereford steers, 18 mths

A/c D & R Jones (ALEX SCOTT)
15 Angus steers, 20 mths, Monaro bred

A/c MW & JA Thompson, Warragul (ELDERS)
14 Angus steers, 16 mths, GF & ABF

A/c B & R Marshall (ALEX SCOTT)
12 Hereford steers, 18 mths, Mawarra blood

A/c B & S Neilson, Iona (ELDERS)
10 Angus X steers, rising 2 yo

A/c Heyden Pastures (ELDERS)
10 Angus Hereford X steers, 18 mths, Meikle blood, GF & ABF

A/c G Mason (BAW BAW)
10 Hereford steers, 20-24 mths, VB

A/c V & D Vickers, Mirboo North (ALEX SCOTT)
10 Hereford/Black Baldy steers, 14 mths, very quiet, GF & ABF

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c Headstation, Phillip Island (ALEX SCOTT)
40 Angus heifers, 20 mths

A/c Pixie Brothers (BAW BAW)
30 Angus heifers, 16 mths

A/c Breeder (ELDERS)
15 Angus heifers, 17-18 mths, Lawson blood

A/c J Goumas, Phillip Island (ALEX SCOTT)
15 Speckle Park Heifers, 20 mths, by Fish Creek Speckle Park bull

WEANERS

A/c Ben Cruachan Station (ELDERS)
180 Angus mix sex weaners, weaned, VB, GF & ABF

A/c D & K, A&B Scott, Inverloch (ELDERS)
40 Angus steer weaners, 20 Angus heifer weaners, 9-10 mths, Banquet & Harris blood, weaned

A/c Conargo Ridge, Flinders (ELDERS)
45 Angus steers, 9-10 mths, Anvil & Francs blood, weaned, Eprinex & 2nd 5in1 3 weeks ago. VB, GF & ABF

A/c D C McGrath, Phillip Island (ALEX SCOTT)
40 Angus mixed sex weaners, 10-12 mths, by stud Fernleigh bulls

A/c 53rd Mayalda, Bass (ELDERS)
20 Angus steer weaners
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Absolute Angus blood, GF & ABF

A/c Boxbank, Woodside (ELDERS)
36 Murray Grey/Speckle mixed sex calves, 8 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c "Rosebank Farm", Loch (ELDERS)
35 Angus steers, 8-9 mths, Kelly Angus blood, weaned, VB, GF, ABF & NE Accred

A/c M & A Peters, Archies Creek (ELDERS)
15 Angus X steers, 14 mths
15 Angus X heifers, 14 mths
Weaned Harris blood, GF & ABF

A/c Curbem Pastoral (BAW BAW)
35 Angus heifers, 13 mths, NE Accred

A/c D & M Hancock, Poowong (ALEX SCOTT)
20 Angus steers, 10 mths
10 Angus Heifers, 10 mths
By Fernleigh Bulls, Banquet & Fernleigh blood cows, VB, NE Accred, GF & ABF

A/c Breeder, B.M.P. Pastoral Co, Yannathan (ALEX SCOTT)
30 Angus mixed sex weaners, 10-12 mths, By stud Angus "Wattlewood" bulls, weaned 12 weeks

A/c Roanda (BAW BAW)
27 Sim & Char X steers, 10-11 mths, weaned, NE Accred

A/c Breeder, Pepper Hill Trading Co, Willow Grove (ALEX SCOTT)
11 Angus & Black Baldy steers, 10-11 mths
14 Angus heifers, 10-11 mths
All by Absolute Angus stud bulls. 2 x 5in1, 3x Multimin, Drenched Cydectin and weaned

A/c D Hourigan (ELDERS)
20 Angus weaner steers, Landfall blood

A/c B Nash, Jindinvick (ELDERS)
20 Angus mixed sex weaners, 10 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c N Cumberland, Woolamai (ALEX SCOTT)
20 Angus mixed sex weaners, 8-9 mths, by Fernleigh bulls

A/c Breeder, Hardeman Cattle Co, The Gurdies (ALEX SCOTT)
10 Angus heifers, 10-12 mths
10 Angus mixed sex calves, 6-7 mths
By purebred Angus, "Strathbrae" bulls

A/c Clark Cattle Co, Mirboo Nth (ALEX SCOTT)
17 Angus mixed sex weaners, 9-10 mths, by stud Fernleigh bulls, weaned and very quiet

A/c D Crawford, Bass (ALEX SCOTT)
15 Angus mixed sex weaners, by Fernleigh bulls, 8-9 mths

A/c Lara Park Pty Ltd, Mt Taylor (ALEX SCOTT)
14 Balancer mix sex weaners by stud Red Angus bull out of Gelbeih stud cows, 2x 7in1, paddock weaned, ABF, NE Accred, yard educated, very quiet

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11 Angus steers
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Great grandad of 24.

Forever in our hearts. Always in our thoughts. Rest in peace. Reunited with mum.

DEATHS

FARR, John:

Died 21.06.2025, aged 88.

Husband of Beryl.

Father of Ian and Carol, father-in-law of Coral.

Grandad to William and Richard.

A private cremation will be held.

DEATHS

FLEMING, John Alexander:

Born on April 27, 1956.

Passed away June 21, 2025.

4th son of the late Alfred and Edna Fleming.

Loved brother of Ronald (dec.), Douglas (dec.), Simon, Gavin and Daryl, Peter and Anne, Bruce, Trevor.

Loved uncle of Kate, Kris, Isla and Kiaan, Lucy, Luke and Turner, Ben, Shannon, Jess and Sadie, Monica and William.

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DEATHS

MIKKELSEN, Brian Francis James:

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Brian Francis James Mikkelsen on June 19, 2025.

Treasured husband of Anne, loving father of Brian and Adam and Poppy of Jolie, Elle, Charlize, Jack and Nate.

DEATHS

EYGENRAAM, Harm (Harry):

04.03.1935 - 18.06.2025.

Passed away peacefully at Prom Aged Care Foster.

Formerly from Eden and Wild Dog Valley, aged 90 years.

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DEATHS

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Funeral arrangements to follow.

DEATHS

PHILLIPS, William: ‘Bill’

09.12.1939 - 15.06.2025.

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DEATHS

PHILLIPS, William:

09.12.1939 - 15.06.2025.

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DEATHS

PILE, Philip Ivor:

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FUNERALS

ROBINSON, Gerry:

Passed away peacefully on June 17, 2025.

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Loving “Poppa” to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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FUNERALS

STRUDWICK (nee Bradbury), Kay Jacqueline:

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ArtSpace invites you to First Nations showcase

IN CELEBRATION of NAIDOC Week, ArtSpace Gallery invites you to its annual showing of First Nations art. An official opening – including a Welcome to Country, a smoking ceremony, and a meeting with the artists – will be held on Saturday, July 5, from 1pm to 3pm. This year’s NAIDOC Week is set to celebrate 50 years of honouring the culture, creativity and resilience of First Nations people throughout Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The theme is “The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy”. With diverse exhibits set to wow and inspire, this will be a cultural experience not to be missed.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ACCESS & USAGE CHARGES
1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026

Westernport Water adopted by resolution of its Board, the following charges for the period 1 July 2025– 30 June 2026. This is in accordance with the *Water Act 1989* and the pricing decision handed down by the Essential Services Commission.

Water usage charge (per kL)		\$
Residential		2.5066
Non-Residential		2.5066
Standpipe Variable Charge		4.0621

Water fixed charge p.a.		\$
Residential access charge		454.15
Vacant land - connected		454.15
Unconnected vacant land		227.04
Non-Residential (price varies depending on size of service)		

Wastewater fixed charge p.a.		\$
Residential sewer access		719.28
Unconnected vacant land		360.25
Non-residential sewer access		719.28
Non-residential – cistern charge (for each cistern in excess of two)		265.63

Recycled Water (Class A)		\$
Residential access charge p.a.		33.92
Non-Residential access charge p.a.		33.92
Recycled Water usage (per kL)		1.3584

Pension/Health Care Rebate p.a.		\$
Water sewerage concession (max rebate)		372.10
Single service concession (max rebate)		186.05

For a full list of all regulated and non-regulated fees and charges for the 2025-26 financial year, please visit our website or call 1300 720 711. If you are having difficulties paying your bill, support is available. We offer flexible payment options, concessions and access to government grants and programs.

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Three Creeks Landcare Group and local residents showed their support for national parks recently, joined by Victorian National Parks Association's Jordan Crook.

Landcare backs national parks

A LOVE for national parks rallied the Three Creeks Landcare Group on Saturday, June 14. The group met at Wonthaggi's Desalination Plant for a social gathering, which included a presentation by Victorian National Parks Association (VNPA)'s Jordan Crook. Jordan discussed cuts to national park funding by the State Government, as well as the government's backflip on promises to create national parks in areas that have been subject to native forest logging. The group heard about VNPA's campaign Stick Up For National Parks, which is encouraging people to write to their local MP to remind them of the importance of national parks and the need to create new ones. "We had some polling done by the Redbridge Group, which found 84 per cent of Victorians love and support national parks," Jordan said. "It was great to be invited by Landcare to speak and to learn about the restoration project. I enjoyed meeting with the local Landcare and bushwalking groups." A great turnout of around 20 people enjoyed the day. "Jordan is well known in the environmental industry, so we had quite a few people turn out for a chat," Three Creeks Landcare Group's Kylie Ingram said. "It was great to see some many people interested in protecting our local environment."

Landcare is planning more social events for the second half of the year. Planting season has been pushed back to August/September due to the lack of rain, so more social gatherings and talks are in the works. "We are hoping to schedule a talk with a wildlife rescue volunteer. We like to keep people motivated," Kylie said. The Three Creeks Landcare Group is based in Kilcunda, so planting will take place in that area in a few months' time. To keep up with Landcare's events, you can find them on the Facebook page.



Rocky completed her work experience at Wonthaggi North Primary School, and is pictured with students Amelia, Charlotte and Tawana.

Future teachers gain experience at WNPS

WONTHAGGI North Primary School recently welcomed three enthusiastic secondary students for their work experience placements. Two were returning to the school where their primary education began. Tyler and Blake – both graduates of Wonthaggi North Primary School's (WNPS) Grade 6 class of 2021 – spent their week assisting in the Year 1/2A classroom. Tyler used the experience to explore his interest in junior teaching, engaging in classroom routines and building positive connections with the students. Blake – motivated by a sense of nostalgia – returned to WNPS to gain insight into a potential future in education. Xavier, who was placed in the Prep classroom, did not attend WNPS but chose the school due to his interest in becoming a teacher. He particularly enjoyed supporting the younger students and exploring what teaching in the early years involves. Rocky completed her work experience the following week. It was great to see her interact positively with all students and thoroughly enjoy her time at WNPS. She observed many acts of kindness among the students and spent time listening to them read. The school greatly appreciate the time and effort she dedicated to building relationships with the students. Throughout the week, all three students made valuable contributions to the learning environment. The WNPS community was pleased to support their development and provide a welcoming space for them to explore future career pathways. Their enthusiasm and positive attitudes were appreciated by staff and students alike.

CONVERSATION
with Claire

Exploring
your values
By author Claire Chitty

BEING a part of the Bass Coast Community Leadership Program, we recently explored values. Often the thoughts and beliefs we hold are gifted to us from well-meaning parents, teachers, peers and society, and are often not our own. Through life's experiences, we unravel old stories and create our own set of values. So, what is a value? For me, it's the guiding principles that shape personal interactions and ultimately, the community at large. Key values suggestions in no order. Nor is this list complete:

1. Personal values influence an individual's behaviour, decisions, and sense of identity. They can incorporate integrity, honesty, strong moral principles, personal development, compassion and empathy for others. Compassion, kindness and empathy are also part of this, whilst striving for high standards in one's personal and professional life.
2. Social values impact relationships and social interactions. Choose connections that foster unity and dissolve barriers between cultures, races, and beliefs, individual rights and treating others with respect.
3. Ethical and moral values include fairness, treating people equally, personal responsibility, actions, consequences and transparency.
4. Cultural values are shared beliefs within a community that embrace traditions, customs, and the collective identity; respecting elders, welcoming and caring for new arrivals, whilst working for the greater good than for individual reward.
5. Respect and inclusivity, embracing diversity in all its forms, cultural, acknowledging the rights of others, where everyone feels heard, valued and empowered.
6. Cooperation and unity when working towards shared goals, despite differing opinions.
7. Economic and professional values which influence work ethics, financial priorities, decision making and new ideas. Sustainability and ethical use of resources in business come into this category.
8. Curiosity and lifelong learning to gain knowledge and wisdom leads to progress. Having a curious mind can challenge assumptions, expand understanding and foster future innovation.
9. Stewardship and responsibility. As caretakers of the Earth, we each need to take accountability for sustainable living, not just for ourselves but for future generations.
10. Spiritual values that support beliefs to reflect inner peace, intuition, sacredness, recognising and honouring all beings and higher guidance.
11. Love and connection. The most profound value of all is love, which transcends borders, languages and conflicts. Love strengthens relationships, nurtures communities and reminds us that we are all interconnected beings seeking meaning and belonging.

We embody these values, not just in words but in actions, and people thrive. As individuals, we hold the power to create a world that reflects our highest ideals rooted in compassion, truth, and unity. When we embrace these principles, we don't just preserve humanity; we elevate it. I encourage you to write a list of values that are important to you, act upon it and be the change you want to create in the future for all of humankind.

Swimming success at Leongatha Splash

IT WAS a full house at Leongatha Splash over the weekend as the club held the first of their short course events for the winter season. One hundred and thirty-six swimmers came to compete, with many local swimmers enjoying the opportunity to race in a familiar pool.

They were joined by swimmers from Essendon, Ringwood, Sale, Moe, Traralgon, Warragul and East Gippsland as they competed in a range of events from 25-metre to 800-metre. For many young swimmers, it was their first go at racing, competing in 25s, and there was so much excitement from the competitors as they strode to the blocks at the end of the pool.

The swimmers from Melbourne enjoyed racing against different people, and the families enjoyed a mini break away, many staying overnight after racing on Saturday and then competing on Sunday, having enjoyed local hospitality venues.

The meet was a great chance for swimmers to achieve their Country and State qualifying times, which are needed to compete later in the year.

“We had a large number of swimmers excited to see their times come through and know that they have qualified. It’s just fantastic to see our juniors racing here for the first time in a

serious competition,” said Head Coach Dylan Muir.

“They are so excited to finally have a chance to race, as for many of these kids have seen their siblings do it, and were excited it was finally their turn.

“Our senior swimmers did well, as swimming on PB at this point of the Short Course season is wonderful. We had a few already achieving qualifying times, and many also got the times they were working towards, which is thrilling to see. It’s a lot of work for our parents to organise it, but it pays off in the long run when you see the enjoyment for the swimmers. Plus, it’s an opportunity for their families and grandparents to come along.”

The Saturday evening event finished with a hotly contested Skins competition, with barely a millisecond between some of the finishes. There was great cheering from the supporting friends and families on the sidelines as the swimmers competed for prizes donated by Kimmer Civil Group.

Sunday concluded with a number of SGB swimmers competing in the 800 metres to see if they could gain a state-qualifying time. There was a lot of cheering from the junior swimmers as they watched them battle it out.



Senior swimmers enjoy returning to the pool.



Swimmers get ready to race 100m Breaststroke.

Elite experience for two local swimmers

THE dream of swimming at the Australian World Championship trials became a reality for two South Gippsland Bass swimmers as Miah Roberts and Mostyn Lumsden took to the pool in Adelaide last week.

Miah, who swam in the 50-metre backstroke, loved racing at the event.

“It was an amazing feeling being able to compete in the same pool against my idols, especially Kaylee McKeown,” she said.

“Experiences like this are important steps for me to become a strong swimmer – the more race practise I get in a 50-metre pool at an elite level, the better my

swimming becomes.”

Miah was proud of her swim, which had the added pressure with the disqualification of Kaylee, adding some nervous tension to the atmosphere, but she made a fantastic effort, swimming a great time.

“I am thankful to my coach Dylan who couldn’t be there, but took the time to talk to me on the phone, and the coaches from Propulsion who assisted me in my warm-up,” she said.

Mostyn swam in the 50-metre butterfly.

He was joined in the stands by his brother Kai who was there as coach and support team.

“I really loved the atmosphere, and it’s really got me motivated to train hard and get back there next year. After many years of training and racing, I was proud that it has paid off,” Mostyn said.

“Kyle Chalmers jumped in my lane for warm-up and I was so excited to see him swimming so close by. He was amazing to watch. It was great having my brother by my side coaching me.”

RIGHT: South Gippsland Bass swimmer Mostyn Lumsden recently swam at the Australian World Championship trials in Adelaide.



Thrilling night of finals launches darts into overdrive

MONDAY night was electric as the first week of the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League Finals delivered nail-biters, heartbreaks, and plenty of double-tops.

In A Grade, the powerhouse Vikings continued their charge with a commanding five-to-two win over Miramar, earning a direct ticket to the grand final.

Cool under pressure and deadly on the finish, the Vikings showed why they topped the ladder.

But it was the second A Grade clash that had the crowd on the

edge of their bar stools.

Joe’s Hornets stung Aulin in a pulsating four-to-three showdown, clinching victory in the final leg.

They now face Miramar next week in a semifinal standoff that promises fireworks.

Over in the Gumboot Final, the battle was just as fierce.

Storm weathered everything the Breakers threw at them, sneaking through four to three to book their spot in the grand final. Meanwhile, the Deadly Darts lived up to their name, edging out the Riverboys by the

slimmest of margins, four to three, in another nail-chewer.

Deadly now gear up to face Breakers in a rematch for the ages.

Off the oche, congratulations to Dave Healey, who walked away with the coveted San Remo Butchers meat tray raffle.

No doubt the tastiest win of the night.

RIGHT: Dave Healey was the San Remo Butchers meat tray raffle winner at the Phillip Island and District Darts League final.



SOUTH GIPPSLAND BRIDGE CLUB

THE club played 5.5 tables on Tuesday, June 17.

The five teams earning Masterpoints were Jean Barbour and Bruce Higgs with 65.10 per cent, Faye Rowlands and Alan Johnston 62.04, Phillip and Neville Chapman 57.81, Ruth Harvey and Sue Edwards 56.77, and Deb Anglim and John French with 51.56 per cent.

Friday, June 20, saw 9.5 tables.

N/S Masterpoint winners were Bron Sund and Alan Johnston with 67.97 per cent, Julie and Ian McPhee 59.90, Deb Anglim and John French 59.11, Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson 52.60, and Maureen Stiles and Penny Loughran 51.56 per cent.

In E/W, Penny Lanser and Doug McIntosh 65.74, Moyer Crowley and Michael Dooley 58.8, Valdo Mighelangi and Ian Moorhouse 54.17, and Faye Rowlands and John Currier 53.47 per cent.

PHILLIP ISLAND BRIDGE CLUB

MIRANDA Sage was back at the Phillip Island Bridge Club this week, after her sojourn to a French Chateau with her two daughters, who, by all accounts, looked after Miranda royally.

The club changed over seamlessly to using the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) online portal for collecting table fees this week.

Congratulations to Caroline Shaw, and Jim and Clare Murphy for making this happen.

It must have been like herding cats.

Deb Anglim and Shirley Stewart won Monday’s Duplicate (10 pairs) with 64.81 per cent.

Wednesday Nationwide was taken out by Judy O’Connell and Lorrie Read on 59.38 per cent.

PHILLIP ISLAND TENPIN BOWLING

2SCOMPANY (Monday): First place on 30.5 points Him N Her; second place on 29 points King Pins; third place on 23 points The Hound.

ABL (Wednesday): First place on 221 points Storm; second place on 208 points Dreamers; third place on 201 points The Fireballs.

Business Early (Thursdays): First place on 18 points Turkey Slappers; second place on 16 points The Redundants; third place on 13 points Happy Hour; fourth place on 12 points Old Timers.

Business Late: First place on 20 points 3 Blind Mice; second place on 18 points Squeezers; third place 16 points The Ex Men; fourth place on 14 points Island Invaders.

Top scores this week across each league:

Woman: 177 Bec Bertram, 156 Shannon Hancock, and 155 Penny Wolswinkel and Valma Peterson.

Men: 218 Pete Wolf, 210 Scott Lynch and 186 Riley Weinzierl.

This week, Probus was in.

Corinella won over Phillip Island: 892 pins to 854 pins.

Top scorers: Men: Red 283 pins. Women: Erica 246 pins.

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 24
▼ 2.53am	0.41m
▲ 10.31am	1.63m
▼ 3.30pm	1.03m
▲ 9.44pm	1.48m

WEDNESDAY	June 25
▼ 4.02am	0.36m
▲ 11.37am	1.69m
▼ 4.45pm	1.02m
▲ 10.52pm	1.48m

THURSDAY	June 26
▼ 5.11am	0.33m
▲ 12.39pm	1.74m
▼ 5.54pm	0.97m
▲ 11.59pm	1.50m

FRIDAY	June 27
▼ 6.13am	0.30m
▲ 1.35pm	1.77m
▼ 6.54pm	0.90m

SATURDAY	June 28
▲ 1.00am	1.53m
▼ 7.10am	0.31m
▲ 2.28pm	1.78m
▼ 7.49pm	0.83m

SUNDAY	June 29
▲ 1.56am	1.54m
▼ 8.02am	0.34m
▲ 3.15pm	1.78m
▼ 8.43pm	0.76m

MONDAY	June 30
▲ 2.49am	1.54m
▼ 8.52am	0.40m
▲ 3.59pm	1.75m
▼ 9.33pm	0.70m

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Monday's Breakaway Bowls winners were Glenda Binch and Chris Rose.



Breakaway bowls winners Janet Elsworth, Jan Murphy and Jan Clark with runner-up Pat Novak on Friday.



The South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners were Rob Paganoni (S), Sal Brothwell (L) and Rob Jeffrey (3).



The best one game winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were Trevor Loughridge (3), Chris Coulson (2), Ron Hughes (L) and Louis Magri (S).



Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls' Friday winners were Thelma Kavanagh, Nikki Nicols, Gwen Clancy and Maggie Scapin.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday winners were Frank Cimino, Glen Birt and Frank Tagell.



Daryl McStravick, Joy Brown and Richard Kerr enjoyed a win at Inverloch Bowling Club's social bowls.



Max Summers (3), Mick Shears (2), Shirley Corcoran (L) and Michael Dady (S) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group runners-up.



Allan Ireland, Judy Sweetnam, Helen Rook and John Postlethwaite were the winners and runners-up of the Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls' United Club Singles Championship.

BREAKAWAY

IT WAS another cold winter's day, but that didn't deter the bowlers. There was a great turnout of very happy people. The winners were Glenda Binch and Chris Rose with a score of +16 – well done to you both. The club missed the sun outside on Friday and enjoyed the company inside with its members. A great day was had enjoying each other's company. The winners were Janet Elsworth, Jan Murphy and Jan Clark. They tied with Pat Novak and Peter Grenville with a score of +4. Well done to all involved.

INVERLOCH

THURSDAY, June 19, was so- cial bowls. The day started with 35 bowlers who braved the arctic conditions laid on by the weather gods with 10 teams of five fours and five triples in the morning. With two players who registered for the morning only leaving at lunchtime, the club finished the day with 33 players, three fours and seven triples. There were three two game winners and, of course, in that scenario, there is always a hard-luck story. That honour went to Terry Orford (skip), Joyce Arnold (third), Peter Gentsch (second) and Shirley Turton (lead) with two wins and 33 points. The other two teams finished with two wins and 35 points and so they were separated using shots up. The winning team was Daryl McStravick (skip), Joy Brown (third) and Richard Kerr, a guest bowler from Neerim South (lead). Unlucky runners-up, also on 35 points, but with 18 shots up were Mal Marshall (skip), Gavan Butler (third) and Jenny Slater (lead). At lunch, the players warmed up with a hearty potato and bacon soup, once again crafted by Jim Haydon. Thanks go to all the volunteers that chip in to make these events possible. Reminder: June 26, 11am, names in by 9.30am.

MIDWEEK

IT WAS another great day at Loch and District Bowls Club on Thursday as more than 50 members of the group turned up on a very cold morning to once again fight it out for team of the week. The group was greeted by Bev and Vern as Rob and David prepared the teams. Once the teams were arranged, they all went out to the green to start the challenge. The green was quite a surprise to the bowlers, but this only made it harder for them, which was a pleasant surprise. It was immediately clear that it was going to be a hard day with such great teams on the green. As usual, there was plenty of laughter and friendly banter between the players, and some brilliant bowls being played. A few wrong-bias bowls seemed to be the order of the day, but the Royal Children's Hospital will be grateful for the donations. There were some new bowlers as well as the return of one or two from days gone by. The winners on a score of 35 were Rob Paganoni (S), Sal Brothwell (L) and Rob Jeffrey (3). Runners-up, also on a score of 35, were Max Summers (3), Mick

Shears (2), Shirley Corcoran (L) and Michael Dady (S). Best one game winners on a great score of 18 were Trevor Loughridge (3), Chris Coulson (2), Ron Hughes (L) and Louis Magri (S). Thank you so much to all the Loch people for all their hard work in setting up everything as well as cleaning up in the kitchen and hall continually throughout the day. What a wonderful job they all did. Unfortunately, there are too many to name individually. Next week, the group will be meeting up at Corinella Bowls Club to once again challenge their friends for team of the week. Please be on site by 10am as the numbers are getting quite high and if you are in after the books are full then you may have to miss out. Meanwhile till then, have fun and stay safe.

WONTHAGGI

IT WAS another week of winter bowls. Wednesday was not so good, with wind and rain. Saturday turned out to be a perfect day – not only with no wind and bright sunshine but also perfect conditions for bowls. Forty bowlers graced the greens in teams of triples and fours, playing two games of 10 ends. There were three teams that were two-game winners. The unlucky team was Ray Saunders, Colin Binch, Denise Silver, and Allan Ireland, with a score of two wins and 32 points. Runners-up were Jim Mitchell, Rod Beech, and Rob Allan, with a score of two wins, 33 points, and nine shots up. The winners were Frank Cimino, Glen Birt, and Frank Tagell, with a score of two wins, 33 points, and 17 shots up, taking the win on countback. Friday night was once again a success, with more than 30 people in the room. The members' draw didn't go off, as Lex went home a little too early. Next week it will be \$100. Dennis, Jan, and Charlie were happy meat tray winners. Bowls this week: Wednesday: Social bowls at 12.30pm. Friday: Coaching at 10am. Saturday: Social bowls at 12.30pm. Don't forget about Friday night, with the members' draw now up to \$100 – plus other prizes. Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

IT WAS a busy week of bowling. As well as the Tuesday and Friday games, the United Club played its Singles Championship. Tuesday was a very competitive day. The winners on plus 10 were Allan Ireland, Helen Rook, Steve Rosendale and Judy Sweetnam. Runners-up on plus nine were Pat Smith, Betty Huitema, Teresa Ireland and Sean. Friday's winners on plus 16 were Maggie Scapin, Thelma Kavanagh, Gwen Clancy and Nikki Nicols. Runners-up on plus five were Allan Ireland, Jenny Bakker and Jim Wilson. The United Champions were Helen Rook with runner-up Judy Sweetnam, and Allan Ireland with runner-up John Postlethwaite.

FOSTER

THIS week, the golfers have been singing “rain, rain, go away”. A grand total of five players played in a nine-hole competition on Wednesday.

Maxine Symmons (32) finished the best of the group on the back nine holes with a score of 14 points.

In the afternoon, the ladies all came together for afternoon tea and to farewell Geraldine Sinclair. Geraldine has been an integral part of the club with her passion, humour and all-round golf ability.

Geraldine has been a prominent part of the golfing landscape with her willingness to represent the club at numerous district bowls and plates as well as her contributions to the club's pennant side.

Foster Golf Club will miss Geraldine, but wish her every success and happiness as she heads back to South Pines Golf Club.

It was a welcome sight come Thursday that 11 players entered a Stableford competition.

Michael Purgar (29) was visiting from Yarram Golf Club and took out the win, with a very well-made 36 points.

Kylie Collins (9) won nearest to pin on the sixth, as well as a ball down the line with 34 points.

Kiwi Jones (29) crafted out an impressive 32 points to take home the final ball down the line. Kevin Flett's lovely tee shot saw him win nearest to pin on the 15th.

Saturday's competition this week was quite different.

As the district descended into the shortest day of the year, the club came together to play a 4BBB event, in which partners were drawn out of a hat.

Everyone teed off at 10.30am with groups starting on the first, third, 10th and 16th holes.

Eighteen players, or nine groups played under beautiful yet at times, chilly skies.

The “Club” pairing of Peter Furborough (manager) and Phil Schofield (head greenskeeper) took out the win with 41 exceptional points.

The pair's dominance was on show with them taking out three of the nearest to pins – Peter on the 13th and 17th and Phil on the fourth.

Trent Price claimed the only other NTP for the day with his shot into the sixth green.

There were two balls down the line, Brad Coates and Kylie Collins with 40 points and Shane Corrie and Neil Coates on 38 points.

The abysmal weather kept players away from Chicken Run until Thursday.

In the end, it was Darren Piasente (24) who excelled winning with 21 points.

Darren's playing partner on Friday, Hardy Dusterwald (25), finished second and claimed a ball down the line with 20 points. Two further balls down the line, Kevin Flett (11) with 17 points and Kylie Collins (9) in a three-way countback on 16 points. Included in Kylie's round was the one and only birdie on a par three for the week, a two on the sixth.

KORUMBURRA Ladies

THE Gloria Burgess Memorial event was played recently.

Winners are determined by the best two Stableford scores over three rounds.

Congratulations to the grade winners – A Johanna van den Heiligenberg, B Trudi Mantell and C Karen Sorrell.

On Wednesday, seven women braved the wintry conditions and played a Stableford competition.

Well done to Jenny Blackmore (24), coming in with a fabulous 41 points.

Runner-up was Sherrin Solly (24) with 29 points and a BDTL went to Trudi Mantell with 26 points.

NTP's on the first was Jenny and finished with a birdie to win the Kelly's Bakery voucher, 10th green was Sherrin and closest on the 13th Trudi.

On Saturday, the club had 12 women play a Stableford competition with lush surrounds and challenging pin placements. Thanks must go to the greens staff and volunteers – the course is holding up well for this time of year.

Winning with a nice 35 points was Kim Enbom (26).

Runner-up was Sherrin Solly (24) 29 points.

BDTL went to Karen Sorrell and Trudi Mantell, both having 28 points.

NTPs on the first was Merrissa Cosson (Kelly's Bakery) and the 13th green Karen Sorrell.

LEONGATHA

THURSDAY, June 19: Gentsomes Stableford Event.

Thursday's event was a Gentsomes Stableford Round with a field of 75 members/guests with a shotgun start.

Overall winner: David Richards (17) with a score of 36 points on a countback.

A Grade winner: Christopher Leaver (8) with a score of 36 points. A Grade runner-up: Stuart Harry (14) with a score of 34 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: David Richards (17) with a score of 36 points. B Grade runner-up: Bert Borg (18) with a score of 32 points.

C Grade winner: Frank Gill (22) with a score of 32 points on a countback. C Grade runner-up: Patrick Bowd (23) with a score of 32 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Christopher Leaver at 1.75m. NTP 14th: William Howson at 3.40m. NTP 16th: Rod MacKenzie at 1.73m.

Saturday, June 21: Par.

Saturday was a Par round with an excellent field for a winter event of 107 members/guests taking to the course in sublime winter conditions.

Overall winner: Rene Zeller (19) with a score of +2 on a countback.

A Grade winner: Jamie Grenville (13) with a score of +2. A Grade runner-up: Paul Kennedy (12) with a score of +1.

B Grade winner: Patrick Mitchell (14) with a score of 0. B Grade runner-up: Michael O'Rafferty (15) with a score of -1.

C Grade winner: Rene Zeller (19) with a score of +2 on a countback. C Grade runner-up: Scott Blencowe (19) with a score of +2.

D Grade winner: Cathy Gifford (47) with a score of +2.

D Grade runner-up: Neryl Hopcraft (29) with a score of +1.

NTP fifth second shot: Josh de Groot at 2.28m.

NTP 14th: Richard Comerford at 1.62m.

NTP 16th: Daniel Jolley at 1.12m.

Ladies

INVY Espy sponsored last week's Stableford event, presenting vouchers to the winner and runner-up.

Players chose their starting tees, with most using the red tees, four choosing the yellow tees, and one from the pink course. Handicaps were adjusted based on tee difficulty.

The winner, Trish Owen with

39 points, chose the shorter pink course, which also favoured the nearest the pin on the 14th.

Bronwyn Debenham was runner-up with 37 points.

Balls down the line went to Jo McNaughton, Delia Perry, Leanne Costello, Sue Bowler, Shirley Welsford, Jenny Fraser, and Anne Gibson.

Nearest the pin second shot on the fifth was won by Janet Monk, and Trish Owen on the 14th.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, June 17: Stableford.

Winner: M. Payne (11) 33 points.

DTL: N. Baker 30 and T. Whitelaw 29c/b.

NTP: fourth P. Woodall, sixth M. Payne, 13th M. Payne and 16th M. Payne.

Saturday, June 21: Par.

A Grade: D. Woodall, (10) +3.

B Grade: G. Renwick (12) +7.

C Grade: Tom Traill, (17) -1.

DTL: N. Bickerton +2, N. Whichello sq. J. McFarlane, G. Dawson -1 and J. Robbins -2 c/b.

NTP: fourth S. Woodall, sixth Tom Traill, 13th R. Clark and 16th S. Hill-Smith.

Birdies: 13th S. Woodall and 16th R. Clark.

Eagles: N. Rutledge, first hole.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: June 19, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Geoff Bell 41.

Runner up: Michael Hetherington 34.

Ball sweep: David Bannerman 35, Tim Skate 33 and Doug Putt 32.

Results: June 19, SR. 34.5.

Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.

Winner: Willy Williams 16.

Ball DTL: John Davis 16.

Results: June 22, S.R 71.

Competition: Stableford.

A Grade: Michael Scott 38.

B Grade: Shaun Stirton 37.

C Grade: Bill Blanch 34.

BDTL to 32.

Ball sweep: Matt Brosnan 37, Robbie Geyer 37, Kevin Jamieson 35, Jason Sartori 34, Inoke Baudromo 34, Sam Hovath 34, Miles Foster 33, Paul Cornelis 33, Keith Ridout 33, Steve Brann 33, Ross Yann 32 and Gary O'Connor 32.

Eagle: Michael Scott 11th.

NTPs: Michael Scott second, Keith Ridout fourth, Frank Huber propin eighth, Simon O'Halloran 13th and Ross Yann money hole 17th.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY saw a hardcore group of golf fanatics, ignoring the ominous conditions, suiting up in coats, pants and beanies determined to get their golfing fix.

The wonderful 28 miles since Tuesday, plus the cold temperatures and the wet greens, certainly posed challenges, and winter golf has arrived.

The 18 players were divided into two grades with A Grade winner Merryn Dear (19)32 points, including a birdie two for four points on the eighth to claim its NTP.

B Grade's winner was Layla Robertson – back-to-back winner from last week – with (28)32 points.

NTP on second was Lisa Brusamarello.

BDL went to Marg Johnson 30, Yvonne Everitt 29, Jo Farmer 29, Patsy Britt 28, Jenny McRae 28 and Di Luscombe 28.

WOORAYL

WEDNESDAY'S event was Stableford, sponsored by Samantha Rayson with thanks.

The morning was cold with some sunshine now and then.

Seven ladies competed in this event.

The winner of the day was Elly Berryman 32 points.

Runner-up for the day was Sharyn Rayson 29 points.

BDL: Bev Bridge 25 points.

NTP: eighth Sharyn Rayson, 11th Elly Berryman and 17th Sharyn Rayson.



Korumburra's Wednesday winner with 41pts, Jenny Blackmore.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's A Grade winner Merryn Dear and back-to-back B Grade winner Layla Robertson.



Woorayl Golf Club's winner Elly Berryman and runner-up Sharyn Rayson with sponsor Samantha Rayson (centre).



Invy Espy winner and runner-up Trish Owen and Bronwyn Debenham respectively at the Leongatha Golf Club.

South Gippsland strikes gold at country champs again



Division 2 Women champions. Back row, from left: Dave Fuller (statistician), Annika Webster, Jessica Sanders (captain), Kristen Sanders, Natalie Churchill, Georgia Mills, Charlotte Smith, Jenny Damon (coach). Front row: Natasha Hibma, Sarah Damon, Sepulveda Olmedo and Andrea Axford.



Division 2 Men. Back row, from left: Alex Miller, Hudson Short, Justin Hibma, Nicholas Dunkling, Jacob Churchill. Front: Michael Axford (assistant coach), Benjamin Hales, Dane Krackowizer and Chris Axford (captain).



Division 3 Women. Back row, from left: Amelia Hams, Georgia Scarce, Liselott Webster, Sophie Allen, Tamara Miller (captain) and Casey Slater. Front: Jessica Churchill, Mindy Hams (coach) and Lorraine Tangpos.



Division 3 Men. Back row, from left: Erik Webster, Jeffrin Mathew, Michael Axford, Brock Churchill (captain), Christian Ringer, Matthew Churchill. Front: Mark de Guzman (coach) and Darren Gardiner.

By Emmy-Lou Mills

THE 2025 King's Birthday Long Weekend saw volleyball royalty descend upon Bendigo for the annual Country Championships – and the South Gippsland Volleyball Club certainly made its mark, claiming gold, grit, and glory across the courts.

With four teams, electric energy and a sea of supporters, South Gippsland Volleyball Club brought home medals, memories, and momentum. The only thing stronger than the spikes? The community spirit.

Division 2 Women – Crowned Champions

Led by Captain Jessica Sanders, the Division 2 Women's team – coached by Jenny Damon, supported by statistician and referee Dave Fuller, and managed by Emmy-Lou Mills – stormed through the tournament with fire and finesse.

Saturday saw a nail-biting five-set classic against neighbours Latrobe Valley: 3–2 victory 25:18, 20:25, 25:27, 25:23, 15:11.

Sunday's pool matches were strong and strategic – dropping only five sets across the entire tournament and securing top ranking heading into finals.

Monday's semi-final clash against regional rivals Bairnsdale brought a dominant 3–1 win 25:17, 11:25, 25:14, 25:12.

And in the grand final showdown, South Gippy served up a clinical 3–0 victory against a hard-working Sunraysia team: 25:15, 25:16, 25:12.

“We had an experienced and well-balanced team, with a mix of seasoned players and exciting juniors. It's an incredible time for our club – the depth of talent is something to be proud of,” said Captain Jessica Sanders.

From spectacular spikes to cool-headed defence and rally-ripping teamwork, this was a tournament of true champions.

Division 2 Men – Fighting finishers

Coached by Chris Axford, assisted by Michael Axford, and captained by Justin Hibma, the Div 2 Men fought through a tough draw with resilience and pride. They secured fifth place overall, with a key victory against Bairnsdale as a tournament highlight.

Division 3 Women – Bronze bravery

Coach Mindy Hams, Manager Shelley Churchill, and Captain Tamara Miller led a largely junior-based squad with grace and guts. Their efforts landed them in the bronze medal match, where they were ultimately defeated by a strong Bendigo side: 21:25, 15:25, 10:25. Each match showed their growth, grit and commitment to building future firepower.

Division 3 Men – Courageous contenders

Guided by Coach Mark de Guzman, Assistant Coach Tamara Miller, and Captain Brock Churchill, the Div 3 Men showcased true South Gippy spirit. With two juniors making their Country Champs debut, they placed third in their pool and fell just short in a gutsy crossover battle against Bendigo: 29–31, 25–20, 18–25, 23–25. Finishing fifth overall, their energy and effort left an impact.

All Star 7's – South Gippy shines bright

Special mention to our club's talent was recognised across the board, with several players named to the prestigious All Star 7s:

Division 2 Women: Natasha Hibma, Jessica Sanders

Division 2 Men: Nicholas Dunkling, Dane Krackowizer (Libero)

Division 3 Women: Liselott Webster, Lorraine Tangpos (Libero)

Shout-out to these standouts – you did the club proud! Watch out 2026... we're coming for you.

Nyora Raceway season finale honours Bob Hickson

By TM media

NYORA Raceway brought the curtain down on its season with a thrilling finale that honoured the memory of the late Bob Hickson – a beloved figure at the club. The prestigious annual memorial event attracted over forty competitors in the headline Open Sedan feature, supported by strong fields in the Standard Saloons, Ladies Standard Saloons, Junior Standard Saloons, and Junior 1200cc and 1500cc Sedans. Open junior Sedans – Lee Beach, last year’s winner, was amongst the 50 competitors who entered the race.

Round one heat winners included Matt Shankland, Frank Ramsdale, Joshua Barber and Damien Miller. While round two saw Bailey Kakoschke, Maurice “Oggie” Ahearn, Joshua Barber, second win for the night and Rhys Meakins. Round three saw four drivers taking out the last heat of the night before the big dance between Braiden Webster, Corey Lincoln, Bailey Kakoschke – second win for him and Daniel Scott take victories – 10 different winners from 12 heats showcasing the depth of competition the only multiple winners in the field were Bailey Kakoschke from Daylesford and Josh Barber both having two wins each. We had a B-main of 20 laps to get the first top-five drivers from this to go into the main dance at the end of the night to join the top 20-point scorers, these drivers were Darren Skilton who won the race followed by Tania Hallet, Will Leeson, Sean Duffy and Andrew Cormack they all earned their place in the main event. In the main event, there were a few lead changes. Daniel Scott led the race for 41 laps until a lapped car when Dave Donaz grabbed the lead the first three cars had a good battle until the



Junior Standards Class – Cooper Irons and the Winner on the night Nathan Miles N12. Photo: Napier Photography

end. We had a few drop out through the event. Troy Glassborrow blew a hose and had to pull infield. Unfortunately, it wasn’t Tania Hallet’s night; her car wouldn’t play nice and she didn’t even get to greet the green. Mark Miles, a local at the track also had a night of bad luck and didn’t get to put in a lap. We had only eight cars left on the lead lap, Jake Young, Braiden Webster, Darren Skilton, Ty Galley and Bernie Franklin all getting lapped by our very fast leaders. The eventual winner was Dave “Mint Pig” Donaz, who earlier in the night said he had never won a race at Nyora. Well that voodoo is now broken and he had the biggest smile on his face except for the fact he finished the race in flames literally as after the white he and another came together causing the stoppage and a red as his car was on fire and luckily our crash crew were there to put it out, coming home in second place was Joshua Barber, third Lee Beech (last year’s winner), fourth Frank Ramsdale who had the fastest lap in the final with a 16.465 secs and in fifth place

was Corey Lincoln. Standard Saloons – massive field of cars, we had 21 starters for the last meet of the season, which was split into two heats. Round one saw Kacey Ingram and Brodie Ardley winning. Round two saw another two different winners in Wayne “Squiggles” Sheerman and Owen Cecil. Of the four races, we had four different winners. Brodie Ardley started the 20-lap final from pole. With a massive field of 21 cars in the final, we had a few casualties. At the flag, Sheerman crossed the line 0.748 seconds in front of Owen Cecil, followed by Chase Ingram, Mark Miles, and one of our two lady racers in this event, in fifth place Caz Allen. In our other support races winners in the Ladies Caz Allen took a clean sweep, winning both heats and the final. Junior 1200cc Sedans – also running two heats saw two different winners. Jaylen Knight took out the first heat and Nathan Miles one the second. In the final, these two were fighting it out with Miles taking the chequered, followed by

Knight and coming home in third was Dayne Murdoch. Other winners on the night include Open Junior Blaize Edwards with a winning margin of 3.048 sec over Kaiden Desmond-Veal and in third was Hunter Carey in the final. 1500 juniors saw Jaylen Knight and Brad Marshall both taking wins in the heats, the final saw these two battle it out with Brad the victor winning by a margin of 5.781 sec to Jaylen followed by Oscar Conder, who only has a few races under his belt. In this class, we had a few newcomers like local Kid Zeke Warren and all the way from Horsham Kylie Clarke, both did extremely well, all the best kids in your future races. Standard Saloon Juniors winners were Nathan Miles, who also had a clean sweep on the night, taking out the final in front of Hunter Carey and Cooper Irons. We thank everyone for your support throughout the 2024/2025 season and we hope to see you back next season which begins October keep an eye on our social pages. Until next time.

Winter Solstice parkrun

LAST weekend, 28 people came together to enjoy the darkest morning of the year for the winter solstice parkrun event. With some fog haze and streaks of sunlight, a true community was gathered. The volunteer crew was beautifully organised chaos, tail walkers set up the gear, timekeepers and barcode scanners swapped roles, and even the run director switched halfway through the event. This surely gave visitors from Dandenong something to talk about. Organisers look forward to their 250th parkrun event in Mirboo North on July 5. If Cliff could get about in gumboots, they reckon they can do five kilometres in them (although people might still prefer their trail shoes and that’s okay!). Rumours are being spread about a gumboot toss at the finish line! Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun is very grateful to the volunteers who made this event happen: Libby Belton, Robert Gray, Julia Groves, Greg Lawrence, Mark Lynch, Carmel Quirk, Steve Quirk and Val Smith.

Stay active with Gentle Movers

LOOKING to stay active, mobile and connected as you age? The Gentle Movers class at the Baromi Centre in Mirboo North might be just what you need! Held Fridays at 10 am at the Baromi Centre (38 Couper Street, Mirboo North), this low-impact class focuses on functional movement to help participants maintain strength, balance, flexibility and mobility in a friendly, welcoming environment. It’s perfect for older adults or anyone looking to move their body in a safe and supportive way. Led by local fitness instructor Carmel Quirk, Gentle Movers is more than just a class; it’s a great way to stay healthy and social in your community. For more info, visit mirboonorth.com/boofit or call Stacey on 0409 300 780. Come and give it a go!

Finals heat up at Wonthaggi Table Tennis

KNOCKOUT semi-final: Donic defeated Double Fish three to zero. Donic’s top dog Justin brought the hammer, and his deputy underdog Michael brought the nails, to entomb Double Fish’s season into a coffin. Justin defeated Sven three to zero; Michael defeated Brad four to two; Doubles – Donic wins four to two. Qualifying final: Radak defeated Butterfly three to two. Radak’s Mark and Dirk are through to the grand final with impressive form after triumphing over a gallant Butterfly, David and Warren. Radak didn’t have it all its own way as Butterfly’s David won both his singles. So again, doubles was key, which was an entertaining and tense affair. Mark’s pimpled paddle is a difficult tool to master but when in expert hands can befuddle many a good opponent. It proved to be a key factor in winning the decisive doubles. Any challenging team with premier-ship aspirations will have to bring more than mere Clearasil. Mark defeated Warren four to zero; Dirk lost to David four to zero; Doubles – Radak defeated Butterfly four to two; Mark lost to David four to two; Dirk defeated Warren four to zero. Next week will be the preliminary final between Donic and Butterfly.

Sun shines on Newhaven College at Mountain Bike Cross Country Series

NEWHAVEN College were proudly represented at Round 2 of the Victorian Schools Cross Country Mountain Bike Series held on Sunday, June 22 at Lysterfield Park. With perfect winter weather and riding conditions, the event brought together students from across the state for a day of exciting competition on the iconic Lysterfield singletrack trails. Nineteen Newhaven College students took part in the event with all riders giving their best on the demanding course, and the College is thrilled to celebrate a number of outstanding results from the day. Podium Highlights:

- Under 11 Boys: Austin Mitchell – Second place
- Will Walker – Third place
- Under 13 Girls: Evelyn McCabe – Third place
- Under 15 Girls: Lucy Thompson – First place

These performances are a credit to the hard work and preparation the riders have put in, both individually and as part of the school MTB program. Newhaven College congratulates all who finished – your effort and support for one another truly reflect the spirit of Newhaven College and its MTB Academy. A big thank you also goes out to the event organisers, volunteers, and supporting families who made the day such a great success. Steve Scott of Newhaven College MTB Academy said, “Without your eternal support, drive and patience, these opportunities could never be realised by students. “We look forward to seeing even more riders on the trails as the Auscycling Interschools Series continues with Round 3 on July 27 at Haunted Hills MTB Park.”



Newhaven College students Will Walker and Austin Mitchell proudly display their U11 Boys Podium prizes for finishing third and second, respectively.

GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 8 RESULTS - SUN, JUNE 22

SENIOR Mens:

Leongatha Knights 2 d Trafalgar Victory 1
P-Island Breakers 5 d Lang Lang United 1
Korumburra City 3 d Drouin Maroon 0

Senior Womens:

Inverloch Stars 7 d Mirboo North United 1
P-Island Breakers 3 d Lang Lang United 0
Leongatha Knights 3 d Trafalgar Victory 0
Drouin Maroon 8 d Korumburra City 0

Mens Reserves:

Leongatha Knights 2 d Trafalgar Victory 1
Drouin Maroon 5 d Korumburra City 3

Under 17 Mixed:

Inverloch Stars 7 d Mirboo North United 1
P-Island Breakers 6 d
Leongatha Knights White 1
Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 4
d Wonthaggi United 3
Drouin Maroon 6 d Korumburra City 0

Under 15 Girls:

Wonthaggi United 3 d Drouin Yellow 0
Korumburra City 2 d Drouin Maroon 0

Under 14 Mixed:

Inverloch Stars 5 d Mirboo North United 4
P-Island Penguins 6 d Lang Lang United 0
W'thaggi United 2 d Drouin Maroon Yellow 1
Drouin Maroon 5 d Korumburra City 1
Leongatha Knights 7 d P-Island Stingrays 5

Under 12 Girls:

Drouin Maroon 5 d Korumburra City 1
P-Island Breakers 9 d Lang Lang United 3

Under 12A Mixed:

Inverloch Stars 5 d Mirboo North United 2
Phillip Island 3 d Lang Lang United 0
W'thaggi United 6 d Drouin Maroon Yellow 0
Drouin Maroon 6 d Korumburra City 0

Under 12B Mixed:

L'gatha Knights White 5 d Trafalgar Victory 3
Drouin White 4 d P-Island Penguins 1
P-Island Stingrays 6 d Wonthaggi United 0

ROUND 9 DRAW - SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Senior Mens:

Inverloch Stars v Lang Lang United
Wonthaggi United v Drouin Maroon
Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights

Senior Womens:

Inverloch Stars v Lang Lang United
Wonthaggi United v Drouin Maroon
P-Island Breakers v Mirboo North United
Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights

Mens Reserves:

Inverloch Stars v Phillip Island Breakers
Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights
Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons Maroon

Under 17 Mixed:

Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights White
Wonthaggi United v Drouin Maroon
P-Island Breakers v Mirboo North United
Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights Blue

Under 15 Girls:

Wonthaggi United v Drouin Maroon
Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights

Under 14 Mixed:

Inverloch Stars v Lang Lang United
Wonthaggi United v Drouin Maroon
P-Island Stingrays v Drouin Maroon Yellow
P-Island Penguins v Mirboo North United
Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights

Under 12 Girls:

Inverloch Stars v Lang Lang United
Wonthaggi United v Drouin Maroon
Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights

Under 12A Mixed:

Inverloch Stars v Lang Lang United
Wonthaggi United v Drouin Maroon
Phillip Island v Mirboo North United
Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights Blue

Under 12B Mixed:

Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons White
Wonthaggi United v Drouin Dragons Yellow
Trafalgar Victory v Phillip Island Stingrays



Leongatha's Molly Gurnett pressures her Trafalgar opponent.

Knights' victory on home soil



Leongatha's Izzie Kennedy dribbles away from her Trafalgar opponent.



Leongatha's Noah Bowman scored an incredible 5 goals in the U14s game against Phillip Island Stingrays.

U14 MIXED: Following a tough loss in round seven, Leongatha's U14s team were keen to get back on the pitch and change their luck in a home game against the Phillip Island Stingrays team.

Working hard at keeping their team structure during transition phases, the Knights played with composure and great passing. The Knights' combination of the dominant striker Noah and excellent footwork from Nathan put Phillip Island Stingrays under pressure.

Goalkeeper Jack fearlessly saved the ball on numerous occasions in the box despite a chaotic scramble by both sides to get possession.

Though Phillip Island took the lead for most of the game the Knights never dropped their heads, instead focusing on their composure and team structure. It was this focus that saw them come from behind with some incredible goals by Noah (who scored five across the game) and magnificent sweeping by Lachlann as centre-back. A final score of 7-5 went Leongatha's way to a cheering home crowd.

Senior Women

With the heavy fog of the early morning long gone and the bright winter sun providing welcomed warmth to the day, the Leongatha Lady Knights were keen to take on Trafalgar Victory in round eight of the GSL Senior Women's Competition.

Suffering from some injuries, Trafalgar struggled to push from their defence but created a strong, defensive block, focusing the Knights to be more creative with their passing.

It was late in the first half when Leongatha was able to finally break through the incredible hands of the Trafalgar goalkeeper thanks to the boot of Amaye Sande. It was a corner from Knight's Naomi Eaton that deflected off a Trafalgar defender to send the Knights to the break with a 2-0 lead.

Trafalgar continued to work hard in their defence to prevent space from opening up in Leongatha's attack. It was Lisse Bath's determination that secured the final goal for the Knights, resulting in a 3-0 win over the visitors.



Leongatha defender Lachlann Christensen was instrumental in Leongatha's U14s win over the Phillip Island Stingrays.



Mt Eccles (Pink) and Mt Eccles (Aqua) lining up together for the LDNA Open Women's Winter Competition at Leongatha. B47_2525



Two-handed pass from the Parrots' Amy Scott. B42_2525



Leongatha's Gemma Meadley is in possession of the ball and about to land. B58_2525



Nicola Marriott balances on one foot, looking to pass down court. B59_2525



Fish Creek's Rachael Apps comes forward to receive a pass. B51_2525



Fish Creek passes the ball from behind the shoulder with two hands on the ball. B50_2525



Nyora's Sarah Maley looks for an opening in B Grade.



Nyora's Mikaylah Howes prepares for a pass in A Grade.

ELLINBANK		
RESULTS		
A GRADE		
Yarragon 23 lt Catani 48		
Longwarry 49 d Poowong 34		
Bunyip 46 d Buln Buln 33		
Ellinbank 43 lt Nil-Darn 57		
Lang Lang 49 d Nyora 25		
Neerim Sth 50 d Trafalgar 30		
B GRADE		
Yarragon 35 lt Catani 50		
Bunyip 54 d Buln Buln 32		
Longwarry 44 d Poowong 36		
Ellinbank 48 d Nil-Darn 39		
Neerim Sth 52 d Trafalgar 29		
Lang Lang 63 d Nyora 23		
C GRADE		
Yarragon 35 lt Catani 38		
Longwarry 45 d Poowong 24		
Ellinbank 43 d Nil-Darn 28		
Neerim Sth 36 lt Trafalgar 41		
Lang Lang 53 d Nyora 10		
Bunyip 27 lt Buln Buln 46		
17 & UNDER		
Longwarry 42 d Poowong 31		
Yarragon 36 d Catani 28		
Lang Lang 57 d Nyora 16		
Bunyip 42 d Buln Buln 41		
Ellinbank 34 lt Nil-Darn 42		
Neerim Sth 27 lt Trafalgar 39		
15 & UNDER		
Yarragon 12 lt Catani 48		
Longwarry 17 lt Poowong 31		
Lang Lang 51 d Nyora 7		
Ellinbank 26 d Nil-Darn 23		
Neerim Sth 28 d Trafalgar 8		
Bunyip 26 drew Buln Buln 26		
13 & UNDER		
Yarragon 12 lt Nil-Darn 32		
L'warry 19 drew Poowong 19		
Neerim Sth 8 lt Trafalgar 40		
Lang Lang 34 lt Nyora 0		
Bunyip 14 lt Buln Buln 24		
Yarragon 26 d Catani 19		

LADDERS		
A GRADE		
Neerim South	218.09	44
Nilma Darnum	158.50	40
Ellinbank	150.45	32
Longwarry	118.53	28
Trafalgar	118.14	28
Lang Lang	86.51	24
Catani	83.24	16
Poowong	82.31	16
Bunyip	81.85	16
Yarragon	76.52	12
Buln Buln	63.30	8
Nyora	50.80	0
B GRADE		
Ellinbank	190.97	44
Neerim South	160.49	36
Bunyip	137.33	36
Lang Lang	107.73	32
Nilma Darnum	131.69	28
Catani	119.06	24
Buln Buln	90.68	16
Poowong	86.21	16
Yarragon	76.51	12
Longwarry	86.14	8
Trafalgar	81.46	8
Nyora	32.80	0
C GRADE		
Ellinbank	182.40	40
Buln Buln	158.50	40
Neerim South	111.76	32
Trafalgar	132.29	28
Longwarry	128.21	28
Nilma Darnum	120.56	24
Catani	114.49	22
Yarragon	109.14	22
Bunyip	85.60	12
Lang Lang	77.81	12
Poowong	73.82	4
Nyora	11.15	0
17 & UNDER		
Longwarry	177.07	44
Nilma Darnum	152.00	36
Poowong	118.15	32
Lang Lang	151.09	30
Trafalgar	123.53	28
Catani	118.36	28
Yarragon	120.75	26
Neerim South	84.38	12
Bunyip	69.17	10
Ellinbank	61.86	10
Buln Buln	81.08	8
Nyora	22.60	0
15 & UNDER		
Catani	248.78	44
Poowong	200.60	40
Lang Lang	195.21	36
Neerim South	161.17	32
Bunyip	103.50	26
Buln Buln	114.91	22
Nilma Darnum	96.54	16
Longwarry	94.98	16
Yarragon	71.38	16
Ellinbank	71.98	12
Trafalgar	50.79	4
Nyora	14.16	0
13 & UNDER		
Lang Lang	656.52	44
Trafalgar	346.23	44
Buln Buln	246.83	32
Bunyip	223.78	32
Nilma Darnum	105.43	24
Longwarry	78.95	18
Poowong	68.75	16
Neerim South	61.26	14
Catani	57.24	14
Ellinbank	57.05	14
Yarragon	72.06	12
Nyora	5.42	0

GIPPSLAND		
RESULTS		
A GRADE		
Moe 78 d Bairnsdale 32		
Drouin 46 lt Morwell 50		
Warragul 87 d Wonthaggi 30		
Leongatha 47 lt Traralgon 51		
Maffra 43 d Sale 40		
B GRADE		
Moe 60 d Bairnsdale 41		
Drouin 48 lt Morwell 57		
Warragul 39 lt Wonthaggi 41		
Leongatha 57 d Traralgon 39		
Maffra 52 d Sale 38		
C GRADE		
Moe 41 lt Bairnsdale 44		
Drouin 35 lt Morwell 41		
Warragul 28 lt Wonthaggi 55		
Leongatha 30 lt Traralgon 32		
Maffra 20 lt Sale 39		
17 & UNDER		
Moe 27 lt Bairnsdale 61		
Drouin 49 d Morwell 35		
Warragul 38 lt Wonthaggi 41		
Leongatha 20 lt Traralgon 48		
Maffra 36 lt Sale 50		
15 & UNDER		
Moe 35 lt Bairnsdale 45		
Drouin 35 d Morwell 19		
Warragul 78 d Wonthaggi 8		
Leongatha 27 lt Traralgon 75		
Maffra 25 lt Sale 54		
13 & UNDER		
Moe 22 d Bairnsdale 9		
Drouin 33 d Morwell 23		
Warragul 22 d Wonthaggi 21		
Leongatha 26 d Traralgon 16		
Maffra 42 d Sale 33		

LADDERS		
A GRADE		
Moe	190.54	40
Warragul	179.51	36
Morwell	116.88	32
Drouin	117.53	20
Leongatha	100.00	20
Bairnsdale	85.74	20
Traralgon	84.46	16
Wonthaggi	64.04	8
Sale	67.09	4
Maffra	55.00	0
B GRADE		
Leongatha	174.17	40
Wonthaggi	142.65	36
Moe	138.96	32
Traralgon	116.87	24
Morwell	89.29	20
Warragul	105.03	16
Drouin	90.11	16
Maffra	66.99	12
Bairnsdale	65.89	2
Sale	65.20	2
C GRADE		
Morwell	153.33	38
Leongatha	143.13	34
Wonthaggi	148.11	32
Bairnsdale	108.99	24
Traralgon	112.76	20
Drouin	99.46	20
Moe	90.00	16
Sale	90.37	12
Warragul	57.56	4
Maffra	49.41	0
17 & UNDER		
Bairnsdale	205.26	40
Traralgon	222.65	36
Sale	114.02	32
Drouin	93.94	20
Leongatha	84.25	20
Maffra	88.46	16
Moe	84.27	16
Warragul	77.14	12
Wonthaggi	66.97	8
Morwell	54.44	0
15 & UNDER		
Traralgon	253.28	40
Sale	155.59	36
Warragul	150.46	28
Moe	130.40	26
Bairnsdale	120.58	20
Drouin	101.19	20
Leongatha	98.91	16
Maffra	71.51	10
Morwell	48.91	4
Wonthaggi	8.51	0
13 & UNDER		
Leongatha	270.75	40
Sale	161.40	30
Moe	151.76	30
Bairnsdale	147.67	22
Maffra	130.30	22
Traralgon	137.62	20
Drouin	82.05	16
Morwell	68.88	12
Wonthaggi	33.59	4
Warragul	17.14	4

Fred gears up to represent Australia

INVERLOCH'S Fred Soumilas was recently selected for the Australian U17s netball squad.

Fred found out about his selection after receiving a call from the team's coach Michelle Ward.

"It was awesome, I was really excited and grateful to get that call," he said.

Fred was one of three selected from Victoria for the team.

A lot of training and trialling has gone into this opportunity.

"Last year I was selected as a training partner, and this year I was picked for the state team," Fred said.

"It's an awesome program that has given me access to high-level training and drills. The coach is awesome and it's a great team of 12."

The squad will compete in a three-game test against New Zealand in July.

The competition will take place in Melbourne.

Fred predominantly plays wing attack and centre.

He started his netball career by playing in the school team at Inverloch Primary School.

"Netball was really popular when I was in primary school, and we had Jesse Boyd as a coach, who is a really competitive netballer," Fred said.

Fred went on to play with the Inverloch Kongwak Football Netball Club.

"The A Grade coach Jarrad Walker was an influential role model for me," he said.

"He got me involved with the A Grade training."

Fred played in the Leongatha and District Netball Association for two seasons before moving on to try out for Casey's first all-male team.

"It was a really good opportunity to see netball being played at that level," Fred said.

"I was selected for the team, but that's when I started to play mid-court. I used to play goals before that."

Fred also played in the Victorian MLeague, which is Netball Victoria's pathway for male netballers.

He made the move to Waverley for two seasons, which is when he tried out for the state team.

"It's been a big commitment, but it has definitely been worthwhile," Fred said.

"My goal is to make the Open Australian team and become a Kelpie."

Fred said he is nervous, but excited, for the upcoming competition with the U17 Australian team.

"It'll be heaps of fun," he said.

"I'm really excited to be representing Australia and I am grateful for the opportunity."



Mirboo North's Louie Patten plays in front of her MDU opponent during the Demons' three-goal A Grade win, with Patten scoring 23 goals for the beaten side. Photo: Annie Holland



Emma Evans defends for Mirboo North, the Tigers winning the B Grade match against MDU by nine goals. Photo: Annie Holland



Tegan Renden takes a catch and looks for her next option for MDU. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



MDU goal defence Holly Detleff passes the ball into the centre. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Olivia Holmes made her A Grade debut on Saturday for Phillip Island.



Adele Hecker and Aisha Hibbert - U15 & U17 Netball Vic Assoc championships.



Playing wing defence for MDU, Mia Hulshof defends her Mirboo North opponent. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.

Holmes makes her A Grade debut at PIFNC

PHILLIP Island Football Netball Club congratulates Olivia Holmes on her A grade debut and playing an amazing game against strong opposition, as well as playing her first game for Gippsland Power in the Under 18's girl's side; an amazing effort in her first year of football to make it all the way to a representative side.

Phillip Island B Grade put in a strong effort against Cora Lynn on Saturday at Cowes Recreation Reserve. Despite a close start, Cora Lynn pulled ahead in the second half, taking the win 42-34.

Abbey McCaughan and Mieke White worked well in the goal circle, while Anthea Bennett, Sophie Gysberts, Sophia Hungerford and Steph Krainer held strong in defence all game. Jarah White, Ellie Hennessy and Matilda McKenna brought great energy through the midcourt.

A tough match, but plenty of positives to take into next week!

Then, in a thrilling home game, the U17 netball team faced a challenge against the top team, Cora Lynn. The match was a testament to the team's resilience and determination, showcasing their skills and teamwork throughout the game.

Phillip Island found themselves down by four goals at halftime, facing a tough battle to regain control. However, the team demonstrated spirit in the third quarter, rallying together to close the gap and mount a strong comeback.

Piper and Jasira stood out as the best players on the court, making significant contributions both offensively and defensively. Aisha and Ava were strong in goals, displaying composure under pressure and consistently finding the net. Ellie played a pivotal role in the centre, driving the ball forward and linking play effectively.

On the defensive end, Olivia was a force in goal defence, supported by Tilly in the goalkeeper position, who made some crucial saves. Jasira excelled in wing defence, displaying agility and tactical awareness, while Kate stepped up admirably from the U15S to bolster the wing defence as well.

Piper, serving as a dependable wing attack, created scoring opportunities and maintained the team's momentum.

Despite their efforts, they ultimately fell short, finishing the match with a narrow defeat, the final score being 36-38.

And congratulations to Adele Hecker and Aisha Hibbert on their wins at the Netball Victoria Association Championships in 15 and under and 17 and under, respectively.

A shout out to Abi Derham, too, who played in 15 and Under reserves and came away runners-up.

MID GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE	B GRADE	C GRADE	D GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER
Thorpdale 13 lt Fish Crk 70	Boolarra 46 d Tarwin 39	Stony Crk 27 lt Foster 39	Thorpdale 8 lt Fish Crk 67	Toora 68 d N-borough 18	Boolarra 47 d Tarwin 18	Stony Crk 21 d Foster 16
Thorpdale 42 lt Tarwin 64	Thorpdale 26 lt Fish Crk 65	Thorpdale 11 lt Fish Crk 60	Boolarra 28 lt Tarwin 35	Boolarra 57 d Tarwin 12	Stony Crk 23 lt Foster 33	Mirboo Nth 28 d MDU 9
Hill End 27 lt Yinnar 81	Mirboo Nth 50 d MDU 40	Boolarra 42 drew Tarwin 42	Mirboo Nth 40 d MDU 18	Mirboo Nth 27 lt MDU 30	Mirboo Nth 28 d MDU 23	Hill End 12 lt Yinnar 32
Stony Crk 34 lt Foster 78	Stony Crk 39 lt Foster 63	Mirboo Nth 17 lt MDU 39	Hill End 23 lt Yinnar 34	Hill End 28 lt Yinnar 43	Hill End 32 lt Yinnar 35	Boolarra 31 lt Tarwin 36
Mirboo Nth 49 lt MDU 52	Hill End 33 lt Yinnar 57	Hill End 34 lt Yinnar 44	Stony Crk 30 lt Foster 32	Stony Crk 31 d Foster 15	Toora 44 d N-borough 22	Toora 3 lt N-borough 36
Toora 51 d N-borough 47	Toora 47 lt N-borough 55	Toora 45 d N-borough 35	Toora 35 d N-borough 34			

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	B GRADE	%	pts	C GRADE	%	pts	D GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Foster	226.44	40	Foster	167.54	40	Yinnar	167.07	36	Mirboo North	178.80	40	Boolarra	286.08	40	Yinnar	231.88	40	Yinnar	372.84	36
Yinnar	154.99	36	Yinnar	139.15	32	Newborough	143.97	30	Yinnar	215.92	36	Yinnar	212.63	38	Toora	266.17	36	Newborough	240.43	36
Fish Creek	141.84	32	Mirboo North	135.13	32	MDU	135.49	30	Tarwin	144.24	36	MDU	199.12	32	Boolarra	198.84	36	Boolarra	191.94	36
Mirboo North	136.83	28	Fish Creek	128.07	32	Foster	131.45	30	Fish Creek	165.89	28	Mirboo North	178.84	30	Hill End	187.80	32	Tarwin	202.00	32
MDU	124.64	28	Newborough	125.89	28	Tarwin	124.32	26	Toora	109.47	28	Toora	178.30	28	Foster	95.24	24	Fish Creek	140.85	32
Morwell East	102.71	20	MDU	105.13	20	Boolarra	122.30	26	Hill End	145.64	24	Hill End	119.07	24	Mirboo North	90.48	24	Mirboo North	151.82	24
Newborough	101.56	20	Toora	100.24	20	Fish Creek	113.07	24	Newborough	121.88	24	Fish Creek	91.64	24	MDU	97.04	20	Stony Creek	120.73	20
Toora	74.10	20	Stony Creek	99.50	20	Hill End	110.95	22	Boolarra	91.18	12	Stony Creek	61.86	16	Newborough	79.78	20	Foster	83.63	20
Stony Creek	98.84	16	Hill End	81.79	20	Stony Creek	87.79	16	Morwell East	86.06	12	Newborough	38.90	16	Tarwin	64.86	12	Hill End	73.86	16
Tarwin	88.91	16	Morwell East	83.13	16	Mirboo North	82.74	16	Stony Creek	77.49	12	Morwell East	37.14	12	Morwell East	40.61	12	Toora	27.05	12
Boolarra	67.26	10	Boolarra	52.84	12	Toora	86.96	12	MDU	74.71	12	Fish Creek	36.62	8	Fish Creek	36.93	12	Morwell East	18.60	8
Hill End	51.32	10	Tarwin	71.75	4	Morwell East	79.29	8	Foster	68.21	12	Foster	34.97	8	Stony Creek	42.73	8	MDU	20.73	4
Thorpdale	39.79	4	Thorpdale	57.08	4	Thorpdale	15.81	4	Thorpdale	12.48	4	Thorpdale	0.00	0	Thorpdale	0.00	0	Thorpdale	0.00	0

West Gippsland championship teams head to finals

ON SUNDAY, June 15, the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition sent five representative teams to the Eastern Zone Association Champs Tournament in Bairnsdale. After competing in the Sale Tournament and winning five out of five grand finals, followed by the Moe Tournament where they won four out of five, the West Gippsland Girls were entering the tournament in fine netball form.

All five teams reached the grand finals at Bairnsdale, with the 13's and 15's reserves finishing as runners-up, alongside the 13's champion team also taking the runner-up position.

The 15's champs and 17's champs both faced off against the Gippsland League, with both teams winning their respective sections in excellent displays of netball throughout the day.

The 13's champs, 15's champs, and 17's champs will now compete in Melbourne in the finals on Sunday, June 29.

RIGHT: 15 & Under Champs Division. Back, from left: Jess Maher (coach) (Tooradin Dalmore), Sienna McPherson (Cora Lynn), Tiahli Dedigama (NNG), Leah Kirkbride (Tooradin Dalmore), Annabel O'Hara (Koo Wee Rup), Annika Miller (Koo Wee Rup), Gracie McQualter (Nar Nar Goon), Adelle Hecker (Phillip Island). **Front:** Scarlett Shave (NNG) and Isabel McCarthy (Cora Lynn).



17 & Under Champs Division. From left: Rebecca Massaro (coach) (Inverloch Kongwak), Ruby Morris (Dalyston), Evie Jagoe (Tooradin Dalmore), Nyah Dicks (Tooradin Dalmore), Gemma McNair (Warragul Industrials), Maya McDonald (Warragul Industrials), Shae Lewis (Nar Nar Goon), Sophie O'Hara (Koo Wee Rup), Chloe Kerr (Nar Nar Goon) and Aisha Hibbert (Phillip Island).



Kealey Trewavis takes possession from her Panthers under pressure during the 15 & Under game.



Maya Andersen looks to pass to her Kilcunda Bass teammate in the 15 & Under game.



Ro Grayson fights for possession in the Panthers' goal circle during the D grade game.

KILCUNDA BASS

A GRADE: Another tough hit out against Nar Nar Goon this week. The girls had a strong second half and used the game to try some new combinations. There was some snippets of exciting game play from the girls. Award: Sophie Baker.

B Grade: Kilcunda Bass came in as the underdogs, facing off against the reigning premiers. Every player stepped up and played their role. The intensity was electric, and the Panthers brought the heat from the get-go. It was a tight game going goal-for-goal with the Goon until the final minutes when they edged ahead, sneaking away with a 47-44 win, but make no mistake, Bass shook the premiers to their core. A whole-team effort. Grit, passion and heart across every third. This was a performance that made a statement.

C Grade: Kilcunda Bass came away with a solid win this week, with everything we've been working on at training coming together on court. The defensive pressure, ball movement and strong shooting made the difference. The team worked hard for each other and showed great composure throughout. Award: Jess Egan.

D Grade: Facing the undefeated Nar Nar Goon side. Kilcunda Bass started with strong, controlled play, with every player contributing to a great first quarter performance. The defensive unit worked tirelessly to turn the ball over, but we were unable to capitalise. A few unforced errors and missed opportunities across the court allowed Nar Nar Goon to gradually build momentum, and by the final whistle, we found ourselves 12 goals down. Award: Lynne Boag.

17 & Under: The team had a massive job against one of the ladder leaders, Nar Nar Goon. While they controlled the game and the scoreboard, we had lots of wins within our team, defenders were fantastic to keep the pressure on getting plenty of tips on the ball and the attack worked well together to use their set plays. Lots to take from this game and we will get to work at training. Awards: Millie Gold & Payton McGregor.

15 & Under: Another week of school camp found us five down at training again which didn't help our game against a strong Nar Nar Goon side. There were some positive plays with our defence working together to cause some great turnovers we just didn't capitalise on them. We have the weekend off next week and we will be back full swing into training and we look forward to taking on Daylston at our next game. Award: Savannah Bennett

13 & Under: Our Under 13s came up against a strong Nar Nar Goon side on the weekend, the team gave it their best right until the final whistle. Each week we are building and gaining more experience, and this game was no exception. We're looking forward to the weeks ahead where we can showcase all the hard work and improvements the team has achieved so far. Awards: Indiana Eden and Emily Vanderspek.

11 & Under: Contrary to what the scoreboard said, this was our best game this season, shooting our highest score so far this year and the smiles and enjoyment the team shared was fantastic. We had plenty of goal scorers and some great passages of play, with each player making a contribution to a great team effort. Awards: Matilda Phillips and Zoe Cartmel.

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RESULTS				LADDERS															
A GRADE				17 & UNDER				A GRADE				17 & UNDER				13 & UNDER			
Dalyston 45 lt Kor-Bena 49				Dalyston 22 lt Kor-Bena 29				Nar Nar Goon				Cora Lynn				Cora Lynn			
KWR 45 d Warragul-I 33				P-Island 36 lt Cora Lynn 38				Kor-Bena				Tooradin-Dal				Nar Nar Goon			
P-Island 35 lt Cora Lynn 47				KWR 30 drew Warragul-I 30				Cora Lynn				Warragul Ind				Tooradin-Dal			
Garfield 34 lt IK 60				NNG 44 d K-Bass 11				Inverloch-K				Garfield				Garfield			
NNG 64 d K-Bass 44				Garfield 25 lt IK 39				Dalyston				Warragul Ind				Koo Wee Rup			
B GRADE				15 & UNDER				B GRADE				15 & UNDER				11 & UNDER			
Dalyston 46 d Kor-Bena 28				KWR 32 d Warragul-I 24				Tooradin-Dal				Dalyston				Cora Lynn			
P-Island 34 lt Cora Lynn 42				P-Island 16 lt Cora Lynn 42				Phillip Island				Dalyston				Garfield			
KWR 56 d Warragul-I 22				Garfield 19 lt IK 33				Kilcunda Bass				Tooradin-Dal				Koo Wee Rup			
Garfield 51 lt IK 52				NNG 59 d K-Bass 16				Garfield				Warragul Ind				Inverloch-K			
NNG 57 d K-Bass 54								Koo Wee Rup				Kilcunda Bass				Warragul Ind			
								Warragul Ind				Dalyston				Dalyston			
C GRADE				13 & UNDER				B GRADE				15 & UNDER				11 & UNDER			
Dalyston 17 lt Kor-Bena 35				P-Island 14 lt Cora Lynn 55				Tooradin-Dal				Cora Lynn				Cora Lynn			
P-Island 15 lt Cora Lynn 40				Dalyston 9 lt Kor-Bena 49				Dalyston				Nar Nar Goon				Garfield			
KWR 26 lt Warragul-I 37				NNG 35 d K-Bass 11				Nar Nar Goon				Garfield				Koo Wee Rup			
NNG 40 lt K-Bass 44				KWR 22 d Warragul-I 4				Cora Lynn				Tooradin-Dal				Phillip Island			
Garfield 45 d IK 40				Garfield 33 d IK 14				Inverloch-K				Warragul Ind				Warragul Ind			
D GRADE				11 & UNDER				B GRADE				15 & UNDER				11 & UNDER			
Dalyston 13 lt Kor-Bena 36				P-Island 11 lt Cora Lynn 22				Tooradin-Dal				Cora Lynn				Cora Lynn			
P-Island 17 lt Cora Lynn 40				KWR 40 d Warragul-I 1				Dalyston				Nar Nar Goon				Garfield			
KWR 37 d Warragul-I 19				Dalyston 15 lt Kor-Bena 24				Nar Nar Goon				Garfield				Koo Wee Rup			
NNG 38 d K-Bass 26				NNG 31 d K-Bass 12				Cora Lynn				Tooradin-Dal				Inverloch-K			
Garfield 31 lt IK 32				Garfield 22 d IK 16				Inverloch-K				Warragul Ind				Phillip Island			
								Kilcunda Bass				Dalyston				Kilcunda Bass			
								Koo Wee Rup				Kor-Bena				Kor-Bena			
								Phillip Island				Dalyston				Warragul Ind			
								Garfield				Garfield				Dalyston			
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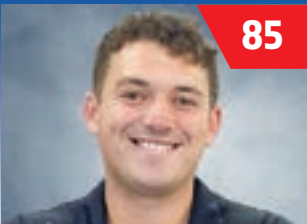
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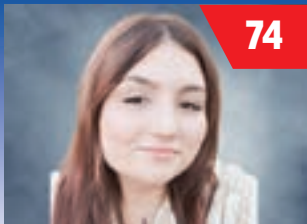
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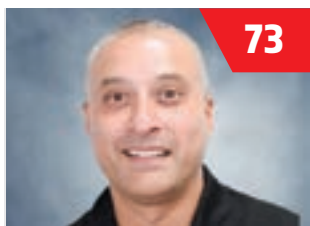
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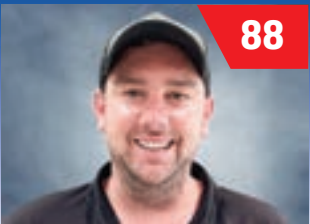
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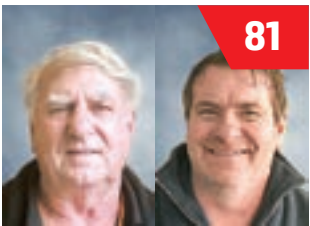
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STONY CREEK	FOSTER
Stony Creek 2.2 3.2 3.3 6.5 (41)	Foster 4.3 8.7 12.8 15.11 (101)

GOALS, Stony Creek: C Michael 3, C Loughridge, T Bernaldo, D Atkins 1 each
BEST: D Atkins, J Bright, C Carter, T O'Connor Linke, T Bernaldo, H Bull
GOALS, Foster: J Best 6, J Flavelle, J Rathjen, B Flavelle 2, M Cooke, M Allott, D Hawking 1 each
BEST: T Littore, B Flavelle, L Rathjen, J Flavelle, D Williams, M Allott

STONY CREEK	FOSTER
Stony Creek 3.6 6.12 12.12 15.14 (104)	Foster 1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 (10)

GOALS, Stony Creek: L Row, R McKnight 4, J Gheller 2, C Terry, T Horsburgh, J Byrnes, L Byrnes, N Svenson 1 each
BEST: L Row, S Roche, A Geyer, R McKnight, B Chadwick, M Semken
GOALS, Foster: D Burton 1
BEST: T Daldy, A Lomax, J Pryor, W Roffey, K Davy, M House

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

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BOOLARRA	TARWIN
Boolarra 3.1 5.3 9.8 10.8 (68)	Tarwin 4.5 5.7 6.11 9.15 (69)

GOALS, Boolarra: B Mason 4, J Holmes, B Flanigan 2, J Felmingham, S Noy 1 each
BEST: J Mason, B Mason, B Flanigan, M Porykali, J Noy, T Reiske
GOALS, Tarwin: T Harley 3, D Brosnan, N Jones, R O'loughlin, L Jones, J Staley, M Williams 1 each
BEST: T Harley, J Staley, D Houston, N McRae, L Jones, M Chalmers

BOOLARRA	TARWIN
Boolarra 0.0 1.3 2.3 3.6 (24)	Tarwin 0.0 6.7 9.9 13.11 (89)

GOALS, Boolarra: T Holley, T Dowe, C Riseley 1 each
BEST: M Windsor, C Riseley, D Bryne, J Gill, T Beamish, G Richards
GOALS, Tarwin: R Waddell 4, B Senior-Gibson, J Cameron, E Senior 2, T Cameron, T O'Loughlin, D Cardy 1 each
BEST: S Griffin, A Bell, T Cameron, C Scott, R Anderson, E Senior

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

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THORPDALE	FISH CREEK
Thorpdale 1.4 2.5 5.7 8.7 (55)	Fish Creek 2.2 4.7 9.10 12.13 (85)

GOALS, Thorpdale: T Patten, H Britten, C Millsom 2, M Rosato, M Gorman 1 each
BEST: J Patullo, S Pickering, G Low, D Holt, T Patten, H Britten
GOALS, Fish Creek: D Berryman 6, T Gavenlock 2, O Bright, H Shaw, T Vuillermin, J Stefani 1 each
BEST: T Vuillermin, D Berryman, T Gavenlock, K Dorling, J Rysko, J Kenny

THORPDALE	FISH CREEK
Thorpdale 1.1 3.2 3.4 4.4 (28)	Fish Creek 6.3 10.5 17.7 22.11 (143)

GOALS, Thorpdale: D Taylor, L Swain, C Westbury, T Mackenzie 1 each
BEST: T Mackenzie, D Hammond, L Swain, D Taylor, C Westbury, L Allan
GOALS, Fish Creek: W Moon 6, C Mcphee, A Bright 5, M Pocklington, B Perks 2, E Farrell, B Boyd 1 each
BEST: L Moon, A Bright, B Thomson, J Arestia, T Piasente, C Mcphee

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS	Yinnar 12.15.87 d Hill End 9.8.62
RESERVES	Yinnar 15.12.102 d Hill End 1.1.7
THIRDS	Hill End 12.8.80 d Yinnar 6.4.40



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Timm Gavenlock lines up the goals for his second major on Saturday. Photo: Megan Vuillermin.

Solid win for Fish Creek against the Blues

By Rob Popplestone

THORPDALE were admirable in their loss to Yinnar just a week ago and again left it all out on the park when they took on league leaders Fish Creek on the weekend.

The Blue's honesty and attack on the ball cannot be questioned, but they do appear to be just a few soldiers short to take on the very best, and that's what they faced on the weekend. "A really solid game for us yesterday. We had probably our youngest team in for a few years, so we stripped the game right back to a few simple KPIs for each group," Jarrad Walker, Fish Creek coach said. "We were able to tick these off at each 1/4 time

break which was a real positive and probably one of our more consistent four quarter games for the year. Thorpdale was good all day, also battling a few injuries but stuck at it right until the end. It was probably only the last 10-15 minutes we were able to kick a couple of goals in a row and end up with a nice lead." The Blues efforts are as they have always been, honest, but just short of being enough to win against the very best. Fish Creek won all four quarters by four points, ten, thirteen and three. The final margin,

five goals. "We started the game off really well but didn't get any scoreboard pressure which was a little frustrating. After quarter time Fishy took control and were the better team for the rest of the day. Some basic skill errors really hurt us again, we need to clean that up if we want to be able to compete with the best teams," Daniel Taylor, Thorpdale coach said. Thorpdale now must turn their attention to Toora, a team less than a month ago, you might pencil in for a win, but with two wins in the past three weeks, this will be yet another tough test for the Blues.

Ladder leaders Foster topple Stony

By Rob Popplestone

OPPOSITION clubs appear to be paying the price for Foster's recent one kick loss to Fish Creek, the Tigers did a number on Toora in round nine and in round ten it was Stony Creek's turn to feel the wrath of the highly credentialed Tigers team. Foster have had many admirers for most of the season and their weekend performance has done nothing to dampen opinion that they may well be the next big thing of the MGFNL. "Solid four quarter performance from us with a couple of really good moments - Stony definitely

had strong patches, especially for the first 10 minutes of each quarter and really tried to play a high contest game," Sam Davies, Foster coach said. The ten goal margin indicates a one way affair, in reality however, the Lions had moments every bit as impressive as their opposition. It's just that Foster did what good sides do in even the smallest of opportunities seized and that's make their opponents pay the price. "We took on a ladder

leading Foster on the weekend who proved why there on top," Troy Shepardson, Stony Creek coach said. "With a great run and spread game, the score board didn't reflect how close the game was, with our boys well in the contest." The MGFNL competition is a little similar to this clash with very little separating the top few to the rest. Clubs bottom four to six players, patches of play where concentration is lost and where decision making can be improved usually the difference.

Cameron debut as Tarwin steals a nailbiter

By Rob Popplestone

AS WE hit the back half of the season and clubs are getting close to having had a look at each one of their opposition it is becoming obvious that there is nowhere to hide. The spot you find yourself in now, is the spot you deserve and any chances to improve are slowly starting to diminish, that means finding something a little extra, quickly. Two clubs that have shown patches of very good football sprinkled with some disappointing performances met at the home of the Demons, the result to have a major impact on their chances or otherwise of playing a part in the quickly approaching finals. Prior to the start of play, Tarwin sat fifth and Boolarra seventh, only percentage separating the two, at the end of the day it was a nail-biting finish that fell the way of the visitors. "A heartbreaking one-point loss with a shot for goal right on the siren falling agonisingly short," Brendan Mason, Boolarra coach stated. "In a finish that will be spoken about for many a year the two sets of supporters may never agree on whether or not the ball crossed the line or not with Bailey Flanagan's shot from outside 50 having plenty riding on it with the margin one point and the siren ringing out while the ball was midair. The man in lime green, however, after a quick conference with his companions, declared no score and to the winner goes the spoils. "Tarwin jumped us early and had their nine scoring shots been more accurate they could've had the game wrapped up very early. "To our boys' credit though we fought back well over the next two quarters to take a 15-point lead into the final change. "With our bench reduced to one due to injury it was always going to be a battle of attrition over the last term. "To Tarwin's credit they managed to find the front and hold on for the last few minutes and walk away winners with the narrowest of margins. "Joel Mason was excellent all day with his brother Brendan hitting the scoreboard too. Simon Noy was excellent in his return from injury as was Matt Dyer who played his first game for the season." Tarwin's eleven-point quarter time lead was whittled back to four at half-time, before Boolarra took some sort of control and appeared to have a match winning fifteen-point buffer at the last break. "Well that's the definition of stealing a win," Lachie Jones, Tarwin coach said. "We looked done but surged late to hit the front and then just held on. Like so many times this year we have been in a tough spot late but the message at the three-quarter time break was let's take out chances and don't dwell on any mistakes. We hung tough and were able to play a really strong last 15 minutes and when we hit the front we put Jordan Staley behind the ball and he iced the game with three strong pack marks. "Earlier in the game, it was free flowing from both sides with a few momentum shifts and Boolarra had their chip and mark game going well. "We had an u/18's player in Indie Cameron (son of club legend Travis) make his senior debut and that gave us a really big boost. He played a great game too and didn't look out of place for a 17-year-old. It puts us in a strong spot and next week we have a bye to refresh and reset before we take on Yinnar at home." Tarwin appears as though they are ready to make a move, the bye, an opportunity for a refresh and a platform from which to launch a genuine challenge in the back half of the year.

Demons dominate Tigers in 73-point blitz

By Rover

FINALS-BOUND MDU overpowered Mirboo North by 73 points in lovely 14-degree sunshine on winter solstice day at Tigerland, on Saturday.

MDU is currently safely nestled in Mid Gippsland's top six with seven wins from its 10 matches so far this season.

The Demons' impressive victory also helped them retain the Owen 'Spud' Harris Memorial Cup after victories in six of the 10 footy and netball clashes played between the clubs.

Talented thirds footballer, Tom McGrath, was playing his first game in the Mirboo North seniors.

In a fast and furious opening, Mirboo North led by a goal until MDU drew level, seven minutes into the second quarter.

From that moment on, the Demons took control of the game with harder running, higher overhead marking, slicker hand passes and foot disposals that frequently found their intended targets.

MDU big guns, Lachie Wright and Nick Nagel, showed why extra-strong power forwards who are on song, are near impossible to stop in the air, with their seven and six goals respectively for the visitors.

Straight after Wright equalled the scores at 5.2 apiece, he, along with Nagel, were systematically involved in the next three majors, that quickly gave the Demons an 18-point advantage.

The Demons' stride was now more purposeful than their opponents and their strength in the packs was as sturdy as a McPherson strut.

As well, MDU's integrated transitional options confused the Tigers, whose increased mistakes were beginning to have negative consequences in their contested ball confrontations.

Further goals from Jarrod Hoy and Nagel followed be-



MDU's Jarrod Hoy calls for backup in the match against Mirboo North. Photos: Bec Casey Sports Photography.

fore Rhys Kratzat kicked his fourth major, to reduce Mirboo North's half-time deficit to 27 points.

Although Mirboo North managed to boot three third-quarter goals, MDU added another six majors to take its lead at the last change to 41 points.

Other Demons who helped put their side in a winning position included Shea Walsh, Alex Battersby, Josh Schelling, Trent McRae and Sammy Wilson.

With the Demons running rampant in the final term, another six MDU kicks went through the big white sticks, whilst the Tigers could only manage three behinds.

Jesse Chila, Riley Oddy, Kratzat and Beau Peters kept battling away for the Tigers until the final siren sounded, to finally end MDU's onfield domination.

This Saturday, eighth-placed Mirboo North travels to the Foster Showgrounds to take on top-of-the-table Foster, in the hope of the visiting Tigers keeping their chances of competing in the 2025 finals, alive.



MDU's Lachie Wright puts his body on the line to get to the ball ahead of his Mirboo North opponent on Saturday.

Magpies soar to big win as Bulldogs finals hopes waver

By Rob Popplestone

point victory.

"Very tough loss on the weekend against Toora," Pat Frendo, Newborough coach said.

"Started off really well and quickly went away from what got us an early lead. Toora showed they were hungrier and cracked in harder at every opportunity."

The loss is a bad one for the

Bulldogs, not devastating but bad enough to put their season under pressure.

The Magpies have now won two from their past three, and seemingly from nowhere they are starting to surge.

"A perfect winter's day for football at Toora and we had a great contest against a young up and coming team in Newborough," Jay Accardi, Toora coach stated.

"They jumped out of the

blocks early and kicked two goals before we even touched the ball. To our boys' credit we didn't panic and got the game on our terms. Really proud of how the boys responded after the previous game."

The response from the whole club has been impressive and a couple more victories over the coming weeks can start to have a few at Toora talking.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB



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MIRBOO NORTH

MDU

Mirboo Nth 5.2 6.2 9.4 9.7 (61)
MDU 3.0 10.5 16.7 21.8 (134)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: R Kratzat 4, E Woodall,

J Taylor, H Kerr, H Mahoney, R Oddy 1 each

BEST: J Chila, R Oddy, R Kratzat, B Peters,

B Watson, W Jacka

GOALS, MDU: L Wright 7, N Nagel 6, S Wilson,

S Walsh 2, A Battersby, T McRae, R Kelly,

J Hoy 1 each

BEST: S Walsh, L Wright, A Battersby, J Schelling,

T McRae, S Wilson

RESERVES

Mirboo Nth 0.1 0.3 0.3 0.4 (4)

MDU 4.3 4.7 10.13 13.17 (95)

BEST, Mirboo Nth: B Heath, J Jagusch, W Lewis,

J Peters, X Spaul, M Aveling

GOALS, MDU: H Fennell 3, M Smith, A Kemper,

T Harris 2, A Trease, B Trotman, M Hooper,

R Weaver 1 each

BEST: A Kemper, M Hooper, T Harris, H Fennell,

R Weaver, B Martin

THIRDS

Mirboo Nth 0.3 0.3 1.3 3.3 (21)

MDU 1.1 2.5 5.12 11.14 (80)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: T Tobin, C Crutchfield,

T Heislars 1 each

BEST: T McDuffie, A Evans, H Ludlow, O Mahoney,

C Crutchfield, C Malady

GOALS, MDU: A Mcinnes 5, J Cleator,

T Hibberson 2, J Dean, A Hulshof 1 each

BEST: J Cleator, C Bruce, A Casey, T Hibberson,

L Webb, J Carew

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB



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TOORA

NEWBOROUGH

Toora 5.0 7.8 13.14 21.14 (140)

Newborough 3.1 4.4 5.6 10.7 (67)

GOALS, Toora: L Craig 7, J Weston, J Smart 3,

M Bezzene 2, J Pintus, Z Clavarino, S Frawley,

L Marr, S Smart, S Bright 1 each

BEST: L Craig, J Weston, M Bezzene, J Pintus,

S Bright, S Frawley

GOALS, Newborough: J Robinson 5, B van Dyk 2,

A Bertoli, P Ainsworth, M Rowlings 1 each

BEST: K Jennings, J Pearce, J Robinson,

P Ainsworth, H Gallagher, N Curtis

RESERVES

Toora 3.3 6.6 11.12 18.14 (122)

Newborough 1.1 1.3 1.5 2.5 (17)

GOALS, Toora: J Mabilia, J Griffin 4, A Rhodes,

J Maurilli-Pullin, J Nicholls 2, Z Lewis,

J Gubanovic, L Anedda, J McDonald 1 each

BEST: J Maurilli-Pullin, L Anedda, J Mabilia,

J Moore, P Grant, A Rhodes

GOALS, Newborough: R Timbs, J Shields 1 each

BEST: W Collings, E Mounsey, L Nelson,

A Bartish, B Tredoux, J Stephens

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

ELLINBANK

ROUND 12

Trafalgar v Buln Buln
Neerim South v Ellinbank
Nilma Darnum v Bunyip
Yarragon v Longwarry
Catani v Lang Lang
Poowong v Nyora

GIPPSLAND

ROUND 11

Wonthaggi v Maffra
Sale v Leongatha
Morwell v Warragul
Bairnsdale v Drouin
Traralgon v Moe

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 11

MDU v Morwell East
Fish Creek v Hill End
Foster v Mirboo North
Newborough v Stony Creek
Toora v Thorpdale
Yinnar v Boolarra
Tarwin - BYE

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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 10

SENIORS

	W	L	%	pts
Foster	8	1	220.83	36
Fish Creek	8	1	181.29	36
Yinnar	8	2	161.11	32
MDU	7	3	148.81	28
Tarwin	6	4	108.43	24
Thorpdale	4	5	94.54	20
Boolarra	4	5	84.56	20
Mirboo Nth	4	5	73.31	20
Stony Creek	3	6	83.23	16
Toora	3	6	80.38	16
Newborough	3	6	70.15	16
Morwell East	2	7	54.90	12
Hill End	0	9	50.17	4

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

Nick Nagel (MDU)	51
Kane Grinstead-Jones (Yinnar)	48
Jake Best (Foster)	42

RESERVES

	W	L	%	pts
Yinnar	10	0	442.23	40
Morwell East	7	2	236.67	32
Tarwin	8	2	228.75	32
MDU	7	3	295.49	28
Fish Creek	6	3	102.71	28
Stony Creek	5	4	115.00	24
Toora	4	5	141.00	20
Newborough	4	5	78.87	20
Hill End	3	6	76.53	16
Mirboo Nth	2	7	45.63	12
Thorpdale	2	7	26.20	12
Foster	1	7	40.81	10
Boolarra	0	8	26.61	6

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

Jarryd Garlick (Yinnar)	44
Adam Bright (Fish Creek)	22
Brendan Tomada (MDU)	22

THIRDS

	W	L	%	pts
MDU	7	1	363.77	36
Newborough	7	1	178.23	36
Yinnar	4	3	126.76	28
Hill End	4	3	93.71	28
Mirboo Nth	3	5	90.14	20
Tarwin	1	5	60.13	20
Fish Creek	0	8	24.07	8
Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0
Foster	0	0	0.00	0

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

Oscar Hanson (Newborough)	39
Angus McInnes (MDU)	39
Tobias McDuffie (Mirboo North)	32



Breakers celebrate a win on Immy Bradford's 100th game before she was chaired off.

The Breakers held on for a gutsy win

IT WAS an exciting game for the Breakers with Immy Bradford playing her 100th match. She was up and about early, combining with Tayla Stahl and Ella Cargill to create space and movement in the forward line. Immy was first to take advantage, three minutes into the match, with Stahl also nailing a set shot midway through the quarter.

The Breakers took the momentum into the second quarter with some fantastic play, creating plenty of scoring opportunities; however, they were almost too unselfish in looking for better options and didn't capitalise on their dominance of the quarter.

Mornington, on the other hand, were able to score from one of the few times the ball made it past Katie Cornish and Grace Hope at half-back, closing the gap going into half-time.

The third quarter was very evenly contested, with both midfields working hard. Cloe Booth was able to create space where there was none to drive the ball forward, while Molloy Conroy and Annie Dempsey had some great link-ups down the clubroom wing.

The match was very much there to be won going into the last quarter, with the Breakers knowing they couldn't ease off.

While Mornington had all of the play in the last quarter, the Breakers' defence held up with strong marking from Vic Jaskula and clearing kicks from Tayla Stahl, keeping the visitors at bay.

Final Score: Breakers 2.5-17 def Mornington 1.1-7

Goals: Tayla Stahl, Immy Bradford.

Best: Molly Conroy, Cloe Booth, Annie Dempsey, Imogen Bradford, Jenna Russo, and Katie Cornish.

This week, the Breakers welcome Red Hill to Dalyston Sunday at 12pm.



1995 GLFL Premiers Leongatha FC Reunion. B40_2525

30-year reunion for the Parrots '95 premiership team

'PARROTS bring it on home' the Sentinel-Times faithfully reported after Leongatha's stunning GLFL premiership victory over Traralgon at the home ground of the Morwell Tigers on Saturday, September 16, 1995.

Breaking their own record set in 1979 against Traralgon, the Parrots kicked a record grand final score of 23.24.162, defeating Traralgon by 17 points.

Gathering in front of the 1995 premiership flag for the 30-year reunion of their grand final victory, the club's colours were proudly on display as Leongatha's greats, past and present, celebrated the club motto Victory through Harmony.

For the players, their memory of the '95 grand final remained as vivid as if it were yesterday.

Going into the grand final as underdogs, according to the game day match report, the Parrots saved their best till last with Leongatha's midfield dominating from the first bounce.

Avenging a string of grand final thrashings, victory was made all that much sweeter for the Parrots with three times as many scoring shots as the hapless Maroons.

'Traralgon went down with barely a whimper,' reported the Sentinel Times.

Leongatha got off to a dream

start led by Captain Darren well supported by Al Fixter who was best on ground and the Stan Aitken medallist.

Back in the team, after missing the preliminary final, Cameron Brown was marking everything across the ground but failing to capitalise as Leongatha's defence, led by Gary Webster, limited the Maroons scoring opportunities.

Handy goals by coach Brian Royal and Caine Salmon kept the Parrots in the lead, which was further extended when Peter Dixon took a strong mark in the goal square.

At the main break Leongatha led by 32 points.

Despite an attempted comeback by the Maroons early in the second half, League Best and Fairest Darren Read, Peter Dixon and Allen Riseley coming off the bench left the final result in no doubt.

Big forward Craig Reid ended up bagging five goals for the match.

The game was described as an easy win for Leongatha with a number of Maroons sent off the ground late in the second half, much to the delight of Leongatha spectators.

The weekend reunion also saw the return of the U17 75's premiership team.



Peter Coleston (Past President Leongatha F.C. 1993/1994) speaking at the Leongatha FC 1995 Premiers Reunion. B26_2525



Young Parrots fans Larry and Raff watches in awe at the Leongatha FC 1995 Premiers Reunion. B33_2525



One of Leongatha's favourite sons, Billy Clarke. B34_2525



Paul Goss with Ken and Sandra Fleming at the Leongatha FC 1995 GLFL Premiers Reunion. B77_2525



Wayne Peters and Craig McGannon at the Leongatha FC 1995 Premiers Reunion. B31_2525

Parrot heartbreak despite brave effort against Traralgon

ENTERING the match missing a handful of key personnel, disrupted by the red carding of an in-form Justin Pellicano and with further injury exacerbating its rotation challenges, Leongatha led reigning premier Traralgon late in the match before a Dylan Loprese goal settled the issue.

His decider followed a major to Xavier Lamers earlier in the last term that put the Parrots four points ahead, Traralgon ultimately prevailing by three points.

Loprese finished with four goals, a total matched by his teammate Jackson McMahon.

Jack Hume almost carried Leongatha to victory with a stunning performance in which he played critical roles around the ground.

Hume was instrumental in the Parrots breaking even with the Maroons by the first break despite Traralgon seeming in charge for much of the opening stanza, the Leongatha number 11 hobbling up repeatedly with critical defensive work.

He also booted a couple of third term majors, including the TRFM radio crew's goal of the day and drove Leongatha into attack on a number of occasions throughout the match.

Entering the contest still missing skipper and midfield powerhouse Tom Marriott and forward Jenson Garnham, and with the additional absences of backmen Sean Westaway and Cade Maskell and the late withdrawal of the tenacious and versatile Tallin Brill, the Parrots faced a big challenge.

However, while Hume's determined defensive work helped keep the Parrots competitive, so did the forward presence of Pellicano who kicked a couple of majors late in the first term and another shortly after the opening break.

Pellicano's send-off left Leongatha a man short for the final 13 minutes of quarter two and the first seven minutes of the second half.

While onfield numbers then evened up, the lengthy numerical disadvantage no doubt took a physical toll on the Parrots and the big forward's presence was greatly missed from the moment he was given his marching orders.

Hume was the clear stand-out as Leongatha's best but was ably assisted by the likes of Kim Drew, Aaron Heppell, Sam Forrester, Jay Walker and Travis Nash.

By Andrew Paloczi

Along with Pellicano and Hume, other multiple-goal scorers for the narrowly beaten side were Patrick Ireland and Ty Hall with a couple each.

While the radio crew saw Jordan Cunico as best afield, the triumphant Traralgon viewed the situation differently, naming the consistent and eye-catching redhead Tristen Waack its top performer ahead of Loprese, Tye Hourigan and Mitch Membrey, Cunico next on the club's list.

Cunico during his radio chat after the game said the Maroons were told at three-quarter time, when trailing by 16 points, to stick to their game, the winning side using its speed effectively in the final term against a tiring Leongatha.

Leongatha looks to bounce back in an away clash against Sale, the Magpies striving to regain confidence after a heavy loss to Maffra.

Given his send-off, Pellicano seems likely to face suspension, although the nature of the off-the-ball incident that wasn't captured on the match day coverage hasn't been revealed.

As of Sunday evening, the Parrots expected to receive formal advice of the charge on Monday from Head of Umpiring Peter Carey.

Leongatha continues to be ravaged by injuries, with Hayden Lindsay appearing to suffer a rib issue, the specifics of the injury to be determined.

Marriott is expected to be out of action for six or seven weeks due to syndesmosis in his ankle, having had successful surgery a bit over a week ago. Maskell is facing around four weeks on the sidelines with a foot issue.

Mitchell Bentvelzen's season was previously ended by a knee injury and another backman Tim Sauvarin hasn't played since Round 7 due to travel and is still a few weeks from returning to the field.

Brill and Westaway are both dealing with lower back issues, with hopes they won't be out of action for long, while Garnham has a hot spot in one of his feet and is expected to be unavailable for four weeks.

Third-placed Traralgon now hosts top-of-the-table Moe in what should be a beauty of a contest.



Parrot's Hayden Lindsay leaps high for a well-timed mark. B75_2525



Parrot's Patrick Ireland, Luke Bowman and Beau Grabham Andrews contest a high mark over the Maroons. B65_2525

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 10

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB



LEONGATHA	TRARALGON
Leongatha 3.1 6.3 10.5 11.7 (73)	Traralgon 3.1 4.5 7.7 11.10 (76)

GOALS, Leongatha: J Pellicano 3, P Ireland, J Hume, T Hall 2, Z Lamers, J Stewart 1 each
BEST: J Hume, K Drew, A Heppell, S Forrester, J Walker, T Nash
GOALS, Traralgon: D Loprese, J McMahon 4, T Hourigan 2, M Northe 1
BEST: T Waack, D Loprese, T Hourigan, M Membrey, J Cunico, C Little

RESERVES				
Leongatha	1.2	1.4	1.4	2.5 (17)
Traralgon	1.4	4.7	7.9	8.11 (59)

GOALS, Leongatha: B Van Rooy, M De Kleuver 1 each
BEST: M De Kleuver, I Fox, N Fixter, B Van Rooy, N Skewes, T Richards
GOALS, Traralgon: O Haberl, B Cheetham 2, D Hough, G Ruach, B White, R Adams 1 each
BEST: C Ruyters, B White, J Macumber, A Lovison, F Kennedy, R Adams

THIRDS				
Leongatha	2.3	2.5	4.7	4.7 (31)
Traralgon	1.1	2.2	2.3	4.4 (28)

GOALS, Leongatha: M Croatto, J Brown 2 each
BEST: K Berryman, T McKenzie, F Donohue, R Hume, A Logan, M Sheahan
GOALS, Traralgon: M Farley 2, H Pirie, D Taylor 1 each
BEST: C Anderson, T Davidson, J Taylor, L Greenhill, H Henry, T Lapenta

FOURTHS				
Leongatha	0.0	1.0	1.2	1.5 (11)
Traralgon	2.5	7.8	12.10	15.12 (102)

BEST, Leongatha: N Bradley, F Livingstone, L Misale, C Dale-Haywood, L Chila
BEST, Traralgon: B Stevenson, B Adams, K Thorley, H Anderson, H Conbeer, Q Ross

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB



WARRAGUL	WONTHAGGI
Warragul 4.5 7.8 8.12 14.15 (99)	Wonthaggi 1.2 2.5 4.6 5.10 (40)

GOALS, Warragul: J Stewart 4, B Fowler 3, T Hobbs 2, I Wallace, K MacLean, R Senini, L Serong, J Harrison 1 each
BEST: S Masterson, T Hobbs, R Senini, S Whibley, T Stern, J Stewart
GOALS, Wonthaggi: K Patterson 2, J Williams, J Shone, J Williams 1 each
BEST: K Yann, N Anderson, H Tiziani, E Dickison, R Sparkes, B Mabilia

RESERVES				
Warragul	2.4	3.4	5.8	6.10 (46)
Wonthaggi	2.1	4.3	6.3	8.4 (52)

GOALS, Warragul: P Carpenter, V Kuol 2, S Kelly, D Pearson 1 each
BEST: P Carpenter, J Hughes, T Hillard, V Kuol, S Kelly, D Ridgway
GOALS, Wonthaggi: A Busana 6, B Ransom, R Kay-Darts 1 each
BEST: E Joma, S O'Halloran, O Dawson, A Busana, J Douthat, C Krause

THIRDS				
Warragul	3.5	6.6	9.10	10.16 (76)
Wonthaggi	0.0	3.0	4.1	4.2 (26)

GOALS, Warragul: C Thompson 6, T Logan, T Pakan, L Moore, J Simpson 1 each
BEST: C Thompson, X Olsson, T Logan, D Bonaddio, J Simpson, D Hammond
GOALS, Wonthaggi: J Brouwers 2, L Lidstone, T Prasad-Taylor 1 each
BEST: L Lidstone, J Brouwers, B Dockery, J Joske, S Carter, N Patch

FOURTHS				
Warragul	4.2	8.7	11.8	15.8 (98)
Wonthaggi	0.2	0.3	3.5	3.6 (24)

BEST, Warragul: D Brown, C Leighton, H Dennis, J Boote, J Strating, A Tobin
BEST, Wonthaggi: A Jobe, J Tack, B Wyhoon, N Pugh, R Tack, H Blanchard

IN OTHER GAMES.

SENIORS				
Moe	20.14.134	d	Bairnsdale	8.11.59
Maffra	21.11.137	d	Sale	8.8.56
Morwell	13.10.88	d	Drouin	8.8.56

RESERVES			
Moe	8.9.57	d Bairnsdale	1.4.10
Maffra	23.13.151	d Sale	1.1.7
Morwell	14.11.95	d Drouin	4.8.32

THIRDS

Moe	11.11.77	d	Bairnsdale	5.11.41
Maffra	15.11.101	d	Sale	1.5.11
Drouin	14.8.92	d	Morwell	7.2.44

FOURTHS

Moe	12.7.79	d Bairnsdale	7.4.46
Maffra	14.14.98	d Sale	0.0.0
Morwell	9.5.59	d Drouin	6.7.43

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 10

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Moe	9	1	198.78	36
Leongatha	8	2	177.84	32
Traralgon	7	3	140.25	28
Wonthaggi	6	4	101.11	24
Morwell	5	5	121.12	20
Warragul	5	5	107.40	20
Maffra	4	6	84.54	16
Bairnsdale	3	7	81.89	12
Sale	3	7	65.40	12
Drouin	0	10	39.13	0

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Ben Crocker (Moe)	51
Brandon McDonald (Morwell)	28
Dylan Loprese (Traralgon)	26

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Traralgon	9	1	408.27	36
Moe	9	1	237.88	36
Leongatha	8	2	352.47	32
Maffra	7	3	213.36	28
Wonthaggi	6	4	112.77	24
Sale	4	6	75.00	16
Morwell	3	7	86.62	12
Bairnsdale	2	8	55.96	8
Warragul	2	8	42.49	8
Drouin	0	10	9.05	0

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Damien Hough (Traralgon)	25
Oliver Haberl (Traralgon)	24
Brendan Holt (Moe)	22

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	8	2	131.44	32
Warragul	7	2	195.59	30
Bairnsdale	7	2	121.68	30
Moe	7	3	211.45	28
Maffra	6	3	218.54	26
Traralgon	6	3	195.94	26
Drouin	3	7	94.52	12
Sale	3	7	44.67	12
Wonthaggi	1	9	45.03	4
Morwell	0	10	23.94	0

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Rylie Baker (Drouin)	36
Beau Cottrell (Maffra)	20
Cameron Thompson (Warragul)	20

FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Traralgon	10	0	1097.56	40
Maffra	9	1	178.86	36
Moe	7	3	156.74	28
Warragul	7	3	138.22	28
Bairnsdale	5	5	74.05	20
Sale	3	7	57.72	12
Leongatha	3	7	56.47	12
Morwell	3	7	48.45	12
Wonthaggi	2	7	44.57	10
Drouin	0	9	49.35	2

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Brody Stevenson (Traralgon)	46
Fraser Aubrey (Warragul)	34
Bill De Araugo (Warragul)	31

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 11

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

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LANG LANG	NYORA
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Lang Lang	8.3	10.8	15.12	18.12 (120)
Nyora	1.8	1.8	1.9	3.10 (28)

GOALS Lang Lang: M Holt, D Walls 6, B Kiss 2, M Tribuzi, B Galante, T Falzon, K Van der pluym 1 each
BEST: L Casey, R Dolan, B Leitch, T Falzon, K Finlay smith, B Galante
GOALS Nyora: D Heylen 2, W Mcgindie 1
BEST: D Heylen, M Hughes, L Simpson, W Mcgindie, C Lucas, J Anderson

RESERVES

Lang Lang	5.2	12.5	15.10	20.13 (133)
Nyora	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1 (1)

GOALS Lang Lang: Ventura 5, A Lawless 4, N Perkins 3, J Linder 2, J Hand, B Duggan, K Parker, T Harvie, M Penn, M Hunter 1 each
BEST: J Hand, A Lawless, M Hunter, J Ventura, N Mascadri, B Duggan
BEST Nyora: A Dike, L Forscutt, T Dagleish, B Smith, J Waixel, L Koffman

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

218

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LONGWARRY	POOWONG
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Longwarry	6.3	18.4	26.9	34.14 (218)
Poowong	1.0	3.2	4.2	5.3 (33)

GOALS Longwarry: J Wells 20, F Fox 6, B McHugh, B Werle 2, D Granger, R Lehman, C Dore, J Bourke 1 each
BEST: J Wells, F Fox, R Lehman, B Stephens, R Rundell, B Werle
GOALS Poowong: T Sherar 2, A Henshall, Z Gray, C Cunningham 1 each
BEST: T Sherar, B Broadmore, J Graue, M Cozzio, C Cunningham, J Blackwood

RESERVES

Longwarry	7.5	16.10	20.18	30.20 (200)
Poowong	0.0	1.1	1.1	2.1 (13)

GOALS Longwarry: J Tabone 6, R Denmead 3, R Asmus, B Rowe 3, B Cuckson, S Davies, A Fazackerley, C Wells 2, L McDonald, T Smith, B Hamilton, Z Murphy, D Everson, B Cozens, E Gunstone 1 each
BEST: J Tabone, B Rowe, B Cuckson, R Asmus, J Mitchell, L Ramsay
GOALS Poowong: R Goddard, D McDonald 1 each
BEST: B Hull, R Gilliatte, C King, B Moyce, T Moyce, L McMillan,

THIRDS

Longwarry	0.0	3.2	6.8	7.13 (55)
Poowong	2.1	4.3	5.4	7.5 (47)

GOALS Longwarry: J Taylor 2, H Colvin, R Fox, V Wilson, B Hill, J Doyle 1 each
BEST: V Wilson, H Colvin, R Comben, S Hudson, E Seskis, R Fox
GOALS Poowong: K Zealley, W Dixon, J Blackwood 2, A Damon 1
BEST: J Blackwood, L Moriarty, A Damon, J Hall, H Hessels, B Broadmore

FOURTHS

Longwarry	2.2	3.3	3.6	4.8 (32)
Poowong	2.2	5.7	8.8	9.13 (67)

GOALS Longwarry: B East 2, W Van der Heyden, L Child 1 each
BEST: B East, R Ray, D Jeremieczyk, H Eden, V Wilson, J Deal
GOALS Poowong: C Deal 4, D Waide, K Zealley, D Canavan, R Van Venrooy, B Sherar 1 each
BEST: D Watson, B Warren, M Cawcutt, B Sherar, D Waide, R Van Venrooy

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Ellinbank	17.14.116	d	Nilma Darn	5.9.39
Buln Buln	18.19.127	d	Bunyip	4.8.32
Neerim Sth	9.13.67	d	Trafalgar	8.6.54
Catani	11.13.79	d	Yarragon	10.5.65

RESERVES

Ellinbank	19.15.129	d	Nilma Darn	0.1.1
Buln Buln	11.13.79	d	Bunyip	5.5.35
Trafalgar	10.4.64	d	Neerim Sth	8.4.52
Yarragon	8.4.52	d	Catani	2.11.23

THIRDS

Buln Buln	25.21.171	d	Bunyip	0.1.1
Neerim Sth	14.12.96	d	Trafalgar	6.5.41
Ellinbank	20.11.131	d	Nilma Darn	2.1.13

FOURTHS

Ellinbank	7.5.47	d	Nilma Darn	3.4.22
Bunyip	4.16.40	d	Buln Buln	1.0.6
Trafalgar	15.15.105	d	Neerim Sth	3.5.23
Catani	6.8.44	d	Yarragon	4.3.27

Depleted Nyora starts brightly against Lang Lang

NYORA delivered a competitive first quarter, the severely depleted Saints holding their own around the ground and having the best of the opening 15 or so minutes but not capitalising on the scoreboard, trailing by just eight points at the first break, but Lang Lang ultimately ran out 92-point winners.

When the game started, both sides were moving the ball quickly, making for entertaining footy in cracking sunny conditions, a light breeze blowing across the ground.

Unfortunately for Nyora, its good work in creating gettable opportunities was squandered with missed shots on goal from 20 or 30 metres out.

“We should have gone in with a nice little lead,” Saints assistant coach Scott Battams said.

While polished finishing was missing, the effort level was noteworthy with so much senior experience sidelined by injuries.

Dylan Heylen led the way for the Saints in the midfield, getting some good support from other onballers, being Nyora’s best and managing a couple of its three goals for the match.

Matthew Hughes in just his second senior game since his arrival at Nyora led well and marked strongly around half forward, Battams remarking he offered a strong presence for the Saints in that part of the ground.

As well as his marking, Hughes showed leadership attributes.

“He helped us at stages to calm down, and gave us a good option going forward,” Battams said.

Liam Simpson was another solid contributor for the Saints, particularly impressing with his four or five commanding intercept marks early in the match, having to be shifted onto talented man-mountain Marc Holt for the second half. It was a commendable effort from Simpson, who injured himself at training before Round 1 and was playing his first match of the season on Saturday.

Holt’s imposing figure and skill were difficult to contain and he finished the match with six goals, a tally equalled by his teammate Darcy Walls, albeit Battams praised Simpson’s efforts to contain Holt when he went to him after the long break. Holt managed just one second-half major.

Young ruckman Liam Casey was the triumphant Tigers’ best player, Battams commending his performance.

For the Saints, there’s plenty to be positive about down the track, with an estimated 60 per cent of Saturday’s side having only about 10-15 games’ experience at senior level.

Jesse Heylen, Paul Delaroché and Cam Stow are among those who are out of action for the season. For all its challenges, Nyora is hopeful of beating Poowong this weekend, albeit the Magpies will be confident they can record a breakthrough win.



Callum McNiff achieves great elevation to contest the ruck duel against Lang Lang.

Juniors step up, but not enough to save Poowong

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG travelled to Longwarry on Saturday. Conditions and ground were good for four games of football and six games of netball.

The seniors had five changes with Thomas Sherar from reserves in his first senior game, Jacob Graue also first senior game from reserves, David O’Neil and Connor Ives back from injuries and Bryce Broadmore in his first senior game from Under 18’s.

The seniors are a very young side nine players nineteen and under including three under 18’s in Jett Blackwood, Bryce Broadmore and Hayden Hessels all show talent and have a future.

It was tough going from early on with Longwarry full

forward Jason Wells leading the way. He kicked 20 goals (early in the season he had a 21-goal day) to take his season tally to 95, there’s every chance of 100 goals for this season particularly against Yarragon next Saturday. Wells leads hard and fast, is a good kick and the Longwarry players look for him at every opportunity, but he is every fullback’s nightmare. Jason all the best for your 100 goals next week.

Poowong had patches of good football but turnovers and poor kicking to team mates let them down and Longwarry made them pay heavily on the board.

A couple of early injuries did not help the side, it was good to

see the young players handling the step up to the seniors they just need a couple of tall solid players to help out.

First quarter Longwarry kicked 6.3 to Poowong’s one to Connor Cunningham, Wells had five of the six, the second quarter Longwarry kicked twelve to Poowong’s two goals thanks to Alex Henshall and Thomas Sherar. Longwarry added eight in the third quarter to Poowong’s one goal from Zac Gray.

The fourth quarter was all about whether Wells would get his 100. They added eight to Poowong’s one goal landing Thomas Shearer two in his first senior game.

Best players for Poowong: Thomas Sherar great first

senior game and two goals, Bryce Broadmore Under 18’s looks promising, Jacob Graue first senior game played well, Matt Cozzio and Connor Cunningham both strong contributors every week and Jett Blackwood Under 18’s has a real bright future in the game.

This week we tackle Nyora at home in the Demon Cup, first and seconds, U/18s play at Catani against Lang Lang all should be a close contests.

Remember the reunion, the 1985 Senior Football Premiership and the 1995 A and B Netball Premiership, and 85’s E Grade Premiership is Saturday – see you there.

Remember Thursday night Cozzies Powerball draw and meals.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 11

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	MR	FOURTHS	W	L	%	MR
Neerim South	11	0	332.74	44	Lang Lang	10	1	852.80	40	Ellinbank	10	0	393.36	100.0	Bunyip	10	0	386.75	100.0
Longwarry	9	2	234.06	36	Longwarry	10	1	544.66	40	Longwarry	7	2	170.06	77.78	Trafalgar	8	2	265.45	80.00
Trafalgar	8	3	244.14	32	Ellinbank	9	2	400.84	36	Buln Buln	7	3	258.06	70.00	Poowong	7	3	179.26	70.00
Buln Buln	8	3	167.86	32	Trafalgar	9	2	273.18	36	Neerim South	6	4	147.20	60.00	Ellinbank	7	3	127.45	70.00
Lang Lang	7	4	138.76	28	Neerim South	7	4	299.13	28	Nilma Darnum	6	4	117.87	60.00	Yarragon	6	4	140.88	60.00
Ellinbank	6	5	167.15	24	Buln Buln	5	5	66.91	22	Lang Lang	5	4	175.78	55.56	Catani	5	5	91.99	50.00
Yarragon	5	6	76.85	20	Catani	5	6	88.75	20	Poowong	4	5	104.77	44.44	Lang Lang	4	5	63.98	44.44
Catani	4	7	88.17	16	Yarragon	4	7	78.36	16	Trafalgar	2	8	55.72	20.00	Buln Buln	3	7	77.58	30.00
Nilma Darnum	4	7	55.03	16	Bunyip	3	7	69.62	14	Yarragon	1	8	30.43	11.11	Longwarry	2	8	54.52	20.00
Nyora	3	8	46.27	12	Nyora	2	9	21.76	8	Bunyip	0	10	9.13	0.00	Neerim South	2	9	54.50	18.18
Bunyip	1	10	40.07	4	Poowong	1	10	6.75	4	Catani	0	0	000	000	Nilma Darnum	1	9	25.41	10.00
Poowong	0	11	24.50	0	Nilma Darnum	0	11	14.91	0	Nyora	0	0	000	000	Nyora	0	0	000	000
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Jason Wells (Longwarry)	95				Kurt Batt (Lang Lang)	39				Charlie Armour (Ellinbank)	25				Hudson Grujic (Trafalgar)	30			
Mason McGarrit (Neerim South)	70				Toby Bayne (Neerim South)	36				Dylan Strating (Neerim South)	24				Cruze Deal (Poowong)	28			
Marc Holt (Lang Lang)	45				Bradley Blazevic (Longwarry)	35				Blake Macdonald (Neerim South)	22				Dylan Strating (Neerim South)	23			

Panthers outclassed by dominant Nar Nar Goon outfit

KILCUNDA BASS took on this season's juggernaut Nar Nar Goon on Saturday.

Nar Nar Goon's average winning margin has been around 78 points, which Kilcunda-Bass hoped to keep it to this week.

Unfortunately, the match resulted in an 86-point deficit for Kilcunda Bass, but the Panthers took on plenty of learnings from the game.

Playing on Nar Nar Goon's large ground in beautiful conditions, the Panthers went toe-to-toe with Nar Nar Goon early.

The Panthers were happy with how the game was rolling with some great intercept marks in the back half, but a couple of late goals to Nar Nar Goon around the 20-minute mark made for a disappointing scoreline at quarter-time.

Reflecting on the fact that the scoreline was not indicative of performance propelled the Panthers into the second quarter.

However, the challenges continued as ruckman Callan Brinkmann copped a knock that saw him removed from the game due to concussion precautions.

The Panthers were down two bench rotations and Dale Gawley – recently back from injury – played in the ruck for the rest of the game, holding his own.

The Panthers played their best footy in the third quarter.

Whilst they only kicked 1.2, Nar Nar Goon was held to 3.1 as the back line performed brilliantly against the top side.

Lochlan Scott is making a name for himself as he takes on the big key forwards week after week.

This week was no exception, as he held Dermott Yawney to three goals for the game.

Daniel Mock and Sam Watson were also instrumental in the back half, and young Lleyton Cartmel played his best game of the year.

Nar Nar Goon's goal-kick efforts were shared between 12 goalkickers, indicative of the way the Panthers'



Panthers' Nathan Foote handballs under duress. Photos: Kylie Pipicelli, Nar Nar Goon Football Club

back line forced the top side to consider other options in front of the big sticks.

However, fitness took a toll in the fourth quarter, and Nar Nar Goon was able to extend its margin for a comfortable win.

Next week, Kilcunda Bass will be facing Korumburra-Bena.

The Giants are coming off back-to-back wins, so Kilcunda Bass is expecting a tight contest.

Despite getting the jump on the Giants and winning by 96 points in round one, the Panthers are anticipating another challenging match and will be preparing for it like it's a final.

RIGHT: Tall defender, Sam Watson goes all the way down to trap the Sherrin.



Inverloch-Kongwak marks McCaughan milestone in style

HOSTS Garfield made Inverloch-Kongwak work hard early, the Sea Eagles leading by just seven points at the first change, the visitors becoming increasingly dominant on the scoreboard after that before the Stars won the final quarter, leaving IK with a 57-point victory.

The win made for a great celebration of premiership player Clint 'Toss' McCaughan's 200th Senior game for the Sea Eagles, Inverloch-Kongwak being the only club he has represented, McCaughan icing the cake with a last-quarter goal.

Notching the milestone makes him Inverloch-Kongwak's 19th Life Member and

sees him join his father Andy who also broke through the 200 Senior game mark for the club, the pair both ruckmen.

They are the first father and son combination to reach that mark at Inverloch-Kongwak.

"He's been our number one ruckman for a long time," Sea Eagles president Peter Butcher said, remarking on the lethal left boot 'Toss' possesses that can propel the footy a long way.

Players got around Clint when he booted his goal on Saturday, the two-time Senior and one-time Reserves premiership player having been there through thick and thin at the Sea Eagles.

Joseph Nowell and Xavier

Hughes were most productive around the big sticks for the winning team, each booting three majors, with Nowell contributing strongly around the ground.

Inverloch-Kongwak's young back six stood up to Garfield's pressure impressively despite the loss of skipper Jayden Sullivan to a hamstring injury.

Tough-as-nails onballer Ethan Park led the way on Saturday as the Sea Eagles' best.

Ashton Hewitson was next on the winning side's best players list for his tagging role on Garfield coach Edward Morris, a fascinating duel after which Morris was named best for the beaten side.

Nicholas Baltas joined Nowell and Hughes as the multiple-goal kickers for Inverloch-Kongwak, booting a couple of majors, while Garfield's four goals were all singles.

It was another excellent performance from the Sea Eagles, as they continue to impress despite some key players being sidelined. The side is heading to a well-earned bye after making it four straight wins and sitting sixth on the ladder.

After the break, it will be an enthralling Round 13 contest against Cora Lynn, that club just one rung higher on the ladder.

Garfield looks to bounce back when it hosts a Round 12 clash with Koo Wee Rup.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

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KILCUNDA BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

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NAR NAR GOON KILCUNDA-BASS

Nar Nar Goon 4.5 8.11 11.12 17.14 (116)
K-Bass 1.1 2.3 3.5 4.6 (30)

GOALS, NNG: D Yawney 3, C Pope, M Gentile, T Armour 2, C Pursell, J Murphy, L Bettio, J Keyzers, R Bromley, Private player, F Parker, J Smith 1 each

BEST: N Pipicelli, M Gentile, K O'Sullivan, N Hillard, A Pipicelli, R Bromley

GOALS, K-Bass: T Tuck 2, T Gunn 1, O Thomas 1,

BEST: L Scott, I cartmel, N Foote, O Thomas, D Mock, S Watson

RESERVES

Nar Nar Goon 2.1 11.6 11.6 19.12 (126)
K-Bass 1.2 3.2 4.2 4.4 (28)

GOALS, NNG: T Ferrari 6, H Waters, N Bransgrove 3, J Dai, L Graham 2, S McDermott, J Gribbin, L Mcleod 1 each

BEST: T Ferrari, E Grierson, Z Smith, J Hamilton, E Douglas, N Bransgrove

GOALS, K-Bass: G Boyd, C Simpson, K McGregor 1 each

BEST: A Grenness, B Gude, S Dickinson, B Simpson, G Boyd, B Wemyss

FOURTHS

Nar Nar Goon 5.2 6.3 10.7 12.8 (80)
K-Bass 0.2 0.4 1.4 2.6 (18)

GOALS, NNG: C Hamilton 4, E Loomes 3, J Hall 2, C Harris, B Hermon, T Holland 1 each

BEST: C Hamilton, F Stephens, T Holland, E Loomes, M Robinson, J Hall

GOALS, K-Bass: B McMillan, C Bettles 1 each

BEST: P McKay, C Burgess, B Eden, B McMillan, H Leary, A Oats

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

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GARFIELD INVERLOCH-K

Garfield 0.2 1.3 1.6 4.11 (35)
Inverloch-K 1.3 6.5 11.10 13.14 (92)

GOALS, Garfield: M Johnson, J Pinkerton, J Van Den Bergh, S Simpson Brewer 1 each

BEST: E Morris, W Cole, L Schreurs, J Evans, L Sauze, J Zaccari

GOALS, IK: X Hughes, J Nowell 3, N Baltas 2, J Kempster, W Turner, C McCaughan, J Soumilas, J Ginnane 1 each

BEST: E Park, A Hewitson, J Kempster, J Bertacco, N Baltas, Z Box

RESERVES

Garfield 0.1 0.1 2.2 4.2 (26)
Inverloch-K 2.1 6.4 8.5 14.6 (90)

GOALS, Garfield: K Kelsey, M Wolbers, F Hower, J Whibley 1 each

BEST: M Wolbers, M Bow, N vandenbroeck, C Jenkins, F Hower

GOALS, IK: R Dal Pozzo 7, D Taylor 3, T Mahoney, R Patterson, W Tiesdell-Smith 1 each

BEST: S Hawking, W Tiesdell-Smith, P Jobling, T Leonard, R Dal Pozzo, M McCaughan,

THIRDS

Garfield 1.0 2.1 2.1 2.2 (14)
Inverloch-K 2.2 5.3 11.4 17.4 (106)

GOALS, Garfield: A Stevenage 2

BEST: A Stevenage, K Kelsey, E Coote, C Gregory, S Wouters, K Carr

GOALS, IK: A Finsterer 5, T Debono, J Dugard 3, J Martin 2, J Cousins, H Gleeson, R Harris, J Harman 1 each

BEST: A Finsterer, J Dugard, J Martin, H Gleeson, R Newman, F Anderson

FOURTHS

Garfield 0.0 0.1 0.1 0.1 (1)
Inverloch-K 2.2 6.5 10.9 12.12 (84)

BEST Garfield: H Serong, T Davitt, J Wilberforce, B Koesemans, H Osborne, J McKenna

GOALS, IK: M Tonkin 3, T Debono, F O'Halloran 2, J Martin, C Newman, J Douglas, P O'Connell, T Reich 1 each

BEST: J Douglas, C Newman, A Rayner, F O'Halloran, J Martin, Z Anderson

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 12

Cora Lynn v Nar Nar Goon
Warragul Industrials v Phillip Island
Tooradin-Dalmore v Dalyston
Kilcunda Bass v Korumburra Bena
Garfield v Koo Wee Rup
Inverloch-Kongwak - BYE

Giants win two in a row

KORUMBURRA-BENA celebrated back-to-back victories after defeating Dalyston by 42 points.

The local derby was played out at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve, with the Giants hungry for revenge after its round three loss.

Dalyston was thrilled to welcome Declan Kelly back into its Seniors lineup after a few years away.

Jayden Deas got the ball rolling for the Giants, kicking the first goal.

The Giants exhibited great pressure and forward movement.

Tyler Newton was strong down back once again, ensuring Dalyston would not finish the quarter with the lead.

A very tight first quarter saw the Giants just three points ahead.

The Giants maintained their lead, up by 13 points by halftime, but it was the third quarter where the Giants really gained the advantage.

After Dalyston's Michael Marotta scored a quick goal, his team's day unravelled as Korumburra-Bena kicked the next seven.

Ill discipline by the Magpies led directly to four goals from free kicks in a matter of minutes as Giants' supporters couldn't believe their good luck.

Despite a late goal to Jaxon Foon, Dalyston trailed by 42-points at the final break.

Korumburra-Bena coach Josh Hopkins urged his team to maintain its intensity coming into the last quarter, which it certainly did.

There would be no miraculous comeback and honours were shared in the last term.

During the game Bailey Nation was strong through the middle and connected well with the forwards.

One of the highest goal scorers for the Giants was young U18 player Clayton Quaife, kicking three goals.

Quaife is proving to be an exciting prospect moving forward, bringing a lot of enthusiasm.

Tom Crocker was the other leading goal kicker, kicking a huge five-goal haul.

Evan Allaway was also strong all game in the ruck.

Rhys Dixon played a great defensive role against one of Dalyston's strong forwards.

Jordan Ceppi ran and carried the ball through the mid field and wing.

For Dalyston, the best players were Bradley Tilley, Mitch Hallahan, Fraser West, Kyle Hutchison, Kyle Kirk and Jaxon Foon.

Overall, it was a great win for the Korumburra-Bena. With strong momentum, the Giants are looking forward to next week against Kilcunda-Bass, eager for a third win to continue their streak.

Dalyston has a big challenge ahead as travels to battle against Tooradin-Dalmore.



The Giants applied pressure to Dalyston and secured a 42-point victory. Photo: Michelle Chisholm.



Evan Allaway was strong in the ruck for Korumburra-Bena.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 11

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

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PHILLIP ISLAND

CORA LYNN

Phillip Island 3.2 5.7 11.8 15.11 (101)
Cora Lynn 3.0 3.6 4.8 8.8 (56)

GOALS, Phillip Island: J Ladson 4, B Taylor, M Walton 2, N Anderson, J Huther, J Taylor, C O'Garey, C Bruce, B Kimber, F Cousins 1 each
BEST: J Ladson, M Walton, M Griffin, B Kleverkamp, D Pearce, B Hennessy
GOALS, Cora Lynn: N Gardiner 5, J Briggs, W Stephenson, L Coverdale 1 each
BEST: N Pastras, J Edwards, H Briggs, J Butera, G Da Costa, W Thomas

RESERVES

Phillip Island 0.00 00.00 00.00 5.3 (33)
Cora Lynn 0.00 00.00 00.00 9.7 (61)

GOALS, Phillip Island: B Ross 2, J Nicolaci, B Pewtress, H Anderson 1 each
BEST: D Thompson, T Niven, E Michaelides, B Taylor, M Mattock, B Davies
GOALS, Cora Lynn: L Foreman 3, L Banting 2, M McDermott, T Lilley-Hale, L Fox, D Ross 1 each
BEST: J Boccari, R Spierings, L Foreman, D Ross, T Lilley-Hale, J Wilson

THIRDS

Phillip Island 3.8 7.11 10.17 15.18 (108)
Cora Lynn 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 (6)

GOALS, Phillip Island: O Duggan 3, L Eastwood 2, C Fischer, J Cashman, A Fawaz, J Larsson, N Williams, M Taylor, C Wragg, H Womersley, H Arceo, S Schuller 1 each
BEST: N Forrest Mabilia, F Gibson, C Wragg, J Cashman, N Williams, J Larsson
GOALS, Cora Lynn: L Hughes 1
BEST: T Rock, M Jaay, D Edwards, Z Taylor, L Hughes, T Handley

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

KORUMBURRA BENA FOOTBALL CLUB

62 104

DALYSTON

KORUMBURRA BENA

Dalyston 2.1 5.5 7.6 9.8 (62)
Kor-Bena 2.4 7.6 14.6 16.8 (104)

GOALS, Dalyston: M Hallahan 5, J Foon, M Marotta, C Love-Linay 1 each
BEST: B Tilley, M Hallahan, F West, K Hutchison, K Kirk, J Foon
GOALS, Kor-Bena: T Crocker 5, C Quaife 3, P Fermanis, J Cuman 2, J Ceppi, E Allaway, J Deas, B Nation 1 each
BEST: E Allaway, T Crocker, J Hopkins, T Newton, M Borschman, C Quaife

RESERVES

Dalyston 1.0 2.0 2.0 2.1 (13)
Kor-Bena 0.2 4.3 4.6 7.7 (49)

GOALS, Dalyston: B Sungalis, W Luke 1 each
BEST: L Armstrong, B McRae, M Chisholm, B Sungalis, S Alexander, R Cargill
GOALS, Kor-Bena: B Walker, B Robertson 2, C Anderson, J Fowles, J Macri 1 each
BEST: M Kennewell, B Robertson, T Walker, B Walker, N Beavis, J Carpenter

THIRDS

Dalyston 1.4 4.7 5.10 7.14 (56)
Kor-Bena 0.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 (6)

GOALS, Dalyston: J Hughes 3, R Brinkman 2, N Shepherd, T Humphris 1 each
BEST: R Brinkman, T Humphris, J Hughes, H Howell, L McNally, B Anderson
GOALS, Kor-Bena: M Fowles 1
BEST: J Kirkbride, B Fowles, K McGuinness, N Belvedere, M Fowles, C De Grandi

FOURTHS

Dalyston 2.0 3.0 4.0 4.0 (24)
Kor-Bena 1.2 2.5 3.7 4.9 (33)

GOALS, Dalyston: A Benetti 2, R Pickard, Z Hughes 1 each
BEST: R Humphris, Z Hughes, J Morgan, L Franks, J Hynes, B Munro
GOALS, Kor-Bena: C Hansch 3, B Wrigley 1
BEST: E Belvedere, C Hansch, L Griffin-Currie, R Wyhoon, J Kennedy, R Skeen

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SENIORS
Warragul Ind 12.14.86 d Koo Wee Rup 12.12.84

RESERVES
Koo Wee Rup 17.15.117 d Warragul Ind 0.4.4

THIRDS
Koo Wee Rup 11.9.75 d Warragul Ind 6.12.48

FOURTHS
Warragul Ind 11.15.81 d Koo Wee Rup 1.2.8

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 11

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	10	0	284.72	40
Tooradin-Dal	9	1	140.03	36
Warragul Ind	7	3	97.53	28
Phillip Island	6	4	132.50	24
Cora Lynn	6	3	129.91	24
Inverloch-K	5	5	92.23	20
Kilcunda Bass	4	6	93.16	16
Koo Wee Rup	3	8	79.69	12
Kor-Bena	2	8	64.54	8
Garfield	2	8	60.07	8
Dalyston	1	9	52.97	4

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Nathan Gardiner (Cora Lynn)	44
Dermott Yawney (Nar Nar Goon)	40
Billy Taylor (Phillip Island)	27

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Tooradin-Dal	9	1	409.18	36
Nar Nar Goon	8	2	281.94	32
Inverloch-K	8	2	269.69	32
Cora Lynn	7	2	192.36	28
Phillip Island	6	4	203.27	24
Koo Wee Rup	5	6	85.74	20
Garfield	4	6	73.77	16
Kor-Bena	4	6	51.12	16
Kilcunda Bass	2	8	36.30	8
Warragul Ind	1	9	29.85	4
Dalyston	1	9	28.81	4

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Anthony Mirauta (Tooradin-Dal)	22
Rem Dal Pozzo (Inverloch-K)	21
Brady Ross (Phillip Island)	17

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av
Phillip Island	8	1	232.31	3.56
Nar Nar Goon	7	2	207.59	3.11
Inverloch-K	6	2	265.08	2.89
Tooradin-Dal	6	3	112.97	2.67
Warragul Ind	5	4	129.25	2.22
Koo Wee Rup	5	4	155.70	2.20
Garfield	3	6	76.91	1.33
Dalyston	3	6	71.18	1.33
Kor-Bena	1	8	19.39	0.44
Cora Lynn	0	8	19.20	0.00
Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Oliver Duggan (Phillip Island)	22
Augustus Finsterer (Inverloch-K)	20

FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Warragul Ind	8	1	471.28	3.56
Nar Nar Goon	8	2	209.84	3.20
Inverloch-K	7	2	194.74	3.11
Tooradin-Dal	6	3	186.24	2.67
Kilcunda Bass	5	4	92.46	2.22
Phillip Island	4	5	174.91	1.78
Koo Wee Rup	4	6	35.47	1.60
Kor-Bena	3	6	59.60	1.33
Dalyston	1	8	34.57	0.44
Garfield	0	9	10.48	0.00
Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Ky Bannister (Warragul Ind)	25
Sam O'Garey (Phillip Island)	21
Evan Loomes (Nar Nar Goon)	17

Youngest-ever Power side no match for Warragul

James Harrison (Warragul) and Ryan Sparkes (Wonthaggi) tussle for the ball. Photo: The Warragul & Drouin Gazette.

WONTHAGGI'S injury-ravaged playing stocks took a further hit with backmen Shannon Bray and Isaac Chugg unable to take the field in Warragul, and while Power's available personnel gave their all, the Gulls had control of the contest throughout against the youngest Senior side Power has ever fielded.

With 13 Senior players out of action, Wonthaggi had a couple of 17-year-olds in its team, Jasper Shone having become a fixture in the ruck this season, while Jayden Burns made his Senior debut.

Such was the inexperience of the Power outfit, Warragul was able to maintain control of the game during a 15-minute period in which Wonthaggi held a numerical advantage onfield after

By Andrew Paloczi

Gull Isaac Wallace was shown a yellow card during the second quarter for striking opponent Ryan Sparkes in the stomach.

That incident was captured clearly in the match-day footage.

While Power appeared set to take advantage of having an extra man, with pinpoint delivery from Kyle Yann to Kaj Patterson setting up a Wonthaggi goal soon after the send-off, Warragul hit back late in the term while still a player short.

The Gulls booted three goals in time on to soar to a 33-point halftime lead and were never threatened thereafter.

Patterson finished the match as Power's only multiple-goal scorer, kicking a couple, while

Yann was named Wonthaggi's best ahead of talented other young players Noah Anderson and Hunter Tiziani.

Wonthaggi's football director Stuart Gilmour was delighted with Yann's game.

"Kyle played inside mid and his contested footy was really good," Gilmour said, praising Yann's clean ball use, energetic approach and versatility in being able to also contribute strongly on the outside when needed, all that aged just 21.

While not listed in the beaten side's best, Kyle Reid worked stoically in an under-siege backline and skipper Josh Bates gave his all around the ball, Reid unfortunately receiving a yellow card late in the second quarter for rough conduct.

Although Jakeb Thomas, Fergus O'Connor and Tom Murray are out for the season, encouragingly, for Wonthaggi Aiden Lindsay is back on the training track after tearing his quad in the opening round and Jack Blair is expected back in action in the not-too-distant future after some health challenges.

The latest absences were forced by Chugg straining his hamstring against Moe and Bray dealing with a sciatica issue.

With the Power side taking on Warragul, having an average age around 21 years, the experience young players are getting will no doubt prove beneficial down the track.

Tom Hobbs was excellent for the victorious Gulls, his skill and physicality evident wherever

he was on the ground, and he finished with a couple of majors to his name.

He was only behind Sean Masterson on Warragul's best players list, while strong-marking Jordan Stewart topped the winning side's goal-kicking returns with four majors, one ahead of Brayden Fowler.

Wonthaggi is back on home turf this Saturday against Maffra, a side Power accounted for by 29 points in Round 2, but the Eagles arrive full of confidence after a thumping 81-point win over Sale.

Power currently sits fourth on the ladder, just a win ahead of Morwell and Warragul, setting up an intriguing encounter between the Tigers and the Gulls at Morwell Recreation Reserve.



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