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A petition, sponsored by the Member for Eastern Victoria, Dr Renee Heath, and signed by more than 4000 people, calling on the State Government "to immediately rescind the decision to retrospectively blight the properties of hundreds of owners in the Wonthaggi North-East Precinct Structure Plan locality with the newly introduced Environmental Audit Overlay" appears to have had some impact.

OVERLAY BACKFLIP

- Minister mops up Wonthaggi planning mess

IN THE face of mounting pressure on the floor of the State Parliament, and in the community last week, the State Planning Minister Sonya Kilkenny has taken an unprecedented step to clean up Wonthaggi's planning overlay mess.

In a statement released through Bass MP Jordan Crugnale, the Minister has undertaken to introduce a rolling series of amendments to the Bass Coast Shire Planning Scheme, removing the highly-restrictive Environmental Audit Overlays (EAOs) from 627 blocks of land as soon as they clear the Preliminary Risk Screen Assessment (PRSA) process.

Last Friday, June 21, the first of these amendments, 'Planning Scheme

Amendment C167basic', was published in the Government Gazette under the signature of David Kirkland, Acting Director, State Planning Services Department of Transport and Planning, removing the EAOs from 115 blocks of privately owned land, principally in the Parklands Estate.

They included 28 residential lots (formerly known as 173 Wentworth Road), 80 lots in Stage 5 of the Parklands Estate and seven lots in the Powlett Ridge Estate.

While the developer of the Parklands Estate, Parklea, commissioned most of these assessments, in an effort to get building projects moving again,

assessments on a further 517 established homes and titled blocks have been carried out by environmental consultants PRENSA on behalf of the Bass Coast Shire Council.

The shire has previously stated the PRENSA report will be available by the end of June, clearing the way for a further government-sponsored amendment to remove the blight from affected titles.

A spokesperson for the Wonthaggi Residents Affected by the Environmental Overlay Action Committee, Helen Povall, said the group was frankly surprised by how quickly the government had moved to remove the overlays.

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Korumburra Hospital's next chapter discussed

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service (GSHS), which runs the Korumburra and Leongatha hospitals, wants community members to help guide its future direction, with last Thursday's open board meeting at the Korumburra Italian Social Club a starting point.

A small group will be formed, enabling community members to work with the GSHS board and executive management to look at future services at the Korumburra campus.

Around 50 people attended the Thursday session, including South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor Clare Williams, councillors, board members and locals.

They heard an update on GSHS's progress towards achieving its strategic priorities and general information regarding the expected shake-up of the State's health system.

As previously reported, there has been media speculation the State's 76 health services could be merged into just 12, six in Melbourne and the rest in regional areas, with the possibility of the 11 Gippsland health services being condensed into one.

Attendees at Thursday's session learned nothing new on that front, hearing the government is yet to reveal its plans.

Instead, the discussion centred on possible changes to GSHS, with one topic being the prospect of reducing duplication of services between the nearby Leongatha and Korumburra hospitals.

An audience member expressed the view that for such an approach to work, better transport options will need to be put in place for those travelling between the two towns for treatment.

Some expressed concerns about possible downgrades in services at Korumburra Hospital but heard that the intention is to optimise the Korumburra site and ensure the services of Korumburra and Leongatha hospitals complement each other.

GSHS CEO Lou Sparkes said those at the service recognise the significance of the



Gippsland Southern Health Service CEO Lou Sparkes and Board chair Athina Georgiou at Thursday's open board meeting in Korumburra. A13_2624

health service review and are contributing to the process.

"We want to be proactive and we want to involve the community," she said.

"We are particularly advocating for a focus on care closer to home and equity for rural Victorians, and making sure that all rural facilities are being used at their optimal levels.

"We have been assured those local hospitals will be retained along with local leadership and community advisory committees and we aim to represent what the community wants to see at Korumburra."

Ms Sparkes reflected after the community meeting that most questions related to how GSHS can optimise the use of the Korumburra campus.

She spoke of the need to ensure innovation is positive and the focus on quality and safety is retained while making sure Korumburra has a point of difference and the two GSHS hospital campuses aren't duplicating services.

The Victorian Healthcare Association (VHA) this month urged the Victorian Government to provide clarity on the timelines and evidence underpinning any major reforms to

the structure of the Victorian public healthcare sector.

VHA stressed the need for that clarity, given weeks of media reports that the government is considering a consolidation of the State's public health services.

In 2023, the Department of Health commissioned an independent Expert Advisory Committee to review the design of Victoria's system of public health services and develop a proposal for governance reform, VHA explained.

The Committee was given responsibility for creating a Health Services Plan, outlining options for how the State's public health services should be structured.

In late March, health service operators heard of the possibility of strengthened partnerships and consolidations.

"The Victorian public healthcare sector deserves to know where this reform is heading and what it will mean for patients moving through the State's healthcare system," VHA CEO Leigh Clarke said, adding the current uncertainty is creating angst for health service staff and the communities they serve.

Ms Clarke noted that whatever approach to health

services reform the government takes, and the chosen governance model, it must ensure sufficient investment into the system to support required change, stating the additional funding required will be above that outlined in this year's Victorian State Budget.

She emphasised the fact reform must not compromise the high standard of care Victorian patients deserve and expect, and that patients cannot be expected to unreasonably travel further for care at their own expense.

VHA acknowledges that Victoria has a uniquely high number of health services and boards, with NSW having just 15.

As well as CEO Sparkes, attendees at Thursday's Korumburra session heard from GSHS Board chair Athina Georgiou and other board members.

They learned that a strategic plan performance review illustrated that GSHS is meeting its targets for the year across the organisation and remains in a solid financial position.

Priorities for the year in delivering services include enhanced home-based and virtual care, providing a medical model that offers acute care across the health service, increased surgery volume, expanded scope of services and improving equitable access to healthcare and wellbeing.

Accreditation, strong governance and achieving operational efficiencies are other important aims for GSHS, as is the Best Care framework in partnership with staff and consumers.

Ms Georgiou noted it is important for the community to let those in charge of the local health service know what they should and shouldn't be considering, saying it has got to be a partnership between GSHS and the community.

Questions, feedback and expressions of interest in joining the community group can be sent to Rebecca.Shaw@gshs.com.au

GSHS hopes to hold a similar open-access board meeting in Leongatha in the near future.

Overlay backflip

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"Obviously, there's still a long way to go and our job's not done until every last one of these overlays is removed, and that includes the ones outside the north-east precinct, mainly in Regency Drive," Ms Povall said.

"We were initially told it could take up to 18 months to get these overlays removed from titles, so this is good news. There's clearly been a significant shift in the government's thinking on this.

"What caused it, we don't know but to see a change like that overnight is surprising. They're following due process in assessing the land and there's a commitment now to remove the EAOs straightaway by government amendment.

"Of course, it never should have happened but they're removing them now and we'll take that," Ms Povall said.

It's likely that the efforts of local MP Jordan Crugnale, working behind the scenes, and also raising the issue on the floor of the parliament last week had a significant impact on the government, but the Liberals and Nationals are also claiming some of the credit.

In a media release last Friday, headed "Liberals and Nationals secure partial backflip on Labor's harmful Wonthaggi planning overlay but others left in limbo", Shadow Spokesman for Planning, James Newbury, said that "after hurting hundreds of hardworking families in Wonthaggi for months, the Allan Labor Government has partially backflipped on their own earlier decision and removed a mistaken Environmental Audit Overlay".

After providing the background of the issue, including that the overlays were retrospectively added to titles on January 18 this year, without the knowledge of homeowners and building block owners, Mr Newbury said the government had finally been shamed into acting.

"After causing months of pain and uncertainty for local residents with a false claim that this land was contaminated, Labor has today admitted they got it wrong.

"But instead of properly fixing their own mistake, the Allan Labor Government is ripping the band-aid off slowly, only removing the overlay from some properties."

Ms Crugnale said the intent is to go further. "As the PRSAs come in and are cleared, the Minister will continue to expedite the EAO removal through this proper process," Ms Crugnale said last week.

Also placing pressure on the government to act, a full five months after introducing the overlays, against the advice of the local council, was a petition tabled in the Legislative Council by Eastern Victoria MLC Dr Renee Heath. With a hard copy of the petition signed by 2264 people and 2050 signing an online petition, the subject of Wonthaggi's planning fiasco qualifies for a debate in parliament on Wednesday of the next sitting week.

By then it's likely that most, if not all, of the EAOs will have been removed but there's still the question of what the process has cost the Bass Coast Shire Council, \$41,020 plus GST for the PRENSA contract alone, and what it has cost the affected residents.

On that score, Maddens Lawyers is seeking contact with property owners impacted by the imposition of an Environmental Audit Overlay as a precursor to launching a class action.

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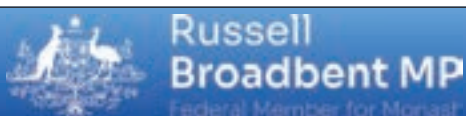


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IN BRIEF

Regional Conference
of South Gippsland
Garden Groups

WELSHPOOL and District Horticultural Society is pleased to be hosting the 2024 Regional Conference of South Gippsland Garden Groups on Saturday July 6 at the Welshpool Memorial Hall, commencing at 10 am.

Members of Regional Garden Clubs and other interested members of the public are warmly invited to attend what promises to be a fantastic day and includes special guest speaker Stephen Ryan from ABC's Gardening Australia and proprietor of the Dicksonia rare and unusual plant nursery. Stephen will give a presentation and answer questions, during the event which will also see a plant and produce stall and a raffle take place.

Attendees are requested to bring their own lunch and a plate to share for afternoon tea, morning tea will be provided.

Any enquiries can be directed to Welshpool Club's president Prue Fleming on 0418 775 717 or at pruefleming@bigpond.com or secretary Tom Reakes on 0429 966 002 or reakes@skymesh.com.au.

Korumburra artist
takes win in art show

KORUMBURRA'S Fiona Bilbrough has taken out the "Best In Show" award at the Camberwell Rotary Art Show 2024 for her work My Sweet Maraposa. Tune in to the next edition for the full story.

Phillip Island Leisure
Centre wins top honour

PHILLIP Island Leisure Centre took out the top honours as Facility Management of the Year of its category in the 2024 Aquatic and Recreation Victoria (ARV) Awards announced at Melbourne Park on Friday, June 21.

PILC is managed by YMCA Victoria (the Y) on behalf of Bass Coast Shire Council. The centre offers inclusive programming for all ages plus youth programs both from the centre and via its partner site YES Youth Hub.

The Y's Bass Coast Area Manager Rebecca Wilson thanked the Y team and Council for the ongoing support that makes PILC a standout performer in the industry for its commitment to community wellbeing.

"As a not-for-profit the Y invests funds directly back into the Bass community and we respond to what our community tells us they need.

"Our health and wellness programs, gymnastics programs for those experiencing disadvantage and a free meal, food pantry and laundry for young people at risk of homelessness are examples of how we deliver impact where it's needed," Rebecca said.

Responding to community needs pays off. The decision to transform gym access to 24/7 in 2023 to enable shift workers and those needing a quieter

time to exercise led to a 35 per cent jump in memberships.

Overlay cost to Council

LOCAL resident, John Kuzma, has expressed concern to council about how much the Environmental Audit Overlay problem at Wonthaggi is costing ratepayers.

Council responded saying it has commissioned an environmental auditor to carry out the initial assessment work at a cost to Council of \$41,020 + GST.

And that doesn't include the all-of-council effort to respond to this top-priority response project.

Passivhaus not
our problem

A LOCAL resident has questioned the Bass Coast Council over the fact that the shire's Berninnet Cultural Centre has failed its Passivhaus test and whether it will pass the test before June 30, 2024.

Not our problem, they say. "The builder's contract includes clauses to ensure the building meets Passivhaus certification. The builder is currently undertaking the necessary work to achieve certification," said council during question time last week.

No need for prayer,
they say

IT'S been some time since the Lord's Prayer was removed from the Bass Coast Shire Council's meeting preamble but the change still rankles with local church groups.

Last week, Karen Thorp from The Wonthaggi and Inverloch Inter Church Council, asked council to please explain.

"The Wonthaggi and Inverloch Inter Church Council is concerned about the removal of The Lord's Prayer from Bass Coast council meetings. Knowing Australian laws and principles are deeply rooted in the word of God, we seek clarification on when this decision was made and the reasons behind it?"

Response: "The Lord's Prayer was removed from the order of business at Council meetings in 2014. It is not a requirement of the Local Government Act to be included in meeting proceedings."

Bells only cost us \$4724

IT SEEMS the Bass Coast Shire Council practically made a profit on the mysterious return of the 'Harmony Bells' to the Cowes Cultural Centre.

Writing to the council last week, council watcher Mal Pinkerton wanted to know how it came about.

"This project re-instated the Harmony Bells to their location in Cowes, Phillip Island by internationally renowned artist Dr Anton Hassell. The bells were originally installed at the Cowes Cultural Centre in 2012 by Council and were then stolen and recovered in 2021.

"The bells have been refurbished by the artist and returned

to cultural centre, Berninnet, in Cowes on June 5, 2024, funded by insurance cover for the artworks (\$39,000) and Council funding (\$4,724.50)."

Truckloads of
sports action

DESPITE its huge population of sports-loving residents, there's only limited indication that Phillip Island will get its long-promised sporting and aquatic centre anytime soon.

Kym Lightfoot wrote to council last week asking why truckloads of soil were being delivered to the 'Carnival Site' at Cowes when there had been no announcement about the sports precinct project going ahead.

"Council is preparing to carry out some revegetation work on the site in conjunction with Bass Coast Landcare. In preparation for these works Council has had mulch delivered to the site."

Lessons from
overlay fiasco

Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association representative, Kevin Griffin, asked council last week what lessons there were to be learned, as indicated by shire CEO Greg Box, from the "disgraceful" Environmental Audit Overlay episode.

Mr Box didn't say what the lessons were, except to say "Council's highest priority and focus continues to be in the interest of the residents and landowners by having the EAO obligations fulfilled, and overlay removed".

What about the
old Cowes' CFA?

THE Bass Coast Shire Council committed \$173,745 to the refurbishment of the old Cowes CFA but according to council watcher Mal Pinkerton, only \$46,880 has been spent to date.

He asked council last week when the project would be completed.

"This project is to undertake minor works to allow user groups to operate at the CFA Building. The completion date for the CFA Building is the end of June 2024."

Council issued
2044 parking fines

IN THE 11 months to May 31, 2024, the Bass Coast Shire Council has issued 2044 parking fines totalling \$200,000.

The issue of the fines was raised in a question to council last week by Terry Parkin.

Road widening on
Phillip Island

LOCAL resident Philip Davy is interested to know if the Bass Coast Council is aware that the Department of Transport has requested a 40 metre zone within farmland, on the Swan Bay side of Phillip Island Road for future road widening.

In a question to council last

week he asked what the proposed timeframe was for construction of the new roadway.

"The Department of Transport has not proposed a timeframe for the future widening of Phillip Island Road," according to council.

Dalyston project
not on shire land

PLANS to develop an "unusable paddock" at Dalyston for use as a carpark, walking trail, playground and the planting of 100s of trees fell on deaf ears at the Bass Coast Council meeting last week.

In answer to a question from an interested local resident, the council simply said it wasn't responsible for the nominated site which is Crown Land.

"Council has received an application to amend a Development Plan. Crown Land is owned by the State and as such any development proposed on Crown Land requires approval from the State Government."

Road widening at
Grayden Reserve?

A LOCAL resident has queried whether the Bass Coast Shire Council has the cart before the horse in asking for submissions on the future of Grayden Reserve when at least part of the reserve might be needed for road widening.

Philip Davy raised his concerns that Vicroads' Integrated Transport Strategy might recommend the compulsory acquisition of part of the reserve in a question to council.

"Council is engaging on a local level skate park and play-space. The footprint of any development does not impact the road reserve or the ability for future road upgrade works."

Cowes' EV
charging fixed now

THE Electric Vehicle Charging Station at the Transit Centre in Cowes are a well-used facility but last week they were on the blink.

What happened? asked a local resident in question time.

"Council received a report of issues with the charging stations on Friday afternoon, June 14. The contractor attended at the earliest available time, on Monday June 17 and found that a blown fuse caused the outage. The EV charger has been repaired and an additional charging station in the same carpark is set to come online soon."

Only \$25,000
more to be paid

APART from addressing the Passivhaus accreditation, and one or two other outstanding fix-ups, just \$25,000 remains to be paid to the builders on the \$31M Berninnet project.

The council provided this update in answer to a question from council watcher Graham Jolly.

BCF, Forty Winks to transform the old Bunnings site

CONSTRUCTION is set to begin in July at the old Bunnings site on the corner of McKenzie Street and Korumburra Road in Wonthaggi.

The green shed will make way for four new large retail spaces according to MPG Funds Management, the owners of the site with Super Cheap Auto, BCF, Forty Winks and Choice Discount Variety set to move in.

It's an exciting and significant milestone for MPG with Bass Coast Shire Council also approving a car park expansion that will bring the total number of car spaces to 109. Accessible parking spaces and dedicated bike parking areas will also be included, ensuring convenience and accessibility for all visitors.

Brett Gorman, Managing Director of MPG Funds Management, recently provided an update to the investors of the MPG Hardware Trust regarding the plans.

"We are thrilled to share that we have successfully leased the former Bunnings space," said Gorman.

"Our leasing partners at Leedwell received a number of offers, and we are pleased to confirm agreements with Super Cheap Auto, BCF, Forty Winks, and Choice Discount Variety. We anticipate that



Super Cheap Auto, Forty Winks, BCF and Choice Discount Variety are set to call the former Bunnings site home later this year. C02_2624

these new tenants will commence trading late 2024 / early 2025."

Gorman expressed his satisfaction with the tender process, announcing the appointment of Insitu Group to complete the construction works.

The new large format spaces will total approximately 3624

sqm gross lettable area with MPG excited that the expansion will provide more options for retailers and enhance the shopping experience for the community.

Both Super Cheap Auto and BCF are part of the ASX listed Super Retail Group, a highly reputable company with a

market capitalisation of over \$3.08 billion.

MPG Funds Management has proudly taken a hands-on approach to managing the entire redevelopment process in-house with this strategic partnership further strengthening the retail offering at the redeveloped site.

Why Whelan wouldn't withdraw climate change words

IN A CLASSIC case of wedge politics, as the Bass Coast Shire Council enters the "silly season" ahead of the next council elections in October, Cr Michael Whelan and Cr Rochelle Halstead clashed last Wednesday over the setting up of a private company to initiate conservation and climate change initiatives.

Cr Halstead said council had invested significant ratepayer funds in the name of addressing climate change, but with the setting up of an environment fund, as a company outside council, that pendulum of supporting climate change causes might have swung too far.

"I am mindful that we're living in an urban environment with a population who are requiring infrastructure and services and sometimes I feel like there's so much focus on the climate change argument that we're neglecting those areas," Cr Halstead said.

"I will support it (The Environment Fund) but only based on the fact that there's no impact on our budget."

Cr Ron Bauer went further saying the venture was a philanthropic dream, and while potentially worthwhile, it wasn't something ratepayers' funds should be used for.

Cr Whelan wasn't well pleased about the opposition.

"If anyone doesn't feel that climate change is something that's worthy of our consideration and investment I invite them to come along and meet with some of the residents of Woodland Avenue in Silverleaves and see what climate change is all about..."

Cr Halstead raised a point of order claiming that in contravention of 54.6.4 of the Code of Conduct, Cr Whelan was seeking to embarrass some other councillors by saying they didn't support climate change.

However, despite being invited by the chair Cr Clare Le Serve to reword his statement, Cr Whelan denied using those words, wouldn't withdraw and continued on.

"I won't be withdrawing anything," he said, saying climate change was a major cost driver for council, especially with the erosion in certain coastal areas and had been acknowledged regionally as likely to have one of the biggest impacts on costs going forward.

There is no guarantee that the private Environment Fund, sponsored by the Bass Coast Shire Council, will actually address coastal erosion, biolinks or any other environmental issue in the shire.

Dishonest footy coach gets 30 months jail

A FORMER local football coach who used his position of authority and trust to defraud teammates and business partners of more than \$700,000, to fuel a pathological gambling disorder, was sentenced to two years and six months' jail in the Melbourne County Court last Thursday, June 20.

He will serve a minimum of one year and four months, allowing time for mental health treatment on supervised release.

There was also an order that he pay compensation of \$545,633.

The court heard that Dean Pipicelli, 56, formerly of Corinnella, was an assistant coach at the Stony Creek Football Netball Club, and then senior coach at Kilcunda-Bass, in 2019 and 2020, when he persuaded teammates to invest in a Ponzi-style scheme involving the purchase and resale of timber supplies.

He also defrauded his business partner in a timber supply company they co-founded, "violating her trust", and stealing a total of \$333,633 from her and her husband, "significantly eroding their life savings" and leaving them feeling hurt and psychologically impacted by the incident.

While considering the mitigating factors, including pleas of guilty, no prior offending, and demonstrated prospects for rehabilitation, Judge Richard Maidment said the evidence did not identify a sufficient nexus between Pipicelli's mental impairments and the "persistent and calculated duplicity" of the crimes.

He said the start of the gambling problems post-dated the beginning of the offending and noted that there was no realistic prospect of Pipicelli reimbursing his victims any time in the

foreseeable future.

"Your offending conduct, extending as it did for more than 12 months, and involving victims from your own community, who respected and trusted you with their money, was a sustained and despicable breach of the trust reposed in you by those victims, by your community and by your own family. You let them all down," said Judge Maidment.

He said Pipicelli had ample opportunity to stop offending and seek help but continued to the point that his dishonesty was inevitably discovered.

"I accept that your offending was relatively unsophisticated, and was inevitably going to be discovered, but you had ample opportunity to reflect on the nature and extent of your criminal conduct while offending. But you persisted in the face of full understanding of what you were

doing and from whom you were obtaining your ill-gotten gains."

Resulting in one of the nine charges, Pipicelli fraudulently received \$142,000 in equal instalments from one football friend, supposed to go towards the purchase of timber packs for resale. However, unlike some of the other transactions with football friends, where some money was returned, Pipicelli stole the full amount.

Having been shunned by his father, his siblings, his former wife, children and community, the court heard that Pipicelli had made a number of attempts on his own life, with his only saving grace being a Good Samaritan local business operator who gave Pipicelli a place to live and work while he waited for the case to go to court.

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Cr Clare Le Serve

HELLO everyone
I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits.

Council Candidates

As many of you will know, Council has held a range of sessions to inspire new candidates into Council. There are some remaining sessions being run through the Municipal Association of Victoria in both Leongatha and Morwell. I encourage and welcome all residents and especially more women who are considering standing for Council. If you're interested, I'm more than happy to have a chat. My inbox is open.

Gathering Place and NAIDOC Week

Last week I, along with Cr Rooks and Cr Ellis and our CEO Greg Box, attended the Bass Coast First Nations Community Yarn being run by the Bass Coast Gathering Place Steering Committee and Partnership Group held at the Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club. This was a valuable opportunity to learn about the Gathering Place project and also to hear from representatives of the First Peoples Assembly of Victoria, the Elders Voice Group and the Yoorrook Justice Commission.

It was a real milestone for us, filled with moments that reminded us why we believe so strongly in the power of community. Of course, while you are reading this message, it is only a few days to NAIDOC week. We have many events in the region, and I'd encourage everyone to get involved.

Whale Festival

I am very excited about the Whale Festival this week. Mark your calendars for this annual event on July 5th which promises to be a celebration of our coastal heritage and a testament to our commitment to environmental conservation. The program is jam packed with activities for all ages to enjoy!

Vietnam Veterans Museum

We had great news last week that the Vietnam Veterans Museum will proceed. Personally, I have donated some items for the museum, including my brother's uniform and other valuable possessions, to our esteemed veterans. This decision from The Minister for Planning to allow this museum to proceed has wide community support and is a testament to our community's spirit and commitment to honouring our veterans' sacrifices.

Business Support

Our business team continues to deliver support for locals with initiatives like "Meet the Maker" – hop onto our website and grab yourself some tickets.

It's a 'balanced budget', they say

AT LAST Wednesday's Council Meeting, Bass Coast Shire Council endorsed its 2024/2025 Budget.

It was termed "a balanced budget" by council explaining that it "maintains affordable and stable revenue sources and manages capital efficiently".

"Importantly, it delivers on the needs of our growing community by maintaining, enhancing and expanding Council's asset base. Through prudent management and increased efficiencies, Council will sustain its level of service to the community and maintain rates within the State Government rate cap of 2.75 per cent."

Bass Coast Mayor Clare Le Serve said Council had worked hard to deliver a responsible budget for the next financial year in the face of the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, increasing expenses and inflation across all sectors of the community.

"This is a conservative and responsible budget given the current economic climate, which is placing an

additional financial burden on the greater community and stretching households beyond their means," Cr Le Serve said.

"Council has not been immune to rising costs, but we have responded to economic headwinds by continually seeking efficiencies in the way we operate to minimise the impact on ratepayers."

"The forward indicators confirm that under this budget, Bass Coast's financial position will remain sound with ongoing operating surpluses and important investment in capital works."

The budget provides for a total expenditure of \$105.2 million, including \$24.1 million on capital works. It projects an operating surplus of \$3.16 million, with a small underlying deficit of \$49,000 attributed to increasing expenses, which are sitting at levels well above the State Government mandated rate cap of 2.75 per cent and declining non-rates income growth.

Amongst Council's investment in capital works is

improved community access to new tracks and trails across Bass Coast, sporting field upgrades, and the renewal of council buildings, bridges and roads.

The budget also includes \$13.4 million to improve our network of roads and pathways, \$10.9 million for leisure and recreation facilities, and \$8.1 million for upgrades to community facilities.

Cr Le Serve said Bass Coast was one of Victoria's fastest-growing regions and had experienced population growth of almost 2.2 per cent in the past year.

"As well as the many people who call Bass Coast home, our region continues to be one of the most loved holiday and tourist destinations in the country," she said.

"We attract a growing number of visitors and holiday-makers each year so it is important that Council invests adequately in tourism and community facilities that will serve generations to come."

"We will continue to advocate the State and Federal

governments for support to deliver major intergenerational capital projects well into the future."

Cr Le Serve said Council remained committed to the environment; building community resilience against the impacts of climate change and a collective response to reduce emissions.

"Continuing our organics bin for the disposal of household food waste is invaluable. This initiative has enabled Bass Coast to divert more than three-quarters of its waste from landfill – a sector-leading achievement of which we are very proud," she said.

"We will also provide public electric vehicle fast-charging stations across the shire, prioritise council fleet EV charging stations, and will deliver up to \$40,000 funding for climate action projects a year in the community grants program this coming year."

For more details about the Bass Coast Shire Council 2024/2025 Budget, go to the shire's website.

It's a question of how much for climate change

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has just adopted a \$105.2 million budget for the coming financial year.

It has done so against a backdrop of tight finances, new borrowings of \$5.925 million (total \$28.8M), interest costs of almost \$1 million a year and a government-imposed rate cap of 2.75 per cent.

Cr Brett Tessari acknowledged this when he congratulated chief financial officer David Filmalter and his team on preparing the budget in a tough environment with councillors making bids for works and services in their wards.

"And you've got the State Government doing more and more cost-shifting with the tighter rate cap that doesn't even cover annual growth," said Cr Tessari.

Notwithstanding the constraints, the Bass Coast Council has committed a further \$1 million to climate change initiatives "that will support its objective of having zero net emissions by

2030". They include:

- Continuation of the sector-leading waste collection system which includes the use of an organics bin for the disposal of household food waste. This initiative has enabled Bass Coast to divert more than three-quarters of its waste from landfill, which is a sector-leading outcome.
- Delivering public electric vehicle fast-charging stations across the Shire, in Grantville, Newhaven, Wonthaggi, and Inverloch.
- Delivering Council fleet electric vehicle charging stations, to support the uptake of electric vehicles within Council.
- Updating Bass Coast's Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) Policy, aligning the Council's building and infrastructure projects with its net zero by 2030 target, and training staff responsible for implementation.
- Delivering a climate resilience toolkit and campaign, that supports emissions

reduction and adaptation across Bass Coast.

- Continuing to upgrade the energy efficiency and solar coverage at Council facilities, by acting on recommendations from energy audits across our sites.
- Continuing to deliver the Biolinks program, which provides significant carbon drawdown and habitat enhancement outcomes.
- Improving the pedestrian-friendly aspects of our townships through the Footpaths Gaps program.
- Providing the agricultural sector with a land management rebate that supports active land management practices of farmers to eradicate noxious plants and weeds, mitigate soil erosion and reduce the impact of wildlife on land.
- Delivering the Urban Forest Strategy, and key actions to support it.
- Delivering significant coastal erosion management, including detailed monitoring and grant-funded projects.

Question time

At last week's council meeting, council watcher Graham Jolly asked what measurable benefit to Climate Change the council has achieved so far.

Response: "Since the Climate Change Action Plan was adopted, Council's investment in climate action has delivered measurable benefits to our region including:

- Partnering with 50 other councils to source affordable electricity from 100 per cent renewable energy – this has reduced emissions by 260,000 tonnes of CO2e per year.
- Planting over one million native trees in partnership with local farmers, volunteers and Bass Coast Landcare Network.
- Installing an extra 235kW of solar PV.

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Consultation fails to impact budget

THE Bass Coast Shire Council's draft budget for 2024-25, detailing \$105.2 million in expenditure, has sailed through council virtually without alteration.

There have certainly been no changes driven by community feedback which included eight written submissions and suggestions offered at four community engagement sessions at Grantville, Cowes, Wonthaggi and Inverloch.

Several councillors at last Wednesday's meeting, including the mover of the motion, Cr David Rooks, thanked the community for its input saying that everyone having their say "leads to a really good outcome", but few of the councillors could say what changes had been made as a result.

Among the submissions made:

- Frank Schooneveldt expressed concern that not enough money was going towards fixing open drains, paving roads and building footpaths for an expanding population, and also raised concerns about the shire's debt levels, especially the value in paying back principal as well as interest. He claimed there was also a \$2 million mistake in the budget.
- Troy Ross wanted council



Crs Ellis, Laing and Bauer join the rest of the Bass Coast Shire Council in endorsing the new council budget effectively unchanged from the draft despite considerable community feedback.

to contribute \$31,485 to the \$125,490 cost of works at Smiths Beach for the Woolamai Beach SLSC. It wasn't supported in the approved budget.

- David Leslie unsuccessfully petitioned council for \$15,830 towards the cost of car parking works at Bass Coast Adult Learning.
- The Phillip Island and District Historical Society, supported by the National Trust sought funds to continue heritage work outlined in the Heritage Gaps Review and Prioritisation Framework 2020/21 without success.
- Bill Cleeland called on council to increase the farm rate

differential, however, while the differential is currently set at 80 per cent of the Developed Land rate, council will review the apportionment of rates after the October 2024 council elections.

Changes to the budget

According to a 'Council Spokesperson': "No substantive changes were made to the draft budget because of the community submissions received. Summaries of the submissions received and Council's response to these are included within the attachment to the Council report."

The council spokesman detailed the changes made by council officers:

- Deferral of the \$650,000 Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve Upgrade Capital Project due to an unsuccessful grant application
- Revision to the Grantville Masterplan Transaction Centre delivery plan (funding of \$20,000 moved from capital to operational to increase Myli funding for this service). The remaining \$30,000 is reflected as a budget saving in 2024/25.
- Confirmation and finalisation of the rate in the dollar with a trifling adjustment.
- Confirmation and finalisation of statutory fees (set as part of the State budget) and adjustments to the EV charging station fees.

Mayor's chains: Now the report to police is missing

HAVING lost a \$50,000 set of gold chains worn at ceremonial occasions by the Mayor of the Borough of Wonthaggi, including former Victorian MP Alan Brown for three years, the Bass Coast Shire Council appears to have lost its report of the alleged theft to police.

At last Wednesday's council meeting, Inverloch resident Kevin Griffin asked during community question time if the council would make available "a complete and unedited copy of Council's written report of theft to Victoria Police".

In response, the shire CEO Greg Box said clearly: "A copy of the report has been attached to the back of the Council Minutes."

In fact, a copy of the council's report to police wasn't attached to the back of the Council Minutes.

What was included in the minutes was "VP Form L1 – Notice to the Victim", a police document dated October 10, 2018, listing the location of an unidentified incident as 76 McBride Avenue Wonthaggi, the council's address, but including few other details beyond the name of the investigating officer, Senior Constable Thomas Rynberk and the "principal victim" Noel McRae.

There is no mention of the missing items, whether they are believed stolen and when they went missing. Nothing.

Kevin Griffin says it's not good enough. "I previously asked for the police report, and they said they didn't have one, now this arrives," said Mr Griffin.

"This time I asked for the council's report to police, and they produced a police victim's statement."

"It's starting to assume the look of a cover-up."

"All we want to know is what happened and whether the matter was properly reported to police at the time, whether it was followed up and what became of the police investigation."

"It's a reasonable question to ask given the value and significance of the public property that was stolen," he said.



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Greener practices to promote tourism

IN partnership with Destination Gippsland and the Festival of Big Ideas, Bass Coast Shire Council hosted its Tourism and Green Economy event on Thursday night.

The event was well attended at Berninnet, with the highlight of the evening being the keynote speaker Barney Swan.

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

Mr Swan shared his perspective on sustainable development, as well as stories of personal leadership, the green economy and his practices in Far North Queensland.

"We have millions of visitors and have the potential of being a leading example of what green economy can look like for a region with industries, Traditional Owners, nonprofits and healthcare all working in harmony for that," he said.

Mr Swan inspired the audience with stories of his expedition in Antarctica.

He has had the opportunity to do a lot of interesting work in Antarctica, including skiing to the South Pole powered by renewable energy – a 64-day adventure he described as "humbling".



Bass Coast Shire Council's manager economic development Shannan Little, Cr David Rooks and founder of ClimateForce Barney Swan spoke at council's Tourism and Green Economy event on Thursday night.

He then inspired attendees with stories of his work in Far North Queensland, which includes the use of green technology and organic reforestation, and the ways to enhance sustainability practices into the future.

"So much of what we can do is to plant the seed and convince younger folks to be on that pathway," he said.

Councillor David Rooks launched the evening with a run-through of the local organisations and activities striving to protect the natural environment.

"We are lucky to live in a

region where our environment is so special and unique," he said.

"As a community, we have made a commitment to regenerate our land and connect with tourists. I believe there is a gap in the knowledge between how we care for our land and sharing this information, and the way tourists can get involved."

Cr Rooks said discussions had been underway with the Australian Grand Prix.

The Grand Prix attracts 90,000 people and in recent years a lot of work has gone into improving the emissions

put out by this event.

Cr Rooks also made note of council's contributions, including its Climate Action Plan 2020/2030 and its Bio-links Plan.

Council's manager of economic development Shannan Little spoke about Eco Destination Certification, a program that advises tourists that destinations are committed to sustainable practices and quality experiences in nature.

"The environmental and the natural world play such an important role in our visitor economy," he said.

"So many people come from all over the globe to see our flora and fauna. The Eco Destination Certification is a guarantee to travellers that our region is serious, and we are committed to the environment. It demonstrates that we've got high-quality experiences, accountability, and we are aware of our sustainability footprint, and we are looking to become more sustainable."

Mr Little congratulated Phillip Island Nature Parks and Wildlife Coast Cruises – two fantastic organisations that already have accreditation and are leading the way with their sustainability practices.



Love was in the air and on the ground when popular tourism business, Phillip Island Helicopters was flying and the service might be set to return.

Hopes high for Phillip Island Helicopters' return

WHEN a post went up on the Phillip Island Helicopters' Facebook page last Thursday, June 20, that the much-loved business was closing its doors, there was an outpouring of support and disappointment at the loss of an award-winning service.

"As we close the doors to our business, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to all our patrons who have experienced Phillip Island with us from above, for the past 19 years. The decision to close our doors has been a difficult one."

However, it has been reported that the notice was posted by disgruntled employees, on their way out the door, and the business has actually been sold to new owners and is set to come back, better than ever, in September this year.

As well as the tourism and joy ride business, there's also been talk about the service spreading its wings to make regular commercial flights to Essendon Fields.

Time will tell, but the intention is to reactivate the service, after an extended winter recess in September.



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South Gippsland Shire Council News

We want to hear from you!

South Gippsland Shire Council wants to hear your thoughts on the Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Plan.

As our region continues to grow and evolve, the effective management of waste becomes increasingly critical in order to preserve our environment and quality of life. Therefore, it is important Council plans the provision of waste services not just for the present but also for the foreseeable future.

The Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Plan incorporates the Victorian Government’s policy reforms around waste and recycling, including the compulsory introduction of new standardised service provision including a weekly food and organics collection service (FOGO), fortnightly

recycling collection, and the separate collection of glass for recycling.

There has been a growing recognition of the need to shift towards more sustainable practices when managing waste and this Draft Plan not only responds to environmental concerns but also to changing regulatory frameworks and community expectations.


Feedback on the Draft Waste and Recovery Plan is now open until Sunday 7 July.

To read the plan and provide your feedback, please visit:

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

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TENDERS

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

RFT/412 – South Gippsland Shire Council Technology Refresh

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Saturday 13 July 2024

RFT/216 – Teams Enterprise Voice Implementation

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 23 July 2024

Documentation is available from Council’s e-Tendering Portal www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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South Gippsland Shire Council set to lock in Budget for upcoming financial year

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council's Annual Budget for 2024/25, and Long Term Financial Plan for 2024/25 to 2033/34 are expected to be approved by councillors at Wednesday's June meeting, the proposed Budget document outlining a capital works program of just over \$36.3 million, an average rate rise of 2.75 per cent, and an underlying surplus of \$4.775 million.

The recommendation to approve the documents follows a period of community engagement during which people had their say on how their rates should be spent.

"The budget and financial plan provide long-term sustainability, and a framework for the incoming council to build upon, whilst introducing a number of new initiatives to meet community needs," council previously stated.

Those new initiatives include \$300,000 for building maintenance to address crucial maintenance needs and \$160,000 for roadside drainage maintenance spraying. \$70,000 has been allocated in the proposed Budget to plan for the impacts on South Gippsland Shire of the emerging renewable energy industry and to ensure the shire can take advantage of opportunities and mitigate risk.

The community engagement



After a community engagement period, councillors at South Gippsland Shire Council are expected to approve the Proposed Annual Budget for 2024/25, including \$36.3 million capital works program.

period ended in early May, with council receiving 11 written requests, largely through its Your Say platform, with nine online surveys completed through that site.

Footpaths were at the heart of several of those submissions, one expressing concerns relating to budgeting for the footpath extension program, while three others requested the allocation of funding to support footpath

extensions in Poowong, one citing safety concerns, particularly for those with a disability or with young families.

One of those calling for footpath improvements in Poowong rejected the allocation of funding in council's proposed Budget towards the Community Leadership Program (\$60,000) and the \$50,000 proposed allocation for a Memorandum of Understanding between council and

South Gippsland Landcare, intended to bolster land management efforts.

One submitter proposed a funded whole of community consultation for Sandy Point to determine current and future infrastructure needs, and a funded masterplan informed by the consultation.

Survey feedback related to matters such as the need for additional mental health support, and concerns that towns such as Venus Bay and Nyora are underrepresented in the proposed Budget.

Survey responses also included support for the Community Leadership Program and the intended Landcare Memorandum of Understanding, underlining the different views that exist on where council should be spending funds.

While support was expressed for the building maintenance initiative in the proposed Budget, someone called for \$50,000 intended to commence the implementation of outcomes from the Coal Creek Strategic Plan to be redirected toward road rehabilitation.

It will be interesting to see whether the range of community feedback provided influences Wednesday's Budget discussion, potentially leading to some changes to the final document.

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams



HELLO South Gippsland.

Taking opportunities to grow are extremely important at any age. I was pleased to see young people given a chance to do that at the Korumburra Careers Expo. With employers from a range of industries, including Council, students were able to explore what job they may want after school. Thank you to everyone who made this day such an important one for these students, and all the kids who came along with their minds open.

I also learnt more about the challenges being faced by our local hospitals when I attended the Gippsland Southern Health Service's Open Access Board Meeting on Thursday evening in Korumburra alongside Councillors Schelling and Davies. Reforms that are coming down through the Victorian Government have raised some concern, and it is key that we as community members learn about these and do what we can to support our vital health services.

Engagement opportunity

A Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Plan 2024-2034 has been released for public comment. This Draft covers off some important topics for our community, including upcoming changes from the Victorian Government regarding kerbside collections and how we can approach waste in a more sustainable way.

To read the Draft Plan and provide your feedback by Sunday, July 7, please visit: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Get out and about

Have the winter blues hit? Are you looking for more opportunities to get outside with your family? Why not do one of South Gippsland's picturesque walks?!

We live in such a beautiful part of Victoria, with countless walking paths and trails for you to enjoy. Regardless of your ideal length, there is likely a walk that will suit you. Some examples include:

- Point Smythe Walk – Venus Bay.
- Mount Woth State Park – Allambee.
- Grand Ridge Rail Trail – Mirboo North.
- Great Southern Rail Trail – Nyora to Yarram.

If you would like more information on any of these walks, please visit: www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au

Make sure your pet is registered

Got a new pet or have you forgotten to renew your pet registration? Here is your reminder to do it as soon as possible.

Lately, there have been lots of lost animals that have made their way into Council's care. Many of these haven't had a microchip, or haven't had correct details associated with the microchip. By having your animal registered with Council, you can be contacted as soon as your pet is picked up. It also helps Council provide a range of services and programs aligned with the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2022 - 2025.

You can register your pet any time by calling the Customer Service team on 5662 9200.

Great Southern Rail Trail grant to post signage, art and events

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council has been successful in securing a \$100,000 grant to enhance the status of the Great Southern Rail Trail as a leading tourist attraction for our region. The Rail Trail Activation Project is one of 27 projects to be funded under the Victorian Government's Council Support Package.

The Project will include the following elements:

- Public artwork at the South Gippsland Highway underpass at the Black Spur (Koonwarra) section of the Trail.
- Development and installation of interpretive signage at the Black Spur (Koonwarra) section of the Trail.

- Development and facilitation of a Trail brochure including interactive passport, stamps and map.
- A public event to promote and celebrate the Trail.

All projects are expected to be completed by June 30, 2026, aiming to deliver lasting benefits for residents and visitors, encouraging active living throughout the region.

The funding announcement was made by the Minister for Regional Development, Gayle Tierney, who emphasised the importance of investing in regional Victoria to increase economic activity and give people more reasons to visit and stay in our regional areas.



The visitor experience to the Great Southern Rail Trail will be enhanced thanks to a grant announced yesterday. Wellington Shire Council Mayor Ian Bye and South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor Clare Williams recently tested out the new 21-kilometre extension of the Great Southern Rail Trail.

Consultation continues for Woolamai-Nyora Odyssey Trail

BASS Coast Shire Council, in partnership with South Gippsland Shire Council, is excited to announce the opening of a community survey on the Engage Bass Coast website. This survey is a key part of the ongoing Feasibility Study for the Woolamai-Nyora rail trail extension, funded by the State Government's Investment Fast Track Fund.

The 25-kilometre Woolamai-Nyora section is a crucial missing link in the impressive 1100-kilometre Gippsland Odyssey Trail.

Once completed, the Gippsland Odyssey will be one of Australia's longest trails, providing vital new active recreation and commuter links for the community while transforming the region's tourism infrastructure. This project is a key component of Council's

overall Tracks and Trails Strategy which is aimed at enhancing recreational opportunities and connectivity throughout the region.

The purpose of the Feasibility Study is to identify all requirements that would need to be met to enable this project to proceed to detailed design and construction. The development of the Study will include identifying any permits, approvals and structural requirements that would be needed to construct this trail. It will also include extensive engagement with affected landowners, local community and potential user groups.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Clare Le Serve, expressed her enthusiasm for the project, stating, "The Woolamai-Nyora rail trail extension Feasibility Study is a vital part

of investigating our vision for a connected and active community and enhancing Bass Coast as an active Tourism destination. We are committed to engaging with our residents and stakeholders to ensure the Feasibility Study meets the needs and aspirations of our community. I encourage everyone to participate in the survey and have their say in shaping the future of this proposed trail."

Community and stakeholder engagement is at the heart of this project. The first step in the Study process involved meetings with landowners along the proposed trail route. Council then held community meetings at Woodleigh and Kernot Community Halls. Further discussions are being conducted with individual property owners along the corridor from Woolamai to Nyora

relating to land management requirements.

Bass Coast Shire Council have completed an economic impact assessment for this project. The Woolamai to Nyora section of the Gippsland Odyssey Trail is expected to inject \$875,000 in direct economic benefit to the region throughout the planning phase of the project and a further \$36.12 million in direct economic benefit throughout the construction phase.

Council now invites all community members to participate in the survey on the Engage Bass Coast website to share their views and help shape the future of this transformative project.

For more information and to participate in the survey, go to engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/gippslandodyssey

No B-Doubles for Phillip Island

A TEMPORARY 42.5-tonne vehicle mass limit will be put in place on the San Remo/Phillip Island Bridge from July 1, 2024, until late September 2024 as part of Westernport Water's Pipeline Bracket Renewal project.

The project will refurbish the main drinking water and sewage infrastructure connected to the underside of the bridge.

According to Stuart Storr of Storr Transport Pty Ltd, the Island's farmers will be able to cope with a short-term load limit.

"There's already a limit on the bridge but with a 42.5-tonne limit, you wouldn't be able to go across with a B-double stock transport (weight up to 68 tonnes), or a double-decker (weight up to 45 tonnes)," said Stuart Storr.

"A normal semi (with cattle 32 tonne) will be OK but in the longer term, they'll still need to be able to get B-doubles across there for the farmers."

Westernport Water explained the process.

Scaffolding needs to be suspended under the bridge so workers can safely access the pipes while minimising impacts to traffic and pedestrians.

The 42.5-tonne vehicle mass limit is needed while the scaffolding is installed for the three central spans of the bridge.

Vehicles weighing 42.5 tonnes or below will be able to access the bridge as normal. Trucks that are used to supply groceries, household goods, petrol, and events at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit will not be affected as they typically carry loads of 42.5 tonnes or below.

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Her impressive career spans across local and international salons, day spas, five-star hotels, and department stores.

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Local entrepreneurs gain ideas at business startup event

LOCAL entrepreneurs came together at Mirboo North over the weekend to participate in a free business workshop with Startup Gippsland. Startup Gippsland is a collaborative project funded by the Victorian Government in which all six Gippsland councils are involved. Their overall mission is to support entrepreneurs with business ideas that they can develop and scale up with day courses and longer programs.

The Program Facilitators for the local Startup Gippsland event held on Saturday were Amanda Watts and Luke Marshall.

Amanda has a background in branding and marketing, helping businesses of all sizes to best promote themselves.

"I've worked in startups and some of the things that we learn in helping startups grow really fast is what we're teaching here today."

The session seeks to push participants through a process of being highly selective about what they're doing, rather than just doing something and hoping it works.

"Taking a step back and asking: Are we really solving the problem that we think we are? Are we really talking to our customers? Do we know who they are? And that's the sort of things they're going over," explained Amanda.

As well as assisting entrepreneurs with how to identify and solve problems, the Program Facilitators also offered entrepreneurs ideas on how to grow their businesses, such as creating partnerships.

"The easiest way to grow if you're a hairdresser, for example, is work with a nail salon who you can partner with to offer a complete service or a better deal."

"Really thinking about all the businesses in your area that can help you grow and reach new people, that can be a much better way to find new customers than just spending money on Google ads."

Startup Gippsland runs many different events that support young businesses of all sizes. For more information go to: startupgippsland.com.au.

Opportunity for First Nations people



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We invite Bunurong Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living in the Bass Coast to join the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network

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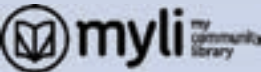
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Careers Expo a resounding success

THE SOUTH Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN) hosted its annual Careers Expo on Tuesday, June 18, bringing together 40 exhibitors and over 650 students from South Gippsland and Bass Coast schools.

This event, aimed at bridging the gap between education and the workforce, provided students with a unique opportunity to explore a wide range of career pathways and make informed decisions about their future.

Held at the Korumburra Recreation Centre, the Expo featured a diverse lineup of exhibitors representing industries such as healthcare, engineering, trades, education, emergency services, local council, and technology. Students engaged with representatives from local businesses, educational institutions, and community organisations, gaining invaluable insights into potential career paths and the skills required for success in various fields.

Students also took part in a motivational session with Success Integrated and learnt about identifying their strengths and following their passions.

"Seeing such a fantastic turnout and the enthusiastic engagement from students and exhibitors alike highlights the importance of providing our young people with opportunities to explore their career options," said Leah Underwood Project Officer of



Local students had the opportunity to explore a huge range of careers at the Careers Expo held in Korumburra last week.

South Gippsland Bass Coast LLEN and the event manager.

"This event not only helps students in their immediate subject selection but also in shaping their long-term career aspirations."

The Expo also provided students with an opportunity to experience career education in the virtual world. The LLEN network has developed VIC VICE Virtual Reality Careers platform which provides students with an immersive and interactive careers education experience in virtual reality.

Students were able to go through VR simulations, to gain firsthand experience of jobs in sectors ranging from healthcare and engineering to agriculture and trades, allowing them to make more

informed decisions about their future.

A highlight of the Expo was the support from local volunteers, including members of the Korumburra Rotary Club, who generously provided complimentary sausages to all attendees. Their contribution added a welcoming and community-focused atmosphere to the event, making the day both educational and enjoyable.

Feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing gratitude for the opportunity to interact directly with industry professionals and gather information that will assist them in their subject selection and career planning. Comments from students included:

"The Expo opened my eyes to careers I hadn't considered



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before and helped me think more seriously about what subjects to choose."

"It was great to speak with people working in the industries I'm interested in. It really helped me understand what I need to do in school."

The success of the Careers Expo highlights the crucial role that community events play in supporting the educational and professional development of young people in the region. The South Gippsland Bass Coast LLEN extends its thanks to all exhibitors, volunteers, and students for their participation and contribution to this year's event.

For more information about the Careers Expo or to get involved in future events, please contact the SGBCLLEN at info@sgbcllen.org.au

Free transport to Swinburne Open Day

COUNTRY University Centre Bass Coast are offering local secondary school students a snapshot into tertiary life with free bus transport to the Swinburne University Open Day on Sunday, July 28.

Rhett McLennan, Education Program Coordinator at Country Universities Centre Bass Coast said that they will be running two buses, one from Leongatha Secondary College and another starting at Inverloch and picking up students at Wonthaggi and Anderson to Swinburne University Open day to be held at their Hawthorn Campus.

Student ambassadors from Swinburne will provide a tour of the campus, and residences and an opportunity to get a firsthand look at university life, lunch is also provided.

"Funding for the day has been provided through our partnership with Swinburne and it's about potential students getting an understanding that there's numerous ways to get a tertiary education. Going to live in Melbourne and studying full time is just one way," said Rhett.

The opportunity has been promoted through local school networks and bookings for the day can be done through their respective schools.

CUC Bass Coast is a not-for-profit community driven enterprise established in 2020 with the aim of making higher education more accessible for students of all ages across the region.

Country Universities Centre Bass Coast has 159 registered students, the centre is open for access to these students seven days a week, providing high speed technology, academic mentoring and network of like-minded students to create a community of learning environment.

For more information, please give the team a call on 0472 741 451 or visit cucbasscoast.edu.au

PEOPLE POWER PREVAILS

The Save Wonthaggi North East Community Action Committee has been advised by the Bass Coast Shire Council that the Environmental Audit Overlay retrospectively placed on 627 properties has been removed from 114 properties.

Advice from the Council is one of confidence. Following the submission of final assessment reports on a further 500 properties, the EAO's on those properties are also expected to be removed within weeks.

They further advised verbally that properties on Regency Drive may require longer to clear and that they will be working with individual owners in this specific area.

THE ADVERTISED RALLY ON JUNE 30 IS NOW ON HOLD.

We reserve the opportunity to set a new date if the advised timelines to remove the Environmental Audit Overlay are not met.

The speed of this removal of the EAO's is unprecedented.

This is because of the support of you, the residents of the Bass Coast Shire.

Your signing of the petition, asking others to sign, – has triggered a forced debate in Parliament to not only remove the overlay, but debate how it happened, and how to stop it happening again to others.

Your attendance at previous rallies and commitment to attend a third one put pressure to get this issue sorted quickly.

Your letters to parliamentarians, Councillors and the media, meeting with members of parliament and to highlight your personal stories has hit home.

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The Latrobe Regional Health stomal therapy nurse team, Jo Tippet, Annie Keating and Tanya Dyer with Col Richards (second from right).

Stomal therapy: more common than you think

YINNAR South man Colin Richards was devastated when he woke up with a stoma bag after he had surgery for a ruptured bowel early last year.

But now the 55-year-old is letting people know that life can go on as normal with a stoma, and he has returned to cutting firewood, playing with his dog Rex and performing guitar at local gigs.

“It was devastating news when I learnt I had a stoma, I didn’t want any part in it, I imagined all the mess and inconvenience,” Col said.

“But it’s actually not as bad as you think it is, and it’s easier than managing other issues such as colitis or incontinence without one. Most people don’t even know I have one unless I tell them.”

A stoma is an artificial opening in the abdomen from either planned or emergency surgery and can be either permanent or temporary.

The stoma provides a new passage for either faeces or urine to leave the body depending upon the type of surgery. A bag is fitted over the stoma to collect the waste.

The good news is that most people can return to nearly any activity and manage their own stoma.

Col said he was not released from hospital until staff were confident he was ready to manage his stoma.

“I just have to be aware of heavy lifting and manage my diet. You get used to having a stoma bag, and emptying it is not that much different from going to the toilet anyway,” Col said.

Latrobe Regional Health supports its stoma patients with referrals for post-acute care, arranging home visits or outpatient stoma clinics, backed by specialist nurses Tanya Dyer, Jo Tippet and Annie Keating.

Tanya said nurses spend a lot of time with patients preparing them for life with a stoma and providing emotional support.

“Every stoma is different. So, our biggest focus is on empowering patients to care for their stoma themselves,” Tanya said.

“It can be life changing, I tell patients that if they are walking down the street, you will probably see other people with stoma bags and won’t even know. It’s more common than you think.”

Stomal Therapy Week is June 24-30 and this year’s theme is ‘uniquely you’.

LIFE Moments



LEVI Kevin Forrester was born on June 13 at Gippsland Southern Health Service. Levi is the first child for Gaven and Deanna of Leongatha.

EVELYN Rose Russell was born on June 15 at Gippsland Southern Health Service. Evelyn is the first child of David and Haylee of Leongatha.

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Bass Coast Health's Jess Jude, Anna Kenny and Erin Passarin show the amazing new ultrasound bought with a donation from the Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary to Auxiliary members Klaus Edel, Terry Hall and President Gerry Surridge.

Inverloch Auxiliary raises \$250,000 for cancer care

AN ENTHUSIASTIC group of volunteers at Inverloch has raised \$250,000 for cancer care at Wonthaggi Hospital in just four years, supported by the generosity of the community.

The Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary held fundraising events, sausage sizzles and raffles, sought donations, and sold handmade beanies and greeting cards to collect the funds for the L. Rigby Cancer Centre at the hospital, operated by Bass Coast Health (BCH).

The auxiliary most recently raised \$60,000 for a state-of-the-art ultrasound machine for the L. Rigby Cancer Centre and other departments at BCH.

The ultrasound helps staff to make a diagnosis and find veins in chemotherapy patients whose veins become difficult to locate due to having multiple cannulations for treatment. The ultrasound will also be used for the installation of Central Venous Access Devices in patients needing intravenous medication delivery long-term.

The Auxiliary's President Gerry Surridge said: "It's important to note that without the generosity of local people, we could not have done what we have to help more people receive treatment locally."

Coincidentally, auxiliary member Terry Hall benefited from the ultrasound after experiencing a medical episode.

The ultrasound enabled BCH staff to make a quick diagnosis and he returned home from hospital the same day.

BCH CEO Jan Child said the auxiliary's fundraising feat was impressive, especially given the challenging economic times the community is facing.

"For us to be able to provide state-of-the-art services we need the commitment of the community and the Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary," she said.

"The fact our staff now have the highest level of diagnostic equipment – the same type of equipment that exists in Melbourne hospitals – is due to the efforts of the auxiliary."

The auxiliary members are Gerry and Kathie Surridge, Kaye Jones, Jan Dawes, Terry Hall, Bill Damm, and Ron and Hazel Missen.

The auxiliary and community donors were thanked by BCH at an afternoon tea at Wonthaggi Hospital. Stay tuned for further information about a major fundraiser the auxiliary is holding later this year.



Donors Gerard Lonergan and Judy and Norm Vradenburg enjoy the afternoon tea at Wonthaggi Hospital.



Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary members Gerry Surridge and Terry Hall presented Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child with a cheque for \$7652.70 to buy a shower trolley for aged care residents at Kirrak House, Wonthaggi.



Inverloch Lions Club's Max Dusting, donor Neville Drummond, Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary member Klaus Edel and donor Marg Drummond at the afternoon tea.



Inverloch Garden Club member Bev Phillips, Carol Woodford and Beryl Millman discuss a certificate of appreciation they received for donating to the Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary.

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Enhancing community connection and accessibility

MYLI – My Community Library and the Bass Coast Shire Council are excited to announce the Waterline Community Library is moving to a new location, Unit 3, 1524 Bass Highway, Grantville. This move is part of our ongoing commitment to fostering community spaces where people can connect and learn.

The relocation from the Grantville Transaction Centre to a dedicated standalone location is a direct response to our community's demonstrated needs. With growing membership and program participation, this move enables us to better support and expand our offerings.

"We are excited to provide a new, more flexible, and suitable space that will effectively meet the evolving needs of our community and enhance the overall experience for everyone," Leanne Williams, CEO of Myli – My Community Library said.

Key benefits of the new Waterline Community Library:

- **Community Space:** The new location will provide more room for our library's expanding activities, from enriching children's programs to diverse workshops for education and entertainment for all ages. This space will be designed to be a hub of creativity and a place to bring people together.
- **Enhanced Access:** Following the model of our well-received San Remo Library, the new Waterline Library will provide extended access to library members. Extended access supports accessibility library resources and spaces beyond staffed opening hours.
- **Strengthened Partnerships:** Our collaboration with valued local organisations and initiatives, such as Bass Coast Health's Best Start Program, will greatly benefit from the enhanced facilities, allowing us to offer more support for early childhood development and to nurture family wellbeing.
- **Community Driven:** The decision to relocate was shaped by community input and the proven need for enhanced facilities. We are dedicated to exceeding the expectations of our community by adapting and responding to its feedback.

"Libraries provide connection for community through their diverse activities and their value has been demonstrated through the significant increase in membership at the Grantville Library over the last few years," Cr Clare Le Serve, Mayor Bass Coast Shire Council said.

"This new space offers engaging spaces and activities as well as extended hours, Council is pleased to be able to support Myli's commitment to the Waterline community."

This significant step highlights both Myli's and Bass Coast Shire Council's shared commitment to supporting community connection and growth. By enhancing our facilities, we are responding to our community's demonstrated needs and engaging with more people through our collaborative efforts.

We are dedicated to keeping the community well-informed throughout this exciting journey. Please visit myli.au/waterline for updates about the development of the Waterline Community Library.

Winter school holiday events at Myli

LOOKING for unforgettable adventures this winter school holiday? Myli – My Community Library is excited to offer a diverse range of engaging events for children of all ages with over 70 events running at our libraries in Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Cardinia Shire and South Gippsland. Here's a sneak peek of what's on offer:

Bass Coast libraries are set to thrill with a variety of unique and interactive activities. Children can dive into the world of drama with our Drama Sports sessions, get creative with Comic Creations and Paper Plane Mania, and embark on imaginative journeys in the Here Be Dragons workshops. The Whale Festival events at Phillip Island Library promise to be a highlight, along with the hands-on fun of Planks and Dress Up Paper Dolls. A special Storytime will feature the beloved character Grug, and special guest South Dudley Tom will lead musical sessions perfect for family fun. Additionally, Wonthaggi Library will host the exciting book launch of "Cactus Poop-tus" by children's author Louise B Braumann.

In South Gippsland, children can look forward to



Looking to get out of the house but escape the winter chill – head into your local Myli library where there are plenty of activities for the kids to enjoy these school holidays.

activities such as Fluffy Slime, Dream Catchers, Planks, Foil Art, Dioramas, miniature art Canvas Creations and more! Painting with Nature will be offered in collaboration with Manna Gum Community House, providing a unique opportunity for kids to explore art

in the natural world. These events are designed to spark creativity and provide fun, hands-on experiences for all attendees.

Meanwhile, Baw Baw and Cardinia Shire libraries will host an equally impressive lineup of activities. Registration for our free school holiday

events opened on Monday June 17 at 5 pm. Visit myli.au/july2024 to register.

For more information about free library membership, resources, and services, visit our website myli.org.au, call 1800 44 6954, or drop by your local library branch to chat with our friendly team!

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Setting up superannuation and pension accounts, making sure people have enough income for retirement, and managing portfolios to achieve that, are among the ways David assists people. Maximising Centrelink entitlements is another

important focus.

"The first step is to understand their financial position and clarify what sort of retirement they want to have. Then I work with them to develop a plan to help them achieve their goals," David said.

Many people in small businesses are not aware of available tax concessions.

"There are tax concessions that interact with superannuation that can help set business owners up for retirement," David said, adding it is important for him to gain an understanding of a client's complete situation, even aspects they may not have considered relevant.

"Sometimes there are ways to restructure finances that people hadn't considered that give them a much better outcome," he said.

David stressed that everyone is different in terms of the investment mix they are comfortable with and the level of support they desire, hence his emphasis on

personalised attention.

His clients value a close relationship with an adviser and someone who will look after them on an ongoing basis, and David enjoys getting to know the people he has supported over the years.

Planning well ahead for retirement is crucial, with David suggesting five years should be the minimum to enable effective strategies to be put in place.

Running his own business means that David doesn't have to promote specific products or meet targets, and his personal and professional experience gives him a strong understanding of farming and small business.

He and Karen are keen sailors, with David comparing sailing to providing financial advice; plotting a course and navigating around obstacles and having the experience and flexibility to deal with unforeseen circumstances.

The word consilium is Latin for advice or counsel.



Owner of Consilium Private Wealth, David Hayes, loves helping people to get the best out of their financial situation, and plan for a comfortable retirement.

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Naure links projects undertaken around the entire Biosphere Reserve has seen the steady recovery of threatened Orange Bellied Parrot populations. Photo: John Barkla (Birdlife Australia).

Fundraiser will help save native species

THE WESTERN Port Biosphere Foundation and Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park are urging public support for a three-year joint project to ensure healthier and more resilient wildlife populations.

The two organisations aim to achieve this by building a network of nature links within the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. These are corridors of native habitat, which provide safe pathways for native animals through and between significant remaining areas of native ecosystems.

These corridors continue to build on the extensive work done by the Bass Coast Landcare Networks and other Landcare and Friends groups. Western Port, the Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation group, and local Councils, all who seek to collaborate on and support this project.

Nature links help native flora and fauna to maintain more diverse and healthy gene pools and reduce the risk of animal injury and death from navigating human infrastructure and activities like roads.

The project will leverage

crucial genetic research on local koala populations conducted over the past year by the Biosphere Foundation's Kelly Smith, who will play an integral role in ensuring her findings translate into effective prioritisation and planning for the nature link developments.

Western Port Biosphere CEO, Mel Barker, said the collaboration with Moonlit Sanctuary was an exciting new phase in the partnership, which began with contributions from the Biosphere Foundation to Moonlit Sanctuary's successful program to save the Orange Bellied Parrot.

"As science-based organisations, we are committed to ensuring our research translates into tangible outcomes for the maintenance of biodiversity and the restoration of healthy habitat and the populations of native animals it supports.

"While we have some core funding, public donations through our 'Join the Dots for Nature' campaign will enable us to construct a more extended network of nature links," she said.

Moonlit Sanctuary's Founder and Director, Michael Johnson, said the

science and methods for saving species was well developed and being proven by projects already under way, such as the steady recovery of threatened Orange Bellied Parrot populations.

"This type of project requires long-term vision and commitment, including community support. This can be financial, but also take the form of informed selection of plants and habitat development in our own backyards.

"Everyone can own and contribute to nature links in their own way, which is what makes this a truly grass roots community effort," he said.

The Western Port Biosphere embraces the entire Mornington Peninsula and overlaps the cities of Frankston and Casey, the shires of Cardinia and Bass Coast, as well as the entire Western Port marine zone, including French Island, Phillip Island and internationally acclaimed Ramsar wetlands.

Ultimately, this and other partnerships with local Landcare Victoria divisions, aim to establish a nature links network connecting the entire Biosphere Reserve.

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 2024 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 Monday, July 1, 2024.

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 Monday, July 1, 2024 and must be received by Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

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:
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Between 1997 and 2018, Robyn pioneered the Practice Nurse Program at Leongatha Healthcare, overseeing its growth to 16 nurses.

Robyn is passionate about her community, equity of access to care and ensuring that as health providers we never forget what a privilege it is to be part of someone's health journey.

Joining Inverloch Healthcare in 2018, she played a vital role in establishing the new clinic by initiating clinical pathways and processes. She is an asthma educator and nurse immuniser and has other expertise in incontinence and advanced care planning, to name a few.

Robyn is actively involved in the South Gippsland region, working tirelessly advocating for patients and helping them navigate complex systems. She is much loved, trusted, and respected within the broader community for her professionalism, care, and compassion.

During her acceptance speech of the award, Robyn said,

"I just want to tell you how thrilled I am to receive this award; quite exciting, really. I want to say thank you to RWAV and the committee for acknowledging me in this way. Also, to Sinead (Dr. Sinead De Gooyer), my practice principal, my mentor, my colleague and my friend for nominating me and for all wonderful GP team that I work with for giving support for that nomination."

"General Practice is incredibly challenging. It's very demanding, it's very unpredictable, and it's incredibly rewarding. And I really, really love it, and I'm so proud to be part of the general practice team. It really is a team effort in general practice, it has to be; all the beautiful reception staff I work with, you're incredible, my beautiful nurse colleagues, Denise Philpott and Sue Spear, big shout out to you. And to all my fellow practice nurses in rural Victoria."

"Remember, every day, you make a difference. Thank you very much." Congratulations Robyn.



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Grants available to boost regional events and tourism

ALL ELIGIBLE South Gippsland and Bass Coast organisations can now apply for the next round of the Regional Events Fund grants, but must do so soon, as they close on Sunday, June 30.

Grants of up to \$500,000 are open to organisers of festivals, sports events, exhibitions, and more to attract and grow events of international or national significance, while grants of up to \$50,000 will be available for marketing and support of events that attract intra-state and interstate visitors.

“Eastern Victoria is home to many world-class events largely run by a volunteer base, and there is always a need for financial support to assist their management,” The Nationals Melina Bath said.

“Whether it be Farmworld at Lardner Park, Mirboo North’s Italian Festa, Japanese weekend at Mt Baw Baw, the Phillip Island MotoGP, Moe Cup, a local rodeo, or new year’s festivities on one of our spectacular beaches, there is truly something for everyone in eastern Victoria.

“Ensuring our events can attract as many people as possible is incredibly important for the economic future of our regional towns and local organisations, and this funding stream will assist with that.

“Events make our communities vibrant and support local hospitality and accommodation businesses.

“It would be wonderful to see as many communities as possible benefit from this funding to ensure eastern Victoria towns continue to receive the support they deserve.”

Applications for the Regional Events Fund, delivered by Visit Victoria, can be made at corporate.visitvictoria.com/events/regional-events-fund from now until June 30.



Paul, Mitchell and Robyn are celebrating Paul The Pieman's latest win, securing gold and two silvers on Thursday evening. C01_2624

Three new awards go to Paul the Pieman

PAUL the Pieman Bakery in Inverloch has done it again, securing a gold and two silver medals for three of their tastiest pies at the recent Baking Association of Australia Awards last week.

The bakery came up against more than 360 other bakeries and more than 2000 pies were entered and judged over three days of competition.

“We won one gold medal, which is for our smoky beef, jalapeno and cheese pie,” said Mitchell, son of Paul and Robyn, and Baker/Pastry Chef and Production Manager.

“We developed it over the last few years. We were adding different ingredients and got to a point where we won the competition. We’ve won a few awards with that flavour combination now.”

“We’ve also won two silver awards, which were for our Korean BBQ pork and our smoked brisket and Jack Daniel’s BBQ pies.”

The pies are judged on the pastry, how well they’ve been baked through, how stable the filling is, the flavour of the pie and the overall look and feel of the pie, such as, not falling apart and being easy and enjoyable to eat.

While there are several categories judged, being awarded a gold medal is indicative that the pie is excellent and above industry standard.

“We entered to keep us on track with things, and to ensure we’re still producing a good product,” said Mitchell.

Mitchell commented that pies are judged similarly to wine, on a points-based system and while there was an

overall winner, the bakery team was keen to find out where they ranked to see how they can improve next year and secure the la crème de la crème.

“We’re a bit tucked away, so it’s always nice to network and see where you stand against the big award-winning bakeries,” said Mitchell.

“There are a lot of high industry standards and some big bakeries that always do well.”

Ocean Grove’s Rolling Pin Pies won the overall award with their prawn laksa pie. This is the third time they have taken out the overall win over the last four years.

The next big competition that Paul the Pieman will be entering is The Official Great Aussie Pie Competition in September. A competition

they’ve secured multiple awards in previously, including the top category awards for their Korean BBQ pork and pepper steak pies.

With the feedback from the judges, the production team will head into the kitchen and look at ways to further improve their award-winning pies.

“We’ll go back and change a few things, and then we’ll head into a developing stage and look around for our next pies to start to enter,” said Mitchell.

With a number of fresh flavour combinations discussed between Mitchell and Paul, it certainly won’t be the last awards won.

As for the verdict from the public, the smoky beef, jalapeno and cheese pies, “are just delicious!”



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Paul The Pieman

South Gippsland set to tee off in support of local community

FOR THE past 10 years, Elders South Gippsland's annual charity golf day has been raising money to support those battling illness within the community.

Around 150 players are expected to tee off at this year's event at the Leongatha Golf Club on Friday, July 5.

A lunch, auction and raffle will also take place, with the whole day raising funds for Ronald McDonald House and local South Gippsland families in need.

Elders Korumburra branch manager Rohan McRae explained that this will be the tenth year that Korumburra and Leongatha branches have been running the annual golf event, which has raised in excess of \$200,000 since 2014.

"The event originally began when family members of our staff were directly affected by cancer," Rohan said.

"We are so proud to see how it has evolved to extend its support to local community members affected by illness, or meaningful charities like the McGrath Foundation or Ronald McDonald House.

"Unfortunately, when it comes to the type of illness affecting our communities, nine times out of ten it is some form of cancer."

Although the event now supports community members beyond staff working in Elders branches, there are still cases where funds directly benefit staff and their families in need.

"It was only a couple of years ago



Elders Korumburra and Leongatha branches will host this years tenth annual golf event which has raised more than \$200,000 since 2014 for local families in need and medical charities.
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when Tracey Gollop, Sales Support Officer at Elders Korumburra and the event's main organiser, experienced firsthand the need for support when her younger son was diagnosed with cancer," Rohan said.

"The funds raised that year were able to directly aid Tracey and her family as they made trips to Melbourne for their son to receive treatment."

Grateful for the support she and her family have received, Tracey detailed other ways in which the raised funds have benefitted local families.

"A few years ago, a local family tragically lost one of two sons involved in a car crash. We were able

to support them during that difficult time by funding the rehabilitation of their surviving son."

Rohan acknowledges that the event would not be possible without the support of volunteers, and the surrounding community, who are extremely generous with both their time and donations.

"It never ceases to amaze us the level of support we receive from everyone in our industry, from abattoirs, feedlots, farmers, Elders' branches and other agencies in our industry," he said.

"The whole community wholeheartedly gets behind the event, donating money and prizes towards an auction and raffle."

The golf day has become a highly

anticipated event each year and Tracey explained how it has grown in popularity over the years.

"We typically see past players and teams attend the event each year and already have a waiting list going for this year," she said.

Although they are not looking for more players this year, Tracey says there are still other ways in which people can get involved.

"We are still accepting donations and are encouraging those in a position to support to call up the Korumburra branch to find out more," she said.

To donate please contact: Tracey Gollop on 0487 526 346 / tracey.gollop@elders.com.au or Rohan McRae on 0417 836 664.

Science for everyone during National Science Week

LOCAL people are encouraged to think about science in our everyday as part of upcoming National Science Week events between Monday August 19 to Wednesday August 21, supported by Bass Coast Community Foundation.

A science fair held at Wonthaggi Town Hall will offer local primary, secondary, tertiary, and adult learning students as well as citizen scientists the opportunity to explore their curiosity through a display or demonstration of their interpretation of the theme "Sustainable science in the everyday".

Foundation Executive Officer Deb Watson said the event aims to encourage local people to consider the science behind what we use and do in our everyday lives, and provide a way to encourage people to link what is all around us to science and scientific research.

"As well as local students, we're encouraging people of all ages to contribute a display. Prizes include Best Display, Best Innovation and People's Choice - with a judging ceremony and afternoon tea held on Wednesday afternoon to celebrate the event," she said.

All displays will be in-situ for the whole event between Wednesday and Friday, with local people encouraged to come and have a look at the submissions.

To find out more about the event email Deb at info@bccf.org.au. For more information about the Foundation go to bccf.org.au.

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A science fair is an event where people of all ages create experiments or investigations then develop presentations, including posters, models, and demonstrations, to showcase their findings. Science fairs aim to encourage scientific curiosity and broader interest in science.



Newhaven College Visual Arts Program

NEWHAVEN College offers a comprehensive Visual Arts program, where students are encouraged to discover and develop their curiosity, creativity and imagination.

This year, the Year 10 Art cohort is notable, with some very talented students using a variety of mediums and techniques. In particular, Year 10 student Elsa Osabutey's intricate still life works transcend beyond her years. Elsa's work stands out for its precision and the sophistication of its composition, capturing the essence of the objects she depicts.

The College's Visual Arts Program allows students to use a wide variety of materials and techniques, empowering them to create deeply personal and expressive artworks. The College proudly offers an extensive selection of subjects, including ceramics, 3D studies, 2D studies like printmaking and analogue photography in the on-site darkroom. This diverse curriculum encourages students to explore and develop their unique studio processes, blending traditional and contemporary approaches to media, materials and equipment.

Senior School Art Teacher Rebecca Power is passionate about the program; "Through the creation of art, students can interpret the world around them, discovering new facets of themselves and expressing their individual perspectives," she says.

"Each student maintains a Visual Diary, a vital tool in documenting the evolution of their ideas. This diary captures sources of inspiration, design sketches, photographic documentation of subject matter, and the techniques and processes associated with their chosen themes. It serves as a reflective journal, supporting the development and presentation of their final pieces."

In addition to hands-on practice, students study a variety of artists, gaining insights into different uses of materials, techniques, ideas and meanings. This exploration helps them understand various working practices, which they can then apply to their own studio work. By engaging with the works of established artists, students can draw parallels to their personal experiences and viewpoints, enriching their creative journey.

Ultimately, the Visual Art program at Newhaven College is more than just technical training; it is a platform for students to explore their identities, express their unique visions and communicate their interpretations of the world through the powerful medium of art.

Newhaven College welcomes all interested future students and their families to join a College Tour. Go to the College website newhavencol.vic.edu.au to book a tour.

A solstice yoga festival

THE sun was shining, and the atmosphere was calm with fire burning on the inside at Soulspace in Wonthaggi on Sunday as they hosted their first yoga festival, coincidentally aligning with the winter solstice and full moon

A free selection of yoga classes were on offer inside, whilst delicious chai was served outside around the open fire. Yoga products were available to purchase along with a beautiful smelling display by Georgia Sharp – who also hosted an oil ritual for gratitude and abundance.

From soulful vinyasa flows to functional movement, somatic slow, hatha, yin and nidra and sound healing to reiki, the first yoga festival was an overwhelming success.

As well as regular weekly classes Soulspace also hosts pop up classes and workshops – head to atsoul-space.com for more information.



Rotary Club Phillip Island and San Remo 2024-25 board includes Tim Mullen, Graeme Turner, Peter Hartley, John Lovell, Gea Lovell (president) Brian Morris, John Tennant, Rob Robertson (past president) Lynne Hadley, Syd Hadley, Cheryl Harvey and Stevie O'Reilly.

Rotary celebrates new leadership

THE Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo celebrated its annual Change Over Dinner on Monday night (June 17), marking a year of community service and welcoming new leadership.

The event, held at the picturesque Foreshore Bar and Restaurant in Rhyll, was a blend of camaraderie reflection and forward-looking enthusiasm.

The evening began with a welcome address by outgoing president Rob Robertson, who highlighted the club's accomplishments over the past year.

He commended the club's dedication to initiatives such as the Rotary Rehabilitation Garden at the new Cowes hospital, support for the Change for Sam organisation, transformative clean water projects in Timor-Leste, collaboration with St John's Church for community meals, and various projects for local schools, all underscoring

the positive impact made by the club.

"As a club, we are fortunate to have our Op Shop in Cowes, with the revenue raised underpinning much of our ability to support our local community, contribute to national relief efforts, and deliver our support to international projects," he said.

He went on to thank the many volunteers who work tirelessly in the Rotary Op Shop and singled out Diane Thomas, who managed the shop, with special praise.

"I am amazed at the amount and range of activities undertaken by the club and the dedication and commitment of its members," incoming District Governor Colin Byron said.

The event also included the presentation of awards recognising exceptional contributions from members.

Judy Lawrence and Peter

Buitenhaus received the Paul Harris Fellow award for their tireless efforts on behalf of the club and the local community.

Keith Gregory was honoured with an Honorary Membership for his outstanding contributions to Rotary over many years.

A significant moment was the induction of new president Gea Lovell, a respected member known for her innovative community engagement strategies.

Gea shared her vision for the upcoming year, which is to expand youth programs, enhance environmental sustainability projects and local community projects.

Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner showcasing local produce and were entertained by live music from Tom Green, a professional vocalist from Bass Coast.

Tom – an outstanding and versatile singer, guitarist and

pianist – captivated the audience with his ability to perform across genres from classical to pop.

The Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo extends its heartfelt gratitude to the management and staff of the Foreshore Bar and Restaurant in Rhyll for their support in hosting this event.

The Change Over Dinner holds significant importance for the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo, underscoring its dedication to service and leadership.

This event embodies Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self", inspiring members and guests with a renewed sense of community spirit and purpose.

As they look forward to another year of service under Gea Lovell's leadership, they remain committed to the mission of creating lasting change both locally and globally.

Mirboo North's last passenger train celebrated

TO MARK the 50th anniversary of the last train to Mirboo North and the closure of the branch line in June 1974, a celebration was held in Boolarra on Sunday.

The event provided an opportunity to relive the occasion for those who were there, share stories and also to learn about the reasons for the closure of the branch line.

Many who attended reminisced about travelling on the train to the dentist in Morwell or travelling to Mirboo North to visit family during the school holidays.

Others remembered the train travelling through their property, but now little is left to mark that time, except photographs.

Many were enthralled by the historic films, shown via a projector, taken on the day of the last train.

Historic displays of photographs, maps and old newspaper clippings, as well as talks on the branch line and why it was closed allowed attendees to imagine how it was at that time, if they weren't there themselves.

A model steam train was set up and run to the delight of many by Boolarra Historical Society Member Trevor Barrett.

A specially commissioned cake was also enjoyed with a cuppa.



Trevor Barrett, and Linda and Tony Minter of the Boolarra Historical Society were instrumental in putting together the event to celebrate the last passenger train 50 years ago, along with Yinnar and Mirboo North Historical Societies. ob50_2624

The last train was originally organised by the Australian Railway Historical Society and saw more passengers travel on that 'last train' than travelled on it in all of 1966.

The branch line was completed in January 1886 resulting in the creation of the townships of Boolarra and

Mirboo North.

The line was instrumental in connecting the towns to the outside world and provided a way of transporting goods produced in the district to markets prior to the improvement of the roads.

It also made possible visits by the better farming train

and in the case of Mirboo North, the visit of a contingent of the American fleet on September 1, 1908.

The occasion saw the pooling of resources relating to this historic event held by the Boolarra, Yinnar and Mirboo North and District Historic Societies.

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COMMENT

Get your own house in order first

THE news, late last week, that the State Planning Minister Sonya Kilkenny will introduce an amendment to the Bass Coast Shire Council Planning Scheme, removing the offending EAOs from affected Wonthaggi land each time they are cleared of contamination risk, is an important concession.

It's an admission that the government stuffed up, through its statutory planning arm, the Victorian Planning Authority, in gazetting environmental overlays on more than 600 blocks of titled land in the town in the first place.

Many of those sites have long since been built on, cleared all the way through the planning and building process at the time, only to be pulled back into the abyss of uncertainty by a retrospective planning decision.

It's mostly the government's fault, so they should also pick up the tab for the environmental assessments, so far costing Bass Coast ratepayers \$41,020 plus GST.

But the Bass Coast Shire Council also dropped the ball, in August 2022, when they didn't go public after the draft Amendment 152 came out making it clear the VPA intended to introduce widespread overlays, and then again, in January 2024, when the council failed to act.

They didn't even know what had happened for more than three months.

Distracted by everything from whether the Cowes Cultural Centre should be called Mogarmarlary Murk, Barmewoon or Berninneit, to whether the council had given enough of a leg up to ex-Mayor Cr Michael Whelan's favourite community group, Totally Renewable Phillip Island, or whether they'd made enough progress on their Gender Equality Action Plan or Climate Change Action Plan; they failed to attend to the basics of compliance.

But, unchastened by the experience, the council was at it again last week, setting up a private company that will "foster a sustainable legacy for future generations" and not necessarily within the shire's own boundaries.

At the same day as they were setting up their public Environment Fund as an example for others to follow, none of the councillors we spoke to could say what changes, if any, had been made to the shire's most important document of the year, the 2024-25 budget, in response to community submissions.

This present council may be in the twilight of its four-year term, but the radical climate change emergency activists amongst them, including Michael Whelan, David Rooks, and Leticia Laing, can still make far-reaching decisions that will saddle future councils with costs and policy settings in the months that remain.

What the other councillors need to do is ignore their rhetoric, stay in their lane and make sure they are handing over a shire that is in the best possible shape financially, while ensuring progress has been made on all priority areas including but not limited to housing.

Vox Pop

Are you concerned about a potential amalgamation of the Gippsland health services?



Geoff Dean

Leongatha

"I am concerned that the Gippsland Southern Health Board must maintain power and authority over the services it provides, and decisions should not just be money driven."



Evelyn Stephens

Leongatha

"I am concerned about a reduction of services locally. We have so many facilities with our local and regional hospitals which prevent us having to go to Melbourne or other places for treatment and specialists, so if we were to lose that, it's really hard, especially for older people."



Ashley McInnes

Leongatha

"Hospitals and medical clinics all need to be managed in their own areas. Don't have one central place."



Melanie Caple

Berrys Creek

"The positive is a potential combining of resources and making sure that standards and accountability is met across the board, but I understand the value of those health services to communities, particularly when local people are at the helm."

Newhaven College

I WOULD like to back up Michael Nugent's letter to the editor in the June 18 edition of the Sentinel Times.

It is hard to imagine a more biased news article. Perversely it would have made a perfect editorial.

I have no objection to the issue being raised but surely journalism 101 requires you to canvas different point of view.

As part of this discussion you might be interested in having a look at Newhaven College's financial statement for 2023 (which is online).

These items in particular:

- Commonwealth government grants \$12,388,414.
- State government grants \$2,204,181.
- Other income \$1,021,486.
- Total assets \$44,766,351.

You say and in your response to Michael's letter that the money to cover the proposed "tax" will have to come from somewhere.

Based on the above figures it appears that Newhaven College may have room to move in covering the increased costs.

Do you or any of your employees have any financial interest in this matter?

Malcolm Riek, Wonthaggi

More to come for stolen chains and robe

IN MY opinion Bass Coast Shire Council holds a long-standing culture of evasiveness, ineptitude, and laziness.

For example, falsely accusing community members (including myself) of sending hundreds of emails to council per year, doing only the bare minimum required by the LG Act as they did with the GHD Environmental report, are but two recent examples.

And now, in what must surely be a blazing demonstration of the disregard council holds towards protection of community assets and the contempt it holds towards those who question it, we have councils pathetic response to theft of the Mayoral Chains and robe.

The theft of these items is a serious matter, but it appears that our supposed leaders at Bass Coast Shire Council do not consider it such.

Last week these people were asked if they would make available to the community a copy of council's written report to Victoria Police of the theft of the items. They said they would. But they did not.

They merely produced a vacuous "Notice to the Victim" police form which reveals nothing about council's report of details of the theft.

Why are they unwilling to answer public questions openly?

Those who should take responsibility for such a rotten culture at council are the CEOs and our elected councillors, past and present.

Councillors Michael Whelan, David Rooks, and Leticia Laing are already on the public record as being opposed to public questioning at council.

But what of the others? Do they too secretly oppose public questioning of council?

Or could it be that they are merely not able to provide open and transparent government for our community?

I will be lodging a complaint to council about its failure to provide what was requested and agreed, however my experience with this lot is that my complaint will be dismissed.

Kevin Griffin

Put Wonthaggi back on the map

WHENEVER I mention Wonthaggi to people in the 'burbs they invariably ask me, where it is. They know where Phillip Island is and they either have been to, or know of Inverloch, but are often not aware of Wonthaggi.

Our shire officials have spent a fortune on building the Bass Coast Opera House, and Wonthaggi remains a dreary old ex-coal town, without rail, and with a messed up poorly designed traffic flow arrangement which results in traffic snarls worthy of inner city suburbs and a large plot of land in the town centre occupied by an apparently unusable bunch of perfectly sound brick buildings.

These are a daily monument to the paralysis of shire decision making. If the building/s have an asbestos problem, fix it, and use the buildings for homeless accommodation, or a weekly trash and treasure market, or housing for victims of domestic violence. Make a decision; it is not going away.

Wonnies needs to be marketed as a coastal town 10 minutes from beautiful beaches and not as a trading post where tourists get their supplies on their way to somewhere else.

The signage indicating that you have arrived in Wonthaggi is tired and drab, and things don't improve from there. The place needs a thoughtful lift and promotion for businesses to attract tourist spending and the money spent on the self-aggrandisement exercise in Cowes would have been better spent in improving Wonthaggi's image for visitors and locals alike.

Name withheld

Riddle, who was the man in the red corner

AS A regular visitor to the Bass Coast house of stoush last Wednesday, June 19 monthly meeting of the Bass Coast council, viewers watching this live stream missed the in-house action not shown on live streaming, the man in the red corner.

Bout 8.5 the Environment Fund had two contestants both with the same Christian names, in the green corner for the council was the present title holder for everything green, including money and chairperson for the South Eastern Council Climate Change Alliance for five years. In the gallery corner, the other contestant silently stood up during this bout holding a red placard calling for a fund for a more worthwhile cause "WHAT ABOUT AN AQUATIC FUND". The green combatant for the council was in fine form, even when one of the referees called for a foul, his well-known bullish stanch prevailed and he would not withdraw his foul punch.

The outcome of the bout green 9 red 0 although one referee spoke against the decision, he voted in favour, was the bullish behaviour of the council green combatant an influence on the referee's decision?

Not a denier of climate change, I believe the effort of council staff and councillors would be more beneficial to establish a pool fund for the health and wellbeing of the ratepayers.

The question is who was the person in the red corner peacefully throwing punches? Clues Cr Leticia Laing did mention his profession in her comments on this matter, and the other clue, the pen is mightier than the sword.

Who was the person in the red corner?

John Trigt, Surf Beach

Fair funding for education

LIKE Michael Nugent, I too was taken aback by the article "Labor pushes ahead with its unfair Schools Tax" given the reference was to removing payroll tax exemptions from another commercial sector. However, I didn't assume this was an editorial position but, rather, a quid pro quo story.*

Finland is a country with a higher performing education system than Australia with national expenditure being roughly the same in terms of percentage of GDP and cost per student as other OECD countries. Of particular note is that it is against the law in Finland to charge fees for education so the system is entirely funded by taxpayers. That means all kids, no matter whether they live in small rural villages or major metropolitan cities have the same access to education – something I would think all taxpayers should see as a good thing.

Laurie Martin, Leongatha

*Note: Letter has been edited to fit the space



Have a whale of a time at Island Whale Festival 2024

THE Island Whale Festival 2024 is back this winter and celebrates the arrival of these majestic creatures with a range of dedicated events across Phillip Island for the festival weekend.

This Festival is taking place on Friday July 5 to Sunday July 7 and the program is packed with activities and events across the weekend.

This year's festival features a Festival Experience Hub located at the new Berninnet (cultural centre) in Cowes. A Festival Experience Hub Pass will allow access to four fun filled areas! Enter the immersive underwater themed space, go 'snorkelling' on the Great Southern Ocean Reef in a virtual reality experience and add to an interactive art wall, complete your Festival Experience Passport by visiting each of the fun learning exhibits, plus have access to a packed program of fascinating talks and presentations in the Berninnet Theatre, including a performance from the Ngargee Dance Group.

Around the hub hear music from talented local musicians at the Wildlife Coast Cruises live music activation, play some lawn games in the garden, or choose a fun add on experience, such as facepainting, whale themed art workshops with artist Karen Morton or Learn How to Draw a Cartoon Whale with artist Zev Landes.

Traditional custodian and local artist Uncle Steve Parker will also be holding a beautiful Whale Blessing Ceremony on Saturday on the Cowes Foreshore.

Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club at Cape Woolamai (one of the best spots on the island to look for whales) will be the home of the Dolphin Research Institute and Two Bays Whale Project who will host Spot A Whale and Whale Tales workshops, as well as a Careers in Marine Science session.

On Saturday evening hear from a panel of whale scientists for a live recording of ABC Radio Big Ideas with Natasha Mitchell at Whales, Wine and Wisdom: An Evening of Intimate Insights and Breathtaking Cinema, followed by a screening of the stunning documentary The Big Blue: A Secret Spot.

There is also a Pop-Up Art show at The Nobbies Centre on Saturday and Sunday featuring some of the Island's talented local artists. Enjoy some beautiful art while searching for whales!

Don't miss the only opportunity to see The Ocean Film Festival on Phillip Island this winter. The unique collection of seven short films from around the globe documenting the beauty and power of the ocean will be screening at Berninnet Theatre on the evening of Thursday July 4.

Program information is available at islandwhales.com.au



Join workshops, live music, and art shows at the Island Whale Festival 2024 onshore, or add to your experience with a Whale Watching Wildlife Coast Cruise to see the majestic animals up close.



Enjoy live music from local talents at the Wildlife Coast Cruises stage in the Festival Experience Hub.



Spot majestic whales at Cape Woolamai with stunning ocean views after hearing from the Dolphin Research Institute and Two Bays Whale Project.



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Carlia Morgan leads Highview Accounting's new Bass Coast office, bringing expertise and community spirit home.

Carlia brings award-winning business to Bass Coast

SINCE opening its doors in February, the air at Highview Accounting and Financial Bass Coast has been buzzing with excitement.

Nestled above Connell's Bakery on Murray Street, the award-winning company has made its mark on Bass Coast, led by none other than partner and former Wonthaggi local, Carlia Morgan.

It's the fifth office for Highview with the brand strongly recognised in Cranbourne, Prahran, Mornington and Ringwood.

"It's exciting to be back in this community and to be bringing our brand to the Bass Coast region – everyone has been really welcoming," Carlia smiled.

"We are thrilled to continuously be building our client base since opening in February and are looking forward to further integrating with the community and reconnecting with everyone."

Carlia has been an integral team member of Highview for 15 years, joining the team a year before graduating with her degree in accounting. As a CPA-qualified professional, she's a highly driven, passionate, and committed accountant with a strong and diverse portfolio of experience.

Carlia's family connections run deep in Bass Coast – her grandfather, Wally Purvis, built the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

"I left Wonthaggi in 2006 to go to university," Carlia explained noting she had attended Wonthaggi North Primary School and Wonthaggi High School in her younger years.

"From Highview's humble beginnings, which included 15 staff and one office, I've witnessed the whole organisation grow to what we are today; a thriving organisation with five offices and close to 100 staff."

Carlia eagerly anticipates the growth of the Bass Coast office and is particularly enthusiastic about nurturing the next generation of accountants, offering them the same high level of mentoring and training she once received.

Mentored by Highview's Co-Founder Silvio Marinelli, Carlia's genuine care towards her clients and willingness to go above and beyond is – and has always been – at her core.

"We have a solid referral network in Cranbourne, and our brand recognition is excellent. When people in the Cranbourne community ask for a reputable accountant, they are referred to us. We are excited to bring that same strength and reputation to Bass Coast."

"I feel incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to grow and lead the business in a new region. Born in Wonthaggi, I feel great pride in taking on this role and continuing to build on the trust and confidence our clients have in Highview and offer our excellent service, knowledge and expertise to the Bass Coast residents and local community."

Call Highview Bass Coast on 5644 2025 to book an appointment this tax time and let Carlia guide you through your financials.

Tips to help you this tax time from the ATO

WITH tax time upon us, it's essential your records are in order for your 2023-24 tax return.

To make it as easy as possible the Australian Taxation Office have a range of information, digital tools and services to help small business owners and operators get their tax and super right. Here are some helpful tips for you to keep in mind this year.

Remember the three golden rules for claiming deductions

You can claim a deduction for most expenses you incur running your business, as long as they are directly related to earning your assessable income. If you're not sure about what to claim, here are the 3 golden rules:

- The expense must be for your business – not for private use.
- If the expense is a mix of business and private use, you can only claim the portion that is used for your business.
- You must have records to prove it.

Work out your motor vehicle expenses the right way

As a business owner, you can claim a tax deduction for expenses for motor vehicles – cars and certain other vehicles – used in running your business. Your business structure and the type of vehicle you use affect the way you calculate motor vehicle expenses.

The car limit has also increased to \$68,108 for the 2023-24 income year.

Do you have a home-based business?

If you run your business from your home and have a dedicated area set aside as a 'place of business', you may be able to claim occupancy and running expenses.

For the 2023-24 income year, you may be able to use the fixed rate method. If you use the fixed rate method, you won't be able to claim an additional separate deduction for the expenses already covered by this method. However, you can separately

claim a deduction for the decline in value of depreciating assets, such as laptops, mobile phones and office furniture.

If you don't use the fixed rate method, you can claim the actual expenses you incurred while working from home.

Whichever method applies to you, remember to keep complete and accurate records, for at least five years, so you can substantiate your claims.

Take advantage of small business concessions

It's worth finding out whether you're eligible for small business concessions, such as simplified depreciation rules, the small business income tax offset and immediate deductions for prepaid expenses. They can help reduce your tax bill and some may also save you time.

Stay on top of your employer obligations

If you employ staff, make sure you're prepared for your end of financial year (EOFY) tax and super obligations. As Sunday June 30 approaches, stay up-to-date with your employer reporting obligations and these upcoming key dates:

Fringe benefits tax (FBT) – The FBT year runs from April 1 to March 31. Did you provide staff benefits on top of their salary and wages during the FBT year? The due date to lodge your FBT return and pay any FBT owed has now passed. However, if you already have a tax professional that lodges electronically on your behalf, you have until (today) Tuesday June 25, 2024.

Pay as you go (PAYG) withholding – From July 1, the individual income tax rate shareholders and tax tables will change, which will impact your PAYG withholding for the 2025 tax year.

Super guarantee (SG) rate increase – From July 1 the SG rate will increase to 11.5 per cent. Make sure you pay your SG contributions by Sunday July 28, 2024, in full, on time and to the right fund.

Single touch payroll (STP) reporting – Remember to make STP finalisation declarations by

Sunday July 14, 2024, for all employees you've paid during the financial year. Accurate reporting means your employees have the right information to lodge their income tax returns. For more visit the end-of-year finalisation through STP page.

It's important to keep good records and have good payroll governance for your tax and super reporting. If you make a mistake, take the steps to correct it as soon as possible.

Record keeping and digital services

A good record-keeping system will help you manage your tax and super obligations all year round. This will make it easier to report and lodge your tax return on time. You can use the ATO's record keeping evaluation tool to help you make improvements and make the next tax time even easier.

Essentials to strengthen your small business

Are you looking to improve your financial, record-keeping and business knowledge to support your business' long-term health? The ATO have recently launched a free online learning platform to help small businesses understand how to handle their tax and super basics. You can pick and choose a specific learning pathway relevant to your needs, where you're at in the business lifecycle and the industry you're in. You can also complete each course at your own pace by saving your progress and coming back another time. For more information, visit the Essentials to strengthen your small business page on the ATO website.

Ask for help if you need it

Remember, it's important to lodge, and pay in full and on time. If you're worried you won't be able to lodge and pay by the due date, contact your registered tax professional or visit the ATO website to find out what support options are available to you. Small businesses can find more information on the help with paying page.



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IT'S TAX TIME



Jan Clark, the principal of Finance Consulting and Accounting loves volunteering with the under 8's soccer and when she's not doing this, she can take care of all your tax and financial needs.

A great team for your tax returns

WHEN Jan Clark isn't taking care of clients' tax and financial needs, she loves to enjoy all that Bass Coast has to offer and to trawl local markets for the freshest produce to cook delicious meals.

She starts the day with a good coffee and a laugh with her three children, then gets on with the job of directing an experienced team of three at Finance Consulting and Accounting (FCAA).

The team at FCAA prides itself on providing personal, friendly and high-quality advice and services to their clients. Walter is a specialist in superannuation and Jorde is a master at setting up businesses and teaching how to use online products like XERO.

The team take the stress out of doing tax returns and provides a comprehensive service for individuals, partnerships, trusts, companies and superannuation funds.

Their tax return service covers a wide range of items and FCAA can advise clients on capital gains, compliance, undertake Business Activity Statements, and business and tax planning.

A major part of FCAA's work is committed to minimising client's taxes while remaining within the legal boundaries.

"Our clients' affairs are regularly reviewed to ensure that they are organised in a way that is as tax-effective as possible," Jan said.

The business offers a number of financial advisory services including ABN/TFN/GST/PAYGW registrations, setup of superannuation funds, trusts and companies and litigation support.

FCAA is committed to providing a personal service to their clients and this has led to the development of close relationships with clients.

This gives the team unique insight into the client's business affairs, so they can provide high-quality and tailored advice.

Jan and the FCAA team see themselves as not merely the provider of a service driven by compliance requirements, but as an effective partner in our clients' businesses.

Find the team at 48 McBride Ave, Wonthaggi, or give them a call on 56 742 922.

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Various accounting and taxation consulting services are offered, including help with self-managed super funds, trusts, companies, business activity statements, payroll, WorkCover and superannuation.

Wayne van Spaendonck is a Certified Practising Accountant and Tax Agent, as well as the principal partner at the firm.

"As the business owner, I am the point of contact for clients. Clients deal directly with me throughout their taxation compliance journey. Clients are always provided with a good level of service for a reasonable fee. I offer Gippsland locals personalised accounting and taxation services with the goal of building long-lasting relationships."

Being up to date with annual tax changes and laws, Wayne is well-placed to guide you through the sometimes complex world of taxation compliance. Having a trusted accountant at hand is a great resource for



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any business or individual.

When not crunching the numbers Wayne enjoys pursuing his love of the outdoors and nature with his family. A weekend might be spent on the beach with his children or bike riding around the neighbourhood. An afternoon of family fishing is always on the cards.

If you are looking for a great accountant to assist you this tax season, give Wayne a call on 0434 438 420 or email wayne@wvsaccounting.com.au.



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Perrett Group joins forces with Larkin Partners

TWENTY-ONE thousand, seven hundred and seven days, so far – that’s how long Don Perrett has been a partner in The Perrett Group Gippsland Pty Ltd, through all its stages. Additionally, there are six years prior under the guidance of Alan Proudlock that Don has called the accounting practice home.

In an exciting yet emotional move, Don has joined forces with the family-owned Larkin Partners Group to ensure his 60-year legacy continues in Leongatha, as Don winds back, and begins a slow transition towards eventual retirement.

“I enjoyed accounting at school and my father used to be the secretary of the Leongatha Butter Factory,” Don recalled.

“I never went to university – I would commute from Leongatha to Melbourne three nights a week for studies. Alan Proudlock indicated to me that once I qualified, he would make me a partner; I’ve been a partner since January 1971.”

Don is looking forward to the skills, experience and fresh ideas Roger Larkin and his son, Will Larkin, will bring with them to The Perrett Larkin Group.

“Roger and Will both bring different skills to the practice and I’m excited to bounce ideas off them,” Don explained.

As luck would have it, the meeting of the trio was by chance, with multiple little coincidences emerging in the months since, including a cross-connection to mutual



Don Perrett has partnered with Larkin Group, ensuring his 60-year accounting legacy continues in Leongatha.

clients and businesses.

“We have Sue Jarvis (from our office) and her brother, Chris Morcom, to thank for the introduction. Chris works very closely with Roger and since the introduction, it has been one little coincidence after another,” Don said.

Don is also eager to, once again, offer self-managed super funds back in-house thanks to Larkin Partners, as well as clients being able to utilise Will’s advisory expertise.

Don proudly speaks of a painting hanging in the office by Renae Carmody – ‘Commuting over the hills to Leongatha’.

“It’s what Alan Proudlock did

for many, many years, so I think having a relationship with a Melbourne-based practice is completing the circle again.”

Larkin Partners have recently been in Leongatha meeting clients and are looking forward to the change in scenery.

“We have had the opportunity for Roger and Will to meet with a few of our clients and it has been very positive. I’m very optimistic about the future,” Don continued.

“Clients will again benefit from both the Melbourne and country experiences.”

Although Larkin Partners hail from Ivanhoe, owner Roger is a Gippsland gent at heart, having

grown up in Moe, and being a fixture of the local football club. He also counts a number of people in the Gippsland region as clients from Briagolong and Sale to Bairnsdale.

“It was one of my lifelong dreams to be an accountant and to one day work for myself. I’ve had my own practice for the last 23 years, which has been enjoyable, and we now have 25 staff,” Roger smiled, noting he has been in the industry since 1990.

“We’re here to help clients and look after their affairs.

“We are excited to be continuing Don’s legacy, looking after his clients and also establishing our own

presence in Leongatha.”

With three senior chartered accountants and multiple in-house resources, Larkin Partners brings the capability to serve a diverse range of clients.

Will Larkin will be a significant presence in Leongatha, balancing his time between client accounting and tax needs, as well as consulting.

“After university and working for Larkin Partners, I decided to branch out. I wanted to get exposure from the big four accounting firms,” Will said.

“I started my career at KPMG within the mergers, acquisitions and tax team.”

After gaining experience in different deal structures, Will shifted to Deloitte before heading to the investment bank Kidder Williams. Here, Will spent time in the agricultural sector, from acquisitions to risk assessment.

“I’m looking forward to collaborating more with agricultural clients and bringing a broader perspective and corporate mindset to better benefit them, providing a more holistic view,” Will added.

Although Don will still be a regular feature for many years in Leongatha at the practice, he is looking forward to travelling Australia and spending time with his family, particularly his grandchildren.

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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

THE new Term 3 Program is printed and ready to be delivered. Look out on our website and Facebook page for links to the new courses and activities. The following is just a small snapshot of what will be on offer are the following.

Tai Chi for Arthritis – Gentle exercise for wellbeing and pain control.

Living With Colour – Two creative workshops studying the meaning and effect of

colour in our lives.

Intro to MyGov – Information session – Learn the ins and outs of your My Gov Account and how to best use it.

Milpara Book Club – We are always looking for more book lovers to join the friendly group for discussion and sharing the love of reading.

Learn English – Do you know anyone with English as their second or third language who would benefit from

joining a relaxed and supportive class; to understand and improve language skills? Please tell them about this class.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the wonderful community of people who continue to donate packaged and fresh food, and other home goods to our Emergency Food Bank, particularly in the cold winter months where a good meal is essential. If you are in need, bring a bag to pick up

some emergency supplies.

Milpara Emergency Food bank is open on Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10am – 4pm

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



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YES YOUTH HUB

THOUGHTS from a young person: The biggest question for me is why do older people always use "It's because I'm the adult/parent" it's hard for younger people to counter back or make a point because they're always shot down. It can be quite hard for many to express their thoughts or feelings, maybe it's time to question that? You have a voice and it's a very harmful phase to many, but it's good to keep thoughts going, maybe by writing or telling a close friend! That's all from me – Levi

We are looking for submissions for a new youth magazine! If you are 12 – 17 years old and have a favourite artist or musician we would love to hear from you. If you put together a review

and want it published please send it through to us at yesyouth.hub@ymca.org.au

This week one of our team members left for a new role at headspace. Ben would like to thank all the young people that pop into the YES Youth Hub and inspire all of us. He also wrote the following for all to read, "I have witnessed young people engaging in the space in record numbers and the type of events and programs the Youth Advisory Council have led are well recognised throughout the sector as being innovative and safe for all young people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tracey Cobb for her passion for our community, sense of humour and for being one of the most approachable people

in Bass Coast. Tracey, you are a true humanitarian and there is a lot of gratitude out there for what you do."

We would like to remind our readers that the YYH will be organising a number of events and programs to keep the young people of Bass Coast safe, warm and full of tasty treats for the school holidays. If you are interested be sure to follow us on our socials for updates (young people and parents are welcome). We can be found on Instagram or Facebook on the following handles @YESYouthHub @basscoast.freeza @basscoastskateparks @basscoastymca #engage!

The YES Youth Hub is a community project managed by the YMCA Bass Coast on behalf of

the Victorian Government. Bass Coast Shire Council and most importantly young people. It provides a safe, welcoming and inclusive space for young people living in the Bass Coast. We are located at 76 Watt Street, Wonthaggi and our Drop-In is open on Monday to Thursday between 2.30pm – 5.30pm for 12 – 17 year olds. So please come on down and check out the space during Drop-In.

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



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

THE NDIS Digital Discovery group on Tuesdays have spent the last few sessions working on PowerPoint presentations. Despite some people's experiences in meetings, PowerPoint does not have to be boring! Used well, it can be a very creative way to present ideas, and that's definitely how the participants have used it.

Once their slide shows were finished, each student then presented on the big screen in the classroom, adding commentary about their chosen subject.

They also learned how to turn their presentation into a video for sharing online.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services,

please visit bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Every little bit helps when it comes to providing fresh produce, as some vegetable and fruit prices go up and up at the supermarket.

That's why the community garden volunteers/members enjoy eating what they grow and sharing the excess.

A case in point: last week Win Kyi and Thei Mu had more bok choy than they needed, Marisa was glad to pass along fully grown lettuces and there were mandarins, lemons, carrots and chillies to share.

The regular volunteers on

Thursday also put garden-grown produce on a help-yourself table at the garden gate whenever there is something extra to share around.

It's a good way to finish the working morning and reflects the garden's sense of community.

Volunteers get together on Thursdays between 10am and noon. Visitors are welcome to drop in and find out more about the garden. Contact tgordon@westnet for more info or call BCAL on 5672 3115.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies have received a

Community Grant from Bass Coast Shire Council which will be put towards a new lathe for the workshop.

Attendance is still high at all the sessions despite the chilly weather and the tendency for some people to seek warmer climes in the winter months. There's nothing like whiling away a rainy day in the workshop.

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



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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

WHEN groups are advertised and then it's announced that they are ceasing to be the next week, well that's Sod's Law.

However, many thanks to Maree for providing meditation and mindfulness skills on Wednesdays to people in her long association with the WNC. The Monday Meditation Group is also ceasing and that opportunity to have a quiet entry to the week will be missed too.

But, to perk you up a bit, a new class is starting. It's a new art group. Doesn't matter where you are in the artscape, be it experienced or not, all are welcome. Bring your paints, a canvas, rocks or whatever you would like to work on or paint or draw. Our aim is to have fun. The group meets Wednesdays

from 1.45pm to 3.30pm.

Another program finishing this term is the Peace Education Workshops. They may be back next term. Stay tuned.

The second school term is coming to an end this Friday and Mitchell House will still be open and welcoming to you over the holiday period. The community food pantry will still be available as will the frozen meals and bread for those in need. The Grapevine Programs will not be at full strength though. Here are some of the groups which will be meeting at their usual times: The Chess group on Mondays from 1pm.

The Craft groups which top and tail the old working week, Mondays is How to make a Quilt from start – finish (the

end product will keep you warm over the winter) 9.30am to 12.30pm and the Craft and Cuppa group on Fridays, start a new project or bring along a current one to work on, they meet 10am to 12noon.

The AA, Al-Anon Family and Friends and the Narcotics Anon groups will continue meeting on their usual days and times. AA Wednesday 7pm to 8pm, contact Sean 0425 707 480. Al-Anon Family and Friends on Fridays 10.30am to 12noon, call Karen on 0409 354 038 for more information and Narcotics Anon on Mondays 7pm to 8pm, for more information contact Peter on 0456 000 844.

The beginning of a new financial year coincides with the

WNC membership year. Now is the time to renew or become a member and get some great benefits when you do. You get discounts to many of our activities and receive a monthly newsletter plus The Grapevine program which lists groups, dates, days and times for the term. Both can be delivered online or by post, your choice. Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook: Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House. Or go to our website: wonthaggi-neighbourhoodcentre.com.



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LIFE Moments



HARVEY Joseph Sanders was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on June 12, weighing 3.98kg. Harvey is the first child for Ryan Sanders and Katrina Burgoine of North Wonthaggi.

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• FAITH FACTOR

Story on Peace

By Assistant Pastor Karen Thorp, Grace Chapel, Archies Creek

Author Unknown

THERE was once a businessman who was willing to pay a small fortune to the artist who could best illustrate in a painting the presence of peace. So, some artists brought to him paintings of sunsets and quiet meadows, but he did not accept any of these. One day while he was looking at more attempts by other artists he saw two paintings that captured his attention.

One was a painting of a beautiful calm lake surrounded by lush green mountains. The water looked as still as glass and the wispy white clouds seemed to dance in the bright blue sky. Next to this painting was another that was vastly different. It was also a picture of a lake surrounded by mountains, but the strong winds had made the lake turbulent and the dark clouds hovered about the rugged mountains ready to release a downpour of torrential rain.

The man's wife and employees were standing nearby and watched with anticipation to see which he might choose to depict the story of peace. They were all shocked when he did not choose the first, but instead chose the second. "How could such a stormy scene tell a story of peace," asked his wife.

The businessman explained.

"The first painting was beautiful and peaceful, but it didn't tell the truth of where peace can be found. Anyone could feel peaceful upon a crystal-clear lake with white clouds drifting across the sky and barely a breeze blowing across the water."

Then he pointed out something in the second painting that they had all overlooked.

"If you had peered closely into the mountains of the second, there was a waterfall, and tucked into a crevice of that mountain near the waterfall was a small nest on which a mother bird sat upon tiny blue eggs."

The businessman added.

"This second painting is a picture of true, perfect peace because it is within the storms of life we find real peace tucked into the side of God knowing His presence will guard and protect us even in the midst of this world's storms."

Philippians 4:6-7

'Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.'

Korumburra Lions Club delivers valuable funding

KORUMBURRA Lions Club disbursed over \$10,000 locally from a total of just under \$14,000 to worthy organisations and causes for the 2023-24 financial year, with representatives of some of the recipient local organisations attending the club's recent changeover dinner to express their appreciation.

Immediate past president Roger Powell explained that about 10 per cent of yearly club disbursements go towards Lions Club international programs, 20 per cent into Lions activities around Australia, and the remaining 70 per cent towards local initiatives in Korumburra and South Gippsland.

Locally, a doubling of the KSC Music Scholarship program funding by the Lions Club has allowed more children to work on their musical skills, with Korumburra Secondary College principal John Wilson delighted to accept a cheque for just over \$1200.

Milpara Community House manager Jenni Keerie collected \$500 towards the centre's community dinners and food bank.

"I very much appreciate the relationship that Milpara has with Lions and we work together on a number of projects," she said.

Korumburra Scouts received \$450 towards the training of leaders and the local CFA and SES branches gained \$400 each.

Korumburra CFA's longest-serving current member Keith McPherson, who has belonged for 51 years, was on hand to accept a cheque to rapturous applause.

Korumburra Cemetery Trust's Geoff Wyatt was delighted to receive a cheque towards a sailcloth that will provide shade for those visiting the memorial garden.

\$1000 went to the Lions Club International Foundation, with the Australian Lions projects supported including Ride for Sight (\$500), Skin Cancer Testing (\$300) and the Eye Health Program (\$250), while the Gippsland-based Lions Licola Wilderness Camp received \$500.



Touching gesture brings comfort and connection

A REMARKABLE rug at Carinya Lodge serves as a powerful symbol of unity and compassion, telling the touching story of resident Elsie and a stranger who profoundly impacted her life.

The rug, made and gifted by Nancy, has brought comfort and connection to Elsie, demonstrating that we are never truly alone in times of grief.

Married for 75 years, Elsie's husband Bob recently passed away.

This act of kindness has deeply touched both women, showcasing the profound impact a single compassionate gesture can have on another's life.

Lions Club's community focus continues under new leadership

KORUMBURRA Lions Club recently held its Changeover dinner, president for the last two years Roger Powell handing over the leadership to Jan Hutton who is excited about the opportunities and challenges ahead.

She decided some years ago to start taking on challenges, confident that will help her to grow and become a better person.

"That is why I have said 'yes' to the people who suggested to me to become a Lions president," Jan told her audience consisting of Lions Club representatives from around the area and people from other community organisations.

She reflected on personal challenges she faced almost a decade ago and how she responded, joining Toastmasters, developing skills, and becoming a life coach, and spoke of her subsequent move from Melbourne to Korumburra, with her and partner Steve joining their local Lions Club.

Jan said that as well as its aims of helping the youth, aged and needy and providing improved community infrastructure, Korumburra Lions Club has a role in creating experiences for local people that increase joy and community spirit.

"Community spirit will help this town grow and become stronger," she declared.

While acknowledging she'll make mistakes as club president, Jan expressed confidence that with the support of the members, both she and the community will flourish.

Earlier, Roger spoke of his time as president, describing the role as being a custodian.

"I need to make sure that when I step down from this position, the club is in a better position than when I started," he said of the philosophy that drove him.

There is no doubt Roger achieved his goal, taking the



Korumburra Lions Club's committee for the year ahead is Roger Powell (immediate past president, and now treasurer), Jan Hutton (president), Janet Powell (marketing chair), Jean Worthy (member wellbeing chair), Alf Dennemoser (secretary), and Val Wilson (membership chair) who was unable to attend the Changeover dinner. A02_2624



New Korumburra Lions Club president Jan Hutton speaks to attendees at the recent Changeover dinner. A03_2624



Marc Gribble reflects on his time as treasurer of Korumburra Lions Club. A04_2624



Past president Ian Wilson speaks during Korumburra Lions Club's Changeover dinner. A05_2624

club from a precarious position with just five members to a sound one.

Being named District Club of the Year for a second consecutive year demonstrates much has been accomplished, with Roger crediting all his fellow Korumburra Lions with that success.

As well as raising funds for dispersal to worthy community organisations, Korumburra Lions Club members provided support for several events, with a Halloween evening, Christmas Carols, Easter Egg Hunt, and the 50th Birthday celebrations of Coal Creek bringing joy for locals and those from further afield.

Catering for the local Swap Meet, Christmas Twilight event and the Korumburra Show has provided considerable funds, and Burra Brush n Bubbles continues to be a great success.

Roger also highlighted the Lions Anniversary Garden, which officially opened prior to Christmas, as an important project during the last year.

Past president Ian Wilson, who provided mentorship for Roger as he found his feet in the role, praised his accomplishments while in charge, and the promotion Roger has given the club through his regular Lions program on South Coast Radio.

With Roger shifting into the treasurer's post, his predecessor Marc Gribble was acknowledged for his hard work in managing the club's finances.

"There were five members, so I thought this would be easy; then Roger came and I've been chasing my tail trying to keep up with him," Marc said.

While Janet Powell has already helped boost the profile of the club as secretary, she will continue to do so as the newly appointed marketing chair, with Alf Dennemoser as the club's new secretary.

Jean Worthy is the member wellbeing chair, with Val Wilson the membership chair.

Rotary Club brings community spirit to Cowes Community Meal

IN A heartwarming display of community spirit, the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo has taken a hands-on approach to supporting the Cowes Community Meal. Previously known for their financial contributions, Rotary members stepped up last week to handle the entire evening's activities, from planning and cooking to serving and cleaning up.

Breaking away from their usual sausage sizzles, the Rotary team impressed attendees with a sumptuous meal. Diners enjoyed corned beef accompanied by white mustard sauce or traditional Irish sauce, served with a variety of fresh vegetables.

The culinary experience was topped off with a delightful lemon coconut custard pie, paired with vanilla ice cream.

The evening was spearheaded by Peter Hartley, who led the Rotary team with the capable assistance of fellow club member, Sharon Buxton. They collaborated closely with Glen Davidson, the



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regular organiser of the Cowes Community Meal, ensuring the event ran smoothly.

Rotary members who participated in the event found it highly rewarding.

"At Rotary, we always look for ways to support our community. We were thrilled to get involved with this amazing project," said Club President Rob Robertson.

"The best part for all of us

was serving a nutritious meal that everyone enjoyed. We look forward to working with St. John's in the future."

The club is already planning to lend their support to another Cowes Community Meal later in the year, demonstrating its ongoing commitment to the Phillip Island and San Remo communities.

The Cowes Community Meal is a project by St John's

Uniting Church, located at the corner of Chapel Street and Warley Avenue, Cowes. They offer a free meal every Monday night from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, and everyone is welcome. The Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo loved working with St John's Uniting Church in Cowes, building stronger community ties through this wonderful collaboration.

Explore the woods with Leongatha Lyric Theatre

EVERYONE is invited to venture 'Into the Woods' from July 5, with the latest Leongatha Lyric Theatre (LLT) production at the town's Memorial Hall a multi-layered show intertwining various fairy tales and appealing to people of all ages, in what is expected to be Colin Mitchell's final directorial role with the theatre group.

The production, which features Stephen Sondheim's music and lyrics and is based on a book by James Lapine, serves as a celebration of LLT's 60th Birthday.

Colin has been involved with the company since he was 14 and, now approaching 70, continues to dazzle audiences with his ability to combine directing with costume and set design.

"He's a creative genius," Vocal Musical Director Carmel Slater said, adding that Colin always aims for the highest possible results in every aspect of a show in which he is involved and has great attention to detail.

Korumburra-born Sydney resident Colin has won many theatrical awards and now has an OAM in his name for 'Service to the Performing Arts'.

"I'm really accepting it on behalf of all the volunteers I've worked with over the years," Colin said of that honour earlier this year, reflecting his humble nature.

He has been a Life Member of LLT since 1978, relishing his involvement on and off stage from the start-up to the current day.

"He is one of the best directors around, and being the 60th anniversary of Leongatha Lyric Theatre group and him running the show is just incredible," Andrew Newton said as he looks forward to playing 'The Mysterious Man' in 'Into the Woods'.

Andrew described the show as clever and well written and loves the challenge of becoming 'The Mysterious Man'.

"You've got to embrace the character and the meanings behind the show," he said.

Andrew praised the production's musicians for their ability to handle Sondheim's technical music. Carmel elaborated on the complexity of the music and ensuring singers get their timing correct.

"It has a lot of melodies that are almost the same but not the same," she said, adding that notes here and there are a little different, contrasting the production with the fact many other musicals repeat the same melody.

Carmel explained there isn't much in the 'Into the Woods' music to give performers an indication of when to start singing as they are coming out of speaking, something that requires extensive practice.

With a lot of repetition of the same words in the dialogue, the cast members need to ensure they don't get mixed up, as that could lead the orchestra to play songs at the wrong time. Carmel is part of the orchestra, having been the rehearsal pianist throughout preparations for the show.

As Vocal Musical Director, she works closely with the Orchestral Musical Director

Malcolm McCaffery.

"I'm not a singer but I do it all from a musical perspective," Carmel said, noting that she directs from the keyboard.

Sam Shineberg plays the other keyboard, with a mixture of brass, strings, woodwind and a percussionist rounding out the orchestra. Carmel has been involved with LLT since 1979, with this her third show as musical director, having been a rehearsal pianist over the years.

"This is probably the highest level of experience and expertise I've worked with in South Gippsland," she said of the 'Into the Woods' cast, labelling the singing the equal of many Melbourne productions.

"There'll be one set of meanings for kids and another for adults," Carmel said of the storyline, having explained it is not sugar-coated and flows like a fairy tale, with dark undertones.

The story centres on a baker and his wife who are striving to have a child but must overcome a curse to do so.

"All their choices they make along the way create consequences that perhaps they didn't consider," LLT president Bron Beach said of the pair's journey.

She described the show as fun, saying it wouldn't offend anyone, with no swearing, nudity or depravity.

The costumes, dancing, singing, directing, orchestra and some amazing projections ensure audiences are in for a treat.

Providing such joy and transforming a town hall into a theatre is no simple matter, with the need to construct not just a stage, but also seating platforms to ensure audience members are not on one level and can see the action. It takes many people to deliver such shows, with those who attend 'Into the Woods' sure to appreciate the efforts of all involved.



Imogen Whittaker plays the Witch in 'Into the Woods'.



The Baker and his wife, played by Tim Gesell and Kerry Lockhart, are central to the story of 'Into the Woods'.



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Val Smith and Jude Garlick walk or cycle the Mirboo North section of the rail trail every day and were keen to enhance their knowledge of the old train line. ob07_2624



Travis and Melanie Binding enjoyed looking at the old photos of the train stations and rail lines; picturing what it used to be like. ob08_2624



Zoe and Richard Baillie looked at photos of the train travelling through the property where Richard once lived, and on which he used to travel in the 1950s. ob09_2624



Peter Keenan reminisced about how he used to sit on the train driver's knee as a young boy during the September school holidays when he went to visit his uncle and auntie in Mirboo North. ob10_2624



Mel Farrell, Louis Smith and Graeme Wilson enjoyed looking over old photographs of the train line and newspaper articles. ob11_2624



Renata and Dave are both data experts and are exploring opportunities to start their own businesses to help other businesses. ob01_2624



Chelsea Ford of Chelsea Maddison Hair and Jess Harle from Jess Harle Laser Room, both in Leongatha, were looking to build on their marketing skills and meet new people. ob02_2624



Ella James of Night Babe is looking to expand her range of evening products and Cathy Lumas is looking to develop a plan and structure for her holistic health and wellbeing business. ob03_2624



Jodie was creating a praying mantis lantern and Caroline was working on a koala lantern for the Forest and Friends theme that will light up this year's Winterfest. ob05_2624

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at 50th Anniversary celebration of the last passenger train from Morwell to Mirboo North, Startup Gippsland: Kickstart Your Business Workshop, Lantern Making Workshop for Mirboo North Winterfest 2024 and the Tourism and Green Economy presentation at Berninneit.



Nicky Cawood, an organiser of Mirboo North Winterfest, with Margie Mackay, lantern making guide, and Eva creating a special lantern at the workshop. ob04_2624

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Bass Coast Shire Council's visitor economy and events officer Jenni McMillan, Destination Phillip Island's Serena Cabello and council candidate Tracey Bell at the Tourism and Green Economy event on Thursday night.



Bass Coast Shire Council's customer and visitor services officers Renea Cooper and Gemma Bresnahan at the Tourism and Green Economy event at Berninneit.



Sam, Philippa and Tony were inspired at Thursday night's Tourism and Green Economy event.



Mark Anderson, Collette McMahon and Julia Munro at Berninneit on Thursday night for the Tourism and Green Economy presentation.



Alice Foster and Tanya Browne putting together the frame for a peacock lantern. ob06_2624



Latrobe Valley Authority CEO Chris Buckingham and Laura Brearley took in the Tourism and Green Economy presentation at Berninneit on Thursday night.



Georgia Bisset and Dannielle Proietti from Wildlife Coast Cruises enjoyed the Tourism and Green Economy event on Thursday night.

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Off-grid home a winner for Leongatha builders

A BEAUTIFULLY designed, modern and fully off-grid family home at Wooreen in eastern Victoria, and a new flagship multi-purpose Futures Centre for St Paul's Anglican Grammar School in Traralgon, have won the top honours at the 2024 Master Builders Victoria Regional Building Awards, Eastern Region.

MDC Building Group from Leongatha took out the title of 2024 MBV Regional Residential Builder of the Year, East for the beautifully crafted, multi-zoned home at Wooreen which is designed to take full advantage of stunning valley views and cleverly crafted distinctive areas for both parents and children.

While BFN Developments from Traralgon was awarded the title of 2024 MBV Regional Commercial Builder of the Year, East for the quality construction of the flagship project which features a complex combination of integrated learning and performance spaces with distinct audio and spatial requirements.

The two top awards were among 18 awards for display homes, custom homes, commercial buildings, and renovations announced at a gala dinner on Friday, June 21 at the Lardner Park Events Centre, in front of a record-breaking crowd of 180 guests.

Master Builders Victoria CEO, Michaela Lihou congratulated the major winners on their outstanding successes, saying they showcased the very best of the Victorian building industry.

"Despite some of the challenges that continue to confront our industry, it is fantastic to celebrate the talent, the passion and the stunning work that our members continue to deliver with these outstanding projects right across Victoria," she said.

"Our warmest congratulations to all our winners and finalists, especially to the teams from MDC Building Group and BFN Developments."

MDC Building Group will now go on to complete on behalf of the Eastern Region at this year's MBV Excellence in Housing Awards, being held at Palladium Crown, on Friday October 11.

Roseleigh Homes won Best Custom Home \$800,000-\$1million for Affleck Street, Warragul, and received a Special Commendation for Best Display Home Over \$500,000 for Adah, Drouin.

Baybuilt Homes took home the win in the Best Custom Home \$500,000-\$600,000 category for the McCarthy Residence, Inverloch, and a Special Commendation in Best Custom Home \$600,000-\$800,000 for the Clark/Hanily Residence, Inverloch.

View a full list of winners visit mbav.com.au/2024-master-builders-victoria-regional-building-awards-eastern



Incredible rural outlook in the heart of town

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Superb driveway access straight into the carport, allows for direct entry into the laundry and the home is all on one level inside. Featuring modern, hydronic heated, polished concrete floors, double glazing throughout, block out blinds, elec. Windows and a ventilation system for added energy efficiency and draft seals.

There are four bedrooms in total, with a second living area/home theatre or rumpus room well appointed to the bedrooms. A sliding door to the courtyard provides natural light and a lovely indoor/outdoor space. Those with young families will appreciate the practical, hardwearing design of the master bathroom, oversized shower, large bath and heated towel rack. The ensuite features a double shower and twin vanities for those busy

'getting ready for work mornings'.

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27 STATION STREET
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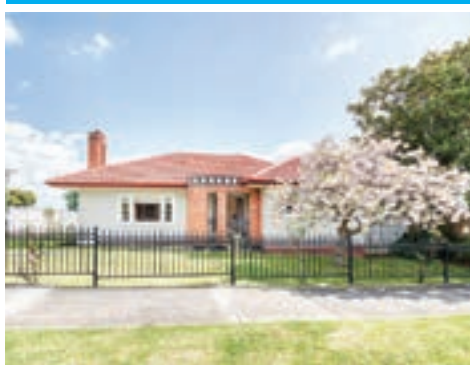
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20 SMITH STREET
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73 KORUMBURRA BENA ROAD
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34 RAYSON DRIVE
LEONGATHA



- 814m² block amongst quality homes
- Short walking distance from school precincts
- Rural aspect, all services

\$349,000

17-21 KOALA DRIVE
KOONWARRA



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46 PEART STREET
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170 SHELLCOT ROAD
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75 SMITHS ROAD
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- 3 living areas, outdoor entertaining
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16 GREENWOOD PARADE
LEONGATHA



- Dual occupancy with rail trail views.
- Main home + self contained 2 BR residence
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Lack of impartiality, according to Bath

THE NATIONALS Melina Bath has lashed the State Government after an upper house committee report into pig welfare in Victoria was released last week and slammed for its lack of impartiality, fairness, and consideration of scientific evidence.

Ms Bath said, 'history was repeating itself' and described the pork industry inquiry a 'political stunt'.

"The inquiry was instigated by animal activists in another push to end livestock farming in Victoria," said Ms Bath. "In supporting the AJP, the Government has once again sold out our farmers."

"AJP and the State Government know there is no mandate to end livestock farming in Victoria – however they are attempting to strangle the industry by

stealth through the introduction of extreme, costly, and unnecessary regulatory pressure."

Following the tabling, Ms Bath immediately moved a motion which calls on the government to reject the extreme elements of the report.

Ms Bath said it is imperative that the parliament works to reflect science and facts and reject the view of extremists.

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ONE of the Australia's best known and most reliable bulls, Maebull, has been retired from active service.

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He was recently retired from Genetics Australia just short of his 12th birthday.

Maebull was the oldest bull on centre and was one of the last bulls relocated from Parwan Park to the Glenormiston quarantine property following the purchase of TLG in 2021.

Selected for progeny testing in 2013, Maebull has forged a career both in Australia and internationally as a reliable bull leaving a consistent group of daughters known for their health and management traits.

Genetics Australia CEO Anthony Shelly said Maebull was lucky to have been selected to be progeny tested.

"When we selected our teams in 2013, it was still in the early days of genomic testing and our bulls were primarily selected on genomics. Maebull was the lowest bull in the team, and we debated whether to proceed with him," Mr Shelly said.

"However, we liked his cow family and felt he offered something different in our team at the time so decided to proceed with him. We're pleased that we did. He ended up graduating with flying colours and outlasted all the other bulls selected at the time."

Mr Shelly said not only was Genetics Australia pleased with the decision, so were many farmers in Australia and

overseas with Maebull rating 99 per cent reliable for most traits.

He has daughters milking in New Zealand and the first of his daughters are now calving in Pakistan where he has been used for heat stress given his 104 ABV for Heat Tolerance.

"He puts a great foundation in herds and his black medium statured daughters with high daughter fertility and low cell count are some of the reasons farmers go back and use him again and again," Mr Shelly said.

Maebull was purchased from Calister Holsteins in Calivil in Northern Victoria after coming in as an embryo imported from the USA by Craig Lister.

"I had a lot of faith in the Lead Mae cow family that he came from," Mr Lister said.

"It was one of the families I had long admired so when it was cost effective to import embryos, it was one that I targeted."

"In this game, you get used to bulls not turning out quite as well as you'd hoped but you get surprised by others," Mr Lister said.

"Maebull turned out to be one who surprised us pleasantly."

Calister Holsteins has many Maebull daughters in his herd.

"I judge him by the performance of his daughters," Mr Lister said.

"He made robust, functional cows with all the health traits that are required for a modern dairy cow."

"He epitomises our breeding goal. I have a lot of Maebull daughters to attest to my faith in him. His eldest daughter is classified excellent and is still going well."

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Kubota engines are renowned, whether in their own machines or other brands.

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The French-built M7 series tractors continue to be popular.



Chapman Machinery Service operations manager Cameron Chapman and first year apprentice Jethro Walliker show off a couple of the Kubota vehicles available at the Leongatha business, a European made M5111 tractor and an XG850 petrol RTV. A11_2624

"They're a very good, value-for-money tractor," Cameron said, adding that they fit the low maintenance characteristics associated with Kubota.

He also highlighted the ability of Kubota's RTVs to withstand tough farm duties.

"It's quite a heavy-duty build as far as the suspension, and can take a fair beating," Cameron said.

The diesel version of Kubota RTVs features internal brakes, making them popular with dairy farmers due to their ability to stand up to muddy paddocks.

"Because it's a hydrostatic transmission, you don't use your brakes that much because you back off the accelerator to slow down," Cameron explained.

He highlighted the new petrol XG model that is faster than Kubota's diesel RTVs and can hit a speed in excess of 67km/h, making it great if you need to catch up to animals.

People are encouraged to visit Chapman Machinery Service to organise a test drive, with its friendly and knowledgeable staff ready to help.

Increased safety concerns mars duck season

A VAST majority of hunters displayed exemplary behaviour during the 2024 Victorian duck hunting season according to a report released last week. Overall, hunters contributed to a safe and regulated hunting environment.

"Once again we see that hunters' conduct has been put under a microscope, and once again it has been found to be commendable," Field & Game Australia (FGA) CEO Lucas Cooke said.

Throughout the season, the Victorian Game Management Authority (GMA) conducted an extensive compliance operation, with 511 patrols across Victoria's waterways and wetlands. Authorised officers checked more than 1550 Game Licences and inspected more than 1200 hunter bags. Only 26 hunting-related offences were detected. While these breaches are concerning and must be addressed, notably compliance with bag limits was 100 per cent. The offences detected included invalid Game Licences, possession of toxic shot, and failure to leave a wing attached. The GMA is addressing these violations with 22 infringement notices and 32 ongoing investigations.

"While the majority of hunters acted safely and responsibly, any breach of game hunting laws is unacceptable," GMA CEO Graeme Ford said. "Most of the hunters our officers encountered were following the rules, and we commend them for their compliance and responsible behaviour."

The remaining breaches were attributed to activists.

"Public safety laws are in place to provide a safe environment for all land users," he said. "Those who oppose duck hunting have a right to protest, but they must do so safely and legally."

Seven non-hunters are also under investigation for hindering or obstructing an Authorised Officer.



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The Fish Creek Football Netball Club received a \$5000 grant to create a recipe book with content sourced from locals to support fundraising efforts for the Club's restoration.

Big boost for Gippsland dairy communities

FRRR and Gardiner Foundation have awarded \$49,545 to 11 community groups across Gippsland for local initiatives that will support, strengthen and sustain their dairying regions.

In total, 27 groups across Gippsland, South-West and Northern Victoria are sharing in \$124,478 in grants.

For 22 years, the Gardiner Foundation Community Grants program has empowered not-for-profit organisations (NFPs) in Victoria's dairy communities to create and lead projects that help locals connect and support their farming regions to be sustainable and vibrant places to live and work.

This year, Victoria's dairying regions will be boosted by a wide range of community-led projects including the 'Recipes for Recovery' project to help heal the Fish Creek community.

In the wake of a devastating arson attack that destroyed its beloved clubrooms, the Fish Creek Football Netball Club is turning to the power of community stories and cherished recipes to rebuild.

The club has received a \$5000 grant to create a recipe book with content sourced from locals.

Club Co-President, Ray Stefani said the project aims to build community resilience by acknowledging the contributions of generations of member families.

"Through the 'Recipes for Recovery' project, we aim to capture the rich culinary traditions and personal histories of local families, creating a treasured recipe book that will not only preserve these memories for generations but also support fundraising efforts for the Club's restoration," Ray said.

Allan Cameron, Gardiner Foundation CEO, said that the organisation's longstanding partnership with FRRR has enabled it to invest more than \$2.4 million in Victoria's dairying regions.

"The Community Grants Program aims to support purpose-driven, not-for-profit organisations in rural and regional Victoria by enhancing their capacity to serve their local communities effectively.

"These grants provide crucial financial support to community groups, helping them overcome challenges as they work to revitalise their communities."

"We take pride in recognising the remarkable efforts of these groups within their communities, often carried out voluntarily, and in assisting them by funding projects that they believe will significantly enhance community resilience," Mr Cameron said.

Other local grant recipients include, Friends of Coal Creek Inc. Korumburra - \$5000 for the digitisation of the historical assets of Coal Creek, the Treble F Singers Incorporated, Leongatha - \$2907 for training and administration aids to improve operations, the Venus Bay Tarwin Lower and District Mens Shed Inc. - \$5000 for the Festival Free Fun for Kids to support the attendance of the 2024 Tarwin District Community Show, and Fishy Stories Fabelo Inc., and Fishy Stories - \$5000 for improving community health and social wellbeing.

Jill Karena, FRRR Place Portfolio Lead, said that the impact that the Gardiner Foundation Community Grants program has had over the past 22 years is a testament to what is possible through collaboration with partners like the Gardiner Foundation.

"Not-for-profits work tirelessly to strengthen and grow the social and cultural fabric of their communities. But with current the economic landscape and climate-related transitions impacting Victoria, keeping these organisations up and running is becoming exceedingly difficult. Therefore, it's not surprising that this year we saw a predominant need from community groups for funding to develop organisational resilience and capacity.

"Victoria's dairy regions are resilient and resourceful, and we have seen, firsthand, the transformational change and outcomes that local people can achieve when they have access to funding.

"We are proud to play a small role in enabling these groups to drive change, build connections and share the vibrancy and determination of those living in Victoria's dairying regions," Ms Karena said.

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A/c Kiani Eden (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers 15-18 mths
20 AA/HFD x steers 15-18 mths
A/c AH & AR Walker, Yinnar (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 20 mths
A/c Est AA Birrs, Stradbroke (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 2 yo
A/c McLeod Partnership, Inverloch (PHC)
20 Angus steers 20-22 mths, Jarabee, Riga & Landfall blood
A/c Malabar Farms, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
12 Poll Hereford & Angus steers, 18-20 mths VB, GF and ABF
A/c AG Landy, Walkerville (SEJ)
18 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, Temania blood
A/c Yeerung Pastoral (NUTRIEN)
17 Angus steers, 18 mths, Kunuma blood
A/c O'Loughlin Farms, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
17 Angus steers, 16 mths, Kunuma blood
A/c S & G Cumming, Glenmaggie (NUTRIEN)
16 Hereford steers, 20 mths
A/c P & D Fowles, Bena (SEJ)
16 Angus steers, 24 mths Narracorte district bred
A/c A Wyhoon Enterprises P/L, Yinnar (SEJ)
10 Angus steers, 18-20 mths
K & N Reid, Outtrim (SEJ)
14 Hereford Shorthorn steers, 2 ½ yo
A/c Vuiller Poll Shorthorn, Yanakie (ALEX SCOTT)
14 Poll Shorthorn steers, 16-18 mths by stud shorthorn bull drenched, vaccinated.
A/c Tom Ridley, Chirnside Park (PHC)
12 Angus steers, 15-16 mths, Hazeldene blood
A/c T Burns, Krowera (NUTRIEN)
2 Angus steers, 23 mths

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c Malanda Past (ELDERS)
40 BB heifers, 18 mths
A/c AG Landy, Walkerville (SEJ)
14 Angus heifers, 16-18 mths, Te Mania blood
A/c Kiani Eden (ELDERS)
10 Hereford heifers, 15 mths

WEANERS

A/c Meadowra (ELDERS)
350 Angus mix sex weaners, 10-12 mths, VB, yard weaned, GF & ABF
A/c Seaton View Park, Heyfield (ELDERS)
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A/c WK Graham, Mirboo (SEJ)
50 Angus steers
50 Angus heifers
9-10 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c B & N Coulthard, Calrossie (SEJ)
50 Angus steers, 10-11 mths
40 Angus heifers, 10-11 mths
A/c Little & Cummins, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus Weaner steers
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20 Angus steers, 10 mths
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A/c MH & MY Riley P/L, Newry (NUTRIEN)
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A/c JT & P Fleming, Mertonvale (NUTRIEN)
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A/c Tullaree Past, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
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A/c T Van Dijk, Winnindoo (NUTRIEN)
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A/c R & C Farrell, Trafalgar (ELDERS)
13 Angus steers, 12 mths, VB, Fernleigh blood
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3 Angus heifers, 10 mths
A/c R & C Turnbull, Allambee Sth (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus heifers, 14 mths
A/c A & S Browne, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
11 Angus heifers, 10 mths
A/c R & B Broadbent, Heyfield (NUTRIEN)
8 Angus/Hereford X steers, 18 mths
A/c T Burns, Krowera (NUTRIEN)
7 BB steers, 10 mths

XBRED & DAIRY

A/c A&A Bayley (ELDERS)
29 AA/FF X mix sexes, 13-14 mths, VB
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30 x Angus/Fries x steers, 2 yo
A/c R Crane, Trafalgar (NUTRIEN)
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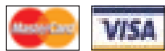
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<p>BILSON, Bill: 06.11.1934 - 17.06.2024.</p> <p>Loved and loving husband of Sue.</p> <p>Loved dad and father-in-law of Terry, Frank and Jen, Jenny and James, and Cathy.</p> <p>Adored Grandpa Bill to his 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.</p> <p><i>Forever in our Hearts.</i></p>	<p>HAMILTON, John 'Ian': 17.08.1930 - 18.06.2024.</p> <p>Passed away peacefully.</p> <p>Loving husband of Daphne (dec.).</p> <p>Loving father of Crawford (dec.), and Kate.</p> <p>Adored granddad to Emma and Peter, Sean and Amy.</p> <p>Adored great granddad to Logan.</p> <p>You will be deeply missed.</p>	<p>KADLETZ, Norbert: 14.12.1936 - 20.06.2024.</p> <p>It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Norbert Kadletz, a beloved brother, father, grandpa, and great grandpa. Norbert's life was a testament to the love and dedication he had for his family, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him.</p> <p>Norbert was a man of many roles and touched countless lives with his kindness, wisdom, and unwavering support. He leaves behind a legacy of love, cherished memories, and a family that adored him deeply. His presence brought joy to many, and his absence will be profoundly felt.</p> <p>May his soul rest in peace.</p> <p>With heartfelt condolences, The Kadletz family.</p>	<p>LEVERSHA, Dennis:</p> <p>A fully committed family man and a loyal friend of the Thorn family.</p>	<p>MOON, Leslie Edward Henry: 03.12.1936 - 20.06.2024.</p> <p>87 years young.</p> <p>The big "C" finally took you from us.</p> <p>He is out of pain now.</p> <p>Les was the 2nd son of 5 boys to Rose and Henry Moon. (both dec.).</p> <p>Originally residing in Jumbunna and Korumburra.</p> <p>He settled in Hampton and leaves his wife of 61yrs, Cherie.</p> <p>Daughters Kirra and Simone and their partners Greg and Frank.</p> <p>Grandchildren Joely, Chili, and Larry and their partners Zeb and Curtis.</p> <p>He was the 'godfather' of concrete pumps!</p> <p>Will never stop loving you 'Fred' from 'Dorrie'.</p>	<p>TURNER, Brian Rodney: 08.09.1946 - 18.06.2024.</p> <p>In loving memory of Brian Turner.</p> <p>It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Brian.</p> <p>Beloved husband and best friend to Joan, father to Brendan (dec.), Belinda (dec.), Ash and Warren, father-in-law to Tammy and Michelle, and cherished Pa to Amber, Zoe and Edwina.</p> <p>Brian lived life to the fullest and was deeply devoted to his family.</p> <p>Wonderful memories left for so many!</p> <p><i>Forever in our hearts.</i></p>	<p>WILKIE (Yann), Mavis (Mick):</p> <p>Passed away peacefully, aged 95.</p> <p>Dearly loved wife of Jack (dec.), and Harold Yann (dec.).</p> <p>Much loved mother of Judith, Beverly, and John, mother-in-law to Phil.</p> <p>Grandmother Mick to Emma and Gerard, Travis and Leanne, Kane (dec.) and Amy.</p> <p>Nanna Mick to Ruby, Finton, Jackson, Jenna, Annabelle, and Polly.</p> <p>Daughter of Irene and Johnny Gillman (both dec.). Sister of Joyce (dec.).</p> <p><i>Rest in Peace.</i></p> <p>Private Service.</p>	<p>KADLETZ: The Funeral Service for a Mr. Norbert Kadletz will be held at Handley Funeral Services Chapel, 24 Anderson Street Leongatha, TOMORROW, Wednesday June 26 at 11am.</p> <p>We invite all who knew and loved Norbert to join us in celebrating his life and the wonderful memories we shared.</p> <p>Norbert's service will be live streamed. To view the service please go to www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au</p> <p>Handley FUNERAL SERVICES Phone: (03) 5662 2717</p>
<p>BROWN, Phillip Keith: Of Korumburra.</p> <p>17.06.2024 young at 71.</p> <p>Warm thanks to Dr Thompson, Armitage staff and the GSHS Palliative team for their care of Phillip in his cancer battle.</p> <p>Phill's family and friends wrapped him in love and support.</p> <p>He will be sadly missed but his creative spirit lives on.</p> <p>Phill's ashes will be scattered amongst daffodils at a date TBC.</p>	<p>JEFFERS, Valda Emily: 19.12.1937 - 19.06.2024.</p> <p>Loving mother of Julie, Helen, Cheryl, Karen, Michele and their families.</p> <p><i>Forever in our Hearts.</i></p> <p>A private family funeral will be held.</p>		<p>McRAE, Rodney James (Rocket): 05.04.1954 - 17.06.2024.</p> <p>Loved and loving partner to Marina.</p>				
	<p>JERRAM (nee Haw), Margaret Rowe:</p> <p>Passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Monday June 17, aged 82 years.</p> <p>Loving wife of William, caring mother and mother-in-law of David and Kerry, Tim and Clare.</p> <p>Devoted grandmother of Emily, Matthew and Olivia.</p> <p>Your baking, hospitality, and generosity will be sadly missed.</p> <p>May the gardens of heaven flourish with your presence.</p>	<p>LEVERSHA, Dennis:</p> <p>Many happy memories of Dennis as a colleague and friend at Wonthaggi Technical School.</p> <p>His artistic vision was utilised to the benefit of the students, fellow teachers, and the community.</p> <p>Dennis was always willing to contribute, give advice, and initiate projects designed to widen the educational experience of students of this region.</p> <p>Dennis will be sorely missed.</p> <p>Condolences to Bev and family.</p> <p>-- Irene, Steve, and Lawrence.</p>	<p>McRAE, Rodney James: 05.04.1954 - 17.06.2024.</p> <p>An adventurous soul has left this world, he is now at peace and back in the loving embrace of Gwennie, Jack and Paul.</p> <p>Heaven will be all the more lively for your presence.</p> <p>Loved brother of Gary and brother-in-law of Erin.</p> <p>Uncle and great uncle of Clinton, Shannon and Paul, Anthony, Mahayla, Indi, Saoirse and Keegan.</p>				
<p>COLLINS, Albert Charles "Charlie": 20.09.1932 - 19.06.2024.</p> <p>Adored husband of Linda "Lucy" (dec.).</p> <p>Loved father of Allen and Barbara, Trevor (dec.) and Bobby, Dennis and Lisa.</p> <p>Proud grandfather of 9 grandchildren.</p> <p>Great grandfather of 14 great grandchildren.</p> <p><i>Peace at last.</i></p>				<p>NOLEN, Jim:</p> <p>Passed away peacefully on June 18, 2024, surrounded by family.</p> <p>Loved husband of Drusilla.</p> <p>A loving dad, grumps, brother and friend, who will be sadly missed by all.</p> <p>Funeral details will be advertised at a later date or go to www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au</p>	<p>WALKER, Greg:</p> <p>Passed away suddenly on June 14, 2024.</p> <p>Aged 65 years young.</p> <p>Loved son of Laurie and Essie (both dec.).</p> <p>Loving brother and brother-in-law of Marie and Don, Karen and Andrew, and Sue.</p> <p>Loved and adored uncle to his 8 nieces and nephews and 9 great nieces and nephews.</p> <p>He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.</p> <p>For funeral details go to www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au</p>	<p>FUNERALS</p> <p>BILSON:</p> <p>A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mr Bill Bilson will be held at St. John's Uniting Church, Chapel Street, Cowes TOMORROW, Wednesday June 26, 2024, commencing 2pm.</p> <p>A private family burial will precede the service.</p> <p>For livestreaming go to www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au</p> <p>Handley & Anderson Cowes 5952 5171</p>	<p>TURNER:</p> <p>A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mr. Brian Rodney Turner will be held at the Leongatha Bowling Club, Hughes Street, Leongatha, on Friday June 28, 2024, commencing 1.30pm.</p> <p>Private Cremation</p> <p>Handley FUNERAL SERVICES Phone: (03) 5662 2717</p>
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Three more lantern making workshops will be on for those who want to create a lantern for this year's Mirboo North Winterfest.

Lanterns set to dazzle at Mirboo North Winterfest

THE GRAIN Store in Mirboo North was a hive of activity on Saturday as the first of a series of four lantern-making workshops was held.

Lengths of lunti were being bent into a myriad of shapes as creatures began to take form for the Forest and Friends-themed lantern parade, that will take place during Mirboo North's Winterfest.

Nicky Cawood, one of the key organisers of Winterfest, explained that traditionally local community groups would come together to create lanterns in representation of their group.

However, last year saw the general public making their own lanterns for the festival and the workshops are now open to individuals or groups willing to create a lantern – whether they are from Mirboo North or not.

Leading the workshops is Margie Mackay from Douglas & Mackay.

"It's an ancient thing to do to make lanterns, and many cultures have parades, so it's a really exciting thing for Mirboo North to have this. To bring the community out and have people making things rather than watching Netflix. There's always a huge turnout from the community to witness the parade too."

Margie explains that the making of the lanterns can be a really simple process once people have gained the skills.

"We use a flexible cane called lunti and basically, you play and find the shapes that you like to create."

"There are simpler designs for people who may not have as much artistic know-how or just have a few hours, but if you've got lots of hours – come and make," said Margie.

There will be three more free community workshops in the lead-up to Winterfest to create the huge lanterns for the Ridgway Lantern Parade and anyone can go along.

Workshop dates are Saturday, June 29, July 20 and July 27. From 12pm – 4pm at the Mirboo North Grain store. All materials are supplied, except lights. The Ridgway Lantern Parade will be held on Saturday, August 3 at dusk.

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Icebergs take the plunge during the winter solstice

ON the crisp morning of June 21, as the winter solstice heralded the longest night of the year, the Inverloch Icebergs celebrated the occasion with a bold and invigorating tradition: a nude cold-water plunge into the icy waters of Anderson Inlet.

As dawn broke, a group of regulars gathered at the beach, shedding their inhibitions and clothes to take the plunge.

The atmosphere was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and a palpable sense of excitement.

This daring event, not only celebrates the solstice but also highlights the health benefits of cold-water swimming in winter.

The Inverloch Icebergs first came together back in the thick of COVID isolation when a couple of friends "accidentally" met in the cold ocean to simply reconnect.

Their spontaneous act of



Inverloch Icebergs enjoy the camaraderie and health benefits of cold-water swimming.

connecting in the freezing waters quickly grew into a weekly tradition, drawing more participants who found not only companionship but also resilience in facing life's challenges.

"We are driven by the simple but profound mantra of being 'friends who say yes'. This

continues to inspire, reminding each member to embrace life's difficulties with a bold spirit," Inverloch Iceberg co-founder and owner of Dirty Three Wines Lisa Sartori said.

Lisa Riley highlights; "I love the many giggles, the love and companionship in the extremities,

it's so much fun."

It's an all-inclusive welcoming group that meets and swims every Tuesday, at 6.25am at the Invy Yacht Club launching ramp. There's a lot of laughs, a lot of fun and new friendships are formed.

Despite the weather, the group gathers to uphold this empowering tradition.

Locals, visitors, tourists – everyone is invited.

Other than for winter solstice celebrations, bathers stay on.

For more information about the Inverloch Icebergs and how to get involved in their activities, join their Facebook group Inverloch Icebergs or just arrive at the carpark on Tuesdays at 6.25am.

For more information on Things to Do in Inverloch contact the Inverloch Tourism Association email: Monique.wilson@inverloch.org.au or head to visitinverloch.co.

Benbow appointed Stony Creek Racing Club CEO

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"That was really engaging with the communities that the game was played in and the racing community as well," Benbow said, something that will apply equally to organising the five-meeting program for the upcoming racing season at Stony Creek.

As has been the case under Olszanski's watch, there will continue to be a strong emphasis on ensuring a fun family experience at the track, with Benbow sure to draw on the thoughts of his three young daughters.

"I don't think, taking the position, you necessarily want to reinvent the wheel," Benbow said, making it clear that aspects of race days that are already working well will be retained.

However, he'll be striving to identify new opportunities to engage with the community and boost attendances.

"Stony Creek, geographically, is probably a bit out of the way for a lot of things but we're fortunate it's close to a lot of holiday makers



Former jockey Jason Benbow looks forward to a new challenge as Stony Creek Racing Club CEO. A12_2624

in places such as Wilsons Prom," Benbow said, adding he looks forward to working with the club's committee on ways to bring more of those people to the races.

As well as his event management experience, Benbow will draw on his 23-year racing career in which he rode over 750 winners, as he tackles a new challenge as CEO.

"Being a jockey is probably one of the hardest jobs you could face," Benbow said, acknowledging it is very different to his new role but stressing that networking and communication are important aspects of both jobs.

As a jockey, riding a winner for renowned trainer Peter Moody during the 2004 Melbourne Cup Carnival was a

highlight, achieving that on Sky Cuddle in the Emirates Stakes in his first Group 1 ride.

"That cemented my position and I based myself out of Caulfield for the next 15 years," Benbow said.

President Schuijers is confident Benbow will seize his current opportunity in the same fashion, pleased with the successes he enjoyed at Stony Creek as a rider, and looking forward to seeing him apply his knowledge and skills off the track.

Benbow expressed his appreciation of the committee's support and acknowledged the work of outgoing CEO Olszanski, noting his contribution has placed the club in a strong position and crediting him for the fact the Stony Creek racing season ahead will feature mostly weekend meetings, making it easier to attract quality fields, jockeys and trainers, and sponsors.

The pair will work closely together, with Olszanski sharing his knowledge during the leadership transition process.

Olszanski to leave positive legacy

STONY Creek Racing Club will farewell CEO Adam Olszanski at the beginning of August, with club president John Schuijers praising his work over three racing seasons in charge, and saying it has been a blessing to have someone of his calibre and profile in the racing industry.

"Adam has made an incredible contribution in his time, leading a number of key projects which have advanced the race club in terms of the track and industry connections, along with the race day experience for all," Schuijers said.

The president credits Olszanski with advancing the professionalism of the club, which he says has created a legacy at Stony Creek.

"He leaves the club in a very strong position, having successfully advocated for vastly better race dates for the 2024/25 season, transitioning Stony Creek from a predominantly weekday race club to almost exclusively weekend fixtures," Schuijers said.

In addition to his current Stony Creek role, Olszanski continues to juggle his race calling career along with other duties with Country Racing, where he works to support other country clubs.

He expressed confidence the Stony Creek Racing Club is about to embark on its best period yet, noting next season's dates are arguably the finest the club has seen for decades and that with some exciting capital projects about to start, the future looks bright.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my time at the helm at Stony Creek; it's a terrific community with fantastic people and I'm proud of what has been achieved over the last three years," Olszanski said.

The club listed his many achievements.

They include capital works projects such as overseeing the installation of a major irrigation upgrade, the club's largest capital works project in the last 20 years, and designing and coordinating the construction of a new three-horse wash bay as a solution to flooding in the previous horse wash.

Olszanski was also instrumental in the relocation of the owners and trainers room, and the securing of funding for a new facility for that cohort, with the project to be completed by 2025.

Under his watch, the administration office has been moved to a more central and visible location, and he has secured funding for the renovation and expansion of the female jockeys' rooms, which are scheduled to be completed next year and will create a modern and equitable space.

On the events front, Olszanski has introduced live music to all race meetings and expanded the kids entertainment on offer throughout the season.

He's grown race day revenue, achieving record marquee and package sales, and introduced the unique Bean Bag Lounge, a popular addition to the race day packages.

Olszanski has expanded the Publican's Day Lunch to an event that this year saw 11 pubs involved and was attended by almost 200 people.

He is also credited with improving food and beverage offerings on race day, and doing likewise with the President's Luncheon on Stony Creek Cup Day.

Expanding membership, and negotiating improved agreements with major sponsors are other accomplishments.

As well as improvements to the race club, Olszanski oversaw the introduction of the Community Fund, with \$10,000 donated to the local community in the last racing season.

Olszanski has made himself available for a thorough handover to new CEO and former jockey Jason Benbow, and through his ongoing role with Country Racing will continue to be invested in Stony Creek Racing Club's development.

Wonthaggi Lifesaving Club proves a great venue for Combined Probus group

WONTHAGGI & District Combined Probus Club recently held a luncheon at Wonthaggi Lifesaving Club, members of the Italian Club demonstrating how to make gnocchi and teaming with Lifesaving Club representatives to prepare and serve the meal.

Thirty members of the probus group enjoyed gnocchi, dessert and tea or coffee.

The atmosphere was terrific with decorations and live music reflecting the day's Italian theme.

It was the first time that Wonthaggi Lifesaving Club had arranged such a function, with the event's success encouraging those in charge to invite others keen to do

something different at the venue.

Anyone wanting to hold an event at the Lifesaving Club is encouraged to contact its President Mark Scott at president@wlsc.org.au or by calling 0409 159 341.

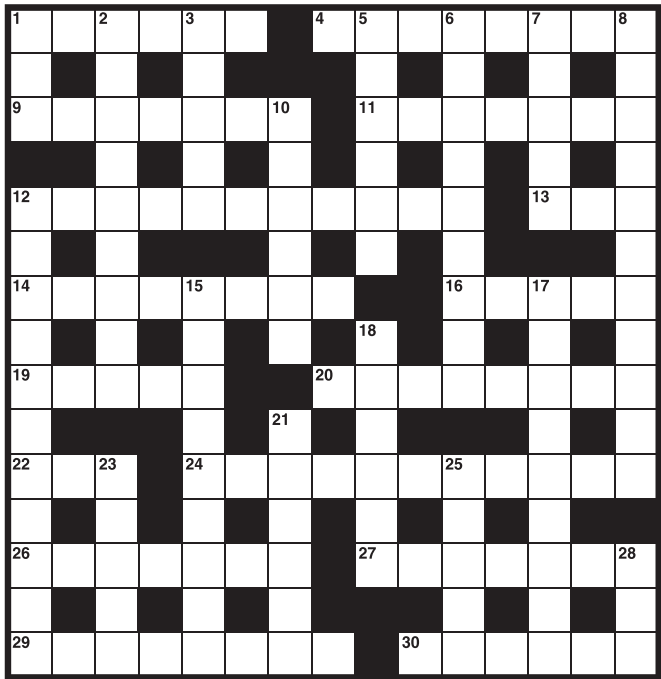
Your needs will be catered for whether for a big or small group. Wonthaggi Lifesaving Club is also hosting free kids days over the coming school holidays, on July 2 and 11 from 10am until 2pm, with bookings required.

RIGHT: Young lifesaving club members Olivia and Imogen (nipper) show Leslie from Wonthaggi & District Combined Probus Club how to make gnocchi.



CROSSWORD

No. 233



- ACROSS
- 1

Attribute (6)
- 4

Castigate (8)
- 9

Rodeo ropes (7)
- 11

Lighthearted (7)
- 12

Connection (11)
- 13

Hearing organ (3)
- 14

Royal family member (8)
- 16

Doorkeeper (5)
- 19

Follower of a Jamaican religion related to reggae music (5)
- 20

Masters (8)
- 22

Obtain (3)

- 24
- A phrase marked off by brackets (11)
- 26
- Fears (7)
- 27
- Sewer entrance (7)
- 29
- Salad additive (8)
- 30
- Writing desk (6)
- DOWN
- 1

Unwell (3)
- 2

Paintings of people (9)
- 3

Feudal lord (5)
- 5

Genetic mixture (6)
- 6

Measurements, – of sugar (9)
- 7

Idiotic (5)
- 8

Bold undertakings (11)
- 10

Meagre (6)
- 12

Describes a legally protected creative work (11)
- 15

Ultimate winners (9)
- 17

Astrological prediction (9)
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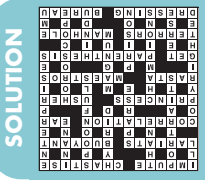
Large bottle of wine (6)
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Place of confinement (6)
- 23

Laconic (5)
- 25

Follower of the main Indian religion (5)
- 28

Australian bird (3)

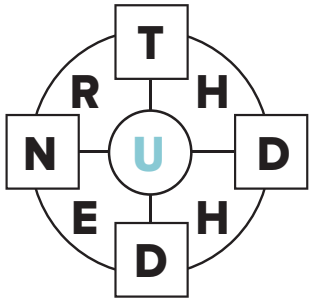


9-LETTER

No. 234

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

- Today's Aim:
- 13 words: Good
- 20 words: Very good
- 27 words: Excellent

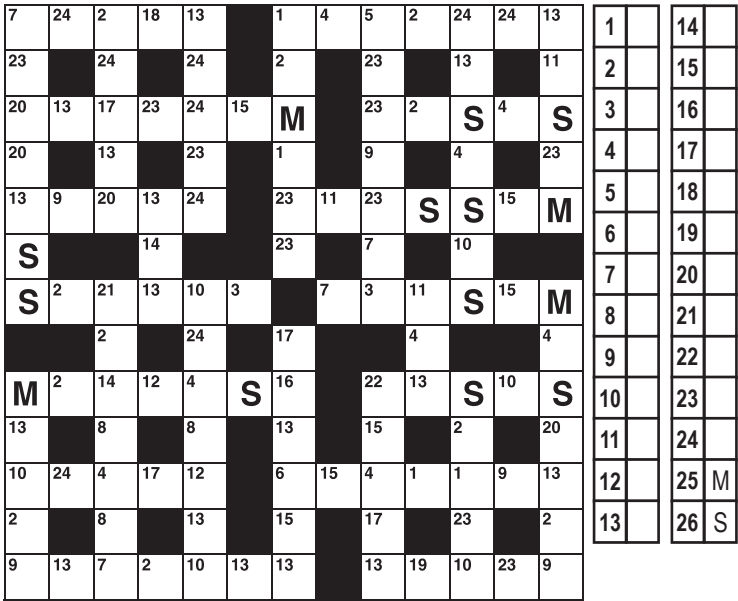


duet, dune, hued,
hundred, hunt,
hundredth, hunt,
hunted, hunter, hurt,
nude, rude,
rude, rude, rude,
rune, run, ruth,
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tuned, tune, tune,
turner, turn, turned,
under, under

CODEWORD

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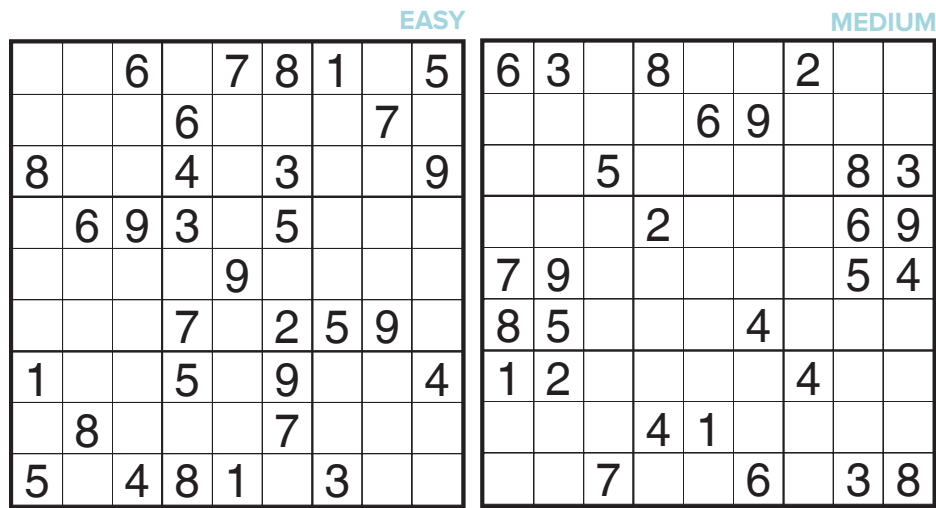
Each number corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Two have been filled in for you, can you work out the rest?



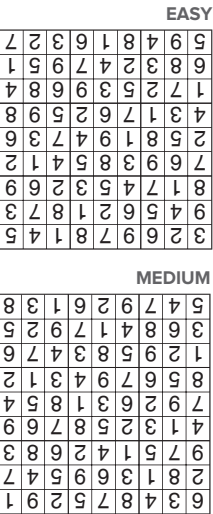
SUDOKU

No. 233

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



SOLUTIONS



QUICK QUIZ

1.

Who won the 2000 AFL Grand Final?
2.

Karl Lagerfeld (pictured) famously said 'One is never overdressed or underdressed with a little' what?
3.

Which is the world's largest island nation?
4.

What does the French word 'oiseau' mean in English?
5.

Which element is represented by the letter W?
6.

Who wrote the novel *The Bell Jar*?
7.

What is the name of Fantine's daughter in the musical *Les Misérables*?
8.

And who wrote the novel on which the musical is based?
9.

Lime juice, triple sec and tequila are the main ingredients of what cocktail?
10.

What is a common cause of scurvy?



ANSWERS: 1. Essendon 2. Black dress 3. Indonesia 4. Bird 5. Tungsten 6. Sylvia Plath 7. Cosette 8. Victor Hugo 9. Margarita 10. Lack of vitamin C

WORD SEARCH

No. 143

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



- AGASSI
- BALLPERSON
- BORG
- BREAK
- CANNONBALL
- CENTRE
- CLAY
- CONNORS
- DEUCE
- EVERT
- FAULT
- FEDERER
- GAME
- GRAF
- GRAND SLAM
- GROUNDSTROKE
- HEWITT
- HINGIS
- LAYER
- LENDL
- LINESMAN
- LOVE
- MIXED
- NADAL
- POINT
- RACQUET
- RALLY
- RECEIVER
- RETURN
- SAMPTRAS
- SELES
- SERVE
- SINGLES
- TOPSPIN
- UMPIRE
- VOLLEY

SECRET MESSAGE: The tennis ball is in your court



2024/25 SGB team captains Lara Smyth, Hugh Munro, Mostyn Lumsden, Asha Chalmers and Trinity O'Keefe.

Twilight swimming success at Leongatha Splash

LEONGATHA Splash was bursting at the seams, as South Gippsland Bass hosted their first Short Course meet of the season. The event started Saturday afternoon with a twilight session and continued the next day with racing in the morning till mid-afternoon.

The event is becoming popular with Melbourne clubs, with many swimmers from Ringwood Swim Club, Casey Tiger Sharks and Cardinia Piranha's returning to compete each year. A number of Melbourne swimmers made the most of the two-day event and made a weekend of it, staying locally and enjoying the area's attractions and restaurants, helping boost the local economy.

Saturday evening was a night for the juniors to shine, with the 25-metre heats an opportunity for the SGB development and junior squad swimmers to race at a big meet for the first time. Several other Gippsland Clubs made

the most of this and sent their younger swimmers to compete and it was all smiles as they completed their first race with the older swimmers cheering them on. The SGB swimmers cherished being in a location they know well and without the big drive to a competition early in the morning.

Sunday was about the seniors, with many of the older swimmers trying to tick off country and state times or to see how much they have improved on their times since last season. The younger swimmers weren't forgotten, however, with many of them trying out the longer 100-metre races with the comfort of doing it in a familiar pool.

Also announced at the start of the meet were the SGB captains for the 2024/25 season. Congratulations to Lara Smyth, Hugh Munro, Mostyn Lumsden, Asha Chalmers and Trinity O'Keefe who look forward to leading the club.

The club will host a second meet in mid-July at the pool.



There was plenty of fun and cheering from all over the weekend at Splash.



Juniors eyed off the lucky lollipop competition.



Olympic swimmer #661 and psychologist Rachel Goh inspiring the SGB Swimming Club.

SGB supports a positive psychological approach to swimming

SOUTH Gippsland Bass Swimming Club (SGB) hosted Olympic swimmer #661 and psychologist Rachel Goh from Ethos Psychology recently for an inspirational session about life as a professional swimmer.

Rachel was the guest speaker

to over 70 swimmers, coaches and parents from SGB and wider Gippsland swimming clubs. The presentation was designed for coaches and swimmers to gain a deeper understanding of a swimmer's inner workings, talking about motivation, states

of mental function, confidence, belief, the highs and lows of competition, and practising visualisation.

Rachel spoke on her experiences as an athlete, life experiences and changes in life moving from swimming and

competing, to moving to a non-competitor life.

During the day there was plenty of opportunity for questions, discussion and photos. The event was held at the Wonthaggi Workmens Club and was enjoyed by all attendees.



Around the bay

By Jim's Bait and Tackle

ANOTHER deliciously cold week blessed us all with its presence, it was almost too cold to go fishing, or you couldn't spin the reel because your gloves were too thick, or your hands were too frozen. Besides the cold, we had some really good moments for low swell and winds which favoured both the inshore and offshore guys, which many took advantage of.

Offshore reports remain extremely minimal and frankly quite disappointing, the last weekend we had a really good window for getting there. Saturday the swell was a little shy of perfect and there were a number of boats that headed offshore, some for general fishing and some chasing the elusive barrels. Those who stayed closer to the 20-metre mark reported good numbers of flathead, there were a lot of small ones not much worth keeping but a fair few were around the 42-45-centimetre mark. Offshore gummies have also been a bit slow. In the last two weeks, we have one confirmed report of a 16-kilogram one caught closer towards the Kilcunda trestle bridge. Whilst we still keep receiving the phone calls the answers remain the same as they have the last couple of weeks, no, the tuna haven't "fired" yet. In the last month, there have been three or so that we know of that have been caught all from that Cody Banks varsity but not a lot from any closer. We have heard of many people marking them on their sounders and a lot finding evidence of them but not many being able to bring them up. There are a lot of bait fish out there at the moment and the majority of the ones we have heard of have been on baits, not lures. There is also a massive chance that there has been a lot more caught than what we have heard of, one of those rules "we never talk about tuna".

In the bay the area around Rhyll was overall very slow, a lot of effort was made for honestly not a lot of fish. Dickies Bay has definitely been where the fish have been at, with most people that have been there reporting good numbers of whiting and a rather healthy bag of decent flathead also. It is winter and as such an expectation that we will be overrun with salmon, as many as you want those that are two to three kilograms or more, but that would appear to not be the case. The phone shouldn't be ringing, and people shouldn't be walking in the door this time of year asking us where to catch some salmon, but it has and nearly daily. Reports we are getting from salmon are all on the smaller size, the majority of them under a kilo and all from the beaches, still with a concentration at Anzacs. There has been a bit of dredging around the San Remo jetty this week which caused the water to be like mud, so many skipped the squid sessions early in the week. Friday and Saturday there were a few out early that caught one or two from the jetty, not a great deal more than that.

The last week has certainly presented its challenges, and it can become disheartening. We finally get some decent consistent weather, but the reports don't match. Positively though, the water clarity is at its best and we are on the backend of a full moon which generally sparks a better feeding spree. Also more importantly, this week marks the halfway point to the new year which means we are now closer to the spring/summer season than we were last week. Just remember a bad day's fishing is still always better than a good day's working.

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 25	WEDNESDAY June 26	THURSDAY June 27	FRIDAY June 28	SATURDAY June 29	SUNDAY June 30	MONDAY July 1
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Parkrun participant, Lisa, snaps a selfie with Ebony, Harriet, Scott, Clover, Patch (dog) and photo bombed by Harrison.

Koonwarra parkrun #286

ON SATURDAY June 22, 77 people took part in Koonwarra parkrun event #286. We welcomed seven first timers, including Matilda and Michaela who chose Koonwarra for their very first parkrun. Visitors were Kevin from Perry Lakes, Victoria from Mullum Mullum, Scott from Pak- enham, Lisa from Maroondah Dam and Emma from Traralgon. Harrison was first over the line, finishing in a time of 20.28, shortly followed by Mr. Mclean, Mark and Elyse, who scored a Koony PB. Other PB getters were Lily, Lisa and Indie. Not to be forgotten, last over the line was the Galli/Stefani family. A big effort by five-year-old Frankie and her mum and dad. I hope that the pink donut at the bakery was delicious!

A big thank you to this week's volunteers who are Miriam, Karen and Leo, Denise, Archer, Felicity, Andrew, Helen, Peter, Corrina (and Frankie and Erros) and myself, Ebony.

"It's good to be back into the parkrun routine," Ebony said. "It's the best time of the day, even in winter where the golden light streams through the trees and the air is crisp. I liked Miriam's "backwards briefing" as she called it, and her pointing out that the world average parkrun time is getting longer,

meaning more people are walking and slowing down to enjoy the experience! That was certainly the case for us this morning. Having to come up with new responses to "my hands are cooooooollldd, I'm hungry, I'm thirsty..., my legs hurt..." was tricky! But we did it and I am proud!

"It was fabulous to see all the tutus for June 22. Kat was as bright as ever! As well as Karen and Amanda rocking it! We didn't spot any koalas or platypuses, but Jude tells us that the best time to spot a platypus is on dusk. We did, however, hear kookaburras and magpies.

"I find myself scrolling through Facebook on a Saturday morning, checking in on how other local parkruns went. Six-year-old Henry from Grand Ridge Rail Trail, Mirboo North took some creative photos for their event #197!

"Eighty-five people braved the cold at Great Southern Rail Trail, Korumburra for their second event and over at the well-established Inverloch parkrun, sixty six people took part in event #455.

"I couldn't catch Indie!" Harriet said.

"I didn't like walking with mum. At the finish line I got to see Indie but she drove away and I was sad."

Clovie says: "ummmmmmm!"



Tail walker Steph captured along the trail by photographer Henry.

Sun shines on Grand Ridge parkrun

THE sun didn't disappoint any of the 20 participants and volunteers on Saturday for Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun's #197 event. Melita was motivated and started the pre-course check in the dark!

We also had some wonderful photography by Henry and welcomed Tarna to her very first parkrun.

Next week is sure to draw a

bigger crowd with the market in town. As always, a big thank you to our volunteers: Henry Collins, Stephanie Collins, Robert Gray, Julia Groves, Dave Knowles, Melita Ludekens, Carmel Quirk and Steve Quirk. Our regular volunteers and participants are always happy to chat, cheer and catch up over coffee and new faces are always welcome!



Winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were Peter Boradale (S), Mark Andre-atta (2), Bill Williams (L) and Wayne Stevens (3).



Jan Milkins, Max Sweetnam and Lia Smith were Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls' winners on Friday.



Luke Monckton (S), Stephen Muffie (3) and Bob Arnold (L) were South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's best one game winners.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday winners Charlie Wright, Bob Cornelis, Adrian Gray and Frank Tagell.

INVERLOCH

WELL, social bowls last Thursday was held in conditions that were a sight for sore eyes, middle of winter, not a cloud in the sky and the sun beaming down, albeit low in the northern quadrant.

This did make the northern end of the green one much cooler in the shade and the bowls were difficult to get a good sight of.

Thirty-nine bowlers (six teams of four and one triples team) braved the conditions and played two games each of 10 ends.

The day produced some interesting scorecards with three of the 'fours' teams each ending with a win and a loss and scoring 20 points each.

The teams were skipped by, Carol Hughes, Reg Varty and Terry Seaward.

Runners up on the day were the fours team of Darryl McStravick (skip), Craig Selby (third), David Turnbull (second) and Jeff Curwood (lead) with wins of 13/8 and 12/5 with a score of 33 points, however with a score of 34 points from wins of 13/3 and 12/5 was the fours team of Malcolm Marshall (skip), Joy Brown (third), Graeme Dunlop (second) and Terry Latham (lead).

A gathering of 69 diners attended the club on Friday last, June 21, for the fortnightly dinner which consisted of roast pork with a dessert of apple slice and custard.

wish to change your membership type or have decided not to renew for the coming season would you please let John Sutcliffe know by return email to jasutclif@bigpond.com.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

WHAT a great day for bowls. San Remo hosted the group of 44 bowlers this week and made everyone welcome as usual.

Pauline and John signed everyone in as Peter and David prepared the teams.

The bowlers went out into the frigid air to fight it out once again.

Once they started, the sky cleared up and the sun shone down on them.

As there was virtually no wind, everyone warmed up and felt comfortable on the green.

There was so much friendly banter across all the rinks, lots of laughter as always but some great quality bowling all day.

A couple of wrong bias bowls across the day, which adds to the Royal Children's Hospital tin - great job.

As the day progressed towards the end, the weather turned quite cold as a breeze came from the south.

It definitely had an Antarctic feel to it, but the bowlers managed to fight through the weather to finish the day.

Twenty-two bowlers graced the greens with teams of three and four over two games of 10 ends.

The results reflected the weather with close matches across all rinks.

The winners were a team of four Rob Westbrook, Frank Seaton, Frank Cimino and Steve Brunyan with a score of two wins and 32 points and 12 shots up.

Runners up were Hans Bischofberger, Heather Blanch and John Migliorisi with a score of two wins and 31 points and three shots up.

Saturday saw a fine but cool day greet 32 bowlers on the greens.

Only one team was a two-game winner.

That team was Charlie Wright, Bob Cornelis, Adrian Gray and Frank Tagel with a score of two wins and 31 points.

The runners-up with a score of one win one draw and 14 shots up were Jan Jeeves, Stan Noad, Ken Webb and Allan Ireland. The unlucky team were Norm Evans, Hans Bischofberger, Chris O'Donnell and Ray Hin with a score of one win one draw and five shots up.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

Don't forget Friday night members draw which stands at \$220.

Also, the meat tray plus other prizes are all drawn at 6pm.

You have to be there.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THE club elected a new committee on Friday, June 21.

They are looking forward to a happy and successful coming year.

They would like to thank the outgoing committee for all their hard work over the previous year - thank you.

Twenty-one players competed on Tuesday.

The winners with a plus 14 and winning two games were Maggie Scapin, Rhonda Rattenbury, Helen Rook and Jim Wilson. Runners up on plus 18 winning one game only were Jim Rodhi, Allan Ireland and Philip Fowler.

There were 19 players on Friday.

The winners with a plus 10 winning two games were Jan Milkins, Max Sweetnam and Lia Smith.

Runners up with a plus seven, winners of one game only, were Judy Sweetnam, Helen Rook and Jim Wilson.

The winners on a score of 36 were Peter Boradale (S), Mark Andreatta (2), Bill Williams (L) and Wayne Stevens (3).

Runners up for the day on 35 points were Pauline McWilliams (2), Mick Sheers (3), Tammy Humphrey (L) and Louis Magri (S).

Best one game on 19 points were Luke Monckton (S), Stephen Muffie (3) and Bob Arnold (L).

A big thank you to Mark and Mick behind the bar, and Gwen and Bob in the kitchen.

What a superb job these volunteers do every week.

Just so no one feels left out, the group thanks the bowlers who try to turn up every week and make Thursdays so much fun.

Next week, they will reconvene at San Remo once more to continue the weekly game.

The group looks forward to seeing everyone on site by 10am.

Till then stay safe and have fun.

WONTHAGGI

WEDNESDAY saw a perfect afternoon for bowls with brilliant sunshine.



Lyndell Shields got a hole in one at Foster Golf Club.

FOSTER

THE weather still great and the course in very good condition with the Collins' winning during the week.

Tuesday John Collins (17) had 36 points for the win.

NTPs were sixth Tony Vanin and 13th Graeme Watkins.

DTL went to Mick Connellan (18) 34 points and Kylie Collins (15) 32 points.

On Thursday, Kylie Collins (15) won with 39 points.

NTPs were fourth Neil Coates and 17th Ian Eddy.

DTL went to Tony Vanin (5) 37 points, Robert Arnold (26) 36 points, Dave Hutchinson (13) 35 points and James Marks (21) 35 points.

The nine-hole weekly competition winner was Andrew Brown (17) 20 points.

DTL went to James Marks (21) 19 points, Nathan Lucas (13) 18 points and John Pruyn (20) 17 points.

Saturday's event was a 4Ball draw for partners sponsored by Matt Da Costa.

The winners were John Stone (19) and Logon Roberts (45) 46 points.

Logan is a junior – only nine years old – great effort to lead John in.

NTPs were fourth Andrew Naylor, sixth Lloyd McKenzie 13th Jeff Lyons, 15th Dave Hutchinson and 17th Chris Buckland.

DTL went to Leigh Roberts (11) and Keith Armstrong (44) 45 points, Chris Buckland (+1) and Rod Coughran-Lane (28) 45 points, and Neil Coates (22) and Tony Vanin (4) 44 points.

Chris Buckland also had an eagle on the ninth.

Next Saturday is a Stableford event sponsored by Jake Pilkington.

Singles K/O matches need to be played by the end of July.

The member's draw went off on Friday night to John Stone.

Also thank you to Rab and The Mirror for your sponsorship over the years and all your write ups.

Best of luck in retirement from the golf club.

Good golf all, Kiwi.

Ladies

FOSTER Wednesday ladies played four ball multiplication, draw for partners.

This game comes with just a bit of pressure, but is good for a laugh and everyone enjoyed the day.

This is all too true for Lyndell Shields who once again shot a hole in one on the 17th.

This achievement could become an annual event for Lyndell.

Winners on the day were Kylie Collins (15) and Josie Parisi (35) with 51 points.



Winners Jenny Riseley and Sharyn Rayson with sponsor Stella DeBondt at Woorayl Golf Club.

NTP was Lyndell Shields 17th. BDTL went to Anne Heywood (25) and Shirley Cook (31) 42 points on a count back from Jan and Beth.

Good to see a few ladies playing nine holes with Alayne McKenzie winning with 18 points.

Thank you to Annette Garrow for sponsoring the day.

Raffle winner: Alayne McKenzie.

Next week, July 3, is Medal Day, stall Jan Best Trophy.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, June 18.b Stableford: 19 players.

A Grade: Peter Van Agtmaal (20) 40 points.

B Grade: Steve McNamara (21) 36 points.

NTPs: first Wayne Knights, seventh Jaarl Enbom, 10th Peter Van Agtmaal and 13th Steve Duffield.

Thursday, June 20: Stableford: 14 players.

Winner: John Kerr (18) 37 points.

NTPs: first Iain Riddell, 10th Steve Duffield and 13th Iain Riddell.

Saturday, June 22: Sponsor: Steve Osboldstone.

Stableford: 28 players.

A Grade: John Kerr (18) 36 C/B.

B Grade: Pete Wallace 36 points.

NTPs: first Paul Hopkins, seventh Wayne Knights, 10th Steve Rose and 13th Peter Hornibrook.

Ladies

THE day was cool but fine for Wednesday's golfers with the course holding up well in the winter weather.

The A Grade winner was Merissa Cosson (12), who had a great round to finish with 36 points and runner-up was Jenny Blackmore (24), 35 points.

Maree Wittingslow (42) won B Grade, 33 points after a c/b with Beryl Brown (32).

BDTL went to Julie Hillberg (22), 34 points then Shelley Snooks (20) and Johanna van den Heiligenberg (13), both with 33 points.

Julie Cole (54) won the nine-hole comp with 13 points.

NTPs were Shelley first, and Merissa on the 13th and just centimetres away from the hole on the 10th.

It was great to have a big field out on Saturday.

Lyn Leppin (48) won with 34 points on a c/b from Sherrin Solly (25).

BDTL went to Johanna van den Heiligenberg (13) and Julie Hillberg (22), both 30 points on a c/b.

NTPs were Kerri Besley first, and Lyn on the 13th.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, June 18: Stableford.

Tuesday's chilly weather did not stop 58 members/guests taking to the course for this Stableford event with players choosing their preferred coloured tee.

A Grade winner: Paul Prendergast (9) with a score of 39 points.

A Grade runner up: David Richards (16) with a score of 37 points.

B Grade winner: Malcolm Legge (20) with a score of 39 points on a countback.

B Grade runner up: Anthony Seabrook (32) with a score of 39 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Leo de Bondt at .89m. NTP 14th: Michael Delaney at .49m. NTP 16th: Colin Bear at 1.31m.

Thursday, June 20: Wonthaggi Toyota Irish 4BBB Stableford.

Thursday's cold start didn't hold back a good turnout of 79 members/guests playing an Irish 4BBB Stableford Teams event hitting off at 9am shotgun start from the blue tees.

Thanks again to Warren Stewart and the team at Wonthaggi Toyota for their continued generous sponsorship of this event.

Overall winners:

1: Leo de Bondt, Steve Foster, Ken Smirk and Fred de Bondt with a score of 86 points.

2. Anthony Seabrook, John Pruyn, Michael Wrigley and Steve Vuillermin with a score of 85 on a countback

A notable highlight with Colin Bear chipping in on the sixth for a four pointer.

NTP fifth second shot: David Richards at .85m. NTP 14th: Donald Smith at 1.57m. NTP 16th: Wendy-Anne Parker at 4.00m.

Saturday, June 22: Stableford. Saturday was a Stableford round with an excellent field of 92 members/guests enjoying the clear blue skies and the coolish temperature.

A Grade winner: Murray Porter (9) from the Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club with a score of 39 points.

A Grade runner up: Christopher Leaver (4) with a score of 35 points.

B Grade winner: Simon Deery (13) with a score of 38 points on a countback.

B Grade runner up: Stuart Harry (12) with a score of 38 points.

C Grade winner: Miles Wrigley (20) with a score of 37 points.

C Grade runner up: Frank Gill (19) with a score of 36 points.

D Grade winner: Matthew Pearce (28) with the high score of the day of 46 points.

D Grade runner up: Phil Strike (22) with a score of 40 points.



Thursday's Irish 4BBB Wonthaggi Toyota Stableford competition winners Leo de Bondt, Steve Foster, Fred De Bondt, Michael Wrigley and Anthony Seabrook. Absent: Ken Smirk, John Pruyn and Steve Vuillermin.

Great score by Mark Billows with an eagle on the 11th hole.

Ladies

THE Invy Espy sponsored the women's Stableford event last week, providing vouchers and monogrammed ball for the lucky winners.

It was perfect weather for golf in quite dry conditions, with a bit of run.

Neryle Hopcraft (30) had 37 points, the top score for the day.

Alison Strong was the runner up with 36 points on a count back from Maxine Eabry.

Down the line balls went to Jill Steer, Janet Monk and Jenny Teasdale 35, Nan Meagher, Kay Dumbleton and Pat Pease 34, and Deb Miller 32.

Nearest the pin on the 16th was Ashleigh Hutton and second shot on the fifth went to Di Williams.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, June 20: Stableford.

A Grade: D. Read (13) 37 points c/b.

B Grade: J. Hughes (18) 36 points.

DTL: N. Whichello 37, M. Smith and G. Renwick, 35.

NTP: fourth G. Renwick, sixth T. Fennell and 16th N. Baker.

Birdies: sixth J. Newton and 16th N. Baker.

Saturday, June 22: Par.

A Grade: S. Mills (11) seven up.

B Grade: J. Hughes (17) one up.

C Grade: J. Kus (20) one up.

DTL: P. Woodall 2, N. Bickerton, R. Felmingham, G. Renwick and N. Bracecamp sq.

NTP: fourth P. Woodall, sixth T. Bradshaw, 13th N. Bickerton and 16th R. Matthews.

Birdies: fourth P. Woodall, G. Shandley and B. Bradshaw, sixth T. Bradshaw and S. Woodall, and 16th G. Renwick and R. Matthews.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: Thursday, June 20, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole. Ball sweep to 31.

Winner: Martin Cox 36.

Runner up: Ian Murrells 34.

Ball sweep: Graeme Clark 32, Keith Ridout 32, Bruce Betts 31, Graeme Crawford 31 and Philip McCrimmon 31.

Results: Competition: Stableford nine hole 10 to 18, SR. 36.

Ball sweep to 16.

Winner: Bill Howard 20.

Runner up: Kevin Bayley 19.

Ball sweep: Ken Cuman 18, Paul Cornelis 18, Ray Hender 17 and Ian Murrells 16.

Results: Saturday, 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 was the rescheduled June Monthly Medal, which was played in dry overcast conditions.

There were some great scores returned, which resulted in a three-way countback to decide the Medal winner.

The Medal winner, as well as, B Grade was Kaylene Hodgetts 100 (29)71 net from Patsy Britt 101 (30)71 and Marg Ryan 100(29)71.

A Grade's winner was Catherine Bolding 90(18)72, and C Grade's winner was Wendy Cross 109(35)74.

BDL went to Patsy Britt 71, Marg Ryan 71, Marg Johnson 73, Merryn Dear 74 and Sharon Patullo 76,

Scratch: Marg Johnson 87.

Putting: Merryn Dear 29.

NTP on fourth was Merryn Dear, eighth Betty Bowmar, 13th Kaylene Hodgetts and 17th Catherine Bolding.

WOORAYL

Ladies

THE golfers did not have the expected freezing conditions nor the frost.

Instead, they enjoyed mild weather and perfect conditions on a course in excellent condition.

The Single Stableford event was kindly sponsored by Suck it Up.

It was lovely to see Stella come down and join in for a few holes.

The golfers provided plenty of entertainment.

Two ladies played well.

Sharyn Rayson won A Grade with 32 points off a handicap of 17 and Jenny Riseley off 31 scored a nice 33 points.

BDL winners were Ann Poole 31 points, Linda Forrester 29 points and Bev Bridge 29 points.

NTPs on eighth were Jenny Riseley, 11th Elly Berryman and 17th Pauline Lancaster.

There were two gobblers –13th Anne Grist and 18th Sherrill Winkler.

Thrillers dominate

IN A thrilling evening at the darts centre, all matches concluded with the same margin: 5-2. The intensity and excitement were palpable as teams vied for supremacy in the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League.

The Vikings showcased their prowess, defeating Dart Vaders to maintain their position at the top of the leaderboard. Close on their heels, That's All secured a victory against Joe's Hornets, keeping the pressure on the league leaders. Meanwhile, Jaggers took down the Mustangs, positioning themselves just outside the top four, eagerly eyeing a spot in the upper echelon. The Storm rounded out the night with a win over the Breakers, adding more drama to the unfolding season.

A special highlight of the evening was Angus from the Breakers, who achieved an extraordinary 150 peg out, marking him as a rising star in the league. Congratulations to Angus for this magnificent feat!

The night was also marked by the San Remo Butchers meat tray raffle, won by Jeff, a friendly visitor who showed his versatility by filling in for the Mustangs and impressing on the oche.

A shout-out goes to John and Meredith from the Riverboys, who had the bye but generously filled in for other teams, ensuring the spirit of the game remained high.

As the league anticipates another exciting week, good luck to everyone on the practice boards. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday night, with the Storm taking a well-deserved bye. Until then, happy darting!

One-sided affairs on the tables

WONTHAGGI Table Tennis competition matches unusually were all one-sided affairs. All victors uncompromisingly dominated their opponents.

Leading the Blue charge, Justin flicked into Wild Bill Hickok mode and dealt the legendary and mortal hand of black aces and eights to an overwhelmed Team Black. Riding shotgun for Justin, Leanne and Fred proved their pistol-toting credentials with shoot 'em up play. Team Blue is firming as a warm favourite.

Big shout out to Nick the debutante representing cellar dweller Team Brown who swept his games 3 nil. The sweep included the scalp of the formidable Andrew D. Well-played Nick.

Green's demolition of Pink was highlighted by Sven, as is the want of any good Saxon, clinically putting the opposition to the sword without dropping a set. Gut gemacht Sven. Geil!

Blue d Black 8 to 3, Brown d White 8 to 3, Green d Pink 9 to 2, Yellow Bye Ladder: Blue 28, Green 24, Pink 24, Black 20, Yellow 16, White 16, and Brown 12.

Leading players: Justin 26, Dirk 24, Sven 24, Brad 22 and Leigh 17.

South Gippsland Bridge

JUNE 18 at RSL Wonthaggi: Master point winners north/south pairs.

First: John Quayle and Matti Shub 62.59. Second: Kathy Dowd and Anne Somerville 61.11. Third: Alan Johnston and Mike Dooley 60.74. Fourth: Clive hope and Faye Rowlands 54.0. Fifth: Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 53.33. Sixth: Mary Brewis and Pat West 52.96.

June 21 at Inverloch Angling Club: N/S point winners: First: Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 61.26. Second: Phillip and Nev Chapman 60.43. Third: John French and Deb Anglim 57.92.

EW winners: First: Faye Rowlands and John Currier 64.64. Second: Moya Crowley and Mike Dooley 57.15. Third: Maureen Stiles and Ruth Harvey 52.86



Lee Beach winner of the 50 Lapper Bob Hickson Memorial. Photo: Image Worx – Steve Mitchell.



Jacob Vuillermin winner of the Standard Saloons in car 59. Photo: Image Worx – Steve Mitchell.

Lee Beach wins Bob Hickson Memorial at Nyora Raceway

NYORA Raceway has held the last event of their current season with just over forty competitors in the featured Open Sedan event, including the eventual winner Lee Beach and a number of drivers in supporting classes the Standard Saloons, Ladies Standard Saloons, Junior Standard Saloons and Junior 1200cc Sedans.

Honouring the late great Bob Hickson, who was a beloved fixture at Nyora for many years with his racing family in tow, drivers were keen to win what many consider Nyora's most important annual event. To get into the fifty-lap final, drivers had to qualify by accumulating points in two heats each and for those that did not directly qualify, they could race their way in via a last chance main.

Anthony McKean from the Latrobe Valley, David Donegan from Melbourne's East, Lee Beach from Lysterfield in the closest race in the first round and Nyora member Warrick Taylor, were all round one winners. In round two Matt Nelson a former winner of the race, Pakenham man Damien Miller, Grantville local Seth Bent and Brendan Miller another former winner of the memorial, all claimed round two victories. Eight different winners from eight heat races showed the incredible competition on hand.

Forcing their way from the last chance main into the feature event were Ian Thomsen, Matthew Ismail, Chris Miles, Reece Kakoschke, Andrew Miles, and Kimberley Smith.

As the race got underway

By Dean Thompson, DMT
Speedway Media for Nyora Raceway Inc

David Donegan led the first five laps with the two brothers Damien and Brendan Miller behind him exchanging places for second on lap five with Brendan getting ahead of his elder brother. By lap ten Damien Miller, a favourite with numerous wins at Nyora the last couple of seasons, exited the race and Donegan led Brendan Miller, Travis Ramsdale, Brad Warren from Longwarry, and Nelson. Both Miller and Ramsdale played no further part in the race as they both succumbed to race incidents on lap eleven, and a lap later Donegan's race ended also catapulting Warren to the front of the field where he was leading Corey Lincoln, Nelson, Beach, and Felicity Roycroft on lap fifteen.

Roycroft's race ended on lap twenty-eight and with twenty laps to go, Warren led Lincoln, Beach, Bent and Matt Shankland. With ten laps remaining Warren led Beach, Shankland, Bent and Thomsen. The twists and turns kept coming and on lap forty-three Beach assumed the race lead and ran out to the fifty-lap mark and the chequered flag keeping Warren a second and a half behind him. Warren second, Shankland representing Nyora club in third, Bent and Thomsen completing the top five.

In Standard Saloon action, supporters had arranged a mini-feature event for the

class. Jacob Vuillermin another from the Latrobe Valley won heat number one of four with Arron Cormack of the Bairnsdale club winning the next. Vuillermin doubled up winning his second and last qualifier with Andrew Miles a winner in heat four. In a twenty-lap final, Vuillermin from the pole position led the field away. Top three qualifier Aaron Cormack was the first from the top half of the field to strike trouble dropping from third to out of the race on lap five leaving Vuillermin, Kane Gibson, Brendan Sheedy, Andrew Miles, and Neil Ingram as the top five. Kacey Ingram was working his way forward and passed his father Neil on the way to moving into the top five with Vuillermin leading Gibson, Sheedy, and the two Ingrams at the halfway mark. A couple of laps later Kacey Ingram had moved to third and then moved into second on lap nineteen. At the finish and three seconds out in front of the field, Vuillermin claimed the win over Kacey Ingram, Neil Ingram, Sheedy, and Andrew Miles.

Junior 1200cc Sedan racers competed in two heats and a final with Xander Baxter winning the first and Riley Taylor the second race. Both drivers were first and second in each race reversing the finishing positions in the second heat. Brody Barton was third in both heats putting himself in as a possible winner in the final. Baxter led the field back past the starting line on lap one with Brad

Marshall second then Barton. Jaylen Knight who started on row four moved to third on lap five. With seven laps to go out of fifteen Baxter led Marshall, Knight, Barton, and Chase Doherty. With five to go Marshall a winner at Alexandra Speedway two weeks prior, took the lead from Baxter whilst Doherty had moved into third spot. From fifth with five to go Riley Taylor moved to third with three to go and as the chequered flag dropped Marshall won by just .304 of a second in front of Baxter, Taylor, Doherty, and Barton.

Bree Walker and Caroline Allen shared heat race wins in the Ladies Standard Saloons racing. A twelve-lap final was led from start to finish by Allen holding at bay the former two-time Victorian champion Ally Morrison at the line by .347 of a second. Walker crossed the finish line in third ahead of Bronwyn Miles and Michelle George.

Rounding out all the results was the Junior Standard Saloons. Bailey Hill from Drouin the current number two state-ranked driver won the first heat race just in front of the returning Nathan Miles. Tom Braz then won the second heat race. The final was not the greatest for the drivers and eventually an early close to the race was called by stewards. Braz led early. Miles led lap four and when the race was cut due to the incidents, Miles had won his return race, albeit a five-lapper from Braz, Ella Sheedy, Hill, and Ella Robertson.

Newhaven College round 1 at the Auscycling Victorian Schools XC MTB

NEWHAVEN College MTB were excited to be back at the Auscycling Victorian Schools XC MTB Series for 2024 with Round 1 being held at Dromana Secondary College.

The cross-country mountain bike event drew participants representing their respective schools from various age groups and skill levels from right around Victoria. The beautiful weather, challenging course and enthusiastic crowd set the stage for a memorable day of competition and camaraderie.

With twelve first-time racers amongst them, twenty-one Newhaven College students had a fun and challenging day out with a standout performance

from Hamish Dakers-Hock who managed to podium by securing a commendable third place. Despite the tough competition in the U15s, Hamish displayed exceptional determination, navigating the demanding course.

Miss consistent Lucy Thompson held off her rival from the last series to clinch the top spot with an impressive performance. Her first-place finish not only highlighted her athleticism but also served as an inspiration to her peers and the next generation of female mountain bikers coming through Newhaven College.

The next round of the series is at Lysterfield MTB Park on July 14, 2024.



Year 8 student Hamish Dakers-Hock secures third place in the U15s.

Knights hold league leaders City to thrilling draw

IN WHAT promised to be an epic local match of football, Leongatha Knights FC Senior Men's team (currently second on the league ladder) took on ladder leaders and neighbours Korumburra City in Round 9 of the Gippsland Soccer League.

Drawing a big crowd, the first leg of the local derby was off to a strong start with Leongatha consistently pressing the solid structure of Korumburra and leading possession with calm passing. Korumburra was initially content to allow the home side possession and hold space in defence, limiting Leongatha's attacking options.

Despite some excellent early attacking runs, the Knights were unable to find the back of the net against Korumburra coach and goalkeeper Zac Grant, whose composure in goals denied the Knights at every shot. Leongatha's own goalkeeper, long-time Knights Charlie Dougherty performed several spectacular saves over the course of the game to deny Korumburra. However, it was a well-executed corner that skimmed the head of an attacker and found the back post of the goals putting the away team in the lead heading into half time.

The second half of the match saw a different style of play emerged as Korumburra dropped into a low block to protect their advantage, frustrating Leongatha as they sought to find space to attack. It was a

magnificent play on the right by Ethan Bath who laid off the ball for forward PJ O'Meara to find the equaliser for the Knights in the 80th minute to the roar of the home crowd.

Despite dominating possession in the second half, the Knights were unable to secure the goal that would put them in the lead as the nail-biting game ended a 1-1 draw.

Jack Bainbridge makes Knights history as first male player to hit 100 Senior Men's games

On Sunday June 23, Leongatha Knights FC celebrated a history-making milestone as Jack Bainbridge played his 100th match in the Senior Men's competition. Debuting in the senior squad back in 2015 when he was only 15, Jack has played for the senior squad every season since. He is a reliable and versatile player who has a magnificent throw and a killer cross.

Surrounded by friends, family and club supporters Jack was congratulated by club co-president Stu McNaughton and coach Beth Milkins and presented with memorabilia to mark his milestone. Never one to seek the spotlight, Bainbridge thanked the crowd and his "second family" at the Knights, counting last year's history making grand final win as one of his favourite memories.

Congratulations Jack on your wonderful achievement.



U17s Goal Scorer Patch Wilson takes on his Phillip Island opponent.

More late drama for United as Old Scotch equalise

AFTER a short mid-season break, the Men's State League 1 football season resumed.

Gippsland United's senior team were subject to some more late drama as they faced Old Scotch Soccer Club away in match week 12.

This had been somewhat of a theme during the first half of United's season, as United experienced the crushing feeling of conceding a late goal, but also the unparalleled elation of scoring a late equaliser or winner.

This time they unfortunately felt the emotions at the unwanted end of this spectrum.

Old Scotch was one of the two sides United managed to defeat in the first half of the season.

It seemed as though Gippsland would repeat this result as they got off to a flying start, scoring two goals in the opening 15 minutes of the match.

Cooper Coleman scored first for United, as he returned to the squad in the best possible way after a one-game suspension.

Thomas Ahmadzai then added a second not long after, as his relentless running from the middle of the park saw him reap the rewards in front of goal.

With a bit of luck on their side, Old Scotch managed to not concede again despite Sammy Gatpan missing a golden opportunity to add a third just before halftime for United.

The second half commenced

and United seemed to be controlling proceedings again.

But football matches can change in seconds and as Old Scotch continued to push for a route back into the game, they finally made United's net ripple, scoring with no more than 10 minutes remaining.

The result was still in United's hands, if they could hold onto their one-goal lead, they would take home their first win in four games.

However, the search for that elusive winning result raged on as Old Scotch found an equaliser with only a few minutes remaining.

It was an extremely tough pill to swallow for United who had been the better side on the balance of play but were all square with their opponents at full time.

This point bumps United's points total up to 11 and sees them remain in eighth position on the table.

Reserves

In the earlier kickoff, United's reserves squad had another stellar performance, backing up their demolition of Casey Comets in matchweek 11, as they defeated Old Scotch 0-4.

Old Scotch started the brighter of the two sides, putting their opponents on the back foot as they looked to switch the play and fire crosses into the box,

testing the visitor's backline.

But this bright start was halted by Brody Demagistris who scored a wonderful header from a Daniel Edey corner, connecting perfectly with the ball, giving Old Scotch's keeper no chance of saving.

Not long after Demagistris opened the scoring, Nonda Lazaris won United a penalty as he strode into the box before being fouled by an Old Scotch defender.

Daniel Edey was coolness personified as he stepped up to the spot and converted from 12 yards, stroking the ball into the bottom left corner of the goal.

Two goals to the good and with no sign of letting up, United added a third just after half-time as Alex Popp got on the scoresheet.

Benefitting from some great work from Lazaris as his shot was parried by the keeper, Popp was in the right place at the right time to dispatch the ball into an open net.

United had a few scares in the second half, as Old Scotch continued to show their ability up front.

The home side came closest to scoring when they saw a shot from outside the box hit the post.

Aside from that, a strong and organised defensive performance, coupled with a magnificent individual display from keeper Liam Anderson, saw United keep their third clean sheet of the campaign.

With a full bench waiting for a chance to enter the game, United made five substitutions in the second half, allowing them to rest some key players.

This saw a debut for under-18s talent, Luca Di Corleto, who came on at left-back for his first minutes of men's football for the club.

The fourth and final goal came from the tenacious work of another of United's substitutes, Lusa Mapiye.

Replacing Popp at left wing, Mapiye didn't allow Scotch's backline to rest for one second as he made multiple dribbles and attacking actions in his cameo appearance.

One of which led to a second penalty as he was fouled whilst dribbling towards the goal, similar to Lazaris in the first half.

Edey stepped up again, assuming his penalty duties, this time going the opposite way, and as a result sent the keeper in the wrong direction, as he opted for the right corner.

This sealed all three points for United and a fifth consecutive win as they maintained their one-point lead in the top spot on the table.

Moving into match week 13, United will play at home on Saturday 29 June for the first time in five weeks.

They will be hosting Mazenod FC at Baxter Park in Waragul, as reserves kick off at 12:45 pm before seniors take centre stage at 3 pm.

Gippsland Soccer League

Round 9 Results – Sunday June 23

SENIOR Mens: Drouin Dragons Maroon 4 d Lang Lang United 0, Leongatha Knights 1 drew Korumburra City 1, Phillip Island Breakers 3 d Trafalgar Victory 0

Senior Womens: Drouin Dragons Maroon 7 d Lang Lang United 1, Trafalgar Victory 2 d Phillip Island Breakers 0, Inverloch Stars 4 d Mirboo North United 0

Mens Reserves: Korumburra City 5 d Leongatha Knights 3, Phillip Island Breakers 3 d Trafalgar Victory 1

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 5 d Wonthaggi United 2, Leongatha Knights 1 d Phillip Island Stingrays 0, Phillip Island Penguins 7 d Drouin Dragons White 1

Under 14 Mixed: Korumburra City 3 d Leongatha Knights 2, Wonthaggi United 5 d Phillip Island Stingrays 1, Mirboo North United 4 drew Inverloch Stars 4

Under 13 Girls: Korumburra City 6 d Leongatha Knights 0, Wonthaggi United 5 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0

Under 12a Mixed: Leongatha Knights 4 d Korumburra City 1, Phillip Island Stingrays 3 drew Wonthaggi United 3, Phillip Island Penguins 6 d Trafalgar Victory 0

Under 12b Mixed: Drouin Dragons Yellow 8 d Lang Lang United 4, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 4 drew Wonthaggi United 4, Leongatha Knights 6 d Korumburra City 0, Inverloch Stars 3 d Mirboo North United 2

Round 10 Fixture – Sunday June 30

Senior Mens – 3pm

Drouin Dragons Maroon V Korumburra City, Inverloch Stars V Phillip Island Breakers, Wonthaggi United V Lang Lang United

Senior Womens – 1pm

Inverloch Stars V Phillip Island Breakers, Wonthaggi United V Lang Lang United, Leongatha Knights V Mirboo North United

Mens Reserves – 1pm

Drouin Dragons Maroon V Korumburra City, Inverloch Stars V Phillip Island Breakers, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Trafalgar Victory

Under 17 Mixed – 9.30am

Drouin Dragons Maroon V Phillip Island Stingrays, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Drouin Dragons White

Under 14 Mixed – 11.20am

Drouin Dragons Maroon V Korumburra City, Inverloch Stars V Phillip Island Penguins, Leongatha Knights V Mirboo North United

Under 13 Girls – 8.30am

Drouin Dragons Maroon V Korumburra City, Wonthaggi United V Leongatha Knights

Under 12a Mixed – 10am

Drouin Dragons Maroon V Korumburra City, Phillip Island Stingrays V Trafalgar Victory

Under 12b Mixed – 11.30am

Drouin Dragons Yellow V Korumburra City, Inverloch Stars V Phillip Island Sharks, Wonthaggi United V Lang Lang United, Leongatha Knights V Mirboo North United

MiniRoos – Saturday June 29

Bass Coast Hub are playing at Caldermeade from 9am

South Gippsland Hub are playing at Korumburra from 9.15am

RESULTS

A GRADE
Mowell East 71 d Thorpdale 19
Foster 61 d Newborough 50
Boolarra 48 lt Fish Creek 54
Stony Creek 23 lt Toora 35
Yinnar 61 d MDU 45

B GRADE
Mowell East 68 d Thorpdale 41
Foster 63 d Newborough 43
Hill End 56 d Tarwin 21
Boolarra 48 d Fish Creek 47
Stony Creek 41 d Toora 35
Yinnar 39 lt MDU 54

C GRADE
Mowell East 60 d Thorpdale 16
Foster 29 lt Newborough 36
Hill End 32 drew Tarwin 32
Boolarra 28 d Fish Creek 27
Stony Creek 18 lt Toora 38
Yinnar 52 d MDU 31

D GRADE
Mowell East 64 d Thorpdale 6
Foster 20 lt Newborough 48
Hill End 22 lt Tarwin 29
Boolarra 21 lt Fish Creek 51
Stony Creek 36 d Toora 27
Yinnar 26 d MDU 24

17 & UNDER
Boolarra 40 d Fish Creek 35
Stony Creek 18 lt Toora 54
Yinnar 33 lt MDU 34

15 & UNDER
Foster 28 drew Newborough 28
Hill End 40 d Tarwin 4
Boolarra 44 d Fish Creek 10
Stony Creek 16 lt Toora 27
Yinnar 31 d MDU 29

13 & UNDER
Foster 1 lt Newborough 49
Hill End 30 d Tarwin 10
Boolarra 21 d Fish Creek 15
Stony Creek 15 lt Toora 20
Yinnar 27 d MDU 18

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	181.40	36
Fish Creek	151.65	34
Morwell East	139.41	34
MDU	131.41	32
Foster	107.41	28
Mirboo North	91.38	24
Newborough	105.71	20
Boolarra	94.37	20
Toora	92.21	20
Stony Creek	81.76	16
Tarwin	61.94	8
Thorpdale	42.36	4

B GRADE	%	pts
Foster	186.31	40
Boolarra	137.24	36
Fish Creek	156.64	32
Morwell East	122.93	32
Stony Creek	119.54	24
MDU	107.78	24
Mirboo North	104.14	24
Hill End	116.02	16
Yinnar	102.88	20
Newborough	94.08	12
Toora	89.69	12
Tarwin	38.71	4
Thorpdale	39.08	0

C GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	179.74	40
Morwell East	140.55	32
MDU	131.27	32
Toora	132.18	28
Boolarra	118.45	28
Mirboo North	126.80	24
Newborough	118.29	24
Tarwin	113.73	18
Hill End	109.47	18
Fish Creek	85.27	12
Stony Creek	76.37	12
Foster	72.11	12
Thorpdale	16.80	0

D GRADE	%	pts
Fish Creek	184.51	40
Stony Creek	171.84	40
Yinnar	136.18	36
Morwell East	122.08	26
Toora	112.24	22
Newborough	138.06	20
MDU	123.35	20
Tarwin	104.50	20
Mirboo North	98.68	18
Boolarra	88.36	16
Hill End	89.02	14
Foster	65.41	8
Thorpdale	14.59	0

17 & UNDER	%	pts
Boolarra	203.91	40
Toora	181.68	36
Yinnar	184.80	32
MDU	145.81	28
Fish Creek	141.94	28
Hill End	83.61	28
Newborough	52.66	16
Stony Creek	47.06	16
Mirboo North	61.66	12
Morwell East	37.47	4

15 & UNDER	%	pts
Toora	217.79	40
Boolarra	213.91	36
Hill End	181.99	34
Mirboo North	176.88	30
MDU	185.28	28
Yinnar	151.53	28
Stony Creek	91.03	20
Foster	47.45	18
Fish Creek	46.01	16
Newborough	56.64	14
Morwell East	42.99	12
Tarwin	27.22	4

13 & UNDER	%	pts
Yinnar	309.09	40
Boolarra	180.83	36
MDU	154.47	36
Hill End	205.32	32
Newborough	122.22	24
Fish Creek	60.58	24
Mirboo North	113.91	20
Tarwin	83.52	16
Toora	68.71	16
Stony Creek	45.16	16
Foster	16.47	12

SPORT | NETBALL



Ella Rendell (GS) takes the catch despite good defence from the bulldogs. ob24_2624



Toora's Hailey Boyd (GD) puts up a good defence as Stony's Kaila Hutchinson (GA) secures the ball. ob36_2624



Willow Butinar (C) for Toora looks for an option to pass. ob35_2624



Brittney McKenzie (WA) secures the catch from centre pass out. ob20_2624



Elizabeth Krog (Kilcunda-Bass GK) defends the shot at goal in the B grade match.



Caity Stephens (Kilcunda-Bass GD) applies pressure on her Warragul Industrials opponent in A grade.



A promising junior player, Hope Oats stepped up into the B grade team for Kilcunda-Bass.



Kylie Wookey (Kilcunda-Bass GS) in a physical contest to gain possession of the ball during the B grade match.



Tamika De Nardis (Kilcunda-Bass GA) takes the pass under pressure from her opponent in the A grade match.

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE
T-Dalmore 60 d Kor-Bena 51
Cora Lynn 35 lt Dalyston 39
Garfield 52 lt KWR 60
K-Bass 66 d Warragul Ind. 28
Bunyip 46 d Phillip Island 37
I-Kongwak 51 d NNG 42

B GRADE
T-Dalmore 65 d Kor-Bena 32
Cora Lynn 38 d Dalyston 27
Garfield 51 d KWR 32
K-Bass 39 lt Warragul Ind. 46
Bunyip 39 lt Phillip Island 43
I-Kongwak 40 lt NNG 43

C GRADE
T-Dalmore 36 d Kor-Bena 19
Cora Lynn 35 d Dalyston 21
Garfield 40 d KWR 35
K-Bass 50 d Warragul Ind. 34
Bunyip 32 d Phillip Island 16
I-Kongwak 45 d NNG 35

D GRADE
T-Dalmore 29 lt Kor-Bena 32
Cora Lynn 45 d Dalyston 14
Garfield 36 d KWR 28
K-Bass 23 lt Warragul Ind. 25
Bunyip 30 d Phillip Island 22
I-Kongwak 30 d NNG 26

17 & UNDER
T-Dalmore 32 drew K-Bena 32
Cora Lynn 36 d Dalyston 33
Garfield 44 d KWR 30
K-Bass 51 d Warragul Ind. 8
Bunyip 24 lt Warragul Ind. 46
I-Kongwak 23 lt NNG 27

15 & UNDER
T-Dalmore 33 d Kor-Bena 25
Cora Lynn 33 d Dalyston 10
Garfield 5 lt KWR 45
K-Bass 21 lt Warragul Ind. 43
Bunyip 8 lt Phillip Island 51
I-Kongwak 23 lt NNG 32

13 & UNDER
T-Dalmore 29 d Kor-Bena 22
Cora Lynn 42 d Dalyston 9
Garfield 30 d KWR 13
K-Bass 26 lt Warragul Ind. 32
Bunyip 9 lt Phillip Island 22
I-Kongwak 5 lt NNG 27

11 & UNDER
T-Dalmore 38 d Kor-Bena 3
Cora Lynn 34 d Dalyston 2
Garfield 8 lt KWR 20
K-Bass 17 d Warragul Ind. 13
Bunyip 6 lt Phillip Island 22
I-Kongwak 13 lt NNG 18

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Inverloch-K	159.69	44
Dalyston	125.06	32
Kilcunda-Bass	116.25	30
Nar Nar Goon	110.56	30
Tooradin-Dal.	108.73	30
Koo Wee Rup	100.20	26
Cora Lynn	117.16	24
Kor-Bena	98.24	20
Phillip Island	87.18	12
Bunyip	79.17	8
Garfield	76.60	8
Warragul Ind.	60.31	0

B GRADE	%	pts
Tooradin Dal.	160.22	40
Nar Nar Goon	142.58	38
Inverloch-K	132.35	32
Warragul Ind.	105.26	26
Kilcunda-Bass	114.39	24
Cora Lynn	94.52	24
Phillip Island	90.78	24
Garfield	99.79	22
Dalyston	98.18	20
Bunyip	79.20	10
Kor-Bena	65.51	2
Koo Wee Rup	63.81	2

C GRADE	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	136.92	40
Inverloch-K.	161.09	36
Tooradin-Dal.	131.79	36
Cora Lynn	119.59	36
Kilcunda-Bass	113.77	24
Kor-Bena	96.99	20
Bunyip	97.81	18
Koo Wee Rup	96.76	18
Garfield	92.12	18
Dalyston	91.64	14
Warragul Ind.	61.26	4
Phillip Island	48.67	0

D GRADE	%	pts
Inverloch-K	220.41	40
Nar Nar Goon	217.13	40
Garfield	163.29	40
Kor-Bena	114.94	32
Koo Wee Rup	129.33	28
Cora Lynn	110.06	20
Bunyip	99.14	20
Tooradin-Dal.	93.59	16
Phillip Island	62.15	12
Warragul Ind.	54.59	8
Kilcunda-Bass	52.40	8
Dalyston	37.25	0

17 & UNDER	%	pts
Phillip Island	168.58	40
Tooradin-Dal.	144.69	38
Nar Nar Goon	136.42	36
Inverloch-K.	148.72	32
Garfield	130.09	32
Kor-Bena	127.68	26
Cora Lynn	102.56	20
Koo Wee Rup	78.43	12
Bunyip	72.80	12
Dalyston	80.46	8
Kilcunda Bass	77.63	8
Warragul Ind.	21.72	0

15 & UNDER	%	pts
Warragul Ind.	170.26	40
Phillip Island	209.38	38
Nar Nar Goon	187.45	34
Tooradin-Dal.	184.70	32
Cora Lynn	142.34	32
Koo Wee Rup	157.50	28
Inverloch-K.	117.24	20
Kor-Bena	66.49	12
Garfield	55.16	12
Dalyston	44.37	8
Kilcunda-Bass	39.56	8
Bunyip	28.61	0

13 & UNDER	%	pts
Cora Lynn	207.68	42
Nar Nar Goon	237.20	40
Tooradin-Dal.	259.60	38
Warragul Ind.	111.94	30
Kor-Bena	126.32	24
Garfield	82.00	22
Kilcunda-Bass	78.37	20
Phillip Island	94.07	18
Inverloch K.	77.78	18
Bunyip	31.27	8
Dalyston	50.18	4
Koo Wee Rup	24.58	0

11 & UNDER	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	386.08	44
Tooradin-Dal.	482.81	38
Phillip Island	289.89	38
Cora Lynn	192.17	32
Koo Wee Rup	107.10	26
Inverloch-K	83.85	22
Garfield	54.01	20
Warragul Ind.	82.93	16
Kilcunda-Bass	73.76	16
Bunyip	42.86	8
Dalyston	16.79	4
Kor-Bena	18.24	0



Abbey Henshall takes a flying leap for the ball in Poowong's U17 Match. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Tiana Heylen collects a point for Nyora in Saturday's tight clash.



Nyora centre Tanasha Walters looks for an opening against Nilma-Darnum.

LEONGATHA

13 & UNDER: This week was a closer game for our U13s. With level scores at various points in the game, they had to work together to obtain a lead. Great persistence by all!

15 & Under: Our girls tried hard all game and put some great passages of play together. Everyone pushed for four quarters however we were beaten by the better team on the day. Let's keep working hard as lots of improvement is happening this year.

17 & Under: It was a great game, and we were very consistent. We played strong and pushed through when the calls didn't go our way. Let's keep building!

C Grade: Our girls played unreal on Saturday, keeping a level head and trusting each other with every pass. Amazing work!

B Grade: It was a tight contest all game. Lots of turnovers and some great passages of play, however we just couldn't put four quarters together. With a few calls working against us, we train hard this week and turn it around for our next big game.

A Grade: It was a tough game as they are a very strong team, but we stayed strong and played some really great netball. Lots of positives to take from this loss.



Mia Plenkovich (A grade) battles out the ball against the Magpies. Photo: Paul Landells.



C Grade's Issabella Tiziani leaps for the Power catch against Sale. Photo: Paul Landells.



B-Grade's Jo Duscher makes a mid-air grab for the ball. Photo: Paul Landells.



Wing attack Heidi Driscoll surveys the options to move the ball up the court.

ELLINBANK

RESULTS

A GRADE

Neerim Sth 59 d Buln Buln 36
Yarragon 55 d Poowong 41
Longwarry 39 lt Catani 56
Trafalgar 42 d Lang Lang 36

B GRADE

Neerim Sth 40 lt Buln Buln 45
Yarragon 28 lt Poowong 36
Longwarry 22 lt Catani 64
Trafalgar 32 d Lang Lang 27
Nyora 58 lt Nilma-Darnum 65

C GRADE

Neerim Sth 43 d Buln Buln 31
Yarragon 46 lt Poowong 26
Longwarry 19 lt Catani 39
Trafalgar 21 lt Lang Lang 37
Nyora 5 lt Nilma-Darnum 56

17 & UNDER

Neerim Sth 27 lt Buln Buln 28
Yarragon 42 d Poowong 41
Longwarry 24 lt Catani 48
Trafalgar 39 d Lang Lang 15
Nyora 4 lt Nilma-Darnum 44

15 & UNDER

Neerim Sth 21 lt Buln Buln 42
Yarragon 23 lt Poowong 38
Longwarry 11 lt Catani 29
Trafalgar 23 lt Lang Lang 38
Nyora 2 lt Nilma-Darnum 50

13 & UNDER

Neerim Sth 5 lt Buln Buln 32
Yarragon 13 lt Poowong 17
Longwarry 36 d Catani 4
Trafalgar 11 lt Lang Lang 21
Nyora 1 lt Nilma-Darnum 45

LADDERS

A GRADE

	%	pts
Neerim South	172.64	40
Nilma-Darnum	154.60	32
Ellinbank	143.06	24
Trafalgar	107.90	20
Yarragon	94.77	20
Lang Lang	92.04	16
Buln Buln	86.71	16
Poowong	80.90	12
Longwarry	64.61	8
Catani	63.88	4
Nyora	0.00	0

B GRADE

	%	pts
Ellinbank	182.37	40
Buln Buln	128.21	32
Neerim South	128.19	32
Trafalgar	118.87	32
Nilma-Darnum	109.27	32
Catani	103.26	24
Lang Lang	121.02	20
Poowong	82.27	16
Nyora	72.65	6
Longwarry	53.91	4
Yarragon	70.38	2

C GRADE

	%	pts
Neerim South	175.71	40
Lang Lang	153.54	40
Ellinbank	184.71	36
Catani	155.51	32
Nilma-Darnum	142.96	28
Yarragon	107.14	20
Buln Buln	94.43	16
Trafalgar	81.96	16
Poowong	70.94	8
Longwarry	75.64	4
Nyora	16.77	0

17 & UNDER

	%	pts
Catani	246.81	40
Trafalgar	161.66	36
Poowong	181.36	34
Yarragon	176.67	34
Nilma-Darnum	166.95	28
Longwarry	121.85	24
Ellinbank	73.40	16
Lang Lang	77.66	12
Buln Buln	71.59	12
Neerim South	36.80	4
Nyora	10.16	0

15 & UNDER

	%	pts
Buln Buln	186.07	42
Catani	168.10	38
Poowong	145.81	28
Lang Lang	135.83	28
Trafalgar	114.45	28
Neerim South	107.87	24
Yarragon	108.95	20
Nilma-Darnum	103.36	20
Ellinbank	67.96	8
Longwarry	57.88	4
Nyora	5.08	0

13 & UNDER

	%	pts
Buln Buln	670.59	36
Poowong	218.42	32
Lang Lang	206.80	32
Yarragon	190.21	36
Trafalgar	131.25	24
Longwarry	123.12	16
Ellinbank	112.79	16
Nilma-Darnum	100.49	12
Neerim South	76.04	12
Catani	16.09	4
Nyora	2.93	0

GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Maffra 36 lt Drouin 85
Bairnsdale 67 d Morwell 41
Warragul 66 d Traralgon 51
Wonthaggi 60 d Sale 35
Moe 76 d Leongatha 45

B GRADE

Maffra 36 lt Drouin 78
Bairnsdale 39 lt Morwell 40
Warragul 53 lt Traralgon 59
Wonthaggi 38 d Sale 34
Moe 46 d Leongatha 40

C GRADE

Maffra 40 lt Drouin 47
Bairnsdale 33 lt Morwell 45
Warragul 24 lt Traralgon 47
Wonthaggi 36 d Sale 19
Moe 18 lt Leongatha 36

17 & UNDER

Maffra 34 lt Drouin 39
Bairnsdale 61 d Morwell 28
Warragul 19 lt Traralgon 62
Wonthaggi 25 lt Sale 41
Moe 21 lt Leongatha 50

15 & UNDER

Maffra 36 lt Drouin 43
Bairnsdale 52 d Morwell 20
Warragul 14 lt Traralgon 66
Wonthaggi 22 lt Sale 55
Moe 47 d Leongatha 30

13 & UNDER

Maffra 49 d Drouin 17
Bairnsdale 42 d Morwell 10
Warragul 2 lt Traralgon 52
Wonthaggi 2 lt Sale 52
Moe 28 lt Leongatha 35

LADDERS

A GRADE

Moe 171.96 44
Drouin 141.55 36
Warragul 122.22 32
Traralgon 111.52 26
Wonthaggi 105.88 24
Bairnsdale 100.20 24
Leongatha 96.95 16
Morwell 96.49 14
Sale 60.40 2
Maffra 44.59 2

B GRADE

Drouin 137.12 40
Traralgon 133.17 40
Leongatha 154.81 34
Moe 119.53 30
Sale 88.70 22
Wonthaggi 101.44 18
Warragul 97.95 16
Morwell 87.52 14
Maffra 51.47 6
Bairnsdale 69.86 0

C GRADE

Drouin 150.93 42
Morwell 141.23 42
Maffra 106.57 28
Traralgon 104.53 28
Leongatha 105.90 24
Wonthaggi 110.54 20
Moe 91.77 12
Bairnsdale 86.20 12
Sale 62.09 8
Warragul 66.07 4

17 & UNDER

Traralgon 222.31 44
Leongatha 204.02 40
Bairnsdale 139.35 32
Sale 129.45 28
Drouin 122.02 28
Wonthaggi 95.94 20
Maffra 84.88 16
Moe 52.08 8
Morwell 54.14 4
Warragul 35.02 0

15 & UNDER

Bairnsdale 207.87 42
Sale 166.67 42
Traralgon 181.91 32
Moe 120.00 24
Maffra 98.81 24
Drouin 86.43 20
Wonthaggi 70.91 16
Morwell 66.74 12
Leongatha 62.87 8
Warragul 51.47 0

13 & UNDER

Leongatha 203.54 40
Traralgon 229.67 38
Maffra 223.30 34
Sale 209.78 30
Moe 162.25 24
Bairnsdale 124.71 20
Drouin 77.10 16
Wonthaggi 24.89 12
Morwell 28.74 4
Warragul 13.96 0

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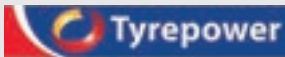
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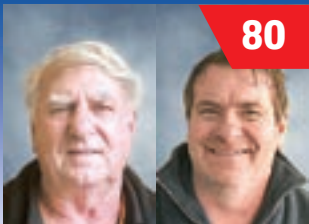
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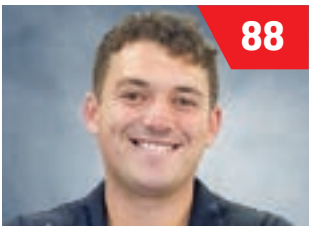
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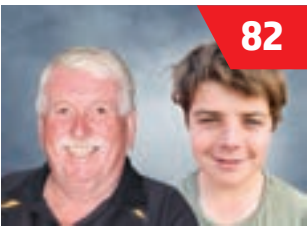
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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 10

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

 96	 76
STONY CREEK	TOORA

Stony Creek	6.2	8.3	9.5	15.6 (96)
Toora	0.4	4.8	7.9	11.10 (76)

GOALS, Stony Creek: Kael Bergles, Chris Verboon 4, Hayden Bull 3, Tully Bernaldo, Hayden Funnell, Cody Loughridge, Colby Michael 1 each
BEST: Darcy Atkins, Cody Loughridge, Ethan Lavis, Aidan Simmons, Julian Stone, Kael Bergles
GOALS, Toora: Leigh Craig, William Goosey, Joseph Platt, Jake Smart 2, Tex Dyson, Ashley Hewson, Jack Weston 1 each
BEST: Reghan Lewis, Sam Frawley, Aidan Peile, Adam Parry, Leigh Craig, Joseph Platt

RESERVES

Stony Creek	2.4	6.4	7.5	7.6 (48)
Toora	2.3	2.4	3.7	7.10 (52)

GOALS, Stony Creek: Lucas Byrnes, Brad Renden 2, Jayden Battersby, Glenn Gray, Ryan McKnight 1 each
BEST: Alex Scholte, Nick Svenson, Tyson Davies, Adam Atkins, Glenn Gray, Brett McKnight
GOALS, Toora: Leigh de Boer, Jarryd Guganovic 2, Jordyn Coulthard, Jaxon Cripps, Aron Rhodes 1 each
BEST: Jaxon Cripps, Jarryd Guganovic, Khyell Morgan, Leigh de Boer, Ayden Walker, Aron Rhodes

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

 37	 58
BOOLARRA	FISH CREEK

Boolarra	2.3	3.4	3.6	5.7 (37)
Fish Creek	2.2	5.3	7.4	9.4 (58)

GOALS, Boolarra: Brendan Mason 2, Mathew Dyer, Luke Marriott, Joel Mason 1 each
BEST: Mason Porykali, Mathew Dyer, Tom Reiske, Brendan Mason, Josh Wilson, Jonathan Noy
GOALS, Fish Creek: Darcy Berryman 4, Tom Buckley 2, William Brydon Waldren, Sam McGannon, Jai Stefani 1 each
BEST: Roland De Biase, Darcy Berryman, Jake Anderson, Thomas Vuillermin, Lachlan Gale, Tom Buckley

RESERVES

Boolarra	2.1	4.4	5.5	9.6 (60)
Fish Creek	3.4	4.6	7.8	8.8 (56)

GOALS, Boolarra: Brayden Wilson 3, Michael Cleaver 2, Patrick Haines, Ben McCormack, Glen Richards, Glen Smith 1 each
BEST: Vincent Corbett, Brayden Wilson, Thomas Beamish, Kevin Karunamuni, Jamie Brierley, Patrick Haines
GOALS, Fish Creek: Toby Redpath 4, Ethan Farrell, Nicholas Green, Brock Stefani, Owen Straw 1 each
BEST: Owen Straw, Joseph Rysko, Harrison Watt, Wilkie Edgelow, Thomas Sorrell, Aaron Farrell

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

 57	 113
HILL END	TARWIN

Hill End	3.4	5.7	6.7	8.9 (57)
Tarwin	5.3	8.6	13.10	17.11 (113)

GOALS, Hill End: Jamie Somers 2, Seth Calway, Adam Forth, Joshua Hammond, Jeremy Hunter, Marko Kulas, Amburupa Uliando 1 each
BEST: Seth Calway, Joey Conley, Amburupa Uliando, Marko Kulas, Jeremy Hunter, Trent Kearney
GOALS, Tarwin: Kane McCarthy 8, Ben Ellen, Daniel Houston, Tom Vanderkolk 2, Lachie Jones, Ricky O'Loughlin, Cooper Scott 1 each
BEST: Kane McCarthy, Daniel Houston, Jason Kennedy, Tom Vanderkolk, Lachie Jones, Jamie Cann

RESERVES

Hill End	2.4	5.8	9.10	11.11 (77)
Tarwin	2.2	3.2	3.5	4.8 (32)

GOALS, Hill End: Shane Smith 5, Bradley Gorman 2, Bradley Emerson, Brody Hams, Harry Moore, Jimmy Morison 1 each
BEST: Shane Smith, Jared Dworzniak, Jarryd Harris, Harry Moore, Seamus Murphy, Kong Thomas Tut
GOALS, Tarwin: Luke Keily 3, Simon McRae 1
BEST: David Leggo, Brenton Taber, Adam Bell, Nick McRae, George Bountris, John Kilsby



A fight for the ball between a pair of Magpies and a wedged Lion. ob31_2624

Lions secure vital victory against Pies

By Rob Popplestone

AS WE roll into the second half of the season, I don't think we could have wished for a more competitive round of football, where in every single clash the result could conceivably go either way and whichever way it was to go, it was sure to have an impact on the season.

It was surely the last roll of the dice for Stony Creek. Three wins in the first half of the season was never going to cut it for finals football. Sure there have been a number of the Lions' losses which have been by just single figure margins which has not helped their cause, but hosting Toora on the weekend is one the home side could not let slip through their fingers, as they may as well be letting what slim hope they had of a finals berth go, doing the same.

With that in mind, the

Lions did the job 15-6-96 to the Magpies 11-10-76.

The result is one the Stony Creek side desperately needed and one that has been a long time coming.

"We managed to start the game well again," Chris Verboon, Stony Creek coach said.

"Toora changed a few things up in the second quarter and played some good footy to get back into the game. It was a tight contest until the end. We struggled throughout the year to finish games but I was really happy with our last quarter. We had blokes stand up when it counted."

It may well be the confidence-building win the Lions needed to take them to the next step in believing they are capable of much greater things.

Toora too, even in losing,

can take plenty of positives from the result.

"Twenty-one scoring shots all," Jack Weston, Toora coach said.

"If we had a coach that could kick straight and not give the opposition a six-goal head start who knows. That's footy though, credit to Chris and Stony who took their chances when we let them turn the ball over high up the ground. The bye next week will hopefully give us some chance to freshen up and look to take some scalps of finals contenders in the back end. Newborough is first up after the bye."

A coach can always feel they could do more, especially in reflection, but the Magpies' coach has the support of the team, the club and the community, which in itself is a win on the way to securing premiership points in the future.



Matt Moseley takes a shot at goals for Toora. ob34_2624

Reigning premiers run away with the match

By Rob Popplestone

BOOLARRA have gone from having to confront last year's grand finalists in Newborough to the reigning premiers Fish Creek, in the space of seven days. It is without question the toughest fortnight in MGFNL football, and if nothing else the Demons are now under no illusions as to what is required to mix it with the league's very best.

Fish Creek on the weekend 9-4-58 to Boolarra 5-7-37.

"A bit of an ugly win for us yesterday, couldn't really get the game on our terms for most of the game," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek, said.

"A lot of credit to Boolarra who really came to play and had great intensity all day. Still pleased that we were able to walk away with the win and grind it out."

The Demon's efforts have not gone unnoticed by opposition clubs and certainly have not been missed by the coaching staff either.

"Really happy with our effort, we took it right up to the best side in the competition for most of the day. A poor third quarter just let us down and Fish Creek was good enough to capitalise," Brendan Mason, Boolarra coach said.

The Demons actually won both the first and last quarters, it was just the middle of the match in which the reigning premiers did enough to run away with a win of just better than three goals.

The effort from Boolarra would have them winning more games than not.

Sharks dominate amidst Rovers' resilient home crowd

By Rob Popplestone

ONE half of the season gone and still searching for a win, Hill End on their home deck approached the weekend clash against Tarwin like it was a final, like it was their last chance to earn some premiership points.

No one doubts the Hillsmen's desire and commitment, and many hoped that this round ten meeting against the Sharks could be the Rovers' turning point, however, the visitors who were still very much in touch with the league's top six, refused to let the home side and their loyal supporters have too much to get excited about.

Tarwin 17-11-113 defeated Hill End 8-9-57.

"It's a lot better waking up Sunday morning with a win," Jason Kennedy, Tarwin coach stated.

"We made the trip over the hill to Hill End and we knew that they would be up for this game on their home deck. After a tough couple of weeks, we were also keen to get back on the winners list. The first half was reasonably close. In the second half, we tightened up a few things and, in the end, we ran the game out really well and we were also able to hit the scoreboard."

The Sharks are currently in eighth position, but just one win away from fifth position, chances have come and gone for Tarwin already this season, but they will not be able to let too many more slip.

The Rovers are yet to taste success more than halfway through the season, but their desire to do so has not diminished which gives them hope in the future.

"We were with them up to halftime, they ran away with it in the second half. They were just too fit for us," Ambu Uliando, Hill End coach said.

Fitness is one element coach Uliando identified even before the season started and this deep into the year, it is very hard to play catch up, but there remains a positive frame of mind within the Hillsmen that their elusive victory will come their soon.

Tigers roar to victory over Bulldogs

By Rob Popplestone

IT IS one of the hottest rivalries in the MGFNL, the hostility on the field sometimes spilling over the fence to supporters, volunteers and even coaches, mind you, all in fair play and all within the fierce spirit of the game.

The Tigers had not been beaten at home by the Bulldogs, since their entry into the MGFNL and they had their heart and minds set on that trend continuing, something they achieved with their 11-15-81 to Newborough 7-7-49 win.

“It was a dominant display from the boys on the weekend, really proud of the group for our four-quarter effort,” Sam Davies, Foster coach said.

Davies’ summary was short but to the point, though masking much of the very good work done over four quarters of the clash.

The Tigers jumped out to a sixteen-point quarter-time lead, before applying the pressure in the second half, a twenty-one-point three-quarter time buffer, driven home in the final thirty minutes.

“We got beaten in a lot of areas by a better team on the weekend,” Craig Skinner, Newborough coach said.

“We brought effort but couldn’t execute.”

Last year’s grand finalists remain confident that they have what it takes to play the style of football to right a few wrongs, but like many others, they also remain under pressure with so many teams clawing at them from below.

The Bulldogs sit in fifth but have three teams behind them by just one victory, that pressure alone should be enough to have Newborough reach another level in the weeks ahead.



Todd Bastion boots it down field for Foster. ob12_2624



Tom Bartholomew goes up for a great specky but it slips through his hands. ob18_2624



The Tigers have the Bulldog surrounded. ob16_2624

Yinnar outmuscles MDU in gritty showdown

THESE two teams have had some memorable clashes over the years, and although falling short on the Magpies’ home turf last time, the Demons arrived ready to rumble their way to a victory and a slow climb further up the league ladder.

What they confronted however was a rock-solid Yinnar doing what they have done for much of 2024, the Magpies 10-11-71 too strong for the Demons 6-13-49.

By Rob Popplestone

“It was a pretty hot start to the game,” Sam McCulloch, Yinnar coach said.

“We played some of our best footy of the day in the first quarter and capitalised on our inside 50s. Due to a number of skill errors we made in the second quarter, MDU got back into the game but didn’t capitalise, possibly due to our pressure. It was a pretty even second half and

we’ve managed to hold onto our lead and come away with a hard-fought win against a well-structured and quality team.”

The Demons had their chances and are so close to taking that next step of defeating a top-tier side it’s not funny, but it can be frustrating, and if it continues also very costly.

“Yinnar started really well and we were never able to get close enough,” Nathan Allen,

MDU coach said.

“They moved the ball really well and converted when they got a chance. I felt we owned field position for most of the game but poor skill errors and missed chances cost us in the end.”

The reality is there are probably up to ten, maybe even eleven sides capable and deserving of working their way into the final six, the reality is many will not make it, every round now is a final.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND
10

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB



71



49

YINNAR	MDU
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Yinnar	5.2	6.3	9.5	10.11 (71)
MDU	1.2	3.9	5.11	6.13 (49)

GOALS, Yinnar: Ben Cheffers, Kane Grinstead-Jones 2, Josh Bugeja, Luke Cheffers, Gabe Oliver, Mitch Renwick, William Robertson, Blake Van Der Meer 1 each

BEST: Thomas Robertson, Ben Cheffers, Luke Linton, Flynn Schill, Luke Cheffers, Nathan Rowley

GOALS, MDU: Nathan Allen, Angus Kemper 2, Wayne Stewart, Lachie Wright 1 each

BEST: Nathan Allen, Kieran Bohn, Connor Krohn, Wayne Stewart, Blake Moscript, Shaye Walsh

RESERVES

Yinnar	3.1	6.2	7.3	8.5 (53)
MDU	0.2	1.4	2.9	5.11 (41)

GOALS, Yinnar: Patrick McGrath 4, Cameron Le Page 3, Daniel Webster 1

BEST: Daniel Schneider, Wayne Rowley, Patrick McGrath, Kyle Alexander, Jack Findlay, Daniel Webster

GOALS, MDU: Tadhg Dennehy, Matt Harris, Benjamin Maxwell, Michael Smith, Rhys Weaver 1 each

BEST: Jess Hickey, Charlie McInnes, Burke VanderZalm, Tyson Harris, Rhys Weaver, Corey Dyke

THIRDS

Yinnar	0.0	0.2	1.3	2.4 (16)
MDU	3.2	4.7	8.7	11.11 (77)

GOALS, Yinnar: Billy Durea, Jack Robertson 1 each

BEST: Harry Bugeja, Hudson McCulloch, Harvey McKay, Noah McCafferty, Bailey Beecher, Dylan Hobbs

GOALS, MDU: Lincoln Hamilton, Kyra Helms 2, Finn Dunn, Cohen Harrison, Timothy Hibberson, Alex Johnston, Angus McInnes, Harry Scrimshaw, Billy Trotman 1 each

BEST: Timothy Hibberson, Finn Dunn, Burke VanderZalm, Lucas Duvoisin, Lachlan Hibberson, Joshua Doolan

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB



81



49

FOSTER	NEWBOROUGH
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Foster	4.5	6.9	7.13	11.15 (81)
Newborough	2.1	5.2	5.4	7.7 (49)

GOALS, Foster: Jake Best 3, Michael Cooke, Billy Flavell 2, Tom Bartholomew, Harley Hoppner, Callan Van Dyke, Dylan Williams 1 each

BEST: Dylan Williams, James Morris, Harley Hoppner, Brendan Neville, Billy Flavell, Craig Wray

GOALS, Newborough: Kyle Jennings 3, Josh Pearce 2, Jack Edebohls, Nathan Wheildon 1 each

BEST: Darnell Grech, Zachary Skinner, Wade Anderson, Alex Skinner, Daniel Risol, Luke Webber

RESERVES

Foster	0.0	1.0	1.2	1.2 (8)
Newborough	4.5	10.10	16.12	24.17 (161)

GOALS, Foster: Josh Toner 1

BEST: Jedd Davy, Jacob Albrecht, Mikey House, Dylan La Casa, Brodie Prain, James Rochforte

GOALS, Newborough: Ben Van Dyk 7, Brodie Burgess 5, Joshua Bland, Jake Bowden 3, Will Troy 2, Lachlan Gilroy, James Grant, Daniel Smith, Joshua Whittaker 1 each

BEST: Sean Burns, Jake Bowden, Ryan Lambos, Joshua Bland, Andrew Bertoli, Tyler Peters

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

THIRDS

Mirboo North	1.0	2.1	5.1	6.1 (37)
Newborough	4.4	8.8	11.13	14.14 (98)

GOALS, Mirboo North: Thomas Heislars, William McDonald, Tom McGrath 2

BEST: Jack Jagusch, Jesse Rawlings, Harrison Malady, Zane Fleming, Tom McGrath, William McDonald

GOALS, Newborough: Brody Young 5, Oscar Hanson 4, Macally Brosnan 2, William Cuthbertson, Anthony Daley, Cooper Hanson 1 each

BEST: Brody Young, Harrison Gallagher, Macally Brosnan, Oscar Hanson, Brody Flinn, Noah Tunks

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Morwell East	10.12.72	d Thorpdale	8.5.53
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RESERVES

Morwell East	8.22.70	d Thorpdale	1.2.8
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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 10

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Fish Creek.....	8	1	195.66	36
Yinnar.....	8	1	189.29	36
Foster.....	8	1	135.80	36
Morwell East.....	7	2	212.04	32
Newborough.....	6	4	140.45	24
MDU.....	5	4	113.94	24
Thorpdale.....	5	5	106.18	20
Tarwin.....	5	5	80.35	20
Stony Creek.....	3	6	106.21	16
Boolarra.....	3	6	83.82	16
Toora.....	2	8	70.07	8
Mirboo North.....	1	8	36.93	8
Hill End.....	0	9	29.38	4

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Newborough.....	9	1	433.20	36
Yinnar.....	7	2	362.45	32
Stony Creek.....	7	2	294.21	32
Morwell East.....	7	2	268.38	32
MDU.....	7	2	187.09	32
Fish Creek.....	5	4	222.28	24
Boolarra.....	4	5	56.28	20
Toora.....	4	6	67.87	16
Hill End.....	3	6	34.58	16
Tarwin.....	2	6	72.88	12
Thorpdale.....	3	7	48.04	12
Mirboo North.....	2	7	17.58	12
Foster.....	0	9	17.58	4

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
MDU.....	7	0	282.71	38
Yinnar.....	4	4	141.76	24
Newborough.....	4	4	63.39	24
Fish Creek/Tarwin.....	2	5	105.43	18
Mirboo North.....	2	6	42.39	16
Stony Creek.....	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End.....	0	0	0.00	0
Toora.....	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra.....	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale.....	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East.....	0	0	0.00	0
Foster.....	0	0	0.00	0

Moe gets better of Leongatha



Parrots talk tactics at three quarter time. Photos: Liam Durkin.



Nick Argento assesses his options in Saturday's clash against Moe.



Sam Forrester sends a powerful kick downfield.

DECLAN Keilty helped Moe withstand a final-quarter Leongatha charge, with the former Melbourne player's intercept marking in defence proving critical.

He was excellent throughout the match, offering a strong target up forward for much of the day, as did Thomas Blackshaw.

The Parrots had a couple of crucial absentees due to injury, missing the ball-winning heroics and purposeful delivery of skipper Tom Marriott and the run and positivity of Jack Hume, and were chiefly reliant on Jackson Harry up forward for much of the day.

While Moe built a deserved 25-point lead by the final change and created early scoring opportunities early in the last quarter, the Lions couldn't capitalise and Leongatha became increasingly dangerous at the other end.

Tallin Brill began to look threatening up forward after spending time on the ball earlier in the game.

Leongatha coach Trent McMicking said that after Brill played as a mid-fielder earlier in the match it was decided he might be a point of difference with his pace and leading patterns up forward in the last quarter, noting that nearly worked and delivered a few marks.

Having marked, Brill would have had the shot to spark Leongatha's comeback but a free kick was awarded to Harry closer to the goal and he made no mistake.

A few minutes from time on, Brill delivered a major that cut the Parrots' deficit to just 13 points.

While Leongatha kept Moe to just a couple of behinds for the term, just two of the Parrots' six scores for that period were goals, the Lions prevailing by 11 points.

Mitch Bentvelzen's return to the side after a few weeks off injured was a

major positive for Leongatha and his determined defensive efforts helped keep the Parrots in the match in the absence of injured backmen Sean Westaway and Guy Dickson, resulting in him being named the beaten side's best.

"He had to play tall and did a great job all day," McMicking said, praising Bentvelzen's defensive pressure and great intercept marks.

Jake van der Pligt's on-ball presence was all the more critical in the absence of Marriott and he worked hard throughout the match, covering a tremendous amount of ground, with Adam Trotto and Matthew Borschman others showing commitment around the contests for the Parrots.

Harry topped Leongatha's goalkicking for the day, with three, with Jenson Garnham managing a couple of majors despite having a fairly quiet day after being hampered by an early corky and later copping a knock to the same spot, and Jack Ginnane's one-goal was a highlight, coming from a long-range set shot.

While Keilty and Thomas Blackshaw each managed a couple of goals for Moe, their marking and composure created scoring opportunities for teammates, with Jacob Balfour also managing two majors for the winning team.

Trent and Riley Baldi were driving forces, winning plenty of the footy and engineering attacking chances for the Lions, with Jacob Wood another tenacious contributor around the ground.

Traralgon's win over Warragul propelled the Maroons to just a couple of premiership points behind the top-of-the-ladder Leongatha, setting up an enthralling clash for the top spot when the Parrots arrive at the Traralgon Showgrounds this Saturday.

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW	
SATURDAY, JUNE 29	
ELLINBANK	ROUND 13
Ellinbank v Buln Buln	
Neerim South v Yarragon	
Poowong v Traralgon	
Lang Lang v Nyora	
Nilma Darnum v Longwarry	
Catani - BYE	
GIPPSLAND	ROUND 12
Drouin v Bairnsdale	
Morwell v Moe	
Wonthaggi v Warragul	
Traralgon v Leongatha	
Sale v Maffra	
MID GIPPSLAND	ROUND 11
Thorpdale v Mirboo North	
Newborough v Stony Creek	
Tarwin v Morwell East	
Fish Creek v Foster	
MDU v Hill End	
Yinnar v Boolarra	
Toora - BYE	
WEST GIPPSLAND	ROUND 12
Warragul Industrials v Tooradin-Dalmore	
Koo Wee Rup v Inverloch-Kongwak	
Nar Nar Goon v Bunyip	
Garfield v Cora Lynn	
Phillip Island v Kilcunda-Bass	
Korumburra-Bena v Dalyston	

Fish Creek strive to rebuild their community asset

SINCE the devastating arson attack that destroyed its clubrooms in November 2023, the Fish Creek Football Netball Club has been working tirelessly to reinstate its facilities.

A Rebuild and Recovery Sub-Committee was formed within hours of the destruction to take the lead on fundraising, grant sourcing and liaising with South Gippsland Shire Council and other levels of government to allow the general committee to do what it does best – run the club.

Club co-presidents Ray Stefani and Nick Shaw said the model had worked well.

"We are very fortunate to have, within our club, people with specific skill sets that can help move us through the many complex steps that a project like this requires," Ray said.

"Having a sub-committee that does the background work and reports regularly frees the general committee to continue to strive for success on the football ground and netball court."

The finalisation of the club's insurance claim, several successful fundraisers – including a gala sports and auction night and a Show and Shine car show – and a surprise but welcome \$500,000 contribution from the State Government has given the club a solid financial footing to launch its rebuild program, although more money is still needed.



While the club explores options for rebuilt facilities, a new defibrillator has been installed at Terrill Park courtesy of a Telstra Footy Country Grant. Fish Creek Football Netball Club trainers, from left George Bovell, Belle Cocksedge, Jodie McGannon and Kristie Cocksedge are pictured with the new equipment.

"We got on the front foot from day one and we've had so many offers to help from former players, supporters and people who have had a connection to Fish Creek in the past," Nick said.

"We've also had groups including the Fishy Hall, op shop, development group, Tea Cosy Festival, car clubs, primary school and Foster Rotary, just to name a few, who have raised money on our behalf."

"It just shows you what our club means to people and the community."

Rebuild sub-committee co-chairs Megan Vuillermin and Jason Harding said that level of support had galvanised the

federal government, the AFL and Netball Victoria.

"One of the hardest parts of the whole process has been balancing the enthusiasm and can-do attitude of members with the reality that these things take time and there are processes that must be followed."

One of the options the sub-committee is exploring is rebuilding on a new site, close to the boundary line and consolidating all amenities in the one area, bringing it into line with many other clubs in the region.

"Previously, we had football changerooms and the social rooms on one side of the ground, and the netball facilities and canteen on the other. It was fragmented and not representative of a modern-day football netball club which operates as one," Jason said.

"There is also the safety aspect and having everything in the one place means players and supporters don't have to worry about through traffic when going from A to B."

In the coming months, the club will investigate further grant opportunities and, on the social front, is hosting a night with comedy hypnotist Gerard V at the club's platinum sponsor, the Fish Creek Hotel, on Saturday, July 13.

More information and the trybooking link are available on the club's Facebook page – Fish Creek Kangaroos.

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Wonthaggi's power boost at mates' rates

WONTHAGGI Power sprang a surprise on the Gippsland League and their opponents in Saturday's key match-up against Sale when they unveiled former Collingwood premiership player Nathan Brown for his first game in the black, white and teal.

Brown made a modest beginning with a handful or two of possessions, but he also took a turn in the ruck, in the absence of an injured Toma Huther, had a shot at goal and a couple of goal assists.

But he also drew the attention of Sale's best defender, Jonty McGuinness, and allowed his new teammates up forward, especially Cooper McInnes who kicked five, to get off the chain, and the likes of Jaxon Williams (3), Hunter Tiziani, Noah Anderson, Jarryd Blair and Brayden Duve to chip in.

He also used the benefit of his experience to help organise the forward line, going up and back in concert with McInnes, creating the space and helping the Power to make much better use of its forward entries.

With Ryan Sparkes back from the Collingwood VFL team and mixing it up on the ball against the likes of Sale's Shannen Lange, it was a consummate, organised, and committed display from Wonthaggi which saw them stretch a consistent four-goal lead throughout the day to a percentage boosting seven-goal win at the end.

Coach Jarryd Blair, a teammate of Brown's in the 2010 AFL Premiership team at Collingwood, was delighted with the team's performance and Brown's contribution, especially as Power finished with just one rotation on the bench.

"We've sort of spoken about it for a few years, about him coming down for a few games. We loved playing together at Collingwood and he was excited about the opportunity and things sort of lined up this year with Nath's work and stuff," said coach Jarryd Blair afterwards.

"He lives down at Barwon Heads so it's a bit of a stretch, but he said at the start of the year that when it lined up with work he'd like to come down.

"I think he will be a good target for us ahead of the ball, a key pillar up there I suppose, someone to kick to.

"I think naturally, someone that sees the game so well, and at AFL level was a leader behind the ball, it's only natural to be helping to set the boys up and organising."

And that's exactly how it turned out.

For his part, Brown thoroughly enjoyed the day.

"Great, loved it," said Brown afterwards.

"I've been wanting to get



Former Collingwood premiership player Nathan Brown joined his 2010 premiership teammate Jarryd Blair in a Wonthaggi Power guernsey on Saturday but will need to brush up on the words to the club song.

down here and play with Jarryd and the team for a while, but the College plays its games on a Saturday so it's not always easy.

"But yes, hoping to play a few more."

Nathan Brown is the head of coaching at Geelong College and committed to the role there, but you'd expect him to play at least three of the next seven to qualify for finals and fingers crossed the results fall the Power's way.

Wonthaggi started well and had three goals on the board before a reply from Sale, and finished the first quarter full of running with five goals to one.

It was more of the same in the second, although Sale evened it up on the ball and had a couple of active targets up forward including big Brad Dessent, but the score was nine goals to four by halftime, and Power looked well in control.

Cooper McInnes had four of them, two in each quarter, and it was pleasing to see the likes of Kaj Patterson, Jarryd Blair, Hunter Tiziani and Jaxon Williams (2) hitting the scoreboard.

Wonthaggi powered on to kick 5.7 to three goals in a rather congested contest after halftime, but they could easily have had more with several gettable chances going astray.

Hard to pick bests in a "team effort" but Ryan Sparkes was superb from start to finish, Cooper McInnes had his best game at Wonthaggi, Isaac Chugg was at his very best coming off half-back, breaking tackles and driving forward, Brayden Duve had a complete game, Shannon Bray brought his elite defensive skills with him when he took over rucking duties and Kaj Patterson had his best game since coming across from Tarwin.



Shannon Bray got the call up for ruck duties when Toma Huther went down, and he brought his elite defensive skills to the contest.



Not the cleanest mark for Cooper McInnes but he got the sherrin and booted a goal. Photo: Paul Landells

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 11

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

68 57

MOE LEONGATHA

Moe 3.2 5.8 9.12 9.14 (68)
Leongatha 2.2 5.4 6.5 8.9 (57)

GOALS, Moe: Jacob Balfour, Thomas Blackshaw, Declan Keilty 2, Riley Baldi, Tim Golds, Nick Prowse 1 each

BEST: Declan Keilty, Trent Baldi, Riley Baldi, Lachlan McGrath, Brock Smith, Jacob Balfour

GOALS, Leongatha: Jackson Harry 3, Jenson Garnham 2, Tallin Brill, Jack Ginnane, Beau Grabham Andrews 1 each

BEST: Mitchell Bentvelzen, Jake van der Pligt, Adam Trotto, Jackson Harry, Matthew Borschman, Sam Forrester

RESERVES

Moe 1.1 1.1 2.1 2.1 (13)
Leongatha 6.3 12.4 18.6 24.8 (152)

GOALS, Moe: Shaun Curtis 1

BEST: Luke Mackay, Aaron Wilson, Damian O'Brien, Bailey Sword, Lucas Earl, Liam Durkin

GOALS, Leongatha: Flynn Materia 8, Cameron Olden 4, Nick Nagel, Jay Walker 3, Hayden Lindsay, Robert Reardon 2, Rhett Kelly, Christopher Rump 1 each

BEST: Hayden Lindsay, Rhett Kelly, Flynn Materia, Noah Fixter, Jay Walker, Jesse Burns

THIRDS

Moe 0.1 1.3 4.4 6.4 (40)
Leongatha 3.3 7.5 8.8 8.11 (59)

BEST, Moe: Xavier Berquez, Jordan Shields, Brodyn Blandford, Bailey Sword, Bryson Savage, Will Robinson

BEST, Leongatha: Ollie Mahoney, Tadgh Gannon, Xavier Lamers, Eamon Berryman, Clayton McGrath, Max Sheahan

FOURTHS

Moe 1.5 4.9 6.13 11.16 (82)
Leongatha 1.1 1.1 2.2 2.2 (14)

BEST, Moe: Paul Gatpan, Riley O'Brien, Ethan Wildblood, Max Moroney, Darcy Walsh, Jesse Nancarrow

BEST, Leongatha: Eamon Berryman, Will Campbell, Matthew Patton, Mason Thomson

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

97 48

WONTHAGGI SALE

Wonthaggi 5.4 9.6 11.9 14.13 (97)
Sale 1.1 4.4 7.6 7.6 (48)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Cooper McInnes 5, Jaxon Williams 3, Noah Anderson, Jarryd Blair, Brayden Duve, Aiden Lindsay, Kaj Patterson, Hunter Tiziani 1 each

BEST: Ryan Sparkes, Cooper McInnes, Isaac Chugg, Brayden Duve, Shannon Bray, Kaj Patterson

GOALS, Sale: Jack Leslie 2, Chris Byron, Daniel Byron, Brad Dessent, Shannen Lange, Zak Russell 1 each

BEST: Jonty McGuinness, Nathan Whitford, Shannen Lange, Josh Butcher, Jack Leslie, Hudson Holmes

RESERVES

Wonthaggi 3.1 5.1 6.2 7.2 (44)
Sale 2.3 3.6 6.6 7.9 (51)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Adam Busana 2, Cade Brown, Blake Cornelis, Jorin Joske, Reeve Moresco, Jai Williamson 1 each

BEST: Kyle Yann, Jarvis Brown, Reeve Moresco, Jorin Joske, Kurt Brown, Cade Waters

GOALS, Sale: Alan Harris, Maddix Malone, Jake Simic, Lachlan Todd 1 each

BEST: Maddix Malone, Christopher Laverty, Zac Hurley, Kane Cutler, Samuel Treglown, Shane Fyfe

FOURTHS

Wonthaggi 2.4 7.7 8.11 12.13 (85)
Sale 1.0 1.0 2.3 4.5 (29)

BEST, Wonthaggi: Jasper Shone, Ayden Fawaz, Billy Wyhoon, Jaxon Brouwers, Connor Macmillan, Thomas Macmillan

BEST, Sale: Harper Walker, Blake Lindrea, Cooper Rand, Jarrod Cutler, Jonah Hall, Finn Wilson

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Drouin 16.8.104 d Maffra 15.8.98
Morwell 8.9.57 d Bairnsdale 7.10.52
Traralgon 17.8.110 d Warragul 12.10.82

RESERVES

Maffra 13.19.97 d Drouin 1.1.7
Bairnsdale 11.8.74 d Morwell 7.10.52
Traralgon 11.14.80 d Warragul 3.4.22

THIRDS

Maffra 14.7.91 d Drouin 5.9.39
Bairnsdale 17.14.116 d Morwell 4.8.32
Warragul 14.8.92 d Traralgon 5.3.33

FOURTHS

Maffra 13.9.87 d Drouin 1.1.7
Bairnsdale 12.6.78 d Morwell 2.3.15
Traralgon 19.16.130 d Warragul 4.3.27

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 11

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	9	2	170.72	36	Leongatha	11	0	477.82	44	Leongatha	8	2	228.12	32	Traralgon	11	0	529.05	44
Traralgon	8	2	124.80	34	Maffra	9	2	242.27	36	Warragul	8	2	212.39	32	Moe	10	1	293.95	40
Moe	7	4	115.75	28	Traralgon	8	3	245.33	32	Traralgon	7	3	177.14	28	Maffra	8	3	294.14	32
Morwell	6	4	97.39	26	Bairnsdale	8	3	138.28	32	Maffra	7	3	140.98	28	Wonthaggi	8	3	173.66	32
Sale	6	5	97.66	24	Sale	5	6	64.31	20	Drouin	6	4	121.70	24	Bairnsdale	7	4	88.89	28
Bairnsdale	5	6	106.64	20	Drouin	4	7	68.33	16	Bairnsdale	4	6	70.23	16	Sale	4	7	72.24	16
Wonthaggi	5	6	97.47	20	Wonthaggi	4	7	60.10	16	Moe	3	7	67.01	12	Drouin	3	8	50.34	12
Drouin	4	7	81.53	16	Moe	3	8	43.32	12	Sale	1	8	52.53	4	Leongatha	2	9	44.18	8
Warragul	3	8	78.31	12	Morwell	2	9	58.89	8	Morwell	0	9	23.09	0	Warragul	2	9	31.19	8
Maffra	1	10	67.67	4	Warragul	1	10	28.21	4	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Morwell	0	11	17.38	0

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 12

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

40

104

YARRAGON	1.1	3.2	6.2	6.4 (40)
POOWONG	5.2	10.2	12.4	16.8 (104)

GOALS, Yarragon: Trav Davis, Devin Pollock, Brtayden Hefford, Nathan Mazza, Bradley Wadeson, Corey Binzer 1 each
BEST: Devin Pollock, Trav Davis, Bradley Wadeson, William Johnson, Brayden Hefford, Dean Kelly
GOALS, Poowong: Jake Cochrane 4, Conor Cunningham, Zac Gray, Rory Nettle, Alex Henshall, Patrick Dorian 2, Jake Hazendonk, Thomas Burgess 1 each
BEST: Alex Henshall, Zac Gray, Mitch Molloy, Jake Cochrane, Rory Pattison, Thomas Burgess

RESERVES
Yarragon 1.2 2.10 6.15 8.18 (66)
Poowong 2.1 2.2 2.2 2.8 (20)
GOALS, Yarragon: Heath Darcy 2, Heath Black, Zack Heard, Josh Smith-Butterworth, Jamie Glen, Timothy Mitchell, Mitchel Dubbeld 1 each
BEST: Ryan Young, Oliver Marek, Joel Binzer, Clayton Bawden, Kallym Canobie, Jamie Glen
GOALS, Poowong: Jake Lewis, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton 1 each
BEST: Damian Barreto, Ethan Turner, Ashley McIntosh, Anthony Orsini, Rhys Schulz, Timothy Gallert

THIRDS
Poowong d Nilma Darnum forfeit.

FOURTHS
Yarragon 2.0 3.1 4.2 5.2 (32)
Poowong 3.1 5.3 8.5 12.7 (79)
GOALS, Yarragon: Lachlan Light 3, Connor O'Sullivan, Angus Kirkham 1 each
BEST: Dylan O'Sullivan, Blake Boothman, Joel Kennon, Angus Kirkham, Lenny Frost, Matthew Armstrong
GOALS, Poowong: Cruze Deal 6, Raffi Van venrooy 2, Gavin Monson, Jonathan Wilson, Kohen Mandemaker, Karun Verma 1 each
BEST: George Edwards, Lachie Moriarty, Johnathan Wilson, Tait Nicholls, Karun Verma, Raffi Van venrooy

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

24

81

NYORA	0.2	1.3	2.5	3.6 (24)
NILMA-DARNUM	2.6	5.8	7.13	10.21 (81)

GOALS, Nyora: Tyler Campbell, Jayden O'Brien, Dylan Heylen 1 each
BEST: Aaron Coggins, Bradley Obrien, Luke Forscutt, William Mcgindle, Tyler Campbell, Lachlan Roberts
GOALS, Nilma-Darnum: Malcolm Hunter 3, Cody Harrison 2, Jake Barnard, Nathan Campbell, Lucas Maffei, Thomas Young, Kade Rossborough 1 each
BEST: Travis Dyke, Darcy Britt, Kade Rossborough, Nathan Campbell, Jake Barnard, Sebastian Crowle

RESERVES
Nyora 0.3 0.4 0.4 1.7 (95)
Nilma-Darnum 4.4 7.8 9.15 13.17 (13)
GOALS, Nyora: Joshua Browne 1
BEST: Luke Ferguson, Jye Shaw-Remy, Andrew Dike, Tyson Shiell, Bradey Welsh, Dakota Boswell
GOALS, Nilma-Darnum: Korey Carrison, Jack Jarred 4, Riley Feil, Lochie Shaw 2, Christopher Cameron 1
BEST: Kyle Clarke, Korey Carrison, Boeden Fries, Tobey May, Dale Oneill, Riley Feil

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS
Buln Buln 10.15.75 d Neerim Sth 8.9.57
Lang Lang 12.13.85 d Trafalgar 7.4.46
Longwarry 36.13.229 d Catani 11.9.75
RESERVES
Neerim Sth 13.9.87 d Buln Buln 8.6.54
Lang Lang 11.8.74 d Trafalgar 3.3.21
Longwarry 22.19.151 d Catani 3.2.20
THIRDS
Neerim Sth 13.10.88 d Buln Buln 5.2.32
Trafalgar 10.6.66 d Lang Lang 5.4.34
Catani 13.3.81 d Longwarry 6.4.40
FOURTHS
Buln Buln 5.22.52 d Neerim Sth 2.2.14
Lang Lang 6.5.41 d Trafalgar 4.4.28
N-Darnum 9.15.69 d Longwarry 1.3.9

Poowong obliterates Yarragon in decisive victory



Damian Barreto of Poowong Reserves soars for the mark in the ruck in Saturday's devastating loss to Yarragon. Photo: Jeff Tull.

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG travelled to Yarragon to play four games. Unfortunately, Nilma Darnum Under 18's forfeited in a catch-up game. Poowong coming off a loss last round against Buln Buln, were facing a crucial game for the club going forward. Poowong selectors were forced to make six changes. Taking in a very young side would be a tough ask even though Yarragon were coming off a loss last round. Poowong kicked to the far end in good conditions with a firm ground surface. The Magpies started well. Jake Cochrane kicked the first before Yarragon replied in turn. Poowong went forward with Pat Doran goaling with his first kick in senior football, and the ever-dangerous Rory Nettle from the U/18's kicking his first for Poowong. Three on the board early and looking confident, Rory Nettle kicked his second from a mark on the HFF and when Jack Hazendonk kicked his first, suddenly Poowong had opened a 25-point lead at quarter time. The big question... would Poowong be able to maintain the pressure as surely Yarragon would lift in the second quarter? Poowong continued to move the ball quickly and showed plenty of pace adding early goals to Jake

Cochrane, Alex Henshall from the boundary, Jett Blackwood and Tom Burgess both U/18s. Zac Gray who was working hard around the ground kicked Poowong's tenth to open a 55-point lead. Yarragon lifted and added two majors before half time to trail by seven goals. Poowong again started well in the third with Jake Cochrane kicking two early goals. Yarragon lifted, answering with three late goals to reduce Poowong's lead to 37-points at the final change. Poowong came out hard and goaled early snuffing out any last quarter heroics from Yarragon to go on to a 64-point victory. What a turnaround – congratulations to the coach Dale Carroll and the players for their efforts on the day. Best players in a team effort to Alex Henshall, Zac Gray, Mitch Molloy, Jake Cochrane, Rory Pattinson and Tommy Burgess. Next we take on Trafalgar at home. Might have a couple of experienced players back to help the young ones – a few new footballers have arrived lately, congratulations to all involved. The reserves finished up going down by 46 points – looked good early. The U/16's had a good win by 47 points. Reminder: The Club Ball is next Saturday Night check the PFC website for details.

Reinvigorated Nyora battle it out against Nilma Darnum



Jono Hewitt slides in for the mark.

IMPROVING on its round one performance, Nyora kept Nilma-Darnum to a 57-point win on Saturday. Nyora welcomed the Bombers to its ground, hoping to deliver a more competitive match in front of a crowd at home. What resulted was almost a 100-point turnaround from round one. Nyora was right in it for most of the game, challenging Nilma-Darnum to step it up. Although Nyora was unable to make an impact on the scoreboard in the first quarter, it held its opponent to just two goals. Nyora resigned itself to the fact it was getting beaten in the ruck contests, so adjusted its game to ensure the clearances were under pressure. The defence worked hard all day, limiting Nilma-Darnum's opportunities. The second quarter looked similar with Nyora hitting the scoreboard once, but only allowing Nilma-Darnum to

extend its lead to four goals. William McGrindle and Aaron Coggins were solid down back, leading the defensive effort. Lucas Lee performed well through the midfield, proving to be an asset. The battle continued through the third quarter, but a patch in the last five minutes allowed Nilma-Darnum to pull further away. Down by five goals, Nyora threw everything it had into the fourth quarter. Nyora managed three goals for the day, kicked by Tyler Campbell, Dylan Heylen and Jayden O'Brien. Nilma-Darnum added three more goals to finish the game, heading home with the win. Next week, Nyora will take on Lang Lang. This game is set to be another challenge, but Nyora is keen to be competitive and improve on the first meeting earlier in the season.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 12

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	11	0	299.07	44	Ellinbank	10	0	564.11	40	Catani	9	1	186.09	90.0	Buln Buln	10	1	432.09	90.9
Lang Lang	9	2	163.56	36	Lang Lang	10	1	326.58	40	Ellinbank	8	2	215.34	80.0	Ellinbank	9	1	392.23	90.0
Neerim South	8	3	193.54	32	Neerim South	9	2	300.00	36	Poowong	8	2	170.53	80.0	Neerim South	8	3	249.39	72.2
Ellinbank	8	2	174.95	32	Buln Buln	7	4	262.76	28	Longwarry	7	4	153.23	63.6	Poowong	7	4	150.42	63.6
Longwarry	7	4	155.71	28	Nilma-Darnum	7	4	125.19	28	Neerim Sth	6	5	125.49	54.5	Nilma-Darnum	6	5	120.00	54.5
Nilma-Darnum	5	6	93.73	20	Longwarry	5	6	120.96	20	Trafalgar	5	6	115.97	45.4	Trafalgar	4	7	79.90	36.3
Trafalgar	5	6	85.34	20	Trafalgar	5	6	87.37	20	Lang Lang	4	7	63.58	36.3	Lang Lang	3	7	39.22	30.0
Poowong	3	8	69.89	12	Yarragon	4	7	57.65	16	Nilma-Darnum	1	9	39.02	9.1	Yarragon	1	9	23.65	10.0
Yarragon	3	8	60.38	12	Nyora	2	9	25.50	8	Buln Buln	0	11	32.44	0.0	Longwarry	0	11	28.68	0.0
Catani	1	10	47.80	4	Catani	1	10	38.24	4	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Nyora	0	11	21.00	0	Poowong	0	11	10.44	0	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0



Owen Thomas works to break free from his opponent and move the ball forward for Kilcunda-Bass. Photos: Anna Carson



Anthony Daraio was a force in the Panthers' forward line kicking seven in his team's victory over Warragul Industrials.

Panthers pounce on another win

KILCUNDA-Bass played its best four quarters of the season, resulting in a 34-point win over the Warragul Industrials.

Playing in front of a crowd at home, it was a perfect day for footy with not a breath of wind during the first three quarters.

Kilcunda-Bass started strong and was looking dangerous up front.

The boys played their roles well, freeing up Anthony Daraio to take the lead in front of goal.

Daraio had a whopping seven-goal haul by the final siren.

Goal scoring was a team performance with the effort shared between eight goal-kickers for the day.

First-year senior player Owen Thomas had a great game in half forward, earning him a spot in the Panthers' best.

The Dusties didn't let them have it easy and demonstrated some accurate kicking.

The Panthers knew the Dusties weren't going to give it up in a hurry and responded with an impressive defensive game led by Lochlan and Steven Scott.

Another first-year senior player Lleyton Cartmel was also selected in a defensive role and comfortably did what he had to do to put the pressure on the Dusties.

Kilcunda-Bass had a two-goal

lead heading into the second quarter.

The Panthers gained a goal margin each quarter.

Although the game wasn't breaking open, the Panthers were comfortable with their tactics and continued to put in place the strategies they'd been working on all season.

Having a sensational season, Dale Gawley gave a standout performance in the ruck.

The Panthers were also happy to have captain Nathan Foote back in the lineup after a week off.

Foote was once again an asset in the midfield.

At half time, the Panthers were given an opportunity to re-energise, which produced another solid quarter.

A reminder of the enormity of the game spurred the boys on to fight for what they wanted to achieve.

The fourth quarter had fans on the edge of their seats as the Dusties came back within 16 points of the Panthers.

However, the Panthers were able to adjust and pull away with a decent win.

Kilcunda-Bass will be facing old rivals Phillip Island next week.

Having lost to Phillip Island in round three, Kilcunda-Bass will be throwing everything they've got into this game.



Travis Tuck takes a strong mark for Kilcunda-Bass.

Giants crumble against rampaging Tooradin-Dalmore

KORUMBURRA-Bena suffered a devastating loss to Tooradin-Dalmore on Saturday.

The Giants travelled to Tooradin expecting a challenge and Tooradin lived up to expectation, taking a 125-point win at the final siren.

Korumburra-Bena threw itself into the first half and looked competitive.

Sticking to its game plan and structure, they gave a decent performance to launch the match.

The backline pressure – led by Kodie Walker and Tyson Findlay – was strong and kept Tooradin-Dalmore within arm's reach early on.

Hugh Gordon was solid in the forward line and was serviceable as a target for the Giants, creating goal-scoring opportunities early.

The Giants kicked two straight in the first term, proving to be their best effort on the day.

A low-scoring second quarter allowed Tooradin-Dalmore to pull away, forcing the Giants to rethink their strategies.

During the halftime break, coach Josh Hopkins highlighted previous games where efforts had dropped off in the second half and made a few changes.

The Giants stepped back out

onto the ground and played 15 minutes of solid footy in the third quarter.

Kye Benson was once again strong through the middle and Hopkins led by example, covering a lot of the ground.

Codie Anderson and Byron Walker played a similar game and were assets on the wing.

They gave 100 per cent and ran all day.

However, it could not be maintained, and the skill and fitness of Tooradin-Dalmore began to win out.

In the final quarter, Tooradin-Dalmore chipped the ball around the forward line, finding the prime positions for

goal-scoring opportunities.

As a result, Tooradin-Dalmore added nine goals to its score before the game was through.

Korumburra-Bena was unable to convert its opportunities and only managed two behinds.

The Giants had lost their fight and conceded defeat.

Next week, the Giants will take on Dalyston.

This is an important game for Korumburra-Bena, as it could be the start of a run of games they could potentially win.

Now playing the back half of the season and hoping to finish on a high note, the Giants will be working on putting in a full four quarters.

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KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

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KILCUNDA-BASS

WARRAGUL IND

Kilcunda-Bass	5.2	8.3	11.5	16.9 (105)
Warragul Ind	3.0	5.3	7.3	11.5 (71)

GOALS, K-Bass: Anthony Daraio 7, Nathan Foote, Dean McRae 2, Timothy Gunn, Jonathon Rocotas, Jed Rosenow, Travis Tuck, Jake Weightman 1 each

BEST: Anthony Daraio, Lochlan Scott, Steven Scott, Travis Tuck, Dale Gawley, Owen Thomas

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Lachlan Bambridge 4, Jed Pinkerton 2, Matthew Herbert, Kuiy Jiath, Mason McGarrity, Travis Ogden, Nic Visser 1 each

BEST: Kuiy Jiath, Malual Aleer, Jed Pinkerton, Matthew Herbert, Nic Visser, Ben Nichol

RESERVES

Kilcunda-Bass	4.4	7.7	10.9	13.10 (88)
Warragul Ind	1.3	2.5	6.7	8.8 (56)

GOALS, K-Bass: Angus McGillivray 4, Trent Cartmel 3, Scott Pugh 2, Lincoln Allan, Callan Brinkmann, John Mentiplay, Travis Stuckey 1 each

BEST: Angus McGillivray, William Campbell, Jack Rosenow, Ashden Grenness, John Mentiplay, Trent Cartmel

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Billy Bundle 3, Todd Beck, Joshua Bradley, Lachy Braybon, Kiel Vann, Corey Wright 1 each

BEST: Jarrod West, Todd Beck, Billy Bundle, Darcy Norton, Campbell Gibbons, Declan Burton

FOURTHS

Kilcunda-Bass	2.0 (12)
Warragul Ind	7.5 12.9 17.11 20.16 (136)

GOALS, K-Bass: Hayden Power 2

BEST: Riley Eden, Taye Prasad-Taylor, Perry McKay, Rhylee Duell, Hayden Power, Noahh Tuite

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Cody Templeton 4, Ky Bannister 3, Rylan Butler, Thomas Carey, Alex Ingham, Steward Oling 2, Ronnie Buck, John Huggins, William Jones, George Morgan, James Patterson 1 each

BEST: Cody Templeton, Cohen Dent, Ky Bannister, James Patterson, Ronnie Buck, Thomas Youngman

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

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TOORADIN-DAL

KORUMBURRA-BENA

Tooradin-Dal	5.0	8.7	15.11	24.18 (162)
Kor-Bena	2.0	3.1	5.5	5.7 (37)

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Piva Wright 6, Xavier Shinnars 5, Brad Butler 4, Panos Papas, Stewart Scanlon 2, Trent Adams, Matthew Buntine, Corey Provan, Charlie Shinnars, Cooper Shipp 1 each

BEST: Lewis Hill, Matthew Buntine, Xavier Shinnars, Charlie Shinnars, Logan Downe, Piva Wright

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Nicholas Besley, Tom Crocker, Tyson Findlay, Hugh Gordon, Josh Hopkins 1 each

BEST: Kye Benson, Kodie Walker, Josh Hopkins, Tyson Findlay, Hugh Gordon, Codie Anderson

RESERVES

Tooradin-Dal	11.11	15.6	24.11	34.15 (219)
Kor-Bena	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 (0)

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Julian Suarez 13, Jake O'Donnell 9, Brett Coffey 4, Anthony Mirauta 3, Jack Denereaz, Kane Forgiarini, Jack Grist, Scott Szucs, Darcy Wright 1 each

BEST: Julian Suarez, Jake O'Donnell, Brett Coffey, Will Lumby, Ray Lengyel, Oliver Sail

BEST, Kor-Bena: William Croatto, Jesse Harris, Curtis Monoley, Nash Beavis, Noah Belvedere, Jack Donohue

THIRDS

Tooradin-Dal	2.2	6.4	7.10	8.14 (62)
Kor-Bena	2.3	2.4	3.4	3.6 (24)

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Chayse Campbell 3, Hudson Rogers 2, Kalel Anand, Aaron Knight, Vasili Papas 1 each

BEST: Daniel Ahern, Kalel Anand, Chayse Campbell, Harrison Hardy, Koby Peck, Liam O'Shaughnessy

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Zachary Barrett 2, Jake Fowles 1

BEST: Jake Fowles, Tanner Walker, Noah Belvedere, Bailey Fowles, Charlie Carew, Indie Cameron

FOURTHS

Tooradin-Dal	8.5 (53)
Kor-Bena	3.3 (21)

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Jack Gillespie 3, Kasy Deren, Hudson Rogers 2, Mason Sorenson 1

BEST: Darcy Freeman, Mason Sorenson, Jayden Worrall, Jai Carroll, Kasy Deren, Kane Angleton

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Indie Cameron, Chase De Grandi, Phoenix Lorkin 1 each

BEST: Jesse Gollop, Indie Cameron, Chase De Grandi, Cody Amor, Brendan Brown, Sam Hill

Gardiner bags nine as Cobras strike back

TWELVE months is a long time in football and Cora Lynn would've marked their calendar ahead of their round 11 game against Dalyston with the words 'Day of Redemption'.

In 2023, the Magpies well deserved victory at the Cobra Dome caught Cora Lynn off guard, but the 2024 version of the Cobras struck back with passion led by their ace in the pack Nathan Gardiner having a big day out booting nine goals, five.

While all eyes have been on Inverloch-Kongwak and Nar Nar Goon, Cora Lynn has quietly gone about its business to be positioned top of the ladder, equal on points with Phillip Island.

And central to their potency is Gardiner, who with 70 goals from 11 matches is well on target to top the ton and retain his mantle as the WGFNC goal-kicking champion.

Dalyston's aspirations of making a contest dwindled in a short space of time.

Both teams traded behinds early in the contest with even Gardiner missing at close range under little pressure.

Twelve minutes in, the full forward ticked off his first, with Jaxon Briggs delivering a high ball to a one-out contest with the Magpie's Will Clarke. Gardiner missed the big fly but won the free kick plus 50 metres to boot. The stars would certainly align for him this day.

The Cobras were clean, calculated and precise with their delivery to an open forward line and Gardiner was lapping this up, using his body strength to snaffle a chest mark or wrestle Clarke in the clinches and he had scored four of Cora Lynn's five majors at the break.

Nothing was working for the Magpies and making matters worse ball magnet Murfett took a high knock to finish his day. The team was slightly off the boil, overzealous with their tackling at times, which didn't win them any favours from the men in yellow. Too early, too late, too high, too long, too much force, the harmony wasn't there apparently.

Cora Lynn held the Magpies at arm's length, kicking three for the quarter, setting themselves 51 points clear at halfway.

Overcast and cooler conditions prevailed as the third term commenced. The Cobras advanced with a goal to Coverdale before Dalyston finally nailed their first through Kyle Kirk, courtesy of a Karamoshos pass.

Will Clarke had been containing Gardiner to a degree however the continuous supply made his job impossible. The Cobras' run-and-gun style allowed their team to chain forward in numbers and Gardiner kicked goals six and seven in cruisy fashion.

His team-mates followed suit with debutante Jake Boccari scooping up the spillage to kick his first senior goal before Villella and Machaya with consecutive majors in red time added to Dalyston's misery.

The Magpies saved some grace by halving the last quarter. Gardiner kicked a booming goal from 50 metres early before Foon and Wallis snapped goals for the visitors.

And the Cobra goal-kicking machine capped the day with his ninth to finalise proceedings.

Dalyston travels to Korumburra this weekend while the Cobra's next prey will be Garfield.



Cora Lynn's big man Billy Thomas is the meat in the sandwich in the contest between Dalyston's Kurt Thomas and Mitch Hallahan. Photo: Michelle Chisholm.

Sea Eagles topple Nar Nar Goon in Wyatt's 200th

A THRILLING 17-point win for Inverloch-Kongwak saw top-of-the-table Nar Nar Goon fall from first to third on the ladder.

As well as the excitement of the epic clash, Inverloch-Kongwak was celebrating Tom Wyatt's 200th game and was rapt with the outcome.

The Sea Eagles went into the match ready for a fight and got the jump on Nar Nar Goon with four early goals.

Inverloch-Kongwak has lost two games this season and was slow out of the blocks on both occasions, so the focus has been on starting the game

as strong as possible.

The first quarter effort was driven by Tate Short, who was trying out a new role at centre half forward.

Taking to it well, Short kicked two of the four first-quarter goals.

Jarvis Harvey and Toby Mahoney also gave solid performances, contributing two goals each throughout the game.

Down the other end, Nar Nar Goon was kept to just one goal early.

Inverloch-Kongwak's defensive team of Xavier Hughes, Luke Johnson, Jarvis Pryor

and Lewis Rankin stood up to Nar Nar Goon's forwards and gave them a run.

Hughes played his best game of the season, taking a lot of excellent intercept marks.

Nar Nar Goon gained some momentum in the second quarter.

With a tough midfield, the away side was able to control the centre clearances.

Wyatt made his mark on his 200th game with a goal during the second term, helping to keep Inverloch-Kongwak ahead heading into halftime.

A good tussle followed into the third quarter, culminating

in a tight fourth quarter.

Inverloch-Kongwak was forced to play a defensive game against the threatening Nar Nar Goon side for the first 10 minutes.

However, the Sea Eagles managed to turn the tables to kick three goals towards the end of the game to hold onto the win.

Inverloch-Kongwak will meet Koo Wee Rup this weekend.

Koo Wee Rup have proven to be a dangerous side, so Inverloch-Kongwak will be working hard to ensure they consolidate their win loss record.

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INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB



INVERLOCH-K	NAR NAR GOON
Inverloch-K 4.4 6.6 8.7 11.7 (73)	Nar Nar Goon 1.2 4.7 6.10 7.14 (56)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jarvis Harvey, Toby Mahoney, Tate Short 2, Callan O'Flynn, Lachlan Scott, Oscar Toussaint, William Turner, Thomas Wyatt 1 each
BEST: Luke Johnson, Tate Short, Archie Terlich, Thomas Wyatt, Lewis Rankin, Xavier Hughes
GOALS, NNG: Troy McDermott 3, Flynn Parker, Nate Picicelli, Jake Smith, Jarrod Smith 1 each
BEST: Jake Smith, Trent Armour, Jarrod Smith, Troy McDermott, Luke Bettio, Ryan Bromley

RESERVES				
Inverloch-K	0.1	2.1	2.2	2.3 (15)
Nar Nar Goon	1.2	3.3	4.6	4.8 (32)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Clinton McCaughan 2
BEST: Barry Withers, Tyler Leonard, Matt McCaughan, Emmet Taranto, Adam Cross, Campbell Scott
GOALS, NNG: Ethan Douglas 2, Jacob Keyzers 1
BEST: Jacob Keyzers, Jarrod Hamling, Ethan Douglas, Dan Cross, Sam Blackwood

THIRDS				
Inverloch-K	1.0	3.2	4.3	5.3 (33)
Nar Nar Goon	2.3	4.4	6.6	9.8 (62)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Rem Dal Pozzo 2, Brayden Bertacco, Jasper Cousins, Andot Mankhong 1 each
BEST: Lucas Allen, Caden De Alwis, Andot Mankhong, Flynn Lomax, Jasper Cousins, Froy Anderson
GOALS, NNG: Dean Bailey, Oliver Ratten 2, Noah Airdrie, Tom Carney, Nathan Malcolm, Tarrant Millar, Jack Murphy 1 each
BEST: Archer Shorey, Noah Airdrie, Flynn Allen, Oliver Ratten, Toby Cramer, Jack Murphy

FOURTHS				
Inverloch-K	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1 (7)
Nar Nar Goon	2.2	5.5	6.7	7.10 (52)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Luke Aungier 1
BEST: Cooper Newman, Finn O'Halloran, Ty Debono, Jacob Brown, Harvey Sorensen, Luke Aungier
GOALS, NNG: Oscar Henwood 4, Ryan Fox, Kai Jones, Jackson O'Brien 1 each
BEST: Oscar Henwood, Kai Jones, Jai Hall, Jake Webster, Toby Holland, Aidy Patterson

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB



CORA LYNN	DALYSTON
Cora Lynn 5.5 8.8 15.10 17.12 (114)	Dalyston 0.2 0.5 1.7 3.8 (26)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Nathan Gardiner 9, Lachlan Coverdale 3, Cory Machaya 2, Jake Boccari, James Munro, Nathan Villella 1 each
BEST: James Munro, Luke Ryan, Nathan Gardiner, Jett Edwards, Christopher Inverno, Max McDermott
GOALS, Dalyston: Jaxon Foon, Kyle Kirk, Hayden Wallis 1 each
BEST: Mitch Hallahan, William Clarke, Koby Brann, Benjamin M Lewis, Kurt Thomas, Jacob McRae

RESERVES				
Cora Lynn	4.1	8.4	12.8	15.10 (100)
Dalyston	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4 (4)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Luke Foreman 5, Jayden Frazer, Ryan Spierings 3, Thomas Arnett, Owen Hartley, Matthew Scarlett, Lachlan Taylor 1 each
BEST: Lachlan Taylor, Manyang Alier, Corey Brook, Logan Fox, Luke Foreman
BEST, Dalyston: Chase Krause, Ben McRae, Philip Waugh, Ash Chetland, Luke Speed, Dean Wylie

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS	Koo Wee Rup 9.7.61	d Garfield	7.8.50
RESERVES	Koo Wee Rup 8.7.55	d Garfield	5.2.32
THIRDS	Koo Wee Rup 6.4.40	d Garfield	3.1.19
FOURTHS	Garfield 6.6.42	d Koo Wee Rup	2.4.16



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SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts av		W	L	%	pts av
Cora Lynn	9	1	254.39	38	Tooradin-Dal	10	1	612.92	40	Phillip Island	9	0	552.73	4.00	Phillip Island	10	0	870.59	4.00
Phillip Island	9	1	196.50	38	Nar Nar Goon	9	2	409.63	36	Warragul Ind	7	2	233.70	3.11	Warragul Ind	8	2	275.54	3.20
Nar Nar Goon	9	2	279.30	36	Inverloch-K	9	2	312.86	36	Nar Nar Goon	6	2	208.05	2.89	Nar Nar Goon	8	2	254.58	3.20
Inverloch-K	9	2	258.97	36	Cora Lynn	9	2	243.21	36	Inverloch-K	6	3	210.78	2.67	Inverloch-K	7	3	280.65	2.80
Tooradin-Dal	7	4	183.10	28	Phillip Island	7	4	250.79	28	Garfield	5	4	96.04	2.22	Tooradin-Dal	7	3	226.95	2.80
Kilcunda-Bass	7	4	108.12	28	Kilcunda-Bass	7	4	175.55	28	Koo Wee Rup	4	5	110.53	1.78	Garfield	4	6	82.14	1.60
Warragul Ind	5	6	105.43	20	Koo Wee Rup	5	6	121.66	20	Tooradin-Dal	3	5	78.72	1.56	Kor-Bena	4	6	76.44	1.60
Koo Wee Rup	4	7	78.73	16	Garfield	4	7	68.14	16	Dalyston	3	6	77.08	1.33	Koo Wee Rup	3	7	68.07	1.20
Garfield	3	8	43.77	12	Dalyston	3	8	24.42	12	Kor-Bena	1	8	16.78	0.44	Bunyip	2	8	21.54	0.80
Dalyston	2	9	63.60	8	Warragul Ind	2	9	43.32	8	Bunyip	0	9	13.86	0.00	Kilcunda-Bass	1	9	18.24	0.40
Kor-Bena	1	10	35.34	4	Kor-Bena	1	10	19.78	4	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00	Dalyston	1	9	11.95	0.40
Bunyip	0	11	8.81	0	Bunyip	0	11	4.15	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00



100 GAMES

Leongatha Knights Senior Men's player Jack Bainbridge celebrates his 100 games milestone with family, teammates and club supporters. See details on page 51.

Benbow appointed Stony CEO

STONY Creek Racing Club declared its recent appointment of former jockey Jason Benbow to the position of CEO as a racing industry first, with Benbow set to take over from Adam Olszanski in August.

Benbow has a strong connection to the Stony Creek racecourse that began at age six when he started accompanying his father, a Traralgon-based trainer, to the venue.

After becoming an apprentice jockey, Benbow celebrated the first race win of his career at the Stony Creek track in 2001 aboard Aileen Lawler trained Fabio.

"I think I led all the way and it was pretty exciting to get my first winner," he said of his ride on Fabio.

As a senior rider he took out the 2021 Ladbrokes Stony Creek Cup on Skelm.

Born and bred in Traralgon, Cranbourne-based Benbow is a Gippsland boy at heart and sees his career move to Stony Creek as a homecoming.

Knowing racing industry participants in the area and more broadly, convinced him to throw his hat in the ring for the CEO position.

Benbow's career in the saddle was ended by a race fall at Murray Bridge in November 2022 in which he sustained a badly broken right femur, leaving him unable to recover the range of movement required to resume racing.

"I didn't think I'd want to work in the industry if I couldn't be a jockey," he said, explaining advice from Victorian Jockeys Association CEO Matthew Hyland was a turning point, convincing him to draw on his industry experience and contacts and pursue an administrative role in racing.

Delighted to have lived out his childhood dream of being a jockey, Benbow acknowledges it is daunting taking the next step but the support he has from the Stony Creek Racing Club committee fills him with confidence he will succeed.

"It's just getting people to the races and having fun," he said of what he and the committee will focus on, noting he will draw on his events background, having filled the role of events manager for the National Jockeys Trust when he was injured in the past.

That was something that stood out in the view of those on the Stony Creek Racing Club committee.

"The committee is very impressed with his ability to maintain a professional riding career whilst leading significant advancements for the National Jockeys Trust, a charity that supports injured and ill jockeys Australia wide," the racing club's president John Schuijers said.

A fundraising celebrity T20 cricket match between racing all stars and the National Jockeys Trust jockeys is an event Benbow is proud to have helped organise during his time with the Trust.

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New Stony Creek Racing Club CEO Jason Benbow holds the 2021 Ladbrokes Stony Creek Cup won aboard Skelm.



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