



WHAT'S YOUR VERDICT?

Erin Patterson's defence team including senior counsel Colin Mandy SC and Melbourne criminal lawyer Bill Doogue left the court on Monday this week after the jury retired to consider its verdict in the marathon mushroom murder trial in Morwell.

- Jury retires to consider its verdict

AT 1.02pm on Monday, June 30, the jury in the Erin Patterson mushroom murder trial retired to consider its verdict.

How long it will take is anyone's guess but after 40 days of evidence, including 53 witnesses and 125 exhibits across 10 weeks, they have a lot of ground to cover.

Prior to being released to the jury room, their number was reduced from 14 to a final panel of 12, in brutally public circumstances in which consecutively numbered jurors, '105' and '106', were drawn out of a hat, and called to the front of courtroom 4 before being escorted out by an officer of the Juries Commissioner.

Justice Beale had already thanked them in anticipation of the ballot, saying the justice system in Victoria owed them a great debt of gratitude for their service, offering to make an order that they be exempt from jury service for 15 years, if they so wished.

"My heartfelt thanks," he said.

The jury was reduced to seven men and five women who will ultimately deliver the verdict.

Watching from the back of a packed courtroom was the accused, Erin Patterson, wearing a white top with thin, black horizontal stripes, her hair out over her shoulders.

Mrs Patterson is facing three charges of murder and one of attempted murder arising out of a family lunch at her Leongatha home on Saturday, July 29, 2023, where a meal of Beef Wellington with death cap mushrooms was served.

Three of her guests; Don and Gail Patterson and Gail's sister Heather Wilkinson, all of Korumburra, subsequently died with a clinical diagnosis of amanita mushroom poisoning. The fourth lunch guest, Ian Wilkinson, the pastor of the Korumburra Baptist Church, survived after 54 days in hospital. Mr Wilkinson was in court as he has been since giving his evidence on Day 6.

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

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Jury retires to consider its verdict in the mushroom murder trial

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Justice Christopher Beale completed his lengthy charge to the jury shortly before lunchtime on Monday, rounding out with a summary of some of the key issues in the case, including:

- Whether the accused had good reason not to kill her lunch guests
- Whether the accused had a tendency to forage for edible mushrooms
- Why she cooked the individual packages of Beef Wellington
- Why the children weren't present at the lunch
- Whether the accused ate her meal from a different plate, and
- Whether the accused engaged in allegedly incriminating conduct after the meal

Having dealt with each of these issues, and many other aspects of the case, across five days during his charge to the jury, Justice Beale addressed these issues again on Monday, either by explanation or referring the jury to his earlier remarks.

Claims that Mrs Patterson ate her meal from a smaller, different coloured plate were dealt with at length by Justice Beale.

He addressed the evidence of the only guest to survive the lunch, Ian Wilkinson, noting that he said he could clearly see the food being plated, and that "there were four large, grey dinner plates and one smaller plate of a different, orangey-tan sort of colour".

He referred to the evidence of Simon Patterson, including his report of conversations he had with an ailing Heather Wilkinson



It's a waiting game now. Erin Patterson's defence team leaves court in Morwell on Monday after the jury retired to consider its verdict in the marathon mushroom murder trial.

on Sunday, July 30, 2023, including: "Is Erin short of crockery? Is that why she would have this different kind of coloured plate that she served herself with?"

He also referred to the evidence of the Patterson's teenage son and a friend, who saw only white plates on the bench and in the sink after the meal, Erin Patterson's own evidence that she didn't own any grey plates

and police evidence that no grey plates were found during their search, a week after the meal.

The defence, said Justice Beale, alleged that Mr Wilkinson must have been honestly mistaken about the plates.

Earlier, Justice Beale had referred to other matters that would have a bearing on the jury's deliberations, during the final part of his charge on Monday.

He said that while the prosecution does not have to prove there was a motive, only needing the prove their case on the evidence, motive or the lack of a motive was a relevant consideration to take into account in account when weighing all the evidence in the case and deciding whether the prosecution had satisfied the jury members beyond reasonable doubt that Erin Patterson had committed the alleged offences.

"Moreover, if you find that the accused had good reasons not to kill or attempt to kill her lunch guests, in short, that she had a motive not to commit the alleged offences, that is a significant consideration which you must have regard to in deciding whether the prosecution has satisfied you beyond reasonable doubt that she committed the alleged offences," he said, referring earlier to her good relationship with her husband's in-laws and their importance to her children.

The evidence is in, the opposing legal counsels have given their closing remarks, and the judge has given his instructions, we now await the verdict.

The jury can deliver its verdict anytime between 10.30am and 4.15pm daily, Monday to Saturday.

The significant media presence in Morwell, over the course of the trial, was noticeably boosted on Monday as additional TV, social media, radio and print journalists and crews arrived to cover the outcome of a trial that has garnered world-wide attention.

Loch CFA experiences regular break-ins

CRIME has increased in South Gippsland over the last 12 months by 11.2 per cent and the town of Loch is no stranger to this, seeing its fair share of criminal activities.

The town has seen vandalism to the primary school and railway station building, the theft of WWI memorial plaques, multiple break-ins and attempted thefts at the service station and mechanics and more recently, break-ins at the CFA training yard.

Break-ins at the yard, which contains old cars and car parts that the crews use for training, have reportedly been frequent and regular occurrences.

Despite being able to identify some of the perpetrators that do break and enter into the yard via CCTV footage, the CFA have stopped reporting it to police.

"They get in there, they break glass and that sort of stuff. They've been doing it for a few years," said CFA Captain, Len Whyoon.

"It never changes. There's no real cost involved. It's just stupidity really. It's a pain in the butt more than anything."

The biggest cost to the CFA is replacing the padlocks each time they are cut.

"We also have the view that if they're taking those car parts, they're leaving someone else alone, to get their drug money or whatever."

Police presence in the town has been reduced since November 2023 when police shortages and up to 800 police vacancies forced the force to decrease staff across 40 plus Victorian stations.

Len believes the lack of police presence doesn't make any difference to the break-ins and believes they would continue to experience them regardless.

"Even when we have a single officer at Loch, they can't respond on their own, and they're only there for a seven or eight-hour shift in the day, so they're not going to be there 24 hours."

Recent crime statistics paint a grim picture overall for South Gippsland towns and criminal damage along with other thefts are in the top five criminal incidents that have increased locally, by 7.6 per cent and 3.9 per cent respectively, since 2024.

These statistics released by the Crime Statistics Agency represent figures to the end of March 2025 and do not take into consideration tougher bail laws – which may make some difference to the next round of statistics and potentially to those fed up with repeated break-ins, criminal damage and thefts.

Cr Finlay voices concern over cost-of-living in council rate debate

WHILE South Gippsland Shire Council's suite of plans was adopted as expected at their June meeting, the vote wasn't unanimous, with Cr Steve Finlay the one councillor opposing that course of action, expressing concern that not enough is being done to address cost-of-living pressures.

"In Australia, we are having a cost-of-living crisis," he said, highlighting the soaring cost of groceries and power.

"Single income households, those with families and those on Centrelink will be feeling it."

Cr Finlay pointed to a spike in hardship applications to council, putting the increase at 42

By Andrew Palocz

per cent.

"Many have to pay council rates by instalment and some are unable to pay," he said, proceeding to state that South Gippsland Shire Council has the highest rate in the dollar in Gippsland for residential properties.

"While we are comparable on other rating categories, residential is a category that affects most people and where council gets most of its rates income," Cr Finlay remarked.

"By comparison, South Gippsland Shire Council's residential rate in the dollar is almost 40 per cent higher than

neighbouring Bass Coast."

Cr Finlay stressed that not all Victorian councils have opted to increase their overall rates by the allowable three per cent, something South Gippsland Shire Council has done.

He stated that council's financial position remains sound through a mix of good management and good fortune, commenting that reserves are forecast to grow to \$8.1 million in June 2026 and that council is expected to then hold \$21.5 million in available cash.

Cr Finlay spoke of the potential for council to make cost savings, suggesting that is something that council's new

leadership is already working on, and posing a question as to how decisions on rates are made.

"So, what is council's responsibility, to work out what we want to spend and bill the rate-payers accordingly, or to have lower rates and cut the cost to suit?"

Although other councillors were not dismissive of Cr Finlay's concerns, a common theme arose that council is already hard-pressed to provide the services the community expects of it and to manage its large building portfolio against a backdrop of cost shifting from higher levels of government.

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IN BRIEF

Applications open for
Australia Post's 2025
Community Grant Program

APPLICATIONS are now open for Australia Post's 2025 Community Grants program, which funds community-led, local projects across Australia. From today, eligible not-for-profit groups from Victoria can apply for grants of up to \$10,000 to support projects which have the primary purpose of improving connection and mental wellbeing in their local communities.

Eligible organisations are able to apply until 11.59pm on Monday, July 7. To check eligibility, visit auspost.com.au/grants.

Successful applicants will be notified in September 2025.

Shire's rates take
up by \$3.8 million

THE Bass Coast Shire Council expects to collect a record \$81.3 million from the local community in rates and charges next financial year after adopting its 2025-26 budget last week.

Constrained by the State Government's Fair Go Rates System, featuring a cap of three per cent in general rates this coming year, the shire will actually collect 3.8 pper cent more this year, boosted by residential growth, up \$2.3 million to a total of \$61.6 million from rates alone.

The proceeds from the waste management levy are expected to be up by \$1.6 million or 9.3 per cent to a total of almost \$19 million and supplementary rates up 10 per cent by \$80,000 to \$800,000.

So, total rates and charges will be up from \$77,467,040, by 4.9 per cent or \$3,817,634 to a total of \$81,284,674.

The shire's total gross budget is \$123.2 million including:

- \$87.5 million operating budget to support Council services
- \$31.5 million Capital Works Program
- \$4.2 million Debt Servicing mgRoadkillBRIEF_121_2625

Can council help
clean up roadkill

IT'S a fact that Phillip Island's roads are often littered with roadkill and in a question to the Bass Coast Shire Council last week, Sue Chadwick wanted to know if council can assist with native animal cleanup. "Council, please inform the community if you can work alongside the Nature Park to clean up the huge numbers of dead native animal roadkill that remain on our roads for long periods? Otherwise, it would be good to rename our Island 'The Dead Wildlife Attraction'.

Response: Council prioritises removing roadkill that obstructs or poses safety hazards, per the Road Management Plan 2022. It collaborates with other authorities to ensure a consistent approach and promote safe driving.

Comment on future
South Gippsland Shire
road management

WITH the state of Victoria's roads an ongoing topic of conversation, community members are encouraged to have their say on the situation locally by commenting on South Gippsland Shire Council's draft Road Management Plan (RMP), with that opportunity running until Sunday, July 13.

The draft RMP outlines council's responsibilities, sets maintenance standards and provides inspection timeframes, helping to manage risk, covering both roads and footpaths, as well as kerb and channel, bridges, signage and roadside vegetation.

Increased frequency of proactive road inspections from yearly to every six months is a key change to the previous plan.

To view the Draft Road Management Plan 2025 and have your say, visit yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au where you can complete a survey.

You can also view the Schedule of Changes and Amendments related to the Plan.

Nappies needed to
help local families

MEMBER for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien is once again calling on the generosity of the local community as he collects unused disposable nappies to donate to families in need through The Nappy Collective. Mr O'Brien's office serves as a collection point for donations of unused disposable nappies. The collected nappies are distributed locally to families doing it tough, through trusted local charities.

"With the ongoing cost of living crisis, more families than ever are feeling the pinch," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Nappy Collective helps bridge the gap, offering dignity and practical support during tough times.

"Something as simple as having enough nappies can take pressure off struggling parents and ensure babies are kept clean, dry and comfortable."

Mr O'Brien praised the local community's ongoing kindness and generosity, noting that past collections have been a great success.

The nappy collection happens a few times a year, and locals are encouraged to donate any leftover nappies they may have at home – whether it's a full pack or just a few.

"Every nappy counts. If your child has outgrown a size or you've got extras sitting in a cupboard, please consider donating them."

Donations can be dropped off during office hours at 54B Cunningham Street, Sale throughout the year. Alternatively, donations can be dropped off at the Sentinel-Times office at 47 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi during business hours.

Funding backs
iconic beaches

THE State Government is making it safer and easier for locals and tourists to access Victoria's beautiful coastlines thanks to continued investment into coastal Crown land management.

Minister for the Environment Steve Dimopoulos recently announced the recipients of the \$1.4 million Coastal Public Access and Risk Grants Program for 17 programs across Victoria.

The 2024-25 program will deliver grants up to \$150,000 each to 17 projects that support initiatives to reduce coastal risk and improve beach access.

Projects are being delivered by coastal crown land managers, including volunteer committees of management and local governments.

The Walkerville Foreshore Committee of Management will use its \$150,000 grant to deliver safer pathways and accessible beach entry, addressing key recommendations in an accessibility audit of the Walkerville Foreshore Reserve. The list of grant recipients is available at marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au/grants.

Shire offers mediation
before eviction

THERE has been an outpouring of public support for Meeniyana resident Aileen Hughes after she was issued with an order, by the South Gippsland Shire Council, to cease occupation of her home on a rural-residential block on the edge of town.

The issue was highlighted in the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times last week.

It was greeted with an avalanche of messages, principally from people offering to help while others urged the shire to cease court action.

Here are some messages from social media:

- This dear lady deserves better and her community should stand with her against the Shire Council.
- Council needs to show some empathy. How can we support her?
- Our shire council doing what they do best, evicting senior citizens.

The shire since offered to meet with Ms Hughes at its offices in Leongatha during the week, to discuss among other things, "potential resolutions and/or outcomes".

There has, however, been no indication the court case, listed for a "mention" hearing the following week, has been called off by the council.

Mojo Dreaming
ready to perform

LOVERS of music are looking forward to the Wonthaggi Acoustic Music Festival set to be held this weekend.

Amongst the lineup is newly

formed up and coming band Mojo Dreaming.

Locals from Coronet Bay and Corinella Lucy Najm, Michael Clegg, Wave Lambert and Rob-in Lowe have combined their talents to perform a fantastic mix of country and soft rock.

The young band entices its audiences with favourites from the last three decades with exceptional, authentic sound.

Mojo Dreaming is looking forward to playing in the festival.

"We were asked to come along and perform by Ellen (Hubble). A couple of our members performed in the festival last year, and it was a really good audience with a nice vibe," Wave said.

Mojo Dreaming has made a name for itself performing at local venues around Phillip Island.

The band will be performing at the festival on Saturday after 10.30am.

"It's a great festival. It's a good opportunity to gather local musicians together and sit back and relax," Wave said.

"Anything that involves music is always good, so this is a really enjoyable local event – especially for a small band that just loves performing music."

Fans of Mojo Dreaming can catch up on all their gigs via Facebook and Instagram.

Chisholm's Wonthaggi
Campus reopening
this month

CHISHOLM Wonthaggi Campus will reopen its doors on July 21, with strong interest in three key courses prompting a return to on-campus learning for semester two.

Following the initial offer of five course options, Chisholm has confirmed to the Sentinel-Times that three courses have received sufficient enrolments to proceed: the Certificate IV in School Based Education Support, Certificate III in Individual Support, and Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping.

"Apart from those courses advertised as online, all courses offered at Chisholm are blended with a mix of on-campus, on-line and workplace-based delivery and assessment, in line with the Chisholm strategy to provide flexible options for students to succeed," a spokesperson stated.

The Certificate IV in School Based Education Support has proven to be the most popular option, with the majority of students enrolled coming from the local region.

Chisholm says it will continue to tailor its offerings based on local demand.

Applications remain open for the three courses starting in July, with interested students encouraged to apply at chisholm.edu.au. Early applications are also open for 2026 across all five courses planned for the Wonthaggi campus.

Hold the line, no retreat

NO surf lifesaving club, no road and hundreds of homes lost, that's the dire assessment given by Inverloch Foreshore Action Group (IFAG) if the state government sticks to its proposed 'planned retreat' solution.

In response to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's (DEECA) recent Cape to Cape Resilience Plan Update 11, IFAG have released their own Surf Beach erosion report.

The report, compiled by Keith Godridge, a former Woorayl Shire engineer for two decades, highlights the inaction of the government and solutions that should be considered urgently.

One of the important aspects is the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club (ISLC), which is under severe threat of being lost to erosion.

The report calls for the use of rock revetments, such as those used on Phillip Island, and rock bags.

"The erosion presents immediate threats to ISLC, Cape Paterson Road, Surf Parade, 35 homes and critical infrastructure. A permanent and effective solution to prevent further erosion is now urgent," the report states.

It is critical of certain measures such as wet sand fencing at Surf Beach stating it was a "dismal failure", sandbags outside the clubhouse which initially worked but are "beginning to deteriorate" and sacrificial sand, also labelled "ongoing, temporary and a waste of money".

It praises the use of rock revetment highlighting how its installation at Cape Paterson and Surf Parade intersection was 'completely effective' with sand built up around the base rocks.



Inverloch Foreshore Action Group committee members Terran Allan (left), Keith Godridge, Alan Brown and Kirk De Marchi. Ns01_2625

Speaking about his report, Mr Godridge highlighted he's lived in Inverloch for 29 years and the importance of the surf club where his grandchildren were part of the nippers program.

"It's just awful the way it's been dragging on and on and nothing's been happening and there have been funds available," he said.

"The Cape to Cape study has been an absolute fiasco, nothing has come out of it, it's just ongoing."

"We're told they're looking at pumping sand from the inlet; if you're pumping it, it comes out as a slurry, which is very prone to be washed away. It's just not possible for it to have any effect."

Mr Godridge said rock revetment would be the best solution, or as he dubs it 'hard engineering'.

"I'm looking at the whole job, the 2.1 kilometres, but I can't imagine how we could possibly get enough big rocks

to do that," he said.

"But the solution, fortunately, is a new invention called rock bags," he said.

"They're easily filled and the rocks are available."

"It's got a lifting ring at the top so they can be just easily picked up and placed exactly where needed."

"The bags have a stated lifetime of 60 plus years. They're far cheaper than sandbags and are flexible to be moved around."

Also present at the release of the report was IFAG member Kirk De Marchi, who expressed frustration that the area had been "one of the most analysed stretches of beach in Victoria" but the government's approach is to retreat.

"For all that money and for all that data and for all that resources and time, they've produced an outcome that's effectively told us that there's nothing that we can do about it," Mr De Marchi said.

"It just seems like utter

incompetence and an utter waste of resources."

Committee member Alan Brown, a local resident and former leader of the parliamentary Liberal Party in Victoria, highlighted retreat meant the loss of the clubhouse, road and homes.

"When the road is cut off between Inverloch and the RACV facility, among those dramatically affected will be the tourism sector and traders in Inverloch," he said.

"It is estimated that some traders in Inverloch will lose up to 40 per cent of their turnover, which will devastate those businesses."

Ultimately, they are calling for the government to adopt the report and for works to commence immediately.

The group will also be requesting a meeting with Bass MP Jordan Crugnale and plan to hold a 'Inverloch at risk emergency meeting' on Sunday, July 13 at 1.30pm at the Inverloch community hub.

Wreck Creek, the forgotten piece in the Coast to Coast jigsaw

ABNORMALLY high tides and a storm surge during extreme weather conditions over the past week placed Wreck Creek on Surf Parade Inverloch at high risk of flooding.

All but forgotten in the latest version (Stage 3) of the Coast to Coast Resilience Plan properties adjoining Wreck Creek were on high alert after a Marine Warning from the Bureau of Meteorology predicted coastal inundation of low-lying areas with seawater.

At the peak of the storm seawater flooding in from the surf beach combined with moderate rainfall upstream had Wreck Creek lapping at the edge of Surf Parade.

Although acknowledging tidal controls on Wreck Creek could help minimise flood extents, preliminary modelling in Stage 3 of the Coast to Coast Resilience Plan has revealed multiple flow paths through nearby lower sections could mean any drainage controls would be ineffective unless combined with a higher dune buffer and/or minor road raising.

The area has been found to be at extreme risk of storm tide inundation.

During storm tide events the combined effect of high tides, storm surges and heavy rainfall in the Wreck Creek catchment area is predicted to cause flooding across adjoining properties, pasture and infrastructure.

With the Inverloch surf beach continuing to be the key focus for erosion control Bass Coast Council has been working with contractors to try and keep ahead of weather conditions.

"We are monitoring the situation," said Bass Coast Council.

"The task has been made more complex by having to do the remediation works at night due to the low tide timeframes."

"To say the least, the last couple of days have been challenging," said Bass Coast Shire.

"On Monday night the crew placed 640m3 of sand around the lifesaving club of which only a quarter survived the daylight high tide."

"The following night contractors placed 750m3 of sand in the same location, and an hour after the next high tide it was all gone, plus some additional existing sand."

"The forecast has been for above 3m high tides all week."

"Contractors have retained machinery on-site, either working or parked so they could respond as quickly as possible, as conditions permitted."

Replacing the beach sand lost during high tides and storm surges has cost Bass Coast Council between \$20,000 and \$30,000 for each event depending on the scale of plant and equipment required.

Being such a dynamic coastline according to Bass Coast Council, the final cost of sand renourishment works is often determined only once the contractor has arrived.

Design phase for the Cape Woolamai pump track

GOOD news for the Pump Track for Cape Woolamai community – the Bass Coast Shire adopted the implementation plan for the Mountain Bike/BMX/Pump Strategy at its June meeting.

This recreational space at Sunnyside Reserve has been a long time goal for the community, with strong support from advocate Deb Leonard. "We've secured funds for the design work, and the council plans to consult further so

we can have our say on the design," Deb said.

"We're also looking to add amenities like shelters, water fountains, and possibly a toilet to make the park a community hub – a spot for families to gather, hold birthday parties, or just catch up."

The next step is securing funding for construction. A new asphalt pump track is on the cards for this site, designed for bikes, scooters,

and skateboards. The track will come with amenities like shelter, seating, drinking water, and accessible pathways, thanks to a partnership with the Bass Coast Mountain Bike Association Working Group and a professional design consultant.

This plan builds on the Mountain Bike/BMX/Pump Strategy, which was adopted in August 2024 after extensive community engagement. The initial design work is

set for the 2025/26 financial year, using existing operational budgets. Once complete, these designs will give Council shovel-ready projects ready to apply for external funding for construction, with opportunities already identified through Sport and Recreation Victoria and similar programs. Further discussions with relevant landowners will continue as part of the planning and design process.

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Cr Rochelle Halstead



LAST week, I had the honour of representing Bass Coast Shire Council at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly in Canberra – the largest annual gathering of councils from across the country.

This assembly is more than just a conference. It's where local government leaders come together to share ideas, tackle common challenges, and amplify our voices on the national stage. With more than 500 councils in the room, it's a powerful reminder of the impact local government has on the lives of all Australians. It's also a valuable opportunity to learn from one another and hear from some of the country's leading experts on the issues that matter most to our communities.

This year's theme centred on resilience – how we prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies. With floods, fires and storms impacting communities throughout Australia, it's clear that resilience planning must be a national priority, not just a local one. We also focused on infrastructure, particularly the state of our local roads.

Like many other councils, Bass Coast is dealing with ageing assets and rising repair costs. Our roads are lifelines – vital for our economy, emergency services and the daily connection between towns and communities.

Financial sustainability was another major focus. The truth is, councils are being asked to do more with less – especially in peri-urban areas like ours, where demand is growing but our rate base remains relatively small and simply can't keep pace.

Local government relies heavily on State and Federal Government funding to meet community needs. Without increased and consistent support, we risk falling behind on the essential services and infrastructure our residents both need and deserve.

While in Canberra, I was also fortunate to meet with our local member, Mary Aldred, and speak with her in depth about Bass Coast – our challenges, our opportunities, and the support we need to grow sustainably.

I'm incredibly proud to bring Bass Coast's voice to these national conversations, and I'll continue to advocate for fairer funding, smarter planning, and stronger partnerships to meet the growing needs of our community – now and into the future.

No new money for the arts with Bass Coast arts funding capped to CPI

By Bruce Wardley

A NEW public art framework adopted by Bass Coast Council will allow for CPI-indexed increases in annual arts funding but no additional money in the 2025/26 budget.

Bass Coast's annual budget allocation for the arts of \$50,000 will be transferred into a public art reserve with future allocations determined on a biennial basis.

Voting in support of the framework, Cr Mat Morgan said public funding for the arts in Bass Coast had not increased for over a decade, nor was it indexed.

"Moving it from \$50,000 a year to \$100,000 every two years is not an increase and there's actually been a real term reduction over the last 10 years," Cr Morgan said.

"I'm glad to see that we're finally indexing it to CPI, but in future budget discussions I'd like to remind everyone that supporting the arts is not just rocking up to art events, it's funding the thing."

As the former Chair of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead said she loved the arts and went to as many arts events as possible.

"The launch of Yawa (Long Journey) at Berninnet brings the community together in a space where everyone can contribute," said Cr Halstead.

"I encourage councillors and the public to go along and have a look. It is absolutely breathtakingly beautiful."

Down the track, Mayor Cr Halstead would like to consider



Bass Coast Council has adopted a new public art framework, committing to CPI-indexed funding increases and a biennial budgeting model, but with no extra funds allocated in the 2025/26 budget. B19_2625

an increase in arts funding.

"I'm pleased it is in line with CPI.

"It's tough at the moment with so many things in the budget.

"We need to keep mindful of that in the next budget talks."

Cr Jon Temby said public art had a massive positive impact on community involvement and community health and the biennial approach to budgeting was going to make it more feasible to look at public art contributions.

Public art creates a sense of place and identity according to Bass Coast Council.

Council officers have been authorised to access the arts reserve for public art projects

valued at up to \$150,000 possibly augmented by external grants.

"We are committed to celebrating our stories, enriching our built environment and defining our local identity through a signature public art commission program."

The current arts program has a number of limitations including budget allocation, gender inequity in commissions awarded, and compressed project delivery times.

Delivery of the program biennially will enable realistic funding allocation of at least \$100,000 over a two-year timeframe, realistic project timelines and the ability to

seek external grant funding opportunities as they arise.

"In Bass Coast where natural beauty meets vibrant communities, public art plays a vital role in shaping not just the places we gather, but how we see ourselves and each other," said Mayor Cr Halstead.

"This framework builds on years of creative investment across our region and recognises the immense value of public art in enriching our streetscapes, deepening community pride, supporting local artists and strengthening our visitor economy.

"It also reflects the aspirations of our community who told us they want creativity embedded more deeply in everyday life," said Cr Halstead.

"Sitting alongside artists, community leaders and local advocates has shown me just how transformative art can be, not just for our public spaces but for how we feel about where we live.

"It's an experience I cherish and one that reinforces my belief in the power of art to build stronger, more connected communities."

The program will provide opportunities for both local and regional artists to create permanent and temporary artworks, offer professional development for local artists through mentorships, workshops, and commissions, expand local artists' engagement with state-wide, interstate, and international artists, and create a database of local, regional, and national artists available for public art commissions.

Please stand up if you have a question for Council

NEW governance rules proposed by Bass Coast Council will require people submitting questions to be present in the Council Chamber to hear the Mayor call out their name.

Those submitting questions will then be given the opportunity to read the question themselves or have the Mayor or Chair of the Council Meeting read it for them.

Secretary of the Bass Coast Ratepayers Association Graham Jolly said it will deny people access to the democratic process of submitting questions to Council.

"It's not right for farmers, business owners, business employees or factory workers who can't get there at 1pm for question time," he said.

"If they're going to push this through then the meeting time should be changed to 6pm at night so more people can attend."

Questions submitted to Council must be in writing, state the name, email and address of the person submitting the question, and generally be in an approved or permitted form. No person may submit more than two

questions at any one council meeting.

Mr Jolly wants the current limits to be changed with three questions allowed at each meeting, and the current word limit of 50 words raised to 60.

"I've been keeping track of council question time over 41 meetings."

According to Mr Jolly, 908 questions have been put to Council since 2021.

"That's an average of 20.64 questions per meeting," said Mr Jolly.

Responding to 20 questions at each meeting is not too

much according to Mr Jolly.

If a person is not present their question will not be read out, or included in the minutes of the meeting, but it will be included in the Engage Bass Coast page.

Question time will be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes unless extended by Council, and the Chair may nominate a Councillor or the CEO to respond.

The draft governance rules and an opportunity to respond to the new rules can be found at engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/governance-rules-2025.

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EPA levy pushes up Bass Coast tip fees

BE PREPARED to see more rubbish dumped on the side of roads, that's the consensus from Bass Coast residents after waste levy fees rose significantly in line with the start of the new financial year today.

The waste disposal fees for Bass Coast Shire from July 1 have been blamed primarily on a 28 per cent increase in waste levy rates imposed by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

The Shire has budgeted to spend \$22.7 million on waste services in 2025/26 including delivery and management of waste services (\$16 million), landfill rehabilitation (\$5.1 million) and waste facility improvements (\$1.6 million).

Waste charges for Bass Coast Shire in 2025/26 are expected to raise \$18.9 million.

A 120L bag of general waste at a Bass Coast waste facility will now cost \$10 up from \$8, whilst a caged 6x4 trailer load at Wonthaggi Transfer Station will jump from \$142 to \$190.

Hold onto your wallet though, a tandem caged trailer will set one back \$755 up from \$369.

One local resident, who wished to remain anonymous, stated, "It's terrible, we're in a recession, people cannot afford the fees as they are. Watch the backroads they'll be littered with rubbish!"



Tip fees have increased at Bass Coast Shire waste disposal sites from July 1. B42_2625

Bass Coast Shire's budget bottom line has been significantly impacted by increased waste compliance costs in 2025/26 including the old landfill rehabilitation.

According to Council, they will be monitoring and investigating reports of illegally dumped rubbish and litter, though multiple questions have been raised with one Wonthaggi resident stating "It will cost ratepayers more because they'll be cleaning up the backroads – they can't install cameras on all

the backroads.

"We saw what happened when the prices of mattresses jumped up, and they were suddenly dumped everywhere."

Another resident questioned how it would affect tradespeople who have already quoted rubbish removal with the new jump a significant increase (depending on the trade).

Local family-owned business, Wheel-a-Waste, have also been caught up in the EPA levy increases. Though they have been able to keep some

products at last financial year's cost according to a letter sent out to customers, after also absorbing the 2024/25 year increases without passing them on.

Bass Coast Shire Council aims to reduce waste to landfill in accordance with the State Government's Towards Zero Waste strategy through waste and recycling education programs, though with no "free" hard rubbish week and no tip vouchers anymore, it's only a matter of time before the backroads are littered.

Planning submission hearing shifted to Korumburra

RESPONDING to community feedback, the submission hearing for 14 Radovick Street, Korumburra has been rescheduled to Wednesday, August 6, at the Korumburra Community Hub, the hearing relating to the proposed Planning Scheme Amendment to rezone the land from Public Use to Commercial.

The land is the site of the empty Senior Citizens Centre, members of the Korumburra Senior Citizens Club continuing their fight to return to what they see as their home.

The hearing provides an opportunity for individuals who made a submission on the proposed planning scheme amendment to present their views directly to council, with nine people having elected to speak to their submissions and 42 submissions received.

South Gippsland Shire Council stressed that the submission hearing is not open to the public.

"The hearing was originally booked in Meenyan as both Council Chambers and the Korumburra Community Hub were unavailable on the proposed date," council stated, with July 9 the original date chosen, that being pushed back almost a month to allow for notification of the change to those intending to speak.

While there was public consternation at the prospect of the submission hearing being held in another town, the use of the Korumburra Community Hub is certain to generate controversy, the local Senior Citizens group having refused to move into that building, arguing its steep location and limited parking availability make it impractical.

Korumburra Senior Citizens Club has been contacted for comment but did not respond by deadline.



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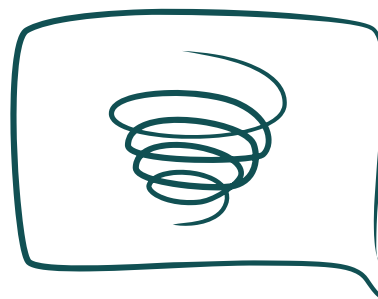
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YES Youth Hub, Bass Coast Leisure Centres and Over 50's say farewell to the YMCA

By Bruce Wardley

THE departure of the YMCA from delivering youth services on the Bass Coast, fitness classes for the over 50s and management of the Phillip Island and Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centres marks the end of an era for the YMCA.

Bass Coast Shire Council has appointed Anglicare Victoria to manage the YES Youth Hub from July 1 and Aligned Leisure a subsidiary of the Richmond Football Club to run the Phillip Island Leisure Centre and Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Programming and services will continue throughout the transition period as normal.

The YES Youth Hub team and Bass Coast Y thanked the community for its support.

"We are immensely grateful to the local community who have supported the YYH whether it be on the steering committee, partnering events and programs, or supporting the drop-in sessions to make the YYH the success that it is."

The highlights for the YES Youth Hub have been building well-attended drop-in sessions, delivering three fabulous Pride Prom events, a brilliant Youth Arts event, a multitude of successful grants, reaching young people across Bass Coast through the Youth Hub school holiday program, and working with FReeZA to hold numerous music events featuring young musicians from the Bass Coast.

"The Youth Advisory Council has been a key part of our



Nigel Barton-Smith, Prudence Scholtes, YMCA trainer Jacob Caarels, Bill Warren and Jenny Geary at the Over 50s fitness class at the Inverloch Basketball Stadium. B34_2625

success and has shaped our work and the direction of the YYH," said senior coordinator Erin Johnson.

"We are so thankful for their dedication and commitment to improving Bass Coast for young people and look forward to seeing the next chapter for the YES Youth Hub and keeping in touch with the many friends we have made over this time."

YMCA Wonthaggi has been running fitness classes at Inverloch three times a week for 25 years and for many the group has been a vital point of connection.

"With most members choosing to move to Inverloch for their retirement years many new friendships have been formed helping to end social isolation," said Prudence Scholtes. "Those friendships and community involvement have endured well

beyond the years they have been capable of physically joining in the fitness classes."

Attendees ages range from 53 to 98 with many more attending social outings in local coffee shops after class, monthly lunches and birthday celebrations at local hotels and cafes across the Shire, and bi-monthly dinners. The program will now be supported by GippSport.

"The impact this group has had on the personal health and mental well-being of participants cannot be underestimated," said Ms Scholtes.

Community reaction has been mixed with one parent hoping Aligned Leisure can maintain the vacation care program, junior sport programs and youth outreach and community engagement projects which are

vital to local families. Other members have suggested more evening classes and a crèche.

"I made so many life-long connections at the Y when the kids were little. It's so important for new mums and dads."

Another said it was disappointing to lose a charitable organisation like the YMCA.

"What the YMCA provides to the community is YMCA specific and can't be provided by the other organisations, the culture and mission of the YMCA has stood the test of time, and they manage the facilities well and are innovative and relevant in their program development for the community."

"Thank you to the YMCA managers that have done a wonderful job for so many years."

On average membership fees have increased just above CPI.

Training session said don't wait for the crisis

DON'T wait for the crisis – that was the message imparted to South Gippsland community members, volunteers, community groups and non-profit organisations at a recent training session.

The free and practical session held at the Korumburra Hub offered valuable information on safety, risk and insurance and navigating disasters before they happen.

Attendees learnt that disasters could strain organisations, volunteers and the communities they help and being better prepared by understanding the law and responsibilities as an organisation can make all the difference.

Leading the session, which was hosted by the South Gippsland Shire Council was Lawyer Kaela Hughes from Justice Connect.

In this pilot program designed by Kaela, she intends to help not-for-profit organisations, to understand their legal obligations when it comes to safety and identify and manage risks before they become problems.

Local volunteer run organisations were well represented among attendees with members from the CWA, Strzelecki Lions Club, Men's Sheds, SES, CFA, Leongatha Community Garden and many others.

"We run a couple of flower shows during the year which we have a lot of public to them of course and we need to update and upskill on the safety, and insurance elements of that," explained Sue Thompson from the Leongatha Horticulture Society.

Kaela comprehensively covered a range of topics during the session including why safety is so important, the duty of care an organisation owes its volunteers, legal responsibility for the action of volunteers, work health and safety duties, risk management processes, volunteer insurance and some top tips.

In addition to learning about these safety fundamentals, Kaela offered examples relevant to organisations working in the disaster response space, as well as reference to further resources that organisations can draw on in the future.



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South Gippsland Shire Council News

South Gippsland Live4Life - Boosting youth mental health

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Whether you are a local organisation, artist, sporting club, work with or simply have young people in your life – you can help to keep our community connected, empowered and continue to shine a light on our young people’s mental health.

There’s a role for everyone in suicide prevention.

The Live4Life Community is passionate and dedicated in supporting, improving and investing in young people’s mental health and reducing suicide across the South Gippsland community.

If you would like to get involved in the partnership group or if you have a creative idea on how Live4Life can support young people’s mental health in South Gippsland, don’t hesitate to reach out to Council’s Community Development team on 03 5662 9200.

To find out more about the South Gippsland Live4Life Partnership, visit:

www.live4life.org.au/southgippsland

Youth Mental Health First Aid



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

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

For opportunities to obtain a New Certificate or refresh your current Certificate of Accreditation, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/YMHFA

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Details will be available on Council’s website:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

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Offers for this round will be released during the first week of October.

To ensure an easy and fair process for all parents, Council operates as a central registration system on behalf of all participating kindergartens across South Gippsland.

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Showcasing the best of Gippsland in Leongatha

EXCITEMENT is building ahead of the inaugural 'Eat Drink Play Gippsland', a one-day festival that will showcase the region's food, wine, beer, cider and gin, as well as its musical talent, on Saturday, October 18 in the Leongatha railway precinct.

A well-attended Thursday launch event at Leongatha's Fleet Wines set the mood for those who will be running the festival, which will be divided into a day and a night session, the launch giving representatives of the local media a taste of what is to come.

Both festival sessions will combine food, drink and music, with a stronger focus on the culinary component during the day and the performers in the spotlight at night.

However, there are strong musical lineups for both sessions, with Gippslanders filling the daytime program, while local rising star Steph Strings' talents come to the fore in the later session, as do those of a couple of major Australian acts in the Melbourne Ska Orchestra, and Emma Donovan.

'Eat Drink Play Gippsland' is the creation of co-festival directors Dan Sims, who is the brains behind Pinot Palooza and Mould, and Rhett McLaren who runs The Hills Are Alive Group with brother Aidan.

Dan said the new festival is a celebration of all things Gippsland run by Gippslanders, the original idea arising about five years ago.

The event came to life after he and Rhett were contacted by South Gippsland Shire Council and Destination Gippsland to establish something new for the area.

It's all about bringing Visit Gippsland's 'Eat Drink Play Gippsland' guide to life.

'Eat Drink Play Gippsland' will appeal to a mix of day and overnight visitors, exposing them to a broad range of what Gippsland offers and sowing the seed for future exploration.

Those attending the launch included representatives of the local organisations that have helped bring about 'Eat Drink Play Gippsland', South Gippsland Shire Council, Destination Gippsland, Wine Gippsland, and Visit Victoria.

Those who run various hospitality businesses that will be part of the festival were also present, with all those the Sentinel-Times spoke to excited about the new Spring event and the fact it is being held in Leongatha.



Chris Odrowaz and Michael Clark of Messmates Dining in Warragul with Kelly McCarthy of Destination Gippsland. A12_2625

Justin and Lisa Jenkins hosted the launch, being the owners of Fleet Wines.

Lisa spoke of the vastness of Gippsland and the great opportunity the festival will provide to experience produce from its different regions.

"We are thrilled that it's going to be in Leongatha but also excited to have that vast collection of incredible producers," she said.

Kim Richardson of Mates Gin Distillery in Wonthaggi was at the launch and looks forward to being part of the festival, the business currently has four varieties of gin but with the possibility of adding another by festival time.

Stacey Wagner, who runs the Loch Cheese Merchant will feature around half a dozen cheeses from the local region at the festival.

Meeniyen business Trulli, one of the hospitality operators that will be involved in 'Eat Drink Play Gippsland' provided tasty pastries and focaccias for those at the launch event, and everyone enjoyed entertainment from Gippsland singer Misty Harlowe who is looking forward to performing during the festival.

Dan and Rhett have the ideal skill set to take charge of the new event, with Rhett's background in the music industry and Dan's in the wine business, and both have extensive experience in delivering shows in the region and a strong relationship with South Gippsland Shire Council.

'Eat Drink Play Gippsland' is supported through the State Government's Regional Events Fund.

Visit eatdrinkplaygippsland.com.au for more information and tickets.



'Eat Drink Play Gippsland' festival directors Dan Sims and Rhett McLaren. A13_2625



Francesco and Claudio Laera of Meeniyen's Trulli ensured everyone was well fed and will be part of 'Eat Drink Play Gippsland'. A17_2625

Fight over festival date as Rail Trail Community market slam timing

WHILE Leongatha hosting the inaugural 'Eat Drink Play Gippsland' festival appeared exciting news, the decision to hold the event on Saturday, October 18 has been lashed by those in charge of the town's Rail Trail Community Market.

The market, held on the third Sunday of each month, is scheduled for Sunday, October 19.

"The logistical nightmare of having a huge fenced-off event packing down on Saturday night, just hours before we need to set up for Sunday morning, is unimaginable; it creates safety concerns, parking shortages, and will undoubtedly diminish the experience for everyone

involved," stated a representative of the Rail Trail Community Market.

Those in charge of the market hit out at a lack of consultation, arguing it attracts around 3500 attendees and 50 stall holders each time it is held and is a community hub and economic driver for the local area.

While market organisers argue it would be no problem to move 'Eat Drink Play Gippsland' to another weekend, tickets for the event have already gone on sale, with musical acts locked in.

Although South Gippsland Shire Council is just one of the organisations involved in bringing 'Eat Drink Play Gippsland'

to life, it is being called on to reschedule the event.

South Gippsland Shire councillor Scott Rae responded to a Facebook post on the Rail Trail Community Market Leongatha site that is promoting a petition calling for the festival date to be changed.

"I predict a majority of the other 27 towns and villages in South Gippsland would embrace a chance like this in their locality," he said, adding he believes they would bend over backwards to accommodate the festival.

South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Allison Jones responded to the concerns of market organisers.

"Eat Drink Play Gippsland is

expected to attract significant economic benefits for the South Gippsland region and celebrate Gippsland-based producers and our vibrant food and drink businesses; this is a one-off, one-day event, and it is anticipated that many visitors will extend their stay over the weekend to enjoy other local events and activities," she said. "Prior to the event's official launch, South Gippsland Shire Council communicated with Rail Trail Community Market organisers and confirmed with the organisers that the market site will remain available for use on Sunday, October 19 following the event."

Full story at sgst.com.au

Shire Message



Cr John Kennedy



THIS week, I have the opportunity to share a few updates from across South Gippsland while the Mayor is in Canberra at the Australian Local Government Assembly. While in Canberra he will be advocating for the region's needs, speaking with Ministers and government representatives.

Congratulations Cr Sarah Gilligan

I'd like to begin by congratulating Cr Gilligan on her appointment as a member of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Climate Futures Advisory Panel. This appointment is a testament to Cr Gilligan's professional expertise and the confidence placed in her ability to provide valuable guidance for the local government sector. We're all extremely pleased and know she will do a fantastic job.

Annual Careers Expo

Last week's annual Careers Expo held in Korumburra was a great success. Run by the South Gippsland and Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network (SGBCLLEN) the event provided an opportunity for students to learn more about potential career pathways. The event hosted many students from across South Gippsland and Bass Coast and offered interactive and informative exhibits. We hope all those that attended were inspired and we're thankful to the SGBCLLEN for hosting such a great event.

Korumburra Bendigo Bank

We have received the unfortunate news that the Bendigo Bank branch in Korumburra will be closing later this year. In 2023, Council provided a submission into the *Federal Parliamentary Inquiry into Bank Closures in Regional Australia*, highlighting the importance of face-to-face services and the need for branches in regional areas. We are disappointed in this news and the impact it will have on local residents and businesses.

Eat, Drink, Play Gippsland

Council is extremely excited to be part of the inaugural Eat, Drink, Play Gippsland festival coming to South Gippsland in October of this year. Held at the Leongatha Railway Precinct, this is one-day festival will bring together amazing food, drink and music in one unmissable event. With a focus on local produce and talented makers during the day and brilliant live music acts throughout the night, this is bound to be a success.

Council was successful in securing a \$176,000 grant from the Victorian Government, which has been instrumental in bringing this event to life. This festival is more than just a celebration – it's an opportunity to boost our local economy, support our hospitality and tourism sectors, and shine a spotlight on everything that makes South Gippsland so incredible.

Visit the link below to find out more and secure your tickets. www.visitgippsland.com.au/eatdrinkplay

An event like this provides a valuable boost to our local economy – something especially important in today's challenging financial climate.

I'd like to conclude by giving a shout-out to our local businesses. Supporting them keeps money circulating within South Gippsland and is more important than ever. So next time you shop, think local first – you might be surprised by the great products and services right on your doorstep.

Car parking likely to be a problem wherever you go, or is it?

By Bruce Wardley

NO-ONE is seriously suggesting a multi-level car park anywhere in South Gippsland or Bass Coast but if the complaints of shoppers in Leongatha, or comments from councillors in Bass Coast are to be taken seriously a multi-level car park may be overdue.

Bass Coast Shire Council this month adopted an Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS) for 2025/2045 setting out a 20-year vision to create a safer, more accessible and sustainable transport network across the region.

According to Bass Coast Council, the strategy reflects a strong desire for safer streets, improved public transport, and better connections between towns and services.

Bass Coast Cr Ron Bauer described the ITS as futuristic.

“Car parking is a problem here and now.

“I’m looking forward to the day we can push a button on the dash of a car, and it folds into a briefcase, and we can put the car in a cupboard,” Cr Bauer said.

“It is important to have different options such as walking, cycling and skateboarding, as well as using vehicles,” said Cr Jon Temby.

Blue sky thinking and big strategies that set a direction for the next 20 years were the sorts of things Cr Tracey Bell said she joined council to do.

“The current state of public transport in our Shire is disgusting,” added Cr Bell.

Deputy Mayor Cr Brett Tessari said we needed to start thinking differently.

“The right of a Wonthaggi person to park dead in front of the shop they want to go into, even if it means they’ve got to drive around the block



Parking is at a premium across Bass Coast.

five, six, seven times.”

Despite a parking space being available near a supermarket Cr Tessari said he did three laps around the supermarket and kept going around until he found a space nearby.

“We can’t get more parking in the main street until we start going to multi-level carparks, and if that means walking down to the shop then that’s what we have to do.”

Cr Tim O’Brien said he was onboard with the ITS.

“We need to begin creating access to town centres for vehicles that don’t qualify as a car, tiny little vehicles that we currently can’t register.”

“The use of cars will continue to grow unless we provide different ways of accessing the town centres, even if it means taking roads away from cars,” said Cr O’Brien.

“It’s not just more electric vehicles, it’s different types of vehicles as well.”

Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead added her voice to concerns about local bus services.

“They’re pathetic,” she said.

“We need to strongly advocate for more public transport,” said Mayor Cr Halstead.

“More buses to be able to drive people to their destinations but make it workable because the system we have right now is not workable.”

South Gippsland Shire in its 2013 Leongatha CBD Parking Strategy recognised a growing need for additional parking close to the CBD and identified rail land as the best site.

In 2023 a new carpark was opened in the Leongatha rail precinct with more than 50 additional spaces as part of the Rail Precinct Redevelopment Project.

The project was made possible with funding from the Australian Government’s Building Better Regions Fund and the Victorian Government’s Regional Infrastructure Fund.

Shepparton in north-east Victoria built a 355-car space multi-deck car park back in 1973 with a population then

of just 20,300, that city currently has a population of 71,028 and is forecast to grow to 81,022 by 2046.

Leongatha has a population of 6172, Cowes and Ventnor 8209 and Wonthaggi 7263 (including South Dudley and Cape Paterson), all well short of what would be considered to be the minimum population to make a multi-level car park viable.

It could be argued however that the first town to provide generous car parking close to the CBD with perhaps a multiplex cinema and other public facilities such as public conveniences could quickly become a mecca for out-of-town shoppers.

However, parking is likely to get more difficult in Wonthaggi with 13 crepe myrtle trees set to be planted along Graham Street in the next four weeks as part of the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Streetscape works.

The Bass Coast Integrated Transport Strategy will be reviewed in five years.

Upgrades for Wilsons Prom as Sealers Cover one step closer

WORK has started to upgrade the Tidal River Visitor Centre with Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos last week announcing the next part of the \$23 million Wilsons Promontory Revitalisation project is now underway.

“Wilsons Prom is truly one of the gems of our state and we want as many people as possible to enjoy this beautiful tourism attraction,” Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos said.

“We’re proud to support a project that will make it more accessible and help to attract even more visitors to this spectacular part of Victoria.”

Improvements to the visitor centre will include a building extension, interior upgrades, landscaping, external paths and information kiosks to make visitor experiences more accessible and sustainable.

An additional \$1.7 million was invested from the Victoria’s Great Outdoors and Changing Places programs to include a fully accessible toilet block and changing facilities to improve restroom facilities.

The first part of the Wilsons Promontory Revitalisation project, to upgrade the popular Prom Wildlife Walk, was completed in December 2024. This involved resurfacing of the two-kilometre track and installing seated rest areas along the way.

“Locals and tourists alike love Wilsons Prom and these upgrades are making it more accessible and sustainable for people to enjoy well into the future,” Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh stated.

The announcement comes as the Sealers Cove Boardwalk rebuild appears to be one step closer.

According to Parks Victoria, the tender process for the boardwalk replacement has closed and they are currently evaluating the responses.

It’s understood the rebuild will remove the existing damaged timber boardwalk that were damaged by storms during 2021 and replace it with fibre reinforced plastic.

Subject to assessment and approvals, Parks Victoria expects rebuild works to commence this Spring.

For more information about Wilsons Prom, including booking accommodation, visit parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/wilsons-promontory-national-park.

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We aspire to a genuine partnership with the Gunaikurnai people, custodians of the Land and Sea Country on which Blue Mackerel is planned.

What next in Patterson murder trial

IT COULD take hours, it could take days or weeks but it's all down to the decision of 12 people what happens next in the much-publicised mushroom murder trial in Morwell.

Not only does the jury decide what's evidence, what to believe in the case and what the verdict will be, they also decide when they work and for how long each day, and ultimately, when they are in a position to make a decision: guilty, not guilty or permanently deadlocked.

And it must be unanimous.

Their decision could come anywhere between a couple of hours and a couple of weeks after commencing their deliberations, usually depending on the complexity of the case, but not always.

They can press the buzzer to alert the court that they are ready to come back in, anytime between 10.30am and 4.15pm daily, six days-a-week from Monday to Saturday. They get a day off on Sunday but remain sequestered in their hotel throughout.

The jury deliberated for six full days before reaching a verdict in the Greg Lynn high-country murder case, ultimately reaching a split verdict, finding him guilty of murdering Carol Clay but not guilty of murdering Russell Hill.

The jury in the O.J. Simpson murder trial was sequestered for a record 265 days, before acquitting Mr Simpson.

After completing his charge to the jury, over the course of four days last week, and Monday morning this week, Supreme Court Judge, Justice Christopher Beale excused the panel of 14 people mid-morning on Monday to initially pack their bags, prior to a ballot being held in open court to reduce their number by two. They were then released to commence their deliberations as a jury of 12 for the first time.

At the end of each day, the jury is sequestered in a local hotel for the night, isolated from the public, their families and outside influences, until they reach a decision. They can notify the court if they have a question about the case, and it can be reconvened, but they can only discuss the trial while they are in the jury room, within court hours.

How long will it take to reach a verdict; guilty, not guilty, or deadlocked in relation to the three charges of murder and one of attempted murder against the accused, Leongatha mother of two, Erin Patterson, is unknown.

Mrs Patterson has pleaded not guilty to all charges maintaining that what happened at her Leongatha home on Saturday, July 29, 2023, when she prepared a meal of Beef Wellington containing death cap mushrooms, for four guests, including her husband Simon's parents, Gail and Don Patterson, and Gail's sister Heather and husband Ian Wilkinson, was a tragedy and a terrible accident.

It was exactly on that point, among others, that Justice Beale cautioned the jury last week during his final instructions to them.

He said they must ignore any feelings of sympathy they might have for aggrieved family members or prejudice they might hold for Erin Patterson as the person who prepared the meal.

"You should consider the evidence which is relevant to a particular matter in its individual parts and as a whole and come to a decision one way or another about the facts. As I told you, in doing this, you must ignore all other considerations, such as any feelings of prejudice or sympathy you may have for anyone involved in the case," said Justice Beale last week.

"All other considerations, such as any feelings of prejudice or sympathy you may have for anyone involved in the case. You should not, for example, be influenced by the mere fact that Erin Patterson cooked the fatal meal, which caused the deaths of Heather Wilkinson, Gail Patterson and Don Patterson.

"The issue is not whether she is in some sense responsible for the tragic consequences of the lunch, but whether the prosecution has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that she is criminally responsible for those consequences," he said.



The so-called 'mushroom murder trial' has led the news around Australia and across the world over the past 10 weeks and media interest is on a high this week with the jury retiring to consider its verdict on Monday.

Why a good character reference can only take you so far

ERIN Patterson is a 50-year-old mother of two who has no criminal history.

And turns out, being a person of good character counts for something, even in a murder trial, according to Justice Christopher Beale.

The judge in the so-called mushroom murder trial, in the Supreme Court in Morwell, was delivering his charge to the jury, a detailed process of setting out most of the evidence in the case and the arguments for and against, in an effort to assist them with their deliberations.

It was a task that consumed four days last week and Monday morning this week before the jury retired to consider its verdict.

Erin Patterson is on trial for three counts of murder and one of attempted murder arising out of a family lunch at her home on Saturday, July 29, 2023, when she served meals of Beef Wellington to her four guests, which were later revealed to have contained death cap mushrooms.

Three of the guests died; Don and Gail Patterson, and Gail's sister Heather Wilkinson. Ian Wilkinson survived the ordeal after 54 days in hospital, 21 in intensive care.

Erin Patterson has pleaded not guilty to all charges, maintaining that what happened on the day was a tragedy and a terrible mistake.

One of many aspects covered was the issue of good character evidence and its bearing on the case and ultimately how it might impact the jury's decision making.

Justice Beale referred to Simon Patterson's evidence, where he said Erin got on well with his parents, especially his father Don, with whom she was something of a kindred spirit. It was a good relationship



In anticipation of the increased media attention, security screens have been erected at the Leongatha home of Erin Patterson over the weekend.

that continued after the pair separated and was reciprocated.

He recalled Simon's evidence, under cross-examination, that Erin had been very generous with her inheritance, offering no interest loans of between \$250,000 and \$400,000 on flexible repayment terms to his siblings, Matt and Tanya, Nathan and Merryn and Anna and Josh.

And he told the court, he believed Erin to be a devoted mother to their children and that she took her role as a parent seriously.

The judge continued in that vein, referring to the evidence of other Patterson family members, where they described their relationship with Simon and Erin as "always amicable", and that Erin had always been a devoted and attentive mother.

Friends described her as a wonderful mother and that "her life revolved around her children".

The informant in the case, Detective Stephen Eppingstall, gave evidence that Erin

Patterson had no criminal history.

Justice Beale said if the members of the jury accepted that Erin Patterson was a person of good character, there were two ways they could use that fact.

"First, you can use it when assessing the credibility of her evidence and her denials of the prosecution case. A person of good character is generally thought to be more trustworthy than other people. You may be less willing to accept the prosecution's evidence than if she was not a person of good character," he said.

"Second, you can use it when determining the likelihood that she committed the offences with which she has been charged as it is generally believed that a person of good character is unlikely to commit a criminal offence."

But, said Justice Beale, being a person of good character cannot alter proven facts.

"In addition, you should keep in mind the fact that a person who has previously been of good character can

commit a crime for the first time."

He also addressed the issue of the accused giving evidence, which she is not required to do in her own trial, saying that the jury must assess her evidence in the same way as they assessed the evidence of any other witness.

He spoke about whether the accused was in the practice of foraging for mushrooms, that is, whether she had a "tendency" to forage for mushrooms in the years leading up to July 2023, reviewing some of the evidence for and against the proposition.

While there were photos tendered in evidence, taken by Erin in early 2020 of picking mushrooms, her husband Simon said he had never known Erin to pick wild mushrooms, nor had either of her children. Police found no books about mushrooms during their searches and no messages to the Facebook friends about foraging for edible mushrooms.

Mrs Patterson, he said, had denied foraging for mushrooms earlier and that it had been argued by the prosecution that the practice of being a forager for mushrooms was a recent invention because of a realisation that the story about the Asian grocery mushrooms did not add up.

Justice Beale said it was part of the information the jury would have to take into account when deciding whether the prosecution had proved beyond reasonable doubt that the accused deliberately put death cap mushrooms into the Beef Wellingtons.

The jury has now retired to consider its verdict in a case that has attracted worldwide media attention and public interest.



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Shane Warne Heart Health Machine a hit at Leongatha RSL

THE highly anticipated Shane Warne Heart Health Machine has completed its first stint at Leongatha RSL. The results are now in that provides a heart health snapshot of residents of the Leongatha area.

Key findings from the 307 participants include:

- Gender distribution: 45 per cent male and 55 per cent female
- Median age: 60 years
- Prevalence of high blood pressure: 23.7 per cent
- Individuals with a BMI greater than 30: 41.2 per cent
- Smoking prevalence: 7.7 per cent
- Health checks that resulted in a recommendation for a GP follow-up regarding high blood pressure and/or high BMI: 90
- Participants who had not received a blood pressure check in the past 12 months: 128
- Predicted incidence of type two diabetes within the next five years: 15 individuals (6.1 per cent).

Unfortunately compared to state and national figures we need to lift our game in our community.

These statistics highlight the importance of ongoing health monitoring and intervention. Regular health check-ups and the use of innovative tools like the Shane Warne Heart Health Machine can empower individuals to take proactive steps in managing their health. By identifying potential health issues early, such as high blood pressure and elevated BMI, participants can seek timely medical advice and make lifestyle changes that may reduce their risk of developing more serious conditions, like type two diabetes or heart disease.

The feedback from the community underscores the machine's role in raising awareness and providing accessible health assessments to a wide audience. The promoter questionnaire that followed the health check returned a promoter rate of 85 per cent. Meaning that 85 per cent of people that used the machine would recommend to a friend to use it or use it again themselves. This rate is high compared to the national average.

After such a successful first innings, the Shane Warne Heart Health Machine is set to make a return to the Leongatha RSL in October 2025 as part of Veterans Health Week. As October draws nearer, additional information will be shared.

When the machine returns to the Leongatha RSL, its purpose again will be to promote a healthier community and inspire individuals to stay mindful of their heart health.

Calls for San Remo foreshore reserve to return to community management

THE San Remo Community Association is seeking to take responsibility for the San Remo foreshore from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA). Locals are concerned with the reserve's deterioration since DEECA assumed control in 2019 shifting maintenance away from a Committee of Management.

Raising the issue on behalf of locals in State Parliament The Nationals' Melina Bath called for the San Remo Community Association to be put in charge.

"The amenity of the 27-hectare foreshore reserve has been declining with locals citing sporadic maintenance and stalling of important works. They are disappointed that this once well-kept area is looking neglected."

Ms Bath said the San Remo Community Association has good governance and is brimming with talented and motivated volunteers.

"Bass Coast Shire Council has recently adopted a proactive San Remo Structure Plan and is supportive of the reconvened community group.

"The Association has a strong vision and plan to improve accessibility, infrastructure, signage, and safety using revenue allocated through the foreshore's caravan park.

"Locals unanimously support foreshore management returning to the community with clear lines of accountability and action.

"This change would be a positive win for both government and community."

The Minister's response is due July 19.

Panthers Menswear leaving Wonthaggi after 15 years

AFTER 15 years of dressing the men of Wonthaggi, Panthers Menswear will close its local store for good on Saturday, July 12.

The decision marks the end of a long stint for the Panther family, who first opened in Wonthaggi in 2010 – initially at another site before moving to their current Graham Street location nine years ago.

Owner David Panther said opening the Wonthaggi store had simply been "an opportunity."

"We saw a gap in the market, and we were already getting customers from Wonthaggi at our other stores," he said.

Over the years, the team built up a loyal customer base in town.

"We've gotten to know a lot of people and we've really enjoyed our time here," Mr Panther said.

"We'd just really like to thank the people for shopping with us and invite them to continue shopping with us at Leongatha."

The closure follows the end of the Wonthaggi store's current lease and comes as David and his wife Sue begin turning their thoughts towards downsizing, and eventually retirement.

But Panthers Menswear is far from done – with the



David Panther has enjoyed getting to know customers in Wonthaggi over the past 15 years. W09_2625

business continuing at its Leongatha, Moe and Traralgon stores.

"No one will be out of a job," Mr Panther said, referring to their remaining Wonthaggi staff member, who will transition to the Leongatha store.

Established by Bill Panther in 1955, the family-run business has long been known for

offering quality men's fashion and genuine, personalised service – a tradition David and Sue enthusiastically maintain today.

As a thank you to customers, everything in the Wonthaggi store is now on sale until the final day of trade. Shoppers can also pick up a discount card to use at

Panthers' other locations.

"If you haven't yet, do yourself a favour and come and have a look at some good quality brands and get yourself a bargain," Mr Panther said.

"Thanks very much for shopping with us over the years. We look forward to seeing you in Leongatha."

Dr Hugh Chisholm's extensive and ongoing contribution celebrated

POPULAR Leongatha doctor Hugh Chisholm was recently acknowledged for his 35 years' service at Leongatha Healthcare and Leongatha Southern Health, receiving recognition through the Victorian Rural Health Awards, having also been nominated as Rural GP of the Year.

The awards, in their 20th year, are presented by Rural Workforce Agency Victoria.

Dr Chisholm continues to enjoy working in the medical clinic and at Leongatha Hospital.

When Sentinel-Times popped into the clinic for a chat, he was quick to point out that his wife Lesley, who retired early this year, worked there for almost as long as he has.

The couple arrived in town in 1990 with a couple of young children.

Hugh qualified as a doctor in 1981, spending five years at Dandenong Hospital before a move to Broome where he worked in indigenous health for three years.

He felt the latter role, being in an isolated area and dealing with situations he hadn't previously experienced stood him in good stead for his future medical practice.

After the shift to Leongatha, Hugh and Lesley found they enjoyed being part of the community, deciding it was the right spot for their kids to grow up.

Over the years, Hugh has combined General Practice with hospital responsibilities in obstetrics, anaesthetics and emergency work.

While he no longer delivers babies, there is still a sense of joy in seeing those he helped bring into the world.

In some cases, Hugh delivered two generations, and he



Retired doctor Lesley Chisholm with her husband Dr Hugh Chisholm who has been recognised for his 35 years' service in Leongatha. A05_2625

was a part of the birth of both parents of the last baby he delivered.

The mix of clinic and hospital work has proved a good balance, with being a GP difficult at times due to challenges such as helping people deal with mental health issues.

With the ongoing struggles of rural towns to find enough doctors, Hugh said that being a rural generalist is a fantastic career, pointing out that living in Leongatha has provided a great lifestyle and it isn't too far from Melbourne.

Being a doctor has provided him with a lot of job satisfaction and a sense of pride in having helped other people, the desire to do so being a motivating force in his decision to pursue medicine as a career.

Having cut his working week down from four days to three during the pandemic, Hugh is beginning to contemplate retirement, planning to review the situation at the end of the year.

While there have been many technological improvements over the years, there has also been a substantial increase in bureaucratic requirements.

When Hugh started at the Leongatha clinic there were nine partners, but now it is just him, Lesley, and Dr Chris Webster.

There was once an expectation doctors joining a clinic would eventually become partners, but that is no longer so.

"Now doctors don't want to be business owners," Hugh said.

Leongatha Healthcare Clinic

long had responsibility for staffing the town's hospital but the hospital now employs its own doctors.

"It's been a long journey and I've pretty much enjoyed every minute," Hugh said, adding that perhaps didn't include some of the late-night calls, Lesley pointing out that at least he never attended those in his pyjamas.

He reflected that it has been rewarding serving the community and contributing to positive health outcomes.

In his spare time, Hugh enjoys photography, his stunning nature photos adorning the clinic walls, featuring animals such as whales.

Perhaps this newspaper can call on his skills with the camera when he decides the time is right to finish his illustrious career as a doctor.

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A humpback makes a dramatic entrance, launching from the sea in a spectacular breach off Phillip Island's shores.

Dive into the Island Whale Festival



Families dive into hands-on marine adventures, creative crafts and discovery zones buzzing with ocean energy.



Aboard a whale-watching cruise lucky spotters can catch glimpses of these spectacular giants.



The Wildlife Coast Cruises music stage grooves with coastal rhythm as musicians keep the Festival Hub humming.

CURIOUS about whales, perhaps you're keen to learn more or get up close to the spectacular, yet mysterious whisperers of the deep.

Have a flipper-slapping good time these school holidays as the Island Whale Festival returns to Phillip Island from July 11 to 13.

Bigger, and better, each year and set along the island's breathtaking coastline, this three-day celebration offers up-close encounters with migrating whales, creative and cultural experiences, and plenty of fun for families, nature lovers and curious minds of all ages.

It's the ultimate winter escape!

Famed for the humpback and southern right whales, you don't have to don a drysuit and head under the waves to experience the majestic creatures.

Start your adventures at Berninnet Cultural Centre in Cowes – there is plenty happening throughout the day from 10am to 4pm including live music on the Wildlife Coast Cruises music stage and face painting.

Head indoors into the Immersive Room and be swept away by the sights and sounds of Milawul's marine life. Down the hall experience virtual reality as you snorkel the Great Southern Reef, without getting wet!

Meet the Dolphin Research Institute team of researchers and volunteers, and don't be afraid to ask them all the challenging questions.

Got a little one? Baby Rhyme Time is marine-focused at 10.30am.

Over the other side of the library, Book Chat has an ocean theme and kicks off at 11am.

Between 12pm – 12.45pm head into the Festival Hub Theatre for the Sound and Fur(r)y: Assessing the impacts of disturbance and entanglement on Australian fur seals to manage an uncertain future presentation. Discover the impact of vessel noise and ocean pollution on seal wellbeing, stress levels, and natural behaviour.

Back to the creative space dive into Phillip Island Library at 2.30pm for the Whale

Origami Workshop – and create your own beautiful whales. While the session is free it does require pre-booking.

After you've exhausted the Festival Hub jump in the car and onto the trail of spotting a whale with your very own eyes. Drop into the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club and hear from the Dolphin Research Institute and Two Bays Whale Project as they discuss all the tips and tricks to spotting dolphins and how to become a citizen scientist. And whilst you're at it they'll guide you on a whale-spotting experience from the decks.

Friday evening The Ocean Film Festival takes centre stage in Berninnet's theatre. See separate article for more details. However, if painting is more your style then head to Clay & Co Studio for a very special paint and sip session.

And that's just a few of the adventures on offer on Friday!

On Saturday kick off with the whale blessing ceremony with Uncle Steve Ulula Parker at 10am the Cowes Foreshore Beach.

The hub will again be buzzing with activities and speakers.

Downstairs at 10am join palaeontologist Ben Francischelli on a journey 30 million years in the making. Dive into Victoria's prehistoric oceans to discover the deepest diving whales of all time, the river dolphins that once swam along our ancient coastlines, and the biggest animals that ever existed, twice the size of any dinosaur.

Upstairs marine scientists, project officers, educators and wildlife managers will answer all the questions you might have about a career in marine science.

At 11am splash into a short history (50 million years) of whale evolution with paleontologist Ruairidh Duncan in the theatre.

Head to the Stringbark Room and let your secondary students Dive into Dolphin Science. For the younger crowd head to the library for a special storytime with children's author Julie Murphy.

At 1pm catch Boonwurrung Ngargee Dance Group in

the theatre.

From 2pm let the creative sides roam, join palaeontologist Ben Francischelli for a hands-on session incorporating science and art or listen to published author and wildlife photographer Chris Farrell and his journey through the natural world behind the lens.

Local eco-photographer and citizen scientist Peter Fogarty shares his experiences in Photographing Whales is no Fluke at 3pm (see more in separate story).

Dive into an unforgettable evening with renowned humpback whale expert Dr Wally Franklin, alongside Indigenous whale researchers Dr Chels Marshall and Dr Jodi Edwards, as they share insights at the intersection of science, culture and connection to sea country. Hosted by ABC's Belinda Smith, this thought-provoking event celebrates marine conservation and the enduring relationships between whales, people and place.

If conversation is not your style then sit back and relax at Churchill Island as you bask in whiskey, wine and whales, or take to clay and sipping at Clay & Co Studios.

There's no sleep in on Sunday, rise early and join the Sea Slug Census at San Remo Jetty at 7.30am and then indulge in a final day of celebrations.

There are saunas, panels of expert marine scientists, discussions on the toothed baleen whales, art and crafts in the library, secrets of Megalodon and Livyatan, and summaries on humpback whale migration, plus more!

Did we mention that throughout the festival Wildlife Coast Cruises will be running their spectacular wildlife cruises including the ever-popular whale watching? And if you miss out, the season runs for at least another five and a half weeks with plenty of time to head out and possibly spot a humpback, a southern right whale or even an orca or five.

With so much on offer, and a selection of events requiring pre-booking head to island-whales.com.au to reserve your seats today.



Peter Fogarty joins Phillip Island's annual whale celebration

CAPE Woolamai's Peter Fogarty will be one of many presenters at this year's Island Whale Festival, held from July 11 – 13.

The recently retired police officer of 31 years has turned his passion for photography into a meaningful pursuit – capturing the majesty of whales while simultaneously contributing to scientific research.

Peter's journey into photography began in 2014, following an overseas trip to Europe and the US.

"After spending so many years in policing and club sports, I was looking for something that was just for me," he said.

While Peter enjoys all genres of photography, wildlife continues to challenge and inspire him.

"You never know what you're going to find. Some days you get nothing, and other days you come away with half a dozen incredible shots," he said.

"The very first time I captured any whales on camera I was with a friend who pointed out what they thought were dolphins, and I just pointed my camera in that direction and managed to capture a pod of Orcas."

Since then, Peter's whale photography has caught the attention of researchers and led to his involvement in



Catch citizen scientist and nature photographer Peter Fogarty in 'Photographing Whales is no Fluke' at 3pm in the Festival Hub Theatre on July 12.

citizen science projects. He now regularly takes part in whale and wildlife cruises, photographing whales to support identification and research efforts.

"Each whale has a unique fluke pattern, like a fingerprint," he explained. "We use these images to help track their migration and behaviours."

This year's Island Whale Festival will see Peter deliver a presentation on both photography and citizen science.

He'll walk audiences through camera settings, shooting techniques from moving boats, and how whale imagery is used in identification.

"It's about sharing the story, the technical side of things, but also promoting ethical tourism," he said.

"Where people can still enjoy these beautiful animals, but we can do it in a way that is not going to cause them any harm and will not result in any loss of life or environment for the

whale population."

Peter believes the festival plays an important role in raising awareness about the ongoing recovery of whale populations, the history of whaling, and the importance of sustainable wildlife encounters.

"It raises awareness in relation to the whale migration, but also the history of whaling, and how we have a species that was nearly extinct, that is now starting to thrive. They're still endangered in many cases, but it's starting to improve."

Held each winter during the peak of whale season, the Island Whale Festival turns Phillip Island into a coastal hub of activity, with family-friendly events, marine education, and whale spotting opportunities.

For Peter, the highlight is sharing his images and experiences with others and continuing to learn from the stories of fellow presenters.

"I'm still learning as well, and I find new things out every day."

You can find Peter's photography on Facebook at Peter Fogarty Photography, and Instagram at peterfogartyphotography.

Catch Peter's presentation during the whale festival 'Photographing Whales is no Fluke' at 3pm in the Festival Hub Theatre on July 12.

Can't miss activities

• Whales, Culture and Conversation:

A moving evening hosted by ABC's Belinda Smith. Hear from Dr Wally Franklin, Dr Chels Marshall and Dr Jodi Edwards for an inspiring evening of conversation focused on science, culture and the deep connections between sea country and community. Saturday, July 12, Berninnet Theatre.

• Ocean Film Festival:

Dive deep into the world beneath the waves, where up-close encounters with curious marine creatures come to life on the big screen. Celebrate the ocean's wonders through the lens of talented filmmakers, share in the excitement, passion, and mysteries of the boundless blue. Screenings Thursday, July 10, Friday, July 11 and Sunday, July 13 at Berninnet Theatre.

• Whale Blessing Ceremony:

A powerful moment led by Uncle Steve Ulula Parker to bless the whales and wish them safe passage on their migration past Milawul to the warmer northern waters. Saturday, July 12, Cowes Foreshore.

• Self-Guided Whale Spotting:

Grab your binoculars and follow the Phillip Island and Bass Coast Whale Discovery Trail following a series of stunning coastal lookout points.

• Whale Watching Cruises:

Head out on the water with Wildlife Coast Cruises to spot whales, seals and dolphins in their natural habitat.





A candlelit escape from the winter chill

AS THE chill of midwinter settles across the coast, Churchill Island's historic shearing shed will come alive with light, music and rich flavours this month for a special event.

On Saturday, July 12, Whisky, Wine and Whales is hosting an intimate candlelight concert where guests can embrace the spirit of the season with bold drinks, hearty food and soul-stirring live music.

Coinciding with the opening of the Phillip Island Whale Festival, guests will sip and savour food and drinks from local producers before enjoying the performance by Cedar Collective.

The quartet will play a mix of classical hits and covers – from Beethoven and Vivaldi to Coldplay, Fleetwood Mac and Queen.

Guests will receive a complimentary drink on arrival and can then purchase smooth rums from JimmyRum Dromana, fine whiskies from Loch Distillery and premium wines from Silverwater Winery alongside indulgent food to ward off the winter chill.

There will be a Uruguayan BBQ, and Create Catering will be selling delicious sliders and hot drinks.

With its flickering candlelight and a talented quartet performing against a cosy fireside backdrop, the evening promises an immersive and atmospheric experience.

Proudly presented by Phillip Island Nature Parks, only 100 guests will have the chance to experience this wonderful event, with shows at 5.30pm and 8pm. Doors open at 5pm.

Entry is \$60 per person and restricted to guests aged 18 and over.

The event is cashless, and tickets must be booked via whiskywineandwhales.com.

Ocean Film Festival heads to Phillip Island

DIVE deep into the world beneath the waves, where up-close encounters with curious marine creatures come to life on the big screen.

Celebrate the ocean's wonders through the lens of talented filmmakers, and share in the excitement, passion, and mysteries of the boundless blue.

The Ocean Film Festival World Tour is making waves across the globe.

"This year, we are especially thrilled to showcase three incredible Australian films," said Jemima Robinson, founder of the Ocean Film Festival World Tour.

"It's a fantastic accomplishment for Australian filmmakers to have their work celebrated alongside international stories."

The stunning "White Rock" highlights a bold conservation effort to save Australia's Great Southern Reef by transforming the ecological crisis into sustainable solutions. The poetic and heartfelt "Goddess" offers an ode to the underwater world, inviting audiences to fall in love with the sea's vibrant life. Meanwhile, "Astronaut in the Ocean" profiles bodyboarder Shane Ackerman, whose fearless pursuit of the waves embodies the pure joy of ocean passion.

These Australian stories join an inspiring selection from around the globe. Audiences will witness the transformative journey of Hawaiian photographer and surfer Mike Coots in "The Call", discover how surfing brings empowerment and hope to Liberian youth in "We the Surfers", follow a poignant Alaskan journey of human impact in "Footprints on Katmai", and be mesmerised by the ethereal underwater ballet captured in "Aquaballet".

Audiences will be treated to three hours of captivating, thought-provoking films that celebrate the ocean.

The festival presents a diverse mix of ocean-themed films – ranging in length and style – that dive into everything from high-seas adventure and environmental insights to fascinating marine life, water sports, coastal communities, and the people who hold the ocean close to their hearts.

Tracking giants, a flipping good time

GEORGIA Bisset is no stranger to the waves of Phillip Island onboard Wildlife Coast Cruises, nor the beauty of the majestic whales, cheeky seals and curious dolphins.

"I'm heading into my sixth whale season," Wildlife Coast Cruises environmental officer Georgia said noting she completed a Bachelor of Environmental Science and Wildlife Conservation Biology, which brought her to Phillip Island.

"It's incredibly unique how often we are able to get out on the water, and that frequency is reflected in the data we can collect, what we're able to see and share. There is so much about whales and marine life that we don't know, and we're continuously discovering new things."

Of particular excitement for Georgia is the citizen science program run onboard.

"It's been running for a couple of years, and we've got 10 dedicated citizen science photographers. For each tour we have one of the photographers come on board and their role is to take an image of the underside of the whale's tail – the fluke."

"Since bringing them onboard we've been able to increase the amount of whale ID shots. Last year we added 150 individuals to the catalogue, which was amazing! That's 150 individuals that we can monitor and track."

Similar to human fingerprints, each whale's fluke is unique – its scars, pigmentation and shape all serve as identifiers.

"This week we had a notification that one of the whales we catalogued in 2023 off Pyramid Rock, was seen again on June 15 this year around the Island," she said.

"It's really exciting when we do get a match."



Environmental officer Georgia Bisset has spent six seasons on the water collecting vital whale data and unforgettable moments.

"Understanding what areas they're visiting regularly, how far they're travelling, what time of year they're moving, whether they've got a calf – it all adds to the bigger picture."

Another notable re-sighting was of a whale passing through Wilsons Prom on its return to Antarctica in September 2021 – then seen again last October.

"We're in such a unique position. The fact that we're out there seven days a week for a couple of months allows us to collect all this information and then share it with researchers and universities."

And it's not just years between sightings. One whale was identified in Merimbula last October and spotted a week later at Wilsons Prom.

"It gives you an idea of the speed of the whale as well. The more data we collect, it gives us a better understanding of them."

Visitors can also get involved, with QR codes scattered around the boats enabling passengers to share photos and contribute to the research.

"Phillip Island in general is just amazing – you've got seals, penguins, migratory whales," Georgia said.

"We were visited by orcas last week on the boat – it was beautiful. We had three females and two calves, and we were able to travel with them for an hour. They're probably the biggest surprise we get on the water because they don't have a month – they're really nomadic."

In the first two and a half weeks of the season, visitors have been spoilt with humpback, southern right whales and orcas, with whales spotted on 29 out of 30 tours.

"It's pretty incredible to have all three in our first two and a half weeks – we've been absolutely spoilt and we've still

got five and a half weeks to go.

"We hadn't seen southern right whales in two years off the boat – there are around 300 individuals in the eastern population, and the chances of seeing them are not very high."

"But that day was amazing. It hung around Friday through to Sunday and we got some amazing ID shots of the whale as well."

Southern right whales are identified by the distinctive callosity patterns on their heads, and monitoring them is vital due to their endangered status.

"It's obviously important to know their movements and what they're doing, where they're visiting – areas we need to protect."

As of Thursday last week, 111 marine mammals had already been spotted this season – compared to 293 total last year.

"With five weeks to go we're expecting the numbers to be really, really good," Georgia said.

Those heading along to spot a whale or two can jump onto the Wildlife Whales App – developed by Wildlife Coast Cruises, it's a great alternative if you're unable to head out on a cruise with live whale sightings and historic data.

Wildlife Coast Cruises will also host a special Dolphin and Whale Cruise on Thursday, July 10 at 9am, featuring special guests Dr Jodi Edwards, Dr Chels Marshall, Dr Wally Franklin and Uncle Steve Ulula Parker. For more information head to wildlifecoastcruises.com.au/dw-cruise-special-guests.

As for the best part of Georgia's job?

"Being able to head out and not know what you're going to see each day is really exciting!"

Hop onboard for a whale watching experience

WHALE watching at Phillip Island offers a uniquely Victorian experience, far from the warm waters and whale nurseries of Queensland.

One day it may be calm seas and sunny skies on Phillip Island, the next waves crash against the boat as storm clouds threaten in the distance. But what makes the experience all the more beautiful is that the whales pass through these rugged waters of Bass Strait, surfacing against a backdrop of a dramatic coast and winter skies.

And whilst the challenge can be spotting the majestic animals amongst the waves, in the wild weather their behaviour can be more exaggerated – after all they have to communicate louder than the weather.

And it's not just about whales, either. Winter brings dolphins closer to shore, playful fur seals haul out on the rocks, and albatrosses sweep across the seas.

Each year, whales travel thousands of kilometres on one of the longest migrations in the animal kingdom, and the beauty of our cherished southern coast is that you can see them on their



Jump onboard this whale season and experience the majestic creatures in their own environment.

journey north and later in their season back home on their journey south.

"Thanks to our citizen science program, we're recognising returning individuals year on year, contributing valuable data to help protect these species for the future," Ben Dickie of Wildlife Coast Cruises noted.

"When a whale is spotted off Phillip Island, it's not just the crew who are watching. It's the whole community, locals, and visitors alike. Sharing sightings, swapping stories, and celebrating another year of these migrating ocean

giants."

And there's something special about being on the water near these creatures, the moments when they look into your eyes and soul, when they are in a playful mood and have fun in the waves. You're in their territory now, and every encounter carries a sense of awe and humility.

Sometimes, it's just a distant tail flick or a soft puff of breath on the horizon. Other times, it's an almighty breach that leaves the whole boat in silence – then laughter – as salt spray rains down like confetti. It's not

choreographed. It's wild, raw, and utterly real.

Local guides on board are not only seasoned spotters but passionate storytellers, weaving together science and culture, past and present. They'll share tales of orcas passing through to Seal Rocks, of mothers and calves travelling tight together, of curious juveniles looping back to check out the boat one more time.

Jumping onboard a whale-watching cruise is your chance to be a part of something bigger that supports our majestic sea creatures big and small.

So, rug up and keep your eyes peeled. Because on these southern waters, every wave holds a secret, and every swell might bring a giant to the surface.

For more information on whale-watching cruises visit wildlifecoastcruises.com.au.

Whale watching cruises run around Phillip Island between now and early August, before setting sail to Wilsons Prom for the whales' return journey to Antarctica between late August to the end of October.

Celebrating NAIDOC Week at Berninneit Art Gallery with Uncle Steven Ulula Parker

A COMPELLING exhibition of contemporary and traditional work from Milawul artist Steven Ulula Parker is a feature of NAIDOC Week at the Berninneit Art Gallery.

‘Warreeny Ngulu’ or ‘Ocean Voice’ showcases Parker’s latest works including paintings, traditional objects and ceremonial and contemporary songline audio recordings.

A descendant of the Boonwurrung, Yorta Yorta, and Erub peoples, Uncle Steve Parker is not only an accomplished local artist but also a respected cultural educator and surfer.

Through Warreeny Ngulu Parker invites audiences to engage with the healing nature of Milawul exploring traditional themes that resonate deeply with his ancestral roots.

“People need to tune into their own murran marrup (body and spirit),” said Uncle Steve.

“The land has been walked



Millowl local artist Uncle Steven Ulula Parker a descendant of Boonwurrung, Yorta Yorta and Erub country presents a solo exhibition at the Berninneit Art Gallery on Phillip Island. B30_2625

on for thousands of years and the more you connect in a deeper way to Country, the more Country and the Ancestors will show you.”

Parker believes our songlines are still here.

“It’s about bringing them back to this part of Country

where they have been lost.”

Painting on canvas, as well as contemporary objects such as surfboards and skateboards Parker’s work has wide appeal to a diverse range of audiences.

Living in Surf Beach since 1999 Uncle Steve is a keen

surfer and surf instructor.

Growing up in Warragul (dingo) and Buln Buln (lyre-bird) he has a deep connection to Country.

“My grandfather’s Country is Torres Strait. My Grandmother’s Country is Yorta Yorta and Boonwurrung.”

A video of Parker’s work and songline audio recordings are central to the exhibition.

“I love all the works, but I really love street art.

“I surfed The Pines and reshaped boards lying out the back of my home,” he said.

Parker is committed to protecting the environment.

“Everybody needs to think about the impact they have on the earth and what they’re leaving for their great, great-grandchildren.”

“Microplastics are a major threat to the marine life in our backyard.”

Warreeny Ngulu (Ocean Voice) is open 10am to 4pm daily until July 20 and entry is free.

“It’s about animals!... It’s about Imagination!... It’s about our Home!”

MAGICAL and meaningful, Imagine Live is a celebration of creativity, friendship and our precious natural world. With the help of the audience, performers play and sing their way through the pages of Imagine, and quickly discover there is way more to these pages than they first thought. Spot a leopard, dive with a dolphin or dig up a dinosaur as this iconic book springs into life before your eyes.

Imagine Live is an innovative, artistically rigorous work using cutting-edge body mapping digital puppetry, face recognition technology, animation, original music and participatory storytelling.

Underscored by a beautiful music score, characters and objects travel between real and animated worlds. Imagine Live oscillates between Imagine’s iconic natural environments and the playful home setting of the children. Projection screens work seamlessly with oversized props and puppets skillfully brought to life by live performers and digital



IMAGINE LIVE by Jolyon James, based on the book ‘Imagine’ by Alison Lester, will be live on July 10 at Berninneit Cowes. Photo: Peter Foster.

puppeteers. The players use creativity to connect a long-distance video call between a granddaughter and grandmother, enjoying a nostalgic connection with their favourite book, Imagine.

Relevant to both multi-generational and diverse audiences, the show is a reminder that connection, creativity and play are essential ingredients for positive

mental health.

Imagine Live’s deep environmental theme invites us to look beyond our backyards into a shared and richly beautiful world. A stage adaptation by Jolyon James, a multidisciplinary visual artist, writer and performance maker, who shared that it’s a beautiful iconic book, and Alison Lester is so cherished as an author.

“What I love particularly about this book is that it is for me whenever I read it to my two children, unlike other books, it was like a permission to play,” said Jolyon.

“We went out to visit Alison on her property before we started because we wanted to go right back to the beginning and really honour the source of this, and she’s so humble.”

In watching the performance herself, Alison said, It’s exquisite! So rich, real, layered and perfect for kids.

“I kept having to pinch myself that Imagine was my book, I feel so honoured.”

Building on the knowledge and success gained in the creation of Helpmann award winning show, Robot Song, Imagine Live reunites the creative team Ashlea Pyke, Nate Gilkes, Phillip McInnes and welcomes Eliza Hull as an access inclusion consultant to create an experience that is as enjoyable as it is transformative.

A show for the whole family on July 10 at Berninneit, Cowes. Tickets are available at basscoastculturalvenues.com/live-at-berninneit-cowes.

Discover Bass Coast’s dinosaur history

THERE’S no need for a dreary winter school holiday break with the help of the South Gippsland Conservation Society.

Bunurong Coast Education is once again running its popular Holiday Discovery Program, with plenty of excitement to be had.

Dinosaur Discovery at The Caves will be held on Tuesday, July 8, from 2pm to 4pm.

Participants will be given the opportunity to learn more about the dinosaurs that once roamed Bass Coast and hunt for dinosaur fossils.

They will discover fault lines from ancient earthquakes and petrified trees from the age of the dinosaurs, followed by rock breaking.

Participants will need to wear suitable shoes and transport themselves to The Caves on the Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road.

The rock-breaking session will take place at the Wallace Avenue Community Park in Inverloch.

Dinosaur Discovery – Palaeo Laboratory will be held on Tuesday, July 15, from 10am to 12pm.

This indoor activity will take place at Bunurong Environment Centre.

The participants will learn how to find and identify Australian dinosaurs, get up to date on the latest palaeontology research, and create their own fossil.

This session will also be completed by the rock-breaking activity at the Wallace Avenue Community Park.

Dinosaur Discovery at Eagles Nest is on Friday, July 18, from 9.30am to 11.30am.

On the site of Australia’s first dinosaur bone discovery, participants here will also look for fault lines, petrified trees and fossils.

Participants will need sturdy footwear, warm clothes depending on the weather, and their own transport to Eagles Nest.

All sessions will be run by an education officer from the Bunurong Environment Centre.

The sessions are capped at groups of 25 and entry tickets are required for all children and accompanying adults.

For more details, head to events.humanitix.com/host/bunurong-coast-education.

Family fun takes centre stage at the Penguin Parade

AS THE winter chill settles over the Bass Coast, Phillip Island Nature Parks is bringing the fun indoors at the awe-inspiring Penguin Parade Visitor Centre. From midday each day during these Victorian school holidays, the Penguin Parade will come alive with a line-up of activities designed to entertain, inspire, and connect hearts and minds with nature.

In the Penguin Theatre, families can enjoy special screenings of two heartwarming films that celebrate our favourite feathered friends: Happy Feet and the Aussie classic Oddball. It’s the perfect chance to slow down, warm up, and enjoy some penguin-themed, popcorn-worthy fun.

For the adventurous, a guided walking tour departs daily at 2pm, an opportunity to explore penguin habitat on the Summerland Peninsula, spot penguin paths and burrows, and learn about these remarkable seabirds from the people who know them best.

With free storytelling sessions for little ones, a colouring-in competition, and the rare treat of seeing the Parade open early, families can enjoy a behind-the-scenes feel before the penguins make their evening appearance.

The on-site café and full service Shearwater Restaurant will be open throughout the day, offering everything from hot chocolates to hearty seasonal meals. Both eco-conscious retail shops will also be open, stocked with thoughtfully curated penguin gifts, art, homewares and keepsakes.

Whether you’re a local after a winter outing or a visitor curious about Phillip Island’s iconic wildlife, the Penguin Parade is the place to be these school holidays.

Activities run daily during the Victorian School Holidays from Saturday, July 5 to Sunday, July 20. Free entry and activities. Bookings and costs apply for movie screenings and Guided Adventure Tours.

To view the full program or to book, visit: penguins.org.au.

Vintage bridal wear display to open at the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine

A SPECIAL two-month Wedding Dress Display will be open from this weekend at the State Coal Mine featuring wedding dresses and memorabilia from local mining families.

From the opening of the State Coal Mine in 1909 right through to when the mine finally closed in 1968 some of our local families’ happiest moments have been captured in a display of vintage bridal wear dating back to the turn of last century.

Located in a delightfully restored railway carriage near the underground entrance to the State Coal Mine the wedding dress exhibition has been carefully collected and curated by Friends of the State Coal Mine with props on loan from the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group.

Among the items featured

are Antena Dorothy Anthony’s wedding dress when she married Leo O’Connor in 1937, Margaret Ruth White’s wedding dress when she married George Parker in 1958, Joyce Lorraine White’s bridal ensemble when she married Kevin (Jim) Donovan in 1952, Lorraine Rose Maurey’s wedding dress and ribbons when she married Hindrikus (Henk) Gerbes in 1964, and Phylis Mary McKenzie’s wedding dress and satin horseshoe when she married Reginald Wilson in 1959.

Reg Wilson worked in the mine from 1950 until it closed in 1968.

The vintage bridal wear and wedding day memorabilia will be on display for two months between 11am and 2pm on Saturdays and Sundays at the State Coal Mine in Wonthaggi.



Tracey Jones from Friends of the State Coal Mine with part of the collection of vintage bridal wear on display for two months at the State Coal Mine. B06_2625



South Gippsland Hospital celebrates NAIDOC Week

JOIN South Gippsland Hospital as they celebrate NAIDOC Week on Wednesday, July 9, at 11am with a traditional smoking ceremony, including Yidaki performance.

The ceremony will take place in the hospital car park and be followed by a warm lunch and a cosy yarn in the Fleming Room. RSVP to 5683 9777



Birdz & Fred Leone live at Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre on July 5, 7.30pm. Birdz's sharp, poetic, rhythmic lyricism fused with Aboriginal Creole and Fred's soaring vocals. Photo: Marcus Coblyn.

Birdz & Fred Leone live in Wonthaggi with local support Fonzie

BIRDZ & Fred are cousins by family, but brothers in music. Both artists hail from Ngulungbura Clan of the Butchulla Nation, with Fred Leone being one of the three Butchulla songmen.

Indeed, their forthcoming EP's title, "Girra", means fire in the Butchulla language and pays homage to their traditional language, roots and identity.

This is a project the likes of which have not been seen before. A perfect pairing of Birdz's sharp, poetic, rhythmic, lyrics fused with Aboriginal Creole and Fred's soaring vocals in both Butchulla and English – this is an Australian story with a global audience.

This collaboration builds on the success of their hit single Bagi-La-m Bargan, which has been streamed 2.2 million times, came in at #30 on JJJ's Hottest 100, and was widely licensed, from LinkedIn to SBS to various films and TV shows. Indeed, Birdz's album LEGACY saw single after single added to high rotation on JJJ and was selected as the station's Album Of The Week.

The Girra EP was produced by Trials, a Ngarrindjeri man and a multi-platinum, Aria-winning producer who has worked with a stellar cast of artists, from Hilltop Hoods and A.B. Original to Paul Kelly and Archie Roach.

Birdz & Fred Leone will be working with the highly lauded artist and activist Richard Bell on the artwork for their debut EP. Richard is one of Australia's most in-demand and high-profile contemporary Indigenous artists, and this pairing is, in itself, a statement of the power and scope that this new project wields.

Birdz & Fred Leone, presented by The Hills Are Alive and Ocean Sounds will perform live at Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre with local support act Fonzie, a proud local Gunai man set to bring his unique style to the stage. Saturday, July 5, 7.30 pm, visit trybooking.com/events/landing/1332831.

Celebrating Strength, Vision and Legacy this NAIDOC Week



WKY Events will be running cultural games on Sunday, July 6 at the free Ngangga event.



Fonzie (Paul) Patten will be taking to the stage as part of the free Ngangga Festival.



Uncle Kutcha Edwards will be performing at Berninnet as part of the NAIDOC Week celebrations.



Whilst at Berninnet check out Yawa (Long Journey) which is suspended overhead in the grand hall.

BASS Coast is ready to celebrate National NAIDOC Week 2025 with a full program of events and celebrations planned.

NAIDOC celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year, NAIDOC Week marks a powerful milestone of 50 years of honouring and elevating First Nations voices, culture, and resilience. The theme of Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of young leaders, the vision of Communities and legacy of Ancestors.

This year, First Nations Community members, Bass Coast Reconciliation Network and Bass Coast Cultural Venues are presenting a co-ordinated program of events and invite everyone to get involved and join the celebrations, learning and fun.

2025 NAIDOC Art Exhibition

ArtSpace Wonthaggi comes alive with a showcase of artworks by 13 First Nations artists of Bass Coast.

"This year celebrates 50 years of honouring the culture, creativity and resilience of First Nations People throughout Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities," said Mary Mutsaers, exhibition organiser.

Everyone is invited to visit the gallery, meet the artists and experience a traditional Welcome to Country on Saturday, July 5 from 1pm-3 pm.

The exhibition runs until Sunday, July 20 with a virtual exhibition running in tandem at naidoc-art.com.au.

• **ArtSpace Wonthaggi, Centennial Centre, 1 Bent Street, Wonthaggi Call 5672 5767**

Free Ngangga Festival

Experience the very first 'Ngangga: on Milawul (Phillip Island)! Ngangga means to hear, to understand, to listen in Boonwurrung language. The free event will begin with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony. Then enjoy First Nations stalls, Community organisations, musicians and artists coming together to celebrate Culture through fun activities, games, live music, deadly (great) information and support, arts, crafts and more.

It will be a treat to see acclaimed First Nations artists Candice Lorrain and Fonzie (Paul) Patten performing as part of the free festival along with local business WKY Events running cultural games and Patrice Mahoney from Create!Co running an art activity.

Candice is a multi-talented singer-songwriter and music producer, born on the ancestral lands of the Larrakia and now lives in Naarm on Kulin Country and is notably recognised for her contributions with the iconic pop duo, The Merindas.

• **Sunday, July 6, 12pm-5pm, Berninnet, Cowes**

Uncle Kutcha Edwards

Multi-award winner Kutcha uses his mesmeric music to create connections across cultures, generations, and spaces. His charismatic stage presentations deepen our understanding of Australia's first people.

As a respected Elder and survivor from the Stolen Generations, a Kutcha Edwards live experience takes you on a journey with stories from his life, that segue so eloquently into

each other. This show is close to selling out – join the wait list for tickets if you miss out.

• **Sunday, July 6, 7.30pm, Berninnet, Cowes**

Catching the Light

Eight local First Nations artists will be showcased in the Catching the Light exhibition, lighting up the Union Theatre in Wonthaggi and Berninnet in Cowes for NAIDOC Week.

Hosted by Bass Coast/South Gippsland Reconciliation Group who work to further reconciliation between First Nations and Non-First Nations Australians and educate themselves and the community about Aboriginal history and culture.

Birdz & Fred Leone supported by Fonzie

The Birdz & Fred Leone collaboration builds on the success of their hit single Bagi-La-m Bargan. Between them, they have collaborated and toured with the likes of Public Enemy, Missy Higgins, John Butler, Xavier Rudd, Dead Prez, Amanda Palmer and many more iconic artists. They will be supported by Fonzie – a proud, local Gunai man with music in his blood.

• **Saturday, July 5, 7.30pm, The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi**

Maree Clarke Yawa Long Journey

A tribute to culture and community

Renowned artist Maree Clarke's latest masterpiece – Yawa (Long Journey) is now suspended overhead the grand hall at Berninnet, Cowes This captivating artwork, comprised of 30 intricately crafted Murrini glass panels forming a breathtaking glass canoe.

The artwork melds traditional craftsmanship with contemporary vision whilst highlighting the delicate play of light and colour inspired by the surrounding wetlands and ocean.

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

Steven Ulula Parker Wareeny Ngulu – Ocean Voice

Don't miss this stunning, free exhibition of new work by Milawul artist – Steven Ulula Parker. Uncle Steve is a descendant of the Boonwurrung, Yorta Yorta, and Erub peoples and is an artist, surfer and leading cultural educator.

This immersive exhibition combines painting, traditional objects, and songline audio recordings. Steve's work brings together ceremonial and contemporary practices, that invite audiences to connect to the nature of Milawul as a place of healing.

• **Until July 20, Free Entry, Berninnet, Cowes**

Bass Coast Shorts: 2025 NAIDOC Week First Nations Screening

An afternoon of short films created by First Nations artists from around the world.

The series of narrative and documentary films are by and about First Nations peoples both in Australia and around the world.

• **Sunday, July 13, 2pm, The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi**

Keep up to date with the latest information at basscoastculturalvenues.com and basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation.



NAIDOC Week in Bass Coast



Safina Stewart – Wuthathi Country QLD & Mabuag Island Torres Strait Islands.
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Steven Ulula Parker
Warreeny Ngulu | *Ocean Voice* Until 20 Jul | FREE
Berninneit, Cowes



Maree Clarke Yawa | Long Journey
Grand Hall
Berninneit, Cowes



Catching The Light
Exhibition runs from 4 Jul – 31 Dec | Daily | FREE
Light Box Lane, Wonthaggi



Birdz & Fred Leone – supported by Fonzie
Saturday 5 Jul | 7.30pm
The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi



NAIDOC Art Exhibition Until 20 July | FREE
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Wonthaggi ArtSpace, Wonthaggi



Bass Coast Shorts First Nations Screening
Sunday 13 Jul | 2.00pm – 3.30pm | FREE
The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi



Ngangga Festival *To hear, understand, listen*
Sunday 6 Jul | 12.00pm – 5pm | FREE
Berninneit, Cowes



Uncle Kutcha Edwards
Sunday 6 Jul | 7.30pm
Berninneit, Cowes



Bass Coast Shire Council and Bass Coast Reconciliation Network acknowledge the Bunurong as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands and waters, and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture, and Lore.



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COMMENT

Leave community questions alone!

IT'S the natural instinct of government bureaucracies, including local government administrators, to try and maintain a level of secrecy and control over just about everything they do.

And a source of great irritation for the powers that be at the Bass Coast Shire Council is Public Question Time at the monthly council meetings.

Each time there's a change of council, they roll out a review of their governance rules, including attacking Public Question Time, and predictably, they're at it again.

Key among the proposed changes this time are:

- The person who submitted the question must be present in the Chamber at Public Question Time... if the person is not present, the question will not be read out or included in the minutes. It will be included on the Engage Bass Coast page.
- Question time will be for a maximum of 30 minutes unless extended by a Council resolution.

Oh, they'll tell you that the system is abused by those with a bee in their bonnet, that it's only the same'ol people who ask the questions, that it delays the business of the meeting and distracts focus from the important matters of the day.

And that may be true.

But it also provides an opportunity for residents and ratepayers, who may have exhausted all other avenues of inquiry to have their concerns addressed in public, or to raise an issue of general concern, about the operations of council, that they believe everyone has a right to know.

It was only as a result of questions from the public, for example, that we got anywhere near finding out how much it cost to design and construct the cultural centre in Cowes, Bernin-neit.

In March 2024, Mario Boffa wanted to know how much it cost to build the facility, including the Passivhaus features, receiving the response that "Berninneit was built under a lump sum design and construction contract at a total cost of \$32m. This cost included all design and construction works associated with Berninneit including Passivhaus certification."

So, \$32 million for design and construction. How much for equipment, artworks and all the rest we'll probably never know.

The focus of the proposed change seems to be getting the questions off the council agenda and onto the shire's 'Engage Bass Coast' website but out of sight is out of mind, and allows the shire bureaucracy to assume full control, again, over the release of information.

The other problem, insisting that members of the public asking the question must be at the meeting, on the third Wednesday of the month, at 1pm at Wonthaggi, disenfranchises just about everyone who works or who lives outside of Wonthaggi.

Certainly, question time has become something of a plaything for avid "council watchers". But, so what? They often put questions that provide useful public information in response, and at least someone is taking an interest!

Importantly, though, they have often provided a genuine opportunity for residents and ratepayers to address issues in the public domain, and for council to demonstrate a level of openness and transparency which we're told is highly prized.

Stop horsing around and help, they say

I READ with interest your lead story entitled - Aileen's dilemma.

Accordingly, I identified several facts:

Aileen owns her own land, pays rates for it and has lived in a unit on that land, constructed in her existing shed, for over 20 years. It is her mailing address.

After approximately 20 years, the Shire Council demands she move out of her unit as she does not have a certificate of occupancy.

They sympathise with her problem but offer no positive solution. Instead, she is issued with an eviction notice and ordered to appear in court. Very negative.

The solutions would appear to be simple.

1. Shire council to arrange (and pay) for an independent inspection to outline any necessary renovations. Outline why her unit is not fit for purpose. Presently, shire assumes this without proof.
2. Issue permits to undertake these. Cost-free.
3. Offer help in sourcing materials and tradesmen to undertake renovations.
4. On completion, Shire to guarantee to issue a certificate of occupancy.

These actions are all doable. Community help may well be available through service clubs and volunteers, grants and working bees.

Aileen has done volunteer work throughout her life. This would be a fitting pay-back. A positive plan of assistance.

We, as concerned residents, need to stand up for what is good and right.

It is disappointing that our elected representatives need to be reminded of their duty to their people.

Concerned resident, Yvonne Morrison OAM, Inverloch (For services to equestrian sports)

Suggest mediation and help, not court action

Open letter to the South Gippsland Shire Council and the community.

NO DOUBT by now the council persons would be aware of Aileen's plight in relation to her being evicted from her home in Meeniyian.

Michael Giles of the Sentinel Times newspaper yesterday gave a very good account of the situation, and his editorial summed up the disgraceful situation that South Gippsland Shire Council has placed her in.

I am a friend of Aileen Hughes and wish to advocate on her behalf (with her consent), and hope that this impasse can be broken in a sensible and non-combative court situation. My way forward is to suggest a mediation be held by the parties. That meeting and process be convened by a mutually agreeable, non-conflicted third party. I will go on further to explain her situation and why I believe this to be the best approach going forward.

During 1994/1995 she wanted to build a shed for her storage of various items etc. She consulted with the relevant departments relating, and was informed that if the shed was built more than 100 metres from the road, and professionally built, that would be ok. These authorities being the Department of Building for Woorayal and South Gippsland Shire Councils.

(A) She was informed by two council officers who made notes on the conversation and requirements that the construction of the shed was done within professional standards and council construction standards that would be ok, and no permit required.

(B) Less than 12 months later, and due to travel distance between her abode and her property in Meeniyian she considered that she needed to be closer to her animals etc. That is when she revisited the council offices to seek requirements relative to constructing a liveable small unit within the shed confines. Her advice from the council (again with two council officers

taking notes) was that so long as the construction (including septic system, plumbing, electrical services etc) were completed by professional local trades persons, that this would be ok.

All done in accordance with this advice, there was no mention of any additional permit requirements – this was not exceptional with requirements that existed at the time.

Twenty years on, in or about 2016 Aileen received a call from a SGSC officer [name] who requested a visitation appointment, and this was completed by [name] immediately following. Aileen considered that she should have a witness present at the inspection that has now proven to be prophetic and vital to her case and somewhat absolutely damning against the council.

The officer [name] stated at that visit that she did not see any issues but that she needed to report back to council superiors about her observations. Before she left, she stated that should there be any concerns council would revert that day. No communication for seven years.

Recently Aileen put in a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to council for disclosure of information and documentation on her file.

The council produced a file that did not include the following:

- File notes relating to both the shed construction and subsequent conversion to a unit within.
- Officer's notes [name] from her visit and report to her management's involvement.

We understand that within the FOI regime there are exclusions that allow the council to relieve their obligation to disclose such information – in this case, I suggest there is no such exclusion, and more appropriately it is a non-disclosure of material facts. Production of these documents is absolutely crucial to Aileen's defence, against a considered trumped-up charge. I'm sure the council will refute this, but as there was a witness present (and as we believe [name] is still employed by SGSC). Maybe a voluntary disclosure statement by her might save further embarrassment and reputational ridicule by your constituents.

Council will have to answer to the above either in court or otherwise, but it may be better to disclose the above and why it was not disclosed in the first place. Also, re the FOI documents, there is in excess of 120 pages of blacked-out redacted items. One would have to question with that volume what else has been hidden and not disclosed here.

After various inspection visits by council employees [names included], whose respective titles are Building and Planning Compliance Technical Officer and Coordinator of Building and Planning Compliance, that the only issue these persons could come up with was the lack of a smoke alarm, which was immediately fixed and confirmed with council.

The building eviction order issued by [another] council officer [named] has been signed with the title of Municipal Building Surveyor, who has never even visited or sighted the premises.

One would have thought that three such well-credentialed persons would be capable of issuing a report outlining any building issues that exist. After all, if they can't, why are they employed at ratepayers' expense in those positions?

No such report has ever been issued or given to Aileen or any notification of any issue whatsoever (other than the smoke alarm). It is beyond pathetic and amounts to inordinate bullying and harassment. It is having a huge effect on her mental state. She has trouble sleeping with high anxiety, as one would understand from a pensioner aged 75, who is facing eviction from her own home where she has lived for nearly 30 years. All this with her pushed out in the street in the middle of winter.

We note that in the council's response for comment to the Sentinel-Times they refer to issues with people living in sheds in that "councils have observed serious risks including poor living conditions,

fire hazards, water damage and mould". As no such situation exists here, and this is not a person living in a shed, this is an attempt, I suggest by the council, to distract people from the real facts in this case. This dwelling was properly constructed within a shed shell and is an entirely different situation.

So, in summary then, I would put forward that my suggestion of mediation is the most sensible way forward for the parties. The reputational damage for the council is huge here if this proceeds to court.

Hopefully somebody in the SGSC demonstrates a modicum of basic humanity and understanding of the issues and immediately ceases legal proceedings. Please be aware that her financial situation does not enable her to obtain legal representation or obtain a loan to pay for such.

She survives on a pension of \$26K per annum. She has paid in excess of \$40K in council rates over 31 years, so should there be a cost of a mediation we suggest they be met by council, as they are the people who initiated this mess.

Please revert within 48 hours to Aileen at her email address: [address deleted] as to how SGSC wishes to proceed. Please also copy me in on that correspondence.

Bart Harrold, Tarwin Lower

Leave Aileen alone, focus on what's important

I WAS disgusted to read that South Gippsland Council have issued a "Cease to Occupy" to Aileen Hughes.

South Gippsland Council have taken rates from Ms Hughes for the past 30 years.

Now they want to flush Aileen out of her home.

How dare they.

Aileen is 75 years old.

This is elder abuse for one thing.

South Gippsland Council should do something useful like fixing the poor roads.

Leave Aileen alone South Gippsland Council.

Pamela Tucker, Wonthaggi

Pick up after your dog

TO THE couple walking their two small dogs along Ullathornes Road, Inverloch about 4pm, Saturday, July 28 – we saw go deliberately place two poo bags in a person's garden. Just to let you know we picked up the bags and took them home to place in our rubbish bin.

People like you give dog owners a very bad name.

Name and address supplied

Be careful what you sign for

CORRECTION, in last edition, June 24, Your Say. Be careful what you sign for, "The Say No group has the majority with individual schemes (e.g. The Esplanade) where majority ratepayer support of 50 per cent plus one is demonstrable" was printed in error.

The sentence should have read "The Say No group has no issue with individual schemes (e.g. The Esplanade) where majority ratepayer support of 50 per cent plus one is demonstrable."

The 'Sentinel-Times' encourages readers to write with issues of interest or concern but letters that have a local reference point will be given priority. Writers are also urged to be brief where possible. Letters may be edited for space and legal reasons, and must be submitted with the author's name and contact details of which only the name and town location will appear.



District Governor Ian Davey with Korumburra Lions Club office bearers Jan Hutton, Alf Dennemoser, Val Wilson, Dale Osmond, Jean Worthy, and Janet and Roger Powell. A07_2625

Korumburra Lions Club continues to thrive

LIONS Club of Korumburra, established in 1967, continues to deliver benefits for the local community and play its part in funding Lions' projects further afield. Jan Hutton again formally accepting the presidency for the year ahead during the recent Changeover dinner at the Italian Social Club.

Admitting to nerves last year when taking on the presidency for the first time, Jan has clearly thrived since, attributing much of that to the support she has received and the willingness of everyone involved to do their bit.

"I have learnt so much and I know there's so much more to know," she said.

Jan noted that at the heart of the Korumburra Lions Club is a group of locals who care about the town and want to make a real difference locally, Australia-wide and internationally, supporting community, helping those in need and encouraging youth.

You'll find the club's friendly members helping cater for many local events and running the Korumburra Lions Easter Egg Hunt at Coal Creek, with a strong emphasis on fundraising for chosen causes.

Service is also a big aspect of the club's mission, and

that may be as simple as cooking a barbecue at Hill-side Lodge and chatting to residents.

The club continues to thrive, new member Jason Anderson inducted during the Monday night event, with another set to join soon after being unable to attend.

While enjoying a three-course meal, attendees heard about the many ways in which the club and Lions more broadly are contributing.

Members of the Carinya Lodge Committee of Management Howard Booth and Don Gillies were delighted to show the audience a 'vital signs machine' that will help monitor the health of Lodge residents, the purchase of which was assisted by money from the Christmas Cake Fund, to which Lions clubs can apply.

With Lions clubs having a strong focus on fostering youth, Korumburra Secondary College continues to be a local beneficiary of funding for music scholarships.

During the current cost of living crisis, organisations such as Vinnies and Milpara Community House received assistance.

That will help Vinnies provide vouchers and Christmas hampers for those in need, while Milpara's Food

Bank was supported.

Korumburra Lions Club's 2024-25 disbursements for local causes totalled \$8491, with a further \$1000 going to the Lions International Foundation, and \$3300 towards various Australian Lions' initiatives, \$12,791 all up.

Graham Cockerell of Lions Need for Feed attended the dinner, expressing his appreciation for the support Korumburra Lions Club continues to provide for that crucial lifeline for farmers and their livestock.

Outgoing 'Lions Ride for Sight' Chairman Ian de Bruyne spoke about the program and the enthusiastic support it receives, noting Korumburra Lions Club has long been involved with the event that has been running for 31 years, including hosting overnight and lunch stops.

"Korumburra hosted our ride three years ago, and that was a really good venue, good organisation, so I'd like to thank the Korumburra club as a whole for the support it's given to our Lions Ride for Sight," Ian said, the worthy cause again included in the recently announced disbursements.

While he was sceptical when President Hutton said

last year she would participate in the next ride, she was true to her word, albeit Jan admitted her survival was aided by borrowing another member's electric bike.

Funds raised through Ride for Sight are used for research and treatment of eye health problems such as macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy, improving the wellbeing of vision-impaired people, as well as public education, consistent with the Lions International goal of eradicating preventable blindness.

As well as information on what has been achieved, attendees heard about upcoming local projects such as a planned sensory garden at Korumburra Primary School.

Sentinel-Times looks forward to reporting on that initiative as it takes shape.

Korumburra Lions Club office bearers for 2025-2026

- Jan Hutton (president)
- Dale Osmond (vice president)
- Alf Dennemoser (secretary)
- Roger Powell (treasurer)
- Val Wilson (membership chair)
- Jean Worthy (member wellbeing chair)
- Janet Powell (marketing chair)

Disaster relief grant for Korumburra Women's Shed

THE Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal recently announced the recipients of their grant program, and a part of the Strengthening Rural Communities initiative, the Korumburra Women's Shed and Gallery, led by Moy-Yan Neighbourhood House received \$24,278.

The Korumburra Women's Shed and Gallery is undergoing a transformative rebuild, thanks in part to a Disaster Resilience Grant aimed at creating a space where women can come together, support one another, and build practical skills that promote independence and community strength.

Jen Belsar, president of the Korumburra Women's Shed, spoke about the importance of the space.

"We saw the need for a place of resilience. Somewhere

women can gather in tough times – like after storms through South Gippsland – to cook, talk, and help one another."

The Women's Shed, originally just a stripped-out shell with no plumbing or facilities, is now well on its way to becoming a fully equipped community hub.

"We took over the shed with very little, and we've been in the process of building it up ever since," Jen explained.

"We hope to have it up and running by the end of the year or early next year."

The Shed is set to become a hub for both community connection and skill building. Activities take place three to four times a week and range from food swaps and shared meals to workshops in welding, carpentry, pottery, fabric dyeing, and more. Donations

of power tools and community support have helped fuel the initiative.

One of Jen's popular programs is Weld Like a Girl, which offers women hands-on experience with tools and trades traditionally dominated by men.

"Most women will end up on their own at some point – divorced, widowed, or just living solo," Jen noted.

"If they don't have the skills or finances to maintain their homes, it can tip some into poverty. We're really focused on helping women look after themselves."

While the training isn't formal, the Shed offers women the chance to "come and get a taste" of trades in a supportive environment.

"It's about giving it a go – maybe you've never used a drill or hung a gate. Maybe

you don't know how to rehang a metal gate or fix a cupboard door," Jen said.

"Learning these skills saves stress and money – I renovated an old home and saved thousands just by learning how to do things myself."

Her advice to women?

"Buy that tool, and you'll save yourself thousands in the long run."

Jen says that by empowering women with traditionally male skills, the Shed is creating long-term resilience.

"Traditionally, men and women had their roles – you had a man around to fix things. But if he's not there anymore, what does a woman do? Rely on sons or neighbours? That can make you feel powerless and vulnerable. We want to enable women to stay in their homes, safely and confidently."

Forest still waiting for classification

IT'S been six years since a remnant of highly vulnerable and important forest in Mirboo North was declared an Immediate Protection Area (IPA) but it's still no closer to having a permanent classification.

Preserve Our Forests Mirboo North (POFMN) had an online meeting with Steve Dimopoulos MP, the Minister for Environment in August last year, who promised classification by May this year.

"We've heard nothing since, and it's now June," said Marg Thomas, Convenor POFMN.

"The forest was declared an IPA by Minister Lily D'Ambrosio in 2019, with a promise that a permanent classification would happen within six months.

"We're still no closer to a resolution to that problem."

Progress toward the classification of the park was made in 2022, when a wide range of stakeholders contributed to the recommendations to be put to the Government, via an Eminent Panel for Community Engagement, with the significant one being to classify the forest as a Conservation Park.

"What that means is that conservation is balanced against activities within that park, as in, bike riding and bushwalking and all that sort of stuff," explained Marg.

This would also include the formation of a management committee consisting of Parks Victoria, DEECA, Traditional Owners, Council and the community, who together could form a management plan for the Conservation Park.

This plan would guide the community on how the area could be engaged with and how it is looked after – with a particular view of protecting the greater glider – the original catalyst for the IPA.

Marg believes the delay of permanent classification may be due to the IPA being lumped in as part of the work the State Government is doing through the Great Outdoors Taskforce (GOT).

GOT are working out what to do with the forests that were previously managed for native logging and are anticipated to provide a report and recommendations to the government imminently.

In the meantime, POFMN will keep writing to the ministers and pushing for a resolution.

They also want to ensure that people are aware of and are able to enjoy the forest, part of which has been protected for decades, due to it being home to the powerful owl. The group also host regular guided walks for the public.

"We really like to show off this special little bit of forest that we've got," said Marg.

"And people are really loving when we do that, because a lot of them aren't aware of what's in that forest, because it's not an actual walking area that people go to. It's really quite dense and lovely."

Helping women stay safe online

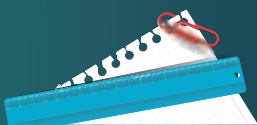
GENDERED and Family violence remains a critical issue throughout Gippsland and beyond, with regional and rural areas of Victoria experiencing family violence rates nearly double those in metropolitan areas. Increasingly, technology is being weaponised to perpetrate abuse through monitoring, tracking, harassment and intimidation.

Supported by the eSafety Commissioner's Preventing Tech-based Abuse of Women Grants Program, Gippsland Women's Health is launching the Stop Tech Abuse campaign and website – a vital new initiative tackling gendered tech-based abuse across regional and rural Victoria.

Developed in consultation with women living in regional and rural communities – as well as carers, service providers, and advocates – the eAware Stop Abuse campaign raises awareness about gendered tech-based abuse and its impact.

A dedicated website will serve as a central hub for practical resources aimed at improving women's safety online and promoting respectful behaviour among men and boys. In addition, online awareness workshops will help develop skills for local service providers to identify and respond to tech-based abuse effectively.

Gippsland Women's Health is calling on communities across Victoria to get involved.



William Elliott experiencing how different school was in a bygone era.

Stepping back in time to learn from the past

BY STEPPING back in time at Old Gippsstown, educators from St Paul's Anglican Grammar School provided Drouin Campus students a unique opportunity to experience life in a bygone era and reflect on how much has changed.

Seated at antique wooden desks and taught from a chalkboard, students experienced school without screens or smartboards – a striking contrast to their modern classrooms.

They also tried their hand at traditional, handcrafted games like tenpin bowling, quoits and horseshoe throwing, discovering that fun in the past came with a bit more effort.

Explorations around the heritage village included visits to The General Store, Service Station and Blacksmith's Workshop, to name a few.

More than just a lesson in history for their unit on Family History and Inventions, the day offered a meaningful experience beyond the classroom, connecting students with the past while supporting their wellbeing through hands-on learning and community connection.



Grayson Upston discovered an inventive way to cart dirt for the Kitchen Garden beds.

Students dig into wellbeing and learning

STUDENTS at St Paul's Anglican Grammar School's Drouin Campus have rolled up their sleeves to embrace hands-on learning through their 'Hands on Habitat' unit, taking an active role in the exciting development of a new Kitchen Garden on campus.

Prep to Year 3 students took their first steps in designing and planning the garden, marking the beginning of a project that will nurture both wellbeing and community connection. One group of students brainstormed vegetables to grow, while another mapped out the garden layout. A larger compost bin was also installed to complement the smaller ones already in use to support the school's focus on sustainability.

The project is designed to support student wellbeing and give young learners the chance to personalise their learning through real-world, purposeful experiences while encouraging them to work collaboratively, connect with the environment and explore sustainable practices.

As the garden grows, so too will student confidence, creativity and care for their environment – a true reflection of learning in action.

Newhaven College Board helps shape the future direction

NEWHAVEN College is supported by a committed Board of Directors, made up of familiar and trusted members of both the College and the local community. Along with principal Tony Corr and director of business Alan Nolan, their role is to help shape the school's direction and ensure the College continues to offer the best learning opportunities for students.

Recently, the Board convened over a weekend to discuss and decide on the College's strategic and financial direction. After the session, chair of the Board, David Jobe said, "Learning, Care, Community, Sustainability and Innovation are the keys to the College's Strategic direction – 'Hearts and Minds'. This year, the board is focused on the ongoing implementation of each of these keys, with particular emphasis on the first: Learning."

"Presentations from each of our Heads of School and our Director of Learning provided the Board with insight into the growing use of data in the classroom to deliver personalised learning for all our students," he said.

"The Board commends our principal and his leadership team for their passion, care and commitment to excellence."

College Board members bring valuable insight as current or former parents of Newhaven College students. David Jobe (member since 2015, chair since 2021) is an alumnus of the school. After serving as a Pilot Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force, David



Newhaven College Board of Governance 2025. Board Members, from left, Rebecca Naughtin, Steve Morris, Tracey Costello, Tony Corr (principal), Damien McKenna, Graham MacGregor, Kylie Holmes, David Jobe (chair), and Alan Norton (director of business).

managed The Continental Phillip Island before establishing Southern Sustainable Developments, focused on eco-friendly residential projects.

Deputy chair, Rebecca Naughtin, also a College alumna, joined the Board in 2022. Rebecca has worked as an architect, tertiary tutor and coordinator, and has sat on various boards and panels. In 2012, Rebecca founded an architecture firm where she is the principal director. Rebecca's experience in business, education and project management is hugely valuable to the College.

Kylie Holmes, who joined the Board in 2022, is in the role of treasurer. Kylie is the CEO of NEX Business Farming Wellness. She's dedicated to supporting farmers and rural businesses with financial planning services. She is the treasurer of Food and Fibre Gippsland and a local business owner with her husband.

There are four other critical members of the Board. Graham McGregor joined in 2022. Originally from Edinburgh, Graham spent 25 years working in the global energy industry. Graham is a partner at PwC in their Energy Transition Advisory. He has a passion for coaching and specialises in helping organisations build new capabilities and improve their governance.

Steve Morris (2023) is a seasoned management professional with expertise in digital technology. He developed B2B Commerce solutions in the 1990s, after which he founded an IT services business, and now heads an ERP Software company.

Tracey Costello (2023) is an accomplished strategic leader with a depth of finance and governance experience across corporate, government and non-government organisations. She has had various roles as a senior executive in

local and state government. Tracey is chief operating officer at VETASSESS, Australia's largest skills assessment service.

The most recent member to join the Board, Damien McKenna (2024), is a principal lawyer of Duffy and Simon, who acts for numerous clients in the property and commercial areas. In addition, he has provided advice over the years for numerous independent schools, focusing on compliance, contractual and policy advice and guiding them through various legal challenges.

David Jobe's vision for the Board is unwavering: "The Newhaven College Board is committed to supporting our Principal and his leadership team as they deliver on our shared vision – to inspire young people with knowledge, empathy and curiosity to engage in their world with confidence and a sense of purpose."

Lily-Grace takes home Gold and Best in Nation at WorldSkills

APPRENTICE jeweller from Meeniyan, Lily-Grace Toohill was awarded a Gold Medal in Jewellery and Best of Nation for being the higher-performing competitor across all categories at this year's National Championships and Skills Show.

This WorldSkills event has been going since 1981 and is Australia's largest, inviting young people from across the nation to showcase their talent across multiple fields.

The event was held in Brisbane and was attended by more than 35,000 people.

After qualifying with a second-place finish in the regional competition last year, Lily-Grace went head to head with over 600 competitors; across more than 60 skills categories, ranging from cyber security and cabinetmaking to cookery, floristry and plumbing.

Over three days Lily-Grace designed part of, and then put together a three-module pendant piece, created from 18-karat yellow gold.

"We didn't actually know what piece we were getting. We got it an hour prior to the actual competition and



Lily-Grace is congratulated by the QLD Minister for Finance Trade, Employment and Training, Rosslyn Bates.

we just had to wing it really," she explained.

Lily-Grace commented that the most challenging thing about the competition was that she didn't know how to prepare because they didn't know what they would

be working on.

Hoping to make the top three in the jewellery section, Lily-Grace was very surprised initially when she won the Gold Medal and when she was awarded Best in Nation.

"Oh, that was shocking. I didn't even know that was an award. And then they called my name and I was like, whoa!"

Creating something out of raw materials is the element of jewellery making that Lily-Grace loves and working with gold on a daily basis gave her the foundation for success, along with true dedication, countless hours of hard work and a remarkably innate creativity.

"It was a good experience," she said, and with true humility added.

"It means I'm all right at doing some things."

The International World Skills competition 2026 will be held in Shanghai and Lily-Grace is hoping to go, but may be limited due to an age barrier, and will find out in due course.

Lacey Jewellery Studio & Gallery in Meeniyan, where Lily-Grace is just about to be signed off on the completion of her apprenticeship stated, "We are so incredibly proud of Lily-Grace for all her hard work. She is a very talented jeweller, a beautiful person and a joy to have in our business."



Participants show off their sea-themed costumes, all made by BCAL's art students using recycled and found materials.
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BCAL's sustainable celebration

WHILE the weather outside may have been grey, the atmosphere inside the Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) centre was anything but, as the Wonthaggi Winter Fantasy Festival lit up the centre with colour and creativity on Wednesday, June 25.

Hosted by experienced local performer, Jess Rigby, who brought an unrivalled enthusiasm to her emceeing, the festival carried a theme of Sealife, Whimsy and Circus – a “bright and colourful” escape from the cold, according to BCAL's strategic marketing coordinator Glo-Ann D'Souza.

“It gets depressing in the wintertime,” she said. “We wanted something bright and colourful.”

Art teacher and organiser Camille Monet echoed that sentiment, saying: “Outside is miserable. But in here, we are vibrant and happy.”

And that certainly rang true. From the moment you walked through the doors of the BCAL centre, it felt like you were stepping into a world brimming with energy and expression.

Music filled the air thanks to lively performances by Miguel Ovejero of Karavana Flamenca, along with Bill Street and Ian Burke, setting the tone for what was, unlike the Wonthaggi weather, a warm celebration.

At the heart of the event was a costume parade unlike any other. Volunteers paraded one by one down the halls of

BCAL, each dressed in imaginative, sea-inspired costumes created by BCAL's art students using recycled and found materials.

From a towering Queen of the Sea to a tentacled octopus and even pink seaweed, each look told a story – not only of creativity but also sustainability. One costume was even remade from last year's design, a clear nod to the event's environmentally conscious focus.

Glo-Ann touched on the importance of hosting inclusive events like this. “The students often come to do their learning, but in winter it's nice to have something bright that brings them all together and lifts their spirits.”

Hair and beauty students at BCAL added their flair too,

styling the participants' hair and painting faces to match the theme.

Camille took a moment at the end of the parade to thank everyone for attending and gave a heartfelt acknowledgement to BCAL for hosting the event.

“We've made this small space work,” she said.

“And this small space is made of love. We are lucky we have this amazing space to share.”

Guests were then treated to a hearty meal of dhal, roti, rice and curry, all prepared by BCAL's cooking teacher Melissa Harrison and her students.

The festival showed that you can turn even the gloomiest winter day into something magical.

Amazing op shop volunteers pass the magic million dollar mark

THE fabulous volunteers of the San Remo Opportunity Shop have raised more than \$1 million for Bass Coast Health (BCH). Fundraising by the Op Shop Auxiliary has enabled BCH to buy vital medical equipment to enhance care for the community.

“Since 2016, we have donated to the L. Rigby Centre for cancer care, District Nurses, Dental Clinic and Maternity services, as well as items like scanners, an ultrasound machine, adjustable beds, chemotherapy chairs, cars, two haemodialysis chairs with armrests, syringe drivers, a bilirubin meter and furniture for Griffiths Point Lodge residential care centre, just to name some,” President Sara Fleisner said.

While the Op Shop Auxiliary has raised the spectacular amount of \$1,187,725 since its formation in 2016, that sum is even more impressive when you consider many items are sold for just a few dollars!

BCH Interim CEO, Professor Simone Alexander, said the health service and the broader community valued the dedication and contribution of the op shop volunteers.

“Through their hard work and commitment, we're able to purchase state-of-the-art equipment to help us provide more services to our community, closer to their homes, and for that, we're truly grateful,” she said.

The shop also supports other charities by donating



San Remo Opportunity Shop Auxiliary Treasurer Caroline Talbot, Secretary Marj Wagland and President Sara Fleisner take pride in serving the community.

goods, such as prescription spectacles to the Fred Hollows Foundation, damaged wetsuits to the Lymphedema Foundation to make compression socks, and books to Bill's Shed, which raises funds for Melaleuca Lodge at Cowes.

Personal care products are given to women's refuges and Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre; stationery and craft materials are sent to after-school care groups; clothing to Armitage House Sub-Acute Ward at Wonthaggi Hospital for patients who arrive with little or no belongings; and jackets are given to the homeless through the San Remo Bendigo Bank's annual collection.

Electrical goods are sent to

the Rotary Op Shop at Cowes; socks and underwear are donated to kindergartens and primary schools; and outfits are given to Bass Coast College for Book Week activities.

The Op Shop is full of surprises. There is clothing and shoes for everyone, and also bric-a-brac, jigsaw puzzles, games, books, magazines, sporting equipment, kitchenware, toys and more.

“We're proud of our work, which not only raises money for equipment and projects at Bass Coast Health but also provides a source of cheap clothing and household goods for the public, while preventing usable goods from going into landfill,” Sara said.

The Op Shop is serviced by

24 volunteers and has two other sources of income. One is a successful eBay shop where more valuable goods are sold and is run by volunteer Lorraine Ingbritsen. You can find the shop by searching for ‘Lorrainespreloved’ on ebay.com.au.

The other income source is Statewide Cleaning Cloths. Clothing not suitable to sell is collected by Statewide, which pays a small stipend for each bag collected.

Volunteers enjoy interacting with the community and each other, recycling goods to reduce waste, helping underprivileged people and sharing in the team spirit.

“They also especially love it when customers come from other places and say they always come in when they're here because it's the best op shop!” Secretary Marj Wagland said.

Among the original members were Doris Legg, Myra St Clair, Eileen Dwyer, Kath Fellows, and Bill and Marion Lawrence.

During the 1990s, a Steering Committee was formed to help run the shop and direct where funds were spent. Most funds were initially used for improvements and equipment at the San Remo site. In 2016, an op shop auxiliary was formed.

The San Remo Opportunity Shop is open Monday-Friday, 10am-2.30pm, at 65D Back Beach Road, San Remo.



Speech pathologists Chelsey Alexander and Alexandra Monacella are excited to introduce 33 native animal sculptures to the gardens at Gippsland Southern Health Service.

New kind of therapy hiding in plain sight

A NEW kind of therapy is hiding in plain sight at Gippsland Southern Health Service – and it's got feathers, fur and a whole lot of fun.

The Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) paediatric allied health team has unveiled 33 new native animal sculptures nestled throughout the outdoor therapy spaces – designed to bring joy, spark imagination and support meaningful play in therapy sessions.

The little creatures will be used in activities like scavenger hunts, storytelling and sensory exploration – all tailored to engage young clients in communication, motor development and social learning.

This project has come about through collaboration with the paediatric allied health team, aged care residents, Aboriginal Liaison Officer Kane Horvath, and gardening volunteers.

Speech pathologist Alexandra Monacella said the colourful creatures would be part of a range of therapy activities for children.

“When therapy is fun, kids engage,” Ms Monacella said.

“We had hand-painted fairy doors in the gardens that were used for scavenger hunts, but they needed to be replaced, and I came across these Indigenous animals created by an Indigenous designer.”

GSHS purchased a collection of indigenous creatures, which measure about 15 to 20 centimetres long, and Kane Horvath worked with aged care residents at Hillside Lodge and Alchera House to decorate them.

They are now being installed in the Leon-gatha gardens to use in therapy activities with children.

“Outside activities such as treasure hunts are good to help regulate children and they can be used for speech and language and social communication activities,” Ms Monacella said.

“We only had a few fairy doors so having 33 of these animals in the garden will be a big improvement and open up a range of activities for the children.”

GSHS's team of volunteer gardeners also gave the garden space a fresh new look ready for the adventures.

People who want to learn more about paediatric allied health services at GSHS can visit gshs.com.au.

Romance author to visit Korumburra

MYLI- My Community Library and The Hare & Tortoise Books are teaming up to welcome author and academic Jodi McAlister to the Korumburra Library on Saturday, July 5, at 12.30pm. Jodi will be speaking about her new novel *An Academic Affair*.

Settle in for a conversation about books, rivalry and fake marriage as Jodi shares insights into her latest rom-com.

You'll hear from Jodi, take part in her Q&A hosted by Myli and The Hare & Tortoise, and copies of *An Academic Affair* will be available for purchase, with Jodi happy to sign them.

Jodi McAlister is a New York Times-acclaimed author, romance academic and senior lecturer at Deakin University.

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Conrad Sewell brings his regional acoustic tour to Berninnet

CURRENTLY touring the country as part of a huge 10th anniversary acoustic tour for his multi-platinum 2014 single Firestone, Conrad Sewell will perform live in an intimate setting at Berninnet, Cowes and be joined by René Le Feuvre on July 19.

Starting his musical journey at the age of eight, Conrad Sewell became a household name with his first official solo endeavour, teaming up with dynamic Norwegian DJ and producer Kygo for the 2014 smash hit Firestone; a track that has since gone on to generate over one billion streams on Spotify alone and opened the door to open arenas for the likes of Ed Sheeran, Maroon 5 and Jess Glynne. Since then, Sewell has never looked back, going on to secure a number one charting and Platinum-certified single via 2015's Start Again, which also took home the ARIA Music Award for Song of the Year, before going on to release two studio albums, tour the globe extensively, all while continuing to enamour with his soulful approach to pop music that is authentic as it is memorable.

While the future certainly looks bright for Sewell, his 2025 homage to the song that changed everything a decade ago with these extensive and intimate acoustic tours is a perfect chance for reflection and connection. In an interview with the Sentinel Times, Sewell shared his enjoyment of regional touring, which allows him to connect with fans in smaller towns and perform in intimate settings.

"It is a chance to get out to places in the country where we don't usually play, it's a different energy. I feel that artists who aren't playing in regional venues are missing out."

"Some of the songs we're playing live aren't out yet – no one's heard them. So, the only way to experience them right now is to come to the show," he said.

"That live audience feedback is everything."

The show promises a dynamic range, from acoustic piano ballads to upbeat crowd-pleasers like Firestone, and even some mid-tempo funk. While some venues are seated, like Cowes, the performance invites a bit more dancing by night's end.

"I'm excited to play these songs of mine in a way that I've never had the chance to. A lot of them were written acoustically, so to be able to strip them back to their essence feels awesome. Seeing the fans connecting with and singing these songs back to me when performed in



Conrad Sewell's Firestone 10th anniversary acoustic tour hits Berninnet, Cowes on July 19.



Conrad will be stripping it back with raw vocals and acoustic soul on his Firestone anniversary tour.

their rawest form, is super special, too."

Behind the scenes, Sewell has continued to evolve both musically and personally. From his breakout hit Start Again, written in Los Angeles during a time of personal heartbreak – a song that he said 'changed his life' to his most recent album, written during a stint in rehab after the COVID lockdowns, his music has become more reflective and deeply personal.

"After everything, the biggest thing I've learned is to write from a real place," he shared.

"Not everything has to be a hit. Sometimes the real music is in telling your story and having someone tell you after a show that my song got them through something. Which is why I love hosting meet-and-greets after every gig on this regional tour."

Having already collaborated with artists like Rob Thomas from Matchbox 20 and, most recently, with

the release of 'Someone Else's Dime' with 360, he hints at more opportunities on the horizon, with his eye on a collaboration with his sister.

"It's always great when you can get two singers that you know their tones as soon as you hear them."

But for now, it's about staying grounded and grateful.

"It's a journey," he said.

"It's a beautiful thing, and it's all-consuming, the ups and the downs, and some darkness that comes with it – the part of seeking approval and seeking love from the world, but it's important to stay in the magic – stay in the spark. That moment when you're on stage or writing a song – that's why we do it. That's the magic, so keep going; the journey is a beautiful, twisted one."

Part two of the Firestone 10th Anniversary acoustic sessions tour is on sale now from conradsewell-music.com.

The ultimate comedy roadshow is coming



Takashi Wakasugi is fast becoming one of the country's most beloved comedians.

TOP acts from the 2025 Melbourne International Comedy Festival are bringing the laughs to locations nationwide – and now it's Wonthaggi's turn.

This year's extravaganza features big-name headliners, comedy legends, and the hottest new stars on the scene, including Tim Hewitt, Meg Jäger, Oliver Coleman, Sashi Perera, and Taskmaster's Takashi Wakasugi.

Tim Hewitt is a regular on the festival circuit and a staple of Melbourne's bar comedy scene. As the resident host of the cult comedy show Crab Lab, he'll also host the Wonthaggi roadshow on July 3 at the Union Theatre.

Meg Jäger is joining the

regional show. She burst onto the comedy scene four years ago and has since won the hearts of the east coast with her sharp wit, proving she's more than just a pair of killer 'choozies'.

Takashi Wakasugi (Waka) is on tour and fast becoming one of the country's most beloved comedians. After moving to Australia as a student from his native Japan, he's been entertaining audiences with his unique style.

Sashi Perera is a Sri Lankan Australian comedian, writer, and former lawyer. In 2023, she was nominated for Best Newcomer at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival for her debut show 'Endings'.

The improviser and yarn spinner was featured as 'One to Watch' at the UK Funny Women Awards and sold out shows around the world with her 2024 show 'Boundaries'. She's one of Australia's fastest-rising comedians.

Then there's Oliver, who does stand up like no one else. With his rollercoaster of outrageous theatrics, off-the-cuff improvising, and elegant writing, expect pointed observational comedy combined with wild flights of fancy in a show that's both profound and profane, personal and totally absurd.

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Meg Jäger is quickly cementing herself as a cutie pie in Australian comedy and will perform.

All is in readiness to cut footloose in Leongatha

LEONGATHA Memorial Hall recently underwent a stunning transformation, a couple of days of committed volunteer work turned it into a theatre well ahead of the opening night of Leongatha Lyric Theatre group's production of Footloose on Friday, July 11.

Lyric Theatre construction coordinator Mark Harrison oversaw proceedings as the stage took shape on Thursday and Friday before the set and tiered seating were installed on the weekend.

He's ideally suited to the role and making sure work is done to a standard that ensures the safety of the cast and crew, having run a building business in Melbourne.

Performers and those with backstage roles combined with other volunteers to get everything ready for the show well in advance, allowing rehearsals to be held at the venue.

The process of assembling the stage has been refined over the years.

"We've labelled and marked all the substructure of the stage so it goes from point A to point Z and it just lines up without too many dramas; it's like a jigsaw puzzle and is all numbered," Mark said.

With people time-poor and not everybody able to lift heavy weights, the replacement of metal stage



Mark Harrison was again busy taking charge of the stage construction at Leongatha Memorial Hall. A01_2625

components with wood has sped up the construction process.

"Everything we try and do is about manageability with the least amount of people," the construction coordinator said, having explained that things become unmanageable if too many people are involved in the set-up process.

His theatrical involvement began almost a decade ago after he moved from Melbourne to Gippsland, starting with working on sets for Wonthaggi Theatrical Group, soon after joining Lyric Theatre where

he was involved backstage on a production of Hairspray.

Mark's responsibilities evolved, with Lyric Theatre shows always requiring construction of an appropriate stage, whether they are held at the Memorial Hall or Mesley Hall.

Mark's wife Orla McCarthy, who has been a stage manager for both Leongatha Lyric Theatre and Wonthaggi Theatrical Group, inspired his original foray into theatre, something he wasn't a part of in Melbourne.

"She dragged me along to do



Yasmin Tough and Alanna Besley help with the set. A02_2625

backstage and it just took off from there," he said, clearly pleased with the outcome.

Mark has expanded his theatrical skills over the years, having taken to the stage for Lyric Theatre's production of Into The Woods, and appearing in Bright Star in Wonthaggi.

He relishes being part of a team, saying it was a great experience getting on stage and enjoying the results of everyone's hard work, noting that backstage responsibilities are also rewarding when you see the performers in action.



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RUNNING in the SHADOWS



Migrant English Group member, Tuk, takes to the runway as the Queen of the Sea, in a costume made from recyclable insulation. W03_2625



Wonthaggi local, Nada, wowed the crowd with her creative look. W04_2625



Natasha Pankhurst shows that sustainability can also be stylish. W05_2625



Mark from Interchange channelled the spirit of the sea in a King of the Sea costume. W06_2625



Jan and Shaz kept warm while watching Wonthaggi and Maffra battle it out on Saturday.



Cindy and Diane enjoyed the footy atmosphere.



John and Rohan had a great time watching Wonthaggi v Maffra.



Krisha and Liam spent their morning checking out the alpacas on Saturday in Korumburra.



Isabella proudly received numerous awards for their family's alpacas.

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Wonthaggi Winter Fantasy Festival, Alpaca Show in Korumburra, Wonthaggi football match and Farmers' Picnic at the Ventnor Recreation Reserve.



Supplying scones, jam and cream for the Farmers Picnic at the Ventnor Recreation Reserve on Sunday were Nyree Syrett, president Sallyann Matthews and Robyn Dixon of the Phillip Island Twilight CWA Branch.



Vanessa Redgen shows off her octopus ringmaster costume, made from paper mache and recycled bottle tops and materials. W07_2625



Emma and Sam of Alpha Espresso served up the beverages at the Alpaca show.



Jason and Vinnie came from Drouin to get a glimpse of the alpacas.



Fiona and Michaela enjoyed the Alpaca show.



Darren, Marty, Tim and 'Mimic' at the Alpaca show.



Emmaly Gridley, who was conveyer on the day, with her Alpacas.



Graeme and Karen travelled from Poowong to check out the Alpaca show.

Winter rough sleeping on the rise

A GROWING number of people on the Bass Coast are sleeping rough at night in their cars, the back of vans, or in sheds behind investment properties according to Housing Matters Bass Coast (HMBC).

Given no choice middle-aged former Cape Paterson woman Lorind has agreed to move on from her illegally parked car in McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi after concerns were raised by local traders.

"It's time to go," admitted Lorind.

Normally a very private person Lorind has been sleeping rough in her small RAV4 at least once a week because of fears her car may be stolen or damaged.

"I lived in Cape Paterson many years ago, but now I'm a free woman," said Lorind.

"I don't do drugs and I used to surf at Gunnamatta.

"I've had offers of accommodation but they always come with complications. I've been scammed in the past.

"I like the hills and could possibly live in Kongwak," she said.

Lorind and Billie can be seen walking the streets of Wonthaggi most mornings and at lunch-time.

"I meet people, sketch and do some photography."

Billie the Blue Heeler has his own Facebook page.

Lorind once did martial arts and has taken up boxing at the Wonthaggi Boxing Club.

"I'm working with Police and



Time to move on for Lorind and her blue heeler Billie parked illegally for two and a half weeks on McBride Avenue. B33_2625

the Shire," Lorind said.

"I'm trying to leave today."

Bass Coast Council last week issued an enforcement notice to remove Lorind's illegally parked vehicle. Council officers say they are working closely with local businesses to keep them informed regarding the situation and have provided updates on their progress.

Lorind is committed to moving the car and has been referred to relevant homelessness and support services by both Council and Victoria Police.

According to Bass Coast Shire, VicPol and Council have a strong culture of early collaboration and officers from both VicPol and Council have been actively engaged on this matter.

"We will continue to work closely to achieve an outcome for local traders and all involved,"

said Bass Coast Shire.

Locally based affordable and emergency housing group Housing Matters has called for an urgent building program for public and community housing across Bass Coast.

According to Housing Matters, the State Government's housing register has around 500 applicants for public housing.

"If the current level of underfunding is maintained, it would take between 126 and 132 years to satisfy the present and forecast need of the next 11 years," said Jessica Harrison, a founding member of Housing Matters Bass Coast.

"Private rentals are unaffordable for people on fixed incomes. This causes rental stress with community members deciding on a weekly basis whether to eat, pay rent or pay bills. We

need bold government initiatives with real outcomes, not just talk fests and promises," said Ms Harrison.

"There was excitement in 2020 when the Victorian Government announced \$25 million for new housing in Bass Coast, as part of the Big Housing Build but our survey of proposed sites found no buildings in progress.

"Why the delay in progressing even this limited number of dwellings?" asked Ms Harrison.

HMBC research has shown that more funding from the State and Federal governments is needed for a comprehensive building program throughout Victoria to drive homelessness down to a 'functional zero'.

Of the additional \$1 billion in funding allocated to Victoria by the Commonwealth Government and the Victorian Regional Housing Fund, no additional investment has been allocated to the Bass Coast.

"In late March we contacted our local MP Jordan Crugnale who passed our concerns to Housing Minister Harriet Shing," said Ms Harrison.

Housing Matters is now asking concerned residents to contact Ms Crugnale to ask for urgent action on new housing for Bass Coast.

"In the middle of winter, our hearts go out to local people without a roof over their heads, or living in overpriced sub-standard rentals" said Jessica Harrison.

Fishharven in Fishcreek recognised in the Victorian Architecture Awards

THE 2025 Victorian Architecture Awards have announced their winners, highlighting outstanding architectural projects in Melbourne and regional Victoria. Celebrating excellence in collaboration, sustainability, and innovation, the awards underscore architecture's role in shaping vibrant communities.

These awards serve as recognition for the innovative efforts of the Institute's members, promoting the appreciation of architecture across Victoria and Australia.

One notable entry is the commendation for Fishharven in the Residential Architecture – Houses (New) category. Designed by Neil Architecture, Fishharven is a private retreat located on the hilltop of rural Fishcreek, overlooking Wilsons Promontory and Corner Inlet.

The project features three steel-pitched roof pavilions, each with a unique sculptural form, connected by a flat, glazed section. Inspired by farm vernacular, the design balances a robust exterior with a warm, refined interior, creating a durable and inviting home.

Nestled on a gentle slope within a prescribed building envelope, the house maximises views and provides sheltered outdoor spaces. A freestanding garage echoes farm vernacular and completes the built cluster in the landscape.

The project team includes Design Architect David Neil, and Graduate of Architecture

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- Treed plantation areas

Web ID: 300P138890\$1.1 Million

new listing

Loch22 Acres**Getaway Block with Views**

- Shed with power
- Undulating to hill country
- New fencing & 2 dams

Web ID: 300P34736\$600,000

new price

Hallston18 Acres**Ideal getaway on 18 acres**

- 2-bed, 1-bath home
- Outdoor entertaining area with fire pit
- Machinery shed, cattle yards, loading race

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Rare foreshore location with 180° water views



A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME opportunity to secure an exclusive property on The Esplanade, offering breathtaking 180-degree uninterrupted water views. While the spectacular location is undoubtedly the highlight, this exceptional home delivers far more than just a scenic outlook.

The residence features two spacious living zones and four generously sized bedrooms, including two with ensuites and one with a WC. Each bedroom is equipped with built-in or walk-in robes, offering plenty of storage space and comfort.

Upon arrival, a double carport provides access to a central concreted courtyard, which leads to an oversized double garage. This garage includes a loft and dedicated office space – perfect for working from home or pursuing hobbies.

Downstairs, the home offers three spacious bedrooms, two of which capture those coveted water views. The third bedroom overlooks the courtyard, and a large family bathroom serves this level. At the rear of the home, a substantial living/rumpus room with a bar provides an ideal space for relaxation or entertaining – the perfect setting for the kids to enjoy.

Upstairs, the open-plan kitchen, living, and dining areas are flooded with natural light and offer an uninterrupted view of the water. The modern kitchen is fully equipped, while the dining area is spacious enough to accommodate family and friends. From here, step out onto the full-sized deck and take in the spectacular views stretching from Cape Woolamai to Pyramid Rock.

The master bedroom, also located on this level, is a private retreat complete with a full ensuite.

Additional Features:

- Indoor spa for relaxation
- Ample undercover parking for up to four vehicles
- Fully fenced and secure property for privacy
- Low-maintenance design for easy living
- Just a short walk to the beach
- A versatile floorplan that can accommodate a variety of lifestyles



4 2 4 650m²

62 The Esplanade, **Sunderland Bay**
For Sale \$1,350,000
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One-off design in a peaceful pocket

THIS individually designed, one-of-a-kind four-bedroom, two-bathroom home with a dedicated media room offers contemporary living in a quiet, family-friendly pocket of town. Built in 2020 and still under the builder's warranty for another 18 months, this thoughtfully planned home combines comfort, style, and functionality.

Set on a 501m² block, the home offers approximately 169m² (18 squares) of internal living space, with split-system heating and cooling in the master bedroom, media room, and lounge ensuring year-round comfort. Timber flooring adds warmth and character to the main living areas.

The designer kitchen is fitted with 900mm appliances, an induction cook-top, and a double fridge space with water connection – perfect for entertaining or family living.

Clad in durable and stylish James Hardie Axon panels, the home also features NBN Fibre to the Home, a 6.2-star energy rating, and a solar-boosted electric hot water system for added efficiency.

Enjoy a peaceful backyard outlook with no immediate rear neighbours, as the property backs onto open rural land – offering privacy and a sense of space.

Located just minutes from the dual highway, with a new Coles supermarket due to commence construction this year opposite the upcoming industrial estate, this location blends lifestyle with future convenience.

This property is a true gem!

Public and private inspections are available – simply contact Angus Hall at the Alex Scott Real Estate in Grantville on 0466 326 487 to arrange a time.



4 2 2 502m²

10 Monk Lane., **Grantville**
For Sale \$669,000 – Price drop
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Angus Hall 0466 326 487



CROSSWORD

No. 70 - by 'Johnno2' of Cape Paterson

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Habit of going into whist hands (4)
- 3 Battle-axe through a general's heart (3)
- 5 Soldier initially feeding ranking system (1,1)
- 10 Penalised, even in strike (5)
- 11 Promise, like? Sure can! Shake! (9)
- 13 A chart-topper to topple iconic 'Walls of Sound' (8)
- 14 Part of this topic is 'Umpiring back strains' (5)
- 17 Spoke bull-ditty (4)
- 18 Live fast, play fair (8)
- 21 Change in a quote sum, perhaps? (8)
- 22 Trim to ears (both) (4)
- 25 Knotted ropes puzzle (5)
- 26 It's wrong to give 'gear' randomly (8)
- 28 Spooner's sleepy cleave to childish companion (5,4)
- 30 At last, with a blast, a-way goes drums (5)
- 31, 32, 33-across To win off (2,3,4)
- 32 See 31-across
- 33 See 31-across

DOWN

- 1 Untouchable under perhaps partially successful charm (11)
- 2 Lumpy discharge in 33-across? (6)
- 4 Too late (clocks establish forty seconds) (4)
- 6 One out of two in pub (3)
- 7 A following, free and friendly (7)
- 8 Platform reshuffle, if on steam (9)
- 9 Sit and fish (5)
- 12 'Clear sleepy eyes' action: cover/uncover (6)
- 15 Could be rescued from long incarceration in cruel, forsaken Elba (11)



- 16 Intimidating storm, dropping to around regulation in Tonga (6-3)
- 19 Aim for hole (6)
- 20 5-down* exchange to put off an experienced 5-across (7) (*This is not a mistake!)
- 23 Run bath with softener essence (5)
- 24 Cave painter from early Renaissance Italy, making way for the dawn of Rococo (6)
- 27 Screen debuts for method exponents Steiger and Hopper (4)
- 29 Periodically over-rotund pair (3)

STRAIGHT CLUES

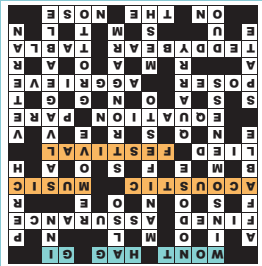
ACROSS

- 1 Habit, tendency (4)
- 3 Battle-axe, witch (3)
- 5 US soldier (init.) (1.1.)
- 10 Penalised money (5)
- 11 Promise, certainty (9)
- 13 Of, by, etc., sound (8)
- 14 Strains, melodies, notes, etc. (5)
- 17 Spoke 'bull'; also, ditty or hymn (4)
- 18 Fair, or celebration (8)
- 21 A sum, for example (8)
- 22 Trim, peel (4)
- 25 Puzzle (also, a show-off!) (5)
- 26 Wrong, afflict (someone) (8)
- 28 Childish soft-toy companion (5,4)
- 30 Indian drums (5)
- 31, 32, 33-across (A bet) to win; also, off, smelly (2,3,4)
- 32 See 31-across
- 33 See 31-across

DOWN

- 1 Charm, cuteness (11)
- 2 Lumpy, having swellings (6)
- 4 Too, as well (4)
- 6 Pub, tavern (3)
- 7 Friendly, genial (7)
- 8 Platform of policies (9)
- 9 Sit; also, a fish (5)
- 12 Clear, take away (6)
- 15 (It) could be rescued, recovered (11)
- 16 Intimidating, force (6-3)
- 19 Aim, prey; also, hole, excavation (6)
- 20 An experienced 5-across, for example (7)
- 23 Run, series (5)
- 24 Cave (6)
- 27 Woven screen (4)
- 29 Pair (3)

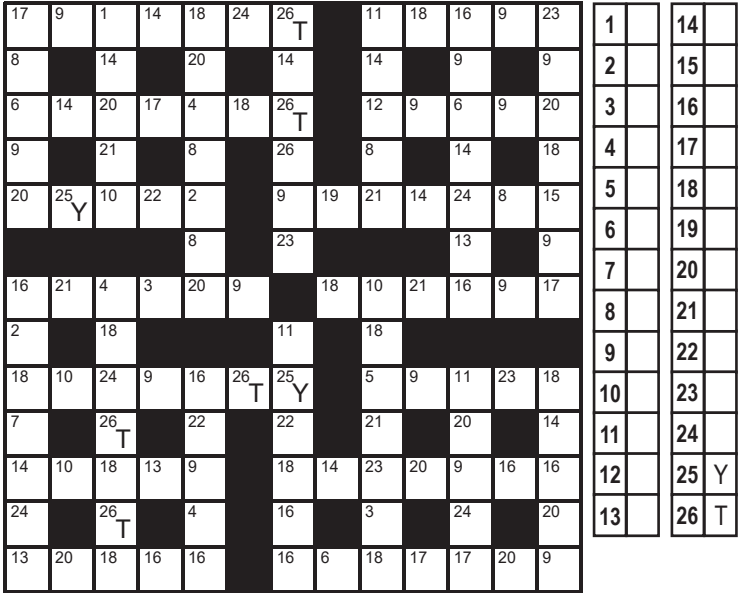
SOLUTION



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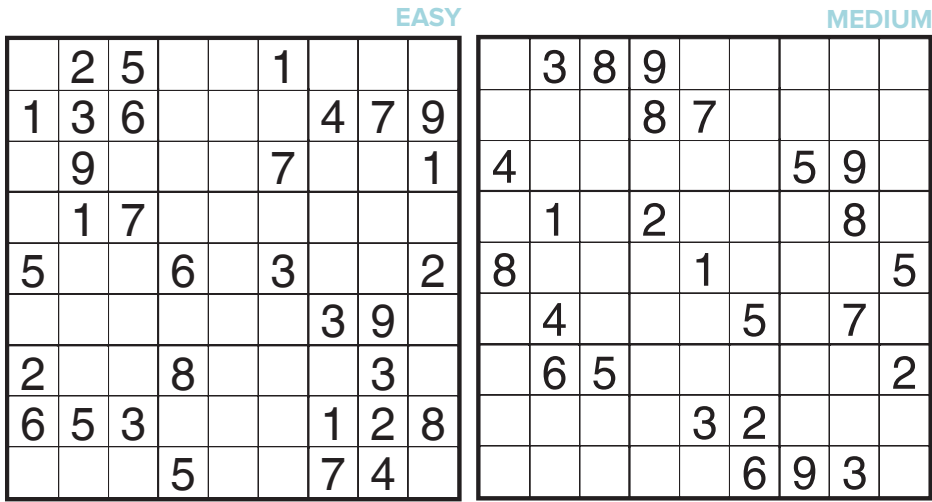
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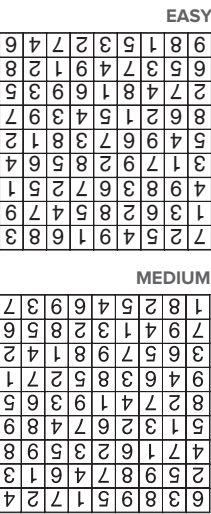
SUDOKU

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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. How many countries border Austria?
- 2. What nationality is singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan?
- 3. In which war did the Charge of the Light Brigade take place?
- 4. John Goodman, pictured, plays which character in the Monsters, Inc. franchise?
- 5. How many yellow stars appear on the People's Republic of China's flag?
- 6. The Pont du Gard is a bridge in which country?
- 7. What type of animal is an American marten?
- 8. Which actor played the character of President Orlean in the 2021 film Don't Look Up?
- 9. Ariel Sharon was the former prime minister of which country?
- 10. Monticello was the primary plantation of which US president?



WORD SEARCH

No. 197

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



- AIKIDO
- ANGLING
- ARCHERY
- BALLET
- BIATHLON
- BMX
- BOXING
- CRICKET
- CYCLING
- DANCE
- DIVING
- FENCING
- FUTSAL
- GOLF
- HIKING
- HOCKEY
- JUDO
- LUGE
- OZTAG
- PARKOUR
- POLO
- POOL
- RACING
- RODEO
- ROWING
- RUGBY
- SAILING
- SLALOM
- SNOOKER
- SQUASH
- SUMO
- TENNIS
- TOBOGGAN
- TRACK
- VOLLEYBALL

SECRET MESSAGE: you have to play the game to win the game



'Alpaca' your bags for Korumburra

IN A first for Korumburra, an alpaca show was held where the furry South American native animals were showcased.

Alpaca owners from far and wide attended the Korumburra showgrounds, where their prized animals were judged and awarded.

Emmaly Gridley, who was conveyer on the day, highlighted they do four shows in the eastern region including Red Hill, Berwick, now Korumburra and Sale.

"We're trying to keep more local shows for up-and-coming breeders or people who only have a couple of animals and be able to offer an entry-level, as well as higher end and everything in between," she said.

Emmaly explained alpacas are judged for their fleece quality.

"For their fleece, we look

at micron, density, colour consistency throughout the animal and ability for use in production," she said.

Alpacas are mainly bred for their fleece, but they are surprisingly good at protecting livestock.

"They're really good at guarding sheep against foxes," she said.

"For lambing in Australia, we don't have large-scale predators so they're very good at keeping foxes at bay.

"They're definitely a herd animal and at least need to be in a pair.

"There are two different breeds, there's the huacaya – the teddy bear looking one, and then there's the suri, which feature a dreadlock fleece style."

RIGHT: Darren showcasing his alpaca. Ns15_2526



Tree planting with SGLN

JOIN South Gippsland Landcare Network and the Gippsland Threatened Species Action Group at two tree planting field days in Ranceby, just north of Korumburra.

Help to put indigenous plants back into these steep gullies, next to where the threatened earthworms are found. This is a modified planting method which involves planting next to (not on top of) the Giant Gippsland Earthworm (GGE) colonies, to avoid the risk of drying out the soil where GGE's are found.

Day 1: Saturday, July 5, 9.30am-12.30pm at Ranceby. Address supplied after registration. Please register via: events.humanitix.com/tree-planting-ranceby.

Please note this planting site is uneven, steep and may be slippery. A moderate level of fitness is required. If you are looking for a planting day for small children, the SGLN Pedal and Plant event will be a lot more suitable. Morning tea will be provided. Please note there are no toilets on site.

Day 2: Saturday, July 12 from 9.30am-12.30pm. This planting is in Ranceby, 10 minutes north of Arawata. Please note there is a moderately steep 500 metre walk to the planting site. A moderate level of fitness is required. Lunch will be provided after planting. Please note there are no toilets on site. Please register via: events.humanitix.com/tree-planting-ranceby-2.

For more information contact Cassie at cassie@sgl.net.au 0448 739 559.

Farming calendar photo competition

TTMI Partners in Machinery's calendar competition is back for 2026. They are seeking photos that perfectly sum up the Case IH lifestyle in the farming regions, and if good enough, it might just earn a spot in the 2026 TTMI calendar.

Enter by sending your best high-resolution photos – over 1 MB to marketing@ttmi.com.au.

Landscape orientation is preferred for print quality and include a short description, the machine model(s) and the location of where the photo was taken.

The January winner has already been chosen with a Korumburra South farmer showcasing his Puma165 CVT while sowing grass seed.

For those whose photos are selected, the photographer will also score a TTMI calendar, hat and stubby cooler.

Entries close on Thursday, July 31, 2025.

Fencing assistance for Gippsland coastal landholders

GIPPSLAND landholders with coastal properties can now access assistance with fencing and weed control.

Conservation organisation Trust for Nature is working with landholders around Corner Inlet and the Nooramunga Coast as part of efforts to protect saltmarsh.

Saltmarsh grows on tidal mudflats around the Gippsland coast.

It provides feeding grounds for migratory shorebirds and other threatened species.

Around Corner Inlet, nearly half of the saltmarsh has been lost since the area was settled.

Trust for Nature project officer Billie Emmett said protecting saltmarsh is a win-win for landholders.

"By fencing off saltmarsh, landholders can prevent stock wandering out into the mud, as well as providing a buffer between the coast and pasture against rising sea levels," Billie said.

"We can also assist with weed control, which benefits the whole property."

Gippsland farmers Mohya and John Davies have worked with Trust for Nature to fence off and protect saltmarsh and control weeds on their Foster property.

"We're very excited about the opportunity that Trust for Nature offers us because, as we get older, managing the weeds down by the shore will get more challenging," Mohya said.

"It's something we should

do for the environment and we're not able to farm that part of the property. I see it as a symbiotic relationship between farming and conservation."

Trust for Nature is assisting landholders to protect saltmarsh on private land to assist the ecosystem to adapt to rising sea levels supported by West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority through funding from the Australian Government's National Heritage Trust.

This saltmarsh protection project is part of West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's Corner Inlet Connections project, which is working with partners to address key threats to the Ramsar-listed Corner

Inlet wetlands.

This includes controlling the invasive weeds spartina and targeted fox control on barrier islands to protect the Inlet's unique and treasured characteristics.

"The Corner Inlet wetlands are globally recognised for their importance," Billie said.

"They help protect the coast from erosion and take up huge amounts of carbon. They also provide nurseries for fish. By protecting saltmarsh, we're creating an environment that can support people and wildlife."

Landholders who are interested in assistance with fencing can contact Trust for Nature's Billie Emmett at billiee@tfn.org.au.

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Livestock Sales

KORUMBURRA		FOSTER	
David Ryan	0408 311 895	Dick Faulkner	0408 595 174
		Brian Vuillermin	0429 436 040
LEONGATHA		WONTHAGGI	
Dane Perczyk - Livestock Manager	0408 176 063	Rob Ould - Livestock Manager	0408 595 183
Jack Curtis	0427 762 670	David Holden	0428 749 390
		Alan Bolding	0419 723 255
WARRAGUL		PAKENHAM	
Neil Darby - Livestock Manager	0418 595 265	David Setches - Livestock Manager	0409 443 473
Terry Ahearn	0438 562 816	Glenn Barwick	0408 975 476
Jordan Sim	0448 058 435	Morgan Croucher	0457 001 877
Mark Malacarne	0418 654 590	Tim Gibson	0420 306 599
Georgie Snell	0417 100 657	Imogen Price	0417 225 498

Real Estate Sales

KORUMBURRA		LEONGATHA		MELBOURNE LAND	
Scott McKenzie	0427 552 898	Andrew Newton	0402 940 320	Matt Koster	0474 781 711
		Peter Dwyer	0428 855 244	COWES	
WONTHAGGI		Emily Hillberg	0422 622 299	Greg Price	0419 337 441
Phillip Hanley	0417 140 508	Tony Giles	0407 528 192	Brian Silver	0407 347 509
Cal Nation	0439 334 163	Dan Huther	0418 334 801	Chase Watters	0423 272 819
Mick Chambers	0418 349 783	WARRAGUL		VENUS BAY	
GRANTVILLE		Alan Steenholdt	0409 423 822	Daniel Lawrie	0417 631 252
Angus Hall	0466 326 487	PAKENHAM		Sue Lawrie	0419 885 489
INVERLOCH		Tom Gibson	0438 574 472	KOO WEE RUP	
Marni Lee Redmond	0403 525 413	LANG LANG		Angus Hall	0466 326 487
BERWICK		Tom Gibson	0438 574 472		

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CATTLE

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WARRAGUL

ELDERS & ALEX SCOTT & STAFF DAIRY SALE

Friday, 11th July, 11.00am
Lardner Park, Warragul

Feature Entry:-
A/c - M & R Wildes, Lang Lang
Dispersal Line

65 Springing 100% A.I. bred, 26mth old Holstein heifers by Dylan, Float, Marcello, Maestro, Reverso. Dams fully A.I. bred. Due from early July to Angus. Very good type, well grown with superb udders a testament to 20 yrs breeding program with Leading Edge Genetics. 600 cow herd average 8,750 L, long history low cell count.

Further Entries Invited



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Alex Scott & Staff
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Chatting at the Farmers Picnic at Ventnor last Sunday were Leigh Hart and Garry and Bill Cleeland.



Jeff Walton and Paul Jeffrey chat with the organiser of the Farmers' Picnic at the Ventnor Recreation Reserve on Sunday, Greg Price.

Why farmers don't rate shire's delay on differential

THERE was a sense that the Bass Coast Shire Council has simply kicked the can down the road again by allocating \$35,000 in the recent budget for yet another review of the differential rate on farming properties in the shire.

Cr Tim O'Brien expressed his disappointment on budget day, Wednesday, June 18, that the council had not been able to move on reducing rates to farmers and Bass Coast VFF President Bill Cleeland did likewise at a Farmers' Picnic at the Ventnor Recreation Reserve last Sunday.

"We were hopeful they'd do it this year, but they've decided to do a review instead," said Bill Cleeland.

"There are a lot of issues there. Will they adopt the house and curtilage approach of Mornington Peninsula and do away with the rebate (Rural Land Management Program) while increasing the



Enjoying the Farmers' Picnic at the Ventnor Recreation Reserve on Sunday were Rob and Inge Langford with Ron Bauer, 'Lulu' the dog and CFA volunteer Silvio Zanforlin.

differential?

"We'll have to see if we're actually worse off under that scenario.

"Farm value increases have settled down, but we had significant rises in recent years following through to rate increases well above the rate cap of three per cent.

"We've shown them that and

there's a fair bit of support on council for what we're saying. We'll just have to wait for a bit longer to see how the review goes now. But the outcome is there's no change this year," said Mr Cleeland.

At the June 2025 council meeting, Cr O'Brien expressed his disappointment the council had not been able

to do something to alleviate the financial problems for farmers.

"The comment that I'd like to make is that budgets are never wholly good nor bad. I find parts of this budget, you know, disappointing. We've gone through that. I think that that it's disappointing that we that we still have just an 80 per cent differential.

"I really feel that we've let our farmers down when we're surrounded by local government areas with significantly less to pay. So, 70 and 65 per cent differentials."

Phillip Island stock and station agent, Greg Price, who organised last weekend's farmers' picnic said that despite the recent rain, it had come too late to reduce the pressure on primary producers who had been impacted by 18 months of dry conditions, and the costs associated with drought, including buying in feed.

Baby kelp set to help restore undersea forests

IN AN exciting development for marine conservation, SeaGen Aquaculture has successfully produced 250,000 'kelpplings' – baby Golden Kelp, a native species of seaweed vital to Victoria's underwater ecosystems.

These miniature kelp, cultivated at SeaGen's oyster hatchery in Newhaven, are being used to help restore kelp forests around Rickett's Point Marine Sanctuary, where overabundant native sea urchins have devastated underwater habitats.

To grow kelpings, SeaGen developed a new aquaculture system that allows the kelpplings to be grown on cotton twine and small rocks.

The twine and rocks are then planted out into urchin barrens by divers from the global conservation organisation The Nature Conservancy, helping re-establish the kelp forests that serve as underwater nurseries for marine life.

"This is a great moment for local conservation efforts," CEO of SeaGen Aquaculture Dr Chris Gillies said.

"Until now, we haven't had the capacity to produce kelp at

this scale. It's a real step forward in our ability to restore the health of our oceans."

The new kelp-growing system has the capacity to produce over a million kelpings each year and could be used in other restoration efforts, including along the Bass Coast, where kelp forests have also suffered decline.

One future goal is the restoration of Giant Kelp forests, which once thrived along the Victorian coast but have all but disappeared – likely due to rising ocean temperatures.

"Giant Kelp are like the Mountain Ash forests of the ocean," Dr Gillies said.

"They can grow more than 12 metres tall, and diving through a kelp forest is an otherworldly experience."

Similar projects in Tasmania have shown that Giant Kelp restoration is possible.

Dr Gillies believes combining aquaculture and conservation could not only restore degraded ecosystems but also create new marine habitats for penguins and other wildlife, as well as attract dive tourism to the region.



CEO of SeaGen Aquaculture Dr Chris Gillies and the Giant Kelp produced with the aim of forest restoration.

MARKET REPORT

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Heavy feeders top at \$2720

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded another very good offering of 3800 head at Thursday's VLE Leongatha store sale.

Once again the highlight of the market was the Angus 400kg to 580kg feeder steers, which consistently made \$4.40 to \$4.80 with feedlot orders dominating. Although a grazier order did compete strongly on the heavier end with prices lifting another 10 cents.

The best of the Angus weaner steers remained strong with most purchases heading north into NSW and southern Queensland with prices generally a little dearer while the coloured calves were around firm with most calves now lacking weight with a lot of them in the 260kg to 340kg bracket.

In the heifer section, if you had weight and are black they made around the \$4.00 mark with prices firm but a lot of the lines of calves now are well under 300kg and are trading in the \$3.00 to \$3.50 price range with off bred types a little less. Prices firm to a little cheaper overall with a large percentage heading to northern orders also.

Xbred and dairy types actually sold well in a very mixed offering.

Cows and calves are still making about their split value.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, June 26, 2025

Steers

S Lardner 11 Angus	578kg	\$4.48	\$2590
Coddwomple Cattle 15 Angus	564kg	\$4.66	\$2630
L Johnson 15 Angus	562kg	\$4.84	\$2720
L & L McNamara 17 Angus	558kg	\$4.74	\$2650
KR & JA Damon 23 Angus	554kg	\$4.85	\$2690
M Steenholt 12 Angus	552kg	\$4.81	\$2660
M & K Verstedden 12 Angus	552kg	\$4.52	\$2500
Tarro Lodge 21 BB	547kg	\$4.66	\$2550
G Handley 17 Angus	533kg	\$4.69	\$2500
S & J Miller 18 Angus	526kg	\$4.69	\$2470
PC Waite 15 Angus	518kg	\$4.40	\$2300
B Carr 20 Hereford	510kg	\$4.41	\$2250
DS & RE Jones 14 Angus	506kg	\$4.68	\$2370
RE Farmer 12 Angus	505kg	\$4.59	\$2320
Malanik Farm 15 Angus	495kg	\$4.58	\$2270
Est of AB Ware 11 Angus	491kg	\$4.45	\$2230
B Carr 16 BB	489kg	\$4.69	\$2290
R Kimber 16 Angus	481kg	\$4.57	\$2200
Boyd's Road P/L 16 Angus	472kg	\$4.78	\$2260
Lobet P/L 18 Angus	467kg	\$4.75	\$2220
WC & SJ Pilgrim 18 Angus	463kg	\$4.38	\$2030
McDonnell Agriculture 16 Ang	455kg	\$4.70	\$2140
P Goumas 11 Speckle Park	450kg	\$3.86	\$1740
M & V Manks 17 Angus	416kg	\$4.56	\$1900
AR Wakenshaw 11 Angus	410kg	\$4.58	\$1880
D Gleeson 14 Charo	401kg	\$3.94	\$1580
WC & SJ Pilgrim 12 Hfd	398kg	\$4.29	\$1710
Pullut Investments 16 Angus	394kg	\$4.18	\$1650
M & F Jolley 12 Angus	389kg	\$4.57	\$1780
Waimamaku P/L 19 Angus	371kg	\$4.58	\$1700
Conagro Ridge 24 Angus	336kg	\$4.76	\$1600
DM & AJ Scott 21 Angus	320kg	\$4.62	\$1480
Lockier & Smith 14 Angus	336kg	\$4.64	\$1560
L & E Visser 10 Angus	330kg	\$3.78	\$1250
D & S Hourigan 20 Angus	319kg	\$4.07	\$1300
Ben Cruachan Pastoral 31 Ang	312kg	\$4.41	\$1380
P & A Young 12 Angus	309kg	\$4.33	\$1340
DC McGrath 30 Angus	302kg	\$4.63	\$1400
R & C Barnacle 19 Angus	302kg	\$4.27	\$1290

Heifers:

Headstation 12 Angus	450kg	\$4.04	\$1820
P Goumas 16 Speckle Park	417kg	\$3.93	\$1640
C & C Wraith 13 Hereford	412kg	\$3.68	\$1520
Outlook Farm 20 Angus	393kg	\$4.12	\$1620
David Scott 10 Angus x	392kg	\$4.03	\$1580
Keska Management 28 Angus	383kg	\$4.01	\$1540
Pullut Investments 18 Angus	377kg	\$3.18	\$1200
R & C Barnacle 17 Angus	348kg	\$3.81	\$1330
Ben Cruachan Pastoral 15 Ang	303kg	\$3.13	\$950
N & LK Rayner 16 Angus	299kg	\$2.84	\$850
Clark Cattle 10 Angus	292kg	\$3.49	\$1020
Clouds Creek Rural 14 Angus	282kg	\$3.18	\$900
Scott Bros Contracting 13 Hfd	281kg	\$2.59	\$730
P & A Young 14 Angus	280kg	\$3.21	\$900
DM & AJ Scott 20 Angus	276kg	\$3.18	\$880
D & M Hancock 21 Angus	261kg	\$3.52	\$920
B Masters 12 Angus	260kg	\$3.46	\$900
Peil Investments 16 Angus	251kg	\$3.58	\$900

X-Bred & Dairy:

LN Heyden 10 Angus Fries x	437kg	\$3.39	\$1480
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Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, June 23, 2025

Jersey & Jersey x	\$20 to \$40
Friesian Bulls	\$32 to \$65
Beef Bulls	\$48 to \$250
Beef Heifers	\$45 to \$100
Friesian Heifers	\$40 to \$65
Number of Calves:	130
Number purchased to rear:	52



Tim Gibson and Glenn Barwick get animated as they sell a pen of steers from CoddIWomple Cattle in Neerim South. A18_2625

Healthy prices at Store Sale

PRICES at Leongatha VLE, particularly on heavy cattle have “gone from strength to strength in recent weeks”, Tim Gibson of Alex Scott & Staff said.

He spoke of a 20 to 30 cent a kilo lift on 400 kilo plus steers in comparison to the Store Sale of a couple of weeks ago, with prices for such cattle on June 12 being around the \$4.30 to \$4.50 per kilo mark, rising to between about \$4.50 and \$4.70 odd.

“We had a pen of feeders that nearly made \$4.80, which was good to see,” Tim said.

Sentinel-Times saw Alex Scott & Staff auctioneer Glenn Barwick sell 17 Angus steers from LJ & L McNamara in Torwood, the animals averaging 558 kilos and fetching \$2650 a head at the excellent return of \$4.74 per kilo.

A pen of 15 Angus steers from CoddIWomple Cattle in Neerim South, weighing an average 564 kilos, earned \$2630 each at a healthy \$4.66 a kilo.

Alex Scott’s best feeder heifers made over \$4 per kilo.

“We had a good run of weaner heifers,” Tim said, believing they fetched from \$3.20 up to around \$3.70 a kilo, with the odd pen perhaps doing slightly better, some of those prices not much different to a fortnight ago, while others were considerably improved.

Confidence locally has picked up a bit following recent rain, some cattle that would not long ago have been going north now picked up by Gippslanders.

Tim expects feedlot demand to continue being strong while grass-fed cattle are in short supply.

“A lot of it will just depend on where the season goes,” he said, remarking that while there is good money to be made now, there is confidence among those who have enough feed that prices will be even stronger down the track, prompting them to hang onto cattle as they strive to put extra weight on them.

“Cattle aren’t the heaviest at this time of year, especially with a bad autumn,” Tim remarked.

New data automation a game changer for farmers

RECENT automation in data transfer from on-farm software is a game changer for farmers, dairy vets and advisers.

Dr Craig Wood from Terang and Mortlake Vet Clinic has been analysing the data from dairy herd records for years, to help his clients make informed decisions about mastitis management, selective dry cow treatments and culling.

Until now, accessing herd data has been challenging and varied with different on-farm software systems.

Craig said he would either have to visit the farm on-site to manually download the data himself or get the farmer to create and email him a dif file or get a backup file from the on-farm software.

This process had to be repeated regularly to ensure his analysis was based on current herd data.

“It was a time-consuming but worthwhile exercise because making decisions based on actual herd data directly affects the farm’s financial performance, as well as animal health and welfare,” he said.

Craig is excited about the DataConnect project, which enables dairy farmers to set up a daily, automatic transfer of herd data from the farm to the industry’s central data repository.

This means farmers and their trusted advisors can log into DataVat.com.au to access reports based on actual herd records to gain insights into mastitis management, selective dry cow therapy, improving herd fertility and genetic progress.

“The recent automations enable my clients to give me permission to access their herd data and reports anytime, anywhere. I can give better advice faster, especially in the herd health space,” he said. “This really is a game-changer. Instead of spending half of my time on farm downloading data, I can do the analysis before I get there and the visit becomes a discussion about how the herd is doing, intervention options and a plan of action.”

DataGene is rolling out connections with a variety of systems progressively over time, with DeLaval and GEA systems already up and running and others in progress.

“I’ve got a lot of clients with DeLaval systems so I’m keen



Dr Craig Wood is helping farmers and dairy advisers access game changing farm software.

to get them connected in the coming months,” Craig said.

At this stage, each herd needs to set up the connection. The process is quick, easy and secure. It’s a once-off task that involves a 10-minute online session with DataGene’s IT staff. Herd owners control who they give access to their records via the DataVat website portal.

The DataConnect project is a step towards DataGene’s vision of a system that enables data to be entered once and then accessed in many different ways to eliminate double entry of the same information and to enable data-driven decisions through reports and tools that analyse the data.

DataGene is inviting dairy farmers with any system to express their interest now and they will be contacted when their system can connect.

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65 Angus steers, 22-24 mths
A/c Ironbar Investments (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus/BB steers, 18 mths
A/c Jackson Pastoral, Cowwarr (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 15 mths, VB, Pathfinder & Merdeduke Bulls
A/c Formbuild P/L, Ventnor (PHC)
34 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, Monaro District Bred, Hazeldene / Kunuma blood
A/c APS Properties P/L, Sale (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 18 mths
A/c P Jackson, Clydebank (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus steers, 2yo, Kunuma blood
A/c D Pickersgill, Mt Eccles (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus & BB steers, 18-20 mths
A/c Gyndahnook, Sandy Point (SEJ)
20 Angus steers, 15 mths, GF & ABF
A/c M Stockhill, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
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A/c Steady Gallop P/L, Boneo (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus & Angus X steers, 2yo
A/c Jasmel Nominees, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
10 Angus heifers, 16-18 mths
A/c RT Grant, Glen Alvie (NUTRIEN)
6 Angus steers, 18 mths

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c Jasmel Nominees, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
50 Angus heifers, 16-18 mths
15 Hereford & Angus Hereford heifers, 16-18 mths
30 Murray Grey heifers, 16-18 mths
A/c P Jackson, Clydebank (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus heifers, 2yo, Kunuma blood
A/c D & P Whiteley, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus heifers, 14 mths, By Hazelwood & Harris Bulls
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A/c M & M Cattle Co, Powlett River (SEJ)
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17 Angus x steers, 10 mths
A/c J, B & W Luke, Glen Alvie (NUTRIEN)
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DEATHS

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Loving wife to George for 51 years.

Cherished mother and mother-in-law.

Adored granny to all her grandchildren.

You shared our joys and troubles, The laughter, and tears, You gave us love and kindness, Throughout the passing years, we will miss you.

Private cremation has taken place.

BURNS, James: 'Jimmy'

17.04.1944 - 22.06.2025.

Passed away peacefully surrounded by his family.

Loved husband of Eileen (Rose).

Loving dad and father-in-law of Dean and Kellie, Paul (Frank), Nicole and Jamie.

Adored pop to Angus, Reeve, Kobe, Zac, and Spencer.

Loved and respected by all.

DEATHS

BURNS, James Jarvie:
17.04.1944.
Passed away at Seahaven
June 22, 2025.

Loving husband of Eileen of 58 years.

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Pop to Angus, Kobe, Reeve, Zac, and Spencer

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Unseen, unheard but always there, still loved, still missed and forever dear.

BURNS, Jimmy:
22.06.2025.

The good times that we shared together Gave us memories that will last forever.

Rest peacefully "James"

-- Max (deceased), Terri, Darren, Shannon, Tania, Paul and families.

COOK, Briony Anne:
Passed away peacefully on June 24, 2025 surrounded by her family.
Aged 50 years

Loved wife of Neil.

Loving daughter of Jeanette & Noel (dec.).
Loving sister and sister-in-law of Rebecca and Phil, Christian and Vicki.
Daughter-in-law of Etta and Norm (dec.), sister-in-law of Gary and Mandy, Ken and Marylene. Adored Aunty to all her nieces and nephews.

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DEATHS

COOK, Briony:
Much loved niece and cousin of Lorraine, Keith, Shannon, Greer, Doyle and Leigh.
Beautiful memories to cherish.
You were very brave.
We will miss you heaps.

Love to Neil, Milo, Jean, Becky, Christian and families.

COOK, Briony Anne:
November 20, 1974 - June 24, 2025.

Loved niece of Pam and Peter; and adored cousin of Jane, Tim and Michelle, Sarah and Ash, and William.
Always in our hearts and now at peace.

DOUGLAS (Cook), Briony Anne:
Loving niece of Glenda and Rod. Much loved cousin of Meghan, Anthony, Clare, Michael, Peter and Christopher.
You will always be in our hearts.

FINLAY (nee Forsyth), Glenda Maureen:

28.06.1935.

Passed away peacefully at Rose Lodge on 23.06.2025.

Beloved wife of Col (dec.).

Loved daughter of John and Mavis Forsyth (both dec.).

Much loved sister and sister-in-law of Jack and Lorriane, Haydn (dec.) and Maureen, Alan and Bev (dec.).

Dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Michael and Christine, Vicki and Chris.

Thank you for being a wonderful Mum, for all your love, support and devotion. We will miss you Mum.

Always in our hearts

DEATHS

FINLAY (nee Forsyth), Glenda Maureen:
Cherished Nan (Glendy) of Emma, Sharna and Jack, Bethany, Alexandra and Charlie and Joel.

Our beautiful Nana. You were the rock of our family with a wicked sense of humour, the sharpest memory and a love for us grandkids was so strong that it was felt even at a distance. You were truly loved and adored.

We will forever cherish the beautiful memories we had with you.

Adored great Nanny to Xavier, Bodhi, Eve, Ivy and Louie.

Thank you Nanny for all the 'Up N Go's' and all the goodies Mum and Dad never let us have. We love you.

A big thank you to the wonderful staff at Rose Lodge for all your care and dedication to Mum.

FINLAY (Forsyth), Glenda Maureen:
Dearest sister of Haydn (dec). Much loved sister-in-law of Maureen. Much loved Aunty Glenda of Judyanne, Brett and families.

Memories of a lifetime are ours to keep forever.

No more phone calls.

Goodbye my darling friend. -- Maus.

FINLAY, Glenda:
Loved sister-in-law of Bill (dec.) and Mary. Aunty to Ian and Kylie, Anne, Leigh and Gary, Graeme and Tracey, Greg and Lorraine, Karen and Michael and their families.

Heartfelt condolences to Michael, Vicki and their families.

DEATHS

JOHNSON, Margaret Louise (Goldie):
06.07.1957 - 25.06.2025.

Much loved partner of Wayne.

Loving mother of Luke and Elli, Darren, Hayley and Nick.

Adored grandmother of Alira, Ryder, Cooper and Miller.

In our hearts forever.

KERR (nee Robertson / Duncan), Phyllis Joy:

27.09.1934 - 26.06.2025.

Adored wife of Ivan. Loved sister of Beth. Loving mum of Peter (dec.), Fiona, Wayne, John (dec.), and Kerry. Amazing nanna to Nicole; Jess, Jason, Darcy, Lachlan; John-Henry; Coby, Kellie, Bonnie, Scott, Melanie and Shaughn.

Adored by all her great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Forever loved.

For funeral details, please go to www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au

KERR (nee Duncan), Joy:
A very special family friend and "Aunt Joy" for 60 years.

Rest now beautiful lady, back with her boys.

Forever loved in our hearts.

-- Nancy, Ron (her Elvis) (dec.), Neil and Liza
♥ xx

KING (nee Armstrong), Jeannette Rosemary:
Born on November 16, 1947. Passed away June 18, 2025.

Loving mother of Dianne, David and Priscilla.

Adoring and much loved gran to Xavier and Ethan.

Resting now with her beloved husband Geoff, parents Gwen and Cecil and sister Caroline.

A wonderful lady whose kindness and voice will be remembered by all who knew her.

Rest in Peace Mum.

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Rest in Peace Mum.

DEATHS

MOON, Douglas William:
28.09.1941 - 20.06.2025.

Loved brother of Kevin, Les (dec.), Graham (dec.) and Peter.

Brother-in-Law to Margaret, Cherie, Bozena, Lillian.

Koro to Jamie.

Loving father of Angelique and Emmanuel.

MOON, Douglas William:
Brother of Peter Treadwell, brother-in-law to Lillian.

Uncle of William and Micheal and family, James and Tina and family.

Great uncle of April and John.

R.I.P.

ROUGHEAD (nee Griffiths), Ann Philomena:

September 23, 1930 - June 23, 2025.

Dearly loved daughter of James and Elizabeth Griffiths, sister of Mary and sister-in-law of Doug Harkin (all dec.).

Dearly loved wife of Jim (dec.).

Dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Christine, Paul and Bernie, Greg and Trish, Brendan and Cleta, Michael, Libby, Vincent (dec.) and Marian (dec.).

Loved nan of Jarryd, Joel, Jacob, Emily, Sarah, Jordan, Jessica, Cameron, Nicholas, Rebecca, Eliza, Thomas, Wayne, and Ross (dec.).

Loved great nan of Shae, Pippa, Alayna, Kai, Jacob, Will, Maisie, Harry, Penelope, Holly, Ollie, Alfie, Ozzy, Anastasia, Max, Poppy, Niamh, and Edward.

"Our light"

In lieu of flowers, donations to Beyond Blue.

ROUGHEAD, Ann:

A much loved friend for over 50 years. Ann was insightful, and excellent company. As a teacher, Ann was kind, empathetic and inspiring - she was loved by everyone - students, teachers and staff.

She will never be forgotten.

-- Heather Calder and Sheran Sanford.

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-- Heather Calder and Sheran Sanford.

DEATHS

WELLSTEAD, Barbara Ann:
Passed away peacefully on June 21, 2025.

Loved daughter of Les and Bessie (both dec.).

Loving sister of Doug, Sue, Lynda, and Pam.

Best friend of Lia and Marianne.

Cherished auntie to all her nieces and nephews.

FUNERALS

BEARD:

The Funeral Service for Mr. Gordon Alan Beard

will be held at Handley and Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Friday, July 4, 2025, commencing at 11am.

At the conclusion of the service the funeral will leave for the Inverloch Cemetery.

BURNS:

The Funeral Service for Mr. James (Jimmy) Burns will be held at Handley and Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Thursday, July 3, 2025, commencing at 11am.

At the conclusion of the service the funeral will leave for the Kilcunda Cemetery.

FINLAY:

As per Glenda's wishes, a private family funeral will be held.

You are invited to an informal gathering with light refreshments being served at the Wonthaggi Golf Club, Dr. Sleeman Drive, Wonthaggi on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 from 1pm.

FLEMING, John Alexander:

Family and friends are cordially invited to celebrate John's life at Bairs Hotel, Leongatha, Thursday, July 3, 2025 commencing 2.30pm.

JOHNSON:

The Funeral Service for Margaret 'Goldie' Johnson will be held at the Graveside, Inverloch Cemetery TOMORROW, Wednesday (July 2, 2025) commencing at 1pm.

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE 12 NOON MONDAYS

FUNERALS

KING:

The Funeral Service for Mrs. Jeannette Rosemary King will be held at Christ Church Anglican Church, 36 Station Road, Foster on TUESDAY (July 8, 2025) commencing at 11am. At the conclusion of the Service a Private Cremation will take place.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre or Christian Blind Mission.

ROUGHEAD:

Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mrs Ann Philomena Roughead will be offered at St Laurence Catholic Church, 31 Ogilvy Street, Leongatha on WEDNESDAY (July 2, 2025) at 11.30am.

At the conclusion of Mass the Funeral will leave for the Leongatha Cemetery. Ann's service will be live streamed. To view the service go to www.handleyfuneral.com.au

WELLSTEAD:

The Funeral Service for Barbara Ann Wellstead will be held at Handley and Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi Thursday, July 10, 2025, commencing at 11am.

A Private Cremation will follow.

Some special requests made by Barbara are for guest to wear casual clothes and STRICTLY NO FLOWERS.

WELLSTEAD:

The Funeral Service for Barbara Ann Wellstead will be held at Handley and Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi Thursday, July 10, 2025, commencing at 11am.

A Private Cremation will follow.

Some special requests made by Barbara are for guest to wear casual clothes and STRICTLY NO FLOWERS.

BEREAVEMENT THANKS

POCKLINGTON, Keith:

Pat and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, tributes, flowers and visits on the passing of Keith. We also thank everyone for joining our celebration of Keith's life. Your kindness is much appreciated.

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We are currently seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to assist the Manager to accomplish all aspects of day-to-day operations of the **Port Welshpool Depot**, including administration and programming of works, on-the-job supervision of staff, adherence to OHS policies and procedures and to take a lead role in the construction, repair and maintenance of marine based assets.

The ideal candidate should have strong construction experience and knowledge, good interpersonal and supervisory skills, and be able to work independently and in a team environment.

Enquiries about this position should be directed to the South Gippsland Manager, Jake Griffin on 0400 932 576.

To be considered for this position, candidates must address the key selection criteria found within the position description.

For a full position description and application details, please visit our website www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au/employment.php or phone Jaime Watt, Human Resources Coordinator on 0417 489 936.

Applications close on Thursday, July 17, 2025



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- **Administrative & General Office Support.**
- **Marketing & Sales Support.**
- **Client Relationship Management.**
- **Sales Process Support.**

Skills and Qualifications:

- **Experience:** Previous experience in a similar administrative or executive assistant role, ideally within the real estate industry preferred but not essential.
- **Organisation & Time Management:** Ability to manage multiple tasks, prioritise effectively, and meet deadlines in a fast-paced environment.
- **Communication Skills:** Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to interact professionally with clients and colleagues.
- **Technical Skills:** Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook). Experience with real estate CRM systems and social media is an advantage.

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West Gippsland

Catchment Management Authority

Expressions of Interest -
Cleaning Services

Leongatha Office and Leongatha Depot

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited from suitably qualified contractors to provide Cleaning Services for the Authority's two Leongatha premises.

The contract is for a period of three years with the option of a further two years and will commence on Monday September 1, 2025.

West Gippsland CMA will run a tour of both premises on Wednesday July 16. This will provide an opportunity for you to inspect the premises and ask any questions prior to submitting your EOI.

Applicants must submit an EOI using the online Provision of Cleaning Services Form available on our website - wgcm.vic.gov.au.

For further details or to register your interest in a tour, contact Janine Clark, on 5613 5960.

EOI submissions must be received by 5pm Monday July 28, 2025

TENDERS

WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL

TENDER RFT2025-000228

Recycling Processing Services

Four Gippsland Councils (Wellington Shire Council, Baw Baw Shire Council, South Gippsland Shire Council and Latrobe City Council) invite interested contractors to tender for Recycling Processing Services under a collaborative procurement arrangement.

All Tenderers must register with Wellington Shire Council to receive the tender documents, which are available from the eProcure website.

www.eprocure.com.au/wellingtonshirecouncil

All tender submissions must be lodged electronically through the eProcure portal no later than **5pm Monday 28 July 2025**. All enquiries should be made through eProcure.

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Water usage charge (per kL)	\$
Residential	2.5066
Non-Residential	2.5066
Standpipe Variable Charge	4.0621

Water fixed charge p.a.	\$
Residential access charge	454.15
Vacant land - connected	454.15
Unconnected vacant land	227.04
Non-Residential (price varies depending on size of service)	

Wastewater fixed charge p.a.	\$
Residential sewer access	719.28
Unconnected vacant land	360.25
Non-residential sewer access	719.28
Non-residential – cistern charge (for each cistern in excess of two)	265.63

Recycled Water (Class A)	\$
Residential access charge p.a.	33.92
Non-Residential access charge p.a.	33.92
Recycled Water usage (per kL)	1.3584

Pension/Health Care Rebate p.a.	\$
Water sewerage concession (max rebate)	372.10
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PROPOSAL TO CO-LOCATE TELSTRA FACILITIES TO AN EXISTING NBN SITE AT FISH CREEK

1. Telstra is proposing to co-locate new facilities at the at existing NBN exchange site, 96 Old Waratah Road, Fish Creek VIC 3959.

2. The proposal will consist of the installation of (6) Six new panel antennas on to a new 30m high circular headframe on the existing 40m high NBN monopole, (1) One new equipment shelter adjacent to the monopole, along with associated auxiliary equipment and ancillary works such as expansion of compound fencing and replanting of vegetation. Overall height of structure will not increase with this proposal.

3. In accordance with Section 6 of the Industry Code C564:2025 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment, we invite you to make comments about the proposal.

4. Please direct comments to Planning Consultant on behalf of Telstra at planning.vic@servicestream.com.au, 0477 962 725 or by post to: Service Stream - Level 11, 2 Wentworth Street, Parramatta, NSW 2150 by 5pm Wednesday 30th of July 2025.

For more information about the proposal, scan the QR Code or visit www.rfnsa.com.au/3959002

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PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE AN EXISTING MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION

1. Telstra is proposing to upgrade an existing mobile phone base station at Water Tank off Seaward Drive, Cape Paterson VIC 3995. RFNSA: 3995003.

2. The proposed upgrade will consist of the reconfiguration of three (3) existing panel antennas. Removal of three (3) existing 5G panel antennas. Installation of three (3) new 5G panel antennas (each 0.8m long) at a height of 18.9m. Installation and relocation of ancillary equipment.

3. In accordance with Section 7 of the Industry Code C564:2025 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment, we invite you to make comments about the proposal.

4. Please direct comments to Ben Lavery, Planning Consultant on behalf of Telstra at telstra.submissions@servicestream.com.au, 0497 833 252 or by post to: Service Stream (Wireless) - Level 3, Tower B, Zenith Centre, 821 Pacific Highway, Chatswood NSW 2067 by 5pm Thursday 17 July 2025.

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General Tariff	\$405.84	\$135.28	\$430.15	\$107.53
Vacant Land	\$405.84	\$135.28	\$430.15	\$107.53
Agreements	\$365.31	\$121.77	\$387.17	\$96.79
Concessional	\$325.53	\$108.51	\$345.03	\$86.25

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\$2.3817 cents per kilolitre (1,000 litres) 1/7/24 - 30/6/25

\$2.5423 cents per kilolitre (1,000 litres) 1/7/25 - 30/6/26

WASTE WATER SERVICE CHARGE: All serviced areas

	1/07/24– 30/6/25		1/07/25 – 30/6/26 (new quarterly billing)	
	Annual Tariff	Tariff Per Account	Annual Tariff	Tariff Per Account
General Tariff	\$629.88	\$209.96	\$667.58	\$166.89
Vacant Land	\$356.37	\$118.79	\$377.70	\$94.25

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Charlie Marsh's love of learning led to him recently being named the Secondary School Student of the Year.

Charlie Marsh Student of the Year

VILLAGE High School Year 12 student Charlie Marsh is the Secondary School Student of the Year, the honour bestowed by Chisholm TAFE where he is studying for a Certificate II in Computer Assembly and Repair.

He is fascinated by technology and enjoys figuring out how it works and believes passion can take you where you want to be.

"It is his passion that led to Charlie's nomination," Chisholm TAFE stated, praising him for the assistance he provided to other students.

Having almost completed his Certificate II, Charlie will pursue a Bachelor of Computer Science at La Trobe University through which he is currently taking part in the Aspire Program, an early entry initiative.

"It's in science and mathematics and once I complete that, I'll be able to register to go into a course if I get the required ATAR," he explained, which given his bright and enthusiastic nature seems assured.

Charlie has longer-term plans to own a cybersecurity company.

To learn how to set up a successful business, he has started an online course in business management through Virtual Schools Victoria.

Charlie's interest in computers began as a young boy playing Minecraft, through which he met a lot of "tech whizzes".

"So, I was surrounded by those people from a young age," he said.

He was inspired to save up for a desktop gaming computer, which proved to have some issues, challenges he was able to overcome with expert advice.

Helping his mother when her small business experienced a cyber attack fuelled his determination to make a difference in the industry, the experience building his confidence in his computer skills.

While Charlie's grandfather Phillip Dawes, a scholar himself, sadly passed away four days before Charlie was named Secondary Student of the Year, he was proud that his grandson had been nominated.

Describing winning the award as "such an honour", Charlie gave credit to his grandfather.

"Everybody says that I'm a lot like him; he taught me to play chess as a little kid, so he inspired my critical thinking skills and my love of learning," he said, adding that it felt like his grandfather's work and influence was with him when he won the award.

It was a special moment for the family.

Now attending the Wonthaggi campus of the Village High School, having previously been at the Ryanston campus, Charlie spoke glowingly of his teachers and the positive impact they have on him.

"They're all incredible and they've taught me so much about learning," he said.

"I used to hate learning as a kid but then I got into computers, I found a passion, and they knew how to turn that passion into other things, into maths, into English," with that giving him a love of learning in general.

As a kid, he never imagined going to Uni but is now relishing the thought, loving TAFE and school and grabbing all the educational opportunities available.



A successful Master Chef event was held at the Bass Coast College junior campus recently.

Master chefs produce quality dishes at Bass Coast College

THE annual Bass Coast College Junior Campus Master Chef Competition was held recently, with Year 9 students from Dudley and San Remo going head-to-head to battle it out and win the coveted title and shield.

Teams had to produce their own designed risotto and a sticky date pudding for the judges.

They were evaluated on appearance, including plating presentation, taste and overall execution.

The standard of production and flavours was exceptional.

All participants are to be congratulated for their efforts on the day.

The final place winners were: third Mikayla and Lexi; second Logan and

Matilda.

First place went to Casper and Kaylah from the San Remo campus

They take the shield with them back to San Remo until next year's competition.

The school thanked Lucy and the staff at Home Cook & BBQ Wonthaggi for sponsoring the prize for the first-place winners.

RAAF Museum showcases first full Roulette display

BLUE skies welcomed 500 enthusiastic aviation fans to the RAAF Museum at RAAF Base Point Cook, to witness the loops and rolls of the first full Roulettes display over the base in six years.

The Point Cook display was also an opportunity for three new Roulette pilots to showcase their skills for their first public display of the new Roulettes season, with Flight Lieutenant Alex Christison (Roulette 2), Flight Lieutenant Rich Taylor (Roulette 4) and Flight Lieutenant Lucas Grote (Roulette 7), joining the team.

The display was well received with Wing Commander Michelle McPhail, Officer in Charge RAAF Museum, thrilled that hundreds of excited fans turned out for the display and stayed to hear from the Roulettes after landing for a special meet and greet for the RAAF Museum interactive flying display.

"The interactive flying display is where our RAAF Museum visitors get to not only see some incredibly skilled flying from talented and highly-trained military pilots, but they also have the opportunity to get 'up close and personal' with the pilots and crew before and after flying displays," Wing Commander McPhail said.

"There were lots and lots of 'Wows' from the large crowd gathered to see the Roulettes return to the RAAF Museum – yes, it's been six years! – and standing there with hundreds of people, all looking to the skies in anticipation, to hear them coming and then see them fly directly over our heads, was magic."



RAAF Museum at RAAF Base Point Cook flying display.

For Flight Lieutenant Alex Christison, who grew up in Gippsland near the Roulettes East Sale base and went to Yarram Secondary College, it's a full circle moment, growing up watching the Roulettes practice displays and now becoming the new Roulette 2.

"I've always had a passion for flying and growing up seeing the Roulettes flying near my home definitely gave me inspiration to join the ADF, flying Blackhawks for the Army, before transferring to RAAF as a flying instructor," Flight Lieutenant Christison said.

"I've spent weeks learning the Roulette 2 position, practising near where my family home is, and with my first display being at the spiritual home of the Air Force it has been a really special way to start my time with the team."

For Roulette 4, Flight Lieutenant Rich Taylor, joining the Roulettes has been a journey that started in the UK as a pilot in the RAF.

"I flew Tornados in the

RAF before I became a flying instructor on Tucano's and always loved watching the Red Arrows, the RAF aerobatic team perform," Flight Lieutenant Taylor remarked.

"When I relocated to Australia to become an instructor at the RAAF Central Flying School, I was keen to try out for the Roulettes and develop my skills as a display pilot."

"There was plenty of nervous excitement going into our first public display, but it really clicked for me when we took to the sky and I performed the corkscrew, which is Roulette 4's signature move."

Former Korumburra Secondary College student and Squadron Leader Lachie Hazeldine flew Roulette 1.

The RAAF Museum at RAAF Base Point Cook regularly hosts Interactive Flying Displays, conducted by the Air Force's heritage flying squadron, No. 100 Squadron.

For more details go to airforce.gov.au/community/visit-and-learn/raaf-museum.



Risotto Milanese

By Meg Viney

Ingredients

- 1 cup rice
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 80 gm butter
- Pinch of saffron
- 2 tbsp Madeira
- 2 ¼ cups chicken stock
- Parmesan cheese, grated

Method

Boil 2 tbsp water and add the saffron – leave to soak.

Melt half the butter in a saucepan, add the onion and salt and put the lid on.

Cook over a low heat for 10 minutes, until golden and aromatic.

Add the rice, stir well to coat the grains, then add the stock and the saffron.

Cover and cook over a low heat until all the stock is absorbed – 15 minutes.

Then add the madeira, the remaining butter and a tbsp parmesan. Serve at once.

The idea that risotto has to be stirred is a waste of time actually – once you try this I hope you agree!

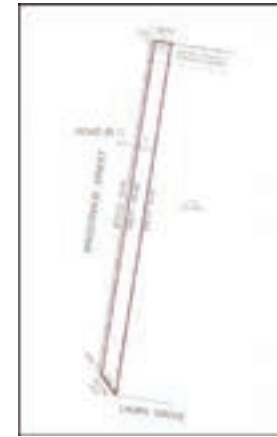
Gremolata:

Grated rind of half a lemon, tbsp finely minced parsley, 1 minced clove garlic, combined and served with the Esso buco.

Hint: Crushing garlic: Using the side of a knife and a pinch each salt and sugar, crush all together. You get better flavoured garlic.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PROPOSED SALE OF LAND Part 71 MacDonald Street, Leongatha



Council at its ordinary meeting held 18 June 2025 proposed to commence statutory procedures to sell part of the land known as Part 71 MacDonald Street, Leongatha Reservation No.1 LP21596S being 127m2 to the adjoining landowner for consolidation (shown in the plan above outlined in red) for no less than the valuation to be obtained not more than 6 months prior to the sale and remove the reservation status.

A person may make a submission to the proposed sale of land. Submissions are to be received no later than 5pm on 28 July 2025 addressed to the CEO, 9 Smith Street, Leongatha Vic 3953.

Any person making a submission is entitled to be heard in support of the submission. If a person or a representative wish to be heard in support of the submission, they must state this in their submission. Copies of the submitter's name and address will be disclosed at any public Council meeting at which the proposal will be considered. If no submissions are received, the proposal will be implemented.



South Gippsland Bridge Club

THERE was a three-way tie, so eight of the 12 pairs qualified for Masterpoints on Tuesday, June 24.

Results were Deb Anglim and John French with 61.85 per cent, Jean Barbour and Alan Johnston 60.37, Ruth Harvey and Su Edwards 55.93, Matti Shub and John Quayle 54.44, Bron Sund and Michael Dooley 48.89, Bruce Higgs and Jenny Jacob 48.15, Phil and Neville Chapman 48.15, Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles also 48.15 per cent.

Friday, June 27, saw 7.5 tables and another pair from John's Monday lessons getting amongst the points – good to see.

Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson 59.38 per cent, Moya Crowley and Michael Dooley 56.25, Deb Anglim and John French 53.27, John Quayle and Matti Shub 48.26 per cent playing N/S.

E/W, Bruce Higgs and Sean Munley 67.56 per cent, Denise Allitt and Tom Kudelka 62.50, and Fred Meiseloach and Ann Marie Tytler 53.87 per cent.

Phillip Island Bridge Club farewells John

JOHN Farr has passed away.

John played his last game at the Phillip Island Bridge Club on Monday, June 16, and we all hope we'll be playing our beloved game right up until our life's end.

John was a Grand Master, an elite group, and a formidable opponent whether as declarer or defence.

He has been a member since 1999, clocking up over a quarter of a century with the club.

He did five years of service as vice president from 2000-2004.

John has many bridge friends who will miss him greatly.

I was not always sure what he was thinking as his wry smile gave little away, but his quirky array of shirts suggested an individual of iconic status.

He is well-represented on our honour boards.

He has featured in three Club Teams events, winning in 2012, 2016 and 2024.

John has also won the Club Championship Pairs three times – 2014, 2016 and 2023.

His name appears on the Helen Graham Memorial Pairs plaque for wins in 2003, 2004, 2014 and 2015.

Farewell our friend.

Monday, June 23: Duplicate 5 ½ Tables was won by Deb Anglim and Shirley Stewart on 58.33 per cent.

Wednesday, June 25: Duplicate 3 ½ Tables – Marnie Myall and Caroline Shaw slammed home with a massive 71.88 per cent.

Rip Curl GromSearch brings elite junior surfing back to Bass Coast

THE 2025 Rip Curl GromSearch Phillip Island presented by Bass Coast Shire Council will bring elite surfers to the Bass Coast Shire this October as the final marquee junior event on the Surfing Australia Junior Series.

As a 10,000 point Marquee event on the Surfing Australia National Rankings, the event is only one of five events of this calibre in the country and will provide surfers with valuable rankings points in their quest for a spot in the Irukandjis team heading to the ISA World Junior Surfing Titles.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead, is thrilled to welcome back the top juniors to the Bass Coast Shire.

“We’re incredibly proud to welcome the Rip Curl GromSearch back to Phillip Island – a marquee event that not only showcases our spectacular coastline and surf culture but also plays a vital role in developing the next generation of Australian surfing talent. Events like this draw families from across the country, many staying on to explore everything Bass Coast has to offer, from our beaches and wildlife to our cafes, shops and attractions. That has a big flow-on effect for our local economy and helps create lifelong memories for young



Victorian talent Ava Holland will be one to watch going up against the best surfers from around the country. Photo: Noah Clifford/Surfing Victoria.

athletes and their supporters. We’re thrilled to once again host the rising stars of surfing in what’s sure to be another action-packed and inspiring week.”

With over 180 competitors expected to compete over the five-day event, the event is one of the biggest in the country, seeing surfers from all six surfing states.

“We’re stoked to partner with Surfing Victoria to bring Australia’s best groms back to Phillip Island,” said Angus Forrest, Rip

Curl’s Sports marketing manager.

“The future of Australian surfing has never looked brighter, with the next generation constantly pushing boundaries and elevating the sport. Phillip Island is always a standout stop on the GromSearch series, showcasing top talent ahead of the National Final at URBNSURF Sydney later this year.”

Victorian Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos said it’s fan-

tastic to see the Rip Curl GromSearch Phillip Island receiving this strong support.

“The inaugural Phillip Island Junior Pro was a massive hit and we hope it will be even bigger this year with the continued support of the Victorian Government, Bass Coast Shire Council and Rip Curl.”

“We can’t wait to welcome the GromSearch back to Bass Coast this October providing a boost for local jobs and businesses.”

Annual Junior Series Champions in the Under 16 & 18 Male and Female Divisions of the Surfing Australia Junior Series will earn a spot on the Irukandjis Team and represent Australia at the ISA World Junior Championships.

“We are proud to partner with Rip Curl, The Bass Coast Shire and Victoria Government to bring back the Rip Curl GromSearch to Phillip Island,” said Surfing Victoria CEO Adam Robertson.

“Ensuring Victoria hosts a marquee junior event each year is key to our development pathway and ensures our surfers get the best opportunity to gain points and develop their skills against the best from other states.”

Entries open July 7 and will close July 21 to eligible junior surfers via surfingvic.com/events.

Joe’s Hornets gains final’s berth at Phillip Island Darts

THE atmosphere was electric at the Dart Centre on Monday night as a passionate crowd turned out for the Phillip Island and District Darts League semifinals. With cheers echoing through the venue and plenty of laughs to go with the arrows, it was a night that had everything – pressure, passion, and a few surprise performances!

In the A Grade Semi Final, Joe’s Hornets brought the sting, powering past Miramar with a

commanding 5-2 win. The Hornets were on target from the outset, showing focus and flair under the bright lights. Their reward? A much-anticipated showdown with ladder leaders Vikings in next week’s Grand Final – a match-up already being billed as the clash of the season!

Meanwhile, in the B Grade Gumboot Semi, the story of the night belonged to the brave and undermanned Breakers, who dug deep to edge out Deadly Darts in

a heart-stopping 4-3 thriller. With grit and determination, the Breakers now march into the Grand Final to face the formidable Storm in what promises to be a true underdog battle. Not to be forgotten, the ever-important Wooden Spoon playoff will also see Mustangs face off against Dart Vaders – both sides aiming to end the season with pride and maybe a cheeky bit of redemption.

A huge shoutout goes to all members who turned up to sup-

port, score, and barrack – your energy makes P.I.D.D.L what it is. And of course, thanks to our incredible sponsors for keeping the darts flying and the community buzzing.

Special congratulations to Jeff, lucky winner of the San Remo Butchers meat tray raffle – enjoy those snags, mate!

Grand Final night is this Monday at the Dart Centre. Be there for the arrows, the action, and the ultimate bragging rights.

SGB team compete at Geoff Peterson Memorial Swim Meet



IT WAS all smiles for the small group of junior swimmers who competed at the Geoff Peterson Memorial Swim Meet in Morwell on Sunday, June 29. The event, part of the Gippsland Short Course season, was attended by clubs from across the region.

There were lots of personal bests and ribbons earned by the SGB team. Three swimmers, Jordan Gallicchio, Brooklyn and Courtney Packer, also came home with an age group champion medal.

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	July 1
▲ 3.41am	1.52m
▼ 9.38am	0.48m
▲ 4.38pm	1.71m
▼ 10.20pm	0.65m

WEDNESDAY	July 2
▲ 4.33am	1.48m
▼ 10.20am	0.57m
▲ 5.13pm	1.66m
▼ 11.04pm	0.62m

THURSDAY	July 3
▲ 5.29am	1.45m
▼ 11.00am	0.67m
▲ 5.45pm	1.61m
▼ 11.44pm	0.60m

FRIDAY	July 4
▲ 6.25am	1.42m
▼ 11.38am	0.76m
▲ 6.15pm	1.55m

SATURDAY	July 5
▼ 12.22am	0.59m
▲ 7.21am	1.41m
▼ 12.18pm	0.85m
▲ 6.47pm	1.49m

SUNDAY	July 6
▼ 1.01am	0.58m
▲ 8.15am	1.41m
▼ 1.03pm	0.94m
▲ 7.23pm	1.44m

MONDAY	July 7
▼ 1.45am	0.58m
▲ 9.11am	1.43m
▼ 1.55pm	1.02m
▲ 8.07pm	1.40m

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Jenny Bakker and Ken Webb were the Monday winners at Breakaway Bowls.



Amanda Bozelle (L), Tony Heppleston (S), Louis Magri (S) and Frank D'Unienville (3) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners on Thursday.



Charlie Tyers, Mark Taylor and Paul Greenhalgh won indoor bowls at the Foster Bowls Club recently.



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's best one game winners were Bev Elliott (3), Mark Hanrahan (S) and Mardi Lloyd (L).



Gary Scott, Pam Dickfos, Gavan Butler and Joan McStravick were the Inverloch Bowling Club's social bowls winners on Thursday.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday winners were Norm Evans, Paul Hill and Scott Miller.



Recent winners of indoor bowls at the Foster Bowls Club were Karen Wheeler, Bev Tyers and Kate Pulham.



Ed Henry, Jean Wylde, Teresa Ireland and Maggie Scapin won two games to be the winning team at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls.



Wednesday's indoor bowls winners were Bev Tyers and Rosa Raiti at the Foster Bowls Club.

BREAKAWAY

ANOTHER Monday gone with the members enjoying a great day of fellowships. The winners were Jenny Bakker and Ken Webb. They won with +16 – what a team. Well done to all who competed. Another great day at Breakaway Indoor Bowls was had at Cape Paterson Community Centre on Friday. The winners were Pat Novak, Peter Morgan and Janet Murphy. They had +4.

FOSTER

A COUPLE of weeks, back the Wednesday night indoor bowls saw a great night with 11 in attendance. A handful of newbies in the mix saw some interesting bowling at the start of the night. It didn't take long for most to settle in and show their skills. The winning team was Charlie Tyers, Mark Taylor and Paul Greenhalgh. Player numbers were down a little the following week with only seven. Bev Tyers, Kate Pulham and Karen Wheeler took home the win. Last Wednesday saw eight playing pairs. The team of Bev Tyers and Rosa Raiti were the only two game winners, taking home the sweet treats. Everyone is having a great night out with lots of laughs. The club hopes the sickies get

better and return soon. Next month, Thursday, July 10, is the Winter Triples. Team numbers are pretty good, but there's always plenty of room for more. Happy bowling to all.

INVERLOCH

AT INVERLOCH Bowling Club on Thursday, 35 players attended to play social bowls in a mixture of fours and triples teams. After a wet and windy week, the club was lucky enough to have a reasonably mild day. The bowlers had a break for the hot soup lunch. They played two games of 10 ends with only one team winning both their games. The team of Laurel Lee, Terry Seaward and Ted Lee was runner-up with a win and a draw and ended up with 26 points. The winners on the day with two wins and 36 points were the team of Gary Scott, Gavan Butler, Joan McStravick and Pam Dickfos. It was another great day.

MIDWEEK

WHAT a day. Amazingly, 49 of the family of bowlers turned up in the rain to once again fight it out for team of the week. The club was welcomed by John as Claire and David prepared the teams. Once these tasks were completed and it was time to head out, the sky opened up and the sun actually appeared.

That was the theme of the day – no rain with reasonable appearances of the sun. Someone or something certainly looks out for the bowlers on Thursdays. Anyway, it was a great day with lots of fun and laughter from all the rinks. Friends became opponents for the day for many, but for everyone else, it was just fun to play with great company and friends. There were not a lot of donations to the Royal Children's Hospital tin, but that will change over the coming weeks. As usual, there can only be one winner and the winners on a great score of 37 were Amanda Bozelle (L), Tony Heppleston (S), Louis Magri (S) and Frank D'Unienville (3). Runners-up on a close score of 36 were Vern Elliott (S), Rob Jeffery (3), Frank Verco (L) and Phil Wright (2). Best one game winners on a score of 21 were Bev Elliott (3), Mark Hanrahan (S) and Mardi Lloyd (L). A big thank you to Phil behind the bar as well as preparing the rink for all our players. Phil does so much for the group without much thanks and the bowlers should not overlook his wonderful work. Also, a big thank you to Rob who looked after the kitchen and helped clear up outside after the game. Next week, the club will be meeting up at San Remo Bowls Club to once again challenge friends for team of the week.

Please, be on site by 10am as the numbers are getting quite high and if you are in after the books are full then you may have to miss out. Meanwhile till then, have fun and stay safe.

WONTHAGGI

ONCE again, it was another good week of winter bowls. Wednesday was not a pleasant day, with wind and rain making conditions tough. However, the weather gods looked after the bowlers on Saturday, providing a fine, cool, and sunny day. Thirty bowlers graced the greens, with three-bowl triples being the order of the day over two games of 10 ends. The unlucky team was Rob Allan, Colin Binch, and Rod Beech, finishing with one win, one draw, and 26 points. Runners-up were John Hill, Wendy Donohue, and Bryan Donohue with one win, one draw, and 28 points. The winners were Norm Evans, Paul Hill, and Scott Miller with two wins and 33 points. Paul, a new member, was delighted with his first win at Wonthaggi. Norm Evans had a great day – not only was he part of the winning team, but he also won \$20 in the raffle. Friday night was another enjoyable evening, despite a few people being away and the weather not being the best. The members' draw went off, with Wally present to claim the

\$100 prize. Peter Miller, just back from a trip, was thrilled to win the meat tray. Howard and Scott were pleased to each win a brekky pack, and Wally finished the night off by winning a dozen eggs. As always, a big thank you to Wonthaggi Meats for supplying the meat trays. Upcoming bowls this week: • Wednesday social bowls: 12.30pm. • Friday coaching: 10am. • Saturday social bowls: 12.30pm. • Friday night social: doors open at 4pm, meat tray raffles and members draw at 6pm. This week's draw stands at \$50. Come along and enjoy a good night out – the rooms are always warm and welcoming. Have a great week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

WHAT an amazing week of bowling with a total of 49 players competing. Tuesday's winners with a plus 18 were Jo McIntyre, Thelma Kavanagh and Steve Rosendale. Runners up on plus 13 were Jenny Bakker, Sylvia Mattock Allan Ireland and Ian Bice. Welcome to new member Ian. Friday's winners on plus 13, winning two games, were Ed Henry, Jean Wylde, Teresa Ireland and Maggie Scapin. Runners up with a win and a draw on plus two were Lia Smith, Nikki Nicols, John Ferguson and Allan Ireland.

Leongatha Small Bore Rifle Club

2025: 50m Bench Pennant - Section A:
Round nine: Leongatha A 746.41 defeated Benalla 730.28. 249.18 David Garrett; 249.10 Jack Sargent; 248.13 Christopher Sargent; 247.13 Kenneth Hart.
Round 10: Leongatha A 747.38 defeated Kyabram A 740.27. 250.14 Christopher Sargent; 249.13 David Garrett; 248.11 Kenneth Hart; 243.10 Jack Sargent.
Ladder: 36 FPTRC A; 36 Leongatha A; 20 Benalla; 12 Ballarat East 1; 8 Albury A; 8 Kyabram A.
2025: 50m Bench Pennant - Section D:
Round nine: Leongatha B 729.35 defeated Kyabram B 715.13.
246.15 Bradley Hall; 246.13 Peter Gallus; 237.07 William Ross; 235.09 Allan Ross; x208.05 Cameron Davidson.
x = not nominated.
Round 10: Leongatha B 731.31 defeated Numurkah B 682.16. 250.17 Bradley Hall; 243.08 Peter Gallus; 238.06 Allan Ross; 237.08 William Ross; x186.02 Cameron Davidson.
Ladder: 32 Sale B; 28 FTTRC C; 24 Leongatha B; 24 Wangaratta 2; 12 Kyabram B; 0 Numurkah B.
2025: 20m Prone Pennant - Section A:
Round one: MCC Team A 299.18 defeated Leongatha A 292.07. 99.04 Kenneth Hart; 97.01 Daniel Croatto; 96.02 Christopher Sargent; 95.02 Jack Sargent.
Round two: Kyneton A 296.17 defeated Leongatha A 295.13. 99.04 Jack Sargent; 98.05 Christopher Sargent; 98.04 Daniel Croatto; 95.02 Kenneth Hart.
Ladder: 8 MCC Team A; 8 Shepparton; 4 FPTRC Team A; 4 Kyneton A; 0 Leongatha A; 0 Sandringham.
2025: 20m Prone Pennant - Section E:
Round one: Leongatha B 262.04 defeated MCC Team C 242.01. 94.03 Mathew Eldridge; 89.00 Bradley Hall; 79.01 Cameron Davidson; 68.00 Kaleb Mee.
Round two: Leongatha B 268.05 (bye). 94.01 Mathew Eldridge; 88.01 Kaleb Mee; 86.03 Bradley Hall; 84.00 Cameron Davidson.
Ladder: 8 Kyneton C; 8 Leongatha B; 4 Sale B; 4 Warburton; 0 MCC Team C.
The club shoots Friday nights at 8pm at the rifle club on the Leongatha Recreation Reserve. Any inquiries, please call R. Spratt 5664 2358.

Donic rises to the occasion at Wonthaggi Table Tennis

PRELIMINARY final: Donic defeated Butterfly three to one.
Game One: Donic wins.
Justin defeated Warren four to zero.
Butterfly's Warren tried to out thrash the king of thrash, Donic's Justin but to no avail.
The king's combination of clinical precision and nuclear power would overwhelm a seven-nation army.
Game Two: Butterfly wins.
David defeated Michael four to one.
David was armed with all the accessories – headband, pink rubber, career-best form, trusty lieutenant Warren and dearest family.
However, David lost the first set to underdog Michael in a wobbly start.
His trademark loop returned to eventually beat his gallant foe.
Game 3: Doubles – Donic wins four to zero. This match was key and much anticipated. Justin's attack and Michael's defence combined proved to be indomitable in straight sets.
Game Four: Donic wins.
Justin defeated David four to zero.
Both players coming off tournament play were match fit and well-ready.
David needed to dethrone Justin to keep Butterfly's pulse beating.
Amongst some exquisite rallies, Justin's signature swinging forehand that has opponents reaching for the bleachers or a prayer book, whatever their disposition, was the difference.
Justin never dropped a set, an ominous sign for next week's grand final versus Radak.

Skills Development Day with Riley Parkinson at Poowong

THE Poowong & District Amateur Basketball Association will be holding a junior and adult Skills Development Day on Saturday, July 19, with elite basketball coach Riley Parkinson.

Riley is the owner and founder of ParkoBall Training and has just opened his own training facility called Next Level Hoops.

He has an engaging coaching style and helps all players build on current skill sets, from mastering the basics to refining more advanced techniques; and is experienced in teaching beginners right through to MBA prospects.

The skills development sessions will be separated into two junior age groups for 7- to 11-year-olds, and 12- to 16-year-olds, with sessions going for 2.5 hours each.

There will also be an adult session that will go for an hour.

"We are trying to promote junior development. We find a lot of kids they come and they play basketball through our junior domestic teams and obviously, our coaches are all volunteers, so it doesn't really leave a lot of time for out-of-competition training – unless they're on tournament teams," explained Sarah Jackson, Registrations Officer for the Poowong & District Amateur



Junior players had a fun and exciting day gaining experience and refining their skill sets in January this year with coach Riley Parkinson.

Basketball Association (PDABA).

"So, it's really just giving the kids an opportunity to come along and learn some new basketball skills, which then might strengthen and give them more confidence in the game."

PDABA's next basketball season begins on August 11 and runs for twelve weeks, not including holidays, and registrations are now open for the season.

The club are always looking for new players, including girls – and would like to get

a girl's team up and running again, and more teenagers to create a stronger domestic competition.

An under-11 mixed team began last season, which they'd like to continue, as well as the non-competitive under-nines program which will run again.

Max Cody, a former US College basketball player is also available to give private basketball lessons during the off-season.

"As a mum of a nine-year-old, I found it really hard to find a coach at a stadium that I could hire out at the same time, and

Poowong has been really great for that. We have a great stadium and it's minimal cost and Max has jumped on board to give the kids some off-season lessons," said Sarah.

The cost for the Skills Development Day is \$40, and as a bonus, participants will receive \$30 off their junior domestic registration for the upcoming season.

For more information about the skills day or the upcoming season contact Sarah Jackson on 0412 784 537 or to register go to Play HQ.



The Summersalt team are exciting to be partnering with Jets Gymnastics which will see a range of new opportunities for budding young gymnasts. C01_2625

More flipping good opportunities at Summersalt

SUMMERSALT is entering an exciting new era, announcing a major partnership with Jets Gymnastics beginning in Term 3.

In a move set to expand opportunities and enhance programs for local families, Summersalt founder Chelsea Caple shared her enthusiasm for joining forces with Jets Gymnastics, owned by James Devlin.

"Their positive coaching style fits closely with ours, and we can't wait to see what we achieve together," she said.

"We're committed to keeping the same quality service and community spirit you know and love, while growing what we offer."

James Devlin, owner of Jets Gymnastics and author of The

Positive Coaching Movement, said, "When Chelsea and I met, we realised we shared similar values – creating a fun, safe, and inclusive environment where kids build confidence, resilience, and lifelong skills, both in and beyond gymnastics."

The partnership will strengthen Summersalt's programs with new initiatives, including skills testing, enhanced membership support, and the introduction of a competitive pathway, giving local gymnasts the chance to stretch themselves even further.

Adding to the excitement, the much-loved Summersalt Movement Educator, Hannah Tiziani, has been appointed Centre Manager.

"I'm incredibly proud of what Summersalt has become and

confident that this new partnership will bring great value to our customers," Chelsea said.

"Rest assured, it'll be the same flipping great team, but with exciting new career opportunities for our staff."

"We couldn't be more excited to welcome such a like-minded, values-driven team to join our industry-leading Jets family of over 220 staff," Jets Gymnastics CEO Aley Mitchell added.

"We're proud to create meaningful careers, with our 30+ permanent leadership team members always focused on making a positive impact in our communities. Adding Summersalt to the Jets umbrella is especially exciting as it opens new opportunities for our leaders to grow their skills, mentor

others, and learn from the experienced Summersalt team.

"Our dedicated Jets HQ team – including Amber Jackson (product manager), Charlotte Edgley (communications manager), and Olivia Dunell (project and sub-brand manager) – are passionate about supporting this new chapter and helping bring these opportunities to life. We're all about having fun, sprinkling kindness like confetti, empowering others, and embracing change. Summersalt couldn't be a better fit culturally, and we can't wait!"

With big plans ahead, Summersalt and Jets Gymnastics are flipping, flying, and cart-wheeling into an awesome future – the best launchpad for your child to skyrocket.

Poowong Basketball Grand Finals



U11 Mixed Green 19 def Blue 14. Coach Sarah Jackson, Imogen Bentley, Brody Hawkins, Hudson Jackson, Hamish Campbell, Angus Campbell, Phoebe Moriarty, and Laylah McDonald.



U13 Boys Yellow/Black 41 def Grey 14. Premiers, back from left: Elijah Chirgwin, Fraser Guy, James Forscutt, Hugo Dyer, and Noah Finocciaro. Runners-up, front from left: Joel Csincsi, Hamish Campbell, Dylan Rees, Jack McIntosh, Hugh McCallum, and Angus Tumino.



Women - The B Team 47 def Hair Jordan's 15. Hair Jordan's, back from left: Emily Thomas, Rebecca Campbell, Sara Mills, Cody Luke, Coreen Mechielsen, Hannah Staben, and Jade Comer. The B Team Premiers, front from left: Hayley Geary, Jazmine Findlay, Maddie Smith (Grand Final MVP), Kasey Gambetta, Makaela Gambetta, and Chelsie Geary.



U16 Boys Purple/Black 38 def Yellow/Green 31. Premiers, back from left: Mark Stephens (coach), Daniel Acterdenbosch (coach), John Parmeter, Tristan Dowel, Brock Warren, Keyon Taylor-Wilton, Tylen Withall, and Locklan McIntosh. Runners-up, front from left: Tylen Stephens, Ned Dyer, Tiley Ray, Jordyn Mackin, Florencio Rumbaoa, and Mitchell Tyrell.



B Men - K & W's 50 def Bagoes 36. Premiers, back from left: Trent Fritzlaff, Ben Wilson, and Phillip Henderson. Front from left: Matt Kawecki, Ryan Wilson, and Luke Wilson.



A Men - Young and Old 66 def Hornets 51. Premiers, back from left: Brendan Clark, Lachlan Willis, Mark Stephens, and Trent Moriarty. Front from left: Taylen Stephens, Lachie Moriarty, and Callan Crawford.



Noah Peacock Memorial Award for Grand Final MVP: Lachlan Willis pictured with Michelle Peacock.



Poowong Basketball Grand Final MVP: Luke Wilson.



Grand Final MVP U11 Flynn White.



Grand Final MVP U13 Fraser Guy.



Grand Final MVP U16 Tylen Withall.



Korumburra Golf Club's A Grade winner John Payne with men's captain Ian Cash.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, June 24.
Stableford: 18 players.
A Grade: Steve Rose (9) 33 pts.
B Grade: Peter Wallace (17) 30 pts.
NTPs: first Shayne Harland, seventh Steve Rose, 10th Les White and 13th Steve Rose.
Thursday, June 26:
Stableford: five players. Winner: Jaarl Enbom (13) 35 pts.
NTPs: first Peter Van Agtmaal, seventh Jaarl Enbom, 10th Peter Van Agtmaal and 13th Peter Van Agtmaal.
Saturday, June 28:
Sponsor: Evans Petroleum.
Stableford: 42 players.
A Grade: John Payne (9) 40 pts.
B Grade: Jack Clink (19) 36 pts.
NTPs: first Ross Crawford, 10th Ian Cash and 13th Peter Johnson.

Ladies

THE wintery weather deterred the golfers on Wednesday, but 14 women enjoyed a round on Saturday, with the fine and warmer conditions.
Well done to Kerri Besley (13) who was the winner with a great score of 35 pts.
Diarne Maskell (36) was r/u with 33 pts and Sherrin Solly won a BDTL with 32 pts.
NTPs were Kim Enbom first, Sherrin 10th and Lyn McIvor on the 13th green.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, June 24 was a Stableford round with a field of 62 members/guests.
Overall winner: Barry Attwood (16) with a score of 37 pts.
A Grade winner: Russell Williams (8) with a score of 32 pts.
A Grade r/u: Ashleigh Hutton (13) with a score of 31 pts.
B Grade winner: Barry Attwood (16) with a score of 37 pts.
B Grade r/u: Peter Walsh (15) with a score of 32 pts.
C Grade winner: Karen de Groot (35) with a score of 33 pts.
C Grade r/u: Rene Zeller (22) with a score of 31 pts.
NTP fifth second shot: Nicholas Byrne at 2.68m.
NTP 16th: Christopher Leaver at 3.05m.
Thursday, June 26: Par.
Thursday's event was a Par round with a field of 54 members/guests with a shotgun start played in wet and cold conditions.
Overall winner: Alan Starkey (10) with 0 on a countback.
A Grade winner: Alan Starkey (10) with 0 on a countback.
A Grade r/u: Craig Hams (9) with 0.
B Grade winner: Bernard Skerys (18) with -2.
B Grade r/u: Rene Zeller (22) with -4 on a countback.
NTP fifth second shot: Simon Kaiserman at 3.40m.
NTP 14th: Craig Hutchinson at 2.43m.
NTP 16th: Peter Read at .68m.

Saturday, June 28: Stableford.
Saturday was a Stableford round with a good field of 99 members/guests enjoying the course in sublime winter conditions. Higher scoring was a highlight for the day.
Overall winner: Kevin Snell (19) with the high score of the day with 42 pts.
A Grade winner: Rod MacKenzie (9) with 37 pts.
A Grade r/u: Rod Hopcraft (11) with 35 pts.
B Grade winner: Michael O'Rafferty (15) with 40 pts on a c/b.
B Grade r/u: David Richards (17) with 40 pts.
C Grade winner: Kevin Snell (19) with 42 pts.
C Grade r/u: Andrew McAllister (19) with 36 pts.
D Grade winner: Karen de Groot (35) with 35 pts.
D Grade r/u: Karen Bear (27) with 33 pts on a countback.
NTP fifth second shot: Daniel Jolley at 1.01m.
NTP 14th: Ray Matthews at 2.00m.
NTP 16th: Bryan Roylance at .49m.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, June 24: Stableford.
A Grade: G. Renwick (11) 35 pts.
B Grade: S. McKenzie, (22) 33 pts.
DTL: M. Payne 34, P. Woodall 32 and J. Smeriglio 31.
NTP: fourth P. Woodall, sixth P. Woodall, 13th S. Beitz and 16th N. Whichello.
Birdies: sixth P. Woodall and 13th S. Beitz.
Saturday, June 28: Stableford.
A Grade: T. Bradshaw (9) 36 pts c/b.
B Grade: D. Taylor (22) 36 pts.
DTL: S. Duff, J. Robbins 36, J. Hughes 35, and Tim Traill and P. Draper 34 c/b.
NTP: fourth J. Robbins, sixth Tom Traill, 13th J. Robbins and 16th S Hill-Smith.
Birdies: sixth J. Robbins, S. Woodall and Tom Traill, and 16th T. Bradshaw and S Duff.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: June 26, SR. 71.
Competition: Stableford 18-hole.
Winner: Roger Kilpatrick 34.
R/up: Philip McCrimmon 33.
Ball sweep: Chris Wilkinson 33, Dio Apostolopoulos 32 and Neil Beer 31.
Results: June 28, S.R 71.
Competition: Par.
A Grade: Ross Lovett +1.
B Grade: Brendon Stapleton +3.
C Grade: Daniel Bagley +4.
BDTL to 0.
Ball sweep: Jonathon Clayton +3, Sam Horvath +2, Andy Horvath +2, Rod McBride +1, Peter Ali +1, Bill Howard +1, Paul Cornelis 0, Ron Pennefeather 0 and Alan Jones 0.
NTPs: Kevin Jamison second, not claimed fourth, Ross Lovett pro pin eighth, Michael Scott 13th and Ian Johnson money hole 17th.



Crowds gather in the fog for the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun.

A foggy start to the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun

ANOTHER foggy morning but it 'wasn't that cold' claimed many of the 46 participants in the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun at Mirboo North.
With the monthly Mirboo North market held on the last Saturday of each month, the parkrun welcomed visitors from Melbourne and Inverloch.
Harry Beckerleg and Matthew Frost joined the group for their first parkrun.
The Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun had great support from people who turned back and finished with friends, encouraged others and enjoyed the idea of being active.
Runners enjoyed sharing stories over a warm drink blessed with the company of Tony and Ruth who shared stories of starting many park runs around Victoria including memories of when the Mirboo North parkrun began.
Tony is the man who created the beloved turn-around post.
The Mirboo North group is now looking forward to celebrating the Grand Ridge Rail Trail 250th event and encourages anyone who has enjoyed this event to visit and enjoy the Cliffy Young-inspired gumboot event, wear your gumboots or simply bring them along for appearance then change into walking attire.
Celebrate in the park afterwards and possibly enjoy a gumboot tossing competition.



The runners take off for the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun at Mirboo North.



A foggy morning in the Strzelecki's for the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun.



Ruth flying through her 419th parkrun at Mirboo North.

Locals travel to croquet tournaments

DESPITE the winter weather finally settling in, the stalwarts of the club continue to turn up each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday morning for their regular social games.
As well as that, the keen tournament players travelled to Sale and Rich River earlier this month for a Level Play Doubles tournament at Sale and a Handicap Doubles tournament at Rich River.
The Sale tournament on June 14 and 15 was divided into two sections with Section 1 featuring Virginia Wheeler – teaming up with Peter Hodder from Bairnsdale – winning three games and Marj Prendergast – teaming up with Jan Norwood from Lakes Entrance – winning two games.
Section 2 had Mike and Jo Butterfield competing, winning three games.
Neil Warburton, pairing with Craig Priller from Drouin, won two games and Kathy Ross with Colin Adams from Sale won five games.
Kathy and Colin finished equal on games with first, second and third places but were pipped into fourth spot on hoops difference – well played all.
Rich River, just north of the Murray, held a Handicap Doubles on the weekend of June 21 and 22.
The local players all paired with players from different clubs during this tournament.
In Block 1, Sue Priller played with Helen Biffin from Drouin, winning three games.
In Block 2, Neil Warburton teamed up with Heather Lees from Warragul, winning five games and John Priller with Carol Stephenson from Leongatha won two games.
It was a long way to travel, but all worth it for some great croquet.



Leongatha's Summer takes on the Korumburra Striker for possession of the ball in the U12 Girls.

Knights and Burra battle to a thrilling five-all draw

U12 Girls: Korumburra v Leongatha

WITH their new recruits ready to go, the Leongatha Knights U12 Girls team headed to neighbours Korumburra to play their round nine game. It was a nail-biting game!

Leongatha's Summer scored the first two goals of the game putting Leongatha in the lead but it wasn't long before Korumburra's striker Annie-Mae responded with her own two goals evening the game once more.

Leongatha's Charlotte scored an awesome goal in her first ever game of soccer! Maggie, another debut knight, played a fantastic game in defence, chasing down Korumburra's wingers. Leongatha's Katelyn put in a

magnificent first half as goal-keeper, making some awesome saves. Her teammate Jess also did a magnificent job when she jumped in goals for the second half.

Leongatha midfielder Samara made many great runs at goal but struggled to defeat Korumburra's composed goalkeeper Harriet. However, in the second half she made a brilliant run and found the back of the net. The game concluded a draw with both teams amassing five goals each.

Perhaps the most awesome moment of the game was when Leongatha's Katelyn noticed that the Korumburra goalkeeper needed help tying her shoes and jumped in to tie them up for her in a fantastic moment of sportsmanship. Well done players!



Leongatha's Katelyn helping her Korumburra opponent tie her shoelaces in a wonderful display of sportsmanship.



Leongatha's Amy played a dominant game in midfield against her Korumburra opponent.



Leongatha's Sophie throws the ball into play during the U15 Girls Game.

GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 9 RESULTS - SUN, JUNE 29

SENIOR Mens:

Inverloch Stars 2 d Lang Lang United 1
Drouin Maroon 4 d Wonthaggi United 0
Leongatha Knights 7 d Korumburra City 5

Senior Womens:

P-Island Breakers 24 d Mirboo North United 0
Inverloch Stars 3 d Lang Lang United 0
Drouin Maroon 3 d Wonthaggi United 0
Leongatha Knights 10 d Korumburra City 0

Mens Reserves:

Phillip Island Breakers 3 d Inverloch Stars 0
Korumburra City 6 d Leongatha Knights 1
Trafalgar Victory 2 d Drouin Maroon 1

Under 17 Mixed:

P-Island Breakers 6 d Mirboo North United 0
Leongatha White 4 d Inverloch Stars 1
Drouin Maroon 5 d Wonthaggi United 3
Leongatha Blue 3 d Korumburra City 2

Under 15 Girls:

Wonthaggi United 1 d Drouin Maroon 0
Korumburra City 6 d Leongatha Knights 0

Under 14 Mixed:

Inverloch Stars 7 d Lang Lang United 1
Wonthaggi United 6 d Drouin Maroon 0
P-Island Penguins 8 d Mirboo North United 3
Drouin Maroon Yellow 4 d P-Island Stingrays 0
Leongatha Knights 5 d Korumburra City 2

Under 12 Girls:

Wonthaggi United 4 d Drouin Maroon 0
Korumburra City 5 drew Leongatha Knights 5
Lang Lang United 5 d Inverloch Stars 2

Under 12A Mixed:

Inverloch Stars 3 d Lang Lang United 0
Phillip Island 3 d Mirboo North United 0
Drouin Maroon 9 d Wonthaggi United 4
Leongatha Blue 6 d Korumburra City 0

Under 12B Mixed:

Drouin Dragons White 5 d Inverloch Stars 1,
Drouin Dragons Yellow 2 d Wonthaggi United 1,
Trafalgar Victory 3 d P-Island Stingrays 0

ROUND 10 DRAW - SUNDAY, JULY 6

Senior Mens:

Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons Maroon
Leongatha Knights v Lang Lang United
Wonthaggi United v Trafalgar Victory

Senior Womens:

Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons Maroon
Leongatha Knights v Lang Lang United
Wonthaggi United v Trafalgar Victory
Korumburra City v Mirboo North United

Mens Reserves:

Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons Maroon
Korumburra City v Phillip Island Breakers
Leongatha Knights v Trafalgar Victor

Under 17 Mixed:

Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons Maroon
Drouin Maroon Yellow v P-Island Breakers
Leongatha Knights Blue v Leongatha White
Korumburra City v Mirboo North United

Under 15 Girls:

Drouin Maroon v Phillip Island Breakers
Drouin Dragons Yellow v Leongatha Knights

Under 14 Mixed:

Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons Maroon
Drouin Maroon Yellow v P-Island Penguins
Leongatha Knights v Lang Lang United
Wonthaggi United v Phillip Island Stingrays
Korumburra City v Mirboo North United

Under 12 Girls:

Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons Maroon
Leongatha Knights v Lang Lang United

Under 12A Mixed:

Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons Maroon
Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow v P-Island
Leongatha Knights Blue v Lang Lang United
Korumburra City v Mirboo North United

Under 12B Mixed:

Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons Yellow
P-Island Stingrays v Phillip Island Penguins
Leongatha Knights White v Drouin White
Wonthaggi United v Trafalgar Victory



Carly left has been acknowledged as part of the Legend of the Tongs.

Breakers' Carly Heislars a 'Legend of the Tongs'

CARLY HEISLARS' dedication to the Bass Coast Breakers has been acknowledged as part of the 'Legend of the Tongs' initiative run by Bunnings in partnership with the AFL, recognising her enthusiasm behind the barbecue. Impressively, she takes on that responsibility just after representing the Breakers onfield. "Carly came straight off the field after a big win, and while being dressed up for the after-match function, she was committed to cooking sausages for the entire team," a spokesperson for the Breakers said. "Carly always puts her hand up to cook the BBQ (despite not liking sausages)."

Legend of the Tongs is a nationwide search to reward and celebrate the local legends who fire up the barbecue weekly at their local Aussie rules footy clubs. Started in 2018 as a female-only club, the Breakers have one team and are run by the players, with Carly representing the side since its inception, one of her favourite memories being the club's premiership in just its second season.

As part of the reward for her wizardry with the tongs, Bass Coast Breakers will receive a barbecue prize pack, including a Jumbuck six-burner barbecue and a Bunnings pop-up marquee.

Carly is in the running to score attendance for two at the AFL Grand Final as well as the opportunity to be named 'Legend of the Golden Tongs' and win \$25,000 in Bunnings products and materials for her club.

Bunnings Wonthaggi Complex Manager, Paul Farmer is proud the store can give back to local clubs, with the support of the AFL.

"Whether it's at their local club grounds or as part of our weekly sausage sizzles, unsung heroes like Carly tirelessly show up week in and week out to support their players and raise much needed funds for their clubs," he said. "We feel privileged to be able to gift the Bass Coast Breakers with improved equipment to support their volunteers where it matters."

As part of the overall campaign, five weekly 'legends' and their local club will win a barbecue prize pack.



Bass Coast Breakers will receive a barbecue prize pack as part as Carly Heislars is acknowledged as part of the Legend of the Tongs initiative.



Both sides wore Pride jumpers to celebrate Pride Round.

Breakers shine pride

WITH both teams donning their Pride guernsey – this time to recognise the MPFNL first ever Pride Round the Breakers took on Red Hill in a Sunday afternoon clash. After a few great forward entries with great movement and centring kicks, Tess Angarane was finally able to break through earning a free from a two-on-one contest in the goal square. Tayla Stahl was quick to follow steadying to nail a goal on the run.

The Breakers continued their momentum into the second quarter with a great tackle leading to Stahl's second goal early in the quarter. Gaby Hynes was active at both ends, taking the game on and using the ball well, while Nikki Williams and Immy Bradford provided great targets up the ground. The third quarter, Kelly Pethick and Grace Hope's tackle pressure, was fierce through the middle with Molly Conroy

continually driving the ball forward. A torpedo from Stahl found Angarane close to goal giving the Breakers their only goal for the quarter. With two quick goals to Stahl in the last quarter it looked like the Breakers were going to run away with it however Red Hill stepped up a gear. Under a bit more pressure the backline responded. A run-down tackle from Jayde Lamb stopped a cer-

tain Red Hill goal while Cloe Booth's run out of defence kept the home side out of danger. **Final Score: Breakers 6.5-41 def Red Hill 0.1-1** Goals: Tayla Stahl 4, Tess Angarane 2 Best: Kelly Pethick, Cloe Booth, Molly Conroy, Gaby Hynes, Ellen Williams This week the Breakers head to Warragul, taking part in a showcase of four games of girls and women's football to be played on the day.



The West Gippsland Football Netball Competition's Under 16 side had a strong win over the Ellinbank & District Football Netball League. Photo: Jeff Tull.

WGFNL outfit impresses in Under 16 win over EDFNL

WEST Gippsland Football Netball Competition (WGFNC) preserved its unbeaten record against the Ellinbank & District Football Netball League (EDFNL) at Under 16 level, winning by 46 points at the Lang Lang reserve in Caldermeade on Wednesday night. With persistent rain falling throughout the day and intermittent drizzle and gusty wind during the match, it was difficult for the sides to string together skilful passages of play, but the WGFNC adapted better to the challenging conditions. While the eventual winner had the game well in control by the long break, the EDFNL fought out the remainder of the match in a competitive second half.

The WGFNC had earlier set up a 25-point quarter-time lead, with the aid of the strong breeze. While Longwarry's Ryder Comben was excelling in the ruck for the EDFNL, giving it the better of the centre clearances, the WGFNC did an impressive job intercepting the Sherrin and thwarting opposition attacks. Impressively, the WGFNC built on its lead in the second quarter, holding a seven-goal advantage at the halfway point, having held the EDFNL to just a couple of points by that stage. The EDFNL was unfortunate that the wind behind it dropped significantly during

the second term, just prior to a rain shower, and the Gippsland outfit's defence stifled scoring opportunities, despite the efforts of EDFNL midfielders Wes Scott and Corey Smith to lift their team. WGFNC's lead was trimmed to 39 points at the last change before it powered home with two goals to one in the final stanza. Phillip Island forward Sam O'Garey was awarded the medal as the winner's best, while Comben claimed that honour for the beaten team. The WGFNC's ruck duo of Jack Morgan (Warragul Industrials) and Aidy Patterson (Nar Nar Goon) were prominent, while the winner's backline, led by Tooradin's Kane Angleton stood up well.



Phillip Island forward Sam O'Garey was the WGFNC's best player in its win over the EDFNL. Photo: Jeff Tull.



In coming! Audrey McGannon moves to take the pass while Sale's keeper Lara Van der Voort gets into Mikaeli Hilliar's space.



It's all effort as Sale keeper Lara Van der Voort puts up a good block ahead of a shot by Leongatha's Mikaeli Hilliar.



Another shot goes up from the hands of Mikaeli Hilliar and there were plenty of them during an all the way win by Leongatha A Grade at Sale.



Nyora's Yvette O'Brien takes an impressive intercept in the C Grade match against Poowong.



There it is! Gemma Meadley and Nicola Marriott combine in the midcourt during an impressive display by the Leongatha A Grade team.



Abbey Henshall slams the ball away from her Saints opponent in A grade for Poowong.



Macy Peterson looks for an opening in A grade against Maffra.



Charlie Berry goes on the defensive.



Maffra clashes for the intercept.



Zara McNair lands the pass for Poowong in B grade.

ELLINBANK		
RESULTS		
A GRADE		
Neerim Sth 50 d Ellinbank 34		
Poowong 70 d Nyora 47		
Yarragon 44 lt Longwarry 52		
Trafalgar 64 d Buln Buln 33		
Catani 39 lt Lang Lang 41		
Nil-Darn 57 d Bunyip 39		
B GRADE		
Neerim Sth 39 d Ellinbank 38		
Yarragon 32 lt Longwarry 44		
Poowong 42 d Nyora 20		
Trafalgar 50 lt Buln Buln 51		
Catani 37 lt Lang Lang 39		
Nil-Darn 30 lt Bunyip 54		
C GRADE		
Yarragon 25 lt Longwarry 32		
Neerim Sth 20 lt Ellinbank 52		
Trafalgar 42 d Buln Buln 37		
Catani 40 d Lang Lang 34		
Poowong 38 d Nyora 10		
Nil-Darn 45 d Bunyip 34		
17 & UNDER		
Yarragon 34 lt Longwarry 38		
Neerim Sth 45 d Ellinbank 23		
Catani 36 d Lang Lang 35		
Trafalgar 37 lt Buln Buln 40		
Poowong 42 d Nyora 15		
Nil-Darn 46 d Bunyip 21		
15 & UNDER		
Neerim Sth 33 d Ellinbank 10		
Trafalgar 15 lt Buln Buln 34		
Catani 40 d Lang Lang 25		
Yarragon 14 lt Longwarry 24		
Poowong 54 d Nyora 5		
Nil-Darn 24 lt Bunyip 30		
13 & UNDER		
Catani 5 lt Lang Lang 61		
Neerim Sth 24 drew E'bank 24		
Trafalgar 16 d Buln Buln 15		
Poowong 28 d Nyora 4		
Yarragon 14 lt Longwarry 24		
Nil-Darn 25 d Bunyip 20		

LADDERS		
A GRADE		
Neerim South	210.95	48
Nilma Darnum	157.50	44
Ellinbank	142.14	32
Trafalgar	123.19	32
Longwarry	118.50	32
Lang Lang	87.85	28
Poowong	88.00	20
Catani	84.12	16
Bunyip	80.47	16
Yarragon	77.21	12
Buln Buln	62.13	8
Nyora	52.32	0
B GRADE		
Ellinbank	180.18	44
Neerim South	154.42	40
Bunyip	140.49	40
Lang Lang	107.55	36
Nilma Darnum	121.90	28
Catani	117.03	24
Buln Buln	91.76	20
Poowong	91.40	20
Longwarry	89.62	12
Yarragon	76.20	12
Trafalgar	82.97	8
Nyora	33.65	0
C GRADE		
Ellinbank	187.80	44
Buln Buln	150.00	40
Trafalgar	130.49	32
Longwarry	128.20	32
Neerim South	102.82	32
Nilma Darnum	121.69	28
Catani	114.77	26
Yarragon	106.54	22
Bunyip	84.48	12
Lang Lang	78.49	12
Poowong	81.63	8
Nyora	12.01	0
17 & UNDER		
Longwarry	169.67	48
Nilma Darnum	156.39	40
Poowong	125.29	36
Catani	116.76	32
Lang Lang	145.66	30
Trafalgar	120.26	28
Yarragon	117.66	26
Neerim South	90.66	16
Buln Buln	83.54	12
Bunyip	66.67	10
Ellinbank	60.79	10
Nyora	23.62	0
15 & UNDER		
Catani	237.04	48
Poowong	226.01	44
Neerim South	169.70	36
Lang Lang	169.57	36
Bunyip	105.34	30
Buln Buln	121.81	26
Longwarry	99.57	20
Nilma Darnum	94.64	16
Yarragon	70.38	16
Ellinbank	67.24	12
Trafalgar	50.14	4
Nyora	13.65	0
13 & UNDER		
Lang Lang	694.59	48
Trafalgar	316.53	48
Buln Buln	229.58	32
Bunyip	202.38	32
Nilma Darnum	107.05	28
Longwarry	83.91	22
Poowong	79.10	20
Neerim South	64.11	16
Ellinbank	60.25	16
Catani	48.72	14
Yarragon	70.85	12
Nyora	5.91	0

GIPPSLAND		
RESULTS		
A GRADE		
Wonthaggi 63 d Maffra 41		
Sale 26 lt Leongatha 80		
Morwell 54 lt Warragul 65		
Bairnsdale 43 lt Drouin 51		
Traralgon 53 lt Moe 79		
B GRADE		
Wonthaggi 60 d Maffra 23		
Sale 32 lt Leongatha 74		
Morwell 42 lt Warragul 65		
Bairnsdale 41 lt Drouin 47		
Traralgon 55 d Moe 54		
C GRADE		
Wonthaggi 51 d Maffra 25		
Sale 27 lt Leongatha 33		
Morwell 49 d Warragul 23		
Bairnsdale 42 lt Drouin 45		
Traralgon 38 lt Moe 39		
17 & UNDER		
Wonthaggi 39 lt Maffra 48		
Sale 45 d Leongatha 27		
Morwell 28 lt Warragul 46		
Bairnsdale 56 d Drouin 40		
Traralgon 64 d Moe 22		
15 & UNDER		
Wonthaggi 7 lt Maffra 50		
Sale 44 d Leongatha 37		
Morwell 16 lt Warragul 45		
Bairnsdale 37 lt Drouin 40		
Traralgon 51 d Moe 37		
13 & UNDER		
Wonthaggi 23 lt Maffra 37		
Sale 21 lt Leongatha 30		
Morwell 38 d Warragul 15		
Bairnsdale 33 d Drouin 15		
Traralgon 20 lt Moe 27		
LADDERS		
A GRADE		
Moe	185.92	44
Warragul	172.55	40
Morwell	112.84	32
Drouin	117.62	24
Leongatha	110.09	24
Bairnsdale	85.61	20
Traralgon	82.32	16
Wonthaggi	69.48	12
Sale	62.70	4
Maffra	55.88	4
B GRADE		
Leongatha	179.18	44
Wonthaggi	150.14	40
Moe	134.06	32
Traralgon	115.14	28
Warragul	109.39	20
Drouin	91.89	20
Morwell	86.43	20
Maffra	64.03	12
Bairnsdale	67.55	2
Sale	62.37	2
C GRADE		
Morwell	157.79	42
Leongatha	141.18	38
Wonthaggi	152.53	36
Bairnsdale	107.18	24
Drouin	100.24	24
Traralgon	110.94	20
Moe	91.21	20
Sale	89.58	12
Warragul	56.50	4
Maffra	49.37	0
17 & UNDER		
Bairnsdale	197.23	44
Traralgon	228.52	40
Sale	117.53	36
Maffra	91.61	20
Drouin	91.34	20
Leongatha	81.57	20
Warragul	82.59	16
Moe	77.76	16
Wonthaggi	68.39	8
Morwell	68.39	0
15 & UNDER		
Traralgon	238.08	44
Sale	151.71	40
Warragul	156.60	32
Moe	121.30	26
Drouin	101.88	24
Bairnsdale	117.38	20
Leongatha	97.33	16
Maffra	83.84	14
Morwell	47.45	4
Wonthaggi	8.92	0
13 & UNDER		
Leongatha	254.76	44
Moe	150.00	34
Sale	150.78	30
Bairnsdale	152.88	26
Maffra	132.75	26
Traralgon	130.38	20
Drouin	78.10	16
Morwell	76.88	16
Wonthaggi	36.07	4
Warragul	19.15	4



Lauryn Eyre-Walker takes the flying catch mid-court for MDU. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Emma Winsor attempts the goal block for MDU. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Kirra Jones finds an opening and keeps the ball moving. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Shari Harris chases down the ball. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Jaz Friend and Rani Matheson work together to block the goal. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.

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RESULTS

A GRADE	B GRADE	C GRADE	D GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER
MDU 73 d Morwell-E 48	Toora 83 d Thorpdale 25	Toora 58 d Thorpdale 12	Toora 57 d Thorpdale 1	Fish Crk 43 It Hill End 44	Yinnar 35 d Boolarra 31	Foster 22 It Mirboo Nth 32
Toora 58 d Thorpdale 20	Fish Crk 63 d Hill End 25	Fish Crk 36 d Hill End 22	Foster 13 It Mirboo Nth 52	Foster 8 It Mirboo Nth 46	Foster 29 It Mirboo Nth 30	N-borough 26 d Stony Crk 12
N-borough 51 It Stony Crk 55	MDU 44 It Morwell-E 51	MDU 48 d Morwell-E 28	Fish Crk 32 d Hill End 23	MDU 57 d Morwell-E 15	MDU 27 d Morwell-E 15	Fish Crk 29 d Hill End 13
Fish Crk 67 d Hill End 27	N-borough 57 d Stony Crk 46	Yinnar 46 d Boolarra 32	Yinnar 55 d Boolarra 14	Yinnar 35 It Boolarra 55	Fish Crk 15 It Hill End 56	MDU 23 d Morwell-E 19
Foster 59 d Mirboo Nth 56	Yinnar 63 d Boolarra 18	Foster 31 drew Mirboo Nth 31	MDU 30 d Morwell-E 26	N-borough 24 It Stony Crk 47	N-borough 46 d Stony Crk 27	Yinnar 33 d Boolarra 17
Yinnar 67 d Boolarra 36	Foster 80 d Mirboo Nth 43	N-borough 55 d Stony Crk 30	N-borough 38 d Stony Crk 31			

LADDERS

A GRADE			B GRADE			C GRADE			D GRADE			17 & UNDER			15 & UNDER			13 & UNDER		
Foster	207.12	44	Foster	169.59	44	Yinnar	164.39	40	Mirboo North	193.40	44	Boolarra	262.69	44	Yinnar	212.57	44	Yinnar	341.84	40
Yinnar	157.74	40	Yinnar	149.33	36	Newborough	148.08	34	Yinnar	227.44	40	Yinnar	180.24	38	Toora	266.17	40	Newborough	237.74	40
Fish Creek	149.73	36	Fish Creek	136.51	36	MDU	138.63	34	Tarwin	144.24	40	MDU	210.33	36	Hill End	203.35	40	Tarwin	202.00	36
MDU	127.45	32	Newborough	125.67	32	Foster	127.96	32	Fish Creek	163.29	32	Mirboo North	194.92	34	Boolarra	180.19	36	Boolarra	162.42	36
Mirboo North	131.56	28	Mirboo North	120.09	32	Tarwin	124.32	30	Toora	132.38	32	Toora	178.30	32	Mirboo North	91.81	28	Fish Creek	146.89	36
Toora	83.41	24	Toora	113.23	24	Fish Creek	116.46	28	Newborough	121.95	28	Hill End	116.49	28	MDU	102.75	24	Mirboo North	150.94	28
Newborough	100.59	20	MDU	103.13	20	Hill End	115.38	26	Hill End	135.24	24	Fish Creek	92.48	24	Foster	95.39	24	Stony Creek	110.53	20
Stony Creek	99.79	20	Stony Creek	97.14	20	Mirboo North	84.20	18	MDU	77.54	16	Stony Creek	70.37	20	Newborough	87.96	24	Foster	81.28	20
Morwell East	97.08	20	Morwell East	86.31	20	Toora	100.28	16	Morwell East	86.12	12	Newborough	40.13	16	Tarwin	64.86	16	Hill End	69.76	16
Tarwin	88.91	20	Hill End	75.94	20	Stony Creek	82.68	16	Boolarra	80.12	12	Tarwin	36.62	12	Morwell East	41.88	12	Toora	27.05	16
Boolarra	65.81	10	Boolarra	50.17	12	Morwell East	76.47	8	Stony Creek	77.94	12	Morwell East	35.71	12	Fish Creek	35.28	12	MDU	26.22	8
Hill End	50.16	10	Tarwin	71.75	8	Thorpdale	16.26	4	Foster	61.86	12	Foster	32.91	8	Stony Creek	44.62	8	Morwell East	23.15	8
Thorpdale	39.31	4	Thorpdale	53.06	4				Thorpdale	11.45	4	Thorpdale	0.00	0	Thorpdale	0.00	0	Thorpdale	0.00	0



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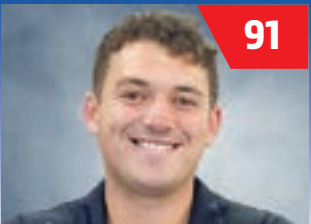
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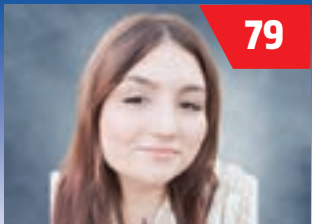
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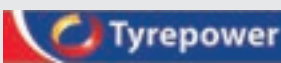


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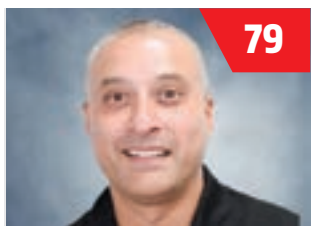
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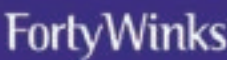


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MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

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MDU		MORWELL EAST	
MDU	4.1	7.4	10.5 12.7 (79)
Morwell East	0.4	1.4	4.5 7.7 (49)

GOALS, MDU: S Walsh 4, J Hickey, N Nagel 2, A Battersby, B Perry, S Wilson, W Stewart 1 each
BEST: J Hoy, S Walsh, K Bohn, J Whiteside, J Hickey, B Perry
GOALS, Morwell East: C Wangman 3, I Terrick, M Jacobsen, K Hearn, N Kyriacou 1 each
BEST: J Birchall, J Mackenzie, D Field, M Jacobsen, P Quinn, J Wilson,

RESERVES

MDU	1.2	4.4	5.9	9.12 (66)
Morwell East	1.2	1.4	4.6	4.7 (31)

GOALS, MDU: M Hooper, T Harris, M Smith 2, L Harris, K Helms, B Tomada 1 each
BEST: M Harris, M Smith, A Trease, L Harris, T Harris, S Murphy
GOALS, Morwell East: H Dwyer, L Little, S Winmar, C Silver 1 each
BEST: N Nikodemski, A Dodd, C Tucker, J Lansdown, T scott, B Mayberry

THIRDS

MDU	5.3	9.6	17.11	28.14 (182)
Mirboo North	0.2	1.4	3.5	3.5 (23)

GOALS, MDU: A McInnes 10, J Cleator 4, R Harrison, C Bruce, A Hulshof, B Taylor 2, L Duvoisin, N Wright, A Casey, H Scrimshaw, A Bruce, C Harrison 1 each
BEST: A McInnes, A Bruce, J Lambert, B Smith, C Harrison, R Harrison

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

87

82

NEWBOROUGH		STONY CREEK	
Newborough	6.1	7.10	9.13 12.15 (87)
Stony Creek	3.2	5.4	5.6 12.10 (82)

GOALS, Newborough: J Robinson 4, K Jennings, J Pearce, P Ainsworth 2, H Gallagher, J Bowden 1 each
BEST: H Gallagher, L Cordner, K Jennings, W Anderson, A Daley, J Brincat
GOALS, Stony Creek: T Bernaldo, K Bergles 3, Bergles-Brown, A Dyke, T Sinclair, C Stone, C Michael, C Loughridge 1 each
BEST: K Newton, J Riley, H Funnell, C Stone, T Bernaldo, Z Bergles-Brown

RESERVES

Newborough	2.1	2.3	2.7	6.9 (45)
Stony Creek	5.3	7.7	9.9	11.11 (77)

GOALS, Newborough: B Ason 2, H Dunstan, Z Guatta, J McMahon, J Shields 1 each
BEST: D Smith, W Collings, D Lupton, A Styles, B Ason, S Cordner
GOALS, Stony Creek: J Byrnes 4, J Gheller 2, N Trotto, L Row, G Batten, A Geyer, C James 1 each
BEST: N Trotto, J Gheller, W Speed, J Stuart, A Geyer, S Liddle

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

86

100

TOORA		THORPDALE	
Toora	4.3	8.5	9.6 13.8 (86)
Thorpdale	5.1	7.4	10.7 15.10 (100)

GOALS, Toora: J Weston, J Smart, L Craig 3, M Bezzene 2, J Griffin, S Smart 1 each
BEST: J Halsall, J Weston, L Marr, J Pintus, J Griffin, L Smart,
GOALS, Thorpdale: C Millsom 8, J Jones, S Pickering 2, J Burgess, L Wallace, H Britten 1 each
BEST: C Millsom, G Low, J Patullo, L Wallace, T Patten, J De Virgilio

RESERVES

Toora	6.4	9.5	12.11	17.15 (117)
Thorpdale	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2 (2)

GOALS, Toora: J Maurilli-Pullin 6, J Nicholas 3, L de Boer 2, A Rhodes, J McDonald, M Hoppner, J Gubanovic, T Bartels, L Anedda 1 each
BEST: L Anedda, A Rhodes, L de Boer, J Maurilli-Pullin, A Walker, M Glowrey
BEST, Thorpdale: P MacKenzie, D Taylor, W Allan, D Hammond, A Maxwell, A Lowater

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

THIRDS

Yinnar	5.1	7.3	9.4	13.5 (83)
Tarwin	0.2	2.4	4.6	7.7 (49)

GOALS, Yinnar: B Durea 5, P Mills 3, H McCulloch, J Rogalsky 2, N Walsh 1
BEST: G Ryan, H Bugeja, J Rogalsky, H McCulloch, H Berechree, P Mills
GOALS, Tarwin: H Guymer 2, N Belvedere, H Watt, L Jones, J Lowe, J Kelly 1 each
BEST: N Belvedere, E Bruning, I Cameron, K Gow, H Guymer, E Gundlapalli

Demons dash Hawks’ finals hopes

By Rob Popplestone

THE weekend was one in which a “line in the sand” needed to be drawn by a number of clubs so as to determine their team’s destination.

Some lived to fight another day, others fell short and now face a testing two months of home and away football unlikely to lead to a finals reward.

For Morwell East there remained just a glimmer of hope that a steady climb up the ladder was still possible if only they could regain some of their football of twelve months ago.

The problem however was a strong and steady Demon’s team that had the opportunity to kill off the Hawks season in one afternoon and that’s exactly what they appear to have done.

“It was great to come away with the four points, especially after Morwell East put up such a strong fight in the second half,” Rhett Kelly, MDU coach said.

“We started the game really well and absorbed Morwell East’s pressure to have a small lead at quarter time. Our pressure in the second quarter was excellent, allowing us to play a lot of forward-half football with repeat entries. While we probably didn’t capitalise enough on those entries, I was still extremely happy with our first-half efforts.

“Credit to Morwell East for coming out strong after half-time and putting the pressure back on us. We were a bit lost structurally after a player was sent off at the start of the third quarter, and they were able to take advantage of that. Morwell East also



Ben Perry takes the mark for MDU. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.

scored a few goals late in the game, which was a bit disappointing from our end, but as I said, it was great to come away with the four points.

“We have the bye this week, so we’ll use this time to freshen up. It will also be great to see some returning players over the next couple of weeks.”

As important as winning is, for Morwell East it’s been about competing, being

honest and aggressive, playing Hawk’s footy, and it seems they are getting closer and closer to doing that.

“We competed all day against MDU. We had a lot of forward fifty entries in the first quarter, just didn’t capitalise. MDU did. We got outworked in the second quarter. Second half we outscored them by a goal. Got within four goals in the last but MDU was too good in the

end. We are playing better footy,” Paul Henry, Morwell East coach said.

Finals might not be on the agenda, but there is little question that Morwell East are capable of playing a part in how the shape of the top six finishes up.

The Hawks’ best is enough to trouble most and that trouble is also enough to throw another club’s season off the rails.

Bulldogs bite first in down-to-the-wire classic

By Rob Popplestone

“First four-quarter performance we’ve played in some time. Started the game well kicking 6.1 in the first, then hurt ourselves in the second quarter going 1.8 in front of goals. Managed to steady the ship a bit in the second half and gave ourselves a six-goal lead late in the last before we switched off and allowed five goals in the last eight minutes.

“Four points is four points for us, we will take the win and move on to next week

where we play Mirboo on their home deck.”

When the Bulldogs were hot they were hot, hundred gamer Liam Cordner, was well supported by teammates Harrison Gallagher, Kyle Jennings and Wade Anderson, which made the day even more special.

Newborough, battling with injuries for most of the season, hung in there and eventually found the line, despite the Lions attempting to pounce late.

“Travelled to Newborough and took on a side who were

desperate to get back on the winner’s list and for three quarters they outworked us, boys dug deep in the last to try to steal a win but fell short by five points. Hopefully, we can roll the momentum of the last quarter into next week,” Troy Shepardson, Stony Creek coach said.

The Lions have shown at times that they can play some incredibly good football, but grouping quarters together and then matches still seems a little allusive, but when they do, watch out.

Thorpdale edge out gritty Toora in final quarter thriller

By Rob Popplestone

GETTING a handle on just what type of Toora was going to turn up has proved to be a tough task in recent weeks.

Two wins out of three ain’t half bad and that’s exactly what the Magpies had produced in the past month leading into another tough challenge against the Blues.

On their home deck Toora knew a victory would have themselves within a whisker of the top half of the ladder, the problem was a fierce visitor in the shape of Thorpdale.

The Blues are too good 15-10-100 just managing to keep the home side at arm’s length

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“Great game of footy which could have gone either way,” Daniel Taylor, Thorpdale coach said.

“I felt at halftime Toora had the momentum and when they kicked the first goal after half-time to take a 14-point lead it looked like we were on the ropes a bit, to the boys’ credit we really got to work, our mid-field got on top, intensity and pressure lifted around the ball and we managed to get some forward half territory which got the game back on our terms at

the last change.

“Cracker of a last quarter with a few lead changes before we settled and kicked the last two goals to get an important win for our season moving forward. Really proud of the effort from the whole group...”

The Magpies struggled to keep the key forward down, and that coupled with some poor decisions proved to be costly to a Magpies side that, in recent weeks, looked as though they were ready to make a significant move up the ladder.

“We had a really tough encounter against Thorpy on the weekend,” Jay Accardi, Toora

coach said.

“The game was played at a high level and a physical one. It was a close match all day and to their credit, they were able to take their chances when it mattered to grab the win. Really proud of the effort our lads showed but some silly errors at crucial moments in the last quarter were costly but I’m sure we will learn from them and move on.”

Toora sit third to bottom on the MGFNL ladder but just two games from the top six, there is now little room for error or to be on the wrong side of any further close games.



Joe Rysko boots a goal, landing three in total for Fish Creek in their slaughter of the Hillsmen on Saturday. Photos: MVP Sports Photography.



Sam McGannon lines up a goal.

Roos cruise past Hillsmen

BOTTOM of the ladder Hill End strolled into the home of top team Fish Creek, not with extraordinary confidence, but at least with some belief they could keep in touch, such was their performance just seven days earlier against Yinnar.

It soon became obvious however that the Kangaroos were going to be a very different proposition.

“A pleasing performance by us yesterday,” Jarrad Walker, Fish Creek coach stated.

By Rob Popplestone

“We started moving the ball a lot better in the second half which helped to create more space in the forward line and get some better looks at goal. It was good to see our forwards continue to work together and share the footy around to have a more even contribution of goal scorers. Darcy Berryman is in a hot run of form and was great to see Jai Stefani get on the end

of a couple after working really hard on the track.

“Hats off to Hill End who made us earn it all day, especially the Hill End ruckman who went all day in the ruck and made us make a few changes in our ruck stocks. They’ve got some handy juniors coming through so good luck to them for the rest of the year.”

“They are a very good side, they are awesome, they had some players out and we had

eight players out ourselves, the boys that were in did a good job, we had a fifteen-year-old that did a good job young Hamish Phoenix is a ripper, so it wasn’t all bad but I would’ve like a bit more of a fight from us,” Adrian Burns, Hill End coach said.

Sometimes a loss can hurt a side for more than the week in which it happened, the challenge for Hill End now is to respond in a more worthy round twelve against Toora.

Foster roars past Mirboo North to lock in top-four spot

TOP-OF-THE-TABLE Foster accounted for Mirboo North by 59 points under cloudy skies at the Foster Showgrounds, on Saturday.

It was the home side’s ninth win from 10 games this season and almost certainly locks in a top-four spot in this year’s finals for the Foster Tigers.

As a result of its defeat, Mirboo North slips to ninth spot on the Mid Gippsland ladder and is now a game and plenty of percentage out of the six.

Although severely undermanned through a lengthy injury list, the visiting Mirboo North Tigers kept Foster

By Rover

goalless until nearly 13 minutes into the match – by being fully invested in hard running, strong tackling and a will to win the contested ball.

Mirboo North’s athletic youngsters, Jesse Chila, Archie Woodall and Ethan Woodall were fearless and tenacious in their attacks on the Sherrin and used their pace and evasive skills to break away from their opponents on many occasions.

At the first break, Mirboo North trailed by eight points and by half-time Foster’s lead had increased to 21 points,

after two second-term goals from the locals.

Still goalless, just three behinds had come from Mirboo North’s limited entries into its forward line, in over 50 minutes of football.

Angus Norton, James Morris, Jack Flavell and Brock Cripps were worthy contributors for Foster, who helped to put it in a winning position at the long break.

Mirboo North’s defence continued to be put under lots of pressure during the third term and with Beau Peters, Hayden Barnes and Todd Alexander’s combined resistance, it did well to restrict

Foster to two majors.

Foster booted five goals in the final quarter, with vice-captain, Jake Best, finishing with three majors for the afternoon.

Mirboo North’s only goal came four minutes into the last term from Jonathon Conlan – after the visitors systematically worked the ball around the Geoff McCraw Stand outer wing, with a string of accurate disposals.

This Saturday at Tigerland, Mirboo North hosts the Newborough Bulldogs, who like the Tigers, will be looking for their fifth victory of the season.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 10

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

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FISH CREEK	HILL END
Fish Creek	5.6 11.9 20.11 25.17 (167)
Hill End	0.0 2.0 2.1 2.2 (14)

GOALS, Fish Creek: D Berryman 7, J Stefani 6, J Rysko, T Gavenlock 3, O Bright, T Sorrell, H Smith, T Vuillermin, S McGannon, J Hayes 1 each

BEST: J Stefani, T Gavenlock, H Smith, D Berryman, J Rysko, T Valenta

GOALS, Hill End: B Paul 2

BEST: B Clark, N Bain, H Moore, K Mulley, B Paul, C Paul

RESERVES

Fish Creek	5.6 14.10 24.11 31.13 (199)
Hill End	0.0 0.0 2.1 4.3 (27)

GOALS, Fish Creek: A Bright 11, E Farrell, J Anderson 4, C Mcphee 3, M Pocklington 2, L Cocksedge, B Perks, R Staley, B Bell, L Southwell, T Piasente, O Straw 1 each

BEST: A Bright, E Farrell, J Anderson, L Cocksedge, B Bell, T Piasente

GOALS, Hill End: T Jones, T Mackenlay, H Hopkins, A Tanguosso 1 each

BEST: J Harris, L Ravenhorst, H Hopkins, D Russell, S Damschke, B Damschke

THIRDS

Fish Creek	0.0 2.2 2.3 2.3 (15)
Hill End	5.6 8.8 10.11 17.13 (115)

GOALS, Fish Creek: L Moon, J Cicero 1 each

BEST: A Bradley, R Cicero, J Cicero, J Gale, H Cocksedge, B Boyd

GOALS, Hill End: D Paul 8, J Winduss 3, D van der Stoep 2, H Phoenix, S Damschke, D Jarvis, T Langan 1 each

BEST: D Paul, B Stephens, D Jarvis, D van der Stoep, H Phoenix, J Winduss

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

70

11

FOSTER	MIRBOO NORTH
Foster	1.3 3.6 5.7 10.10 (70)
Mirboo North	0.1 0.3 0.5 1.5 (11)

GOALS, Foster: J Best 3, J Flavell 2, F Lomax, M Green, B Flavell, S Chaseling, M Cooke 1 each

BEST: A Norton, J Morris, J Flavell, B Cripps, J Lewis, S Chaseling

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: J Conlan 1

BEST: J Chila, A Woodall, E Woodall, H Barnes, M Richardson, B Peters

RESERVES

Foster	3.2 5.2 7.8 9.11 (65)
Mirboo North	3.2 6.2 7.2 7.7 (49)

GOALS, Foster: B Angwin 5, T Daldy, J Davy, M House, L Cripps 1 each

BEST: J Davy, B Angwin, M House, A Lacanaria, K Davy, T Daldy

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: A Soplakow 5, D Sturtevant, N Cummaudo 1 each

BEST: M Aveling, A Soplakow, J Hutton, J Peters, C Young

THIRDS

MDU	5.3 9.6 17.11 28.14 (182)
Mirboo North	0.2 1.4 3.5 3.5 (23)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: H Ludlow 2, T Heislars 1

BEST: Z Fleming, C Vivian, N Jackson, H Ludlow, C Crutchfield, J Unwin

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS	Yinnar	11.12.78	d	Boolarra	5.7.37
RESERVES	Yinnar	22.16.148	d	Boolarra	2.3.15

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS					ROUND 11				
SENIORS					RESERVES				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts
Foster	9	1	231.74	40	Yinnar	11	0	479.19	44
Fish Creek	9	1	212.98	40	Tarwin	8	2	229.91	36
Yinnar	9	2	163.80	36	MDU	8	3	285.19	32
MDU	8	3	149.65	32	Morwell East	7	3	202.46	32
Tarwin	6	4	108.43	28	Fish Creek	7	3	130.42	32
Thorpdale	5	5	96.82	24	Stony Creek	6	4	120.21	28
Boolarra	4	6	80.60	20	Toora	5	5	165.66	24
Newborough	4	6	73.52	20	Newborough	4	6	76.68	20
Mirboo Nth	4	6	67.73	20	Hill End	3	7	60.95	16
Stony Creek	3	7	84.51	16	Foster	2	7	46.32	14
Toora	3	7	81.02	16	Mirboo Nth	2	8	48.88	12
Morwell East	2	8	55.52	12	Thorpdale	2	8	23.19	12
Hill End	0	10	43.47	4	Boolarra	0	9	24.17	6
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Nick Nagel (MDU)				53	Jarryd Garlick (Yinnar)				52
Kane Grinstead-Jones (Yinnar)				48	Adam Bright (Fish Creek)				33
Jake Best (Foster)				45	Brendan Tomada (MDU)				23
THIRDS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
MDU	8	1	406.52	40	Angus McInnes (MDU)				49
Newborough	7	1	178.23	40	Oscar Hanson (Newborough)				39
Yinnar	5	3	131.16	32	Tobias McDuffie (Mirboo North)				32
Hill End	5	3	116.44	32					
Mirboo Nth	3	6	69.06	20					
Tarwin	1	6	59.96	20					
Fish Creek	0	9	22.87	8					
Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0					
Toora	0	0	0.00	0					
Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0					
Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0					
Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0					
Foster	0	0	0.00	0					

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Seniors player Jordan Anderson boots the ball for Nyora.



Bryce Broadmore lands a beautiful mark for Poowong. Photo: Jeff Tull.

Poowong strike lucky against Nyora

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG welcomed Nyora hoping to reclaim the Demon Cup after Nyora claimed it early in the season and also welcomed the players of the 1985 Senior Premiers Football side and the 1995 A& B Premier Netballers and 1985 D Grade Netball Premier team.

The Under 18's travelled to Catani to play Lang Lang and came away with a victory winning 8.5.53 to Lang Lang 5.7.37. The Reserves also had a win. They've now won two games this season, winning Saturday by five points 58.3.51 to Nyora 6.10.46, well done to all the reserves players.

The Poowong seniors welcomed Mathew Roberts and Mitch van't Hof. Out Joel Norton and Mitch Molloy both injured, Poowong started well with Alex Henshall kicking the first of two goals for the quarter. Poowong's pressure was good with Mitch van't Hof, Thomas Burgess and Thomas Sherar working hard and the on-ballers Alex Henshall Zac Gray, Connor Cunningham and Micah Williames in everything. Poowong were on top early. Nyora kicking a late goal.

Nyora started the second quarter with a goal from a free kick, Poowong replied immediately from a down field free through Mathew Roberts who made sure of the goal, then with goals to Alex Henshall and Jett Blackwood. Poowong held a

handy lead at haltime Poowong 5.10.40 to Nyora 2.1.13, a twenty-seven-point lead.

The third quarter was costly for Poowong with just six points to Nyora's two goals to reduce the margin to twenty-one points Poowong 5.16.46 to Nyora 4.1.25.

Down to the last quarter in a tight contest Nyora kicked their fifth back to fifteen points, Mathew Roberts added a great goal for Poowong only to see Nyora add a goal off the ground in reply. Alex Henshall added a steadier for Poowong and when Matt Cossio goaled the win was in sight. Final scores Poowong 8.19 67 to Nyora 6.4.40, a twenty-seven-point victory and the first win of the season for Poowong.

Great day for the club with all three teams winning – senior, reserves and under 18's not sure when that last happened, great to do it in front of the '85 Premiers. Best players Micah Williames, Alex Henshall Connor Cunningham, Matt Cozzio, Jett Blackwood, and Connor Ives. With the netballers winning all their games Poowong club had a great day also a great evening with their eighty's night.

Off to Lang Lang next week in all grades football and netball playing, could we do it again? Remember Cozzies Powerball Thursday Night.



Matt Cozzio lines up a goal for Poowong. Photo: Jeff Tull.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 12

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB



POOWONG	2.6	5.10	5.16	8.19 (67)
Nyora	1.0	2.1	4.1	6.4 (40)

GOALS Poowong: A Henshall 4, J Blackwood, M Cozzio 1 each

BEST: M Williames, A Henshall, C Cunningham, M Cozzio, J Blackwood, C Ives

GOALS Nyora: T Dalglish, M Hughes, W McGindle, C Crestani, O Paora, A Coggins 1 each

BEST: A Coggins, M Huet, L Simpson, T Kirkbride, t white, J Anderson,

RESERVES

Poowong	2.0	5.3	6.3	8.3 (51)
Nyora	1.4	3.5	5.8	6.10 (46)

GOALS Poowong: D McDonald, B Moyce, B Townsend 2, J Lewis, B Butler 1 each

BEST: J Cawcutt, B Hull, D McDonald, J Sheerin, B Moyce

GOALS Nyora: J O'Brien 2, J Kavanagh, J Campbell, A Dike, I Boswell 1 each

BEST: A Dike, T Campbell, H Cairns, J Waixel, J Campbell, L Forscutt

THIRDS

Lang Lang	3.1	3.6	3.7	5.7 (37)
Poowong	4.0	4.1	6.4	8.5 (53)

GOALS Lang Lang: T Liddiard 3, C Mannix, J Sparks 1 each

BEST: L Casey, J Stockx, T Thom, D Messer, C Mannix, T Liddiard

GOALS Poowong: J Blackwood, T Nieuwerth 2, K Zealley, C Deal, J Laing, B Camp 1 each

BEST: B Broadmore, L Moriarty, J Laing, J Wilson, T Nieuwerth, C Deal

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Bunyip	16.18.114	d	Nilma Darn	6.5.41
Neerim Sth	15.11.101	d	Ellinbank	7.6.48
Longwarry	19.14.128	d	Yarragon	4.3.27
Buln Buln	11.8.74	d	Trafalgar	6.4.40
Lang Lang	15.14.104	d	Catani	5.7.37

RESERVES

Bunyip	12.10.82	d	Nilma Darn	4.2.26
Ellinbank	6.14.50	d	Neerim Sth	5.5.35
Longwarry	23.17.155	d	Yarragon	1.4.10
Trafalgar	9.8.62	d	Buln Buln	1.7.13
Lang Lang	15.13.103	d	Catani	6.3.39

THIRDS

Nilma Darn	25.8.158	d	Bunyip	2.1.13
Ellinbank	4.10.154	d	Neerim Sth	0.1.1
Longwarry	17.7.109	d	Yarragon	2.7.19
Buln Buln	22.12.144	d	Trafalgar	4.0.24

FOURTHS

Nilma Darn	6.4.40	drew	Bunyip	6.4.40
Ellinbank	5.15.45	d	Neerim Sth	2.2.14
Yarragon	11.11.77	d	Longwarry	6.5.41
Trafalgar	17.14.116	d	Buln Buln	0.1.1
Catani	8.5.53	d	Lang Lang	2.12.24

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 12

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Neerim South	12	0	321.00	48
Longwarry	10	2	244.52	40
Buln Buln	9	3	169.00	36
Trafalgar	8	4	218.23	32
Lang Lang	8	4	146.48	32
Ellinbank	6	6	151.78	24
Yarragon	5	7	70.59	20
Catani	4	8	83.00	16
Nilma Darnum	4	8	53.34	16
Nyora	3	9	46.95	12
Bunyip	2	10	46.89	8
Poowong	1	11	27.91	4

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Jason Wells (Longwarry)	99
Mason McGarrit (Neerim South)	70
Marc Holt (Lang Lang)	45

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Lang Lang	11	1	738.00	44
Longwarry	11	1	591.20	44
Ellinbank	10	2	367.77	40
Trafalgar	10	2	280.62	40
Neerim South	7	5	270.13	28
Buln Buln	5	6	63.65	22
Catani	5	7	81.70	20
Bunyip	4	7	78.69	18
Yarragon	4	8	65.96	16
Nyora	2	10	24.76	8
Poowong	2	10	9.49	8
Nilma Darnum	0	12	16.05	0

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Kurt Batt (Lang Lang)	41
Toby Bayne (Neerim South)	36
Bradley Blazevic (Longwarry)	35

THIRDS	W	L	%	MR
Ellinbank	11	0	451.75	100.0
Longwarry	8	2	191.18	80.00
Buln Buln	8	3	282.63	72.73
Nilma Darnum	7	4	144.34	63.63
Neerim South	6	5	108.42	54.54
Lang Lang	5	5	161.88	50.00
Poowong	5	5	107.63	50.00
Trafalgar	2	9	49.84	18.18
Yarragon	1	9	28.86	10.00
Bunyip	0	11	9.03	0.00
Catani	0	0	0.00	0.00
Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.00

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
James Patterson (Nilma Darnum)	31
Charlie Armour (Ellinbank)	29

FOURTHS	W	L	%	MR
Bunyip	10	0	331.07	95.45
Trafalgar	9	2	306.52	81.81
Ellinbank	8	3	134.55	72.72
Poowong	7	3	179.26	70.00
Yarragon	7	4	145.93	63.64
Catani	6	5	98.35	54.54
Lang Lang	4	6	61.89	40.00
Buln Buln	3	8	61.74	27.27
Longwarry	2	9	54.38	18.18
Neerim South	2	10	53.16	16.66
Nilma Darnum	1	9	29.59	13.63
Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.00

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Hudson Grujic (Trafalgar)	35
Cruze Deal (Poowong)	28
Dylan Strating (Neerim South)	25

Wonthaggi withstands Maffra challenge

WONTHAGGI recorded a crucial home win against Maffra as the Power strives to set up a finals berth while awaiting the return of some of its injured key personnel. Ollie Dawson's goal on the cusp of three-quarter time proving important in the 26-point win.

He found space, marking unopposed near goal shortly after Maffra's Noah Christy nailed a long shot to bring the Eagles back to just a 10-point deficit.

Wonthaggi was in control at halftime before Maffra mounted a determined comeback, having booted three goals to none before Dawson stepped up, his major no doubt settling Power nerves as the players headed to the three-quarter time huddle.

Power finished strongly in the final stanza, kicking three goals to one.

The winning side shared the goalkicking responsibilities around, Cooper McInnes the only Power player to register multiple majors, booting his third goal not long before the final siren.

Christy, who represented Gippsland Power last year, equalled that goalscoring output and showed moments of class onball but didn't rate a mention in Maffra's best.

On a day when both sides had to work hard in defence, the teams each named someone in that part of the ground as their best, Ethan Dickison

By Andrew Paloczi

getting that honour for Wonthaggi, while the experienced Daniel Bedggood did so for Maffra.

Skipper Josh Bates was instrumental in Power's victory, his hard-at-it approach and skilful ball use setting up many opportunities for his side, Ryan Sparkes another getting in to win the footy and also hitting targets impressively.

Kyle Reid also had a solid game, doing good work in defence and elsewhere.

Jasper Shone, who last season played a couple of games for Gippsland Power at Under 16 level, continues to thrive in the ruck for Wonthaggi, the spring in his step and ability to read the play and use the footy well continue to stand out.

Against Maffra, he was involved in many interesting duels against the more seasoned Andrew McKenzie, who had a knack for taking possession in the ruck contests and driving the Eagles forward.

McKenzie backed up his ruck work with some good efforts around the ground, being named the beaten side's next best behind Bedggood.

The important victory keeps Wonthaggi in fourth spot on the ladder and Power should build momentum against the winless Drouin, the Hawks hosting this Saturday's game at Moe's Ted Summerton Reserve.



Kaj Patterson looks for an opening. Ns13_2526

Parrots' apprentices impress at Sale in statement win

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Sam Forrester and Travis Nash marshalled an unheralded group down back so much so that Leongatha led it 16 goals to four at the last break.

Leongatha coach Trent McMicking clearly liked what he had seen to three-quarter time, and his message was simple enough (if you knew what he was talking about): "Keep your bumper bars up, the umbrella out, set up the launch pad and hit the hot spots..."

With the sting out of the game at that stage, both teams managed three goals-a-piece in the last quarter; Sale youngster Cayden Johnson produced a personal highlight with his first goal, in his third senior game, with a nice snap, before Aaron Heppell answered following creative work by Nick Argento.

The successful attacking move started way down back with Sam Forrester, through plenty of willing hands until it reached Heppell.

Big Sale ruckman Jack Leslie



Jacob Warne shared the ruck with Ben Willis, taking this nice mark while relieving up forward.

was pushed out of it near goal and received a free for their sixth of the day before Ireland got his ninth, again the result of good team play, including the likes of Travis Nash and Jay Walker.

the day.

The Parrots and Ireland were to get a few more chances but it was Sale which produced the final one of the day when coach Jack Johnstone was knocked over after taking a mark and made no mistake with the benefit of a 50-metre penalty.

It didn't take away from the fact that a relatively inexperienced team, missing the likes of Marriott, Garnham, Pelligano, Maskell, Dyson Heppell, Brill, Stewart and others, had teamed impressively together, producing a skilled and entertaining brand of footy for an impressive away win at Sale.

Other highlights of the day for the Parrots included a running, bouncing goal by Aydan Williams, to open Leongatha's account in the first quarter, and an opportunist goal by young Ben Fort, after a good contest by Ireland, Fort's first in only his second senior game, an excellent contribution by another up-and-comer for the Parrots.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS										ROUND 11									
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts	
Leongatha	9	2	185.47	36	Traralgon	10	1	383.61	40	Leongatha	9	2	132.22	36	Traralgon	11	0	974.00	44
Moe	9	2	183.38	36	Leongatha	9	2	342.47	36	Warragul	8	2	193.72	34	Maffra	10	1	194.62	40
Traralgon	8	3	139.80	32	Moe	9	2	209.21	36	Moe	8	3	197.40	32	Warragul	8	3	142.16	32
Wonthaggi	7	4	104.44	28	Maffra	8	3	225.98	32	Maffra	7	3	235.51	30	Moe	7	4	129.57	28
Warragul	6	5	110.83	24	Wonthaggi	6	5	97.09	24	Bairnsdale	7	3	118.52	30	Bairnsdale	6	5	78.15	24
Morwell	5	6	114.06	20	Sale	4	7	70.23	16	Traralgon	6	4	181.25	26	Leongatha	4	7	66.51	16
Bairnsdale	4	7	88.60	16	Morwell	3	8	83.99	12	Drouin	4	7	95.54	16	Sale	3	8	54.87	12
Maffra	4	7	82.79	16	Bairnsdale	3	8	71.49	12	Sale	3	8	47.21	12	Morwell	3	8	48.83	12
Sale	3	8	62.20	12	Warragul	3	8	47.14	12	Wonthaggi	1	10	42.21	4	Wonthaggi	2	8	42.16	10
Drouin	0	11	41.86	0	Drouin	0	11	9.37	0	Morwell	0	11	26.25	0	Drouin	0	10	52.02	2
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Ben Crocker (Moe)				54	Damien Hough (Traralgon)				25	Rylie Baker (Drouin)				42	Brody Stevenson (Traralgon)				50
Brandon McDonald (Morwell)				30	Oliver Haberi (Traralgon)				24	Cameron Thompson (Warragul)				25	Fraser Aubrey (Warragul)				36
Dylan Loprese (Traralgon)				27	Brendan Holt (Moe)				24	Archer Stobie (Maffra)				22	Bill De Araugo (Warragul)				35

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 11

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB



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SALE

LEONGATHA

Sale

1.3

2.3

4.4

7.4 (46)

Leongatha

2.4

10.8

16.10

19.13 (127)

GOALS, Sale:

C Rand 2, C Johnson, J Leslie, B Walker, J Johnstone 1 each

BEST:

C Whitehill, T Wrigglesworth, H Ronchi, B Walker, R James, C Rand

GOALS, Leongatha:

No goal scorers listed.

BEST:

P Ireland, L Bowman, N Argento, J Walker, A Williams, Z Lamers

RESERVES

Sale

2.1

2.3

3.5

5.6 (36)

Leongatha

2.0

7.2

13.3

16.5 (101)

GOALS, Sale:

R Head 2, Z Waixel, R Cottrell, S Fyfe 1 each

BEST:

C Laverty, S Fyfe, M McMaster, J Halligan, J Cantwell, C Lett,

GOALS, Leongatha:

C Watson 5, F Materia, R Butler 3, T Gannon 2, K McGrath, A Trotto, L Marshman 1 each

BEST:

L Marshman, I Fox, T Gannon, F Materia, J Clark

THIRDS

Sale

0.2

4.5

4.5

7.8 (50)

Leongatha

3.4

4.5

8.8

10.9 (69)

GOALS, Sale:

J Halligan 2, C Earles, M Mayman, T Ronchi, J Greenwood, M McMaster 1 each

BEST:

B Harrison, M McMaster, J Greenwood, J Halligan, J Roads, J Power,

GOALS, Leongatha:

E Berryman, A Logan 3, H Bowler, A Fixter, J Deering, M Croatto 1 each

BEST:

A Logan, F McLennan, F Donohue, E Berryman, C Reid, J Deering

FOURTHS

Sale

1.2

2.2

3.2

3.5 (23)

Leongatha

2.6

5.9

10.12

11.13 (79)

BEST, Sale:

B Mason, A Gerrand, C Jagielka, D Hughes, T Maxfield, O Sullivan

BEST, Leongatha:

E Reardon, C Bickerton, E Berryman, N Bradley, L Chila

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB



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WONTHAGGI		MAFFRA		
Wonthaggi	2.3	6.6	7.7	10.8 (68)
Maffra	0.3	1.5	4.9	5.12 (42)
GOALS, Wonthaggi: C McInnes 3, J Williamson, T Davey, N Anderson, J Lewis, O Dawson, J Williams, J Williams 1 each				
BEST: E Dickison, J Bates, K Reid, R Sparkes, A McNeel, J Shone,				
GOALS, Maffra: N Christy 3, H Walker, J McQuillen 1 each				
BEST: D Bedggood, A McKenzie, A Carr, J Boyd, D Butcher, J Killoran,				
RESERVES				
Wonthaggi	0.3	2.3	2.4	3.6 (24)
Maffra	5.3	10.4	13.5	14.9 (93)
GOALS, Wonthaggi: C Krause 2, J Brouwers, C Dawson 1 each				
BEST: J Brouwers, C Dawson, L Legione, Z MacDermid, C Krause, J Waters				
GOALS, Maffra: Z Felsbourg, A stobie 4, J Andrews 2, J Brickley, W Ruthberg, J Kellow, J Henry 1 each				
BEST: B Dowsett, S Pendergast, W Ross, J Kelly, A stobie, J Henry				
THIRDS				
Wonthaggi	1.1	1.3	2.5	2.7 (19)
Maffra	3.4	8.6	11.9	14.12 (96)
GOALS, Wonthaggi: M Car, A Jobe 1 each				
BEST: M Ori, L Davis, O Feather, L Lidstone, J Brouwers, A Jobe,				
GOALS, Maffra: A stobie 7, H Walker 2, J McQuillen, A Higgins, C Ross, W Ruthberg 1 each				
BEST: A Stobie, C Ross, J Dowsett, J Henry, J McMahon, M Rondon				
FOURTHS				
Wonthaggi	0.1	1.1	3.2	3.4 (22)
Maffra	4.3	7.8	12.11	14.14 (98)
BEST, Wonthaggi: W Simmons, A Jobe, B Wyhoon, E Larsen, M Plenkovich, P Lorkin				
BEST Maffra: J Little, L Stephenson, H Bartlett, J Armstrong, J Linford, I Brown				

IN OTHER GAMES.				
SENIORS				
Traralgon	11.15.81	d	Moe	8.12.60
Bairnsdale	21.15.141	d	Drouin	15.6.96
Warragul	13.13.91	d	Morwell	7.15.57
RESERVES				
Traralgon	8.13.61	d	Moe	5.3.33
Bairnsdale	9.12.126	d	Drouin	2.4.16
Warragul	7.6.48	d	Morwell	2.13.25
THIRDS				
Moe	8.7.55	d	Traralgon	7.7.49
Drouin	9.11.65	d	Bairnsdale	9.8.62
Warragul	11.9.75	d	Morwell	6.6.42
FOURTHS				
Traralgon	16.15.111	d	Moe	4.3.27
Bairnsdale	11.4.70	d	Drouin	8.7.55
Warragul	11.8.74	d	Morwell	6.3.39

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION	
Tooradin-Dalmore	21.15.141 d Dalyston 4.5.29
Phillip Island	15.7.97 d Warragul Industrials 6.9.45
Kilcunda Bass	11.15.81 d Korumburra Bena 4.3.27
Nar Nar Goon	16.15.111 d Cora Lynn 8.6.54
Garfield	14.8.92 d Koo Wee Rup 9.9.63

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KILCUNDA BASS FOOTBALL CLUB				
	81		27	
KILCUNDA-BASS		KORUMBURRA BENA		
K-Bass	4.3	8.6	9.11	11.15 (81)
Kor-Bena	2.1	2.2	4.2	4.3 (27)
GOALS, K-Bass: T Cartmel 4, T Gunn 2, J West, D McRae, A Grenness, T Tuck, J Soroczynski 1 each				
BEST: N Foote, T Tuck, D Gawley, T Cartmel, A Grenness, S Scott				
GOALS, Kor-Bena: B Robertson, K Walker, T Newton, R Dixon 1 each				
BEST: G Dickson, J Cuman, B Robertson, J Hopkins, L Smith, K Benson				
RESERVES				
K-Bass	0.1	1.2	1.2	2.4 (16)
Kor-Bena	1.0	4.1	7.5	8.7 (55)
GOALS, K-Bass: D Crawford, S Dickinson 1 each				
BEST: B Gude, S Dickinson, J Rocotas, J Jose, P Tucker, L Dosiak				
GOALS, Kor-Bena: T Sheedy, J Fowles 2, C De Grandi 1				
BEST: T Sheedy, T Walker, C Dougherty, J Grabham, J Carpenter, C De Grandi,				
FOURTHS				
K-Bass	2.0	3.6	4.9	5.15 (45)
Kor-Bena	0.2	1.2	3.2	5.3 (33)
GOALS, K-Bass: B Eden 2, H Leary, C Maund, C Brown 1 each				
BEST: C Maund, E McDonald, E Baker-Keys, B McMillan, C Burgess, P McKay				
GOALS, Kor-Bena: T Dole 2, C Hansch 2, B Wrigley 1				
BEST: J Douglas, E Belvedere, D Walker, T Mortimer, N Coffey, R Skeen				

IN OTHER GAMES...				
SENIORS				
Nar Nar Goon	16.15.111d	Cora Lynn	8.6.54	
Garfield	14.8.92	d Koo Wee Rup	9.9.63	
RESERVES				
Cora Lynn	7.7.49	d Nar Nar Goon	6.3.39	
Koo Wee Rup	9.6.60	d Garfield	4.5.29	
THIRDS				
Nar Nar Goon	13.5.83	d Cora Lynn	4.5.29	
Koo Wee Rup	7.12.54	d Garfield	4.3.27	
FOURTHS				
Koo Wee Rup	8.11.59	d Garfield	3.2.20	

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW	
SATURDAY, JULY 5	
ELLINBANK	ROUND 13
Buln Buln v Nilma Darnum	
Ellinbank v Trafalgar	
Bunyip v Neerim South	
Longwarry v Catani	
Lang Lang v Poowong	
Nyora v Yarragon	
GIPPSLAND	ROUND 12
Drouin v Wonthaggi	
Leongatha v Bairnsdale	
Maffra v Moe	
Warragul v Sale	
Morwell v Traralgon (Sunday, July 6)	
MID GIPPSLAND	ROUND 12
Tarwin v Yinnar	
Boolarra v Fish Creek	
Hill End v Toora	
Mirboo North v Newborough	
Morwell East v Foster	
Stony Creek v Thorpdale	
MDU - BYE	
WEST GIPPSLAND	ROUND 13
Nar Nar Goon v Garfield	
Korumburra-Bena v Phillip Island	
Inverloch-Kongwak v Cora Lynn	
Tooradin-Dalmore v Warragul Industrials	
Dalyston v Kilcunda Bass	
Koo Wee Rup - BYE	

Panthers retain Gus James Shield



Gus James' daughter Jazzy James presented Kilcunda Bass with the Gus James Memorial Shield on Saturday.



Travis Tuck marks strongly above the pack for the Panthers. Photos: Anna Carson



Eyes on the prize, Trent Cartmel (Kilcunda Bass) and Lachlan Smith (Korumburra-Bena) jostle for control of the Sherrin.

IT WAS a big game for Korumburra-Bena and Kilcunda Bass, as they fought for the Gus James Memorial Shield for the ninth year.

Gus coached and played for Bena, and his son Luke (LJ) played for Korumburra-Bena and a couple of years for Kilcunda Bass.

Both teams wore blue socks, and the Giants wore blue arm-bands to emphasise the importance to create awareness and talk about depression.

Promoting an awareness that depression is a disease that can affect anyone – even strong and tough men like Gus – encourages people to speak up and get help or talk to someone whenever needed.

Gus's daughter Jazzy James tossed the coin at the beginning of the match and presented the Shield to the winning team Killy Bass back in the clubrooms after the game.

Gus's great mate Jamie Walker, spoke to not only the players in the rooms before their game but also in the clubrooms after the game to both Giants and Killy Bass supporters and players, about depression and Gus, but more so the importance of getting help if needed.

Zach Walker played his 150th senior game for the Giants, Evan Allaway played his 50th senior game for the Giants and thirds player Max Fowles made his senior debut.

In the first quarter, the Giants were too slow to take off, letting the Panthers take a lead they couldn't get back.

The Panthers made a great start to the game in perfect conditions, allowing them to feel comfortable by quarter time.

Tyler Newton was placed in the forward line and showed everyone he can play all parts of the ground, kicking the Giants' first goal.

Guy Dickson was physical all game and put impressive pressure on the Killy Bass team.

Joel Cuman looked lively in the midfield and Kodie Walker snagged a goal on the siren, keeping the Giants within reach.

Though feeling confident, the Panthers knew the Giants were well coached, and prepared itself for a bounce back in the second quarter.

In the second term, the Giants had Newton go from one end of the ground to the other, where he still had a major impact on the game in defence.

Killy Bass increased their momentum kicking four goals for the quarter.

Trent Cartmel playing an exceptional game, kicked four goals in the first half.

His performance forced the Giants to put the stoppers on him in the second half.

For the Giants, it was good to see Jordan Ceppi put in another good hard quarter.

Ceppi was laying tackles and creating turnovers wherever possible, with the support of Luke Walker nailing a few strong hard tackles to keep Killy Bass on their toes.

It was also encouraging for the Giants to see Fowles getting some touches and being amongst the play.

The Giants knew if they wanted to be competitive, a lot more was needed from every player if they were to try and turn their game around in the third quarter.

The Giants came out and played harder and better football in the third quarter, keeping the Panthers to only one goal and five points in the quarter, but it was all too late. Rhys Dixon scored a quick goal.

Joel Cuman, Kye Benson and Kodie Walker continued to fight hard for the ball not once giving up.

Down the backline Guy Dickson, Lachie Smith, Hugh Gordon, Byron Walker and Zach Walker continued to keep the pressure on Killy Bass, lots of hard knocks and tackles were had, which will mean some sore players after the game.

Clayton Quaife sent the ball down to Boyd Robertson who has been in great form of late and saw Boyd kick the goal.

Josh Hopkins played another consistent quarter urging his team on across the whole field.

For Kilcunda Bass, the mid-field was working exceptionally hard, with Nathan Foote, Travis Tuck and Dale Gawley back in the Panthers' best.

The Panthers also had Steven Scott returning to the backline, proving to be instrumental in keeping the pressure on the Giants.

It wasn't the Giants' day and as disappointing as it was that they didn't take the Shield home for Gus, the team congratulated Killy Bass for its exceptional game.

The Panthers deserved to be holding the Gus James Memorial Shield.

Kilcunda Bass will be playing in another local derby against Dalyston next week.

The Panthers have made it back into the six on percentage and is looking to keep putting wins on the board to keep Inverloch-Kongwak out.

Korumburra-Bena has another tough battle ahead as it prepares to face Phillip Island.

Bulldogs fend off the Dusties

A TIGHT contest was played out between Phillip Island and the Warragul Industrials, but a powerful first quarter performance handed the win to the Bulldogs.

Playing at Warragul's Western Park, Phillip Island went in hard and got the jump on the home side, which resulted in a 52-point victory.

The Bulldogs opted to play Jack Taylor close to the goals, which proved to be the right decision.

Taylor was a big target up forward and kicked four goals for the day.

The Dusties were kept to just two points, and the Bulldogs gained a 29-point lead heading into the first break.

The second quarter was a scrappy affair that would set the tone for the rest of the game.

Phillip Island continued to play well, but a few skill errors along the way allowed the Dusties to keep pace.

The Dusties kept up the pressure and made Phillip Island work hard to keep control of the game.

Phillip Island came back strong in the third quarter, employing a strategy to use plenty of space around the ground and utilise more people.

The Dusties had their defenders covering Taylor, so the game plan worked well to get the ball out to others to continue putting scores on the board.

As a result, Phillip Island had eight individual goal-scorers on the day.

The last quarter was the most physical of the day, as both sides showed signs of frustration.

Mark Collison was a standout for Phillip Island, playing a consistent game on ball, and Hayden Bruce was strong through the mid-field.

In the end, Phillip Island had done all it needed to, and it claimed the four points.

Next week, Phillip Island will be playing Korumburra-Bena at the Korumburra Showgrounds.

Korumburra-Bena has been playing with more consistency of late, so Phillip Island will be going in ready for battle.



Phillip Island's Connor Thompson attempts a tackle on his Dusties opponent Gavin Stevenson. Photo: Warragul & Drouin Gazette

Magpies outrun easily by composed Tooradin-Dalmore



Kurt Thomas and Jack Flannery reach for the Sherrin in the ruck. Photo: Stewart Chambers, Pakenham Gazette.

THOUGH a tough day against second-placed Tooradin-Dalmore, Dalyston took a lot of heart out of leading the game at quarter time.

Playing at the Tooradin Recreation Reserve, the Magpies went into the game in the right headspace and with a game plan in place.

The pressure and execution were there, which allowed the Magpies to come away with a three-point lead at the first siren.

Dalyston's polished style of play continued into the second quarter, but it wasn't long before Tooradin-Dalmore stepped it up to prove why it is a high-quality side.

Dalyston was poised through the first half of the second quarter but gave away a few free kicks that resulted in goals for the opposition.

Tooradin-Dalmore used its strong list to its full potential and went into halftime with a comfortable 34-point lead.

Given a moment to breathe at halftime, Dalyston went into the third quarter at full intensity once more.

Mitch Hallahan and Kyle Hutchinson were prominent once again through the middle, and Stewart Beaumont played a strong game up forward.

Jesse Orchard-Moore played a pivotal, versatile role as the second ruckman, moving forward early before supporting the defenders in the backline.

The last quarter was Tooradin-Dalmore's chance to flex a bit of muscle.

As the fitter side on the day, the home team added 10 goals to its tally to end the game, amassing a 112-point victory.

Dalyston will play against Kilcunda-Bass in the next round.

Historically, this has been an interesting matchup, and the results may surprise.

Dalyston will be looking for revenge after its 34-point loss in round five, but Kilcunda-Bass is hungry for another win to retain its top six spot.

Dalyston intends to come into the game with the same intensity shown in the first quarter last week and continue that momentum for a full four-quarter performance.

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PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

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WARRAGUL IND	PHILLIP ISLAND
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Warragul Ind. 6.9 (45)
Phillip Island 15.7 (97)
GOALS, Warragul Ind: G Lok 2, K Willis, N Visser, T Hancock, B Nichol 1 each
BEST: W McGillivray, S Russell, J Monckton, W Gibson, B Hillard, J Bradley
GOALS, Phillip Island: J Taylor 4, C Pedersen 3, J Huther, N Anderson 2, B Taylor, M Griffin, H Bruce, C Bruce 1 each
BEST: J Taylor, C Pedersen, B Kleverkamp, H Bruce, M Collison, C Thompson

RESERVES
Warragul Ind. 0.0 1.0 2.0 2.0 (12)
Phillip Island 6.4 10.8 14.11 19.14 (128)
GOALS, Warragul Ind: No goal scorers listed.
BEST: A Nicolli, J Dunstone, S De Faria, C Edwards, H Radcliffe, M Jameson
GOALS, Phillip Island: H Anderson 4, A Officer 3, B Davies 2, M Paulsen, B Hindhaugh, B Ross, O Hibbert 1 each
BEST: J Keating, M Mattock, B Hindhaugh, B Davies, A Officer, H Anderson

THIRDS
Warragul Ind. 1.0 1.1 1.1 2.2 (14)
Phillip Island 3.0 4.1 6.7 8.13 (61)
GOALS, Warragul Ind: Z Tepper, R Matthews 1 each
BEST: J West, S Oling, A Watts, Z Tepper, B Smith, S Oling
GOALS, Phillip Island: C O'Garey 4, O Duggan, B Chihotski 2 each
BEST: C O'Garey, I Savona, B Chihotski, J Kelly, N Forrest Mabilia, A Ross

FOURTHS
Warragul Ind. 5.2 6.5 8.9 9.13 (67)
Phillip Island 0.0 1.0 2.2 3.2 (20)
GOALS, Warragul Ind: A Ingham, O Ireland, J Morgan 2, K Bannister, R Matthews, B Walsh 1 each
BEST: O Ireland, C Belsham, S Oling, C Vickery, A Ingham, R Matthews,
GOALS, Phillip Island: O Tuchtan, E Rhee, F Bathgate 1 each
BEST: S O'Garey, A Williams, F Bathgate, C Cantwell, K Cashman, B Marshall.

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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TOORADIN-DAL	DALYSTON
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Tooradin-Dal 1.3 7.8 11.13 21.15 (141)
Dalyston 2.0 2.4 4.5 4.5 (29)
GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: C Campbell, P Wright 3, L Adams, N Lang, A Dean, S Savage, J Flannery 2, J Esler, B Butler, C Bassett, A Oxley, D Ahern 1 each
BEST: S Savage, C Shinniers, A Oxley, L Adams, C O'Riordan, P Wright
GOALS, Dalyston: B Carew, M Hallahan, K Hutchison, J Barry 1 each
BEST: B Tilley, B Lewis, F West, J Barry, M Hallahan, K Hutchison

RESERVES
Tooradin-Dal 6.2 10.6 11.10 16.14 (110)
Dalyston 0.0 0.0 1.2 1.2 (8)
GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: A Mirauta 6, L Gregson 5, M Wigfield, D Blew, N Harrison, K Forgiarini 1 each
BEST: A Proctor, N Harrison, K de Little, J Smaluch, L Hill, A Mirauta,
GOALS, Dalyston: J Brooker 1
BEST: T Alford, J Pedersen-Morris, T Gallert, J Jones, R Cargill, D Wylie

THIRDS
Tooradin-Dal 11.9 (75)
Dalyston 2.3 (15)
GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: H Rogers 4, B Hamilton 2, J Gillespie, K Kerslake, K Peck, J Worrall 1 each
BEST: H Rogers, K Deren, R Cooper, B Hamilton, J Cochrane, J Carroll
GOALS, Dalyston: C Bell 2
BEST: R Brinkman, J Hughes, B Magro, A Rosenow, M Toler, L Harris

FOURTHS
Tooradin-Dal 4.4 7.5 1 1.6 12.14 (86)
Dalyston 0.1 2.2 2.2 2.2 (14)
GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: R Kinna, B Alexander, B Dean, J Alexander, C Hudson Sibilla, N Baker, J Tibballs, A Swinburne 1 each
BEST: B Spittal, W Murray, T Corrie, J Alexander, B Dean, B Alexander
GOALS, Dalyston: A Benetti 2
BEST: B Wallis, J Howell, B Magro, R Pickard, T Karema, J Joma

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS										ROUND 12									
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts av		W	L	%	pts av
Nar Nar Goon	11	0	275.93	44	Tooradin-Dal	10	1	447.06	40	Phillip Island	9	1	242.70	3.60	Warragul Ind	9	1	458.17	3.60
Tooradin-Dal	10	1	155.11	40	Inverloch-K	8	2	269.69	32	Nar Nar Goon	8	2	214.73	3.20	Nar Nar Goon	8	2	209.84	3.20
Phillip Island	7	4	137.13	28	Nar Nar Goon	8	3	252.52	32	Inverloch-K	6	2	265.08	2.89	Inverloch-K	7	2	194.74	3.11
Warragul Ind	7	4	92.05	28	Cora Lynn	8	2	184.08	32	Tooradin-Dal	7	3	126.92	2.80	Tooradin-Dal	7	3	205.45	2.80
Cora Lynn	6	4	115.94	24	Phillip Island	7	4	233.05	28	Koo Wee Rup	6	4	158.66	2.36	Kilcunda Bass	6	4	95.45	2.40
Kilcunda Bass	5	6	100.12	20	Koo Wee Rup	6	6	91.62	24	Warragul Ind	5	5	116.33	2.00	Koo Wee Rup	5	6	43.95	1.82
Inverloch-K	5	5	92.23	20	Kor-Bena	5	6	58.99	20	Garfield	3	7	74.00	1.20	Phillip Island	4	6	146.82	1.60
Koo Wee Rup	3	9	78.66	12	Garfield	4	7	71.19	16	Dalyston	3	7	64.07	1.20	Kor-Bena	3	7	60.99	1.20
Garfield	3	8	66.01	12	Kilcunda Bass	2	9	35.89	8	Kor-Bena	1	8	19.39	0.44	Dalyston	1	9	31.82	0.40
Kor-Bena	2	9	61.90	8	Warragul Ind	1	10	27.07	4	Cora Lynn	0	9	20.73	0.00	Garfield	0	10	12.01	0.00
Dalyston	1	10	49.17	4	Dalyston	1	10	25.94	4	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Nathan Gardiner (Cora Lynn)				46	Anthony Mirauta (Tooradin-Dal)				28	Oliver Duggan (Phillip Island)				24	Ky Bannister (Warragul Ind)				26
Dermott Yawney (Nar Nar Goon)				42	Rem Dal Pozzo (Inverloch-K)				21	Tarrant Millar (Nar Nar Goon)				21	Sam O'Garey (Phillip Island)				21
Billy Taylor (Phillip Island)				28	Lauchlan Gregson (Tooradin-Dal)				19	Augustus Finsterer (Inverloch-K)				20	Evan Loomes (Nar Nar Goon)				17



Parrots' apprentices impress at Sale

LEONGATHA put on 14 goals to three on either side of halftime at Sale on Saturday to set up a percentage-boosting, 81-point victory which allowed them to narrowly take over top spot on the Gippsland League ladder.

They did so courtesy of a 21-point win by Traralgon over premiership favourites Moe, only the Lions' second defeat for the season, both times against the reigning premiers.

Key stopper Declan Keilty was missing again for Moe this week which must be worth something.

But it was enough to dent the Lions' percentage sufficiently to allow Leongatha past them, both sides sitting nine wins and two losses after 11 rounds.

The win was especially pleasing for the Parrots on a number of counts, including the fact that their young forward Patrick Ireland finished the day with nine goals, in the absence of the likes of Jenson Garnham and Justin Pellicano up forward, and their relatively inexperienced team performed strongly.

Not that Sale didn't have their own challenges on the day, without the likes of Shanen Lange and their captain Jack McLaren.

No stranger to big bags of goals, having kicked 111 in a season with Buln Buln in the Ellinbank League last year, including hauls of 14, 13, 12 and 9; Ireland had eight goals up by halfway through the third quarter and looked a cinch to reach double figures.

He led up strongly to a pass by Jay Walker midway through the last quarter before stroking through number nine, but despite getting near it on several occasions in the run to the line, he didn't get another opportunity.

But it had been a masterful display of well-timed leads and straight kicking that enabled the Parrots to cap off a dominant display at the stoppages, led by Luke Bowman, Kim Drew, Ben Willis, Jay Walker and Aaron Heppell, with Nick Argento, Xavier Lamers, Ayden Williams, Ben Fort and Ty Hall all busy in general play; Ben Willis setting the tone with a snap for goal out of the ruck in the first quarter.

The delivery was good and the weight of possession was strongly in Leongatha's favour, but you've still got to finish it off and Ireland delivered in spades.

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That's number nine! Young Leongatha forward, Patrick Ireland, kicked nine goals in a masterful display of leading and straight kicking at Sale on Saturday.



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