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Gearing up for the 2025 Island Whale Festival last Thursday were Kim Storey (Destination Phillip Island), John Dickie (Wildlife Coast Cruises), Dr Chels Marshall and Natalia Baechtold. See festival coverage on page 26.

Sea-sational fun
at whale festival

NO DUD POOLS!

- New dawn in the development of community aquatic centres

LAST Thursday, July 10, at an aquatic centre energy efficiency seminar at St Leonards College in Brighton East, plans were unveiled to privately fund a new aquatic centre and sports hub on Phillip Island.

The brainchild of members of the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund, including Newhaven resident, Derek Harbison, of energy efficiency company, Negawatt Projects, the plan already has the support of

By Michael Giles

a group of local property investors and a cross-section of aquatic industry suppliers who are pioneering a cheaper, more efficient way to build community swimming centres.

Speaking at the seminar last week, Mr Harbison said the drive to slash the energy usage and environmental impact of domestic, commercial, industrial and

government buildings was accelerating, bringing the need to design better, more efficient, cheaper aquatic centres into sharper focus.

“The estimated cost of our new aquatic centre, fully funded, will be less than \$10 million, which stands in stark contrast to the \$94 million they’re talking about to build two aquatic centres at Cowes and Wonthaggi,” said Mr Harbison.

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Forecast

SOUTH
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TUE | Jul 15
Showers easing.
Wind AM: NW 15-25km/h
Wind PM: NW 15-25km/h
6° 14°

WED | Jul 16
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Wind AM: N-NW 20-25km/h
Wind PM: N-NW 20-25km/h
8° 15°

THUR | Jul 17
Showers.
Wind AM: NW 20-30km/h
Wind PM: Light
8° 14°

FRI | Jul 18
Mostly sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light
6° 15°

SAT | Jul 19
Sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: N 15-20km/h
4° 15°

SUN | Jul 20
Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: N 15-20km/h
6° 15°

IN BRIEF

Improved connectivity
for Toora

THE State Government is improving connectivity for Victorians in Toora with more than 850 mobile and broadband projects now completed across the state.

As part of the government's Connecting Victoria program, the local community has welcomed the completion of works on nearby infrastructure, which will increase the resilience of the mobile network in the area, allowing locals to better connect with loved ones, work and study.

Minister for Government Services Natalie Hutchins announced that the huge milestone marked the completion of more than two-thirds of projects supported by the government's Connecting Victoria program, which aims to deliver 1300 mobile and broadband projects, with over 900 of these in regional Victoria.

Nutrien Ag Solutions' Community Grants applications open

NUTRIEN Ag Solutions, in partnership with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR), invites eligible not-for-profit organisations to apply for a grant of up to \$5000 to support local community projects across remote, rural and regional Australia.

Since its launch in 2021, the Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants Program has provided over \$1 million in funding to grassroots initiatives that support regional communities.

Jacqueline Webb, community investment manager at Nutrien Ag Solutions, said the program reflects Nutrien's long-standing commitment to investing in the communities where their people and customers live and work.

"This program is about supporting the heart of our regional communities – the local projects and initiatives that make these towns great places to live and work," Ms Webb said.

Applications for the 2025 Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants Program close on Thursday, August 7 2025, with successful recipients announced in October.

A free online webinar for grant seekers will be held from 12.30pm to 1.30pm (AEST) on Tuesday, 15 July. Register at the FRRR Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants 2025 Grantseeker Workshop.

For more information and to apply, visit: nutrienagsolutions.com.au/nutrien-ag-solutions-community-grants-program

Planned Telstra mobile outage for Newhaven

TELSTRA is upgrading its mobile base station in Newhaven with work to take place from Monday, July 21, until Friday, July 25. These works will require some temporary service disruptions or a reduction in mobile coverage. The network will be fully offline between Monday, July 21 until Wednesday, July 23, 2025.

Landline services, NBN internet services and mobile coverage from other providers will not be impacted during this time. Telstra mobile customers will be receiving text messages advising them of the upcoming works.

We were wrong

IN OUR report on the Bass Coast Shire Council budget published on June 24 it was suggested the budget vote was unanimous which it was not.

Although the budget motion was carried by a majority of councillors, Cr Meg Edwards and Cr Ron Bauer voted against the motion. The error was made by a reporter.

Funding for safe battery disposal points

LOCAL councils and registered charities can apply for State Government assistance to provide community members with more collection points to safely dispose of batteries.

That follows the announcement of \$1.7 million in funding through the Circular Economy Hazardous Waste Fund – Round 4.

Grants of up to \$22,000 are available to establish convenient battery drop-off locations, supporting battery recovery rates and keeping batteries out of household bins.

"E-waste, one of the fastest growing waste streams in Australia, includes embedded batteries in vapes, e-scooters, shavers and toys, and poses an environmental and health and safety risk when not disposed of correctly," the Victorian Government states.

It is noted that there has been a reported increase in rubbish truck fires related to batteries being put in kerbside bins.

The funded facilities will accept a wide range of battery types including loose household batteries, batteries from e-cigarettes, embedded batteries in small devices such as electric toothbrushes, and larger batteries weighing up to 60 kilograms.

"Increasing access to battery collection points will make it easier for Victorians to safely and correctly dispose of batteries and prevent fires," Acting Minister for Environment Gayle Tierney said.

For further information and to apply please visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/ceif-hazardous-waste-round-4.

Meeniyan eviction adjourned

BELEAGUERED Meeniyan resident, Aileen Hughes, won't be going anywhere, anytime soon after the shire's case against her remaining in her own home was adjourned at the Korumburra Magistrates Court last week.

The case is now listed for mention on Thursday, November 6, 2025, time enough for the shire to find a solution to the impasse.

Ms Hughes has been buoyed by the 'overwhelming' support she has received from the community.

Don't panic, it's not THAT Kilcunda Bridge

OLD timers will be able to tell you the fun they had as kids, being told to "duck" when they drove under the old Kilcunda Viaduct Bridge, when the Bass Highway used to snake its way through the narrow railway bridge into Kilcunda.

As well as the incredible ocean vista that greeted you on the way in and the trestle bridge over Bourne Creek on the way out, they were three iconic landmarks for those travelling through the town.

The trestle bridge (hopefully) isn't going anywhere, and the ocean vista is a permanent feature but alas, the old Viaduct Bridge is doomed, it seems, set to be demolished if the council gives the all-clear this Wednesday. See full story on page 13.

The Esplanade street scheme coming

TO SAY it's been a long time coming would be an understatement but it's finally happening with the shire council set to declare a special charge scheme for the road and drainage upgrade of The Esplanade and associated roads at Sunderland Bay.

Is it the best possible outcome for the community?

Only time will tell but those in favour of the original scheme, including all unmade roads in Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach, might find they'll have to pay more if they want the shire to construct and seal their streets in the coming years.

The project is set to go to council for approval this Wednesday.

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Tension over Inverloch's future at Sunday meeting

PEOPLE concerned about Inverloch's future filled the room at the town's Community Hub on Sunday, most appearing to support hard-engineering approaches to save Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club, the nearby road and houses from the encroaching sea.

While those from the Inverloch Foreshore Action Group continue to call for lasting solutions such as rock bags, the State Government is sticking to its guns, planning to press ahead with dune renourishment and expanded use of sandbags to protect assets.

"We say put stuff there that's going to last," Alan Brown AM declared as he took charge of proceedings for the 'Inverloch at Risk Emergency Meeting'.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, however, argued that hard engineering will destroy the beach.

"If you put in a massive wall of rock bags, you've kind of given up," she said.

Mr Brown earlier expressed the view that \$3.3 million of funding provided to the State Government by the Scott Morrison Federal Government to protect Inverloch hasn't been used as it should.

The former Liberal State Opposition Leader is a passionate advocate for the Bass Coast and is not one to take a backward step when he considers its residents are subject to injustice.



Former Woorayl Shire engineer Keith Godridge, Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club president Glenn Arnold, Former State Opposition Leader Alan Brown AM and Cr Meg Edwards after Sunday's marathon meeting about coastal concerns in Inverloch. A29_2825

He argued the State Government's plans for protecting Inverloch assets are a "band-aid solution".

"Not one cent has been used to permanently protect this community," he stressed, saying that were it not for the efforts of Bass Coast Shire Council to implement temporary measures, the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club would have already fallen into the sea.

He praised one of Sunday's speakers, Cr Meg Edwards for standing up to protect the community by pursuing lasting solutions. Cr Edwards remarked that she was speaking as an individual councillor, not on behalf of Bass Coast Shire Council.

She stated that not protecting Inverloch will result in far greater cost than doing so, speaking of the potential devastation for affected homeowners and for businesses if inundation is allowed to proceed unchecked, likening the sand renourishment approach to building sandcastles that vanish with the next high tide.

Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club president Glenn Arnold spoke at length about the many ways in which the club benefits locals and those from further afield, arguing that allowing it to be lost to the ravages of the sea is not an option.

Former Woorayl Shire engineer Keith Godridge told the audience of his delight at seeing so many people there on Sunday, emphatic that as a resident of 29 years, he doesn't want to see Inverloch failed by a lack of action.

He argued hard structures don't cause erosion, but have the opposite effect, advocating the potential of using rock bags, made with durable rope and containing many small rocks.

"The beauty of the rock bags is they absorb the wave forces and are also flexible, bind together strongly, and if needed they can be easily relocated," Mr Godridge said, arguing they last many times the lifespan of sandbags.

POLICE BRIEFS

Bass Coast teenagers charged after stabbing

DETECTIVES charged three teenagers after a stabbing and affray in Wantirna South on Monday, July 7.

It is alleged that an altercation took place between a group of teenaged boys at a shopping centre on Burwood Highway in Wantirna South about 5.30pm.

One boy sustained serious injuries, consistent with a stabbing, and was transported to hospital.

All others involved in the incident allegedly fled the scene before police arrival.

Detectives from Eastern Region Crime Squad, with assistance from the Knox and Yarra Ranges Crime Investigation Units, arrested three teenaged boys on Wednesday following a thorough investigation.

A 17-year-old from the Yarra Ranges area has been charged with intentionally cause injury, theft of a motor vehicle, affray and assault.

A 16-year-old and a 17-year-old, both from the Bass Coast areas, have been charged with more than 10 offences including robbery, affray, assault, theft of a motor vehicle, attempted aggravated burglary and intentionally cause injury.

All three appeared before the children's court on Thursday and were remanded to reappear at the end of July.

Automatic number plate recognition

HAVE you seen the new Automatic Number Plate Recognition equipped Volkswagen Passat wagon around Bass Coast and South Gippsland, because there is a good chance that it will have seen you!

The specially equipped vehicle is currently in the Bass Coast Police Service Area as an extra tool for local police to use to detect crime and traffic offenders, and it has already resulted in many detections.

The cutting-edge technology in it allows police to rapidly scan vehicles and immediately identify any cars of interest, including those bearing false or stolen number plates, as well as unauthorised drivers and impaired drivers.

The technology gives a 360view of the area and also features a video camera, and works day and night, in all conditions.

In recent times, police have used it in a highly visible manner, parked on the side of Phillip Island Road, but have also been able to hide it behind trees on the Strzelecki Highway. It was recently used at night on the Bass Highway, scanning cars, and has also been driving around the back streets of Leongatha to help recover stolen vehicles.

Senior Sergeant Jason Hullick from the Wonthaggi Police Station has a warning to any crime and traffic offenders in the local area who are thinking of using vehicles to do the wrong thing: "We are on the prowl."

Fire Bug at Corinella toilets

By Meryl Tobin

A PERSON in a dark-coloured hoodie and baggy dark track pants raced out of the toilet block at the Harold Hughes Reserve in Corinella last Thursday around 10.20am.

Shortly afterwards pungent black smoke billowed out above the doors of the five toilets.

Coincidentally, at the same time, Steve, the team leader of Bass Coast Shire Council Open Space Maintenance, was driving past the reserve. He saw the smoke, stopped to investigate and rang Triple 000. Minutes later, Corinella CFA member, Mick Hamilton, drove up in the Corinella fire engine. He put out the fire. A second firefighter turned up shortly afterwards and later a third in a second fire engine.

Signs indicated a fire bug had set fire to a toilet roll in its dispenser in the third toilet cubicle from the Balcombe Street entrance to the park. It and its plastic dispenser were completely burned and the wall behind was badly scorched.

Witnesses shared what they had seen with authorities. The perpetrator of the crime was described as a young male teenager.

Those unwittingly involved were left asking why a young person would commit such an anti-social act with such potentially dangerous consequences.



Steve of Bass Coast Shire Council Open Space Maintenance discussing the fire in the toilet block at the Harold Hughes Reserve in the centre of Corinella with Corinella CFA member, Mick Hamilton. Photo: Meryl Tobin.



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Mayor's Message



Cr Rochelle Halstead



ONE of the things that makes Bass Coast such a special place to live, work and visit is the breathtaking natural environment we're lucky enough to enjoy every day.

From our rugged coastlines to our rolling farmland and precious bushland, our landscape tells a story of deep cultural significance, remarkable biodiversity, and an enduring connection between community and place.

That's why Council has formally endorsed the final draft of the Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), developed under the State Government's Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) program. This policy sets out a 50-year vision for land use across Bass Coast, identifying what makes our region unique and putting in place strategies to protect and enhance it for future generations. The policy is reviewed every 10 years, ensuring that we can adapt while protecting and preserving what makes Bass Coast unique.

At the heart of this vision is our collective commitment to protecting our environment—particularly the Western Port Woodlands, which form one of the most ecologically significant areas in our region. The Woodlands are not just trees and tracks—they are a vital biodiversity corridor, a sanctuary for native species, and a much-loved place for locals and visitors alike.

As part of our decision, Council will write to the State Government to request they immediately begin a strategic environmental assessment of the Woodlands, and to apply an interim Environmental Significance Overlay to ensure these values are protected while the assessment is carried out.

The SPP also responds to community concerns by setting protected township boundaries and recognising our most significant landscapes. It reflects years of community input, expert advice, and a shared aspiration to grow sustainably.

This is a vital step toward ensuring that future planning decisions respect the character of Bass Coast – its environment, its communities, and its cultural heritage.

I am proud of our community and our Councillors who recognise the importance of supporting policy that protects and enhances our natural environment for us all to enjoy and pass on to future generations.

Once finalised by the State Government, the SPP will guide planning decisions in Bass Coast, providing the long-term certainty we need to protect the places we love.

Council greenlights landmark Statement of Planning Policy despite opposition

NOT everyone may have been happy about having to call a special meeting at short notice to consider the long-awaited Bass Coast Council Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) but it did make the State Government imposed deadline.

Designed to provide a 50-year vision for land use planning the SPP identified what makes the region distinctive and outlined strategies to preserve and enhance those attributes for current and future generations.

The culmination of almost six years of policy preparation councillors were given no choice but to either endorse or refuse to endorse the final draft of the SPP. Seven councillors voted in favour, Cr Edwards against and Cr Tessari was absent.

Council's endorsement of the SPP drew enthusiastic applause from the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association and Save Western Port Woodlands Group gathered in the public gallery where it was standing room only.

Bass Coast Shire was first declared a distinctive area and landscape under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 in October 2019.

The Victorian Government has now legislated to protect and enhance distinctive areas and landscapes for the enjoyment of current and future generations with the Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy taking effect immediately.

Endorsing the SPP Cr Mat Morgan said he supported fighting for a safe climate future and supported caring for Country as this was unceded Bunurong land.

"The State Government has made a positive step here, but it is still yet to climb the hill which our community and environment need them to climb," said Cr Morgan.

"The Statement of Planning Policy finally recognises the Western Port Woodlands as an area of outstanding environmental significance.

"This is the last piece of significant coastal woodland in the region.

"If you were blindfolded and dropped in the woodlands you'd think you're in a non-colonised haven, full of precious flora and fauna which so many citizen



A win for the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association (CPRRA) as Bass Coast Shire Council endorses clearly defined town boundaries for Cape Paterson ahead of this month's deadline for the State Government's Distinctive Area and Landscape (DAL) legislation. B12_2825

scientists have spent years surveying, in desperate hope for their protection.

"The SPP is right, the woodlands are of outstanding environmental significance, so why are we still mining it for sand we don't need?"

"We need an environmental significance overlay to the Western Port Woodlands to ensure their ongoing protection."

Thanking everyone who'd been involved in what had been a very long process Cr Morgan gave special thanks to the South Gippsland Conservation Society and Save Western Port Woodlands.

Using a quote from his grandfather, Cr Morgan said unless someone like you cares, a whole awful lot, nothing's going to get better, it's not.

However, Cr Meg Edwards questioned the short notice given for the special meeting of Council.

Cr Edwards was told the Minister for Planning informed Bass Coast Shire early in June that the final deadline for Council endorsement of the draft Bass Coast SPP was July 18 and failure to meet that deadline may jeopardise the SPP.

"This is the most influential decision we will make in our term of council," said Cr Edwards.

While acknowledging the work of those involved in the

process and the significance of the Western Port Woodlands Cr Edwards said the primary role of councillors was to represent the communities that elected them.

"This SPP is for 50 years, twelve and a half terms of council after us... and for unelected people to have more of a say than elected councillors, I believe, is wrong."

Despite agreeing with the significance of the woodlands Cr Edwards in the end voted against the motion saying she had grave concerns around the process.

The SPP identified nature-based tourism as one of the main drivers of the Bass Coast economy with the number of visitors projected to double from 1.85 million in 2015 to 3.4 million by 2035, attracting \$1.1 billion to the region.

A rubber stamp

Cr Ron Bauer said the motion was a "Shire rubber stamp".

"I am still concerned about the natural justice afforded to developers in Cape Paterson," said Cr Bauer.

"They initially invested monies under one set of criteria and have now been confronted with a boundary change which prohibits expansion and locks in the current town boundary.

"I am concerned that the locking-in of town boundaries,

the only option is to chop up larger blocks as infill, and after that, the only option is to go up.

"As an Islander, it is my experience that residents would prefer larger allotments against the sardine-can outcomes which are primarily driven by bang for buck."

Cr Jan Thompson was mindful of the implications of retreat (pg 23 of the report) for those areas facing erosion such as Inverloch.

"I am very concerned for those homeowners who face the threat of retreat with no insurance cover as this is classified as an act of God with no indication from the State Government for compensation," said Cr Thompson.

"If the state wants retreat then they should be addressing those in the line of fire, or should I say water, and offering appropriate compensation."

Cr Thompson also expressed concern about the lack of a town boundary around the Adams Estate on Stanley Road, Grantville, saying "it was not good enough to leave this estate in limbo and uncertainty".

The protected settlement boundaries for Inverloch and Wonthaggi are yet to be defined and will be subject to further strategic planning work and public consultation.

The SPP can be reviewed in 10 years.

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Burst of colour and light welcome in Korumburra

“Community wonderful. Always come along and say how fantastic what you are doing.”

Even after 17 years in Australia, now living at Fish Creek with his artist partner Lucy Parkinson, Gonzalo Varela still retains the delightful Spanish rhythm to his voice as he talks about the story behind the latest murals emerging in a blaze of colour along the walkway to Korumburra’s railway underpass.

“There’s quite a story to it but I’ll let my partner Lucy tell it. She’s better.

“But it’s the stars, look up, the signs of the Zodiac and more to that as well but there is a story, for sure.”

Gonzalo and Lucy work on the mural together some days, some days apart.

“It’s quite something to be able to work together with your partner on art projects. Good, but challenging too sometimes.”

The pair of local artists only have a week to complete the work, fingers crossed for good weather, as they’ll be flying out to Europe soon.

“There’s still a lot to do by the end of next week, we hope.”

The burst of colour and light could not have come at a better time for the Korumburra community after the events of the past few months and still with some twists and turns to go before the immediate impact of the Erin Patterson murder trial is behind us.

There’s always light (and hope) when you lift your eyes to look for it.



Fish Creek artist Gonzalo Varela, together with his partner Lucy Parkinson, are applying the finishing touches to the new mural along walkway to the Korumburra underpass.



The three broken panes of glass on the Wonthaggi bus shelters is council’s responsibility, said Transport Victoria.

Bus shelter maintenance: It’s not us, it’s them!

ON FRIDAY last week, with a bitter wind blowing right through the broken windows on Wonthaggi’s central bus shelters, patrons waiting for the bus were huddling together trying to stay warm and dry.

Three missing window panes, one on one shelter and two on the other have been smashed out sometime ago but still we wait for a repair.

We phoned the Bass Coast Shire Council.

“It’s not us, it’s PTV,” they said.

So, we emailed Public Transport Victoria and got a prompt response from Transport Victoria: “The shire is mistaken, maintenance and repairs are their responsibility.”

“Responding to an application from the shire, we pay for the infrastructure but then they have to maintain and repair them. You’ll have to go back to the council.”

A classic impasse and cost-shifting from state to local government but spare a thought for those waiting for the bus in Wonthaggi in bad weather, and sort it out please!



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Additional school buses for Bass Coast College

THE State Government has given students at Bass Coast College's San Remo campus a new and improved bus network from the start of term three with the addition of two new school bus services. The two new school services will connect students in the growing communities of Coronet Bay and Sunset Strip to the Junior Campus in San Remo. The new service operates between Coronet Bay and Bass Coast College San Remo via Coronet Bay, Bass and Woolamai, with around 30 students expected to benefit from the new service.

The other new bus service between Sunset Strip and Bass Coast College San Remo will operate via Smiths Beach, Sunset Strip, Rhyll and Surf Beach. More than 40 students are expected to benefit from the introduction of this extra service.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale explained that this is a great result for students and their families in the Coronet Bay and Phillip Island areas.

"Thank you to bus coordinator Penny Witherden for her tireless advocacy work as to the many families that reached out highlighting this need. We want all our kids to be able to get to and from school and there is more to be done across the bus network."

TAFE students in the area benefit from the Victorian Budget 2025/26 with two Bass Coast and South Gippsland TAFE services, connecting Welshpool with Korumburra and Cowes with Leongatha.

Both services were introduced in 2019 as Victorian Government-funded Flexible Local Transport Solutions Program (FLTSP) trials to increase public transport accessibility to Vocational and Educational Training (VET) programs in Korumburra and Leongatha. Converting the trial services to ongoing services will enable the current TAFE bus services to also support the wider Phillip Island and South Gippsland communities and be expanded to provide a year-round service on Wednesdays and Fridays instead of school term only.

Five years on, what will become of the McBride Campus?

THE Wonthaggi Secondary College, McBride Avenue campus, located at the corner of McBride Avenue and Watt Street, closed in 2019. The future of the abandoned site remains uncertain.

Council started pre-feasibility studies in February 2023, expected to be finished by July 2023, so what's causing the delay? Bass Coast Shire Council directed questions to their engage website, which states that detailed pre-feasibility studies are underway. These include thorough assessments of the property's condition, such as the building's structural integrity, heritage value, and safety.

The studies aim to identify short, medium, and long-term costs and risks associated with developing the site, ensuring a full understanding of the management expenses. However, the timeline indicates the study is ongoing, and management of the site will only transfer after all pre-feasibility work is completed. But how long will this take?

Bass MP Jordan Crugnale quickly responded to the Sentinel-Times, saying the Council was offered the site years ago.

"Council has yet to decide if they want it or not, to the detriment of our Bass Coast and wider community. It is beyond disappointing, as this is a prime parcel of land in town with opportunities galore," Ms Crugnale said.



Whilst not seeing much trouble anymore at the former site of Wonthaggi Secondary College, McBride Campus. Police continue to actively patrol the area, as they did on Sunday even in the rain. C10_2825

"Council have also broached the subject of using part of the land for housing, which we remain open to discussing, including forming partnerships with other agencies such as Bass Coast Health and TAFE Gippsland to develop the site for community and public purposes."

"They should have said, yes, we want this land, taken it on-board, found the funding to clean up the site, developed costings, and a staged masterplan, knowing full well they would be seeking significant contributions from both State and Federal Governments in the tens of millions."

The Bass Coast Shire Council

has confirmed that in the 2025-26 Budget, \$350,000 has been allocated to kick-start what will be a multi-year project. This funding will help the council address some complex planning constraints, establish frameworks for negotiations with potential partners and stakeholders, explore land use options, and have further discussions with the State Government before considering the site.

The ongoing issue remains that the council are still 'considering the site' over five years on.

The Bass Coast Shire Council is also actively exploring opportunities for external grant funding, which would

strengthen this work and facilitate community consultation. The Council has a duty to perform due diligence and ensure that any future use of the site is viable and doesn't become a future burden for ratepayers. Meanwhile, the site still causes concern for Victoria Police, with past issues of burglaries, squatters, and vandalism. Sergeant Tim Ryan of Wonthaggi Police Station confirmed that incidents on the site come in waves; however, they are not of great concern.

"We have had issues with trespassers in the past," said Sergeant Ryan. "Police will continue to patrol the area to ensure public safety."

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For additional information, please contact Adrian Marshall

Applications are due by August 8th, 2025

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Wonthaggi equipped with a new set of medical first responders

WONTHAGGI is one of 24 CFA brigades that are trained and ready to respond to select medical Triple Zero calls as part of a new CFA medical response program.

The new Fire Medical Response program is a joint initiative of CFA and Ambulance Victoria that will see CFA brigades and Ambulance Victoria dispatched simultaneously to cardiac arrests.

By mid-2026 50 CFA brigades will be undertaking the program, including Horsham, Orbst, Lakes Entrance, Huntly, Yarrawonga, Beechworth, Kerang, Echuca, Swan Hill and many more.

Wonthaggi Brigade Captain Arnaud Marion said the decision to join the program was an easy one to make given the benefits it will provide the Wonthaggi community.

“What this program means is that community members who call for an ambulance may receive both a fire truck and an ambulance. There is no specific order in which the services arrive to the incident.”

Wonthaggi has been training with Ambulance Victoria for months, in preparation for the program which will complement the Ambulance Victoria service in the local area.

CFA Deputy Chief Officer Garry Cook said the program was a natural fit for CFA because of the 52,000 volunteers across the state.

“CFA has more than 1100 volunteer fire stations with



Local paramedics joined five of the 18 CFA FMR responders from Wonthaggi Fire Brigade ahead of the FMR rollout in the area at the end of the month. From left, Tristan Parker, Jamie Moresco, Bass Coast MICA senior team manager Duncan Rooney, captain Arnaud Marion, Ian Parker and Claire Mills, front, Kirsty Woods and Jaci Nation. C09_2825

more than 52,000 members,” Garry said.

“This puts CFA in a unique position to complement the Ambulance Victoria response in 50 locations across Victoria to help deliver early intervention to cardiac arrests.”

Ambulance Victoria Executive Director of Regional Operations, Danielle North, said Victoria’s cardiac survival rates are one of the best in the world, thanks to high rates of early intervention.

“The Fire Medical Response program will improve survival rates for people in rural and regional Victoria,” Danielle said.

“Quick intervention with CPR and a defibrillator has the greatest impact on improving a patient’s chances of surviving a cardiac arrest.

The local Fire Medical Response program will go live towards the end of the month and comes as new data shows an increase of Code 1 call outs for paramedics across the state.

The data that shows more than 100 extra Code One cases each day since April has prompted an urgent call from Ambulance Victoria for people to save ambulances for life-threatening emergencies.

There are many ways to get health advice and care outside of Triple Zero (000), including:

- Victorian Virtual Emergency Department: 24/7 free online access to emergency doctors and nurses via vved.org.au
- Urgent Care Clinics: GP-led care for urgent but non-emergency issues.
- NURSE-ON-CALL: Free advice from a registered nurse 24/7: 1300 606 024
- A local GP or pharmacist.

If you or someone you’re with is experiencing a life-threatening emergency, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

Fish Creek Streetscape sparks safety concerns

MANAGER, Fish Creek Hardware, Brad Anderson, is deeply concerned that the current design modelling undertaken by the South Gippsland Shire Council for the Fish Creek Streetscape does not adequately account for the safe manoeuvring of delivery semi-trailers accessing the rear of the Fish Creek Hardware store.

Brad has proposed changes to the council in the past, providing and is continuing to raise the situation that is dire to the operation of the local business, concerned that the Council are not taking local businesses into account on this project.

“Should the intersection be altered in line with the proposed plans, our ability to receive essential deliveries of long goods, which include timber, fencing, plumbing, and roofing supplies, will be compromised,” said Brad. “These deliveries rely on a turning movement that has safely and successfully operated for many years, made possible by the existing, wider intersection layout.

“Based on our own modelling, using the Austroads-approved template, a prime mover with a long semi-trailer cannot safely turn left into Falls Road from Ryan Street without crossing into oncoming traffic and significantly mounting the nature strip. This represents a clear safety concern and poses a serious operational limitation.”

Combined with the already proposed limited parking in front of the hardware store and in the wider township, this alteration risks impacting the long-term viability of the business.

Brad proposed to the South Gippsland Shire Council that he strongly urges reconsideration of the proposed changes.

“Our preferred option for the Ryan Street intersection is to retain the existing bitumen and kerbing/guttering in situ, with line-marking to improve safety and traffic guidance, rather than removing otherwise sufficient and costly infrastructure.

“Our suppliers have already indicated they will be unable to continue delivering to us if the junction is modified as proposed.”

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Hard Waste Collection Bookings - Now Open

Bookings for Council's Hard Waste Collection service are now open until 31 August.

The service provides residents with a convenient way to dispose of hard rubbish at home, particularly if they are unable to attend a transfer station themselves.

All South Gippsland residential properties are eligible to receive one collection at a fee of \$162 per property. A reduced rate of \$58 applies for pension card holders.

Commercial and industrial properties are not eligible for a hard waste service.

The hard waste collection in South

Gippsland is a 'user pays' service, which is a fairer system, meaning that only those using the service pay for it.

Bookings for the hard waste collection service can be made during July and August. The collections themselves take place during October and November.

A maximum of two cubic metres of waste can be placed out for collection and all waste should be located within the property boundary.

For further information or to make a booking, please visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

Proposed Sale of Land: Part 71 MacDonald Street Leongatha



South Gippsland Shire Council has proposed to commence statutory procedures to sell part of the land known as Part 71 MacDonald Street, Leongatha, to the adjoining landowner for consolidation.

Members of the public are invited to make a submission regarding the proposed sale of land.

For more information or to have your say, please visit:
yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

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

To watch the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:

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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

KORUMBURRA SKATE PARK

Council is seeking feedback on plans for the new skate park that will be delivered as part of the Korumburra Railway Precinct Project. The skate park is aimed at beginners and intermediate skaters and will be located near the new BBQ shelter and toilet block.

Provide your feedback through an online survey. For more information or to have your say, visit:

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Yanakie Automatic Weather Station battle set to continue

THE ongoing operation of the Yanakie Automatic Weather Station (AWS) is still up in the air, with councillors at this Wednesday's council meeting voting on a recommendation to support South Gippsland Shire Council's continued advocacy for external funding for that purpose.

The recommendation comes in response to council receiving a petition at its May public meeting from the Yanakie Progress Association in support of the AWS remaining in service.

With the AWS having begun operation in February 2013, the maintenance agreement and the lease for the land on which it is located have expired, with new arrangements needing to be made for the service to continue.

Council states the maintenance costs required to keep the AWS running are estimated at \$30,000 per year, with no council budget allocated for this purpose, also noting the AWS equipment needs upgrading, possibly in the next three years, putting the cost of that between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

"Council acknowledges the importance to the community of the Yanakie AWS and the benefits it provides and has been seeking alternative funding arrangements," the July council meeting agenda notes.

Council's pursuit of funding has included discussions with the Bureau of Meteorology, advocacy to the Australian and Victorian Governments and speaking with the Victorian Rural Services Commissioner, as well as with potential non-government funders such as philanthropic groups and businesses.

Beckett and Horsley Street names likely for Poowong

WITH few objections received to the proposed names for two new Poowong roads, councillors appear set to vote in favour of adopting Beckett Street and Horsley Street, the roads to be created as part of the approved plans under a planning permit for 14 Brisbane Street, Poowong.

Just four submissions were received, with only one in support of the name Beckett Street and an even split in relation to whether Horsley Street should be adopted.

With so few submissions made and none of the opposing ones citing issues with compliance under Geographic Names Victoria's naming rules, council officers recommended councillors support the names originally proposed.

"Submissions that did not support either proposed name, Beckett or Horsley, provided written feedback suggesting alternative naming such as indigenous, flora and fauna or commemoration of other people," council stated.

Just one of the four submissions expressed the view that Beckett Street is too similar to the existing ABeckett Street in Leongatha and should therefore be considered a duplicate name, the other three submitters happy the difference is sufficient.

As previously reported, Beckett Street is named after Daniel Beckett, a resident of Poowong when it was first surveyed in 1878, being first selector of original crown allotment for the land in question at 14 Brisbane Street.

Horsley Street pays homage to the Horsley family who ran Poowong's first Post Office, which opened in 1883, particularly Susan Horsley who oversaw the Post Office until 1890.

Korumburra pedestrian tunnel closed after roof collapse

THE redevelopment of the Korumburra Railway Precinct hit a snag recently when a section of the roof caved in above the pedestrian tunnel, with a heavy vehicle bogged atop.

The South Gippsland Shire Council issued a notice of the closure of the tunnel which runs between Commercial Street and Station Street Korumburra, on Friday, July 4.

Local man Evan Enbom and his girlfriend were walking their dog on the morning of the incident.

"We were about to enter the tunnel from the Station Street side when I noticed the truck bogged above the tunnel. I said to Laurel, 'Gee I wouldn't be surprised if he has punched through into the tunnel'," explained Evan, who based his estimation on where the truck was stuck and the angle the cab was on, in relation to the tunnel below.

"We then walked in the tunnel and lo and behold, the ceiling was collapsed in. We then walked out of the tunnel and went to see the driver to let him know. He had no idea it had happened and thanked us for letting him know."

The driver subsequently let the council know who then closed the tunnel.

"Council has engaged a structural engineer who will inspect the tunnel next week to determine



The pedestrian tunnel in Korumburra is closed after the roof caved in.



A bogged truck may have led to the collapse of the roof tunnel.

the extent of the damage," stated South Gippsland Shire Council CEO, Allison Jones.

"Following the inspection, the engineer will provide recommendations for next steps, and a repair timeline will be developed."

Current works at the railway precinct will provide additional public open space, with a new

toilet block and shelter, upgrade of pedestrian connections a new skatepark, and future works are to include a sports court, a new playground and landscaping.

Council has stated that the tunnel will remain closed until repairs are made.

"I hope it gets fixed soon as we use the tunnel often," said Evan.



Charlotte, Rhiannon (Parents and Friends Committee), Hannah, Amity, Nicole (BSF), Finn, and Gus at St Laurence O'Toole Primary School.

CRT Primary Schools Program funding awarded to three South Gippsland Parent and Friends Associations

THE CRT Primary Schools Program recently awarded three South Gippsland Primary Schools with vital funding to lend a helping hand to regional Primary Schools Parent and Friends Associations.

This year, Meeniy Primary School, Fish Creek & District Primary School and St Laurence O'Toole Primary School were each presented with a cheque for \$2,000.

Nicole Whiteside of Browns Stockfeed in

Leongatha, an independent store to CRT, presented each school with their cheque and said she was proud that of nine schools chosen in Victoria, three were successful in South Gippsland.

"Once again, congratulations to the schools for putting forward a great application to CRT," said Nicole.

Meeniy Primary School expressed their appreciation of the generous gift of \$2000, stating that this money will

be put toward the installation of a retaining wall built around a new climbing playground, as schools only receive minimal funding to put toward facility upgrades, and they often rely on donations to keep the school engaging for students.

Fish Creek & District Primary School will be allocating their funding to outdoor seating and tables. The funding is intended for projects that are deemed a requirement for the school.

Mayor's Message



It's been a busy week! There were numerous great events run in recognition of NAIDOC Week in our region. This year, we celebrate 50 years of honouring the culture, creativity and resilience of First Nations people throughout Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities and I'd like to thank all those that took the time to run and attend any of the events that acknowledged this significant milestone.

Bendigo Bank

Last week, Councillors Nathan Hersey and John Kennedy, Director Strategy & Partnerships Christian Stefani, and I attended a meeting with representatives from the Bendigo Bank, following a letter expressing our disappointment regarding the closure of the Korumburra branch. Although this branch is the latest to announce its intention to exit our region, it is not the only one, as many of the big four bank branches departed our region long before. Face-to-face banking remains essential in regional areas, and I believe it is necessary for all banks to reconsider their customer service obligations to our communities.

Korumburra Tennis Club Pavillion

Council has been successful in receiving a \$1 million grant from the Victorian Government to redevelop the Korumburra Tennis Club Pavillion. This upgrade will ease some of the accessibility challenges of the two-storey building and provide updated heating, cooling, additional lighting, and female friendly bathroom facilities.

Heritage Precincts

Council has also received funding for heritage assessments. With \$50,000 allocated from Council, the Victorian Government has doubled this with a \$100,000 grant. This project will address our key Council Plan initiative 'Developing a Sustainable Future', targeting the preservation of South Gippsland township heritage and identity.

Live4Life and Youth Mental Health First Aid

Councillors recently had the pleasure of being briefed by two young representatives from the South Gippsland Live4Life program. We were all very impressed with how well the pair presented, and inspired to see the young people in our community want to be so involved in removing mental health stigma. South Gippsland's Live4Life program is teaming up with Mental Health First Aid Australia to offer Youth Mental Health First Aid courses. These courses are designed to equip adults with the skills to recognise and respond to a young person experiencing a mental health problem or crisis. Visit the link to find out more or book into a session: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/YMHFA

Seniors Festival

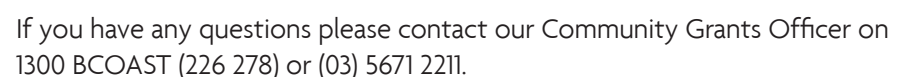
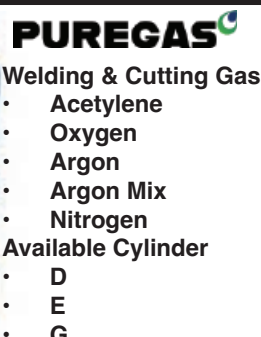
The Victorian Seniors Festival is a month-long festival held each October to celebrate seniors. Council is keen to hear from local community groups and organisations that may be interested in running an activity or 'Come and Try Day' to support the festival.

Hosting an event allows you to showcase your group, increase interest in your activities, attract new members, or even new volunteers. For more information, reach out to our Community Development team at council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all community members for supporting each other during the difficult trial that has affected so many. I'd also like to thank those that have also reached out to me personally following my recent statement. It was a busy week that included far more media coverage than I am used to.

For the sake of the families directly impacted, I hope that media attention in our area will now subside. My thoughts remain with them.

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Kilcunda viaduct demolition comes down to crucial Council decision

By Bruce Wardley

THE future of the partially collapsed Kilcunda viaduct bridge hangs in the balance with Bass Coast Shire Council to vote this week on whether it should be demolished.

When Bass Coast Shire Council took control of the bridge after the closure of the Nyora-Wonthaggi rail line in 1978 the bridge had been neglected for almost 30 years.

The viaduct bridge is currently fenced off due to public safety concerns and the risk of further collapse, however, local residents have urged Council to preserve the bridge.

An important part of Kilcunda's history, Bass Coast Shire Council engaged a local contractor to explore possible options for the bridge including preserving viable sections of the structure and removing or replacing parts that had failed.

Council will this week vote to authorise its demolition.

A report by the Heritage Council of Victoria found many of the structures on the Nyora-Wonthaggi rail corridor had been neglected and were unsafe.

The current rail trail path alignment was chosen to avoid using the viaduct bridge.

Many other railway bridges including the iconic, heritage-listed Bourne Creek Trestle Bridge were refurbished and put into service to support the new rail trail.

Since acquiring the viaduct bridge in 1994 council officers



The Kilcunda viaduct rail trail bridge built around 1911 has been out of service for more than 50 years and is now at risk of collapse.

have monitored it regularly to ensure the safety of the public walking under and around the structure.

An engineering report in 2021 identified the bridge as being in extremely poor condition requiring safety fencing and a mesh ceiling to ensure public safety.

A routine inspection of the bridge in 2024 identified significant instability, the bridge's northernmost span had collapsed, and the southernmost span was at risk of collapse.

To manage the risk of further collapse council officers installed a temporary ring-fence in August 2024 to completely isolate the bridge from the public.

A number of possible management options were considered with the complete demolition of the bridge considered the most cost-effective and safest option.

To ensure its ongoing survival

the local Kilcunda community wants the bridge restored.

A public change.org petition has urged Council to preserve the bridge and restore the surrounding vegetation however the bridge lacks heritage protection. The cost of establishing heritage protection in the local planning scheme is estimated at between \$27,000 and \$85,000, and would not require the structure to be restored.

Three feasible options remain open to Council including demolishing, dismantling and removing the structure, retaining the structure without repairs and installing a security perimeter fence with landscaping to maintain public safety, or restoring, designing and building a replica structure. Each option has been identified as having its own inherent risks.

Demolition is said to involve a reputational risk, perimeter

fencing has a public safety risk to be managed through ongoing monitoring and maintenance, and a replica bridge may be financially unsustainable.

A future recreation space has been suggested for the site once the bridge is demolished, or an artistic or historic recognition installation possibly reusing reclaimed materials.

Local historical interpretive signage has been suggested to celebrate the bridge once it has been demolished, with an opportunity for the community to provide feedback.

The cost of demolishing the bridge has been estimated at \$32,000, fencing \$27,000 plus ongoing inspections and maintenance, and restoration could cost from \$800,000 to \$2 million.

A former member of the Rail Trail Committee claimed that when the rail trail was planned at Kilcunda it was intended that the viaduct bridge would be a historic feature.

"Our heritage gets completely neglected until it falls down like the western brace of the coal mine, drives me mad," said another.

"I personally love driving into Killy and seeing that landmark.

"Can't imagine it not being there.

"Surely this is an important historical marker well deserving of being preserved for generations to come."

Go to engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/kilibridge for more information.

Better and safer access planned for Walkerville foreshore

THE Walkerville Foreshore Committee of Management have received a \$150,000 grant to create safer pathways and accessible beach entry for locals and visitors alike.

This funding will allow the committee to address key recommendations from the committee's audit, 'Identifying access issues and risk within the Walkerville Foreshore Reserve', which seeks to increase access and facilities for all visitors to the area.

The funding was recently announced as part of the \$1.4 million Coastal Public Access and Risk Grants Program.

"These grants are key to ensuring Victorians can safely access our beautiful coastline and continue to enjoy our cherished beaches that we have on offer," said Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale.

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

Continued investment programs such as this one, into coastal Crown land management, seek to make it safer and easier for locals and tourists to access Victoria's beautiful coastlines.

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

Other grant recipients will use funds for access track, stair and ramp replacements, handrail upgrades, signage audits and upgrades and beach access feasibility studies.

Since 2015, the Coastal Public Access and Risk grants program has delivered around \$8.6 million in funding to coastal Crown land managers.

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Potential Stamp Duty Savings

Community groups urged not to miss grant opportunity

LOCAL not-for-profit groups are encouraged not to miss out on a chance for funding for their valuable initiatives through South Gippsland Shire Council's Community Grants Program, for which Round 1 applications are open until August 31.

The program offers grants of up to \$10,000, which could be for equipment purchases, project development or festivals and events, anything to help enhance the work done by community groups that benefits the broader South Gippsland community.

"Our community groups are the beating heart of South Gippsland, often providing services and programs that support the wider community," Mayor John Schelling said, adding he is delighted that council can play a part in providing financial support for such groups.

Grants are available in the following categories:

Minor Projects and Equipment (up to \$5000), Major Projects and Equipment (up to \$10,000), Festival and Events (up to \$10,000) and Planning and Development Reports (up to \$10,000).

Council awarded a total of \$218,287 worth of funding to 39 community organisations through the 2024/2025 Community Grants Program.

Applicants are encouraged to read the Community Grant Guidelines 2025/26 and to contact the grants team before applying.

To read these guidelines and make your grant application, please visit southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants Grant applications close midnight August 31.

If you have any questions or need help applying, please contact the grants team on 5662 9200 or grants@southgippsland.vic.gov.au.

Paws & Ponies always ready to help

LEONGATHA'S Paws & Ponies, originally the Tiny Gardener, is very much a local business, its friendly staff keen to help people meet their pet and equine needs, with an emphasis on sourcing Australian products where possible.

The large store has a great selection available, but its friendly staff are happy to get in other products customers want.

"Special orders are something we pride ourselves on," David Humphreys who runs the business with partner Suzanne Jones said, explaining that the evolution of the store since opening almost a year ago has been customer-driven.

He's proud Paws & Ponies has recently been named a finalist in the Gippsland Business Awards, in the new business category.

David takes a keen interest in all the products the business stocks or gets in, learning what they are and what they do, with staff trained to ensure they are confident and knowledgeable in assisting customers.

Often, dog owners find themselves towed into the shop by excited canines who have detected the 'scrumptious' aromas of the 'dog treat bar' containing a delightful array of oven-dried snacks, most of which are sourced from a Traralgon butcher.

Taffy the miniature Dachs-hund arrived during this scribe's visit to Paws & Ponies, giving her glowing endorsement of the treat bar as she chomped down a dried sardine handed to her by David.

It was her first visit to the store but she'll be working on



Kristy Barry and Elisbeth McInnes show off items including a halter and matching lead rope, a canvas rug and a hay bag. A16_2825

her owners to ensure there'll be many more.

There's plenty of choice in terms of dry food, including popular premium quality brands such as Royal Canin, Black Hawk, and LifeWise, the latter originally stocked due to a customer request, and proving a hit.

Pet meat is sourced from Gippsland Game Meats in Korumburra.

As well as food, there are dog toys, grooming items and healthcare products, Taffy departing with a seaweed food additive to clean her teeth.

"On the equine side, we've got everything from food to supplements, rider wear, tack and stable products," David said.

Although saddles aren't

stocked, it is possible to get them in if they come from one of the business's suppliers.

While the store's name highlights its selection of dog, cat and horse feed and equipment, other animals are catered for, including reptiles, rabbits, guinea pigs and birds.

The reptile area includes live insects such as crickets and mealworms for various reptiles, with a succulent selection of frozen chooks, rats and mice for snakes.

Products for poultry care are also popular, including feeders, watering systems, and heat globes for raising chicks.

The shop's former Tiny Gardener identity sprang from its origins as a pop-up plant and gift shop in Meeniyan that led to

the establishment of a Mirboo North business of that name, the decision made this year to close that store and focus on Leongatha.

With the range of pet and pony supplies continuing to build, the Paws & Ponies name came to David while out walking his dogs along the rail trail, better reflecting what the business now does.

Along with all the animal needs that Paws & Ponies caters to, its range of 'Cat' workwear is proving popular with tradies.

Paws & Ponies offers the convenience of seven-day-a-week trading and an online store, and does its own deliveries around South Gippsland, also offering a loyalty program to help reduce costs for customers.



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Parents, Carers and Students are invited to attend one of our information sessions to learn more about Senior Pathways options available to students at Bass Coast College (BCC)

All information sessions are open to current BCC students and any prospective new students for the 2026 school year

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6.30pm
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Take the first step. Call the Medicare Mental Health phone service today.

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Kids Save Lives program offered to more students

AMBULANCE Victoria's Kids Save Lives program has been expanded, offering life-saving CPR skills to even more Victorian students and all schools are encouraged to sign up to the life-saving program.

The Australian-first program has been developed by Ambulance Victoria for teachers to deliver and aims to improve cardiac arrest survival rates by showing students how to do cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Last year Ambulance Victoria paramedics responded to 7545 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests. While Victoria has one of the best cardiac arrest survival rates in the world, every day about 20 Victorians suffer a cardiac arrest but only one in 10 people survive.

Around 80 per cent of Victorian cardiac arrests occur in residential settings, Ambulance Victoria Executive Director of Regional Operations Danielle North said it is important that both adults and young people know CPR and how to use an AED.

Victorian teachers who are interested in learning more about the free-of-charge Kids Save Lives program can email community.engagement@ambulance.vic.gov.au.

The latest from Friends of Agnes Falls

HAVE you been to the Agnes Falls lately? If so, you will have seen the new entrance to the reserve following the removal of the steps between the car park and the picnic grounds. Part of the area has been newly landscaped by the staff of Parks Victoria Foster, and another area near the toilet block has been cordoned off temporarily.

Following some recent good rains, the Agnes Falls themselves are looking fabulous!

The Friends group has been somewhat quiet lately but will be holding a General Meeting at the Exchange Hotel, Foster on Thursday, July 24, commencing at approximately 7.15pm. All interested persons are most welcome to attend to help decide future activities for the remainder of the year.

Why not come earlier and join members for a meal from 6pm (optional, own expense) prior to the meeting. The Friends group hope you will be interested in joining us! For catering and booking purposes, please RSVP to Kathy on 0419 344 867.

Membership Renewals are now due, and new members are encouraged to join (\$10 per annum per financial year).

Mt Baw Baw Dog Sled Dash returns

MT BAW Baw's premier alpine event, the Dog Sled Dash, returns for its 10th year on Monday, August 4 and Tuesday, August 5. Held at the stunning Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort, the event draws elite mushers and dog teams from across Australia, including South Australia, ACT, New South Wales, and Victoria.

Competitors will race in accredited two-dog, three-dog, four-dog, and six-dog classes, featuring high-energy teams of Siberian huskies, Alaskan malamutes and eurohounds.

The event is open to spectators, and offers up-close action like never before seen.

Compact garden tree work no problem for Cut 360

SERVICE excellence, efficiency and safety are at the heart of everything Cut 360 does, as is the passion of owner Andrew Buchanan for introducing cutting edge machinery tailored to the needs of the business and customers, a mini tree handling vehicle the latest example.

It's ideal for operating in tight garden spaces, being zero turn, meaning it can turn on its own footprint, and is imported from Europe and custom-built for Cut 360.

"It's a customised boom and cab package, and there's quite a lot on it we had modified to suit trees," Andrew said.

The versatile machine's attachments allow it to perform tasks such as mixing concrete and raking, with Cut 360 also having an industrial blower for autumn leaf-cleaning duties.

Being self-propelled and registered, the vehicle can get to local jobs easily, Sentinel-Times seeing it in action at the Korumburra property of customer Russell Grabham, where it was cutting back ornamental pear trees that suffered storm damage.

Andrew pointed out that the driver is safe inside his cabin, rather than being exposed and operating a chainsaw.

With the machine able to do all the required work in one pass, it reduces required labour, translating to greater efficiency,



Happy customer Russell Grabham and Quon and Andrew Buchanan of Cut 360 with the mini tree handler. A10_2825

reducing the work schedule and enabling customers to be offered better prices.

Russell was impressed with the mini tree handler's efficiency and the safety it provides, saying he wishes he had such a machine during his time as a dairy and beef farmer in Outtrim.

Safety was behind his decision to approach Cut 360, rather than tackling the job himself as he has previously.

"I've always trimmed with a pole saw, climbing a ladder but

now I've been told fairly harshly that I'm not allowed to climb a ladder anymore," Russell said, conceding that is probably a good idea.

With the machine on wheels instead of tracks it has low impact on the properties it visits.

While this scribe thought Andrew's enthusiasm for his machines couldn't be surpassed, his young son Quon was almost bursting out of his skin with delight, relishing the chance to head to work with dad during

the school holidays.

"He tells me what's available; he's always looking on the internet for something new," Andrew said, the business living up to its motto, 'a revolution in tree care'.

Cut 360 also has a large tree handler, a cutting-edge wood chipping machine that can produce chips suited for farming purposes, and various other equipment.

Call 1300 288 360 for more information or to arrange a free quote.

Have your say on a future vision for the Summerland Peninsula

PHILLIP Island Nature Parks is asking the community to share their ideas about the long-term future vision for the Summerland Peninsula.

The Nature Parks will work with the Phillip Island (Milawul) and Bass Coast local and wider community and key stakeholders to explore fresh, new ideas to shape a precinct-wide vision for eco-tourism and recreational experiences that better integrates with the conservation values of the peninsula.

The Summerland Peninsula is home to the world's largest little penguin colony, migratory short-tailed shearwaters, and the Endangered Eastern-barred bandicoot, as well as welcoming over a million visitors annually. The peninsula is a special place for Bunurong, the local community, and all those that visit, so it is critical that we all have a say on its future.

The Nature Parks is looking to harness the aspirations of key stakeholders to refresh the Summerland Peninsula Master Plan that was first developed in 2012.

Phillip Island Nature Parks general manager for infrastructure and planning Jarvis Weston said several projects had been delivered since the initial Master Plan was developed, including the \$6 million Penguins Plus viewing stand and the \$58 million Penguin Parade Visitor Centre, and the \$42 million Penguin Parade Boardwalks and Viewing Stands Redevelopment is partially complete.

"This is about re-setting our vision for the Summerland Peninsula for the next 20 to 30 years and considering fresh opportunities for the area – opportunities that work harmoniously with our conservation efforts, habitat restoration and eco-tourism," Mr Weston said.

"We want to hear from locals and communities so we can



Balancing visitor access with habitat protection is key and community input will help guide upgrades to trails and facilities like the Penguin Parade boardwalks and beyond.

collectively build on the great things already achieved, to ensure we find the right balance between ecotourism and protecting the significant environmental and cultural values of the Summerland Peninsula."

Mr Weston said the Nature Parks would like to explore ways for people to access the greater area without compromising their user experience or impacting habitat and wildlife; and ensure the traditional Bunurong culture was evident to all community and visitors.

In addition, the Nature Parks is exploring concepts for the future of The Nobbies precinct, including progressing any proposed infrastructure to a detailed design stage. This is an exciting opportunity for the local community, Traditional Owners and key stakeholders to shape the way that future generations

will experience this incredible coast.

The Nobbies Centre was forced to close in late May due to a structural issue on the building.

Given the building's proximity to the ocean and exposure to the wild weather elements, a significant investment is required to repair and re-open the building in its current form.

The Nobbies Visitor Centre will remain closed while the Nature Parks undertake this Master Plan work over the coming months. This will ensure that further funds invested into the site are working towards a future that is supported by the community.

"The closure of the Nobbies Centre gives us an opportunity to explore options for the area with the local community, that are not only economically viable, but will become a source

of community pride," Mr Weston said.

"We hope this collaborative effort will encourage the Phillip Island (Milawul) community to enjoy, respect and champion the Summerland Peninsula and a future vision for generations to come," he said.

You can have your say on the future of the Summerland Peninsula in the following ways:

- Attend a consultation session at the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre from 5.30pm to 7pm on Tuesday, July 29 in the Education Rooms, RSVP to community@penguins.org.au
- Attend a drop-in consultation session at the North Pier Hotel from 12.30pm to 1.30pm on Thursday, July 31 in the upstairs function room
- Email your thoughts and ideas to community@penguins.org.au

HAVE YOUR SAY ON A FUTURE VISION

Planning for Our Future

The Nature Parks is proud of its special role on Phillip Island (Milawul), where we oversee land of significant environmental, cultural, and community value. As land managers and tourism leaders, we hold a unique responsibility in shaping a healthy and thriving environment for the island's wildlife, the community, and for all who visit.

To guide our work over the coming decade, we have established priority areas as part of our *10-Year Strategic Plan*:

Priority 1 - Bigger and better natural areas

Priority 2 - Thriving wildlife

Priority 3 - Bunurong self-determination

Priority 4 - Excellence in regenerative tourism

Priority 5 - Support a vibrant community

Priority 6 - Strong organisational foundations

Your experience and connection to Phillip Island (Milawul) and the Nature Parks is essential to our success and we invite you to share your thoughts to help shape our future.

HAVE YOUR SAY:



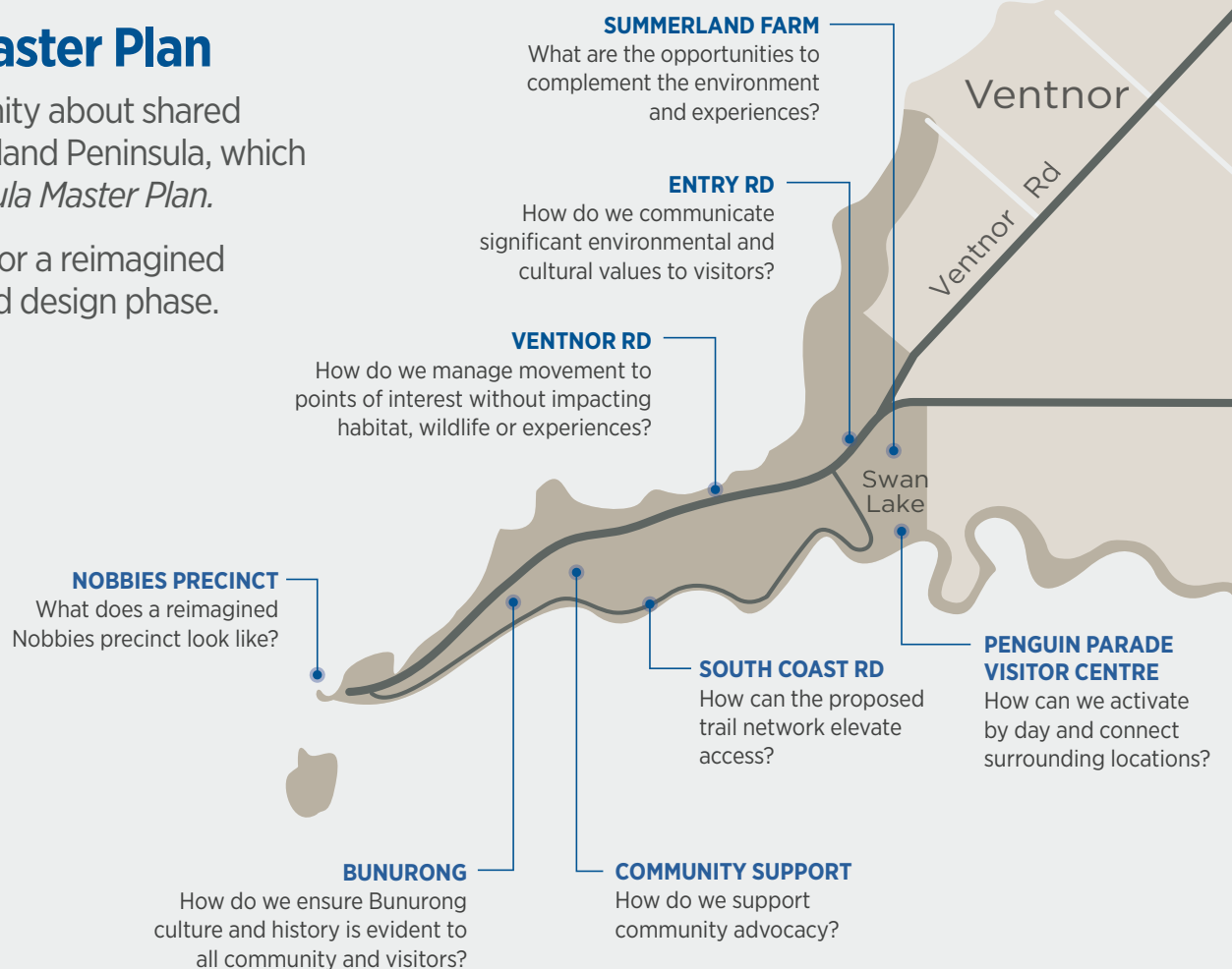
Summerland Peninsula Master Plan

We want to hear from our local community about shared aspirations for the future of the Summerland Peninsula, which will help inform the *Summerland Peninsula Master Plan*.

As part of this, we will be seeking input for a reimagined Nobbies precinct to help guide a detailed design phase.

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Steph's ready to take on Melbourne Stair Climb challenge

GLEN Forbes local Steph Slade will be conquering the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb this September.

Steph will be climbing on behalf of Forest Fire Management Victoria's Wonthaggi branch alongside Geoff Oakley.

Whilst this is a debut climb for Steph, Geoff has taken on the challenge for several years.

For the last five years, Geoff has climbed with a photo of his long-term colleague and friend, the late Bill Slade – Steph's father and a local firefighting hero.

Mr Slade lost his life fighting the 2020 Black Summer Fires.

Steph said it's an honour to be doing the Stair Climb in memory of her dad, who inspired her to join the emergency services industry.

"It's something I've always wanted to do. I was studying to be a ranger when dad's accident happened," she said.

Steph has done seasonal work as a project firefighter and has worked her way up to a full-time role with Forest Fire Management Victoria, currently based in Foster.

The Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb will take place on September 6.

Participants will tackle the 28 floors of the Crown Metropol, with all funds raised going towards cancer research and crisis support for first responders.

Steph will be carrying 25 kilograms of weight of Forest Fire Management gear during her climb.

This will include a large chainsaw, a backpack and other equipment.

Her goal was to raise \$1000 but,



Steph Slade – alongside Geoff Oakley – will be completing the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb in memory of her father Bill Slade on September 6.

at the time of going to print, she had already raised \$900 thanks to the generous support of her family, friends and local community.

"It's all for a really good cause. It's great to be able to combine with other agencies to raise money for mental health," Steph said.

"It means a lot to me. I've seen the ways mental health can affect people who work in emergency services."

To make a donation to help Steph reach her goal, you can follow her journey at firefighter-climb.org.au/climber/stephslade.



CFA-led research for fire mapping can assist the public in making decisions in emergency situations like bushfires.

Top honours for CFA-led research team

A CFA research scientist and her team have won top honours at the inaugural Natural Hazards Research awards for their work in predictive fire mapping.

The research award was presented to Dr Chloe Begg (CFA) and her team which is made up of personnel from three Australian universities and representatives from emergency management organisations from across the nation.

The project, funded by Natural Hazards Research Australia, is being led by CFA and the Victorian Department of Education and explores how predictive fire spread maps can assist the public in making decisions in emergency situations like bushfires.

The project was born after the 2019/2020 bushfire season when NSW and the ACT released "Red Maps" to the public but due to the number and scale of fires, there was a need identified to show the current and potential impact of them.

Dr Begg said fire spread predictions had already been used in Victoria, NSW, and the ACT but there is interest from other jurisdictions to use them in the future.

"The project provides an opportunity to use research and collaboration between fire agencies to ensure that the future use of these products is well considered and evidence-based," she said.

Dr Chloe Begg said the team has conducted multiple studies with community members across Australia to understand what information Australians are looking for when using maps during an emergency.

"Predictive fire spread maps are different to existing warnings, such as those on platforms like VicEmergency," she said.

"We are exploring how fire spread predictions can exist within the current warnings landscape to provide even more information on what is likely to happen to give people

more time and context to make decisions about their safety."

The research is already being used to inform fire agency practice.

"At the end of last year, Emergency Management Victoria asked us to provide guidance based on the research to support the creation of predictive fire spread maps," Dr Begg said.

"This guidance was used to support the creation of maps that were published ahead of severe weather conditions forecasted for Boxing Day."

The next phase of community research focuses on testing a range of different designs to understand how best to present the maps with information that community members are looking for.

The team will continue to work together to ensure the research findings are useful and usable for all Australian fire agencies. The project is due to be completed by the end of 2026.

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COURSE INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday, 29th July, Senior Building

Students and their parents/guardians are invited to join us for an information evening aimed at assisting current Year 9, 10 and 11 students with their course selections for 2026.

Join us for a night of presentations in the Senior Building which will outline Senior School expectations and subject selection advice.

At the conclusion of the presentation guests are invited to our Subject Expo. Here you will meet our Heads of Study who can answer more specific enquiries regarding subjects and pathways.

Representatives from local VET providers will also be in attendance.

Year 10 @ 6.00pm
Year 11 @ 6.45pm
Year 12 @ 7.30pm

Light supper provided

New senior enrolments for 2026, are invited to contact Senior School Assistant Principal Mrs Tanya Chalmers.



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Phillip Island RSL makes waves at 2025 Community Clubs Victoria awards night

IN A win that's resonating right across South Gippsland, the Phillip Island RSL has officially been crowned Victoria's Best Regional Club Bistro-Restaurant at the 2025 Community Clubs Victoria Gala Dinner and Awards Night.

The event was held at Melbourne's prestigious RACV City Club on Saturday, July 5.

Competing against more than 1000 clubs statewide, the Phillip Island RSL stood tall for its culinary excellence, local produce partnerships and unwavering commitment to community hospitality – earning it top billing in one of the most competitive categories on the night.

General manager Chris Simpson said the award is a proud moment for the whole region.

"We're more than just a venue – we're part of the social heartbeat of Phillip Island and the greater Bass Coast. This award is a tribute to our incredible team, our generous community and the culture we've built around warmth, quality and genuine service," he said.

"We're invested in our kitchen, supported local producers and evolved our menu to reflect the best of our region. From relaxed weekdays meals to milestone celebrations, we take pride in making every visit memorable."

The club's win has been largely credited to the leadership of senior executive chef Brent Mills, and the passion and professionalism of his kitchen brigade – including several rising apprentices.

"This award is a proud moment

for our kitchen team, and our community – a tribute to our collective hard work, passion and teamwork," chef Mills said.

"We're incredibly privileged to work alongside our wonderful local suppliers and showcase the richness of regional produce from Phillip Island and the Bass Coast. Every dish we serve reflects strong relationships – from paddock to plate – and the unwavering support of our members, guests and broader community.

"I'm both excited and motivated for where we're headed. This recognition isn't just about where we are today, but a glimpse into the vibrant future we're building together."

The Community Clubs Victoria (CCV) Gala Dinner, attended by more than 300 industry stakeholders, is a highlight on the club calendar – celebrating contributions across entertainment, sustainability, wellbeing and social impact.

CCV chief executive Andrew Lloyd praised Phillip Island RSL's achievement.

"This well-deserved recognition highlights their leadership within both the industry and the broader community. At a time when many clubs face operational challenges, it's more important than ever to celebrate those making a positive impact," he said.

"With a menu rich in regional flavours, a strong sense of purpose and a local following that continues to grow, the Phillip Island RSL's star is clearly on the rise – and all of South Gippsland is cheering them on."



Puneet Kumar, Senior Executive Chef Brent Mills, Sous Chef Aravindhan Arivalagan and Davinder Singh from Phillip Island RSL were honoured at the recent 2025 Community Clubs Victoria Gala Dinner and Awards Night.



Phillip Island RSL's Senior Executive Chef Brent Mills and General Manager Christopher Simpson were thrilled to be named Victoria's Best Regional Club Bistro-Restaurant at the 2025 Community Clubs Victoria Gala Dinner and Awards Night.

Competitive field in Gippsland Business Awards

THE 2025 Latrobe Health Services Gippsland Business Awards have attracted an incredible array of businesses from across the region with the judges selecting 48 finalists from the competitive field of entries.

The finalists will be honoured at a special breakfast event, sponsored by Telstra, on Friday, August 1 in Traralgon and the winners announced at a grand gala presentation at Federation University on Friday, August 29 in Churchill.

Awards committee chair, Graeme Sennett, said the high standard of entries this year made it difficult to select the finalists and congratulated all entrants.

"This is the 27th year of the Gippsland Business Awards and we are always amazed at the diverse entries – businesses that are the heart of their communities," Mr Sennett said.

"The judging process was once again challenging due to the high standard.

"It is important we recognise all those excellent entrants who did not make it to the finals. They embody a robust and expanding business community in Gippsland, and we strongly encourage them to participate again in the future."

For further details of finalists refer to the Federation University Gippsland Business Awards website at gba.org.au.

Local 2025 Finalists

Accommodation & Tourism

- Boat Harbour Jetty B&B Port Albert
- Chapter Barn Outtrim
- Wanderer Adventures Wilsons Promontory
- Wattle Bank Farm Wattle Bank

Business and Professional Services

Food & Agribusiness

- Gippsland Wine Company Loch
- Hospitality & Food Service
- Sweet Life Cafe & Cakes Leongatha
- Tooradeli Toora

Manufacturing & Construction

- The Fibreglass Factory Yarram
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- Jessica Greaves Graphic Design Mirboo North

New Business

- Paws & Ponies Leongatha

Retail

- Great Southern Ride E Bike Sales & Hire Meenyan

Trade & Technical Services

- All Done Plumbing and Drainage Inverloch
- Vivid Coats Leongatha

Transport & Automotive Services

- CPK McLaren MotorBody Leongatha

Hear from podcast creator Cathie Agg

FRIENDS of Inverloch Library are hosting an afternoon tea with podcast creator Cathie Agg on Wednesday, July 30, at 2pm at the Inverloch Library. The event will cover what podcasting is all about, why it's so popular and how podcasts are made.

Join Cathie Agg as she shares her new podcast 'Love Your Work' series alongside Lindsay Smith. This is a free event with afternoon tea provided. Book online at trybooking.com/DCVJZ.

Understanding Menopause

PERIMENOPAUSE? Menopause? What?

Your questions will be answered in an community talk on July 24 at Inverloch Bowling Club hosted by Magnolia Women's Health's gynecologist and menopause specialist Dr Carmen Brown.

Gain insights and support during the transition or pop along to discover ways you can help support someone in your life going through menopause.

Register at trybooking.com/events/landing/1417039.

Barry Beach Marine Terminal: Supporting Australia's gas supplies for nearly 60 years

Decommissioning Project Manager, Richard Perry

For nearly 60 years, Barry Beach Marine terminal has played a central role in supporting Esso Australia's Bass Strait operations. Since 1966, every offshore platform we've operated has relied on the terminal for essential logistics, transport, and warehousing support—and that legacy continues today, stronger than ever.

Barry Beach Marine terminal supports the transport of equipment and essential resources, such as food and water, to our offshore operations so they can continue meeting the majority of south-east Australia's gas needs, helping to power homes, businesses, and industries across the region. For over 60 years, the terminal has also been a cornerstone of the South Gippsland community, with multiple generations of local families contributing to its legacy.

As we responsibly decommission the 13 offshore facilities that are no longer producing oil and gas, Barry Beach Marine terminal remains at the heart of our operations. The terminal has played a critical role in our safe completion of over \$2.5 billion in early decommissioning works, including the permanent plug and abandonment of more than 200 offshore wells. We've already safely recycled and disposed over 10,000 tonnes of steel and concrete at Barry Beach Marine Terminal through our well plug and abandonment program to date. That's around as much as the Eiffel tower weighs.

As we move into the next phase of decommissioning, the terminal will continue to serve as our primary marine base, supporting both ongoing gas production and the

safe, environmentally responsible and efficient removal of offshore infrastructure.

Many of our offshore platforms were originally fabricated at Barry Beach Marine terminal in the '60s, '70s, and '80s. So, it's fitting that now they'll return here for dismantling and recycling, after providing essential energy to Australians for decades.

Esso Australia is focused on ensuring all of our work is completed responsibly and in full compliance with environmental regulations. As always, we remain committed to engaging with our community to keep them informed and ensure our work aligns with local expectations.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out via consultation@exxonmobil.com.



Many of our offshore platforms were originally fabricated at Barry Beach Marine terminal in the '60s, '70s, and '80s





Luca and Nico Caneleo of Leongatha gain inspiration for Tuesday's NAIDOC Week puppet-making session. A01_2825



Locals Darcy, Ryder and Blake Cholmondeley enjoy the NAIDOC Week puppet-making session at Leongatha Library. A02_2825

Culture and fun at Leongatha Library

A SELECTION of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's books formed the inspiration for a NAIDOC Week themed puppet-making session at Leongatha Library, parents and children enjoying being part of an indoor school holiday activity on a bleak Tuesday afternoon.

"The children will first have a look through the story books and try to find some characters that they want to recreate in their puppets," library programs officer Kate Lochlin said ahead of the session.

An assortment of art materials enabled the young participants to show creative flair, with fabric paint, feathers, butterflies and ribbons among the selection.

Sentinel-Times chatted to children and parents, most of whom are regulars at Myli Libraries' holiday activity sessions.

"They're great," local Donna Caneleo said, having booked ahead to ensure her sons Luca and Nico wouldn't miss out, a wise decision given Tuesday's session booked out.

Leongatha brothers Darcy, Ryder and Blake Cholmondeley came along, enjoying arts and crafts.

Informative NAIDOC celebration in Foster

STEVE Parker, who has Boonwurrung, Yorta Yorta, and Erub (Torres Strait Islander) heritage, conducted a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony last Wednesday, attendees happily bathing in the smoke before heading inside to learn more about Indigenous culture during a NAIDOC celebration at Foster's South Gippsland Hospital.

Among the items Steve shared with the audience was a Woomera, used for spear throwing.

As well as outlining its value in providing sufficient power to take down a substantial kangaroo, he said the Woomera inspired the modern plastic devices people use to throw balls further for their dogs.

Audience member Jono Seward had a go at traditional fire lighting, relying on friction between a moving piece of wood and a wooden base, and made an impressive effort, with Steve demonstrating his polished technique, albeit stopping short of getting a fire going indoors.

Holding up a possum skin, Steve said it is the third warmest fur in the world, with polar bears providing the warmest.

He also shared dances and played the didgeridoo, doing a good job of creating the sounds of creatures such as kookaburras but admitting he is yet to work out how to replicate whale noises.

While tucking into food in which indigenous flavours were incorporated, including sausage rolls with native spices and Anzac Biscuits featuring lemon myrtle, attendees were quizzed on whether they have tried mutton bird.

Hearing nobody had, Steve was quick to assure them the indigenous delicacy tastes just like chicken, only 10 times oilier, and bony too.

South Gippsland Hospital's Samantha Park, director of community care, described Steve's visit as a privilege, noting he is an artist and that his art and storytelling help foster a stronger understanding of First Nations identity, culture and heritage.

She highlighted his passion for mentoring young people and being a positive role model.



Jono Seward has a go at fire lighting with instructions from Steve Parker. A07_2825

"His dedication to cultural preservation and education underscores his belief in the NAIDOC values of strength, vision and legacy of Indigenous peoples," Sam said.

The hospital's Aboriginal liaison officer, Kane Horvath, who is proud of his Woka-Woka and Yuggera heritage, was a driving force in organising Wednesday's event, working alongside others to bring it together, Sam crediting his guidance in general as central to the hospital's commitment to reconciliation and "culturally responsive healthcare".

While audience members were interested to hear about the intended Treaty and subjects such as the Stolen Generation and ongoing high rates of removal of Indigenous children, Steve didn't dwell on the politics.

"Walk beside us, give us strength and tap into the oldest living culture in the world," he encouraged people, acknowledging we can't change what's happened in the past but believing we can have a more positive future.

Attendee Jenni Miles, who works at the hospital, shares that view, saying events such as Wednesday's provide an opportunity to consider how we can move forward together.



Aboriginal liaison officer at South Gippsland Hospital, Kane Horvath. A06_2825



Steve Parker talks about Aboriginal tools and culture. A09_2825



Zoe leans into the smoke during the NAIDOC event at South Gippsland Hospital. A08_2825

Colourful Koinobori bring school holiday joy to Myli Library



Remy Elliott with his handmade Koinobori, a traditional Japanese carp kite. W09_2825

THE Myli Library in Wonthaggi was full of colour and creativity on Wednesday, July 9, as dozens of local children and their families took part in a Japanese paper kite-making class.

The session, timed perfectly for the school holidays, saw two large tables packed with kids and parents working together to craft carp-shaped kites known as Koinobori.

In Japan, these colourful carp-shaped windsocks are traditionally displayed to celebrate Children's Day, serving as a symbol of strength and healthy development for children. The carp's determination to swim upstream inspires parents to wish for their children to grow up resilient, healthy and capable of overcoming life's challenges.

The class was organised by Jenny Temple, programs officer at Wonthaggi Myli Library, who said the idea came from her time working in Japan.

"I worked in Japan teaching English for about 18 months. I saw these kites when I was in Japan and thought they were great," Jenny said.

"It's very rewarding to see families enjoying themselves and making something special and unique. They enjoy the opportunity to get out of the house and spend quality time with the family."

The kite-making class is just one of many activities on offer these school holidays. Coming up at the library is a movie screening on Wednesday, July 16 from 10am to 12pm, and an air clay club session on Friday, July 18 from 2pm to 4pm.

Birdz & Fred Leone with local Gunai man Fonzie performing live in Bass Coast.

NAIDOC Week in Bass Coast

THE Union Theatre in Wonthaggi and Berninnet in Cowes were lit up in celebration of NAIDOC week and Saturday night was filled with high energy, especially with performances by Birdz & Fred Leone with local Gunai man Fonzie warmly opening the event with a heartfelt performance. The large crowd thoroughly enjoyed the acts and shared wonderful feedback, making the evening memorable for everyone.

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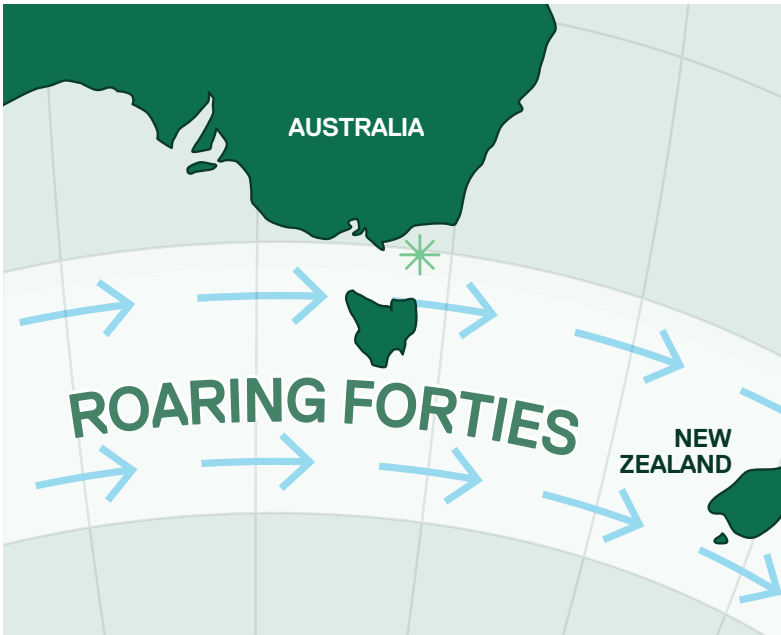


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A handful of media representatives turned out at the Korumburra Baptist Church on Sunday for the first service after the trial verdict, and they received a warm welcome from elders and church members.

Cold hands warm hearts for visiting media

THE first Sunday church service at the Korumburra Baptist Church, on Sunday, July 13, after the verdict the previous Monday, was always likely to attract some media attention.

However, given the 252 journalists and media outlets recorded on the Supreme Court's email list for the trial, from Australia and overseas, the two cameras and handful of news people who turned up for the 10.30am service was a very modest number by comparison.

And they received a warm welcome from church elders and congregation members, some apologising for the South Gippsland weather as they arrived with an unrelenting north-westerly blowing in sideways at the front door of the church, or offering no objection to those who wanted to sit in on the service inside.

No photographs, please.

Pastor Ian Wilkinson, who attended almost 40 days of the trial, was a notable absentee from the Sunday service, as was Simon Patterson, who has a regular role of a Sunday on the computer.

"Simon and Ian won't be coming today and there's unlikely to be any comment about the trial," said one of the church members.

Some visitors took the opportunity of attending the service and joined churchgoers for tea and biscuits afterwards but apart from prayers for those "overcoming hardships and loss" and for Don, Gail and Heather, it was a usual Sunday service.

During the week, the church also posted the following message on its noticeboard out the front:

"We all greatly miss Heather, Don and Gail, whether we were friends for a short time or over 20 years. They were very special people who loved God and loved to bless others.

"It's been a long journey, and we continue to lovingly support Ian, Simon, and all the Wilkinson and Patterson family through this difficult time.

"We appreciate all the care from our local communities, special support from individuals and from the Baptist Union of Victoria, and the churches and people from all over the world who have been praying for us.

"As our Pastor Ian has said: "Life can be hard, but God is faithful, and He is always with us."

The Wilkinson and Patterson families have asked that people respect their privacy at this time. Please also respect the privacy of our church family.

Thank you, Korumburra Baptist Church Leadership Team.

We didn't give them the video, says South Gippsland Shire

MYSTERY surrounds how media outlets got their hands on explosive new CCTV video footage, from the Koonwarra Transfer Station, which appears to show mushroom murderer, Erin Patterson, dumping rubbish at the tip little more than 30 minutes after her doomed lunch guests left her Leongatha home.

The South Gippsland Shire Council did not release the video, nor, they say, do they have any control over CCTV cameras at their own waste facility.

"The footage in question belongs to Council's site contractor Dasma," said a spokesperson for the shire in response to a query from the Sentinel-Times.

"Dasma has advised that they provided the footage as part of the investigation only."

The Sentinel-Times has also contacted the shire's waste contractor, Dasma, for a response.

The time stamp on the video, which appears to show Mrs Patterson disposing of some flattened cardboard boxes, other rubbish and an unflattened box, is July 29, 2023, at 15:30.

This means Mrs Patterson started the 15-minute trip, from her home in Gibson Street, Leongatha to the Koonwarra Transfer Station, less than half an hour after lunch guests departed at around 2.45pm, on the evidence of the only surviving lunch guest, Ian Wilkinson.

The video, which was seen on metro TV stations and online news services in the past week, was not included in prosecution evidence during the trial, which may account for the fact that Erin Patterson never referred to this first tip visit in her trial evidence.

News services have, however, clearly described what they make of the missing footage: "Moment mushroom murderer is caught dumping guests' plates – just 30 minutes after deadly meal".

The release of the video to the media, by an unknown source, and by the media to the public may be seen as contravening an order of the court, made on July 7 that: "Publication of any of the content of any evidentiary rulings made in these proceedings, whether pre-trial or during the trial, is prohibited."

The interim order applies Australia-wide until the court hands down a determination on the issue, expected next month.

The order applies to any publication within Australia, but in something of a loophole, the online publication which first released the video, the 'Daily Mail', is based in the UK.

But the absence of the video footage, which some news services have alleged at least opens up the possibility that this was how Erin disposed of the grey plates, allowed the defence to go after the seemingly, unimpeachable evidence of a local minister of religion, Korumburra Baptist Pastor Ian Wilkinson.

During Mr Wilkinson's evidence in chief, on Tuesday, May 6 of the mushroom murder trial, defence counsel Colin Mandy SC challenged Pastor



It has now been revealed that Erin Patterson made a first trip to the Koonwarra Transfer Station little more than half an hour after the guests left her home following the deadly lunch date on Saturday, July 29 at 3.30pm.



Erin Patterson's second visit to the Koonwarra Transfer Station came on Wednesday, August 2 when she dumped the food dehydrator in the e-waste bin at the tip where it was found with death-cap mushroom residue two days later by police.

Wilkinson six times, directly on the issue of the size and colour of the plates.

Also challenging him on his recollections about the serving of the food, from an oven tray or otherwise, who carried the plates to the dinner table, and where the guests sat.

Mandy: I take it the guests were free to sit wherever they wanted?

Wilkinson: Yes.

Mandy: And then Erin came around from the other side of the island bench with the remaining plate?

Wilkinson: Yes.

It had been Mr Wilkinson's evidence that while Gail and Heather assisted by taking the four, larger, grey plates to the table, Erin carried her own smaller, coloured plate to her place at the table.

CHALLENGE 1

• **Mandy:** You paid no particular attention at the time as to the colour of the plates, did you?

• **Wilkinson:** I noticed that when the food was being plated up, that there were different plates.

CHALLENGE 2

• **Mandy:** Can I suggest to you that there was no uniform set of plates that were being used by Erin on that day; that is, there wasn't a set of four plates that were all the same?

• **Wilkinson:** There were four plates that were the same.

CHALLENGE 3

• **Mandy:** What I'm suggesting to you is that that is not the case. There were not four plates that were all the same, but your memory is that there were?

• **Wilkinson:** My memory is that there were four plates that were the same.

CHALLENGE 4

• **Mandy:** And let me suggest as well that there weren't any grey or stone-coloured plates in Erin's kitchen on that day?

• **Wilkinson:** I remember a grey plate – grey plates; four grey plates.

CHALLENGE 5

• **Mandy:** And likewise, let me suggest this: there was no smaller plate. All of the plates were the same size?

• **Wilkinson:** No. The plate was smaller, the different-coloured plate.

CHALLENGE 6

• **Mandy:** Is it possible that there were two or three plates that were the same and two other different plates?

• **Wilkinson:** No.

Mr Mandy addressed the issue of the plates extensively in his closing remarks, saying that while everyone would agree Ian Wilkinson was "a kind and good person", he was "honestly mistaken" about the

colour, size and distribution of the plates.

"Now, our argument to you about the plates issue is this: it's a very – and I am not intending to use a pun – but it is a very colourful piece of evidence, it is a very graphic piece of evidence. But when you look at all the evidence on the issue of plates and what plates Erin had, it has to be the case that Ian Wilkinson is wrong about what he said. It makes no sense logically that you would use that method to deliver up an unpoisoned parcel, but otherwise, on all of the evidence, he's wrong; honestly mistaken," said Mr Mandy in his closing submission.

People have been quick to respond to the CCTV footage at the tip from Saturday, July 29, 2023 and why it wasn't shown to the jury:

- Any ideas why this wasn't shown to the jury? I can't imagine why it wouldn't have been included?
- Glad to see this is coming out now, the more we hear, the more satisfied I am that the jury did a thorough job and came to the right conclusion.
- Yeah I imagine if they questioned her movements in the hours after the lunch and she didn't mention the tip, then they showed that video in court! BOOM.

In her evidence to the jury about what she did immediately after the lunch, Erin Patterson said her son and a friend "went into the study and played on the computers for the rest of the afternoon and I kept cleaning up the kitchen and putting everything away".

She said she also ate two-thirds of Heather's orange cake, felt over-full and spewed it back up again into the toilet.

Later in her evidence, Mrs Patterson had no trouble recalling what she did on her return to Leongatha from Monash Clayton, on Wednesday, August 2, taking the kids to school in the morning before going to the tip to dump the food dehydrator.



A roll of 15,000 possible jurors was cut down to 15 for the trial and ultimately 12 to deliver the verdict in the Erin Patterson trial.

The jury journey for Erin Patterson’s trial

IN FEBRUARY 2025, a roll of 15,000 people was requested in the Latrobe Valley District to cover five circuit sittings of the Supreme and County courts between April 28 and August 1.

The most high-profile of these was of course Erin Patterson’s mushroom murder trial, starting on April 29.

Letters were sent to people notifying them they had been selected for jury service and while approximately 7000 people were either excused or deferred to a later date, 8000 were included in the process.

All applications are individually assessed and factors including illness, significant travel requirements, financial hardship, caregiving, proficiency in English, and being involved in the administration of justice are considered.

In late March, 1400 people were randomly selected and sent a summons to attend court on either April 28 or 30.

As the Patterson trial was the first and longest of the trials listed in Morwell, and it was well known in the community, Juries Victoria issued more than the usual number of summonses to cover the expected day of empanelment and the days that followed in case the jury needed to be discharged, and a new jury empanelled.

By mid-April, 597 people remained of the 1400 – the others having been deferred or excused.

Across Victoria in 2023/24, 107,430 summonses were issued to attend for jury service.

Of the 597 people included, 234 confirmed they would be available for an eight-week trial, 115 people were confirmed to attend on Tuesday, April 29 and the others were assigned to

another jury pool.

On April 29, three people were excused or deferred by Juries Victoria staff and the remaining 112 made up the jury panel for the trial of Erin Patterson.

During empanelment, jury panel members were known by a number rather than their name, as is standard practice. Their occupation is also provided.

Justice Beale gave the jury panel an overview of the case and provided them with a list of 137 names, including witnesses, places, and legal practitioners involved in the case.

Panel members were then given the opportunity to apply to be excused from the trial if they knew someone involved, felt they couldn’t be impartial, or for any other reason.

“Over the last 20 months, there have been many newspaper and magazine articles about this case, there’s been extensive radio and television coverage, there’s been online commentary and podcasts. All of these have been freely available to the public and may have come to your attention,” said Justice Beale.

“It is reasonable to assume, therefore, that most of you, if not all, will have some prior information about this case. It is unrealistic to expect that the jurors selected can erase that prior information from their minds, but it will be their task to bring an open mind to their consideration of the evidence and decide the case solely on the evidence that is led in this trial, not on any prior or outside information.”

Twenty-eight applications to be excused were received and one was refused. Of the 27 people excused, 21 knew someone on the witness list or had particular knowledge about the trial, four were



Justice Beale commended an “exceptional jury” for their efforts in the Erin Patterson trial.

excused for medical reasons, one for travel and one for caring responsibilities.

The numbers of the remaining 85 jury panel members were then put into a wooden box and shaken up and drawn out and if the person sat down without the accused either saying ‘challenge’ or the prosecution saying ‘stand aside’ they became part of the jury.

Three people were challenged by Ms Patterson. An accused is allowed three challenges without providing reasons. The prosecution didn’t stand aside anyone.

A panel of 15 was selected, one was discharged during the trial for allegedly speaking about the case outside the jury room and two were balloted out just prior to the jury retiring to consider its verdict, leaving seven men and five women in the final group of 12.

Jurors are paid \$40 a day for the first six days of service and \$80 a day thereafter. The juror’s employer is required to pay the difference between this amount and their usual wages.

While the jury was sequestered in a local hotel during

their deliberations, it has been reported that they had an outing to a local winery on the Sunday, before ultimately delivering their verdict on Monday, July 7.

Justice Beale expressed his heartfelt appreciation for their service.

“Ladies and gentlemen, about a week or more ago when we were balloting off two of your fellow jurors, I expressed my heartfelt thanks and I repeat those thanks today. The last thing you want now is another long speech from me, so I’ll be brief. You’ve been an exceptional jury. The way you’ve conducted yourself throughout this trial has caught my attention and you’ve remained in good spirits even though the trial went much longer than you were led to believe and even though this was a major intrusion in all your lives, so I thank you again.”

For their service, the jury, and the two jurors balloted off before deliberations, were given a 15-year dispensation from being called for jury service by Justice Beale. The jurors can opt out of the dispensation if they wish.

What’s next?

Next there’ll be a mention on August 8 to set the date for a plea hearing and also to determine the suppression order about pre-trial material.

Then there’ll be a plea hearing at a later date, followed by sentencing at another date.

The accused will have 28 days from the date of sentencing to lodge an appeal.

Erin Patterson was found guilty of the murder of three Korumburra residents, her in-laws Don and Gail Patterson, and Gail’s sister Heather Wilkinson, and the attempted murder of Ian Wilkinson on Monday, July 7 in the Supreme Court in Morwell.



Erin Patterson handing over the ‘dummy’ phone to police at her home on Saturday, August 5, 2023.



Erin Patterson’s mobile phone (pink case) at the Leongatha Hospital on Monday, July 31, 2023, that has never been recovered by police.

Trial exhibits worth a thousand words

THE release of some of the 125 exhibits from the Erin Patterson murder trial reveals much about the evidence that was presented to the jury.

From the presentation of a “dummy” mobile phone to police on Saturday, August 5, 2023, when they searched Erin Patterson’s home, to the photo of the “pink” phone, usually used by Mrs Patterson including at the Leongatha hospital, on Monday, July 31.

There was the sales docket for the food dehydrator purchased from Hartley Wells on April 28, 2023, the day Mrs Patterson’s phone is recorded hovering in the Loch area where death cap mushrooms were recorded being found 10 days earlier.

A chilling entry in the late Gail Patterson’s diary.

Beef Wellington samples, text messages and phone records. They were all pieced together to portray a picture of murder.



These mushrooms, being weighed on a tray from Erin Patterson’s dehydrator, were described by expert mycologist Dr Tom May, as being highly consistent with death cap mushrooms.



Hook her up and away you go

WITH more Aussies hitting the road to explore their own backyard rather than heading overseas, caravanning is cruising ahead as a favourite holiday pick, recent research shows.

The Caravan Industry Association of Australia's 2025 Consumer Sentiment Report has revealed the sector's resilience, with a remarkable 88 per cent of respondents planning to caravan or camp in the next year.

The report also found that Aussies are embracing the value of caravan and camping holidays, with 77 per cent saying they offer better value than other types of holidays, 76 per cent rating them as great value for money, and 50 per cent believing domestic travel delivers better value than heading overseas.

Crusader Caravans Founder and CEO Serge Valentino said travellers are increasingly turning to caravan and camping getaways for their unbeatable value, combining affordability with the freedom to explore at their own pace.

"We're seeing a clear shift towards people wanting to buy vans for shorter, more frequent trips rather than long holidays. With the recent release of our new MY25 models, we're seeing a surge in demand that's reminiscent of the unprecedented levels experienced during the COVID pandemic," Serge said.

"Caravanning lends itself beautifully to the impromptu nature of short stays. There's no accommodation or flight bookings needed, you just hitch up your caravan and go, allowing you to travel off-season and stay as far or as close to home as you wish. Had a busy week? Just pack up and go. No plans? Take a drive and see where the road leads. That's the beauty of caravanning.

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 3. Seventy-Five Mile Beach, Fraser Island, QLD.
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 5. Grassy Hill, Cooktown, QLD.
- Top 5 Secret Off-Road Adventure Hotspots:

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2. Jeffries Beach, Bramston Beach, QLD.
3. Singapore Bay, Lizard Island, QLD.
4. Gordon Country Trails, Goomburra Valley, QLD.
5. Mait's Rest, Great Otway National Park, VIC.

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Equipped with a robust platform, confident wading capability and durable cargo bed design the Kia Tasman's advanced off-road specs include two-speed ATC, e-LD and specialised terrain modes for variable conditions, optimised suspension and all-terrain tyres.

It is the most off-road-capable vehicle Kia has ever produced with spacious second-row seating and class-leading convenience features delivering top-tier comfort.

The reinforced body-on-frame structure not only delivers best-in-class strength for payloads up to 1151kg and towing capacity up to 3500kg, but provides the foundation for the Tasman's unparalleled go-anywhere ability.

Optimised for rough terrain the Tasman boasts ground clearance of up to 252mm



The Kia Tasman has been designed from the ground up with a practical, highly versatile package engineered to seamlessly transition between on and off-road driving.

with approach, departure and ramp-over angles of up to 32.2, 26.2 and 25.8 degrees.

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Gippsland Historical Automobile club drives charity



The South Gippsland branch of the Gippsland Historic Automobile Club have done it again this season raising money for Ovarian Cancer Australia.

THE South Gippsland branch of the Gippsland Historic Automobile Club (GHAC) has for the last 12 months been raising funds for its chosen charity Ovarian Cancer Australia.

The club has done this with a variety of events and activities over the 24/25 year including a very successful stall at its Korumburra Swap Meet, a food stall at the Leongatha Community Market, hosting visiting car clubs for BBQs and displays as well as the club's own sausage sizzles and display days.

The total amount raised was \$8505 which has been forwarded to Ovarian Cancer Australia and will assist patients and families affected by the disease as well as future research for a cure.

The club also appreciates the donations by local businesses to help raise these funds including Repco Leongatha, Woolworths Leongatha, Aldi Leongatha and the Leongatha RSL and look forward to another successful year raising funds for Children's Cancer Foundation of Australia in 25/26.

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Ricky, Eric, Dan and Jade are on holiday from Melbourne and headed in for the opening of the Phillip Island Whale Festival. B23_2825



Julian, Steven, Ren and Clare (Mum) at the opening of the Phillip Island Whale Festival at Berninneit in Cowes. B24_2825



Oliver, Jackie, Adam and Ava on holiday from Barwon Heads hoping to see a whale at Pyramid Rock on Phillip Island. B37_2825



'Whit's fur ye'll no go past ye' Scottish born Sunderland Bay residents Kiran, Andy, Flynn, Jake and Carol search for migrating whales at Pyramid Rock on Phillip Island. B39_2825



Kate (Mum), Ollie, Norah, Elsie and Nat (Dad) on holiday in Cowes enjoying the opening of the Phillip Island Whale Festival at Berninneit. B25_2825

A positive future for marine life

THE future is looking bright for our marine life if our researchers, advocates and scientists have anything to do with conservation efforts.

However, there is much to do before then and according to Dr Jodi Edwards (cultural educator and researcher), Dr Chels Marshall (marine scientist and cultural systems ecologist) and Natalia Baechtold (researcher and cinematographer) that starts with listening to First Nations cultural practices, and a whole pathway change through the modern education system.

At present, both Chels and Jodi are collaborating on *Unbroken Whispers: The Ripples Connecting Sea Kin*, with Natalia spearheading the final aspect "the feel"/visual integration, reaching people who don't have a relationship with Country/environment.

Taking a step back and understanding the Indigenous ecological knowledge that has been passed from generation to generation, is a key element in protecting the future of Sea Country.

"Whales and dolphins are culturally significant for many Aboriginal nations, and our knowledge that is passed through from generation to generation includes the ecological dynamics of our sea kin, such as the migratory patterns and relationships between species," Dr Edwards explained. "Our stories were shared, then they were shared through song, then dance, then on Country, then we'd come back and share what we had learnt with Elders..."

"We are cultural scientists. What is happening in the aquatic system are bushfires in the water," Dr Edwards added. "There are so many things people can do to help the ocean."

As all three First Nations



Kicking off the Island Whale Festival on Thursday were Ella Hutchinson, Dr Chels Marshall, Dr Wally Franklin, Dr Sue Mason, John Dickie, Dr Jodi Edwards, Georgia Bisset and Natalia Baechtold. C11_2825

women agree there is room for a multi-model approach in our education system and consequently implementing cultural ecological knowledge and Aboriginal science frameworks.

"Taking on and merging the two worlds," Dr Marshall explained. "There is definitely room for cultural practise and research, particularly in marine emergencies and building community understanding, we can blow rainbows together."

Taking a cultural approach was highlighted when Dr Edwards discussed a stranding event and how having the opportunity to approach it from a cultural perspective led to a far greater outcome for the marine animal compared to another stranding where a modern medicine approach was taken and the animal wasn't given the opportunity to recover.

For Dr Marshall, she looked forward over the weekend to connecting with people.

"Being collective and working towards the same goals," Dr Marshall said.

For marine scientist and decades long whale researcher Dr Wally Franklin, the Island Whale Festival was an opportunity to watch the community.

"I'll be watching the community engagement with keen interest," Dr Franklin said. "I think they've got a great deal to be proud of in what they've achieved with the establishment of the Whale Festival, so firstly over the weekend that is what I'll be looking at."

"I'm also listening... There's still a puzzle of where the whales who come through (Phillip Island's waters) fit into the whole migratory pattern and that's something that we're working on and keenly interested in. It's really quite brilliant the work that John Dickie and Wildlife Coast Cruises are doing in encouraging citizen scientists."

And though biased to Hervey Bay's whales, given Dr Wally Franklin has spent years living and researching whales in the area, there have been interesting migratory behaviours and patterns emerging.

"We published a

paper in 2021 about whale behaviour in Hervey Bay, and what was interesting is that there turned out to be behaviour which Trish called non-agonistic social behaviour (NASB).

"Previously most behavioural work on humpbacks was focused on what I call competitive groups, which have been well documented in the northern hemisphere."

"We studied (NASB) in Hervey Bay, and it turned out that 12 per cent of pods were engaged in his behaviour and only six per cent of pods were involved in competitive behaviour. That was a very interesting find, because it was quite different here to other parts of the world."

And as for any close encounters over all his years on the water, Dr Franklin noted the whales are incredibly aware of their physical space.

"The longest interaction we've had was between us and four young whales for five hours. You could almost reach out and touch them, they were coming up to the boat, we've never had a whale hit a boat."

Phillip Island Whale Festival now in its ninth year

MORE than a festival the Phillip Island Whale Festival is seen by Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead as a reflection of who we are as a community.

Opening the Whale Festival at Berninneit in Cowes Cr Halstead said it was a beloved event that brings our community together in the heart of winter to celebrate the breathtaking sight of southern whales migrating through our waters.

"We are proud of our natural environment, passionate about conservation and deeply connected to our coastal community," said Cr Halstead.

"This event embodies all that."

Mayor Halstead said she was thrilled to see the program growing each year with exciting additions like the Bass Strait virtual reality experience, guided walks and talks with scientists, creative workshops and the spectacular events at Berninneit.



Kade Mills (Vic. National Parks Association), Nadine Page and Misty Johns from Bass Coast Shire, and Phoebe the Shark at the Phillip Island Whale Festival in Cowes. B20_2825

"Whether you're spotting whales at Cape Woolamai, exploring the science of marine life, enjoying a film at Berninneit, or learning through art and stories this festival offers something for everyone," said Cr Halstead.

The Phillip Island Whale Festival plays a significant role in supporting our local economy according to

the Mayor of Bass Coast Shire bringing energy and visitors to our towns at a time when things are usually quieter.

"Local businesses benefit, our tourism sector thrives, and our community has the chance to shine on a regional and national stage."

"We're proud to support this festival through Council's funding and resources,

and we're grateful to the Victorian Government's Regional Events Fund for its continued support," said Cr Halstead.

"More than anything I want to acknowledge the heart and soul that goes into this event, from organisers and volunteers to local artists, scientists, storytellers and community groups."

"Thank you for your vision, your passion and your hard work."

The Phillip Island Whale Festival is seen as a reminder of the importance of protecting the marine environment, not only for whales but for the health of the entire ecosystem and our own wellbeing.

Education and awareness are seen as key according to Mayor Cr Halstead.

"The weekend gives us so many opportunities to learn, reflect and connect."

"Let's celebrate the beauty of the coast, the magic of the whales, and the power of the community."

Diabetes Educators are here to make life easier for people with diabetes

BASS Coast Health's (BCH) Diabetes Education team is joining a nationwide effort by diabetes clinicians for a future where diabetes can do no harm.

This National Diabetes Week, July 13-19, the BCH Diabetes Educators are urging people with diabetes to arrange a consultation to keep their diabetes in check.

BCH's Diabetes Educators offer a comprehensive service to make life easier for people with diabetes and their carers.

The educators help people to use glucose monitoring devices that connect to not only their smartphones but also the BCH team. This enables easier monitoring and control of glucose levels to keep patients safer.

The BCH team also helps patients manage their diabetes through lifestyle changes, glucose monitoring and medications, and advice about using insulin pumps and new monitoring technologies.

"We take pride in ensuring people living with diabetes in our community have access to the support and information they need to ensure they can enjoy a life that's as fulfilling as possible while living with diabetes," BCH diabetes educator, Vivienne Prestidge, said.

Another BCH diabetes educator, Claire Gatto, said, "Regular check-ups can help patients to stay on top of managing their diabetes and prevent problems from escalating to the point where their health is harmed."

Roger Lindenmayer, also a



Bass Coast Health's Diabetes Educators, from left, Claire Gatto, Upmajit Kaur, Vivienne Prestidge and Roger Lindenmayer are here to help people with diabetes enjoy life.

BCH diabetes educator, urged people with diabetes to have regular health appointments.

"See your GP, endocrinologist, diabetes educator, dietitian, exercise physiologist, optometrist, podiatrist and dentist to prevent or limit the complications of diabetes," he said.

In many cases, a person may not have symptoms of diabetes, yet have the condition and be experiencing damage to their health.

BCH's diabetes educators encourage people aged 40 and over to be screened for diabetes by their GP at least every three years, or more often if they have additional risk factors. Symptoms, including passing urine more often, blurred vision, increased thirst and hunger, or recurrent or persistent infections, should be discussed with your GP.

Appointments to any of our diabetes services can be made after receipt of a referral from your medical practitioner or a self-referral to BCH Access Intake via fax to 9102 5307 or email access@basscoasthealth.org.au

Diabetes is a chronic condition in which blood glucose level, often referred to as blood sugar level, can be too high.

Glucose is the body's main source of energy and comes primarily from the carbohydrate foods we eat: cereals, bread, pasta, rice, pulses, milk, fruit, starchy vegetables, baked goods made from flour, most dairy products, fruit, cane sugar and honey.

Insulin, a hormone made by the pancreas, is needed to take the glucose from the bloodstream into our cells or

muscles, to be used for energy.

If the body doesn't make enough insulin, or doesn't use insulin well, glucose accumulates in the bloodstream and doesn't reach the muscles. This is the reason why with high blood glucose levels, people can feel low energy levels.

Consistently high levels of glucose in the bloodstream can damage the blood vessels and, ultimately, cause complications to the eyes, the kidneys and the feet, and increase the risk of heart attack and stroke.

According to Diabetes Australia, diabetes is a prevalent condition in Australia, with more than two million people living with all types of diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes. Every five minutes another Australian is diagnosed.

While genetics plays a key role in the development of type 2 diabetes, up to 58 per cent of diagnoses can be prevented or delayed through lifestyle changes, such as regular exercise and healthy eating.

The Australian Diabetes Map shows that rates of diabetes are higher in Gippsland – including the Bass Coast – compared to the national average – 6.82 per cent compared to 5.58 per cent.

"People with diabetes can help to manage their condition by making lifestyle changes such as exercising more, improving their diet, losing weight if they need to, looking after their physical and emotional health, quitting smoking and taking their medication," Vivienne said.

LIFE Moments



CHELSEA Caple and Billy Huitema of Ryanston are thrilled to announce the arrival of their son, Tex Gregory Huitema, born on June 8, weighing 3.13 kilograms at Monash Clayton. A beautiful little brother for Dusty.

Send your photos to news@sgst.com.au

• FAITH FACTOR

Life without regret

By Pastor Jeff Robertson, Connections Church Inverloch & Foster, Australian Christian Churches

IN THE last couple of weeks, I've been to two funerals, with family and friends commemorating what their loved one meant to them. Times like these often lead me to ponder some things.

What would people say at my funeral? What would I say about those closest to me? What should I say and do now, while I have the opportunity to do so?

I believe that we ought to live with an awareness that our lives on earth are finite. Tomorrow is not promised to any of us. While we can't live every day as if it's our last, it's worth reflecting on how this should influence our decisions, words, and actions – and the course our lives are taking.

For the people close to you, let them know what you appreciate about them. Tell them what they mean to you. Aim to reconcile where you can. It's amazing the impact just a few words of honest encouragement or forgiveness can achieve.

Live life on purpose. Don't just cruise along on default settings, but intentionally live a meaningful and significant life that will leave a legacy when you're gone.

And consider eternity. There is more to life than just what we can see and touch. We owe it to ourselves to face the big questions of life and faith, and how we respond to God.

The Bible advises us, "Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity... Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." (Eph 5:15-17)

God loves you, has good purposes for you, and brings significance to our lives in ways that no one and nothing else can. Don't waste the time that you have – make sure your life counts. And when the end comes, may your life be celebrated without regret!

Vann finds the right support to manage life with diabetes

WHEN two-year-old Vann Dyall was feeling lethargic, drinking way more water than usual and reversing his toilet training practices, mum Caroline knew something was wrong.

She "Dr Googled" his symptoms and the answer came up as diabetes, but with no history in the family, Caroline quickly dismissed the diagnosis.

A few nights later Vann vomited and woke up the next morning "like a floppy bear", and she rushed him to the hospital at Warragul.

"Vann was barely awake and very weak... it was awful," Caroline said.

They were taken to a resuscitation room "and doctors came in left right and centre".

Vann was found to be experiencing diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), a potentially life-threatening complication of diabetes, primarily affecting those with type one diabetes.

After an "exhausting, heart-racing experience", Vann stayed in the hospital for a week as the family learned about their new life. Vann turned out to be an excellent patient and "super strong" and adjusted well to living with the condition.

There have been a few trips to the hospital since but not for DKA and today, Vann, eight, is doing well and is a regular participant of Gippsland Southern Health Service's children's diabetes clinic.

The GSHS clinic brings



Andrea Curtis – diabetes educator, Caroline Dyall and Vann Dyall, Dr Tim Walsh – paediatrician, Megan Perks – social worker, and student dietitian Jennifer Co.

together a team of supports which suits Vann's management plan.

The family lives at Hazelwood North, a 50-minute drive to Leongatha, but Caroline says it's worth the effort for the six-weekly children's diabetes clinic.

"We chose to go to Gippsland Southern Health because with all the appointments we go to, I was forever taking Vann out of school, along with his brother, every couple of weeks. This is like a one-stop shop to see a pathologist, paediatrician, diabetes educator, social worker and dietitian.

"We get everything from

Gippsland Southern Health Service. We save time and see everybody in one stop, which is fantastic."

They try to get the last appointment of the day to reduce the time Vann and his older brother Bobby have to miss school.

While helpful in managing Vann's condition, the clinics are also fun.

"Because the clinics are for children, they often have a different theme, such as football or winter warmers, so the kids actually look forward to going," Caroline said.

In addition to the clinic, Caroline says the diabetes

support team is always ready with an answer.

"We have the diabetes clinic but at any time we have questions, we just have to ask and they're very quick at getting back to you."

After noticing a lack of diabetes support networks in the region, Caroline became a Type 1 Foundation Gippsland Ambassador, running quarterly mothers' dinners and family events across the year.

National Diabetes Week will be held from July 13 to 19 and aims to raise awareness about diabetes and encourage Australians to schedule health checks for a healthier future.

Winter Warmth

Home upgrades to offer winter comfort

KEEPING warm at a reduced cost is always the priority this time of year.

The Victorian Healthy Homes Program demonstrated that a relatively minor upgrade had wide-ranging benefits over the winter period.

Draught proofing your home helps to prevent warm air from escaping in winter and hot air from getting in during the day in summer.

Even small drafts have a big impact on thermal comfort, often requiring the heater's thermostat to be set to a higher temperature to maintain thermal comfort.

Reducing drafts as much as possible saves you money on heating and cooling your home and makes your home more comfortable.

Self-adhesive draught seal tape, combined with draught arrestors or draught snakes are an inexpensive way to draught-proof your external doors.

Seal small cracks and gaps in the walls or floor with a caulking gun, and larger gaps with expanding foam.

It is also important to get the most out of your windows.

When the sun is shining through, ensure your blinds and curtains are open as the sunshine will help warm up your home. When the winter sun isn't shining through, close curtains and blinds to reduce heat loss through your windows.

Close-fitting, heavy curtains capped at the top with a box pelmet will significantly reduce the amount of heat loss through windows during winter months.

Older windows can be a significant source of drafts.

If you haven't already, consider replacing or installing window seals and ensure the sealant around the glass is in good condition.

For more advice, head to the Sustainability Victoria website.

Charge up your batteries with a Federal Government farm battery rebate



Farm battery installations up to 50kw/h now eligible for a Federal Government rebate

FARMERS are now eligible for a government rebate for farm battery installations.

Kicking in from July 1 and worth around \$344 per kilowatt hour of storage the rebate is capped at 50kw/h of usable storage although total battery capacity can be larger.

Labor agreed to extend the home battery rebate just prior to the last election after pressure from Farmers for Climate Action (FCA) representing more than 8000 farmers.

The Federal Government subsequently announced a rebate of around \$344 per kilowatt hour of storage capped at 50 kw/h worth of rebate, although farmers can install up to a 100 kw/h battery system and receive a rebate on the first 50 kw/h of storage.

Farmers for Climate Action CEO Natalie Collard encouraged farmers to get involved.

"Let's charge up farm batteries to charge up farm energy independence," said Ms Collard.

"We know batteries give us more energy independence, more energy

security, and also help keep our energy grid reliable and affordable.

"This rebate is also helpful for households.

"It will help put downward pressure on energy prices because batteries reduce energy consumption at peak times.

"Using the energy farmers generate and storing the energy on-farm could save farmers thousands of dollars each year.

"Keeping farmers profitable and productive is a no-brainer.

"It's frustrating when the local grid goes down.

"Farmers with on-farm storage can choose batteries to keep the farm running during blackouts.

"No extra paperwork is required to access the rebate, because it will be delivered through the existing Small Scale Renewable Energy Scheme.

"The rebate is capped at \$2.3 billion nationally so it could run out unless it's extended."

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Winter Warmth

Save money this winter

DREARY weather can lead to the temptation of cranking up the heat inside.

However, this temptation can lead to increased energy bills and winter costs.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water offers a few simple ways to stay warm and bring down those household costs now.

Dressing in layers is a good place to start, followed by shutting the doors in your house – costs can be brought down by only heating the rooms that are in use.

Reversible ceiling fans can be used strategically to complement your heating by dispersing hot air around the room.

Warm air rises and collects in a layer just underneath the ceiling.

During the day, rely on natural light where possible.

Open your curtains when the sun is shining in, but be sure to close them before it gets dark to keep the warmth in.

Likewise, use the 'solar' clothes dryer.

Whilst clothes dryers are convenient this time of year, it's a convenience that comes at a cost.

Where possible, use the free energy from the sun and the wind to dry your clothes.

If you don't have a clothesline, clothes racks can be put out in the fresh air or in front of the heater when in use.

Don't give in to the temptation of using the shower to warm yourself up in the morning.

Heating your hot water can account for more than 20 per cent of your household energy use.

Continue to aim for a four-minute shower during this time.

Short car trips may also be contributing to winter costs.

Where possible, continue to consider walking or cycling short distances to save money.

This will save money on petrol, maintenance and the upfront costs of buying a car.

Don't forget to shut off all appliances that aren't in use.

Even when switched off, appliances – including televisions, computers and consoles – can account for up to three per cent of total energy costs by drawing on standby power if not turned off at the wall.

This is also a good time to think about your current energy provider.

Consider shopping around for the best deals available to stay warm and get your money's worth.

You can contact your current provider to learn more about current deals or search for new options at Victorian Energy Compare.

Government price comparison websites can also give you a better idea of which provider offers the best rate.



Looking to take the morning chill off, before cranking up the heater on full, look to pop another layer on or throw a blanket over your shoulders. Photo by Adam Winger, Unsplash.

Rebates provide Energy relief

THE Federal Government has announced a \$1.8 billion extension of the Energy Bill Relief Fund.

Australian households and eligible small businesses with electricity bills may receive up to \$150 in Energy Bill Relief from July 1.

Rebates will be automatically applied to your electricity bill in two \$75 quarterly instalments.

To access the Energy Bill Relief, households must hold an active electricity account with an energy retailer for their place of residence and use the account for domestic purposes.

The first \$75 instalments started in August 2024, with further rebates applied on October 1 2024, January 13 2025, April 1 2025, July 1 2025 (energy bill relief extension) and October 1 2025 (energy bill relief extension).

Most households will have their energy bill relief applied automatically from their electricity retailer and will not be required to take any action.

This is on top of the existing \$3.5 billion energy bill relief rolled out in the 2024–25 financial year.

Under the 2024-25 program, households were eligible for up to \$300 of energy bill relief, and eligible small businesses up to \$325.

Households in embedded networks such as caravan parks, residential communities, retirement villages or apartment buildings can apply for their Energy Bill Relief on the Victorian Energy Compare website.

As part of the energy bill relief extension, embedded network households may receive an additional one-off payment of \$150 from July 1, 2025.

Embedded network customers of Energy Locals, Origin, Momentum and WinConnect will have their bill relief automatically applied via their retailer.

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Just what the doctor ordered

By Michael Giles

A COUPLE of things caught my eye in the past week; one of them being the decision by Leongatha medico Dr Chris Webster to make public comment on the impact of the mushroom murders on the local community, and in particular, on the health system.

The other was a seminar I attended in Melbourne last week on a new era in the development of more cost-effective, energy-efficient community aquatic centres.

There's no connection between the two and we won't try to make one.

First things first, and what this community does not want to see is any repercussions against Dr Webster for going public.

Certainly, under normal circumstances, you would expect health care professionals to respect patient confidentiality and leave it to others to comment on such events. But these are not normal circumstances, and many people have been impacted, if not traumatised by the events of the past two years, not the least being the healthcare staff who took care of Don, Gail, Ian and Heather, both here and in Melbourne.

We need to give them a leave pass on this one.

They were presented with a health emergency that no one should ever have to deal with and the fact that they had to respond with one hand tied behind their backs, made it terribly difficult for them and ultimately fatal for three of the victims.

Hopefully, they got any support they needed in the aftermath but for someone to step outside what is usually a clinically-closed environment, and give us some insight into their experiences is entirely understandable. We're with you, Dr Chris.

With regard to the ridiculous cost of aquatic centres, up and down the local government areas of Australia, it's a crazy racket that's simply got to stop.

And for a municipality like the Bass Coast Shire Council, with a vision for "leading the transition to our net zero emissions future" to get sucked into trying to build two of these energy-sucking Taj Mahals for aesthetic purposes alone, instead of looking to the future for a realistic, cost-effective, energy efficient solution, is hard to fathom.

Yes, we've wasted money on dumb designs that will never be built but look on the bright side, we haven't saddled ourselves with infrastructure we can't afford.

Time to chuck those two projects in the bin and talk to some experts in the field who can introduce us to the world's best practice on the development of purpose-built shells for pool complexes, instead of trying to construct an office building that a pool might somehow fit inside.

Get checked, Diabetes Week

AS WE approach National Diabetes Week it's the perfect time to educate ourselves on the growing impact of diabetes in our community and what can be done to improve our health outcomes.

Diabetes is now one of the leading drivers of serious health issues across eastern Victoria, behind only cardiovascular disease and cancer.

People living with diabetes are significantly more likely to suffer heart attacks or strokes, and the condition is a leading cause of blindness, kidney failure and amputation.

Diabetes impacts families, communities, and our healthcare system.

Vox Pop

What is your favourite activity these school holidays?



Holly Pace

Cowes

"Feeding the baby joey at the wildlife cruise and coming to the library activities."



Audrey Strange

Boronia

"I really like bowling and crafting."



Luca Strange

Boronia

"I love the painting."



Fox Richardson-Wild

Fish Creek

"I liked the weaving and pottery."

Despite its growing prevalence, three out of four Australians still underestimate how widespread diabetes is.

This year's National Diabetes Week theme "Check today for a healthier tomorrow" is a reminder to all of us to prioritise health checks. Whether it's checking your risk, booking a GP appointment, or reviewing your annual cycle of care, every step matters. Early detection and effective management of diabetes can prevent life-altering complications.

By talking about diabetes, encouraging regular checks, and supporting those affected, we can all play a part in reducing the toll of this growing health issue.

Melina Bath, The Nationals' Member for Eastern Victoria

heavily vilified 'other', they are often not nearly as scary as you have been led to think.

As a former Mayor of Greater Dandenong, I have met people from many, many different backgrounds and from all over the globe and none of them were particularly scary.

Australia needs to work at including people who are different. If we do we will find they are both not scary, generous and often insightful. Some people think a return to the good old days 'ie.' a British world view is the answer. To which I say assimilation whilst perhaps superficially attractive is a form of both denial and is cruel on the 'other' and ultimately self-limiting.

Kevin Walsh RFD, Cape Paterson

Alternative to hard solutions

I AM currently in Bali at Kuta beach somewhere I have been visiting for over 40 years. Specifically the true Kuta end Poppies 1 and 2. This is one of the most famous strips of sand in the world for tourism, surfing and beach amenity i.e. walking, sun baking, etc.

In recent times because of erosion many reasons why this may have occurred but most likely its decisions made to protect infrastructure further up the beach. A hard rock wall has been put in place.

Within four years there is no sand left, all the beach is never dry, surfing has been destroyed and the sand that is still there is hard and steep and the economic impact has been massive to vendors, surf schools and tourism.

It is my strong belief as a 45 plus year resident who has much of their recreational life based around the beach amenity and waves of our main beach that we must do everything we can to save our beach, but the hard solution must be the last possible option.

Please we should try what is planned for September/October but that shouldn't be the end, try an artificial reef, permanent sand pumping, realignment of the inlet channel to recreate the easterly drift and so many other possible less hard options.

Max Wells, Inverloch

Planning submissions and open government

I READ with interest your story regarding the relocation of the planning submission from Meeniyana to Korumburra. What the council does not address is those public responders who were unavailable to attend at the original date and place in Meeniyana have not been given the option to attend at the new venue and time.

You state that the public submissions to council are not to be open to the public, how does this comply with the planning submission application as posted in your paper, shown below.

The planning application statement:

The planning authority must make a copy of every submission available at its office and/or its website for any person to inspect free of charge until the end of the two months after the amendment comes into operation or lapses.

It states every submission in the application, which by definition includes verbal submissions. i.e.. public disclosure and open government guidelines. Will reporters from your paper be able to attend? Elsewhere this appears to be the case, why not in South Gippsland?

Harry Prosser, Korumburra Korumburra Senior Citizens

Woke agenda had its day, he says

YOUR editorial commentary on some community reaction to the Ngangga Festival in the letters section of your July 8 edition seems to assume that the inevitable and predetermined arrow of history is somehow linear in its quasi-Marxist race notion of 'progress'... and that the rest of us just have to suck it up and recognise that our ideological betters know best.

That sounds delusional from where over 60 per cent of the electorate were coming from when they threw out 'The Voice' referendum only 22 months ago.

Clearly, the Woke Ascendancy at all levels of governance that sponsored 'The Voice' seems not just to be tin-eared on this, but has learned nothing, and blithely continues to roll out its agenda on a magic carpet of not 'justice' so much as mindless political vanity and conceit.

Their Woke race/civilisational narrative doesn't cut much ice with a majority of your readers. It isn't just that they don't agree. They are losing patience with political and cultural leaders who just don't listen. And the proposed state government 'treaty' is just what it will take to raise a majority constituency to vote for a drover's dog rather than the ALP at the next state election.

If you haven't noticed, throughout the Western world, there is a very substantial movement against both the sexual and race narratives that have been run out of university humanities departments over the last 50 years, whose ex-students now dominate the means of social reproduction and administration.

There is a very good chance that a lot of that ascendancy won't be running anything in the next 10 years. And then we will really get to see for whom the bell tolls and who ends up in the rubbish tip of history.

Christopher Eastman-Nagle, Grantville.

Concise reporting

AGED 68, I have been reading newspapers for over 60 years. Except for the headline 'Mushroom murderer guilty of all charges', The Sentinel-Times, July 8, 2025, the court report at page three is one of the most concise that I have read.

Nicholas Green, Inverloch

Footloose launches in spectacular fashion

By Andrew Paloczi

FOOTLOOSE proved the perfect way to spend a winter's night, a large audience loving the colour and energy of Friday's opening performance at the Leongatha Memorial Hall.

While the whole cast delighted, nothing could upstage the brief but memorable appearance of assistant director Jonah van Stekelenburg, something you really need to see for yourself.

Sentinel-Times caught up with a couple of the lead performers just before the show, Aoife O'Connell, who plays Ariel Moore and Felix Fothergill in the role of Willard Hewitt, both ready for the singing and dancing to get going.

Aoife said the dancing is the most challenging aspect of Footloose for her, but you wouldn't have known it with the confidence she showed on stage, the young talent crediting the guidance the cast received.

"Emily's an amazing choreographer," she said of former professional dancer and dance studio owner Emily Laughlin, also highlighting the supportive and inclusive environment Lyric Theatre provides.

For Felix, assuming the character of Willard was the aspect he had to work hardest at, that effort paying off on the night.

"I'm not a naturally confident person and Willard channels a lot of confidence but also some vulnerability," Felix said, his performance striking the right balance.

Director Brad Beach was relaxed on the night, confident in the work the cast and crew had put in and the guidance of stage manager Alanna Besley.

He explained Alanna is in control of everything during the show, providing instructions on lighting, what needs to be moved on stage, sound effects and other aspects of the production.

"That's why we have rehearsals," Alanna said when asked if she was feeling confident in carrying out so many responsibilities, noting it is a team effort, with over 100 volunteers contributing to the show.

"We had a really good preview run last night," she said, helping explain her calm demeanour.

While the action appears spontaneous, a lot of effort goes into getting the moves and timing right, with large numbers of dancers on stage at times and various obstacles to negotiate.

"Every movement is choreographed to the nth degree," Director Brad said, with that applying equally to dancers and props such as stairs.

Although fun is a huge part of the show, Footloose delivers some serious messages in relation to issues such as the treatment of women and girls and giving young people a say in running their lives, but it never gets bogged down in heavy moments.



Volunteers are ready to look after attendees at the opening performance of Footloose. A36_2825



Mary McKillop Catholic Regional College have jumped in on the action with students and teachers involved, back from left: Tayla Atyeo Peters, Coby Fowles, Nic Vitetta, Taine Lowe, Meg Doherty, Thomas Hyland, Laura Muranty, front row: Clover Cocks, Jenna Lawrie, Alex Beach, Kaiya Muranty and Zara Gannon.

You don't have to recall the 1980s to enjoy the show, but popular musical numbers, particularly the title track, bring back fond memories for those who do.

A large flash mob added to the spectacle, dancing in the aisles and encouraging audience members to get involved, that element of the production offering further opportunities for young people to be part of the action.

Cast, crew and attendees mingled after the show, enjoying tasty sweet and savoury items while reflecting on their favourite moments.

There was even a vibrant coloured Footloose cake in celebration of the opening night.

Leongatha Lyric Theatre President and Production Manager for Footloose, Bron Beach, thanked the "amazing bunch of volunteers and all the cast and crew" who made the production a success.

Brad praised the audience as well as the cast and crew.

If you weren't part of the action, or you loved it so much you want to go again, the fun continues from Thursday, July 17, with tickets selling well but still available for that and eight other performances including three matinees.

Visit leongathalyric.com.au for session times and to book tickets.



Aoife O'Connell as Ariel Moore and Felix Fothergill as Willard Hewitt are among the energetic lead performers in Leongatha Lyric Theatre group's production of Footloose. A33_2825



Stage Manager Alanna Besley and Choreographer Emily Laughlin at Friday's opening night performance. A34_2825

Images of the past set to spring to life in Leongatha

LEONGATHA & District Historical Society is pleased it can press on with digitisation and mounting of photos in its collection, with assistance from the Public Record Office Victoria. The Society applied for a grant, securing \$1158, with its secretary Lyn Skillern telling the Sentinel-Times what the funding will help accomplish.

"Back in the 1980s, we had a large number of photographs printed and mounted, and they're getting very tatty, so we're going to scan the photographs, and enhance them if they need it," she said, with the images to then be mounted.

All images will be catalogued in the Historical Society's digital collection, enabling them to be easily found.

Lyn said the organisation has recently acquired some additional glass photographic negatives, with images from them to be digitised, printed and mounted.

The Historical Society has some glass negatives in its collection from the 1940s but many are from much earlier. While the funding is much appreciated, it won't cover the entire project cost.

"With a lot of these sorts of things, you get some money and you do as much as you can with it," Lyn said, with the need to then seek further funding.

Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien spoke of the importance of local historical societies.

"The dedicated volunteers, like those at Leongatha & District Historical Society do an incredible job capturing stories, images and documents that might otherwise be lost," he said, adding he looks forward to seeing the results of the current Leongatha photo project. For more information visit prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards.

Successful fundraiser amid chilly weather

With heaters humming and festive cheer in full swing, the Kirrak Room at Wonthaggi Workmen's Club transformed into a cosy haven for the Bass Coast Ladies Auxiliary's Christmas in July Market last Friday.

In just a couple of hours, more than \$680 was raised toward the purchase of six much-needed syringe drivers for Armitage House, replacing ageing pumps currently in use. The fundraising effort was supported by a delightful array of raffle prizes kindly donated by CWA Night Owls Drouin, Buntings, and Townsend Nursery Wonthaggi.

The BCH Ladies Auxiliary is a dedicated group of sewers, knitters, and hospital volunteers, lending their talents to the day surgery centre and regularly meeting for a cuppa and lunch at the Workmen's Club. New members are always welcome to join this passionate and community-minded team.

Next up on the auxiliary's fundraising calendar is a Bunnings sausage sizzle over Cup Weekend, followed by the ever-popular annual fete on November 8.

Discover Wonthaggi's hidden past with local historian Sam Gatto

WONTHAGGI'S rich and fascinating early history has come to life in recent weeks thanks to the captivating storytelling of local historian Sebastian J. 'Sam' Gatto.

Sam has been leading a popular class through Wonthaggi U3A, offering participants an in-depth and engaging look at the town's beginnings. Drawing on a wealth of primary sources – many rarely seen by the public – Sam has not only provided a historical overview but has brought the stories of Wonthaggi's early residents vividly to life.

His presentations have focused on the human experiences behind the town's development, making history feel personal, relevant, and alive. To cap off the course, Sam will personally lead a walking tour of key historical sites around Wonthaggi.

Tour Details:

Date: Wednesday, July 23

Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm (approx.)

Starting Point: Wonthaggi and District Historical Society, Murray Street, Wonthaggi

You are welcome to join this unique opportunity to walk through history and learn more about the people and events that shaped Wonthaggi.

Raising awareness for veterans with Sunday Sessions at The Inlet

IN THE era where challenges of mental health, addiction, and homelessness are becoming increasingly visible, communities are stepping up to take action.

On Sunday, July 20, The Inlet Hotel, Inverloch, are hosting Sunday Sessions, with artists Tristan Ross, Eric Collier, and Janine Garvey performing live, before welcoming the public on stage for open mic night.

The Inlet Hotel are providing a platform to address these issues, with all proceeds supporting the veteran advocacy centre, Boronia, managed by secretary and lead advocate Mick Quinn and his wife and treasurer Fiona Quinn – a centre, which has been an incorporated association since 2003, providing welfare assistance, DVA system processing, and repatriation services for veterans.

“We did the call for the Royal Commission in 2014, leading to significant procedural changes and improved support for veterans,” said Mick.

“Procedurally, within the department, things have changed. The department’s approach towards dealing with veterans has shifted. It’s become much less adversarial, and the centre is providing comprehensive support for those in need.”

The centre assists veterans with medical treatment, helps with their claims into the system, ensures compensation and treatment, as well as runs a food bank for those facing financial hardship and homelessness.



Tristan Ross will perform live at The Inlet Hotel, Inverloch, on Sunday, July 20, for a Sunday Session that's supporting veterans facing suicide and homelessness.

“We top people up with food. We may even cover their rent or whatever costs they have, while we’re putting them through the system to get them compensated,” said Mick.

The free event encourages donations, and attending the event provides an opportunity to not only enjoy live music but also to engage in meaningful conversations about these pressing issues.

Help ignite change at The Inlet Hotel, Inverloch on Sunday, July 20 and Sunday, August 17, with famed artist Reece Mastin making a regional appearance. Call 03 5674 1481 to make a booking.



31 years of jazz by the sea will be celebrated in Inverloch this August.

Program out for 31st Inverloch Jazz Festival

GET ready for a spectacular weekend of music, rhythm and community as the Inverloch Jazz Festival returns from Friday, August 1 to Sunday, August 3. The program is out now, and this is your cue to secure your spot, tickets are selling fast, and you won’t want to miss a beat!

This beloved winter event will transform the beautiful seaside village of Inverloch into a vibrant jazz hub, showcasing over 35 bands and 150+ musicians across four indoor venues all within easy walking distance. The lineup is a smorgasbord of styles: from trad jazz and bebop to Latin, funk, swing, big band and modern jazz.

There’s something for every music lover; whether you’re a seasoned jazz fan or new to the scene.

Performance highlights include:

- The Great Composers, featuring the best of “Anything Goes,” “Summertime,” and “Over the Rainbow”.
- Ladies Be Good, bringing playful, high-energy vocals and vibrant arrangements.
- Teen Town, a powerhouse of talent featuring some of Australia’s most respected jazz musicians.
- Arandù, a vibrant fusion of jazz, Afro-Cuban rhythms, and pop culture from Melbourne. Their electrifying sound blends traditional Latin music with soulful

modern jazz melodies, promising a dynamic performance that will leave audiences spellbound.

Tickets start from just \$65 per session or \$130 for a full weekend pass.

Get your tickets now at inverlochjazzfestival.com.

Between sets, explore Inverloch’s boutique shopping, cosy cafés, wineries and wind-swept coastal trails. Just two hours from Melbourne, this is the ultimate winter escape filled with smooth sounds, seaside charm and unforgettable musical moments.

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Reflecting on the futility of war through music and poetry

THE MSO Chamber Orchestra will present an exclusive Union Theatre Centenary event featuring works by some of the great classical composers including Debussy, Britten, Bogle and Webern in their single regional performance.

The program has been carefully curated by Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) lead violinist Sarah Curro and features special guest, actor Dennis Coard presenting an inspiring balm of music and words, entitled The Poetry of War.

The program, which explores the human response to the futility of war has been thrumming along in Sarah Curro's consciousness since she was a teenager and played a piece called The War Requiem by Benjamin Britn, which was programmed by her father for the Queensland Youth Orchestra.

Britten was a twentieth-century English composer and he wrote The War Requiem as a protest against war, using a Latin requiem mass text and Wilfred Owen's work – a poet, who died in the trenches in the First World War.

The piece of music has choirs, children's choirs and a soprano, and is a big, epic event, that is depressing,

jarring, hard to listen to, and not very well-liked, according to Ms Curro.

"Ever since playing that piece, it's just led me to this place of, oh my god, war is just so toxic and so horrific and music can be this amazing thing which can help warn people of the dangers of war, the tragedy of war and all that."

Ms Curro's long-held fascination with the piece of music has slowly developed into this thoughtful and timely program, which uses both music and poetry that emerged in times of war, or because of it.

Actor Dennis Coard will be reading the chosen poems and song lyrics from World War I, World War II and the Vietnam War, in between the pieces of music.

The musical arrangements have been chosen not to tell a traditional kind of story, but instead, to help the audience reflect, question, and try to make sense of the unimaginable.

"I haven't tried to assemble the most jarring, horrific music. I've tried to provide some French music to evoke France, some English music to evoke England. Some songs that were written in the 60s, 70s for the Vietnam War. I've tried to create musical atmospheres

to enhance these poems," explained Ms Curro.

It's a straight-through dramatic piece, more like a theatre experience and while it's an unusual format for MSO's Chamber series, Ms Curro has successfully programmed a similar performance in the past.

The Brontes: A Life in Letters, was a program where diary pages of the Bronte sisters were read by Helen Morse and this was interspersed with music from around the time of the Bronte sisters.

"I'm always interested in bringing the spoken word into a concert, and it's not all I do, but it's what I'm particularly interested in. So, anything I can do to bring in that kind of thing into what I do, I take the chance."

Older audience members will recognise memorable and famous old war songs like Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag and We'll Meet Again and if not, the beauty of the instrumental arrangement is set to be profoundly enjoyable.

"It's not esoteric, it's not modern, it's just beautiful music paired with meaningful war poetry from all sorts of points of view," explained Ms Curro.

"This isn't a political statement. This is just antiwar



Sarah Curro, lead MSO violinist has curated an inspiring balm of music and words reflecting on war, which will be performed in Wonthaggi this August. Photo: ReVerse Butcher.

in general.

"This show is a reminder of the tragedy, the sadness, the waste and the reflection we all need, every time something happens. We need to reflect and just say no more."

The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra will present the MSO Chamber Orchestra program The Poetry of War on Saturday, August 2, 2.30pm at The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi.



Dhal Saag

Lentils with spinach

By Meg Viney

MY SON came back from India with a little book 'Punjabi cooking' – really authentic, I had to look up the names of lots of ingredients. So Dhal is a lentil dish, saag is spinach, and moong are yellow lentils.

This dish is real comfort food. Any leftover would be a filling for an Indian bread. The reason the lentils are washed is to rid them of the lectin which is a protein that binds to carbohydrates and makes them indigestible.

Ingredients

- 1 cup moong (yellow lentils)
- 500 gm spinach, finely chopped
- 2 cups water
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tsp cumin
- ½ tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp garam masala
- 2 tbsp ghee (we would use butter)
- ½ tsp crushed chillies
- 1 tsp crushed ginger (or fresh)

Method

Clean and wash the lentils and boil with water, pinch of salt, chillies and turmeric. Cook 10 minutes, then add the chopped spinach. Cook until the liquid has reduced.

In a small saucepan melt the butter and add the cumin to allow it to become aromatic then add onion and ginger and fry until golden.

Stir into the dhal with the garam masala, cook another few minutes, stirring so it does not stick. Add a knob of butter and serve hot with chapati.

The Syncopators to wow Phillip Island audiences

BACK by popular demand The Syncopators will be performing at Phillip Island Bowling Club on July 20 from 2pm to 4.30pm.

The Synopators has six of the finest musicians in Australia and without doubt they are considered to be one of the best show bands in the country. If you only see one group for 2025 you will leave amazed at their organisation and control.

The members of the group are Chris Ludowyk leader and trombone, Peter Gaudion on trumpet and vocals, Richard Miller on reeds, James Clark on bass, Steven Grant on keyboards and Rod Gilbert on

drums. Originally titled as The Society Syncopators and more recently The Syncopators.

We are really looking forward to the return of this fantastic group The Syncopators. Everywhere they perform the bring large fun-loving audiences to see them and we will expect that this will be similar in July.

We recommend that you book early, if possible, which gives us an idea on how many tables and chairs we need for the day.

Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for visitors.

For more information please contact: Jill Boyce on 0417 416 300



Check out The Syncopators this weekend at Phillip Island Jazz.

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Bass Coast Health volunteer Lynne Steer purchases some delicious handmade preserves from Vicki Villella. C02_2825



Blair and Nicole were proudly selling Nicole's handmade soy candles and melts at the market. The smell was delicious! C07_2825



Dr Chels Marshall and Natalia Baechtold delved into the importance of cultural knowledge systems, and how their incredible work will help shape the cultural landscape, in this instance between the Sea Country and Land Country. C08_2825



Eevee, Jaxen and Emma Parkes enjoy the NAIDOC Week puppet making session at Leongatha Library. A03_2825



Holistic clinical nutritionist Heike Hohaus was happy to be back at this year's market and proud to support her neighbour who is one of the organisers. C03_2825



Artist Laurita Thomas, and Chris Seymour, were proudly selling Laurita's artwork which included an array of products from hair scrunchies to cheese boards and earrings. After last week's successful Ngangga Festival Laurita's products have since been picked up for retail sale. C04_2825

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Island Whale Festival, Bass Coast Auxiliary July Christmas Market, Japanese kite making at Myli Library Wonthaggi, NAIDOC Week puppet making at Leongatha Library and the opening night of Footloose



Elsie and Grace Wyatt participate in the NAIDOC Week puppet making session in Leongatha. A04_2825



Matilda, Emily and Oscar Sherriff are delighted to get out of the house on a dreary day and take part in the NAIDOC Week puppet making activity at Leongatha Library. A05_2825



Stacy and Vicky were busy checking out the market at lunchtime, with Vicky finding out about the event from close friend and stallholder Vicki Villella. C05_2825



Raye Tucker (auxiliary president), Phoenix, and Kerry Redmond (volunteer and fundraising manager) welcomed guests at the door of the Bass Coast Auxiliary's July Christmas Market. C01_2825



Marianna Lolas and Hannah and Jack Matthews don't miss any Leongatha Lyric Theatre shows. A38_2825



Friends Kevin Wayland and Sue Tattersall jumped in a quick picture for the paper after spotting each other in the crowd. C06_2825



Murray and Glenys Castle of Inverloch await the opening night performance of Footloose, being big fans of live productions. A37_2825



Three generations come together at the Myli Library in Wonthaggi, as Sarah, Holly and Rosemary Pace enjoy making traditional Japanese paper kites. W05_2825



Audrey and Luca Strange spend time with their grandmother, Chris Strange, at the Myli Library in Wonthaggi. W06_2825



Fox Richardson-Wild and her father, Luke Richardson after making some Japanese paper kites. W07_2825



Jemima Stephens and her children, Ringo and baby Elma, enjoy the school holiday activities at the Wonthaggi Library. W08_2825

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NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
& ADULT LEARNING NEWS



MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

MILPARA is currently closed over the school holiday period and will re-open on Monday, July 21.

Keep your eye out for our Term 3 timetable, which should be in local mailboxes this week. A digital copy is available online through our website: milparacommunityhouse.org.au and will also be emailed out to those who have joined our mailing list.

Milpara invites you to join our free Be Connected – Tech Information weekly Sessions, Tuesdays from 4pm to 5pm starting July 22. Held in small groups with opportunities for one-on-one support, the sessions are designed to be welcoming, practical, and paced to suit your comfort level. It's free, relaxed, and no prior tech skills are needed! Come along, have a cuppa, meet others, and learn something new that will help you stay connected in today's digital world.

Milpara Community House is more than just a place to learn – it's a trusted local hub offering support when times get tough. If you're facing food insecurity, our Emergency Food Bank is here

to help in a safe, respectful, and non-judgmental space. Drop in for assistance on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday between 10am and 1pm, or contact us to make an appointment. Remember to bring your own bags!

Have extra produce from the garden? Our Community Produce Table gratefully accepts donations of fresh, home-grown fruit and vegetables – every item shared helps a neighbour in need.

Need help with government services? Our Services Australia Agent is available at Milpara to assist you:

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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

DATES for Term 3 courses are on the website now and the winter Course Guide will be distributed soon.

Term 3 features mid-year intakes for Certificate III in Horticulture and the Hairdressing course, Certificate II in Salon Assistant. Enrolments are being taken for both courses right now.

Recently the Hospitality Job Ready Skills course for under-25s welcomed 18 participants. The one-day course covered barista skills, safe food handling, and job applications.

The Friday Care Economy course is going great. Recently, some students have been working on citizenship tests and practising workplace conversation. Others have been researching volunteering opportunities, expanding networks, and doing self-esteem activities. This will all be continuing in Term 3.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

A visitor to the garden last week was new to South Gippsland and to veggie growing.

Volunteers were glad to put aside their tools for a while, to guide her around the garden's plots, checking out what veg was doing well and answering questions about getting started.

She was also interested in the garden's composting system, as well as environmentally friendly pest control. Lots of

food for thought. And photos to help remember it all.

A visit to the community garden is a useful starting point for new residents and local folk who want to grow their own produce: a real-world example that shows it can be done.

For more community garden information contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or BCAL on 56723115. Visitors are welcome on Thursdays from 10am to noon, when volunteers get together.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies love it when a member has a clean-out, because they get the spoils.

Last Friday, a member who was tidying up her shed brought some timber in for the members to share. Most of it was labelled and dated, making it easy to identify what was ready to work on.

"Ooh, I like that! Look at the colours!" one member exclaimed as he picked up a piece of acacia and immediately started getting ideas about what to do with it.

Woodcrafting groups are a bring-and-share experience, whether it's knowledge, tools, or materials.

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



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Real Estate South Gippsland and Bass Coast



ACOSS acting CEO Jacqueline Phillips has voiced her concern following the RBA's decision to hold interest rates, urging urgent support for struggling households amid rising financial pressures. *File photo.*

Rates on hold at punishingly high levels

AUSTRALIAN Council of Social Service (ACOSS) is deeply disappointed by the Reserve Bank of Australia's decision to leave interest rates on hold, saying there is a missed crucial opportunity to deliver relief to millions of people doing it tough.

"Today's (Tuesday, July 8) decision is a blow for millions of people in Australia on low and modest incomes who are struggling to cover the basics," ACOSS acting CEO Jacqueline Phillips said.

"It means that it will take longer to restore growth in jobs and wages after a decade of stagnation.

"With inflation now well within the target range, there is no justification for keeping rates at punishingly high levels. Economic conditions clearly support rate reductions and the RBA's inaction today means people will continue to struggle.

"Low unemployment is not causing inflation and should be celebrated. With job vacancies declining, unemployment will rise further unless interest rates are reduced. The longer rates remain high, the greater the risk that unemployment will rise and more households will be pushed to the brink."

ACOSS says the government also has a role to play in providing relief and reducing financial pressure beyond decisions taken by the RBA.

"We need effective action to lift incomes and ease cost pressures for struggling households," Ms Phillips said.

"We are calling for an urgent increase to social security payments to lift the incomes of those with the least, as well as further investment in social housing and home energy upgrades for low-income homes to improve housing affordability and lower energy bills."

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Contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801

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\$695,000

Contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801



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Don't miss out on this piece of prime land located in the picturesque Loch area. For further information or to inspect the property, Ben Townsend on 0400 594 487.

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Land119 acres*

482 Loch-Poowong Road, **Loch**
For Sale \$1.8 Million
Agent Elders
Ben Townsend 0400 594 487

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Web ID: 300P134498\$1,090,000

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Kongwak3.3 Acres

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• Corner block with good fencing
• Established Trees
• Zoned farming

Web ID: 300P180695\$340,000

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• 3-bed, 2-bath home
• 2-bed cottage for dual living
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Web ID: 300P175224\$875,000

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Buffalo683 Acres

Ivy Park Buffalo

• Fattens around 400-500 steers on an annual basis

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4 2 2 8.11 acres*

115 Leongatha North Road,
Leongatha North
For Sale \$1,450,000
Agent Ray White Leongatha
Michael Hanily 0417 311 756
** Approximately*

Timeless elegance with panoramic views

THIS true architectural gem offers a rare opportunity to secure a unique lifestyle property on approximately 8.11 acres that blends period elegance, modern convenience and rural charm all set within a stunning landscape of privacy and panoramic beauty.

Steeped in history and timeless elegance, this Mt Gambier limestone homestead is defined by its extraordinary craftsmanship, including soaring 3.3 metre ceilings, ornate Victorian cornices and deep skirtings and architraves. Accessed via a sweeping circular driveway framed by level paddocks ideal for horses or livestock the home is encircled by wide bull-nosed verandas that take in both the morning sun and afternoon shade.

Inside, the expansive floor-plan is both functional and flexible outlined by bay windows and French doors providing a tranquil setting year-round of the beautifully landscaped gardens. The front lounge offers a warm and inviting space with a wood fire heater and bar that seamlessly connects to the meals area and generously proportioned kitchen featuring a walk-in pantry, dishwasher, Falcon gas stove with double oven, Everhot combustion stove and a generous island bench.

Accommodation is headlined by the grand master suite, complete with a

walk-through robe and a spacious ensuite with direct garden access. Three additional bedrooms, all with built-in robes are serviced by a central bathroom with separate bath, shower and toilet. A dedicated office provides flexibility for those working from home while the formal living and dining room adds another layer of grandeur, enhanced by two open fireplaces and French doors that open to outdoor entertaining spaces. Comfort is assured year-round with hydronic heating, zoned ducted refrigerated air conditioning, a ducted vacuum system and security system.

Outside, enjoy uninterrupted 360-degree views of the surrounding farmland while entertaining on the paved area, complete with a built-in gas barbecue. The sparkling, solar-heated, saltwater pool equipped with a convenient self-cleaning system lies just beyond providing the perfect space for relaxing or hosting in style. Ideal for families or hobby farmers, the property includes three well-fenced paddocks, a cattle crush and race and an automatic stock watering system. Two large concrete rainwater tanks service the home and garden, while additional infrastructure includes an oversized two-car garage with workshop, multiple sheds and shearing quarters.

Surrounded by nature hidden on the edge of Foster

A UNIQUE opportunity to purchase this four-bedroom, two-bathroom family home sitting on approximately 4.4 acres of land. All within easy walking distance to schools and shops right on the edge of town offering the new owners the best of both town and country living.

The house is solid weatherboard and brick construction and is surrounded by well-established landscaped gardens all overlooking a dam that is full of native wildlife. Everywhere you look outside offers you something new and you can see why they have held family weddings in these gardens.

- Separate two-acre paddock is fully fenced with its own dam.
- Centrally located outdoor area, covered on three sides with a built-in barbecue and a verandah wrapping around three sides of the house.
- Large 12m x 16m shed with office and mezzanine floor for storage, toilet and shower, large roller doors and a high roof that is perfect to store a caravan, boat or to use as a workshop.
- The kitchen has a large 900mm oven with a silent range hood overhead and a gas cooktop. A huge walk-in pantry and loads of storage

throughout the entire kitchen.

- Large light bright family living room with a wood heater set in a feature stone wall, black wood bar, vaulted ceilings and split system heating and cooling and new carpet throughout.
- All four bedrooms are very large and look out onto the native gardens, dam and paddock.
- The master bedroom has a walk-in and built-in wardrobes and an ensuite bathroom.
- The other three bedrooms are generously sized with ceiling fans and share a large modern bathroom.
- 100,000-litre water tank has been recently re-lined.
- Located on a no through road seeing very minimal traffic pass by.

The quality of this property has to be seen to be appreciated in a very private location. As you sit in the quiet and enjoy these magnificent gardens you will forget you are so close to town. So if you're looking for more than the average family home inspection is a must on this one.

For more information or to arrange a private inspection please contact David County on 0417 397 650 at Ray White Foster.



4 2 2 4.4 acres*

44 Davis Road, **Foster**
For Sale \$1,600,000
Agent Ray White Foster
Dave County 0417 397 650
** Approximately*



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For Sale

1 Bass Highway, **Inverloch**

THE DREAM LOCATION

- Flat 5-Acre Block
- Power connected
- Equestrian-ready with 3 horse shelters
- Close to township & beaches

Michael Hanily 0417 311 756

\$875,000

Land



For Sale

25 Whitelaw Street, **Meeniyán**

MODERN MAKEOVER ON LARGE BLOCK

- Large 1,285m² (approx) block
- Updated throughout
- Fully fenced yard with rear lane access
- Walking distance to main street

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$520,000 - \$540,000

3 1/2, 1 2 1/2



For Sale

4/17 MacDonald St, **Leongatha**

PEACEFUL LIVING IN THE GRANGE

- Immaculate unit for those over 55
- 2 living areas
- Fully fenced yard with undercover patio
- Access to a shared multi-purpose building

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$530,000

2 1/2, 2 2 1/2



For Sale

14 Ogilvy Street, **Leongatha**

EDWARDIAN CHARM

- 1092m² (approx) flat block
- Wonderful foundation to restore
- A wide block with side access
- A short stroll to Leongatha's main street

David Trotman 0418 589 805

\$535,000

4 1/2, 1 2 1/2



For Sale

10 Rolfe Close, **Leongatha**

MODERN COMFORT, SERENE SETTING

- Open plan family home
- 2 living areas plus a study
- Sleek & stylish kitchen
- Low-maintenance backyard

David Trotman 0418 589 805

\$760,000

4 1/2, 2 2 1/2



For Sale

38 Brumley Street, **Leongatha**

TIMELESS CHARM ON LARGE BLOCK

- Thoughtfully updated
- Generous 1,047m² (approx) block
- 9m x 15m shed with power & mezzanine
- Laneway access at the rear

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$525,000 - \$545,000

2 1/2, 1 2 1/2



For Sale

56 Jeffrey Street, **Leongatha**

SPACIOUS HOME IN PRIME LOCATION

- 2 living areas plus study nook
- Large modern kitchen
- New bathroom with modern finishes
- Undercover entertaining area

Michael Hanily 0417 311 756

\$490,000 - \$525,000

3 1/2, 1 2 1/2



For Sale

26 Callaway Crescent, **Leongatha**

ENTERTAINERS PARADISE

- Views over a neighbouring reserve
- Well appointed galley kitchen
- Sprawling deck
- 9m x 6m LU shed with power & workshop

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$690,000

4 1/2, 2 2 1/2



For Sale

31 Hourigan Camp Lane, **Yanakie**

PRIVATE SANCTUARY

- Luxurious home on 2.5 acres
- Open plan living/dining
- Walk to Shallow Inlet with Prom views
- Successful high end Airbnb

Wendy Gregson 0477 665 868

\$1,900,000

5 1/2, 4 2 1/2



For Sale

Address on request

MAJESTIC FEDERATION HOME 'REWAH'

- Luxuriously restored for modern living
- Period charm with 11ft ceilings
- 14 acres of prime land with river frontage
- Self-contained cottage

Wendy Gregson 0477 665 868

\$1,850,000

4 1/2, 3 2 1/2



For Sale

9 Power Street, **Foster**

HUGE FLAT BLOCK

- Recently renovated brick home
- 1484m² block with 12m x 8m shed
- Solar panels with battery
- Fully fenced, low maintenance gardens

Dave County 0417 397 650

\$650,000

3 1/2, 2 2 1/2



For Sale

4585 South Gippsland Hwy, **Toora**

VIEWS TO THRILL!

- Views to Wilsons Prom & Hoddle Ranges
- Elevated 5 acres with fruit trees
- Light-filled open plan living
- Pizza oven & outdoor hot/cold baths

Wendy Gregson 0477 665 868

\$849,000

2 1/2, 2 2 1/2



For Sale

2160 Meeniyán Promontory Rd, **Fish Creek**

EAGLE ROCK

- Approx. 220 acres with stone homestead
- 360° views to Wilsons Prom
- Quality shedding & solar power
- Restored gold mine shaft

Peter Bellingham 0439 178 653

Contact Agent

5 1/2, 3 2 1/2



For Sale

44 Davis Road, **Foster**

EDGE OF TOWN ACREAGE!

- Craftsman built home with recent updates
- Landscaped gardens with ornamental dam
- 4.4 acres approx. ideal for hobby farming
- 12m x 16m shed with office & mezzanine

Dave County 0417 397 650

\$1,600,000

4 1/2, 2 2 1/2



For Sale

3 Banksia Rise, **Foster**

BRAND NEW HOME

- 7-star energy rating, builder's warranty
- Move-in ready with first home incentives
- Open plan with stone benchtops
- Low-maintenance, landscaped yard

Wendy Gregson 0477 665 868

\$665,000

3 1/2, 2 2 1/2



For Sale

Address on request, **Inverloch**

OUTSTANDING DAIRY OPPORTUNITY

- Approx. 393 acres across 3 titles
- 25 S/O Herringbone dairy, 450-cow yard
- 2x 30T silos & roller mill with 10,600L vat
- Updated home just 3km from Inverloch

Peter Bellingham 0439 178 653

Sally by Negotiation

4 1/2, 2 2 1/2

Tranquil hills lifestyle property with sweeping views



4 2 2 5 Acres*

1470 Meeniyar Mirboo North Road,
Dumbalk
For Sale \$880,000 - \$895,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Emily Hillberg 0422 622 299
Andrew Newton 0402 940 320
**Approximately*

SET on an idyllic five-acre approx. parcel of land surrounded by rolling hills and flowing views, this beautifully maintained four-bedroom (or three-bedroom plus study) lifestyle property offers the perfect balance of rural living. Designed for comfort and practicality, this is a rare opportunity to secure your slice of country serenity for a very reasonable price, without compromising on quality.

Inside, the home boasts a thoughtful floor plan with carpeted bedrooms and contemporary tiles throughout the remainder of the home. The kitchen is designed for practicality, featuring a walk-in pantry, an electric oven with gas cooktop, dishwasher, and a good amount of bench space.

A cosy wood heater warms the home and is situated in the main living space, with additional year-round comfort provided by a reverse cycle air conditioner. Sliding double doors separate the lounge from the open-plan kitchen and dining area, offering flexibility for both quiet nights and family gatherings. Abundant natural light fills the home, creating a bright and welcoming atmosphere.

The master suite is privately positioned at one end of the home and includes a renovated ensuite with stepless shower and a walk-in robe. Two of the other bedrooms are fitted with wardrobes and all rooms showcase stunning views right from the bed, a daily reminder of the picturesque surrounds. Downlights flow throughout, with feature lighting adding character to the bedrooms. Designed with convenience in

mind, the updated laundry adds a touch of modern comfort to the daily routine. Enjoy the benefit of an instantaneous gas hot water system, delivering reliable hot water whenever you need it.

Outside, the lifestyle offering truly shines. A shed includes one open bay plus a lockable workshop and a dedicated sheep shearing setup. There are two garden sheds plus another modest storage shed within one of the paddocks as well as an additional storage room conveniently attached to the house, next to the double carport. Raised garden beds make home-grown produce a joy, while the established garden excels through the spring/summer months showcasing an array of colours. For added peace of mind, a generator is integrated with the mains power board to provide effortless backup power during any outage.

The land is thoughtfully divided into six paddocks with water in each, currently home to 10 grazing sheep. The property features 66,000-litre water storage over multiple tanks, supplying the current owners ample supply year-round. A circular driveway offers effortless access and ample parking for residents and guests alike.

Whether you're chasing a peaceful tree change or simply a property with space to breathe, this home delivers. Perfectly positioned just minutes from the heart of Dumbalk, and only a short 10-minute drive to Mirboo North or 15 minutes to Leon-gatha, it offers the ideal balance of rural tranquillity and convenient access to the nearby township.

Magnificent family home adjacent park land

WELCOME to this beautiful residential house located in the Powlett Ridge Estate in Wonthaggi. This stunning family home boasts five spacious bedrooms, including the versatile fifth bedroom that can easily serve as a study. The open-plan design creates a light-filled atmosphere, perfect for family living and entertaining.

Enjoy two generous living areas that provide ample space for relaxation and gatherings. The well-appointed kitchen features a walk-in pantry, making meal preparation a breeze. With ducted heating throughout, you'll stay warm and cosy during the cooler months.

Step outside to discover the undercover alfresco area, ideal for entertaining friends and family. The sitting area for a fire pit adds a touch of charm to your outdoor experience. With side access and parking available for a caravan, this property is perfect for those who love adventure. Across the road you have your own little nature park going on with a local mob of kangaroos taking up residence in the area. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

Disclaimer: Whilst every care has been taken in preparing the above information, it is to be used as a guide only. Please refer to the appropriate legal documentation to complete your due diligence.

5 2 2 685m²

31 Connection Road, **Wonthaggi**
For Sale \$815,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Wonthaggi Office 03 5672 1911



LEONGATHA  3 Young Street - Commercial investment with anchor tenant - Industrial 1 Zoning, edge of Leongatha CBD - Total title approximately 1183m² \$900,000 Inc GST Contact: Leongatha Office	KORUMBURRA  Coming Soon 3 bedroom plus bungalow - Land size = 5003m² - Views / Vacant possession \$598,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	GRANTVILLE PRICE REDUCED  10 Monk Lane 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, double garage - Striking modern nome - One-Off design in a peaceful pocket \$669,000 Contact: Grantville Office	WONTHAGGI  20/109 Korumburra Road - Over 55's village 2 bedrooms - Large open plan living \$329,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office
LEONGATHA  55 Bair Street - Located in the heart of Leongatha's CBD 90m² (approx.) shop, mostly open plan - Kitchenette, toilet facilities, storage shed \$350,000 (GST Not Applicable) Contact: Leongatha Office	JEETHO  Coming Soon 4 bedroom on approx. 7 acres - Private / Great Views - Various Shedding \$895,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	GRANTVILLE PRICE REDUCED  34A Portview Avenue 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, double garage - Make this modern and low-maintenance 3 bedroom house your home \$575,000 - \$585,000 Contact: Grantville Office	WONTHAGGI  28 Cavil Drive 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom - Family home - Fantastic side access \$629,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office
MIRBOO NORTH  30 Inglis Avenue - Renovated cottage with leafy outlook 620 sqm with shedding, raised garden beds - Updated inside and out, opposite rail trail \$479,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	KORUMBURRA  Coming Soon 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom brick family home - Double garage, garden shed - Nothing to spend \$650,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	KOO WEE RUP PRICE REDUCED  11 Townley Road 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, double garage - Modern living in prime location \$665,000 - \$685,000 Contact: Grantville Office	WONTHAGGI  18 Cameron Street 4 bedrooms - Separate lounge area - Low maintenance \$439,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office
MIDDLE TARWIN  105 Haws Road 6124m² (approx.), architecturally designed - Views over farmland to Wilson's Prom - Remote garage, 15m x 8m powered shed \$995,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	KORUMBURRA  23 Bridge Street - Grand period home - Prime corner location 3 bedroom, 3 living \$675,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	CORINELLA  1 Hughes Street 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom - Nothing but trees between you and the bay \$739,000 - \$759,000 Contact: Grantville Office	WONTHAGGI  9/21 McKenzie Street 2 bedroom unit - Walking distance to CBD - Immaculate condition \$379,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA

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Tony Giles 0407 528 192

Dan Huther 0418 334 801

KORUMBURRA

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36 Bridge Street

Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898

GRANTVILLE

5678 8433

1505 Bass Highway

Angus Hall 0466 326 487

WONTHAGGI

5672 1911

Cnr Murray & Billson Streets

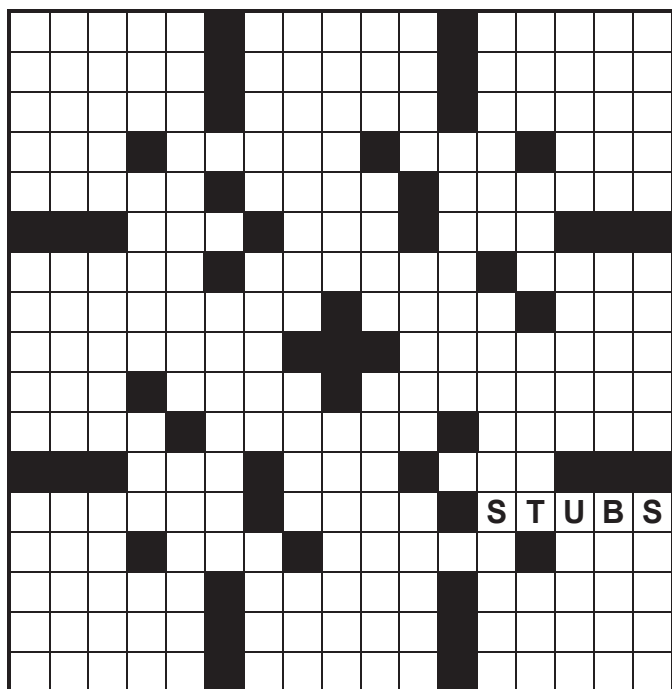
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Phil Hanley 0417 140 508

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A 15x15 crossword puzzle grid. The word "SOLUTION" is written vertically on the left side, spanning from row 1 to row 15. The grid contains various letters and empty spaces, representing a crossword puzzle.

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ANSWERS: 1. 1920s 2. Cheese and pepper 3. Myt Warhurst and Joel Creasey 4. Fushimi Inari-taisha 5. Givenchy 6. True 7. Australian women and non-binary people in literature 8. 27 9. Picnic at Hanging Rock (1975) 10. Pb

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

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AMARYLLIS	LILY	SQUASH
ANNUAL	LOTUS	SUNDEW
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AVENS	MUSK	THYME
AZALEA	MYRTLE	WATTLE
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CHERRY	ORCHID	
DAISY	PETAL	

SECRET MESSAGE: A peony for your thoughts? They're surely worth much more



Tough farming conditions linger for local farmers

THE rain may have finally come to Gippsland in recent weeks, but for many local farmers, it arrived too late to repair the damage left by months of poor growing conditions and scarce feed.

At Bassine Specialty Cheeses in Loch, Kaye Courtney and Glen Bisognin know all too well how hard it's been to keep paddocks, animals and their small business going during the recent dry weather.

"Glen took steps to prepare the paddocks. He was more prepared and had more plans in place this year than any other year, and yet it still wasn't good enough because the rain just didn't come," Kaye said.

"It's pretty serious and a lot of us farmers are floundering as to what we can do."

The lack of rain has meant tough decisions for many, including Glen and Kaye. They've had to reduce their milking herd and send some cows off to other grazing blocks just to find enough feed. But fewer cows means less milk – which in turn affects production at their factory and the work available for their local staff.

"It's difficult enough to lay off someone who has been performing poorly, but when you've got amazing staff and you have to lay them off, it breaks your heart," Kaye said. "It led to sleepless nights and certainly a lot of tears. Initially, we cut back hours first to try and stop the bleeding, but it was quickly obvious that wasn't enough."

While recent rain has brought a flicker of hope, it came too late to save winter crops.



Glen Bisognin and Kaye Courtney say looking after their herd through tough seasons is always worth it, but never easy. W10_2825

"It's too early to tell – we're only halfway through winter and I'm concerned about what the other half is going to look like," Kaye said. "What rain we did get came so late that the ground was too cold for the grass to grow."

And even when the rain does return, recovery takes time.

"Unfortunately, it doesn't rain grass," Kaye said.

"It'll take a little while for the cows to respond to that. It'll be a while before we can build the herd back up."

One lifeline has come from local people themselves. Earlier this year, Glen shared a post explaining the tough conditions they were facing – and the community turned out in force.

"The response from the public was absolutely fantastic. We were so busy that weekend after the post," Kaye said.

"One man even came and donated \$50 to the cows. We

weren't asking for charity, but he insisted. It was very overwhelming."

In times like this, that support means everything – not just financially, but emotionally.

"Just consider local first, if at all possible," Kaye said.

"Even buying from the local general store means they've supported the local store and us – that means they've supported two local businesses. And more than that, it's about understanding when we're unable to supply something. Understanding that we've tried."

This year has brought practical challenges too – like feeding cattle on lawns that never grew or hauling molasses by hand to keep the herd healthy in the absence of hay.

"Seeing their production lift and them enjoying the molasses balances the extra work out," Kaye said with a smile.

Through it all, resilience remains a farmer's most precious tool.

"We've been farming for quite a long time, and you've got to be resilient. It's a belief that you'll get through anything," Kaye said.

"I've always been an optimist. I think we just don't give up."

As Glen put it, sometimes what keeps you going is the quiet word of encouragement.

"It's been really tough recently, but I'm really lucky," he said.

"When I come into the café to get a coffee, people ask me if I'm the farmer, and they tell me how much they love the farm and how great of a job we're doing. But a lot of farmers don't get that kind of reassurance. It can be a solitary lifestyle. All the farmers in the area should know that they're doing a great job in these tough conditions."



Beef farmer Brenton Kuch from Gippsland appeared on the reality TV series Farmer Wants a Wife in 2023.

Are you a Gippsland farmer looking for love?

GIPPSLAND farmers who are looking to fall in love are encouraged to apply for the 2026 series of Channel 7's, Farmer Wants a Wife.

The reality TV show is in the final stages of locking in the next crop of farmers for their 16th series and are calling out for all single farmers to apply, and to do it soon.

Alternatively, those who may know a hard-working legend of the land looking for love are invited to do in a farmer, who would make a good contender for the show.

In 2023, 28-year-old beef farmer Brenton Kuch from Darriman, appeared on our screens, choosing five girls from eight speed dates to take home, subsequently hitting it off with Sophie Holcombe and Rachel Boothman.

During the show, visits and filming was undertaken in many local locations, one notable one being a visit to the Leongatha Saleyards on a store cattle sale day when Brenton had several pens of his cattle auctioneered off by Brian McCormack of Nutrien Ag Solutions.

While Brenton and Sophie fell in love on their TV journey leading to a fairytale ending on the show; a handful of months after the show ended they unfortunately announced their split. It was rumoured that Brenton then struck up a romantic relationship with runner-up, Rachel Boothman, but both later claimed they were just friends.

While the Gippsland farmer ultimately didn't find love on the show, it could be said that Farmer Wants A Wife is still Australia's most successful dating show. It has resulted in 11 marriages, nine long-term relationships, and 28 children over 15 seasons in 18 years. So what are you waiting for? To apply go to farmerwantsawife.com.au or to do in a farmer email: farmerwantsawife@eurekaproductions.au.

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Heavy feeders firm

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded another good offering of 2400 at Thursday’s VLE Leongatha store sale with a good size crowd in attendance.

Demand remained very strong from feedlot buyers for the mid and heavy-weighted Angus feeders with results in line with the previous few weeks.

Coloured heavy steers were solid with a few local bullock operators back in the market.

Weaner steers were strong with local buyers back at the rail after further good falls of rain with only a couple of northern orders operating.

Heavy heifers to feed and the better end of the weaner heifers remained steady.

Secondary and Xbred types sold to stronger demand with local and East Gippsland buyers competing on a smaller offering.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, July 10, 2025

Steers

B & S Hatswell 10 Angus	625kg	\$4.57	\$2860
Koppa P/L 10 Angus	605kg	\$4.56	\$2760
Mayfield Park 20 Angus	604kg	\$4.73	\$2860
T.R Waite 18 Angus	589kg	\$4.83	\$2850
C Farmer 12 Angus	574kg	\$4.93	\$2830
J Zapia 12 Char	574kg	\$4.51	\$2590
T.R Waite 13 Angus	573kg	\$4.45	\$2550
Lotus 14 Angus	566kg	\$4.84	\$2740
A Heldoorn 12 Angus	549kg	\$4.73	\$2600
Lotus 12 Angus	540kg	\$4.87	\$2630
T.R Waite 21 Angus	537kg	\$4.69	\$2520
P Berryman & G McGee 17 Ang	531kg	\$5.02	\$2670
C Tirpcou 18 Hereford	528kg	\$4.54	\$2400
R & C Walker 22 Angus & BB	521kg	\$4.76	\$2480
Bingarra Park 18 Angus	521kg	\$4.76	\$2480
Bunya Park Part. 20 Angus	513kg	\$4.81	\$2470
P Berryman & G McGee 18 Ang	481kg	\$4.90	\$2360
C Tirpcou 18 Angus	500kg	\$4.74	\$2370
D & S McMahon 10 Ang & BB	489kg	\$4.80	\$2350
Fulton Farming 20 Angus	476kg	\$4.89	\$2330
D & J Finlay 17 MG	469kg	\$4.12	\$1930
Fulton Farming 20 Angus	466kg	\$5.00	\$2330
W & T Warren 20 Char	406kg	\$4.18	\$1700
D Burn 11 Char	381kg	\$4.19	\$1600
W & T Warren 23 Angus	380kg	\$4.32	\$1640
Ben Brady 19 Angus	377kg	\$4.88	\$1840
D & M Boddy 19 Angus	364kg	\$4.54	\$1660
H Mcphie 12 Angus	353kg	\$4.33	\$1530
Ecclesall Pastoral15 Angus	352kg	\$4.82	\$1700
Tulla Holding 19 Angus	357kg	\$4.17	\$1490
Happy L Group 17 Angus	339kg	\$3.98	\$1350
L & L Mccrorey 15 Angus	309kg	\$4.69	\$1450
S Madden Pty Ltd 23 Angus	295kg	\$5.13	\$1510
Rural Operations Group 13 Ang	281kg	\$4.94	\$1390
E C Lambourn 11 Red Angus	257kg	\$4.51	\$1160
Bass Coast Farm 11 Angus	245kg	\$4.57	\$1120
Yulong Farm 11 Angus	229kg	\$4.89	\$1120
A Kimberley 10 Angus	218kg	\$4.58	\$1000

Heifers

Lotus Farms 16 Angus	476kg	\$4.11	\$1950
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E C Lambourn 13 Red Angus	245kg	\$4.00	\$980
Rural Operations Group 19 Ang	232kg	\$4.26	\$990
Bass Coast Farm 12 Angus	230kg	\$3.56	\$820
Yulong Farm 13 Angus	220kg	\$3.45	\$760

X Bred & Dairy Steers

M Bartlett 10 Friesian	620kg	3.58	\$2220
Franklin Downs 28 Angus x	335kg	3.86	\$1350

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, July 7, 2025

Jersey & Jersey x	\$18 to \$46
Friesian Bulls	\$25 to \$74
Beef Bulls	\$40 to \$150
Beef Heifers	\$50 to \$180
Friesian Heifers	\$38 to \$55

Number of Calves: 237

Number purchased to rear: 62

Steer & Heifer Store Sale

Steers	\$260 to \$1080
Heifers	\$150 to \$700

Number of Calves: 145

You don’t know how many second chances you get

THE Nationals’ Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath, is encouraging farmers to embrace the theme of this year’s Farm Safety Week - “Second Chances – who knows how many you will get” - by making safety and wellbeing a top priority.

Farm Safety Week runs from Sunday, July 20 to Saturday, July 26. It is a timely reminder that every day on the land has risks and challenges for our farmers.

Ms Bath said it’s a chance for all our primary producers to reflect, reset, and recommit to safer practices that protect lives and livelihoods on the farm.

“Farming is a way of life, but it’s also one of Australia’s most high-risk professions.

“From operating heavy machinery to managing livestock and working long hours in isolation, the workplace risks are many, but so are the opportunities to make positive change to help keep everyone safe.”

Ms Bath said growing up on a dairy farm, she understands the physical and emotional demands of life on the land.

“Farmers are incredibly hard-

working and resilient, but they’re not invincible.

“Farm Safety Week is about avoiding injury, minimising risk, asking for help, and prioritising wellbeing. With many farmers facing the pressures of drought and financial uncertainty, it’s important to check in.

Many farmers are experiencing financial strain and are physically and mentally exhausted as they work around the clock to secure food and water for their livestock.

During times of drought, farmers must make brave decisions about their work and the future of their farms.

“It’s vital we stand alongside our primary producers and offer support, targeted resources, and encouragement, so they know they’re not facing these challenges alone.

“Farmers are the backbone of our communities – let’s use this week to start conversations about safety and wellbeing, review practices, and remind ourselves that every second chance is a gift.”

For more information on Farm Safety Week, visit farm-safe.org.au.



Mardan farmer Rhonda Lester, Pip the Kelpie and Melina Bath MP discuss Farm Safety Week.

Graham Osborne focused on farm safety as a major priority



Graham Osborne, pictured at the Leongatha Saleyards, places great importance on safety for everyone working on his beef farming properties. A18_2725

RUNNING beef farming properties in Tarwin, Buffalo, Pound Creek and Foster, Graham Osborne chatted to the Sentinel-Times at a recent Leongatha Store Sale about some of the safety measures he employs.

He said that in his cattle yards, those performing vaccination and drenching duties are protected by sheet fencing, ensuring no arms through rails, therefore guarding against broken bones should cattle push up against the fencing.

Gates that swing and allow operators to stand outside their opening arc ensure that those opening them aren’t hit if cattle barge into the gates.

“You don’t have to push the gate; you can just unlatch it and throw it,” Graham said.

Vehicle safety is another consideration.

“All our bikes, buggies and tractors have roll frames,” Graham said, making clear that the business takes

safety seriously in relation to all work equipment.

He added there is a general discussion to be had on whether farm vehicle operators should be wearing helmets but noted the vehicles on his properties are fitted with seat belts.

While preventing accidents is a big focus, Graham highlighted another danger farmworkers face.

“The bigger threat is probably the sun, and we like to see people in hats with brims,” he said.

“We’ve got sunroofs on all the tractors, and in the buggies we’ve got filled-in roofs.”

He noted the impressive record the business has achieved.

“I suppose the measure is we haven’t called an ambulance in 40 years,” he said, adding, “It’s not to say we’ve got it perfectly right,” happy to make improvements where further safety measures are identified.

Keeping farms safe by recognising the importance of mental health

THE Nationals’ Member for Gippsland South, Danny O’Brien is urging all local farmers and farm workers to stop, reflect and reprioritise safety as part of 2025 National Farm Safety Week, running from July 20–26.

Centred around the theme, Second Chances – Who Knows How Many You’ll Get?, this year’s campaign from Farmsafe Australia reinforces that every near miss carries a lesson that we must learn from while also shining a confronting light on the real cost of cutting corners, as outlined in the 2025 Safer Farms Report.

Mr O’Brien highlighted that there has been a devastating spike in on-farm incidents across the nation in 2024, with 72 lives lost and 133 serious injuries recorded – a sobering increase from the five-year average of 53 fatalities and more than double the 2023 figures.

“This is a heartbreaking reality check for farming communities across Australia – and Gippsland South is no exception,” Mr O’Brien said.

“Our region relies heavily on agriculture, and our farms are more than workplaces – they’re homes, and they must

be safe places.”

The data shows the most dangerous machinery continues to be side-by-side (14 deaths), quad bikes (10 deaths), and tractors (eight deaths) – with many of these fatalities preventable through planning, awareness, and safe practices.

Mr O’Brien said this year there will also be a focus on how failing to protect your mental health can cloud your judgement, reduce reaction time and even increase the risk of physical harm.

“It is important that we recognise mental health as an

integral part of farm safety.

“Farming can be an isolating and high-pressure job, and when mental health struggles go unnoticed or untreated, the risk of harm increases for everyone.

“If you’re struggling, please reach out. Getting help isn’t a weakness – it’s a safeguard. Just like we service our equipment or repair a fence, we must take care of ourselves.”

Mr O’Brien encouraged all Gippsland farmers to take time during the week to reflect, speak up and take action to improve safety on their properties.



High quality steers continue to impress

GOOD quality cattle again sold strongly at Thursday's Store Sale, with lots of steers in the medium to heavy weight bracket making around \$4.80 a kilo, give or take, and some prices going far higher, while well-bred lighter steers also excelled.

A pen of 23 Angus steers from S. Madden, weighing an average of 295 kilos sold for \$1510, the excellent return of \$5.12 a kilo underlining what lighter weight cattle can currently achieve.

Rural Operations Group fared well with a pen of 13 slightly lighter Angus steers that averaged 281 kilos and made a healthy \$4.94 per kilo at \$1390 a head.

Moving up the weight divisions, a pen of 17 Angus steers from P Berryman and G. McGee fetched \$2670 at \$5.02 per kilo for cattle weighing 531 kilos on average.

Demand remained strong from feedlot buyers, driving the ongoing good prices for mid and heavy-weight Angus feeders, with local buyers becoming more involved after good rain, helping drive up weaner steer prices.

Leongatha VLE reported that prices for heavy heifers to feed and the better end of the weaner heifers remained steady.



David Setches sells for Alex Scott & Staff at Thursday's Store Sale. A55_2825

Decisions that drive drought recovery

A POWERFUL, practical and free one-day workshop on how to build resilience, navigate crisis and adapt to change will be held in Meeniyah on Wednesday, August 27.

Feel confident and equipped to make the decisions necessary to navigate farm business through the current seasonal crisis/challenges by:

- Learning how to navigate competing priorities for limited resources (family, farm and business);
- Identifying key resource issues, stressors, risks and opportunities for farm business;
- Learning improved decision-making skills and how to manage key priorities – especially when under pressure and stress;
- Learning skills to rebuild capacity after battling personal/health and business challenges;
- Connecting to networks that support recovery and resilience.

Morning tea and a light lunch provided.

On Wednesday, August 27 from 9am to 3.30pm at the Meeniyah Community Hub, 95 Whitelaw Street, Meeniyah.

Register at: trybooking.com/events/landing/1428925

New requirements for all poultry owners announced

STARTING from early 2026, there will be new regulations for all poultry owners on how to care for and manage poultry in Victoria, as announced by Agriculture Victoria.

The new requirements seek to improve poultry welfare and to provide certainty and confidence within the industry, the community and markets.

All poultry producers or backyard poultry owners in Victoria must comply with the regulations that are relevant to individual poultry owners once they commence, from early 2026.

The Poultry Welfare Standards set out a range of practices and infrastructure changes for chicken egg producers, including new furnishing and space allowance requirements for hens in cages.

These changes will allow hens to perform natural behaviours, such as standing at full height and perching and nesting, to improve their welfare.

The standards allow for a choice of egg production systems including free range, pasture-based, barn, aviary and larger cages with furnishings (also known as furnished cages).

Mirboo Pastured Poultry owner, Ilan Goldman runs a small-scale, sustainable poultry operation involving ethically grown chickens which are produced with no added chemicals – such as hormones, arsenic or antibiotics.

"It's always nice to have improvements, but I'm already there, way beyond what they need," Ilan said about the new regulations.

"So, they got access to fresh grass every day. They're in small flocks. They're enclosed shelters that other



From early 2026 all poultry owners will have new regulations to follow. Photo: Zosia Szopka on Unsplash

wild birds or animals can't get access to."

"It's very labour intensive and we monitor things; it's not just a few mega sheds where you've got a few cameras and a few sensors."

Ilan said his farm is a "different universe" to other large-scale operations that exist and while the changes won't affect him, he believes it's a good thing overall.

Alongside changes to cage infrastructure, space and furnishings, cages must have substrate, recommendations on light exposure and intensity will become mandated, and hens in multi-level aviaries must be easily accessible by workers.

Changes will apply to outdoor access with a reasonable number and size of access points needed to be available for poultry, access to appropriately located shade, shelter from predators and opportunities for birds to forage and scratch.

Additionally, poultry owners must take reasonable action to minimise access to poultry feed and drinking water by wild birds, to help prevent the spread of diseases and poultry must be adequately feathered before going outdoors.

For poultry in any type of

housing system, incubators must be monitored during hatching, and hatchlings that are found outside the trays must be returned to the tray or placed in brooders as soon as possible; induced moulting must not be practiced and poultry must not be plucked or undergo hot blade beak trimming – except in exceptional circumstances.

Where it is necessary to kill poultry outside of slaughtering establishments, a person must have the relevant knowledge, experience and skills to be able to humanely kill poultry and prevent undue suffering.

A written contingency plan must also be developed by owners to minimise the impact of adverse events on poultry welfare in any type of housing system.

These new regulations reflect the nationally agreed standards in the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry and follow consultation with the Victorian poultry industry from 2023 to 2025.

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Domestic Fowl) Regulations 2016 will also be updated to mandate welfare standards for all poultry species.

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A/c Cheeky Chilli, Toora (SEJ)
30 Angus steers, 18 mths
A/c Wangara Park, Bengworden (SEJ)
26 Poll Hereford steers, 20-22 mths, Monaro District Bred
A/c Est of Birss, Stradbroke (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, Kunuma blood
A/c Pearson Beef, Meeniyah (SEJ)
20 Angus steers, 20-22 mths, Dunoon & Moorunga blood
A/c Z Redpath, Waratah (SEJ)
20 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred, Alpine blood
A/c S O'Hara, Foster (SEJ)
15 Angus steers, 16-18 mths
A/c Raj Crooke, Sale (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 16-18 mths
A/c Heart Park, Sale (NUTRIEN)
13 Angus steers, 18 mths
A/c S & D Pocklington, Dumbalk Nth (SEJ)
12 Angus steers, 18 mths, GF & ABF
A/c J. B & W Luke, Glen Alvie (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 2 yo
A/c Missen Farming, Gormandale (NUTRIEN)
9 Angus steers, 15 mths, Kunuma blood
A/c Strzelecki Red, Yinnar South (SEJ)
8 Red Angus steers, 15-16 mths, 2 x 7 in 1, Multimin and Dectomax, NE Accred
A/c FL Cassano & GE Forster, Rosedale (NUTRIEN)
7 BB steers, 20 mths

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c Shima Nojo Holdings, French Island (NUTRIEN)
18 Angus heifers, 16 mths

WEANERS

A/c SJ & LJ Campbell, Mardan (SEJ)
40 Angus steers, 11 mths, well weaned, Paramectin 4/7, 2 x 5in1, Leahwood blood

A/c Kings Park, Pound Creek (SEJ)
30 Angus heifers, 10mths
10 Angus steers, 10 mths
By Dunoon & Three Oaks Angus blood
A/c D & L White, Fernbank (SEJ)
40 Angus heifers, 10 mths, VB, GF, ABF & NE Accred
A/c Tullaree Pastoral, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus heifers, 10 mths
A/c P Mattern, Alberton (NUTRIEN)
25 Charo calves, 12 mths, weaned, drenched & 2x5in1
A/c D & H Campbell, Mardan (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 10 mths
A/c Missen Farming, Gormandale (NUTRIEN)
16 Angus steers, 11 mths, Kunuma blood
A/c JT & PJ Fleming, Willung Sth (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 11-12 mths, Rosken blood
A/c S Williams, Toora (SEJ)
15 Angus steers, 12 mths, VB, GF & ABF, Harris Farm blood
A/c D & T Gilheany, Buffalo (SEJ)
6 Angus steers, 10 mths
8 Angus heifers, 10 mths
By Tullaree Angus Bulls, weaned
A/c S & B McConnachie, Langwarrin (NUTRIEN)
11 Angus steers, 10 mths
A/c Ballarto Lodge, Koo Wee Rup (SEJ)
4 Angus Speckle Park steers,
4 Angus Speckle Park heifers
9-10 mths, weaned on Pellets, 8 weeks
A/c B O'Loughlin, Berrys Creek (NUTRIEN)
7 Angus heifers, 12-14 mths

XBRED & DAIRY TYPES

A/c P & L Whiteside, Korumburra South (SEJ)
8 Hereford Friesian X steers, 22-24 mths, bucket reared, GF & ABF

COWS/HEIFERS & CALVES

A/c I & J Juster, Staceys Bridge (NUTRIEN)
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DEATHS

ACHTEN, Glenice Merle:
07.07.1940 - 07.07.2025.

Passed away peacefully.

Dearly loved wife of Jacques (dec.).

Loving mother and mother-in-law of Peter and Colleen, Julie and Fred, Chris and Anne, Shane and Shae (dec.) and Emma.

Grandmother of Mitchell, Aimee, Shane, Sally-Anne, Kayne, Hannah, Max, Kiralee and Jake, Hayden and Hailey.

Great grandmother of Justin, Millie, Charley, Jye, Jack, Jazmine and Saylor.

DEATHS

FINLAY, Mary:
“Mum”

Thank you for loving us with all your heart.

Your family was everything to you and you taught us all so much.

There is a huge hole in our heart, but we are comforted by knowing that you are “Dancing in the stars” with dad.

Rest easy mum, you will never be forgotten, we love you.

Karen and Michael.

Nana to Madeleine, Nathen, Harrison, Sophie, Kyle and Jess.

Nana Mary to Gus, Leo and Evie.

DEATHS

FORSTER, John Charles:

With deep sadness, we announce the passing of our beloved husband and father,

John Charles Forster, on 9 July 2025.

He will be dearly missed by his wife Bernadette

and children Clarissa and Martin. A private cremation will be held.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Please visit [www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au](#) for details.

DEATHS

GORFINE, Angela:
03.11.1960 - 10.07.2025. (64 years)

Darling little Angie - beloved daughter of Thomas (Tom) and Murrium (Marie) Gorfine (both dec.). Much treasured sister of Loretta Raftis and Christopher.

Special auntie of Matthew, Jessica and Luke, Sarah, Anna and Vincenzo and great aunt of Scout and Thomas.

Our sweetheart is finally with Mum and Dad and all the angels.

Rest in peace.

DEATHS

HARRIS, Cherie:

Loved wife of Kenny John.

Stepmother to Paula, Russell and Karen.

Adored by Hayley, Mitchell, Jason, Laura, Nick, Ryan and Matthew.

Loving sister-in-law to Carolyn Harris.

You will always be my rock, will love you always Cherie.

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HARRIS, Cherie:

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Mother and mother-in-law of Genevie and Calvin.

Loving wife of Kenny John.

Dear “Oma” to Piah and Elle.

Auntie to Mark, Carly and James.

She will be dearly missed by so many family and friends.

A beautiful soul lost.

Now at Peace.

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DEATHS

KEMP, Terry:
25.01.1948 - 11.07.2025.

Much loved Dad to Darren and Tracey, father-in-law to Wayne.

Proud and loving Pop to Allyson (dec.), Luke, Chloe, Matthew, Caitlin and Jack.

Great Pop to Ethan, Harvey, Lucas Terry, and Violet.

Loved and remembered always.

Please see [www.harwoodfunerals.com.au](#) for Funeral Details.

DEATHS

KEMP, Terrence Reginald:
25 January 1948 - 11 July 2025.

Eldest son of Reg and Norma Kemp (dec.). Beautiful big brother of Colleen.

Much loved uncle to Cherie-Ann, Daniel, Emma and partners.

Great Uncle to 8.

Don't know what to say Ter, except you were my beautiful big gentle giant brother.

Always there to help when you could, a gentleman to the end.

Fought to the end. Rest easy Ter, love you forever. Til we catch up again

Love Col xxx

DEATHS

KEMP, Terry:

Our sincere condolences to all the Kemp family on the loss of Terry, in particular to his children whom he loved so dearly.

Big brother to our mum - remembered by our family as “Uncle Terry”, gentle and kind.

May you rest in peace.

Karena and Joe Russo.

DEATHS

KEMP, Terry:
Loved brother of Cheryl (dec.) and kind brother-in-law to Serafino.

Gentle uncle to all our children.

Go gently with the Lord and rest in peace, free of pain.

Serafino and family.

DEATHS

KEMP, Terry:
Sadly passed away Friday 11, July.

In loving memory of my most beautiful and loving big brother Terry.

Happy and loving times with you throughout our lives are the cherished memories I keep close to my heart.

Your loving sister Kathryn.

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Big brother to our mum - remembered by our family as “Uncle Terry”, gentle and kind.

May you rest in peace.

Karena and Joe Russo.

DEATHS

STOLLERY, Harold Peter:
Born on September 26, 1936. Died July 7, 2025.

Loved husband for 64 years of Margaret.

Loved father of Janet, Alan, Ian and Kirsten.

Grandfather of 8 to Simon, Liam, Claire, Cameron, Riley, Alexandra, Samantha (dec.) and Jaime.

DEATHS

WARD, GK:
1943 - 2025.

Left the building Monday morn.

Left a legend.

Save the soap
Save the petrol
And travel slow
Unless the hills lets you go
See the splash
Go quietly
Ducks will fly
Sorry too late
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ACHTEN:

Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul for Mrs. Glenice Merle Achten will be offered at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 43 Phillip Island Road, San Remo on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, commencing at 1pm.

A private cremation will follow.

Glenice's service will be live streamed. Please go to [www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au](#) for details.

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FUNERALS

PROUDLOCK:
The Funeral Service for Mr. Bradley Proudlock will be held at The Anglican Church of Saint Paul, 3 Queen Street, Korumburra on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, commencing at 11am.

At the conclusion of the service the funeral will leave for the Korumburra Cemetery.

FUNERALS

STOLLERY:
A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mr. Harold Peter Stollery will be held at Mirboo North Uniting Church, 32 Ridgway, Mirboo North, Thursday, July 17, 2025, commencing at 11:30am.

This Service will be live streamed, to view please go to: [www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au](#)

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BASS COAST ARTISTS SOCIETY:
A.G.M 2025.
7 August, 2pm.
In Wonthaggi Railway Goods Shed.
Contact-
bcartistsociety@gmail.com for more details.

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South Gippsland Hospital

Positions Vacant
District Nurse - Casual
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- Competitive wages above the industry award, negotiable based on experience
- A spacious, state-of-the-art workshop and modern office with all the necessary tools and equipment for efficient workflow
- A friendly, supportive team with a great reputation for quality work

If you're looking to join a thriving business with opportunities for growth, we'd love to hear from you!

How to Apply:
Call or email Clint to discuss this opportunity on 0356 821 211 or fosterservicecentre@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting you!



Qualified Carpenter Wanted

We are seeking an energetic, passionate, trustworthy, qualified carpenter for a permanent full time (Monday-Friday) subcontractor position within a small family run business.

Must have own transport and tools, and be willing travel up to 1 hour from our base at Wonthaggi.

Hourly rate offered to be based on experience level.

We offer a diverse range of working opportunities ranging from small scale renovation work through to large new homes, from set out to handover the ideal candidate will have the opportunity to be involved in every aspect of our builds. The candidate shall also mentor and teach apprentices the trade.

Flexible work hours available if requested, please call Brad on 0428 496 266 to discuss further.

Maintenance Technician - Electrical



With our 2040 Vision and Strategy guiding us toward our vision - to be a trusted partner, advancing water services to support customer and community aspirations - we are seeking a skilled, enthusiastic and community focused person to join us.

South Gippsland Water is a diverse, community-oriented organisation and offer the following:

- Strong focus on career opportunities, professional development and training
- Highly flexible work options, including modified hours and/or work weeks
- Employee Assistance Program and broad wellbeing offers
- Family friendly workplace, including Paid Parental Leave
- Attractive Salary Packaging options available (eligibility conditions apply)

Diversity is celebrated and respected as important for our wellbeing and success. Through our Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Strategic Plan, Gender Equality Action Plan and upcoming Reconciliation Action Plan we are actively working to address the gender pay gap, create opportunities for underrepresented groups and partner with Traditional Owners.

- Permanent Full Time
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Band 7 \$91,505.57-\$101,070.60 + Leave Loading + Superannuation

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Applications Close Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 5pm

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**Receptionist/
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We have a position available for a receptionist/administration assistant at our office in Korumburra.

The role comprises diverse responsibilities from general reception duties and banking to BAS & Tax Return lodgement and ATO liaison.

The ideal applicant would be reliable with excellent communication and time management skills, be a quick learner with high attention to detail and show initiative whilst contributing to a team environment.

Training will be provided, however proficiency with Microsoft Office and general computer usage is highly desirable. Experience in a similar office environment and knowledge of the Australian taxation system would be highly regarded.

Applications should be sent to
Donna - donnaw@wef.com.au or
21-23 Commercial St, Korumburra 3950.

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**South Gippsland
Team Leader**

Gippsland Ports is a provider of waterway management, dredging, marine infrastructure and asset management services along the Gippsland coast from Anderson Inlet to Mallacoota.

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 Jaine Watt, Human Resources Coordinator on 0417 489 936.

Applications close on
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Receptionist / Admin

The South Gippsland Sentinel-Times is looking to employ a Receptionist/Admin person to work in our Wonthaggi office.

The position is part-time, Monday-Friday, with the potential to cover for annual leave.

The ideal candidate will have excellent organisational skills and the confidence to work unsupervised.

- Duties include:**
- Reception
 - General administration
 - Classified advertisement bookings

Experience in a similar role would be highly regarded.

Please email cover letter and resume to jim@sgst.com.au

Only suitable applicants will be contacted, and an appointment will be made as soon as the right person is found.

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DEBENHAM
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**Office Administrator
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We are a locally owned business in Leongatha seeking a confident, friendly and enthusiastic Office Administrator, looking for a long-term future with progression and growth. The position is permanent full time, the hours are Monday to Friday.

It is essential that the successful applicant be computer literate and be confident with word, excel, data entry and confident phone manner.

You will need to have a high attention to detail and deliver accurate work. A strong work ethic and time management skills are required as you must have the ability to multi-task in a busy office environment.

You will need to be well presented, confident with a pleasant manner.

This position will suit a person who wants to be part of a dynamic workplace undertaking a diverse role

Immediate Start

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Monday, 21st July, 2025

V0308



**Administration Officer
(Part-Time)**

Commencing July 2025 | 7.5 hours per week

Meeniyan Preschool is seeking an experienced and motivated Administration Officer to support the efficient operation of our community-run kindergarten. This is a part-time position commencing in July 2025.

Key Requirements:

- Demonstrated experience in administration, bookkeeping, payroll, and financial recordkeeping.
- Proficiency in managing budgets, reconciliations, and general financial operations.
- Strong organisational and time-management skills; ability to work independently.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and a collaborative working style with staff and committee members.
- Competency in using computer-based accounting/bookkeeping software.
- Current Working with Children Check (or willingness to obtain).

For a position description or for further enquiries please contact Melissa McRae via email president.meeniyan@kindergarten.vic.gov.au.

Applications, including a cover letter, must be submitted by Close of Business, **Friday, July 18, 2025.**

JEN2354

Burning warning following hundreds of kitchen fires

MORE than 900 kitchen-related house fires have been recorded across Victoria in less than 12 months, prompting safety warnings from the state's fire services. Between May 17, 2024, and March 31, 2025, Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) attended 750 residential fires that started in the kitchen, accounting for nearly half – 39.8 per cent – of all residential fires within its jurisdiction during that period.

During the same period, CFA responded to 219 structure fires originating in the kitchen, representing 28.3 per cent of all house fires in CFA serviced areas.

The combined total equates to an average of just over three kitchen fires per day in Victoria.

Among those who've been affected by a kitchen fire is Melbourne woman Jen Vuk, who suffered serious burns in September 2024 after her flowing top caught alight while she was making tea on a gas stovetop.

"Before I'd even had a chance to realise what was happening, the flames had already devoured my top and were spreading fast across my chest, up my neck and under my arm. It felt like it wanted more with every second," Jen said.

"I tried to put the fire out by sprinkling water from the tap onto myself. It didn't help. In fact, it only helped to fan the flames."

Jen believes that if it weren't for the quick actions of her family, including her 17-year-old son, who came to her aid and removed most of her burning clothes, and standing under a cold shower for 20 minutes before being taken to The Alfred, her injuries would have been much worse.

She spent two weeks in the Alfred burns unit and



Jen Vuk has shared her harrowing experience after her clothes caught alight while in the kitchen.

underwent multiple surgeries.

She'd suffered mid to deep dermal burns to her chest, neck, right arm and back, and superficial burns to her face.

Now months into recovery, Jen hopes that by sharing her experience she can help others understand how quickly life-changing incidents can unfold.

"If this helps even one person remember to stop, drop and roll when their clothes catch fire, then job done," she said.

Unfortunately, stories such as Jen's are on the rise.

Acting Deputy Director Victorian Adult Burns Service at The Alfred Dr Tam Quinn said there had been a 21 per cent increase in patients presenting with burns sustained in the home this year, and many of these patients require surgery and skin grafting.

"Any burn injury requiring grafting can be life changing, because while lifesaving, they can leave scarring and result in some functional impairment," Dr Quinn said.

"Depending on the severity of the burn, patients may require prolonged stays in the intensive care unit, weeks in hospital and potentially a rehabilitation facility. In the long term, patients

may require months to years of scar management, not to mention the psychological impact that such an injury can have."

Victoria's fire agencies encourage all Victorians to take the following steps to remain safe while in the kitchen:

- Pay attention in the kitchen and never leave cooking unattended.
- Take extra care around open flames if wearing flowing or loose-fitting clothing.
- Always supervise children, keep them away from the stovetop and oven.
- Keep stovetop, griller, oven, rangehood and cooking area free from built-up grease, dust and oil.
- Combustibles such as tea towels and paper towels must be kept away from cooking and heat sources.
- Make sure kitchen appliances are clean and in good working order. Keep pot handles turned in.
- A fire extinguisher and fire blanket should be installed within easy reach but away from the cooking area.
- Victoria Fire Services recommends that you only use a fire extinguisher or fire blanket if you feel physically and mentally able to use this equipment safely.

PUBLIC NOTICES

SGH | Energy

SGH Energy VICP54 Pty Ltd (SGH Energy) is the operator of the Longtom gas field in production licence VIC/L29 and the Longtom pipeline VIC/PL38, situated approximately 30 km off the Gippsland Coast in eastern Bass Strait.

SGH Energy is conducting consultation in support of a periodic revision to the Environment Plan for its Longtom operations.

Longtom gas production commenced in 2009 from two subsea wells which are connected into the Longtom pipeline. The Longtom facilities are connected to the Amplitude Energy-owned Patricia Baleen pipeline and then into the Orbest Gas Plant. The two subsea wells are currently shutdown and isolated by means of closed valves. Inspection and maintenance campaigns continue to be undertaken periodically by offshore vessels during the non-production phase. Planning is underway for the resumption of Longtom gas production, which may occur from 2028 onwards.

SGH Energy is committed to ensuring that all relevant persons are informed about its Longtom operations and welcomes any enquiry. If you would like further information regarding the Longtom facilities and future operations or would like to provide feedback on how your functions, interests or activities may be affected by the facilities and future activity, please contact us by email sghenergy@sghenergy.com.au.

Local TAFE Gippsland students taste success

TAFE Gippsland claimed a clean sweep of the major apprentice chef awards in this year's AUS TAFE State Finals held at William Angliss Institute, with the Best Third Year Apprentice and overall highest point scorer being Jesse Payne of The Rusty Gurnard in Port Welshpool.

Jessica Fraser-Smith, who works at Walhalla Lodge, was Best First Year Apprentice, while Jennifer Creati of Neilsons Kitchen in Traralgon was Best Second Year Apprentice.

Students from TAFE Gippsland were up against those of other Victorian TAFEs and private training providers.

All three winning students will represent Victoria at the AUS TAFE National Finals in Sydney later this year, a huge honour and an opportunity to showcase their skills on the national stage.

Adding more local pride to the mix, TAFE Gippsland

culinary trainer Kellie Smith was named Victorian Team Captain and will lead the state team at the Sydney International Convention Centre in September.

"To see our students perform so strongly on the state stage is proof of the skills and potential we have in our region," Kellie said.

At the recent State Finals, Third Year Apprentice Christina Brown and Second Year Apprentice Kara Oxley were among the TAFE Gippsland students awarded medals, the pair working at Foster's South Gippsland Hospital.

First Year Apprentice Liam Willis, who works at the Country Club in Warragul, also received a medal.

"These results reflect the dedication of our students, the support of local employers and the passion of our trainers, many of whom bring years of industry experience to the kitchen," TAFE Gippsland stated.



Jesse Payne, who works at The Rusty Gurnard was named Best 3rd Year Apprentice at the recent AUS TAFE State Finals being pictured on the right, alongside TAFE Gippsland trainer Kellie Smith, Jessica Fraser-Smith (Best 1st Year Apprentice, Walhalla Lodge) and Jennifer Creati (Best 2nd Year Apprentice, Neilsons Kitchen, Traralgon).

Children to benefit from new service at Bass Coast Health



Bass Coast Health's new paediatric occupational therapist, Jade Potter, left, leads a group session with speech pathologist Maddy Caddy and allied health assistant Ella Osborne for children Charlie Zagar, Dante Bennett, Tuscany Bennett, Stefan Zagar and Poppy Cazaly.

IF YOUR child is experiencing challenges with dressing, toileting, cleaning their teeth and the other tasks of daily living, they could benefit from a new service at Bass Coast Health (BCH).

Paediatric occupational therapist Jade Potter has joined the team and works with children aged up to 12 years with delays in the development of their fine motor skills, and difficulties with sensory processing and regulating their emotions.

"This could include challenges with manipulating small toys, opening containers, eating with cutlery, coordination and spatial awareness," she said.

Jade offers individual sessions at Wonthaggi Hospital and

the Phillip Island Community Hospital, as well as small group sessions with speech pathologists at Wonthaggi Hospital. During these sessions, young children come together to learn about language and skills for preparing for school, such as pre-literacy education, learning how to wait and using pencils.

Jade also works with local kindergartens to screen for children who would benefit from allied health support.

To access paediatric occupational therapy, parents can self-refer their children or obtain a referral from their General Practitioner.

For more information, go to: basscoasthealth.org.au/ot.

Dr Mark Schroffel takes the helm as RSL Victoria's President

A SIGNIFICANT chapter in the history of RSL Victoria has begun, with Dr Mark Schroffel officially assuming the presidency at the recent RSL State Conference. In a moment punctuated by both respect for the past and optimism for the future, Dr Schroffel took the opportunity to commend his predecessor, Dr Webster, for an extraordinary legacy of service spanning more than 35 years on the State Executive, including eight dedicated years as State President.

During his address, Dr Schroffel paid heartfelt tribute to Dr Webster's enduring commitment and unwavering leadership and that his dedication has shaped the RSL's journey and set an example for all.

A key highlight of the State Conference was the release of the much-anticipated Operational Governance and Structure Report, a comprehensive

By Inverloch RSL

review examining the RSL's operations across Victoria.

The report scrutinises all levels of the organisation – from State Office to the broader network of over 260 individual sub-branches and over 400 patriotic accounts – shedding light on both the strengths and the complexities of maintaining a federated model.

The review did not shy away from the challenges faced by a network as vast and diverse as the RSL in Victoria. It acknowledged the intricacies of supporting veterans and their families across numerous locations and the multifaceted responsibilities involved in stewarding patriotic accounts with transparency and rigour.

The State Conference set the tone for an ambitious roadmap ahead. The findings and

recommendations from the new report are expected to drive significant changes over the next 12 months, as RSL Victoria embarks on a journey to modernise its governance and operational practices.

Dr Schroffel emphasised that these changes are not just procedural but are rooted in a renewed commitment to delivering the highest quality of support for veterans and their families.

The focus now is on transformation – ensuring that the structures, processes, and culture reflect the evolving needs of those we serve. The RSL owes it to their community to adapt, improve, and lead with integrity.

As RSL Victoria looks to the future under Dr Schroffel's leadership, members, veterans, and their families can anticipate a period of transition aimed at building a more resilient and responsive organisation.



Dr Mark Schröffel was been elected unopposed as RSL Victoria's new president at the State Annual Conference recently.

The next year will be marked by careful preparation and the implementation of the review's recommendations, laying the foundations for a modern RSL Victoria equipped to meet the challenges and opportunities of the years to come.

Industry experience awaits for inspiring graduates at Gippsland Water

APPLICATIONS are now open for Gippsland Water's Summer Internship Program, which will take place from November 2025 to February 2026.

The program offers undergraduate students the opportunity to apply theory from their studies in their chosen field.

Acting managing director Nic Moss said the program has provided great opportunities for students to use their knowledge in an industry environ-

ment for more than 25 years.

"The program gives students a taste of what it's like to work in the water industry right here in Gippsland," he said.

"We offer a paid opportunity for interns to work in their chosen field, with dedicated mentoring and coaching.

"The internship runs for a period of up to 12 weeks, and interns will work in a team to deliver for our local community." Applications are open in the

following areas:

- Engineering: civil, environmental, mechanical, mechatronics, electrical and process.
 - Environmental science: biology, natural resource management, climate, sustainability, ecology and botany.
 - Business and commerce: legal, media and communication, marketing, design and journalism.
 - Information technology.
- For some students, the

program can be used to gain credit towards their degrees.

Gippsland Water is a fit-for-purpose organisation with a focus on prioritising work-life balance, personal and organisational development, and fostering a supportive and inclusive workplace.

For more information on the Summer Internship Program and to apply visit gippswater.com.au/summerinternshipprogram.

Young farmer opportunities

YOUNG farmers are encouraged to apply for the 2025 Young Farmer Upskill and Invest Scholarship.

The program offers scholarships of up to \$10,000 for early-career farmers aged 18 to 40, with up to \$5000 available for education or training, and an additional \$5000 to invest directly into their farm business.

Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath urges those who are eligible not to miss out on applying, saying it's a great opportunity for those committed to building a future in agriculture.

Ms Bath said the program supports the development of practical skills in areas such as agronomy, land management, irrigation and business operations.

Applications are open to young farmers who have been working in a farm business for at least three days a week over the past three months and have at least two years of on-farm experience.

Visit vic.gov.au/youngfarmers for further information.

Applications close on July 23.



Offender apprehended

POLICE from the Cowes Police Station were seeking the assistance of the local community to identify the person whose image was shown on the Eyewatch – Bass Coast PSA Facebook page over the weekend.

It is alleged that on July 12, at about 1.45pm, the person was detected committing offences related to an illegally modified e-Bike and carrying a wood picket, and then hindering police, in the area of Settlement Road Cowes.

Attending police took an image of the person, at which time it is alleged the person gave false particulars about their identity and then failed to stop for police and rode away in a dangerous manner when police attempted to search them due to having other suspicious items with them.

Based on Eyewatch sharing, the offender was identified as a 14-year-old from Thornbury who was holidaying in Silverleaves.

The offender was interviewed on Monday by the Greensborough Highway patrol and will be receiving a summons to attend Korumburra Children's Court at a future date for the following offences:

- Fail to stop on police direction
- Unlicensed driving
- Use unregistered motor vehicle
- Use unroadworthy motor vehicle
- State false address when requested by police

A notice to surrender was also served, with the e-bicycle to be presented to the vehicle impound yard within seven days.

When examined the 'bicycle' was found to be using a 3000kw engine, when the law says that it can be no higher than 250kw.



Brendan McRae shot a perfect 50 at Mornington.

Perfect results for Wonthaggi shooters

THE Wonthaggi Clay Target Club (WGC) showcased outstanding skill and determination in the second round of the Southern Triangle series, held at Mornington Clay Target Club Inc, with members bringing home a string of impressive results.

Leading the charge was Brendan McRae, who shot a flawless round in the 50-target handicap, becoming the only shooter to score a perfect 50/50.

Strong efforts were also delivered by Stuart Allen, Steven Fox, David Kent, and Mel Chapman, all earning wins or placings in their respective events. The 50-target double barrel shoot-off saw three WGC members – Stu, Foxy, and Dave – go head-to-head with remarkable accuracy:

Steven Fox scored 50/50 + 44/45

David Kent followed closely with 50/50 + 48/49

Stuart Allen posted a massive 50/50 + 129/130

With these results, Wonthaggi continues to lead the series heading into the final round, which will be held this Saturday, July 19, at Nepean Clay Target Club Inc.

Winter pairs bridge

ON TUESDAY, July 8 at Wonthaggi RSL, Alan Johnston and Lois Dwyer came in top of the pops again with 59.90 percent, Jean Barbour and Anne Gibson 57.81, Ruth Harvey and Su Edwards 56.94, Jenny Jacob and Bruce Higgs 52.6, Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles tied with Denise Allit and Doug McIntosh, both pairs on 51.56 percent.

Last Friday, July 11, father/son pair Philip and Neville Chapman led N/S with 64.81 per cent, Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 54.50, Marie Sands and Ken McKenzie tying with Kathy Dowd and Doug McIntosh, both pairs 52.65 per cent.

In E/W, Faye Rowlands and John Currier 65.48 per cent, Matti Shub and John Quayle 64.29, Bronwyn Sund and Anne Gibson 58.63, Robyn Synan and Michael Dooley 55.95 per cent.

Phillip Island Bridge Club

WINNERS for this week's Duplicate Bridge:

Monday, July 7 – five and a half tables: Neville Chapman and Lorie Read on 63 per cent.

Wednesday, July 9 – four tables: Moya Crowley and Karen Klym equal first with Graham and Wendy McKergow on 67.59 per cent.

No Bridge will be held on Wednesday, July 16, as the power will be off in Newhaven.

Nationwide for the week can be played at South Gippsland Bridge Club at the Wonthaggi RSL.

Be there from 12.15pm for a 12.45pm start on Tuesday, July 15.



The Wonthaggi Croquet Club contingent that went to Phillip Island included Terry Nash, Marj Prendergast, Kathy Ross, John Priller, Sue Priller, Neil Warburton, Sue Baker and Tom Lacey.

Close result for Wonthaggi Croquet

FOUR pairs from Wonthaggi travelled to Phillip Island to compete in their Open Level Play tournament on the weekend of June 28 and 29.

John and Sue Priller won three games, Kathy Ross and Terry Nash also three with Marj Prendergast and

Neil Warburton winning five games, being pipped out of the runner-up position on hoop difference by Tom Lacey and Sue Baker.

The eventual winners, with six games, were Ray Biffen (Drouin) and Claire Earl (Phillip Island).

There was great representation from the Wonthaggi club and a great day of croquet was held by all.

Another fundraiser was held at Bunnings on Sunday, July 6, with the weather being well and truly in the club's favour.

Many snags were cooked

and sold, and the day was a huge success.

Thanks to all that contributed, in particular Bert Orr, who organised, set up, cleaned up and was basically on the job all day.

Great effort Bert and everyone involved.

Kez and Lou share glorious milestone at Korumburra Bena

LOYAL Giants Kerryn 'Kez' Gow and Louise 'Lou' McMeekin enjoyed a rare double milestone, each notching up senior netball game 350 in Korumburra Bena's thumping home D Grade win over Warragul Industrials on Saturday.

With Kez dividing her time between centre and goal defence and Lou as goal keeper, the Giants triumphed by 24 goals.

Both have featured in multiple premierships for the club, with Kez having played a couple of seasons in A Grade and Lou making it as high as B Grade.

Besides their substantial on court contributions, they have coached and held committee positions for the Giants.

Both are always around the netball courts helping out, with Kez equally at home as team manager or first aider and never missing a chance to cheer on other players, especially the juniors.

"Her energy on and off the court is amazing and contagious and the younger generation looks up to her," Giants secretary Shay Walker said.



Close friends 'Kez' Gow and 'Lou' McMeekin share a special moment before taking to the court in senior game 350 for each of them.

Kez continues to be a competitive force on court and can play in any position, often stepping in and supporting other grades when required.

"She plays a mean game, never gives up and fights right until the end," Shay said.

Lou also loves her netball, often being there from the start of the day until the end, supporting

the juniors, including helping with NetSetGo.

She also supports other grades as team manager or first aider and is an enthusiastic supporter on the sidelines.

Shay praised the strength of Lou's own game and what she brings to the Giants' defence.

"She's always mentoring her teammates in a positive and

energetic way," she added.

Lou is also a keen fundraiser for the club.

"What makes this milestone even better is that Kerryn and Louise are the best of friends," Korumburra Bena B Grade coach Ange Williams said of the joint 350 game celebration, having previously coached the pair to back-to-back premierships.

— Tuesday ladies' tennis grand finals —



The Section 1 Tuesday Ladies' Tennis premiers were the Wonthaggi Sapphires. Wonthaggi Sapphires 5-47 defeated Westernport 1-31. Pictured from left, Genelle, Becky, Shelley, Robyn and Pam.



Korumburra won Section 2 in the Tuesday Ladies' Tennis grand final. Korumburra 5-43 defeated Bena 1-28. Pictured from left, Jenn, Chris, Pam and Susan.

Intrepid yachtsmen sails raft of rubbish across Bass Strait to Rhyll

By Bruce Wardley

SAILING across Bass Strait in a raft made entirely from rubbish has been a life-defining achievement for Tasmanian sailor Samuel McLennan. Currently moored at Rhyll on Western Port Bay Samuel was a guest speaker over the weekend at the Phillip Island Whale Festival.

Hand-building his raft entirely from rubbish Samuel left his home at Nubeena in Southern Tasmania back in February 2024.

Making landfall at Refuge Cove on Wilson's Promontory 14 months later then seeking shelter at Port Welshpool the intrepid sailor had survived one of the most treacherous stretches of ocean in the world.

"It took a while to sink in," said Samuel.

"That I'd actually completed the crossing of Bass Strait."

During his crossing of Bass Strait Samuel took shelter on several islands along the way including the Furneaux group and Deal Island.

At just over eight metres long and weighing more than two tonnes Samuel's rubbish raft had its limitations.

Admitting to fearing for his life at certain stages of the journey Samuel said he had experienced five to seven metre seas and around 50 knot wind gusts on his journey but had experienced much bigger storms before.

"The weather was predictable but not how the raft would handle it," said Samuel.

"I admire you for your ingenuity," said one onlooker at Rhyll.

A big part of the project has been to empower people struggling in life.

"If we live from the bottom up, everyone benefits," said Samuel.



Samuel McLennan moored at Rhyll after crossing Bass Strait from Southern Tasmania in a raft that was built entirely from rubbish. B26_2825

"We automatically become more accepting of people and have a greater understanding."

Samuel is a leadership specialist with deep and broad experience on how human beings think, speak and act, providing mentoring opportunities along his journey and making presentations to schools.

With experience sailing the Atlantic and delivering yachts to Tasmania, Samuel was willing to challenge himself and many others by sailing across Bass Strait.

Black high-density pipes and oyster bags were used to construct Samuel's raft retrieved from debris found in rivers, creeks and waterways near Tasmania's fish farms.

The whole raft is supported by black and white floating

buoys and the vessel's two sails have been recycled from discarded tarpaulins and a tent.

Powered by a 20hp two-stroke outboard across Bass Strait, the raft was recently upgraded to a 25hp 4-stroke, with all Samuel's food and waste stored on board.

According to Samuel, the aim of the project has been to inspire people to take new actions to shift the unworkable situation we have created for ourselves and future generations.

"We have become the only living species that has created a toxic environment to live in."

"This is a project to interrupt the way human beings think, speak and act about themselves and other people because the current result is that our waste ends up in the environment."

"The way we are behaving, speaking and listening doesn't work for our survival or for the majority of other organisms on the planet," he said.

"Project Interrupt creates healthy people and a healthy planet."

"If we lift from the bottom up, everyone in society benefits."

"I believe if I look after the ocean and everything that lives in it, it will look after me."

Samuel's philosophy for life is simple.

"I know what I know, I know what I don't know, but I don't know what I don't know."

For more information on Project Interrupt go to projectinterrupt.com or look for Project Interrupt on Facebook or [projectinterrupt](https://www.instagram.com/projectinterrupt) on Instagram.

Development workshops for Bass Coast sporting clubs

BE GAME-READY and take part in free workshops this July and August to learn more about the Bass Coast Shire Council's Fair Access Policy and how it applies to their club.

A year on from the policy's adoption, the Council are teaming up with Gippsport to deliver two free, fun and practical workshops for club volunteers. Whether you're a coach, committee member, parent or player, these sessions will give you the tools to improve gender equity at your club.

The council understand that club volunteers are busy, so you can pick the session that suits you:

- Online workshop on Monday, July 28 (6.30pm-8pm) or
- In-person session with supper at Wonthaggi Community Stadium on Tuesday, August 5 (6.30pm-8pm).

Both workshops are free to attend and are designed to help each club meet Fair Access requirements, strengthen their commitment to gender equity, and plan for the future. All Bass Coast sporting clubs are encouraged to attend.



Matthew holds up his prize winning fish alongside daughter Eileen.

Venus Bay Angling Club

RESULTS of our July competition are Matthew Bell once again, with a 640g rockling caught at Mahers Landing. Quite an unusual fish and not often caught in the inlet. He wins a \$50 voucher from The Cavity.

Second was Phil Nebel with a 200g mullet and he won a BCF voucher. Hopefully the weather is kinder to us next month but not counting on it!

The next comp is August 8-10.



First place winner for July was Matthew Bell with a 640g rockling. Vice president Terry Shelly presents Matthew with his award.

Sun comes out for the Grand Ridge Rail Trail run



Old friends and visitors alike enjoying the Grand Ridge Rail Trail run

OVERNIGHT rain failed to dampen spirits at the Grand Ridge Rail Trail Run with the rain clearing and the sun coming out halfway through the event.

Forty participants came to visit the Grand Ridge Rail Trail including a few with visiting grandkids and families who are yet to register for their barcode.

The school holidays offered many a chance to travel and get away.

Speaking to one of our visitors photos of past events with the fog lifting through the sunbeams attracted many to come and experience our rail trail for themselves.

The visitors left saying they

would be bringing more participants our way next time.

As people cross the finish line it is always a joy to talk about the unique aspects of the rail trail, the beautifully graded surface, the canopy of trees and wildlife sightings.

Amongst the highlights are the hill on the return trip and the optical illusion of the finish line that appears to stay in the distance for much longer than anticipated.

Participants enjoyed warming up back at Jimmy Jams.

Thanks to our volunteers this week Carmel Quirk, Dave Knowles, Georgia McIlwaine, Julia Groves, Laura McIlwaine, Marissa Shields, Peter Kruse, Linda Zhang and Steve Quirk.

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 15	WEDNESDAY July 16	THURSDAY July 17	FRIDAY July 18	SATURDAY July 19	SUNDAY July 20	MONDAY July 21
▲ 2.30am 1.48m	▲ 3.16am 1.51m	▲ 4.03am 1.53m	▲ 4.53am 1.55m	▲ 5.47am 1.55m	▲ 6.48am 1.55m	▼ 12.35am 0.39m
▼ 8.17am 0.44m	▼ 8.59am 0.48m	▼ 9.42am 0.54m	▼ 10.28am 0.62m	▼ 11.15am 0.71m	▼ 12.02pm 0.81m	▲ 7.54am 1.54m
▲ 3.25pm 1.72m	▲ 4.00pm 1.71m	▲ 4.32pm 1.69m	▲ 5.07pm 1.66m	▲ 5.44pm 1.62m	▲ 6.24pm 1.57m	▼ 12.53pm 0.90m
▼ 9.03pm 0.70m	▼ 9.44pm 0.61m	▼ 10.24pm 0.53m	▼ 11.05pm 0.46m	▼ 11.49pm 0.41m		▲ 7.11pm 1.52m

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Breakaway Bowls celebrated its first anniversary on July 8.



Chris Rose, Rhonda Rattenbury and John Stewart were the Breakaway Bowls winners on Friday.



Maureen Taylor, Col Pulham, Noleen McGlead and Ross Wheeler were recent winners at Foster Bowls Club's indoor bowls.



This week's winners at Foster Bowls Club's indoor bowls were Maureen Taylor, Bev Tyers and Noleen McGlead.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Rob Westbrook and Stan Noad.



John Ferguson, Jean Wylde and Maggie Scapin enjoyed a win at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls on Friday.



Ryan Luke, Harry Evans, Bruce Corrigan and Bill Selby (skip) were the Inverloch Bowling Club social bowls winners with Bateman pictured in the front.



Frank Cimino, Hans Bischofberger and Paul Hill were the winners at the Wonthaggi Bowls Club on Saturday.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

WELL, how time flies. On July 8, Breakaway Bowls celebrated its first anniversary – what a great time it's been. Linda and Rhonda have done a fantastic job with organising everything that's required – well done, ladies. The winners on Monday were Rhonda Rattenbury, Marj Ford and Jan Murphy. They returned a winning score of +18 – great job, ladies. The club is getting stronger now that it is in its second year. The winners on Friday were Chris Rose, Rhonda Rattenbury and John Stewart. They bowled very well to win by +19 – well done, guys.

FOSTER

ANOTHER two weeks have gone by for Foster's indoor bowls. Sadly, the club is only going to run it until the end of the month as numbers will be dwindling. There has been some great fun on these nights. There were eleven players a fortnight ago with the winners being Col Pulham, Noleen McGlead, Ross Wheeler and Maureen Taylor. This last week saw only six players for the night. A real challenge was had with the guys against the girls. The girls proved too strong, winning the night comfortably. Well done Bev Tyers, Maureen

Taylor and Noleen McGlead. Foster Bowls Club is also once again very happy recipient of sponsorship from the Bendigo Bank for the upcoming season. The club always has a specific day allocated to Bendigo Bank. This season, it will be in January – a great day all round. Keep an eye out for this day. Part of the sponsorship is also going to the purchase of three hacksaw bowling arms. Players can practice and feel comfortable before making a purchase of an arm to aid them on the bowling green. The club will then have a variety to suit everyone. A very big thank you goes out to the Community Bank, Foster, Toora and Welshpool, as it continually offers support to the whole community. Remember, it supports the club so the members in turn need to give it support too, so it can continue to thrive and put money back into the community.

INVERLOCH

THE club is pleased to announce that it recently received \$5000 from the Bass Coast Shire Council's community grants program. As a result, the flooring upstairs is now complete. Club president Bill Selby thanked council for its continued support in assisting the club to upgrade its facilities.

Over the years, council has helped the club tremendously and without its support, the progress towards improving the facilities for the benefit of members, the local community and visitors to Inverloch would be much more difficult. Air conditioners have also been installed this week, so upstairs is progressing well. Friday night winter dinner was great. Due to the Jazz Festival on the first weekend in August, the next dinner night will be August 15. Names are to be in by Tuesday, August 12. Social Thursdays have been well attended with everyone enjoying their hot soup lunch. Saturday morning bowls has been very popular with many practising their singles game. Just advising that the new club nominee is Jim Haydon. Sheets are out to put your name down if you wish to play in the Pennant Practice games. Season Opening Day: Thursday, September 4. Monthly Triples: begins Wednesday, September 18. Christmas Dinner Night: Friday, December 19. Thursday social bowls saw 12 bowlers brave the challenging conditions. Runners up on 17 points were Di Selby (skip), Joy Brown and Patrick Bowd. Winners on the day were Bill Selby (skip), Bruce Corrigan,

Ryan Luke and Harry Evans on 22 points.

WONTHAGGI

IT WAS another good week of bowls. Wednesday saw a fine, cool day to greet 24 bowlers for two games of pairs over 10 ends. There were three teams that were two-game winners, with Rob Dennis and Roger Lee being unlucky with a score of two wins and 32 points. The runners up were Rod Vawdon and Rod Beech with a score of two wins and 33 points and 14 shots up. The winners were Rob Westbrook and Stan Noad with a score of two wins and 33 points but 15 shots up to win on countback. There was a rumour that there was a team in the first game that didn't win an end. After an investigation, it was found to be true. The skipper of that team was Bryan "Bongo" Donohue. Saturday saw 24 bowlers playing two games of triples over 10 ends. There were two teams that were two-game winners, with the unlucky team being Rod Black, a visitor from Orbost, John Duscher and Bruce Cameron with a score of two wins and 31 points. The winners, with a score of two wins and 34 points were Frank Cimino, Hans Bischofberger and Paul Hill.

Friday night, although down a little on numbers, was still a good night. Norm Evans missed out on \$50 in the members draw, while Graham, Stan and Paul were all happy meat tray winners. Bowls this week: Wednesday: Social bowls at 12.30pm. Saturday: Social bowls at 12.30 pm. Don't forget Friday night from 4pm, with the members draw at 6pm, this week standing at \$60, plus meat trays and other prizes to be won. Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

IT WAS an enjoyable and busy week with two days of bowling. On Thursday night, the bowlers enjoyed Christmas in July at the Wonthaggi Club. Amazing food and great company was enjoyed by all. Tuesday's winners with a plus 14 were Jenny Bakker, Helen Rook, Jim Wilson and Allan Ireland. Coming a close second on plus 10 were Judy Sweetnam, Carol Thorp, Jeannie Slocombe and Fred Demenech. Friday saw an amazing win of plus 22 by Maggie Scapin, Jean Wylde and John Ferguson. Runners-up on plus 15 were Judy Sweetnam, John Postlethwaite and Allan Ireland.



Korumburra's Jenny Blackmore winner of the July Monthly Medal.



Delia Perry was the winner of the Wednesday Stroke event at the Leongatha Golf Club.



Sue Bowler was the July Monthly Medallist at the Leongatha Golf Club.



Runners up of the Meeniyah/Woorayl get together Heather Sullivan and Lyn Jennison, with winners Sharyn Rayson and Heather McCaughan.



The annual get together between Meeniyah and Woorayl Golf Clubs was successful on Wednesday.



Jenny McRae, Carole Sartori and Yvonne Everitt were the winners at the Wonthaggi Golf Club on Wednesday.



Korumburra Golf Club's B Grade Par winner Athol Worthy with men's captain Ian Cash.



Korumburra Golf Club's Stableford runner-up Greg Wilson with winner Iain Riddell on Tuesday.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, July 8. Stableford: 15 players. Winner: Iain Riddell (15) 34 points. Runner-up: Greg Wilson (12) 32 C/B. NTPs: first Peter Wallace, seventh Peter Van Agtmaal and 13th Bob Newton. Thursday, July 10: No competition. Saturday, July 12: Sponsor: Paul and Wally Hopkins. Par: 36 players. A Grade: Malcolm Garnham (12) 0 C/B. B Grade: Athol Worthy (33) +1 C/B. NTPs: first Peter Hornibrook, seventh Billy Wrigley, 10th Pete Van Agtmaal and 13th Richard Johnson.

Ladies

WOMEN enjoyed the fine winter's day last Wednesday to play our July Monthly Medal, even though the breeze was very fresh! Congrats to our July Medallist, Jenny Blackmore who won with a score of 77nett and was awarded the Tiny Teapot Cafe voucher. We thank Deb and the team for supporting our Wednesday Monthly Medal events! Jenny was also the winner of the daily grade event with 100(23)77. R/Up was Aliesha Wrigley with 101(21)80. BDTL and best scratch score went to Merrissa Cosson with 89(8)81. In our Nine Hole Stableford Comp we had four play, Lyn Perks winning with 10pts! NTP's on the first hole went Trudi Mantell (Kelly's Bakery), 10th green Lyn McIvor (\$2 Discount Store) and closest on the 13th was also Lyn McIvor (Burra

Garden Supplies). Saturday 10 Women played a Par round. Winning with a nice +2 was Trudi Mantell (22). R/Up with -1 was Merrissa Cosson (8) also having a NTP on the first green (Kelly's Bakery). BDLT went to Gail Beer (27) with -5 and Gail also had a NTP on the 10th green.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, July 8: Stableford. Tuesday's event was a Stableford round with a field of 56 members/guests. Overall winner: Donald Smith (19) with the high score of the day of 37 points. A Grade winner: Ray Matthews (12) with 37 points. Runner-up: Doug Clemann (14) with 36 points. B Grade winner: Donald Smith (19) with 37 points on a countback. Runner-up: Michael Delaney (25) with 37 points. NTP fifth second shot: Bery Borg at 1.20m. NTP 14th: Ray Matthews at 1.06m. NTP 16th: Nick Green at 2.17m. Thursday, July 10: Stableford. Thursday's event was a Stableford round with a field of only 10 members/guests who braved the conditions to play. A Grade winner: Russell Pentland with 36 points. Runner-up: Peter Read with 33 points. NTP fifth second shot: Russell Pentland at 10.00m. NTP 14th: Nicholas Byrne at 4.10m. NTP 16th: Peter Read at 3.76m. Saturday, July 12: Stableford. Saturday was a Stableford event with a quality field of 103 members/guests enjoying the course in sublime winter conditions.

Excellent scores were recorded. Overall winner: Michael Delaney (24) with the high score of the day of 40 points. A Grade winner: Stephen Butler (13) with 37 points. Runner-up: Paul Fawcett (12) with 35 points on a countback. B Grade winner: Kevin Snell (18) with 36 points. Runner-up: Ian Blencowe (16) with 35 points. C Grade winner: Bryan Roylance (20) with 38 points. Runner-up: Scott Blencowe (19) with 36 points. D Grade winner: Michael Delaney (24) with 40 points. Runner-up: Alan Black (24) with 36 points. Great score: Scott Blencowe eagle's nest on the sixth hole. NTP fifth second shot: Jenny Teasdale at 2.70m. NTP 14th: Craig Hutchinson at 3.90m. NTP 16th: Nicholas Byrne at .61m.

Ladies

UNEXPECTEDLY, good weather greeted the small field that competed in the July Monthly Medal. Sue Bowler was the winner of the July Medal with a net 71. Sue played her round on Saturday. The winner of the Wednesday event, Delia Perry, finished with 111/37/74. Included in that score were three pars in a row and a birdie. Delia was also closest to the flag on the 16th. Balls down the line went to 82 net: Janet Monk, Di Williams, Shirley Welsford, Fay Quilford, Lianne Adamson and Cheryl Borg on a count back from four others.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

IT WAS Meeniyah's turn to hold the annual get together with the ladies from the Woorayl Golf Club on Wednesday, July 9. The weather was lovely, and the game played was a nine-hole Ambrose with a delicious lunch after play. The winners were Sharyn Rayson (Woorayl) and Heather McCaughan (Meeniyah), and the runners up were Heather Sullivan (Woorayl) and Lyn Jennison (Meeniyah). It was a great day out with golfing friends.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, July 8: Stableford. A Grade: N. Rutledge, (12) 39 points c/b. B Grade: S. Beitz, (18) 33 points c/b. DTL: P. Woodall 39, T. Whitelaw and M. Woodall 36. NTP: fourth T. Whitelaw, sixth N. Baker, 13th N. Rutledge and 16th S. Evans. Birdie: fourth P. Woodall, sixth T. Whitelaw and 16th M. Payne. Saturday, July 12: Stableford and President Trophy play off. A Grade: S. Duff, (8) 39 points. B Grade: J. Hughes (16) 39 points c/b. DTL: M. Payne 37, T. Bradshaw 36, D. Taylor and R. Scurlock 34. NTP: fourth G. Shandley, sixth N. Baker, 13th T. Bradshaw and 16th T. Baker. Birdies: fourth G. Shandley, sixth Tim Traill and 16th Tim Traill. President Trophy play off: S. Duff defeated J. Robbins 5/4; S. McKenzie defeated P. Cummaudo 3/1; P. Draper defeated R. Clark 4/3; M. Payne defeated D. Taylor 2/1. Next week: S. Duff v S. McKenzie; M. Payne v P. Draper.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: July 10, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole. Winner: Adrian Gully 39. BDTL: Ken Groves 36, David Wills 32 and Neil Beer 32. Results: July 12, S.R 71. Competition: Stableford –First Round July Cup. A Grade: Ben Walsh 37. B Grade: Rohan Todd 40. C Grade: Rohan McRae 36. Balls down the line to 34: Craig Charles 39, Alan Jones 37, Ian Gilmour 36, Doug Putt 36, Simon O'Halloran 36, Andrew Hooton-Shandley 36, Jason Sartori 34 and Sam Horvath 34. Eagles: Julian Wintle fifth and Rod McBride 11th. NTPs: Sam Horvath second, Aaron Yann fourth, Peter Ali propin eighth, Simon O'Halloran 13th and Ross Yann money hole 17th.

Ladies

FINALLY, a Wednesday not raining. It was third time lucky, and the July Monthly Medal was finally played with 19 happy players. It was worth the wait for Carole Sartori 112(45)67 with the round of the day, who romped in for her first Monthly Medal by seven shots. Carole was also the C Grade winner and dropped her handicap. Other grade winners were A Grade Yvonne Everitt 93(19)74 and B Grade Jenny McRae 103(28)75. BDL went to Merryn Dear 78, Marg Johnson 78, Geraldine Prentice 79, Catherine Bolding 79 and Irene Walsh 80. NTP on the second was Irene Walsh and eighth Layla Robertson. Scratch went to Marg Johnson. Putting was won by Geraldine Prentice.



Baia Pugh at her jumper presentation for Vic Country.

Baia selected for Vic Country

IN ONLY her second season of football, Wonthaggi's Baia Pugh was recently selected for the Vic Country squad.

Baia said she was lucky enough to be selected for Vic Country's trial process at Bundoora.

Fifty people were trialled, playing games against Vic Metro, which was also using the practice matches as part of its selection.

About a month ago, Baia received news that she had made the team and has so far played two games.

Vic Country defeated Allies Girls by 46 points in round one and lost to Queensland U18s by just 12 points in round two.

Baia started her footy career playing one season for Wonthaggi Power's Youth Girls.

Since leaving school and heading off to uni, she has been training with Port Melbourne's VFLW side and launched her second-ever footy season with Gippsland Power.

"Playing for Gippsland Power has been really good. All the girls are lovely and it's a great atmosphere," she said.

"After doing athletics for many years, I wanted to get involved in the team sport environment after finishing school. It's been great because I've been able to incorporate my running training pretty heavily on a bigger playing surface.

"My dad and my brother love footy and I've been able to use their knowledge to get into the game. They've encouraged me to use my abilities and relevant skills to my full potential."

When Baia first picked footy back up, she started out on the wing and has now worked her way into the midfield rotation.

She said it was exciting to be selected for Vic Country.

"I try my best wherever I go in sport, but I initially got back into footy for a bit of fun," Baia said.

Although the only local recruit, she was thrilled to be one of seven girls from Gippsland Power selected.

"It's good to have those girls alongside me. We've been having a good season together with Gippsland Power – we've won seven games and lost three," she said.

Having now had some success on the field, Baia said a longer career in footy may be on the cards for her.

"I'm top age in the U18s and there are always talks about going further, especially leading up to the draft. I'd like to see where it goes," she said.

Baia's next match for Vic Country will be played against Vic Metro at RSEA Park on July 20.

Season defining round of Gippsland football

BOTH South Gippsland teams, Leongatha and Wonthaggi, face season-defining matches in this weekend's round of the Gippsland Football League.

Since recording a fighting win over Traralgon on May 24, Wonthaggi has been decimated by injury and have dropped games to Leongatha, Moe, Warragul and Drouin, punctuated by a solid display over Maffra at home.

But this week they're hosting Morwell at Wonthaggi, a must-win game if they don't want to give up their place in the "five".

The Power look to have some important ins coming in for the game, headed up by the coach himself Jarryd Blair who had been nursing some injuries in the weeks leading up to the Drouin game, but looks to have freshened up for the final six games of the season.

But Saturday's contest is one of those "eight-point games" where a win will put them two games clear of Morwell, while a loss will see the Tigers go above them on percentage.

Likewise, Leongatha has also been hit by injuries in the past few months but have managed to inject plenty of speed, skill and enthusiasm into their lineup in the absence of some of their more highly credentialled players.

However, while star forward Patrick Ireland has been able to do pretty much as he has liked in recent weeks, kicking bags of nine and 12, he'll have much more capable competition this Saturday, especially if intercept-marking marvel Declan Keilty is back in the Lions' den.

Keilty missed three games before the bye and is yet to reappear.

If there's a Saturday when you need to get out and support the boys, it's this Saturday, at Wonthaggi for the Power faithful and the short trip over to Moetown for the Parrots.

RIGHT: Last time, back in May, Leongatha were poleaxed by Moe at the top of their game. What this time at Ted Summerton Reserve?



No game, no opponent is easy: MGFNL prepare for a tough challenge

MDU v Newborough

A TOP-four spot might be on the line for the Demons, but in some ways, there is even more to this clash than meets the eye, with the home side also on the hunt to win back some respect from within.

Rhett Kelly, MDU coach, said, "There's no easy way to say this, but last week's performance was poor and extremely disappointing. They outworked us for longer and were able to score heavily, and we simply couldn't respond. I want to apologise to our supporters who made the trek down the road. That was not who we want to be, and we need to be a lot better than what we dished up in that second half.

The great thing about footy is that we have another chance next week to respond. I'll be expecting a huge effort against a team that had us covered in round one."

The visiting Bulldogs will want to impose themselves on this game early, knowing that some first-quarter pressure can have the visitors rolling on from a terrific win the week prior.

Pat Frendo, Newborough coach, said "I'm hoping last week's win builds a bit of confidence heading into this week when we head to MDU to play them for the second time. We managed to knock them off in round one, but that seems like an eternity ago, and both teams have gone on to have very different seasons since. It will be a tough challenge as our next three opponents are all gunning for a top-two spot."

As much as the final five games seem tough for the Bulldogs, the reality is, it seems, that no game, no matter the opponent, is easy, and all that one can do is focus on the opposition in front of you.

By Rob Popplestone

Stony Creek v Boolarra

As disappointing as Stony Creek were to be the first victim of the season to Hill End, the challenge now for the Lions is to get back up, dust themselves off and prepare for yet another tough challenge in the shape of Boolarra.

Troy Shepardson, Stony Creek coach, said, "With so many injuries to our list, we are battling the best we can. This week, preparing for Boolarra, who have been in good form, and we just need to look to win a few games in the back end of the season, especially when we get a few of these teams we lost close ones to on our home deck."

"The Lions, like their opponent this week, have been on the wrong side of far too many close contests, and neither wants to be on the receiving end in round fourteen."

Brendan Mason, Boolarra coach, said, "last week after a tug of war, we witnessed after twenty four minutes gone a Toora free kick found their gun forward Craig free in the F50 and when he kicked truly the home side led by four with that being the ultimate margin in a cracking game of football."

Somehow, the Demons will need to lift themselves back up off the turf and be ready to take on a Lions side, who in many ways find themselves in the same predicament as themselves, and that is trying desperately to salvage what started as a promising season.

Tarwin v Toora

Five weeks from finals, this clash looms as every bit finals-like, given the opportunity to have a second chance after a loss will be very slight, whilst for the winner, the

hopes of some action when the big boys do battle will remain very much alive.

Jai Accardi, Toora's coach, said, "Last week it was great to see the boys stand up when it counted in some big moments in the last quarter to get the victory, one that could have gone either way.

"We now head to Tarwin for another massive challenge, one we look forward to."

Toora have come from nowhere over the past six weeks, with many more wins than losses, having the Magpies believe that finals could be; however, they now face another side who, like them, must also win to keep their season alive.

The Sharks are coming off a loss to Fish Creek, but buoyed by a super effort, even in losing.

Lachie Jones, Tarwin coach, said the guys gave effort. "We held one another accountable. A really pleasing aspect was our second quarter response. We had some of our players do some selfless roles, and some things worked, which we will take away as a positive.

"We took the contest up to them, but did drop away in the last quarter. A really big game awaits us in Toora next Saturday. They have improved as the season has gone along, so we will need to bring our best."

With so much on the line, a loss to either will certainly take the wind from the sails of the loser, but won't automatically finish their season.

Yinnar v Fish Creek

A lot of water has passed under the bridge since these two teams, and last year's grand finalists, met in round one of the 2025 MGFNL season.

On that occasion, it was Yinnar who were the victors by ten points, but since that time,

Fish Creek has remained unbeaten and looms as a better team than at that time.

Jarrad Walker, Fish Creek coach, said, "It has been a real positive for us that we are able to stay in games, then have the fitness to lift to another gear in the second halves when required.

"Now, having played everyone once, it's back to the start, and a tough game against Yinnar. It's getting tight at the top of the ladder, so it will be extremely important to win this one for a bit of breathing space. "Hopefully, with a couple of handy inclusions that didn't feature the first time around, we will be able to get the win this time."

Yinnar sit in third spot, just a game behind the second-placed Kangaroos, as important though is to get a second win against the two-time reigning premiers and start to assert some doubt in the mind of the champion team.

The Magpies, before their bye last week, produced the sort of football that will test the visitors.

Sam McCulloch, Yinnar coach, said, "To get our brand of footy going in the second quarter and then continue on in the second half and run the game out well. One of the most pleasing aspects was the even contribution from right across the field for all four quarters.

"Looking forward to a well-earned break for the boys and will rest up and prepare for Fish Creek."

You would expect somewhat of a game of chess where both coaches might trial some set plays and positional changes, coupled with testing the opposition in areas of doubt so that they might be exposed when it really counts, come finals time.

BYE: Hill End, Foster, Mirboo North.

Lady Knights edge ahead in final moments for sensational win

THE weather was reasonably mild for Leongatha's trek over to Drouin for their annual night games between the clubs' respective senior women and senior men's teams.

With Drouin's women's team currently sitting second on the table and Leongatha third, this fixture promised to be a magnificent match of local soccer.

In recognition of NAIDOC Week and Drouin's 50th year celebrations the evening began with a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony by Kurnai elder Aunty Cheryl. The women's game kicked off shortly after at 5pm with the Senior Men's match to follow at 7pm.

It was clear from the onset of the women's game that both teams were evenly matched. With only two substitutes on the bench, the Lady Knights initially appeared at a disadvantage but as the game progressed the lack of fresh energy from the bench wasn't noticeable as the Knights kept their play calm and composed. Drouin worked hard to keep Leongatha's striker Lisse Bath marked in their defensive third but struggled to execute a clean ball to their own striker Briana Purvis who was successfully denied attacking play by the Leongatha's centre backs Mandy Bongers and Val Langlet.

Leongatha's Maddison Hollier was consistent on the left



The Knights womens team secured an impressive win in Drouin.

wing, pressing the Drouin defence's possession and was supported by Ana Heneghan in left full back, playing her first game for the women's team this season.

Leongatha's right winger Maddi Herbert and fullbacks Jess Burrowes and Rhi Le Busque kept play tidy on the right side, executing some excellent long ball attacking plays.

Due to low squad numbers Molly Gurnett jumped from

her usual position in the backline to play in the forward line, proving herself a strong, natural striker with a keen sense of positioning. It was Leongatha's powerhouse central duo Bernie Fitzgerald and Naomi Eaton whose composure was the foundation of Leongatha's beautiful play.

Following numerous attacking attempts by the Knights, and some brilliant saves executed by Knights keeper Kate Membrey, neither team

were able to take the advantage. It wasn't until the 85th minute when midfielder Naomi Eaton played a beautiful through ball into space behind Drouin's defence for Lisse Bath to dribble into a one on one contest with Drouin's keeper that the game was decided as Bath successfully booted the ball to the left of the keeper securing the win and a jump to second on the ladder for the Leongatha Lady Knights.

Korumburra City's first night under the lights

12 girls

THE under-12 girls battled it out in windy conditions, passing and defending well, but ultimately lost to their better Wonthaggi opponents.

15 girls

The Under 15 girls showed grit and determination in a hard-fought draw against Wonthaggi. Despite playing into the wind in the opening term, they were the first to score and set the tone early with relentless pressure. Every player dug deep to shut down Wonthaggi's forward attacks, with strong teamwork and defensive efforts right across the ground. It was a gutsy performance from start to finish, and the girls should be proud of the way they held their ground and fought to the final whistle.

U14s.

The under-14 boys played hard and well, and despite a loss, they held their heads high right to the end. The two goals they scored were excellent and showed how well they work together as a team.

17s

In freezing, windy conditions, Korumburra's Under 17s battled to a 3-2 win over Wonthaggi. Jonah was outstanding in goals, with Japheth and Sandaru controlling the midfield, while Denzel

and Talon held a strong defence. Liam from 14s helped out with a great goal. A great team effort sealed the win.

Men

Round 11, Korumburra v Wonthaggi Senior Men kicked off with Burra's first ever Friday night under lights match. The fire was going, the bar was open, and the grandstand roared as Podi hit 4 cracking goals from 30 yards in a masterful midfield performance. Juju was solid in defence, Hayden kicked three and set up Aiden for two, and a beautiful cross from Riley finished with a brilliant header from Jake capped off the win in a 10-5 victory that keeps Burra in the hunt for top spot.

Women

The senior women, fresh from their first victory of the year over Mirboo North last week, were keen and raring to go. With only nine on the pitch for Wonni, the first half was a dour struggle with their centre back repelling all Burra attacks and Zoe providing a threat for Wonni in the midfield. After half time, the Burra girls came out and dominated. Liv's run from box to box, put through the birthday girl, Mel Allman, who sealed the win with a great run and finish. 2 on the trot for Burra 1-0.



Under-14 boys played hard as a team.

GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND 11 RESULTS - JULY 11 -13

- SENIOR Mens:**
- Korumburra City 10 d Wonthaggi United 5
Leongatha Knights 4 d Drouin Maroon 0
Phillip Island Breakers 7 d Inverloch Stars 2
- Senior Womens:**
- Leongatha Knights 1 d Drouin Maroon 0
Phillip Island Breakers 4 d Inverloch Stars 0
Trafalgar Victory 7 d Mirboo North United 0
Korumburra City 1 d Wonthaggi United 0
- Mens Reserves:**
- Inverloch Stars 3 d P-Island Breakers 1
Drouin Maroon 3 d Leongatha Knights 0
- Under 17 Mixed:**
- Drouin Maroon 4 d L'gatha Knights Blue 1
Korumburra City 3 d Wonthaggi United 2
Drouin Maroon Yellow 4
d Leongatha Knights White 0
Phillip Island Breakers 3 d Inverloch Stars 0
- Under 15 Girls:**
- Phillip Island Breakers 6 d Drouin Yellow 5
Korumburra City 1 drew Wonthaggi United 1
Drouin Maroon 3 d Leongatha Knights 0
- Under 14 Mixed:**
- P-Island Penguins 1 d Inverloch Stars 0
Drouin Maroon 8 d Leongatha Knights 2
Drouin Maroon Yellow 6 d Lang Lang United 0
P-Island Stingrays 4 d Mirboo North United 2
Wonthaggi United 8 d Korumburra City 2
- Under 12 Girls:**
- P-Island Breakers 7 d Inverloch Stars 1
Drouin Maroon 5 d Leongatha Knights 3
Wonthaggi United 6 d Korumburra City 2
- Under 12A Mixed:**
- Drouin Maroon 4 d L'gatha Knights Blue 0
Inverloch Stars 5 d P-Island Breakers 0
Wonthaggi United 3 d Korumburra City 1
Drouin Maroon Yellow 4 d Lang Lang United 1
- Under 12B Mixed:**
- Phillip Island Penguins 6 d Inverloch Stars 0
Drouin Yellow 6 d L'gatha Knights White 3
Drouin White 3 d Phillip Island Stingrays 0

ROUND 12 DRAW - SUNDAY, JULY 20

- Senior Mens:**
- Inverloch Stars v Wonthaggi United
Lang Lang United v Trafalgar Victory
Phillip Island Breakers v Korumburra City
- Senior Womens:**
- Inverloch Stars v Wonthaggi United
Mirboo North United v Drouin Maroon
Lang Lang United v Trafalgar Victory
Phillip Island Breakers v Korumburra City
- Mens Reserves:**
- Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons Maroon
Phillip Island Breakers v Korumburra City
- Under 17 Mixed:**
- Inverloch Stars v Wonthaggi United
Mirboo North United v Drouin Maroon
Drouin Maroon Yellow v L'gatha Knights Blue
Phillip Island Breakers v Korumburra City
- Under 15 Girls:**
- Drouin Dragons Yellow v Leongatha Knights
Phillip Island Breakers v Korumburra City
- Under 14 Mixed:**
- Inverloch Stars v Wonthaggi United
Mirboo North United v Drouin Maroon
Drouin Maroon Yellow v Leongatha Knights
Lang Lang United v Phillip Island Stingrays
Phillip Island Penguins v Korumburra City
- Under 12 Girls:**
- Inverloch Stars v Wonthaggi United
Phillip Island Breakers v Korumburra City
- Under 12A Mixed:**
- Inverloch Stars v Wonthaggi United
Mirboo North United v Drouin Maroon
Drouin Maroon Yellow v L'gatha Knights Blue
Phillip Island Breakers v Korumburra City
- Under 12B Mixed:**
- Inverloch Stars v Wonthaggi United
P-Island Stingrays v Leongatha Knights White
Drouin Dragons White v Trafalgar Victory



Fish Creek and Tarwin battle for possession during the C Grade match won by the Kangaroos. A18_2825



Jasmin Friend leans to defend a shot at the goal for Foster. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Natalie Griffin shows her athleticism for Toora against Boolarra during the Magpies' big A Grade win. A44_2845



Hayley Bourke gets ready to grab the ball for Fish Creek during its thumping B Grade victory over Tarwin. A23_2825



Chloe Culhane takes a leaping catch in centre. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Foster's Zoe Greenway leaps for the defence in goal. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Toora goal shooter Hannah Weston and Boolarra's Carrie Fox reach for the ball in the third quarter of the A Grade match. A48_2825



Ashlyn Matheson has the ball for Fish Creek during its narrow C Grade win over Tarwin, scoring 26 goals for the game. A19_2825



Lauren Gale has possession for Fish Creek on the way to a big B Grade win over Tarwin, scoring 40 of the Kangaroos' 73 goals. A24_2825



Toora's Evie Stone and Boolarra's Carlie Woodbridge compete during the A Grade match. A47_2825

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RESULTS

A GRADE	B GRADE	C GRADE	D GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER
Hill End 34 lt Stony Crk 60	Hill End 35 lt Stony Crk 42	Hill End 28 lt Stony Crk 31	Hill End 23 lt Stony Crk 31	Hill End 47 d Stony Crk 30	Foster 22 d MDU 17	Hill End 6 lt Stony Crk 26
Fish Crk 65 d Tarwin 41	Fish Crk 73 d Tarwin 9	Fish Crk 51 d Tarwin 47	Fish Crk 25 lt Tarwin 31	Foster 10 lt MDU 67	Hill End 46 d Stony Crk 14	Foster 32 d MDU 7
Thorpdale 26 lt Mirboo Nth 76	Thorpdale 41 lt Mirboo Nth 58	Thorpdale 25 lt Mirboo Nth 63	Thorpdale 7 lt Mirboo Nth 58	Toora 35 lt Boolarra 37	Toora 37 d Boolarra 16	Toora 8 lt Boolarra 24
Toora 56 d Boolarra 36	Toora 75 d Boolarra 25	Foster 36 d MDU 34	Toora 46 d Boolarra 16	N-borough 45 d Morwell-E 19	Fish Crk 31 drew Tarwin 31	Fish Crk 25 lt Tarwin 33
Foster 75 d MDU 51	Foster 81 d MDU 35	Toora 38 lt Boolarra 43	Foster 33 d MDU 30	Fish Crk 41 d Tarwin 24	N-borough 53 d Morwell-E 16	N-borough 54 d Morwell-E 2
N-borough 59 d Morwell-E 50	N-borough 69 d Morwell-E 30	N-borough 49 d Morwell-E 13	N-borough 31 d Morwell-E 25			

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	B GRADE	%	pts	C GRADE	%	pts	D GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Foster	203.54	52	Foster	176.51	52	Yinnar	158.97	48	Mirboo North	204.80	52	Boolarra	237.55	52	Yinnar	226.77	52	Yinnar	296.75	48
Yinnar	152.54	48	Fish Creek	164.34	44	Fish Creek	127.16	40	Yinnar	218.75	48	Yinnar	187.27	46	Toora	247.40	48	Newborough	264.75	48
Fish Creek	156.39	44	Yinnar	156.78	44	Newborough	150.45	38	Tarwin	132.73	44	MDU	228.57	44	Hill End	188.70	40	Boolarra	167.96	44
Mirboo North	138.57	36	Newborough	132.85	40	MDU	134.17	38	Toora	140.93	40	Mirboo North	202.33	42	Boolarra	167.57	40	Tarwin	176.10	40
MDU	119.27	36	Mirboo North	116.70	36	Fish Creek	113.91	34	Fish Creek	157.00	36	Toora	167.33	36	Foster	108.06	32	Fish Creek	128.09	36
Toora	95.23	32	Toora	125.94	32	Boolarra	113.69	32	Newborough	118.71	32	Hill End	112.04	32	Newborough	101.78	32	Mirboo North	144.32	32
Stony Creek	113.80	28	Stony Creek	108.91	28	Tarwin	116.95	30	Hill End	123.16	24	Fish Creek	90.25	28	Mirboo North	90.91	32	Stony Creek	120.41	28
Newborough	99.84	24	MDU	94.47	24	Mirboo North	96.24	26	Stony Creek	97.36	20	Stony Creek	69.65	24	MDU	100.00	28	Foster	108.37	28
Morwell East	89.65	20	Morwell East	76.74	20	Stony Creek	98.76	24	MDU	78.62	20	Newborough	46.64	20	Tarwin	61.82	18	Hill End	72.95	20
Tarwin	86.72	20	Hill End	74.95	20	Hill End	100.00	22	Morwell East	91.19	16	Morwell East	40.76	16	Fish Creek	40.10	14	Toora	28.99	16
Boolarra	63.54	10	Boolarra	46.05	12	Toora	102.10	20	Foster	64.51	16	Tarwin	38.09	12	Stony Creek	43.12	12	MDU	26.39	12
Hill End	50.13	10	Tarwin	60.21	8	Morwell East	70.16	8	Boolarra	71.97	12	Foster	32.38	8	Morwell East	38.85	12	Morwell East	19.71	8
Thorpdale	37.48	4	Thorpdale	51.69	4	Thorpdale	18.83	4	Thorpdale	11.42	4	Thorpdale	0.00	0	Thorpdale	0.00	0	Thorpdale	0.00	0



Hannah Smith gets a fingertip to the ball to deflect a pass intended for Kylie Wookey during the B Grade game.



Grace Rand is surrounded by Sea Eagles as she works to transition the ball into the Panthers' attacking third.



Renee Pilkington follows through on her deflection to gain possession of a pass intended for Tamika De Nardis in the A Grade clash.



Phillip Island's Hollie Castagna and Tooradin-Dalmore's Evie Jagoe contest the loose ball in the middle of the court in the A Grade match at Cowes on Saturday.



Charley Mau has her opposition Alex Maher boxed out while putting up a strong block on Tooradin's Jessica Hammond with textbook defensive positioning.



Phillip Island centre Lexi Walton gets the ball going the Island's way during a challenging match against the visiting Tooradin-Dalmore A Grade team on Saturday.



Ruby Morris blocks her opponent from passing into the goal circle. Photo: Michelle Chisholm.



Dalyston's Britt Thomas lines up her shot. Photo: Michelle Chisholm.



Ruby Brosnan flicks the netball into attack. Photo: Michelle Chisholm.

KILCUNDA BASS

A GRADE: The girls displayed some great netball and put the pressure on making IK fight for their win. The defensive pressure forced turnovers and the goalers showed their strength in the goal circle. After trailing by 10 goals at the end of the third, finished the game 42-49. Award: Caity Egan.

B Grade: Knowing the hard work was due to pay off after some narrow losses in recent weeks, B grade hit the court hard and strong and got the jump early with Ciara and Kylie displaying some amazing ring work, Kiara and Kira working the mid court with strong drives and Ally, Esther and Liz adding the defensive pressure. An all-around team effort to get the win! Award: Ciara Santorini.

C Grade: The team put in a strong effort in their match against IK, despite coming away with a loss. With their main defenders unavailable, the girls showed great resilience and adaptability. Their determination and teamwork were evident, making it a hard-fought contest. Awards: Romy De Nardis and Alana Dakin.

D Grade: We started with some unforced errors off our first three centre passes, which saw us trailing right from the start. By half time we were down by 10 goals, the team worked hard in the second half to reduce the final margin to just seven goals. The defensive end worked really well, and we were able to convert a number of their turnovers. However, we struggled to consistently convert off our own centre passes, which made it difficult to close the gap. Award: Jessica Parks

17 & Under: We lost to Inverloch 14-37, but everyone gave it their all. With a few girls away, a big thanks to the 15 & Under's who filled in. We had extra support from our A grade buddies who cheered us on from the sidelines and kept our spirits up. Sadie, Sav and Paige were strong in defence, working hard all game. Alana and Maya played great through the midcourt, and Lexie and Jilli shot some awesome goals. Awards: Jillianne Wallace and Alana Dakin

15 & Under: Inverloch applied great defensive pressure from the first whistle and they didn't let up all game. We had some great passages of play, but IK were just too strong for us on the day and we couldn't get control. Not the result that we wanted however we will dust ourselves off, continue to improve and move on to the next challenge. Awards: Savannah Bennett and Kealey Trewavis.

13 & Under: Our 13 & Unders faced some damp conditions this week, which led to a few uncharacteristic errors that IK were quick to capitalise on. To the team's credit, they regrouped well in the second quarter and fought back, closing the gap to just one goal by halftime. In the second half, IK had all the answers and despite our best efforts, the game gradually slipped away. There were some promising passages of play and plenty to take forward. We'll shake this one off and keep working to finish the season strong! Awards: Indi Eden & Emily Vanderspek.

11 & Under: Our team has come long way since round four when we last took on IK. Celebrating the club's Buddy Day, we had our D grade cheer squad there. IK were a bit strong but we managed 10 goals against a very strong opponent. It was pleasing to see our improvement since our last match-up. Awards: Ebony Boce and Sadie Johns.

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS					LADDERS				
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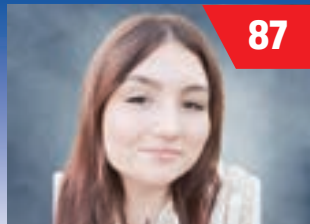
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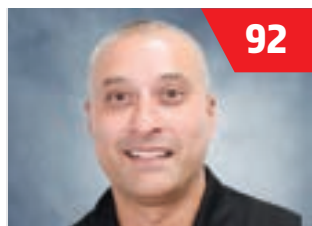
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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 13

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

	66		39
FISH CREEK	TARWIN		

Fish Creek	1.7	2.8	5.9	9.12 (66)
Tarwin	1.0	3.2	4.3	6.3 (39)

GOALS, Fish Crk: L Gale, T Gavenlock, J Lamers 2, K Dorling, B Mitchell, T Valenta 1 each
BEST: J Hayes, M McGannon, T Gavenlock, K Dorling, R De Biase, T Valenta
GOALS, Tarwin: B Chalmers, B Ellen 2, J Osborne, T Harley 1 each
BEST: B Ellen, J Proctor, H Cumming, B Chalmers, T Vanderkolk, T Francis

RESERVES

Fish Creek	1.0	2.2	4.2	4.4 (28)
Tarwin	3.6	6.6	12.9	14.13 (97)

GOALS, Fish Crk: A Bright 3, J Rysko 1
BEST: L Bowman, J Anderson, B Boyd, L Cocksedge, J Arestia, A Farrell
GOALS, Tarwin: B Senior-Gibson 7, R Waddell 4, D Cardy, T Garry, L Anderson 1 each
BEST: R Waddell, Z Bright, B Senior-Gibson, D Feild, B Abernethy, H Watt

THIRDS

Fish Creek	1.1	1.2	3.2	3.3 (21)
Tarwin	3.3	7.6	11.11	14.14 (98)

GOALS, Fish Crk: J Morgan, J Cicero, A Bradley 1 each
BEST: A Bradley, R Cicero, M Chapman, S Rodda, J Rysko, M Thomson
GOALS, Tarwin: B Trevena 3, N Belvedere, J Lowe 2, A Gannon, C Gerretzen, L Jones, Z McRae, J Andronaco, K Gow 1 each
BEST: J Cameron, A Gannon, S Kreutzberger, Z McRae, J Lowe, C Mallia

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

	64		60
TOORA	BOOLARRA		

Toora	5.3	6.6	7.9	9.10 (64)
Boolarra	1.3	4.8	4.11	8.12 (60)

GOALS, Toora: L Craig 5, J Smart 2, S Smart, M Bezzene 1 each
BEST: J Halsall, W Cashin, L Craig, J Smart, L Smart, L Marr
GOALS, Boolarra: A Sheers, J Mason 2, B Flanigan, B Mason, M Dyer, J Holmes 1 each
BEST: S Noy, M Dyer, B Mason, J Noy, M Porykali, B Flanigan

RESERVES

Toora	4.4	10.5	13.8	16.14 (110)
Boolarra	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1 (7)

GOALS, Toora: J Maurilli-Pullin 5, J Nicholls 3, L de Boer, T Bartels, J Guganovic 2, J Nicholls, W Balcombe 1 each
BEST: L Anedda, P Grant, L de Boer, A Walker, J Guganovic, M Glowrey
GOALS, Boolarra: P Haines 1
BEST: J Hawkins, C Semple, J Felmingham, R Johnstone- McCloud, G Dyer, J Gill

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS
Newborough 13.11.89 d Morwell-E 11.10.76
RESERVES
Morwell-E 24.12.156 d Newborough 4.2.26
THIRDS
Newborough 15.11.101 d Yinnar 6.5.41

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 19

ELLINBANK	ROUND 14
Longwarry v Buln Buln	
Ellinbank v Lang Lang	
Neerim South v Yarragon	
Nilma Darnum v Poowong	
Trafalgar v Catani	
Bunyip v Nyora	

GIPPSLAND	ROUND 13
Bairnsdale v Warragul	
Sale v Drouin	
Moe v Leongatha	
Wonthaggi v Morwell	
Traralgon v Maffra	

MID GIPPSLAND	ROUND 14
Boolarra v Stony Creek	
MDU v Newborough	
Tarwin v Toora	
Thorpdale v Morwell East	
Yinnar v Fish Creek	
Hill End, Foster and Mirboo North - BYES	



Tarwin's Harrison Cumming pursues the Sherrin, being one of the Sharks' better players against Fish Creek. A43_2825

Tarwin under pressure as Roos rise

By Rob Popplestone

FISH Creek had the opportunity to not only secure four more valuable premiership points but also to send Tarwin spiralling back down towards a pack of clubs all clamouring for the Sharks' current position in the league's top six.

It was an opportunity that the Kangaroos gladly took with both hands, winning by twenty-seven points.

"A pleasing win yesterday. We knew Tarwin would come out firing after the previous week and it proved to be a tough

arm wrestle for the first half," Jarrad Walker, Fish Creek coach said.

"Happy with our boys to keep grinding away, lift the pressure in the second half and kick away to a couple of goal lead. It has been a real positive for us that we are able to stay in games, then have the fitness to lift to another gear in the second halves when required."

The hard work done through



Lachlan Gale leaps high for the Kangaroos in the ruck, Fish Creek prevailing by 27 points over a competitive Tarwin. A40_2825

summer is now called on in the middle of winter, the sides that have dug deep when no one was watching can now showcase that work while all eyes are on them.

"Always a tough ask playing Fish Creek as they have quality across every line. I was happy with our response this week as opposed to last week. The guys gave effort and we held one another accountable," Lachie Jones, Tarwin coach said.

"A really pleasing aspect was our second quarter response.

We had some of our players do some selfless roles and some things worked which we will take away as a positive.

"We took the contest up to them but did drop away in the last quarter."

There remains very little between many of the sides in the competition and just when you think you may have things worked out, the unexpected shows up and slaps you in the face.

The moral to the MGFNL story, expect the unexpected.

Boolarra left asking "what if?"

By Rob Popplestone

ALL that stood between Toora and an unlikely late-season surge towards the MGFNL finals was a Boolarra team that pretty much wanted the exact same thing that the Magpies did, a victory, four premiership points and continued contact with the top six sides in the competition.

Toora took their chances claiming victory in yet another nail-biting victory of round thirteen.

The Magpies 9-10-64 defeating Boolarra 8-12-60.

"A tough contest against Boolarra we came out firing in the first quarter and controlled the majority of it with good ball use which gave our forwards good looks at goal. But as Boolarra do so often they got the game on their terms and outplayed us for the majority of the last three quarters," Jay Accardi, Toora coach said.

"Was great to see the boys stand up when it counted in some big moments in the last quarter to get the victory one that could have gone either way."

The Demons are now seemingly on the wrong side of too many that could have gone either way.

Each week there are patches of play that indicate they could and possibly even should be further up the ladder.

The weekend gone, no exception.

"A lightning fast start saw the Toora side lead five goals three behind to one goal three at the first break," Brendan Mason, Boolarra coach said.

"We were the victim of self-inflicted wounds with some poor ball use from the halfback line through the middle of the ground gifting three of Toora's five goals.

"Then Magpies' star Jack Weston injected himself into the middle and started to influence the flow of play.

"In the last quarter and after a tug of war saw a scoreless five minutes Joel Mason kicked the ultimate skipper's goal to get the lead back for the Demons with 19 played.

"With 24 gone, a Toora free kick found their gun forward Craig free in the F50 and when he kicked truly the home side led by four with that being the ultimate margin in a cracking game of football."

There were so many passages of play, decisions made that the Demons could reflect on and say, "what if" but with the premiership points missing from their bank, Boolarra appear just one more loss away from looking at their season and saying, "what if?"



Josh Halsall starred for Toora, getting a grip of his opponent Brendan Mason's shorts on this occasion. A53_2825

No coach, no worries for Tigers

By Rob Popplestone

THERE was a building expectation that one week would soon determine a number of clubs' seasons.

Not many, however, believed that round thirteen might be it.

MDU were under no illusions as to the enormity of the task as they ventured to the home ground of the Tigers to take on the top of the table team at their home ground.

Foster had only tasted defeat once in season 2025 and they were determined that their second would not be in round thirteen against the Demons.

Foster 23-9-147 to MDU 10-6-66.

The Tigers' comprehensive victory now sets a high benchmark for the rest of the competition.

The win was much more impressive given the coach was actually in another country at the time.

"Unfortunately I was away at a funeral in NZ on the weekend, but luckily we have such a strong club and message across the group we could still go to work," Sam Davies, Foster coach said.

"Besty (Jake Best) took over but our first half was filled with undisciplined acts and giving away goals – we were on top, but the scoreboard may not have reflected that. The second half showcased the way we wanted to play and our ability to score and defend as a group. The midfield dominated and our forwards got really good looks.

"We'll enjoy the week off before our last four games."

As the Tigers get to rest before returning in round fourteen, the Demons cannot wait to redeem themselves after the disappointment of such a devastating loss.

"There's no easy way to say this, but yesterday's



MDU's Sam Wilson escapes Jaxon Lewis. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.

performance was poor and extremely disappointing," Rhett Kelly, MDU coach said.

"While the first half showed promise for a great game of footy, unfortunately, we didn't come to play after halftime. Full credit to Foster; they are a great team and had all the answers across the board. They outworked us for longer and were able to score heavily, and we simply couldn't respond.

"I want to apologise to our supporters who made the trek down the road. That was not who we want to be, and we need to be a lot better than what we dished up in that second half.

"The great thing about footy is that we have another chance next week to respond."

The Demons sit fourth on the MGFNL ladder, but unless they respond immediately that position will also come under threat from a number of clubs in close pursuit.



Foster's James Morris sinks the boot in. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.

Schofield lifts spirits for Hill End's first win

HILL End started the afternoon of round twelve with a real belief that this could be their chance for their first win of the 2025 season.

A healthy local crowd coupled with the appearance of former AFL player Will Schofield as a guest of the Carlton Draught ensured that all the stars were seemingly aligned.

The result sparked home ground celebrations for the first time this year.

An accurate Hill End

By Rob Popplestone

19-5-119 comfortable victors by seven goals over Stony Creek 11-11-77.

"We all played well, but big Will Schofield got us plenty of the ball and lifted the whole side, Stony Creek came back in the third quarter, but we kept them at arm's length," Adrian Burns, Hill End Coach said.

"I've been waiting for them to do what I knew they could,

it was just great to see the boys get a reward and for the whole community to enjoy it."

In some ways, the win was inevitable for Hill End, who throughout the season had sometimes teased that a win was on the way, but consistently fell short, which in some ways made the win so much sweeter.

"Congrats to Hill End getting their first win for the year, and putting on such a great day with the Carlton Draught

player. With so many injuries to our list we are battling the best we can," Troy Shephardson, Stony Creek coach said.

The Lions, like a handful of clubs in the competition, have battled as best they could with too many injuries to manage successfully, and when your talent pool is also limited, it makes life that much tougher.

All that said, Stony most certainly has the foundation from which to build in the season of 2026.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS					ROUND 13				
SENIORS					RESERVES				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts
Foster	11	1	240.76	48	Yinnar	12	0	447.86	52
Fish Creek	11	1	203.15	48	MDU	9	3	309.81	40
Yinnar	10	2	177.37	44	Morwell East	9	3	248.02	40
MDU	8	4	131.95	36	Tarwin	9	3	197.51	40
Thorpdale	6	6	97.39	28	Stony Creek	8	4	132.55	36
Tarwin	6	6	91.31	28	Fish Creek	8	4	129.59	36
Mirboo Nth	6	6	81.82	28	Toora	7	5	207.71	32
Toora	5	7	89.07	24	Newborough	4	8	64.40	20
Newborough	5	7	71.48	24	Hill End	3	9	54.67	16
Boolarra	4	8	80.46	20	Mirboo Nth	3	9	53.60	16
Stony Creek	3	9	82.90	16	Thorpdale	3	9	27.56	16
Morwell East	2	10	54.26	12	Foster	2	9	38.84	14
Hill End	1	11	52.73	8	Boolarra	0	11	22.20	6
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Jake Best (Foster)				63	Jarryd Garlick (Yinnar)				52
Nick Nagel (MDU)				54	Adam Bright (Fish Creek)				43
Kane Grinstead-Jones (Yinnar)				54	James Maurilli-Pullin (Toora)				33
THIRDS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts
MDU	9	1	369.37	48	Angus McInnes (MDU)				52
Newborough	8	2	167.79	44	Oscar Hanson (Newborough)				42
Yinnar	6	4	118.48	36	Tobias McDuffie (Mirboo North)				35
Hill End	6	4	115.01	36					
Tarwin	2	7	74.28	24					
Mirboo Nth	4	7	72.77	24					
Fish Creek	0	10	22.74	12					
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					

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 13

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

147

66

FOSTER	MDU
Foster	5.3 9.3 17.7 23.9 (147)
MDU	2.2 7.5 8.6 10.6 (66)

GOALS, Foster: J Best 9, J Flavelle 3, J Lewis, S Chaseling, B Flavelle 2, M Green, J Rathjen, M Cooke, H Hoppner, M Green 1 each

BEST: A Norton, H Hoppner, M Cooke, O Callcott, J Morris, J Flavelle

GOALS, MDU: T McRae 4, D Thorson, W Stewart 2, N Nagel, S Wilson 1 each

BEST: J Hoy, D Thorson, S Wilson, T Corry, J Schelling, S Walsh

RESERVES

Foster	0.0	2.1	2.1	3.1 (19)
MDU	4.8	8.8	13.13	19.18 (132)

GOALS, Foster: J Davy, J Gay, M House 1 each

BEST: F Lomax, J Gay, K Davy, M House, D Burton, J Smith

GOALS, MDU: J Brydon, B Fennell, A Kemper 3, K Helms, B Tomada, T Harris 2, B Cantwell, L Harris, R Weaver, R Fisher 1 each

BEST: A Kemper, J Leeden, B Tomada, M Hooper, B Fennell, J Lacy

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

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HILL END	STONY CREEK
Hill End	6.0 10.4 10.4 19.5 (119)
Stony Creek	3.3 5.7 8.8 11.11 (77)

GOALS, Hill End: D Paul 5, S Calway, L Cumiskey 3, W Schofield, A Uliando, B Paul, J Fairfull, A Fawcett, D Fawcett, A Daly, C Owen 1 each

BEST: D Paul, A Fawcett, S Calway, A Uliando, L Cumiskey, K Mulley

GOALS, Stony Crk: R McKnight, H Funnell 2, M Portelli, C Carter, T Bernaldo, J Stuart, H Bull, A Dyke, T Sinclair 1 each

BEST: J Stone, J Battersby, C Carter, C Stone, H Bull, J Stuart

RESERVES

Hill End	2.1	2.1	5.1	6.2 (38)
Stony Creek	3.1	5.4	7.5	9.6 (60)

GOALS, Hill End: J Schiavello 3, N James 2, Z O'Hara 1

BEST: N James, L Sutton, N Bain, J Schiavello, B McLachlan, Z O'Hara

GOALS, Stony Crk: D Zuidema, B Renden, L Byrnes 2, T Shepherdson, B park, T Taylor-Wilton 1 each

BEST: W McDonald, R Baudinette, B Renden, S Roche, T Taylor-Wilton, T Davies

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

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THORPDALE	MIRBOO NORTH
Thorpdale	1.5 3.7 7.11 7.15 (57)
Mirboo Nth	2.2 4.2 5.6 9.7 (61)

GOALS, Thorpdale: J Jones 2, J Burgess, S Pickering, T Patten, H Britten, J Patullo 1 each

BEST: G Low, J Patullo, J De Virgilio, B Britten, K O'Connell, S Pickering

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: R Kratzat, D Turner, R Oddy 2, J Conlan, M Richardson, J Chila 1 each

BEST: B Peters, D Turner, J Chila, H Mahoney, A Woodall, M Daly

RESERVES

Thorpdale	1.2	2.6	6.6	6.6 (42)
Mirboo Nth	0.1	1.2	1.4	2.8 (20)

GOALS, Thorpdale: L Swain 3, S Lawson, D Taylor, T Mackenzie 1 each

BEST: C Rudling, R Kerrison, W Allan, L Swain, A Lancaster, D McMahon

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: T Basarke, B Peters 1 each

BEST: J Cummaudo, , H Reville Gent, J Jagusch, E Hall, L Gervasi

THIRDS

Hill End	2.2	4.4	7.5	12.6 (78)
Mirboo Nth	0.3	0.4	1.6	6.7(43)

GOALS, Hill End: D Paul 7, J Winduss 2, B Stephens, T Riley, M Hasthorpe 1 each

BEST: D Paul, D Jarvis, L Mulley, J Winduss, D van der Stoep, S Damschke

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: T Tobin, C Crutchfield 2, M Briscoe, T Heislars 1 each

BEST: N Jackson, H Ludlow, C Vivian, T Williams, Z Fleming, C Crutchfield

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Tigers snatch thrilling last-gasp victory

By Rover

WITH four unanswered final-quarter goals, Mirboo North snatched a thrilling, last-gasp four-point away-from-home victory, against Thorpdale on Saturday.

Mirboo North retained the annual Bright/St Ellen Memorial Shield, with victories in the seniors football and four netball clashes between the clubs.

It was nine minutes before Thorpdale's Hayden Britten brought up the first goal of the game and 10 minutes of intense play later, Jesse Chila slammed through Mirboo North's opening major.

Some Thorpdale ill-discipline afforded Riley Oddy a double 50-metre penalty, that gifted Mirboo North its second goal and a three-point advantage at quarter-time.

After leading by a point at half-time Mirboo North trailed by 17 points at the last change, following a strong third term from the Blues.

Gavin Low, Jesse Patullo, James De Virgilio and Britten had really come into the game for Thorpdale with swags of quality possessions – as Mirboo North struggled to keep pace with the Blues' speedy run and carry through the midfield.

Thorpdale had recorded four consecutive behinds in the final quarter to extend its advantage to 21 points, when another pass – en route to the big white sticks – was marked on the last line by Mirboo North's Beau Peters.

Here, the context of the contest suddenly changed on its head.

Peters sprinted 75 metres down the corridor, weaving past several Blues' outstretched fingers and bouncing the ball six times as he went.

Then, with a 55-metre roost, Peters found Mitch Richardson, who handballed to Jonathon Conlan running past at full speed, for the Tigers' sixth goal for the day.

As fine a passage of attacking football is rarely seen.

A minute later, Richardson scored another major, before playing coach Damien Turner, snapped accurately from close range and the visitors were only three points behind.

Momentum was now with the Tigers when skipper Hudson Kerr's running shot from the left forward pocket slammed into the right goal post.

Deep into time-on, a final forward thrust from Mirboo North, involving Ethan Woodall, Will Jacka, Turner and Archie Woodall sent the ball into its attacking 50.

Turner followed the ball into the goal square, pounced on it like a feral cat and booted his second goal for the term, that put the Tigers four points in front.

This Saturday, Mirboo North has the bye, before hosting Hill End on July 26 at Tigerland.

West Gippsland claims back-to-back Interleague win



West Gippsland Football Netball Competition was the back-to-back winner of the Gippsland Youth Carnival at the Morwell Recreation Reserve. Photos: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Junior footballers from West Gippsland Football Netball Competition combined well to win the Interleague Carnival Cup.

WEST Gippsland's junior footballers retained their crown, securing a back-to-back victory at the 2025 Gippsland Youth Carnival at the Morwell Recreation Reserve on July 6.

The carnival saw football and netball leagues from West Gippsland, Gippsland, North Gippsland, Mid Gippsland and Ellinbank battle it out for the Interleague Carnival Cup.

West Gippsland won all four of its games – with only two goals scored against it for the day – to win for a second consecutive year and for the third time in the last four years.

The West Gippsland Football Netball Competition selected a team of 26 with an excellent cross-section of the league's clubs represented and that trained at the Cora Lynn Recreation Reserve for the last six weeks.

The team won its games fairly comfortably, with its biggest challenge of the day played out against the Gippsland League.

West Gippsland and Gippsland's matchup is always hotly contested, with West Gippsland winning by 10 points.

The West Gippsland Football Netball Competition named Charlie O'Garey from Phillip Island its man of the match.

O'Garey plays in the midfield and half back and was in and under everything all day.

The player of the tournament presented by AFL Gippsland was Garfield ruckman Ding Dieng.

West Gippsland Football Netball Competition operations manager Brett Tessari said the back-to-back win was exciting to witness.

"It was a fantastic day, and it was pretty cool to see our footballers reach the objective they set out to achieve," he said.

"It was a good concept by AFL Gippsland and Netball Victoria to combine football and netball on the day – it was a very enjoyable day and very well organised.

"A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day, and to the parents who took their kids to training at Cora Lynn and to Morwell for the tournament – it's a great commitment."



West Gippsland took on Gippsland in the Interleague Carnival. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Mid Gippsland's defender put the pressure on West Gippsland goal attack during the Interleague Carnival. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.

Bulldogs send Seagulls (and Geese) flying

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“It’s just the amount of training and playing traffic.”

Match report: The match started evenly enough with the teams well matched on the ball and both defences on top but all that changed in the second, as Phillip Island opened up a match-winning lead, kicking six goals to one.

Tooradin-Dalmore cracked in at the start of the third quarter but it was a string of three goals in as many minutes, late in the quarter, two from the same spot on the boundary by Billy Taylor and a fine snap by Bailey Hennessey that put paid to any idea of a Seagulls revival.

Coach Pedersen said he was loving the work of the crumbers up forward for the Dogs, finishing off the good work up field and he urged his players to really show what they were about in the first five minutes. They did.

The first play out of the centre after the restart was a laces-out pass by Pedersen to Charlie Bruce for no score, but the intent was certainly there.

Phillip Island’s defence was good, Tyce Kleverkamp on Andrew Dean, Zak Vernon on Logan Downe and Daniel Pearce dropping back on the last lines but it was ultimately Tooradin who pulled one back through Dean with a long bomb.

Mark Griffin was pacy around the flanks and Pedersen chocked up another goal assist to Kimber on the lead.

Great play out of defence starting with Pearce, Kleverkamp and Griffin ended up with a Nick Anderson goal after which it was party time for the Dogs with Mark Collison kicking one Akermanis style from the boundary and Kimber rewarded for a great tackle with a goal.



Brendan Kimber lands a successful tackle on his opponent. Photo: Carol Ratcliff.



Some of the action from Saturday's important win by Phillip Island over second-placed Tooradin-Dalmore.

Giants fall just short in spirited clash with Dusties

KORUMBURRA-BENA hosted Warragul Industrials on a pleasant winter’s day.

Having just witnessed the reserves getting a win, the Giants’ seniors went into the match confident.

However, with injuries to some key players, it would take a full four-quarter effort.

With a clear scoring end, due to the wind, the Dusties started well.

They attacked the ball from the first bounce, scoring the first goal.

The Giants’ backline was under immediate pressure, but the Giants’ Guy Dickson was up to the challenge taking intercept marks and spoiling the many Warragul attacks into their forward 50.

Korumburra-Bena responded when Clayton Quaife roved beautifully and snapped a goal on the run.

Ryan Gillis was a strong forward target for the Giants to

soccer the ball through for another six points.

Both teams managed to move the ball from end to end linking cohesively..

Evan Allaway – the Giants’ ruckman – tapped the ball to a roving Quaife who booted the ball nicely to a leading Gillis, who then kicked truly.

Another goal went to the Giants.

Stoppages were aplenty with Dickson keeping busy in defence.

His matchup with his Dusties opponent was a keenly contested duel of its own.

Nick Beasley was also effective, intercepting many of the Dusties’ forward entries.

The Giants went into the second quarter three points down.

Once again, the Giants’ defenders were under pressure early, with Warragul finding free players and scoring early.

A rewarding strong tackle

from Kodie Walker saw the intensity lift.

Tom Crocker was leading well, and it was now becoming hard for either team to score.

Captain Joel Cuman snapped truly from the boundary, again lifting his team’s spirits going into half-time.

The Giants were down by three points.

Korumburra-Bena started with some scrappy footy in the third quarter, needing to release the ball quicker.

An injury to Dickson meant Zach Walker and Tyler Newton stepped up.

Zach Walker was taking important intercept marks, Kodie Walker was everywhere, and Bailey Nation started to have an impact with his hard-ball gets.

The Giants’ skill errors cost them at times, but a goal on the run by Cuman kept the

Giants within seven points at three-quarter time.

Josh Hopkins urged his team to lift and give it their all coming into the last.

They had repeated forward entries without score.

Jake Fowles goaled from a free kick, but once again, the Dusties were able to respond.

In a seesawing match, Gillis goaled from the pocket under pressure.

Zach Walker and Newton continued with their defensive marking and intercepts.

The Giants had possession kicking down the line, for only the final siren to sound.

Although hurt by the loss, the Giants showed credible effort and intensity, playing a very disciplined brand of football against a top team, getting closer to that breakout win.

The Giants will face Koo Wee Rup at the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve next week.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

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PHILLIP ISLAND TOORADIN-DAL

Phillip Island	4.3	10.6	14.6	19.8 (122)
Tooradin-Dal	3.5	4.10	6.13	8.18 (66)

GOALS, P-Island: C Pedersen 5, B Kimber 4, H Bruce, M Collison, B Taylor 2, J Taylor, B Hennessey, N Anderson, J Youle 1 each

BEST: M Collison, M Griffin, J Taylor, C Thompson, B Kimber, T Kleverkamp

GOALS, Toor-Dal: A Dean 2, N Lang, J Flannery, L Adams, J Craven, X Shinnars, S Savage 1 each

BEST: J Flannery, L Adams, M Buntine, S Savage, P Wright, C O’Riordan

RESERVES

Phillip Island	2.2	4.2	6.2	7.3 (45)
Tooradin-Dal	4.0	4.1	6.1	6.3 (39)

GOALS, P-Island: J Patullo 2, T Woodfield, B Ross, M Paulsen, J Huther, B Pewtress 1 each

BEST: F Cousins, D Thompson, J Patullo, J Keating, M Paulsen, M Mattock

GOALS, Toor-Dal: A Mirauta, L Gregson 3 each

BEST: A Galea, W Lumby, L Gregson, B Sellings, J Denereaz, J O’Donnell

THIRDS

Phillip Island	2.0	5.3	6.5	7 .5 (47)
Tooradin-Dal	3.4	3.4	5.5	5.6 (36)

GOALS, P-Island: O Duggan 2, C O’Garey, D Rizzo, M Taylor, N Williams, B Chihotski 1 each

BEST: C O’Garey, J Kelly, J Cashman, I Savona, J Briggs, B Chihotski

GOALS, Toor-Dal: J Worrall 2, A Zoobi, C Campbell, H Rogers 1 each

BEST: J Worrall, V Papas, B Hamilton, R Cooper, H Hardy, C Campbell

FOURTHS

Phillip Island	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.4 (10)
Tooradin-Dal	1.6	4.9	7.12	11.13 (79)

GOALS, P-Island: A Bailey-Cox 1

BEST: S O’Garey, J Moschetti, Z Sund, E Tilley, L Addison, B Parry,

GOALS, Toor-Dal: R Kinna, C Hudson Sibilla, J Tibballs 2, B Dean, J Alexander, A Swinburne, B Spittal, N Baker 1 each

BEST: W Murray, N Baker, R Kinna, B Dean, J Alexander, K Angleton

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KORUMBURRA BENA WARRAGUL IND

Kor-Bena	3.1	6.2	6.2	8.6 (54)
Warragul Ind	3.4	6.10	6.10	8.14 (62)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: R Gillis 3, T Crocker 2, J Cuman, J Fowles 1 each

BEST: K Walker, N Besley, H Gordon, J Hopkins, J Cuman, Z Walker

GOALS, Warr-Ind: T Hancock, G Lok 2, J Bradley, T Cornwall, Z Reid, N Visser 1 each

BEST: B Hillard, B Beck, C Gibbons, J Bradley, T Hancock, J Monckton

RESERVES

Kor-Bena	3.2	6.3	8.4	13.7 (85)
Warragul Ind	0.0	1.2	2.2	2.3 (15)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: M Kennewell, W Croatto 3, A Simmons, A Green, L Walker 2, J Peacock 1

BEST: M Kennewell, A Simmons, C Anderson, J Harris, T Walker, A Green

GOALS, Warr-Ind: J Crowther, R Gates-Crewes 1 each

BEST: D Burton, T Hemming, K Huggett, J O’Neil, R Gates-Crewes, J Crowther

THIRDS

Kor-Bena	0.2	2.3	4.6	5.7 (37)
Warragul Ind	4.5	5.10	8.11	9.13 (67)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: C De Grandi 3, D Walker, N Belvedere 1 each

BEST: J Gollop, Z Sherar, B Fowles, C De Grandi, J Kirkbride, J Douglas,

GOALS, Warr-Ind: A Borg 3, C Vickery, Z Thompson 2, S Oling, J Morgan 1 each

BEST: M Cornwall, A Borg, T Youngman, R Butler, B Smith, C Vickery

FOURTHS

Kor-Bena	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1 (1)
Warragul Ind	1.3	2.7	3.11	7.14 (56)

BEST, Kor-Bena: J Douglas, K Hansch, B Woodman, K Tucker, E Belvedere, C Boulter

GOALS, Warr-Ind: A Ingham 3, J Morgan, C Vickery, R Buck, S Oling 1 each

BEST: A Ingham, M Cornwall, J Huggins, T Goodrope, S Oling, R Matthews

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Cora Lynn	22.15.147	d	Koo Wee Rup	12.9.81
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RESERVES

Cora Lynn	9.9.63	d	Koo Wee Rup	4.3.27
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THIRDS

Koo Wee Rup	6.9.45	d	Cora Lynn	4.6.30
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Cora Lynn	22.15.147 d Koo Wee Rup 12.9.81
Kilcunda Bass	9.11.65 d Inverloch-Kongwak 9.10.64
Phillip Island	19.8.122 d Tooradin-Dalmore 8.18.66
Warragul Industrials	8.14.62 d Korumburra Bena 8.6.54
Nar Nar Goon	23.15.153 d Dalyston 5.2.32

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In a game that went down to the wire, Joseph West and Zak Box battled for possession.



Oscar Toussaint delivers the handball to Jordan Bertacco as the Sea Eagles work to clear the ball from their backline.



Travis Tuck and Ethan Park tussle for possession in a nail-biter between Kilcunda Bass and Inverloch-Kongwak.



Nathan Foote takes control of the ball as he works to break free from the pack for the Panthers.
Photos: Anna Carson

One-point classic keeps Panthers' finals hopes alive

THE battle for the coveted sixth spot on the ladder drew a fitting conclusion when Kilcunda-Bass scraped by with a one-point win against Inverloch-Kongwak on Saturday.

Kilcunda-Bass breathed a sigh of relief when it claimed the four points to be a game clear of the Sea Eagles on the ladder, but it took a nailbiter to get there.

Playing at the Bass Recreation Reserve, there was a slight breeze that favoured the social rooms end early in the match.

The rain held off to ensure good and fair conditions for the match-up.

Kilcunda-Bass kicked against the wind in the first quarter and felt it held on well, staying one point ahead before the first siren and foreshadowing what was to come.

Both sides fumbled some of the opportunities, which meant defence was the order of the day.

Kilcunda-Bass kicked away in

the second quarter and was 15 points ahead halfway through.

Knowing the game was in the balance, the Panthers tried to get the break they needed, but the Sea Eagles had other plans.

Inverloch-Kongwak stepped on it and ensured the scores were level going into halftime.

There was some shuffling around in the third quarter, but the contest remained tight.

Neither side showed domination, but Inverloch-Kongwak worked hard to gain a small lead with one quarter to go.

Kilcunda-Bass made the decision to move Lochlan Scott forward to counteract Inverloch-Kongwak's Jayden Sullivan.

Sullivan was an overpowering presence in the Sea Eagle's defence all game but Scott was able to take some important marks to keep the ball in the Panthers' forward line.

As fans on both sides held their breath as the game drew to a

close, Dale Gawley missed an important shot for Kilcunda-Bass, but the ball was picked up by Travis Tuck.

Tuck quickly snapped for a point and the siren went 20 seconds later.

Although Kilcunda-Bass is now a game ahead, it only has five games to go while Inverloch-Kongwak has six.

The fate of its 2025 season is still dependent on its performance during the remaining games.

Next week, Kilcunda-Bass will play Cora Lynn.

The Panthers lost by 30 points to Cora Lynn in round six but played the Cobras late in the season last year and only lost by 13 points.

This close contest spurred the Panthers on to maintain their spot in the finals and hopes this game will have the same effect.

Inverloch-Kongwak has a challenging game ahead as it preps to play Tooradin-Dalmore.

Magpies falter against Nar Nar Goon

DALYSTON knew it was going to be an uphill battle as it geared up to face top of the table Nar Nar Goon on Saturday.

The challenge was made all the more harrowing with five players out for the game, and the Magpies were disappointed to concede a 121-point win to the ladder leaders.

Despite the scoreline, the Magpies kept up with Nar Nar Goon in the first half, giving a commendable performance.

Dalyston was getting first use of the ball out of the centre, which kept it in contention early.

Jesse Orchard-Moore filled in for Kurt Thomas as a strong-bodied ruckman, giving Dino Karamoshos first hands to the ball.

Karamoshos capitalised on his capabilities of moving the ball out of the centre, using his speed and skills to send the ball into Dalyston's forward line.

Dalyston had three goals on the board in the first quarter and was sitting just five points behind at the first siren.

Dalyston continued to work hard in the second quarter, only letting Nar Nar Goon get up by five goals.

With Ben Lewis absent from the backline, young guns Fraser West and Louis Armstrong worked hard to slow Nar Nar Goon's attack.

However, once Nar Nar Goon had control of the ball, it didn't waste its chances.

During the half-time break, the Nar Nar Goon coach said just enough to rev up the away side to leave Dalyston scoreless in the third quarter.

Nar Nar Goon continued to show its class through the fourth quarter, increasing its pressure on Dalyston and outrunning the Magpies through to the final siren.

For Dalyston, Kyle Hutchinson worked hard all game



Dalyston's Jesse Orchard-Moore stalks his Nar Nar Goon opponent. Photo: Michelle Chisholm.

and demonstrated why he is in contention for the league's most valuable player.

Proving to be a real leader on the ground, Hutchison demonstrated great skills through the middle and was a tremendous asset on Saturday.

Brad Tilley was in and un-

der everything all day and was not afraid of the physical contest Nar Nar Goon handed down.

Dalyston has been thrilled to have Cale Love-Linay back in its lineup.

Love-Linay was reliable all over the ground, showing classy skills and making a

huge difference to Dalyston's game.

Next week, Dalyston will be playing Garfield at the Garfield Recreation Reserve.

The Magpies are hoping to have a few players back for this contest and are looking forward to a competitive game.

Breakers defeat Mt Eliza with team-focused win at Dalyston

GOOD conditions greeted Mt Eliza for their first visit to Dalyston.

The Breakers came out firing and after some great movement and passing among the forwards they scored an early goal via Tayla Stahl. A set shot from Stahl minutes later gave the Breakers some more momentum.

Picking up where they left off the second quarter was dominated by the Breakers with good teamwork by half backs Cloe Booth and Katie Cornish keeping the ball in

the Breakers forward half.

Great composure from Gaby Hynes and Tess Angarane provided good forward entries and a clever tap from Stahl to Immy Bradford and over to Ella Cargill on the goal line gave the Breakers their first for the quarter.

Another string of possessions led to an Immy Bradford goal with Stahl extending the home side's lead just before the main break.

The Breakers continued to work hard in the third with great forward pressure

allowing them plenty of scoring opportunities. Ella Cargill and Immy Bradford's contested marking was a real highlight while Annie Dempsey again provided a great option on the wing with the Breakers utilising the whole ground well with a number of link up plays.

Lily Jack showed off her speed with a crumbing goal giving the Breakers some spark early in the last.

Ellen Williams was strong in the ruck and around the ground with Kelly Pethick

also having a marking presence through the middle and Immy Bradford topped off a great performance with a second goal.

Final score: Breakers 8.8-56 def Mt Eliza 0.3-3

Best: Ellen Williams, Immy Bradford, Tess Angarane, Annie Dempsey, Gaby Hynes

Goals: Tayla Stahl 4, Immy Bradford 2, Lily Jack, Ella Cargill

This week the Breakers travel to Tyabb for a Friday night clash 7pm at Bunguyan Reserve.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS										ROUND 14				
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts av
Nar Nar Goon	13	0	293.94	52	Tooradin-Dal	11	2	422.96	44	Phillip Island	11	1	255.73	3.67
Tooradin-Dal	11	2	147.84	44	Inverloch-K	10	2	296.19	40	Nar Nar Goon	10	2	242.02	3.33
Phillip Island	9	4	150.22	36	Nar Nar Goon	10	3	281.28	40	Inverloch-K	7	2	294.72	3.00
Cora Lynn	8	4	126.82	32	Phillip Island	9	4	228.64	36	Tooradin-Dal	8	4	126.13	2.67
Warragul Ind	8	5	86.11	32	Cora Lynn	9	3	158.74	36	Koo Wee Rup	7	4	158.06	2.50
Kilcunda Bass	6	7	95.12	24	Koo Wee Rup	6	7	86.97	24	Warragul Ind	6	6	112.97	2.00
Inverloch-K	5	7	88.64	20	Kor-Bena	6	7	66.24	24	Garfield	3	8	71.48	1.09
Koo Wee Rup	3	10	75.63	12	Garfield	4	8	60.66	16	Dalyston	3	8	53.83	1.09
Garfield	3	9	61.67	12	Kilcunda Bass	2	11	35.75	8	Kor-Bena	1	10	20.99	0.36
Kor-Bena	2	11	58.95	8	Dalyston	2	11	31.10	8	Cora Lynn	0	11	21.74	0.00
Dalyston	2	11	51.32	8	Warragul Ind	1	12	23.90	4	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Nathan Gardiner (Cora Lynn)				70	Anthony Mirauta (Tooradin-Dal)				33	Tarrant Millar (Nar Nar Goon)				30
Dermott Yawney (Nar Nar Goon)				54	Lauchlan Gregson (Tooradin-Dal)				26	Oliver Duggan (Phillip Island)				26
					Rem Dal Pozzo (Inverloch-K)				24	Chayse Campbell (Tooradin-Dal)				24
FOURTHS														
	W	L	%	pts av										
Warragul Ind	10	2	402.33	3.33										
Nar Nar Goon	10	2	251.49	3.33										
Inverloch-K	8	2	235.06	3.20										
Tooradin-Dal	9	3	221.33	3.00										
Kilcunda Bass	7	5	85.50	2.33										
Koo Wee Rup	5	6	43.95	1.82										
Phillip Island	5	7	121.97	1.67										
Kor-Bena	3	9	55.68	1.00										
Dalyston	1	11	32.22	0.33										
Garfield	0	11	10.95	0.00										
Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00										
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Ky Bannister (Warragul Ind)				28										
Sam O'Garey (Phillip Island)				21										
Alex Ingham (Warragul Ind)				19										

WEST GIPPSLAND
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KILCUNDA BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB



KILCUNDA BASS

INVERLOCH-K

Kilcunda Bass 2.3 4.6 5.8 9.11 (65)
Inverloch-K 2.2 4.6 6.8 9.10 (64)
GOALS, K-Bass: T Gunn, D Gawley 2, A Grenness, D McRae, J Rosenow, D Clay, O Thomas 1 each
BEST: D Gawley, T Tuck, L Scott, N Foote, S Scott, B Gude
GOALS, IK: D Clark, N Baltas, L Rankin 2, H McInnes, M Scott, O Toussaint 1 each
BEST: J Sullivan, N Baltas, C O'Flynn, P Pattison, D Clark, A Terlich

RESERVES

Kilcunda Bass 1.1 1.1 1.3 3.4 (22)
Inverloch-K 4.2 7.6 10.8 15.10 (100)
GOALS, K-Bass: C Brinkmann 2, G Boyd 1
BEST: M Owens, J Rocotas, C Simpson, N Bradley, D Lewandowski, C Brinkmann
GOALS, IK: J Williams, D Taylor 4, L O'Neill 3, B Poll, J Scott, J Tomas, W Tiesdell-Smith 1 each
BEST: M McCaughan, J Williams, J Tomas, D Taylor, P Dwyer, R Pattison

FOURTHS

Kilcunda Bass 0.0 0.0 0.2 0.3 (3)
Inverloch-K 2.2 6.5 9.7 15.9 (99)
BEST, K-Bass: C Burgess, B McMillan, P McKay, B Eden, H Leary, S Logan
GOALS, IK: M Tonkin 5, P O'Connell 3, H Sorensen, T Debono 2, N McLennan, J Martin, O Close 1 each
BEST: H Bell, G Sadler, A Jeeves, C Newman, N McLennan, T Debono

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB



DALYSTON

NAR NAR GOON

Dalyston 3.1 4.1 4.1 5.2 (32)
Nar Nar Goon 3.6 9.9 16.12 23.15 (153)
GOALS, Dalyston: D Karamoshos 4, B Carew 1
BEST: D Karamoshos, K Hutchison, B Tilley, C Love-Linay, F West, L Armstrong
GOALS, NNG: D Yawney 9, T Armour 3, H Brain 2, R Bromley 2, N Hillard 2, M McGreal 1, J Smith 1, C Pope 1, J Keyzers 1, B Rice 1
BEST: D Yawney, A Picipicelli, N Hillard, R Bromley, T Armour, J Smith

RESERVES

Dalyston 2.0 2.1 3.1 3.1 (19)
Nar Nar Goon 2.3 3.8 5.10 9.15 (69)
GOALS, Dalyston: J Brooker, D Wylie, S Beaumont 1 each
BEST: S Silver, B Sungalis, W Luke, D Wylie, L Speed, T Bolding
GOALS, NNG: O Sutherland 3, C Pursell 2, N Bransgrove, J Gribbin, J Dai, L Graham 1 each
BEST: J Dai, J Gribbin, D Cross, E Grierson, J Hamilton, O Sutherland

THIRDS

Dalyston 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 (12)
Nar Nar Goon 5.3 11.6 13.8 19.11 (125)
GOALS, Dalyston: W Chisholm, J Hughes 1 each
BEST: J Hughes, R Brinkman, C Bell, Z Bowman Kissane, W Chisholm, M Cameron, R Kaminski 2, Z Ferguson, A Shorey, A Schram, J Spoad 1 each
BEST: T Millar, A Shorey, A Radings, O Ratten, C Becker, B Attard

FOURTHS

Dalyston 0.0 1.2 1.3 3.3 (21)
Nar Nar Goon 2.5 3.8 4.11 6.11 (47)
GOALS, Dalyston: A Benetti 2, B Taranto 1
BEST: R Humphris, L Moriarty, J Howell, F McNally, B Wallis, M Chetland
GOALS, NNG: M Mathews 2, J Szybkowski, C Hamilton, J Murphy, E Loomes 1 each
BEST: F Shorey, J Cross, T Holland, F Stephens, M Mathews, S Andrews

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 19

WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 15

Warragul Industrials v Nar Nar Goon
Cora Lynn v Kilcunda Bass
Inverloch-Kongwak v Tooradin-Dalmore
Koo Wee Rup v Korumburra-Bena
Garfield v Dalyston
Phillip Island - BYE

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Bulldogs send Seagulls (and Geese) flying

Hayden Bruce steps through the traffic, including two pesky Cape Barren Geese camped out on the half forward flank, as he heads for goal during the match against Tooradin-Dalmore at Cowes on Saturday.

PHILLIP Island has emerged victorious in a season-defining contest against premiership contenders Tooradin-Dalmore at Cowes on Saturday, defeating the second-placed Seagulls in convincing style by 66 points.

The Bulldogs increased their advantage at every change, after an expected close opening term, with winners on every line, a competitive on-ball unit and plenty of firepower up forward including from the coach himself Cam Pedersen with five, the veteran Brendan Kimber with four

and two in a row by Billy Taylor in the third quarter.

Not only did they overcome a star-studded Tooradin line-up, which nonetheless showed glimpses of their trademark ability to score quickly out of the centre, the Bulldogs also overcame a couple of unwanted obstacles as well.

Keeping the bumper school-holiday crowd entertained throughout, and players on their toes, were a pair of Cape Barren Geese, camped out on the half-forward flank, on the netball courts side of the ground.

For the most part, they went about their business, as grazing birds do, chewing on a lush patch of green grass, 10 to 20 metres inside the boundary. They looked a little bemused but disinterested as the players came close, only once or twice bothering to flutter out of the way.

It goes with the territory, according to Phillip Island Football Netball Club President, Chris Ross.

"Yeah, there's nothing we can do about it," said Chris Ross after the game.

"You'll get a pair or two out there and make a home of it.

"It's just one of those things, they're always there.

"They'll only get out of the way if they absolutely have to and they can move quickly when they do," he said.

"The players are well aware of it, and aren't greatly concerned about having them there."

The other issue players had to deal with on the day was the muddy state of sections of the Cowes oval, despite the completion of a \$300,000 drainage

upgrade and resurfacing project last year.

"It's not ideal but understandable given the amount of traffic on the oval every day," said Mr Ross, noting that Phillip Island had 15 football teams using the ground, not counting the 150 kids turning out on Friday nights for the popular Auskick program.

"We know the drainage is working well because we put down a test hole out in the middle and found the ground, 50mm down, was quite dry.

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