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# PARKING DECIMATED

- Shire to adopt wide-sweeping plan for Wonthaggi's CBD

THE shopping centre in Graham Street Wonthaggi will lose 39 of its 141 car parking spaces under a plan to go before the Bass Coast Shire Council for adoption this Wednesday, July 19.

Under the plan, two spaces in four will be lost, right along the street, between McBride Avenue and Bilson Street, to make way for trees and beautification works.

And that's without consulting with the Wonthaggi Business and Tourism Association (WBTA), we are told, which has nonetheless urged council to replace the lost spaces in close proximity to Graham Street.

It's just one of the many proposals contained in the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Streetscape Master Plan expected to receive council approval this week.

Secretary of the WBTA, Steve Curtis, said the association welcomed many of the proposals contained in the master plan, including proposed beautification works in Graham Street but feared the impact of lost car parking on retailers and also on the large number of shoppers who called for more car parking near the shops they like to visit.

"The business association is in favour of beautification so long as council makes up the lost parking elsewhere, in

close proximity," said Mr Curtis.

"But the last I saw, there's no plan to offset the lost parking," he said.

Mr Curtis also said council had failed to consult with the business community of Wonthaggi about the proposed loss of parking spaces and what to do about it.

In a document that addresses everything from traffic movement, pedestrian safety and electric vehicle charging to the choice of street trees, street art and event spaces, the plan also contains 186 references to parking, including the importance of providing parking outside shops and cafes.

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# Resident shares Robodebt nightmare

THE REPORT from the Royal Commission on the failed Robodebt scheme that impacted many of those most vulnerable in the community has been released.

According to the report, the scheme was rolled out as a pilot program in 2015 and fully rolled out in 2016.

Through a comparison of Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and Department of Human Services (DHS) data, some 866,857 instances of debts were identified and raised for possible overpayment for financial years between 2010 -2013 initially, and later for financial years up to 2018.

In 2015, Bass Coast Shire resident and member of the Australian Unemployed Workers Union, Jessica Harrison, received a debt for \$1000, and her daughter who was a student and had been working as a tutor.

Jessica had been a job seeker and was declaring her income on a fortnightly basis online and according to her, it was a straightforward process.

When she received the debt, she knew immediately that something was wrong.

By Courtney O'Brien

"First of all, I thought this is just a complete headache and I'm going to have to get on to my employer. We're going to have to find the records from the particular time period that it was meant to have been accrued. It was just a lot of sorting through paperwork, phone calls and of course I took legal advice."

After receiving the debt, Jessica contacted Centrelink and although she knew that the debt was questionable, made arrangements to pay the debt back.

"I did start the process of paying back the debt because as there was more media coverage it was clear that there were actually sending out debt collectors to people and no one wants that kind of thing happening."

By late 2016 and early 2017, the human impacts of Robodebt were being reported including struggling families receiving debt notices at Christmas, young people driven to despair by demands for payment and the most horrifying of these were accounts of suicide.



Jessica Harrison received a debt from the failed Robodebt scheme in 2015 and believes the system has to change.

"We were able to take on the extra work that it took to prove that we didn't have a debt. But a lot of people aren't in that situation, if you're unwell or if you're feeling fragile emotionally, you're not able to really take it on. It's just too much," Jessica said.

While Jessica and her daughter were able to prove to Centrelink that they in fact weren't overpaid

and subsequently didn't owe anything, and the debt was rescinded.

"There are people who are still suffering health issues after the shock of getting a Robodebt. The punitive way that the welfare system is being set up has to change. They've set up the welfare system to unfairly punish people who have unfortunately had to get on the system, and they're living on a very low income," Jessica said.

In late 2019, the Government announced that debts would no longer be raised solely on the basis of ATO and DHS data.

"I think that more heads should roll, in other words, more people should be held accountable. People in those positions of power in this sealed section of the Robodebt report need to be made public and people have to be held legally accountable for what they did," Jessica said.

The Australian Unemployed Workers Union provides an advice and advocacy hotline and is available from Monday to Friday 10am - 2pm, on 1800 289 848. Lifeline can be contacted for emotional support on 13 11 14.

## POLICE BRIEFS

### No licence to drive

A VEHICLE driven by a 52-year-old female from Leongatha who did not have a driver licence was intercepted by police.

Police intercepted the silver Mazda wagon, on Friday, July 14 at about 2:10pm while patrolling Bass Highway in Leongatha.

The vehicle was unregistered and displaying incorrect vehicle registration plates.

The driver allegedly told police that she hadn't held a driver licence since 2006, but was working towards getting one.

Two passengers in the vehicle, a 17-year-old female and 15-year-old female, were also allegedly not wearing seat belts.

The vehicle was impounded for 30 days, at a cost of \$1275.

The driver will appear before the Korumburra Magistrates' Court.

### Police spot wanted man

QUICK footed police spotted a 39-year-old male who was wanted and swiftly arrested the man before he was able to get away.

On the evening of Wednesday, July 12, Wonthaggi police were patrolling the area of Korumburra Road in Wonthaggi.

Police recognised the man who was in the area and was wanted for allegedly failing to appear at court on multiple occasions, and warrants had been issued for his arrest.

The male was remanded and appeared at the Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Court on July 13, 2023.

The accused has also been charged with three counts of failing to appear on bail.

### Truck rollover in Ryanston

CRIME Watch Victoria reported a road traffic collision at Ryanston at about 1pm on Monday July 17.

According to the initial reports, a truck rolled on Craig Road and at least one person may have been trapped in a vehicle.

Emergency workers responded to the incident, however, police were not required at the scene.

## Graham Street parking decimated

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"While it was clear that people want greener, more walkable streets, it is also important to recognise that some people simultaneously said they would also like more car parking outside shops," according to the report.

"There is an obvious tension between these factors, as additional green space and pedestrian friendly streets will in many cases come at the expense of car parking. The fact that 'more car parking outside the shops I like to visit' almost made it into the top four is curious given that a feature of Wonthaggi is that it is already the case that car parking has been maximised outside every shop on McBride Avenue and Graham Street, and that it is not possible to provide additional parking in these locations due to the 45° angle alignment of the parking bays.

"Nevertheless, this response

may simply reflect the common preference that people have to be able to park directly outside their final destination.

"Interestingly, more car parking outside shops was only desired by those going to cafés and those who worked in Wonthaggi."

Long-time Graham Street trader, Carl Lindsay of Wrench's Footwear, acknowledged that Graham Street needed beautification, but was frankly surprised so many spaces were going to be lost.

"Surely, they don't need to take out so many. As part of any plan, they'd have to provide a solution," Mr Lindsay said.

"And the obvious one is the old secondary college site.

"What they should do as part of this plan is erect a multi-story carpark, for say 150 cars, on the old basketball court at the corner of Baillieu Street East and McBride Avenue."

Mr Lindsay said people couldn't always expect to park outside their shop of choice, but having enough parking within easy walking distance was a must.

"It's hard to calculate but I'd say each of these carparks would be worth between \$30,000 and \$50,000 annually in convenience trade to us, so it's an extremely important issue to consider when taking away car parking spaces for trees and the like."

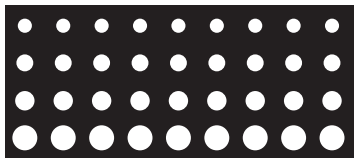
The report notes that in the 'Wonthaggi Activity Centre Plan 2021', provision of a centrally located multi-level parking project was canvassed.

"Consolidate car parking through potential development of multi-level parking that will meet future parking demands. However, Institute of Sensible Transport notes that supporting development that meets parking demand rather than controls

parking demand can lead to development that encourages visitors to Wonthaggi Activity Centre to drive. The implications of multi-level car parking developments should be considered with caution."

The master plan does, however, stress that traders be consulted with in the implementation phase.

"Consultation and engagement with the community and traders should be undertaken to inform subsequent planning, detail design, construction and ongoing maintenance works projects. It is recommended that where existing on-street car parking is being removed - for the introduction of street trees, pedestrian crossings or other infrastructure upgrades - that the loss is offset with the implementation of on-street car parking elsewhere within the study area to ensure there is no net loss of car parking within the Wonthaggi Activity Centre."



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IN BRIEF

Gallery at BCAL

BASS Coast Adult Learning's 'Exploring Art' Participants would like to invite you to attend the opening of their gallery exhibition at BCAL, 239 White Road Wonthaggi on Wednesday, July 19 at 12pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to melissa.harrison@bcal.vic.edu.au.

New kinder on its way

MINISTER for Early Childhood and Pre-Prep, Ingrid Stitt visited Broadmeadows Valley Primary School to announce the locations of 12 new or expanded kindergartens set to open in early 2025, including Wonthaggi North Primary School.

The Victorian Budget 2023/24 invested an additional \$1.2 billion by building or expanding around 145 kindergartens – supporting the delivery of 15 hours of free Three-Year-Old Kindergarten each week by 2029 and 30 hours of free Pre-Prep each week by 2032.

Renters' Rights  
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Sessions are held every second Thursday of the month from 3.00-4.30pm at the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Murray Street, Wonthaggi.

To reserve a place, please call 56723731 or email: reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com.

Remaining session dates for 2023 are: August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14.

Homelessness  
awareness event

HOUSING Matters Bass Coast (under the auspices of the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre), welcomes members of the community to their Homelessness Awareness Event.

Entry is free and includes a sausage sizzle, refreshments, music, information sessions and vouchers for those experiencing housing need or homelessness.

When: Saturday, August 12, 10am until 3pm.

Where: Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Murray Street, Wonthaggi.

The Centre is wheelchair accessible.

Contact: 0407321174. or 03) 56725992 for information.

Housing Matters Bass Coast (HMBC) and Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre (WNC) thank the Bass Coast Council (sponsor) and all donors, supporters and volunteers for their generous support during Homelessness Week 2023.

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Weather puts dampener on  
Simons Lane works

WORKS to seal Simons Lane, Leongatha are on hold due to South Gippsland's soggy weather.

Stage 1 of the project runs from Ditchley Court to 1.4 km west along Simons Lane, with that area placed into winter suspension.

"The section of Simons Lane on its current alignment from 1.4 km west of Ditchley Court to the Bass Highway does not form part of the project," a South Gippsland Shire Council spokesperson said.

Works completed to date include stormwater drainage improvements, road pavement construction, kerb and channel at key locations, and driveway reinstatement.

"Investigation, including design is continuing for Stage 2, which will incorporate a new, safer intersection for Simons Lane with the Bass Highway," the spokesperson said.

Time to pause  
and reconnect

GROWTH and change were at the forefront of Phillip Island local Alexis Guttridge's mind when she began rewriting her life story in her 40s, and on Sunday, July 23 Alexis will be holding 'The Intentional Living Workshop' covering timing, money, health, and personal growth.

Held at Island Healing from 10am until 12:30pm, Alexis will share how she went from owning a multi-million-dollar company in her 20s, to burnout and addiction in her 30s, to now seeing her new business thriving for the past five years.

She discovered her strength in helping companies create a

'MNDFL' working environment and witnessing employees live a happier life while still thriving. And it all starts by simply taking a pause.

To reserve a spot at the July event visit [www.alexisguttridge.com/ILworkshop](http://www.alexisguttridge.com/ILworkshop)

Expiry of COVID-19  
vaccination information  
regulations

WORKSAFE is reminding employers that pandemic regulations put in place to assist with the collection, recording, holding and use of COVID-19 vaccination information from specified persons has expired.

Following the revocation of the Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (COVID-19 Vaccination Information) Regulations, employers who recorded or held COVID-19 vaccination information specifically under these regulations have 30 days to destroy that information.

The regulations were introduced in mid-2022 following the removal of certain vaccination requirements under the Pandemic Orders and supported employers to collect, record, hold and use COVID-19 vaccination information from specified persons attending a workplace under their management or control in order to determine and to implement reasonably practicable measures to control COVID-19 risks.

A specified person includes employees, independent contractors and their employees, volunteers and students on placement permitted to attend the workplace.

The destruction of information requirement does not apply to employers that are permitted or required under other laws to collect, use, record, or hold vaccination information.

Employers are reminded that a person's COVID-19 vaccination status is health information protected by other legislation such as the Health Records Act.

Diesel prices down

RETAIL diesel prices dropped significantly in the March quarter.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) reported petrol prices remained broadly stable, narrowing the diesel and petrol price gap.

Quarterly average retail diesel prices in Australia's five largest cities fell by 10 percent between the March quarter and the previous quarter.

The price was down by 23.2 cents per litre (cpl) to 199.7cpl.

In contract, quarterly average retail petrol prices fell marginally by 0.5cpl to

182.2cpl.

In Melbourne, the average retail petrol price fell by 0.9cpl to 184.3cpl.

After the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the international benchmark price for refined diesel (Gas-oil 10 ppm) rose significantly above the benchmark for refined petrol (Mogas 95) as a global supply of refined diesel decreased.

Increased Chinese diesel exports, a rise in the United States' diesel inventories and reduced European demand due to a warmer than usual winter helped drive the reduction in (Singapore Gasoil 10 ppm) in the March quarter.

The ACCC said it was pleased developments in international diesel markets could lead to a retail price decrease.

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As part of its new Procurement Policy 2023, Council is adopting a Quadruple Bottom Line approach, when considering the key 'value for money' elements of a purchase; those being economic, local, social and environmental impacts

Key changes in the policy include the inclusion of Child Safety and Gender Equality statements.

Shire closes bike track

BASS Coast Shire has removed an 'illegal' BMX track from foreshore vegetation at Cape Woolamai, amid concerns about community safety and environmental damage, they claim.

Acting on several reports from the community about the destruction of native vegetation, Council took action to level the track at Cleeland Bight.

Council will fence off the area and soon embark on an intensive revegetation program of indigenous plants to restore habitat at the stripped site.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, said Cleeland Bight was one of several sites across the shire being investigated for vandalism to trees and vegetation in recent months.

Council's newly formed Mountain Bike/BMX/Pump Track Reference Group is exploring suitable locations for new facilities across the shire.

This includes ensuring that the construction of jumps and skills tracks are built on suitable land that does not contravene planning or land management requirements, cause environmental impacts or compromise public safety.



# Second supermarket for Grantville community

THE main item on a threadbare agenda at this Wednesday's Bass Coast Shire Council meeting is an application for a \$9.5 million supermarket and shopping centre development at Grantville.

It never rains but it pours! For decades the community of Grantville and district has been calling out for a supermarket to be established in the town, now, less than two weeks after a Foodworks supermarket opens in the old Mitre 10 Hardware shop, comes news that would-be developers want to open up another, bigger one, right across the road.

Deputy Mayor and local resident Cr Rochelle Halstead said the irony wasn't lost on locals.

"At the end of the day, our job as councillors is simply to consider a planning application, the rest is a commercial decision for the investors," said Cr Halstead this week.

"But, yes, that's certainly been the conversation around the town.

"The Waterline area is a fast-growing area, however, not just along the waterfront but also in the hinterland and it's going to need more services.

"Whether it needs two supermarkets now, I don't know, but these investors don't go into projects like this without doing their research," she said.

Several local traders in the existing Grantville shopping centre have been approached to take up space in the new shopping centre.

But at least one of them has rejected the offer.

"I couldn't afford the rent increase. They offered me a smaller shop for 35 per cent more in rent," said the Grantville trader.



**Bass Coast Shire Council Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead joins staff at the new Grantville Foodworks for their opening on July 5, now a new supermarket development has been unveiled across the road.**

"They say it's all about the construction costs, but I couldn't justify that sort of an increase.

"We've only just got a new supermarket and they tell me they're going OK but certainly not well enough to warrant another supermarket," he said.

"And they're proposing a new gym as well but it's an older population here. I'm not sure how many will be going to the gym."

The 'Bass Village Retail Development For Leading Edge Property Group' application to go before council on Wednesday proposes to use and develop the land for shops (supermarket including bottle shop, shops and pharmacy), office (bank), retail premises (two food and drink premises and postal agency), and service station in a Mixed-use Zone (MUZ).

The application sets out plans for native vegetation removal and the alteration of access to Transport Zone in accordance with architectural plans prepared by Select Architects.

The total leasable retail area is 3524 square metres.

Council officers have given the project their overall seal of approval noting it is "considered worthy of support as it meets the overall strategic direction for the site and context".

But the shire has listed areas for improvement with the application including:

- Wider footpaths to allow for kerb side trading.
- More seating areas not linked to the café would allow for picnic and other social interactions.
- Greater landscaping opportunities.

• Making the liquor drive through less dominant.

• Adding a colour scheme which was more complimentary to the area.

"It is acknowledged the community's need for a supermarket is great, with locals commuting 30-plus minutes for groceries, however it is considered that at same time the community deserves a well-considered and designed development to service their needs. To address the outstanding design concerns, conditions on any permit that would issue will require amended plans to alleviate these concerns."

Although written before the opening of the new Foodworks, the report to council also notes that Grantville is a "gateway town" and that the "expectation is for a development which responds to the site's prominence".



**Having waited for decades for a supermarket, there's now been a second one proposed for Grantville only weeks after the new Foodworks Supermarket opened.**

## Supermarket curse appears over for locals

AFTER several years of having to travel great distances for their weekly shop, residents from Grantville will have not one but two supermarkets to choose from soon.

The opening of Grantville Foodworks in early July has been a relief for the Grantville community after not having a local grocery retailer for years.

However, recent announcements from Ritchies Supa IGA indicate that locals will soon be spoilt for choice when it comes to buying their groceries.

Fred Harrison, CEO of Ritchies Supa IGA has commented that works for the store are still in the very early approvals phase, but they are making good progress and designs for the store are coming together.



**The development, to go up to a Bass Coast Council meeting this Wednesday, proposes a \$9.5 million project involving shops, service station and supermarket.**

In an update on the organisation's website, it also stated that, "The signing of an MOU to design and construct a supermarket and liquor store that will be located in the Bass Coast Village Shop-

ping Centre in Grantville. Although early stages we intend to work with Leading Edge Property Group to obtain final council approval, and hope to commence construction in the latter half of

2023, subject to further due diligence on building quotes.'

The Bass Coast Shire Council will be considering the application at the July council meeting.

The proposed application of a shopping precinct in Grantville includes the use and development of land for shops (supermarket, shops and pharmacy), office (bank), retail premises (two food and drink premises and postal agency), & service station, use of the land for sale of liquor for off premises consumption (packaged liquor licence) and to create an access to the Bass Highway.

Earlier information received from council states that the applicant has advised that the initial cost of the development is \$9.5 million.



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# Cracks emerge in shire's admin

NOT since the Bass Coast Shire Council moved to Wednesday afternoon meetings, and set a standard for posting its monthly meeting agenda on the shire's website the Friday before, have they missed that KPI.

Last Friday, July 14, the first occasion since the resignation of CEO Ali Wastie, they dropped the ball, and didn't post the agenda until Sunday.

It may not be a big issue, with what some councillors referred to as a "wafer thin" agenda produced for the July meeting, but there have been times when early advise about matters agenda have made a difference.

Such a situation occurred recently when mountain bike enthusiasts mobilised after the production of a draft agenda to register their interest in a subsequently re-named 'BMX/Pump Track/Mountain Bikes Reference Group'.

Early advice about what's on the agenda could become even more important when the council gets set to vote on the Surf Beach-Sunderland Bay Special Charge Scheme soon.

The Mayor Cr Michael Whelan responded to a request from the Sentinel-Times and succeeded in getting the agenda published on Sunday, noting that some late adjustments to an application might have caused the delay.

# Major reforms for gambling machines

PREMIER Daniel Andrews and Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation Melissa Horne announced new reforms to reduce gambling harm at venues with electronic gaming machines (EGMs) across the state.


All EGMs in Victoria will require mandatory pre-commitment limits and carded play, putting the power back into the hands of patrons while also ensuring that money is tracked.

Load up limits – how much money an individual can put into an EGM at a time – will be capped at \$100, down from the current limit of \$1,000.

Mandatory pre-commitment, carded play and load up limits will be introduced subject to consultation with industry through an implementation working group.

Anyone affected by their own or someone else's gambling can call Gambler's Help 24/7 on 1800 858 858 to access confidential and free advice, support and referral.

Council Update



Proposed Leases for Early Years Management Services

Council hereby gives public notice of its intention to lease the following properties pursuant to Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Community Engagement Policy:

- 27 Drysdale Street, Wonthaggi
- 242-246 White Road, North Wonthaggi
- 60 Corinella Road, Corinella

The permitted use for each property will remain unchanged and is the provision of early years services. For more information visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/property](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/property) or contact Council's Property Team on the numbers below or [property@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:property@basscoast.vic.gov.au)

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The Guide Park took out a Regional Achievement Award and an Award of Excellence in the Play Spaces category at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Victorian State Awards.

# Top award for Wonthaggi's Guide Park

WONTHAGGI'S Guide Park Playspace has won a Regional Achievement Award and an Award of Excellence in the Play Spaces category at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Victorian State Awards.

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) announced the winners of the 2023 Victorian State Awards at an event held in Melbourne last week.

The jury honoured four projects with Regional Achievement Awards, out of a total of 23 entries in the category.

The Guide Park Playspace by Orchard Design with SBLA Studio won a Regional Achievement Award and an

Award of Excellence in the Play Spaces category.

Guide Park Playspace in Wonthaggi is a regional all-inclusive play space promoting health, well being and active lifestyles.

The design is inspired by the local coastal landscape with elements reflecting Bass Coast Shire's coal mining history.

It was highlighted that the playspace provides a balance of challenging active and creative play experiences for all ages in an inviting and explorative landscape.

With a focus on strengthening connection to nature, the design features natural materials, sand and water play, sensory planting and is care-

fully integrated amongst existing shade trees.

The jury says the project, "has been recognised for its contribution to the region's social, environmental and economic sustainability, which was informed by extensive community consultation and a collaborative design approach. This inclusive and inviting intergenerational play space is a fantastic asset for people living and visiting Wonthaggi."

The redevelopment of the Guide Park and Playspace, which opened during early 2023, was carried out by Planned Constructions Pty Ltd, at a cost of \$1.77M.

Bass Coast Shire received support from the Victorian

Government with \$700,000 funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria and \$350,000 from the Growing Suburbs Fund.

The new park includes:


- A regional scale playspace including a mine themed slide tower, flying foxes, a trampoline, carousel, gentle exercise area and nature based play.
- Supporting infrastructure including a drinking fountain, bike racks, pathways, fencing and an accessible barbecue.
- New garden beds, mature trees and irrigation works.
- Changes to the internal road configuration to create more parking and improved vehicle access.

Mayor's message


Driving Council's Zero Emissions commitment

COUNCIL is driving towards no more fossil-fuels with four financially and environmentally smart new investments. In line with our Climate Change Action Plan, Council have added four new Tesla Model 3 Electric Vehicles (EVs) to our staff pool, in addition to two Hyundai Konas purchased 18 months ago.

These new EVs confirm Council's charge towards Net Zero by 2030, as we phase out hybrids from the fleet. Our commitment extends beyond passenger vehicles: we are actively exploring sustainable alternatives for our trucks, mowers, and street sweepers as they become available. Hand tools, chainsaws and more are already running on renewables too. Council is



Cr Michael Whelan



also installing fleet chargers at our offices and depots, with community charge points at Wonthaggi, Inverloch Grantville and Newhaven coming soon.

Transport is responsible for 19% of Australia's emissions, with passenger cars and light commercial vehicles alone contributing 60% of this. Without intervention, transport is projected to be Australia's largest carbon emissions source by 2030, according to the Federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

It's imperative we take

strong, immediate action to address this. More EVs on our roads, means lower emissions. This means slowing climate change, reducing the extremity of weather - including flooding, which we know too well on Bass Coast.

Council is already a consumer of 100% clean electricity, thanks to our collaboration with the Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO), an alliance of 51 Victorian councils bulk purchasing renewable energy by funding our own wind farm.

It's also important to recognise the long-term financial benefits. Zero-emissions-vehicles are free to run with low-maintenance costs, so highly cost-effective. Additionally, they retain their resale value, benefiting Council's budget while also creating a local second-hand market.

Government plays a crucial

role in leading the transition to zero-emissions. By setting the precedent, we aim to encourage broader adoption of EVs vehicles throughout community.

I encourage you to join us. If we all collectively reduce our fossil fuels reliance, we can make a significant impact in mitigating climate change to preserve our planet for future generations.

Council is proud to lead by example in actively pursuing net zero initiatives. Using our purchase power is one significant tool we have in building a sustainable, prosperous future for our Bass Coast community.

With 'Powered by 100% renewable energy' emblazoned on their sides, watch out for Council's new EVs near you...

Learn more about Council's commitment to net zero, visit our Community Action Portal, [thecap.com.au](http://thecap.com.au).

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# Fish Creek's Barry Charlton is on top of the world

BARRY Charlton of Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese at Fish Creek has been making cheese of exceptional quality and winning awards for 47 years.

But not like this.

At the International Cheese & Dairy Awards in Staffordshire, United Kingdom, on June 29, 2023 where they have been hosting the world's top cheese awards for 175 years, he was named the 'Best Artisan Cheesemaker in the World'.

To say he was blown away is a complete understatement. Such an award has never been won by an Australian cheesemaker before.

"I've been training two local ladies to make the cheeses in an effort to take a bit of a step back over the next few years, so it's been a real team effort," said Barry Charlton this week.

"We sent away four cheeses for the event; the Oak Blue, the Mossvale Blue, the Tarwin Blue and the Riverine Blue; and they all received various awards, which is great, but to be named the Supreme Specialist/ Artisan Cheesemaker in the World was completely unexpected and pretty humbling actually," he said.

Specifically, he won one of the main awards of the show for the time-honoured Mossvale Blue, but not without the overall quality of the others; the Oak Blue named winner of the Champion Asia-Australasia Cheese Trophy and the



Barry Charlton of Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese, with his partner Cheryl, has just been named the 'Best Artisan Cheesemaker in the World' for the quality of his famous soft cheeses including the time-honoured Mossvale Blue.

Riverine Blue the Best Australian Cheese Outright Award.

"It's pretty amazing for an Australian cheesemaker to get that title, given that we've only been making cheese here for about 65 years," said Berrys Creek Cheese Production Manager Rocky Vega.

"There were actually 5500

entries, from around the world, eligible to win the award and Barry has effectively been named the best cheesemaker in the world.

"He's pretty humble about it but it's quite an incredible feat," she said.

Berrys Creek Cheese has been winning in the commercial

arena as well with its Tarwin Blue, a winner of a Gold Medal at the International Cheese and Dairy Awards being selected to go into the highly successful Mould Cheese Collective Winter Box – quite a coup where sales and third-party endorsement are concerned.

Below is a link to order the product online: <https://www.mouldcheesefestival.com/pages/mould-cheese-collective>

The pursuit of excellence and sustained quality in the production of cheese has been the hallmark of Berrys Creek Cheese, since it was established, initially at Berry Creek in 2007, by "two driven cheese-lovers", Barry and his partner Cheryl.

From the Dairy Industry Association of Australia awards annually, the Royal Sydney Cheese and Dairy Show, and the Royal Queensland Cheese and Dairy Show, to the World Cheese Awards in Nantwich, England, the World Cheese Awards in Bergen Norway, the World Champion Cheese Contest Wisconsin USA and the World Cheese Awards in Spain; Berrys Creek Cheese has always been to the fore.

But now, in a town best known for producing AFL footballers, to have the reigning world-champion cheesemaker in our midst is really something to "say cheese" about.

## Cost of living soars under Labor, says Opposition

ANALYSIS by the independent Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) revealed the full impact of the State Government's new Rent Tax and COVID Debt Levy, which will drive a spike in total land tax revenue per person from \$783 in 2022-23 to \$1,051 in 2023-24 - an increase of more than 34 per cent in just 12 months.

The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath said many Victorian households are experiencing severe financial pain with expenses such as rent, council rates, power bills, groceries, public transport, and car registration all increasing.

"So many Victorians are struggling – bill stress is impacting the young, middle age and the old.

"Rents in Victoria continue to soar in line with higher property taxes and increase regulatory red tape on landlords - Victorians now pay the highest property taxes in the nation.

"Rent affordability is a serious issue and increased property taxes means landlords will be forced to raise rents or sell their properties, compounding Victoria's rental crisis.

"Meanwhile all homeowners will see their Council rates increase by up to 3.5 per cent."

St Vincent de Paul reported in February that homes in the Gippsland will be hit the worst where the combined energy bills will hit \$4095 this year, up \$995.

Ms Bath said it was rare for a day to go by without her office fielding a call from a constituent suffering financial stress from rising cost of living pressures.



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# Is a cardiac or respiratory condition impacting your life?



Clinical Nurse Specialist Karen Billman advises Don Bruce about his exercise routine during the Cardiopulmonary group at Wonthaggi YMCA.

ARE you living with a cardiac or respiratory condition and want a better quality of life?

Bass Coast Health (BCH) would like to tell you about our Cardiopulmonary programs.

Karen Billman is our Clinical Nurse Specialist who oversees our Cardiopulmonary programs that help people with cardiac and respiratory conditions make the most of their lives.

BCH provides this service for people aged under 65 (under 50 years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders) through the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP).

BCH also provides this service for people aged over 65.

Our Cardiac Rehabilitation supervised program helps people to recover from a heart event or diagnosis, as well as people with high blood pressure or cholesterol.

This service entails an individual assessment and then eight group exercise and eight group education sessions to improve your health and well-being, and reduce the risk of future heart problems.

Exercise sessions are held at Wonthaggi YMCA and Phillip Island Health Hub.

Client Don Bruce said the YMCA class was “good value”.

“You go through a major health incident and then you come here and realise that others have been through the same thing. It makes you feel like you’re not alone,” he said.

“I came here on a walker and look at me now. The staff just give you so much guidance.”

Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation program includes eight weeks of supervised exercise sessions and education classes for people with chronic lung conditions.

The programs help people understand their condition and how to live and breathe better, and stay out of hospital. The exercise program improves patients’ stamina, strength and endurance. Sessions are at Phillip Island Health Hub and Wonthaggi Hospital.

Our Respiratory Health Team offers personal consultations about lung conditions.

Counselling to stop smoking is delivered by our clinical nurse consultants, providing personal advice and assistance tailored to clients’ needs.

We also have a Pulmonary Support Group for people living with breathing conditions, running from Wonthaggi and Cowes.

If you’re overweight and aged over 45, you could be at serious risk of diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

Our Life! Program will help you learn about healthy behaviours. To take part, phone 5671 3343 or email: karen.billman@basscoasthealth.org.au

To join these programs, a referral from a doctor or other health professional is preferred but you can refer yourself or a family member. Send referrals to [Access@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:Access@basscoasthealth.org.au) or fax 9102 5307 or phone 5671 3333.



## Are you struggling with everyday life due to a health condition?

You could benefit from Allied Health and Community Services offered by Bass Coast Health.

BCH provides these services for people aged under 65 (under 50 years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders) through the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP). BCH also provides these services for people aged over 65.

We can help you with tasks around the home and caring for yourself, and offer medical assistance, social activities and transport.

### Our services include:

- Community Nursing (District Nursing, Diabetes Education, Continence, Cardio/Pulmonary, Stomal Therapy, Integrated Chronic Disease Management and Wound Care)
- Allied Health services (Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Social Work, Speech Pathology and Counselling)
- Integrated Chronic Disease Management
- Meals on Wheels
- Social Support Groups
- Transport to medical appointments.

### How we can help you:

- To access Allied Health or Specialist Nursing services, contact our Access team on [Access@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:Access@basscoasthealth.org.au) or Allied Health Reception by phoning 5671 3343
- To access District Nursing, contact: 5671 9219, fax 5678 5183, [district.nursing@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:district.nursing@basscoasthealth.org.au)

Alternatively, phone **5671 3333** and ask for the service or the Access team. For more information, go to: [basscoasthealth.org.au/HACC](http://basscoasthealth.org.au/HACC)





# Bat myths busted in Korumburra

THE tiny microbat attracted a great crowd to the Korumburra Anglican Parish Hall on Saturday night.

The Korumburra Landcare Group was thrilled to welcome Dr Lindy Lumsden, who delivered a fascinating presentation about the ecology and conservation of insectivorous bats.

Dr Lumsden is the principal research scientist and science leader with the Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action.

She is based at the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research and has contributed considerable research to the study of microbats.

She has investigated the conservation requirements of bats in agricultural landscapes in Victoria and was able to impart knowledge relevant to the local area.

With a passion for changing the negative stigma around bats, Dr Lumsden was thrilled to see a wonderful turnout of interested individuals at the presentation evening.

"When it comes to bats, there's always the myth and mystery – all those negative images – but our bats are really friendly and really beneficial," she said.

Bats consume large quantities of insects, including agricultural pests, which contributes to supporting a healthy ecosystem.

"We were looking at individual paddock trees that were looking quite stressed. One reason for that can be increased nutrients from cattle or sheep going into the tree, leading to increased numbers of insects in the tree, causing some defoliation," Dr Lumsden said.

"Out in farm areas, it's often thought the birds are really important for keeping insect numbers under control. What we were finding was there weren't many insect eating birds coming out into these single paddock trees. They prefer hanging around in the remnant patches. Come nighttime, the bats were coming out and were feeding at these scattered paddock trees. What I think is happening is the bats are critically important for maintaining the health of the trees. If we didn't have a lot of bats out there, our trees would be looking a lot sicker."

Locally, there are two groups of bats – the more familiar Grey-Headed Flying Fox and the microbats.

There are several 24 species of microbats living in Victoria, some weighing about as much little as a 10-cent piece.

Dr Lumsden said everyone in the audience would have bats flying over their properties, whether they lived in town, on a farm or in the bush, but they might not know they are there.

For more information, head to [www.ari.vic.gov.au](http://www.ari.vic.gov.au).



Dr Lindy Lumsden with a Gould's Wattled Bat.



Korumburra Landcare Group president Jim Ahon and secretary Rosemary Lyne thanked Dr Lindy Lumsden (centre) for her presentation about microbat conservation on Saturday night.

## Bass Coast Shire declines support grant for Early Childhood Education

THE Bass Coast Shire Council have declined the Workforce Planning Support Grant that became available as part of the Victorian Governments \$8.5 million in funding to help local councils and Early Years Managers profile their local workforce.

The funding was proposed to council for workplace planning, enabling them to forecast future needs and work with the Department of Education to prepare to meet teacher and educator demand.

Since the pandemic, the early childhood sector has faced a challenge with recruiting permanent and relief staff to manage centres when staff fall ill.

The centres throughout Bass Coast are doing the best they can with the staff they have available, but there is a clear shortage.

A Victorian Government spokesperson told the Sentinel Times that, "Early childhood teachers and educators are central to the success of the Victorian Government's Best Start, Best Life reforms, which is why we have invested almost \$370 million to attract, retain, and support highly skilled early childhood professionals to the sector."

"With Pre-Prep rolling out from 2025 across the state, the Victorian Government is supporting local governments to plan for future workforce needs by offering the Workforce Planning Support Grants," they said.

A Bass Coast Shire spokesperson assured that council has received a Build Blocks Capacity Building Grant, and the Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (KISP) Support Grant.

"These grants are designed to assist Council to ensure that kindergartens on council owned land can be used to their maximum capacity, and we are currently seeking a contractor to undertake this work."

The Workplace Planning Support Grant complements the statewide Kindergarten Workforce strategy and the government spokesperson confirmed all local councils were offered this grant.

However, Bass Coast Shire did not accept this.

Despite the opportunity Bass Coast Shire have taken in the Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan, parents in the region who preferred to remain anonymous are questioning why council wouldn't take the opportunity to receive the Workforce Planning Support Grant, so they can attract and upskill early childhood teachers and educators in the area.

Spokesperson for the Minister for Early Childhood and Pre-Prep Ingrid Stitt confirmed that the Victorian Government are offering scholarships, incentives, traineeships, and career advancement programs to support the workforce.

Bass Coast Shire Council was contacted for their response to declining the grant but are yet to respond.

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# South Gippsland Shire Council News

## Vote Now: Leongatha Railway Precinct Mural


The Leongatha Railway Precinct is a historic site, originally built in the late 1800s and used as a train station until the early 1990s. Since closure of the railway line in 1993, the Precinct has been vacant and now is being transformed into a space for all to enjoy. Part of that will see the plain grey rear façade of the Bair Street shops be turned into a captivating art installation. To capture interested artists, an Expression of Interest was released a few months ago, resulting in over 30 submissions. This was then narrowed down to just three by the South Gippsland Arts Advisory Committee, Arts Eleven (the project manager), and Council's Arts Development Officer. These are:

- Ash Taylor.
- Yuria Okamura and Jack Rowland.
- Creature Creature and Jason Parker.

Through the Expression of Interest process, artists were required to base their concept

designs on the theme of 'Leongatha and its Landscape' and respond to the natural world surrounding the site. A focus on the region's vast and beautiful natural bushland, native plants, trees, birdlife and fauna was also encouraged. It was expected that the concept designs would be a contemporary take on these elements, rather than recreate the type of historical murals previously seen across South Gippsland. We are looking to you, our community, to make the final decision on which artist/s will be given the opportunity to transform this space. To place your vote or to find out more on the artists and their concept designs, please visit: [yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au) Voting closes **Thursday 21 July** and is limited to one per person.

### Hard Waste Collection Bookings



Bookings are now open for the annual hard waste collection service. This provides residents with a convenient way to dispose of hard rubbish, particularly if they are unable to attend a transfer station themselves. All residents are eligible to receive one collection at a fee of \$150 per property. A reduced rate of \$53 applies for pension card holders. Bookings close in August. To book, please go to: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 19 July 2.00pm  
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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

To watch the 'open' part of the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:  
[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live](https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live)

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a new job? We might have the perfect position for you!

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### SANDY POINT AND VENUS BAY PATHS & TRAILS

Are you a resident of Sandy Point or Venus Bay? Or do you visit often, have a business or own a holiday home?

Building on feedback we heard through the Coastal Strategy engagement, we're keen to hear from our community on road safety and possible pedestrian and bike path locations in these two coastal towns.

We have already had an amazing response, but we would love to hear more!

Feedback closes **Friday 28 July** and can be provided by visiting:  
[yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

### CHOOSING THE RIGHT SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM FOR YOUR GROUP WORKSHOP

Join us for an informative session on how to choose the best social media platform for your group.

The workshop will take place on Saturday 22 July from 9.30am at Michael Place, Leongatha.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to take your social media presence to the next level!

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Disaster-related damage such as this landslide on Grand Ridge Road may prove more challenging for South Gippsland Shire Council to fix due to a State Government funding decision.

# Government dashes repair hopes

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council has expressed concern about the potential lack of readily available funds to rectify damage from future disaster occurrences after the availability of such funds proved crucial in responding to the local ramifications of the June 2021 storm event.

Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) president David Clark recently lashed out at the Victorian Government for not accepting a Federal Government offer of an advance payment under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), stressing Victoria is the only State to refuse the offer.

“I am straight out angry, thinking the government doesn’t get the pain our affected communities are living through,” Mr Clark said in an MAV statement.

Speaking on 3AW, he outlined why he believes the Victorian Government didn’t accept the Federal Government’s advance DRFA payment.

“The Disaster Relief Arrangements are 50/50 funded by the State and the Feds,” he said, suggesting the State of Victoria doesn’t have the money to fund its share.

He argued advance funding would enable councils to start spending straight away rather than going through the process of getting approvals before they get work done, delaying repairs to disaster related infrastructure damage.

South Gippsland Shire Council’s acting CEO Renae Littlejohn outlined council’s view of the situation.

“Although Victorian councils are still eligible for DRFA, where eligible funds are received on a reimbursable basis,

the decision by the State Government indicates that advance payments may no longer be possible,” she said.

“This could result in delays to essential asset restoration works and cash flow issues for local councils, if more disaster events were to occur.”

She explained that the 2021 storm event caused such significant damage there was concern many councils wouldn’t be able to undertake necessary repair works, but the decision to provide councils with advance payments, based on their estimate of works, alleviated those concerns.

“This took significant pressure off the councils as they had readily available funds which they then claimed against, and if this money hadn’t been available we would have had to find an alternative way to fund the expenditure, such as loans or overdrafts,” Ms Littlejohn said.

South Gippsland Shire Council received over \$10M in support via DRFA in response to the June 2021 storm damage, with a large portion of that paid in advance.

“We are disappointed that the Victorian Government has decided not to take up the opportunity offered by the Albanese Government regarding up-front funding,” council’s acting CEO said.

The Federal Government announced at the end of June that it had advanced almost \$1.8 Billion of funding for disaster-impacted councils.

Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories Kristy McBain said the funding allocation was in response to calls from the States, local governments and peak bodies.

“During the Australian Council of Local Government conference in Canberra (in June), Mayors and Council representatives were clear about the growing need for more up-front help, and I’m pleased the Albanese Government has been able to deliver that so quickly,” Minister McBain said.

She added that advance payments have already been distributed to the States that accepted them.

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is also demanding answers over the Victorian Government’s refusal to help local government councils impacted by the 2022 flood events across the state.

In a letter to Premier Daniel Andrews, VFF President Emma Germano questioned why the Victorian Government decided not to take up fast-tracked funding from the Commonwealth’s \$1.8 billion Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements.

“The 2022 floods had disastrous impacts on regional communities and agricultural production.”

“The VFF has expressed its disappointment to the Premier following Victoria’s decision not to take up funding to help local government rebuild infrastructure that farming communities depend on.”

“We have sought clarification from the government as to their reasons for not taking up the funding opportunity, and how the government intends to provide immediate assistance to flood impacted councils.”

Ms Germano said farmers and local government councils were particularly frustrated with the lack of action on fixing damaged roads.

Mayor’s Message



Cr Nathan Hersey

## Gippsland Business Awards Finalists

THE Gippsland Business Awards are a great opportunity to recognise many of our thriving local businesses and the dedicated people, who both create employment and are employed in our local businesses.

Held every year, the Awards help shine a light on those who are doing extraordinary work to promote Gippsland through their business.

This year, South Gippsland has two finalists which are CPK McLaren MotorBody (Leongatha) and Bura Brewing Company (Korumburra).

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to both businesses for making it this far and good luck at the awards presentation next month.

While these are just two businesses in South Gippsland, this is a great opportunity to highlight the work that so many people do to keep our region thriving and ticking. In South Gippsland, we are certainly making a significant contribution to the domestic and international markets; especially in dairy, agriculture and supporting industries.

Our tourism industry is also growing and this is due to amazing assets like Wilsons Promontory, the clean and green feel of South Gippsland, our inviting locals and places to explore including the coast, hills, towns, villages and hamlets. Council is pleased that the Great Southern Rail Trail has also been a key driver in activating our region and attracting visitors.

Our Shire is home to about 4,000 businesses that provide over 12,000 jobs and contribute to an economic output of over \$4 billion annually. For a community of our size, we have a lot to be proud of.

## July Council Meeting

This month’s Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 July.

At this month’s meeting some of the items we will be discussing include:

- The Draft Coastal Strategy and seeking community feedback for two weeks.
- Project nominations for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.
- Waratah Bay Caravan Park and Fore-shore management.

To view the meeting live or when it suits you, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live)

## Strzelecki Ward Councillor Catch Ups

On site ‘Councillor Catch Ups’ are back! Along with my fellow Strzelecki Ward Councillors, Cr Felton and Cr Keerie, we are providing opportunities for locals in our Ward to come and have a chat. We would love to see you at one of the locations below!

- Saturday, July 22, 12 noon to 1pm – Little Boy Brew, Loch.
- Saturday 22 July 2.15pm to 3.45pm – Moo’s at Meeniyán, Meeniyán.
- Sunday, July 23, 9.30am to 11am – RN Scott Memorial Park, Kongwak.
- Friday, August 11, 12 noon to 1.30pm – Poowong Hall, Poowong.
- Friday, August 11, 2pm to 3.30pm – General Store, Nyora (TBC).

## Advocacy Priority: Venus Bay Saltmarsh Project

The Venus Bay Saltmarsh Project has received \$80,000 funding from the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action (DEECA). This will help us develop a scope in partnership with DEECA to formally investigate the benefits and value of the project. This will include hazard profiles; engagement with key stakeholders, community, Traditional Owners, Landcare and government agencies; and key recommendations.

This is further evidence of our advocacy work paying off and our continued focus on how we can build a sustainable community well into the future.

For more information on this and other advocacy priorities, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/advocacy](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/advocacy)

# Sandy Point development unlikely to win councillor support

A CONTROVERSIAL development proposal for the site of the Sandy Point Caravan Park at 89 Beach Parade will come before councillors at this Wednesday’s council meeting, with the planning application for a 14-lot subdivision and native vegetation removal prompting 43 objectors to have their say.

Council officers have recommended councillors vote to issue a Notice of Refusal for the development.

It is argued the proposal is inconsistent with four clauses in the

South Gippsland Planning Scheme and fails to address the objectives and decision guidelines of the Township Zone, Environmental Significance Overlay and the Design and Development Overlay of the Planning Scheme.

Council officers state that should the proposed development proceed, it would result in “an unacceptable neighbourhood character outcome”.

Concerns are expressed in relation to the anticipated impact on roadside vegetation, and the situation

regarding vehicle access, with failure to adequately address issues relating to effluent and stormwater management also noted.

It is noted in council’s July meeting agenda that the permit application has not been modified to address the concerns expressed in submissions.

The 9,140 square metre intended development site is in a predominantly residential precinct in the centre of Sandy Point, bounded by Beach Parade, Park Avenue and Ocean View Parade.



2022-23  
Financial Year  
- Review of markets

By David Caporale,  
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

Investment returns across most asset classes have recovered over the past financial year following the general negative returns of the 2021-22 financial year. One of the major reasons for the increase in returns has been the rapid rise in global inflation, which continues to be a headline topic dominating political and household discussions.

During 2022 Australia's inflation reached 8.4%, with Europe recording over 10% and the US above 9%. Fortunately these price pressures have reduced with inflation figures at 5.6% in May for Australia, 7.1% for Europe and 4% for the US.

As a result of high inflation, central banks around the world aggressively raised cash interest rates. In Australia we experienced cash rate increases of 2.75% to 4.10% from July 2022 to June 2023, following the trend of the US that increased by 3.5% to 5% during the same period. European and British cash interest rates are currently sitting at 4% and 5% respectively.

Domestically Australia's financial markets had another interesting 12 months with promise for good returns at the start of the financial year, however ending with a potential recession looming.

Even with high inflation and interest rates, Australian shares rebounded with a 14.8% return mostly coming from the Information Technology sector (38.1%) and the Resource sector (23%). There were surprising gains from the Financial and Consumer Discretionary sectors reporting just over 13% each despite the challenges faced.

Whilst Australian shares were positive they fell short of Global shares performance with the highest return of 20.4% (in Australian dollars) that also benefited from a weaker Australian dollar.

Notably, Global shares varied greatly from country to country over the past year. US shares returned 19% (in local currency) yet the Japanese share market outperformed at 25.7%. Conversely the Chinese share market posted a negative -15.7% mostly due to constrained government policy.

The property market in Australia posted mixed returns. It was positive for listed real estate investment trusts (REITs) who recorded 5% returns but it was negative for unlisted REITs with commercial property portfolios who recorded losses of -1% to -5% as capital values decreased in the commercial property sector due to the reduced demand for office space.

Residential property prices in Australia also fell -5.3% off the back of higher mortgage rates and increased costs to living, although increased immigration and low supply has recently driven prices slowly back up. This may change again with a significant number of low fixed interest rate home loans converting to higher variable rates adding to the living cost pressures faced by families and possibly forcing sales adding to supply.

Global listed property (in Australian dollars) again recorded a negative return above -10% following a negative return of over -5% in 2021-22.

In contrast direct infrastructure has recorded two consecutive years of positive returns, posting just under 10% for 2022-23 after the 2021-22 financial year exceeded 10%.

Australian bonds recorded a mild positive 1.2% return, however global bonds was the opposite at negative -1.2%. Cash returns for the past financial year performed better than both these fixed interest assets at 2.9% however still well below inflation.

In relation to retail superannuation funds, returns for a balanced growth portfolio are estimated to be around a 9% return for the past year, a turnaround of circa 12% from the negative -3.5% or so in 2021-22.

Looking forward economic indicators point to shares correcting and returns across the board to slow. If a recession comes to pass the results could be much worse, but as with all forecasting it is difficult to get right so only time will tell.

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The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien with Korumburra Secondary College Year 7 and 8 English students and Acting Principal John Wilson.

# Korumburra students loving new school

KORUMBURRA Secondary College students are lapping up the benefits of their new school following completion of major works on the redevelopment.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien, who has campaigned for seven years to achieve funding for the full rebuild of the school, visited this week to see the new facilities.

"The rebuild of the school occurred after \$12.8 million funding was allocated in the

2020-2021 State Budget after a concerted community campaign for a new school.

"It was great to see the students in their new setting with the main classroom block in use since the start of the year and the new stadium and associated facilities open to students since the start of term 2.

"It was so pleasing to see this result after a long campaign that finally culminated in the funding being delivered during the pandemic.

"The Nationals in government funded the first stage of the development way back in 2014 and I am so excited to now see students and teachers in a modern and fit-for purpose facility that will help boost education outcomes in the region."

There are around 415 students at Korumburra Secondary College this year up considerably from last year and there is no doubt that the new facilities will make it more attractive for students to attend.

# The power of conversation

R U OK? research has underscored the impact a genuine conversation can have on someone who is struggling with life.

The research found more than four in five people who engaged in a meaningful conversation felt better about managing their situation having talked it through and felt supported, heard, and safe during the conversation.

However, the research also found that when asked if they were OK, two in five people (38%) who said they were OK actually were not OK. These respondents told us that important factors to encourage an honest conversation are:

- Trust: they need to know the person they speak to is someone they trust, and, for many, someone they are close to
- Authenticity: they want to know the person asking them genuinely wants to hear answer
- Environment: people would prefer to have these conversations in a relatively private space with enough time to share what they want to say.

Almost two months out from R U OK?Day on September 14 2023, R U OK? are calling on Australians to let the people they care

about know; 'I'm here to hear', every day of the year.

Suicide Prevention Australia's June 2023 Community Tracker revealed 2 in 5 Australians know someone who has died by or attempted suicide in the last 12 months, a 13% increase from 2021.

For the fourth quarter running, cost-of-living and personal debt remained the number one issue driving distress.

You can find FREE resources at ruok.org.au to help you know when and

how to ask, 'Are you OK?' in your workplace, school and community and plan your R U OK?Day 2023 activities.

For support at any time of day or night, Lifeline provides free and confidential crisis support. Call 13 11 14, text 0477 13 11 14 or chat online at: [lifeline.org.au](https://lifeline.org.au).

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Mon Eager who undertook the 'Adult Migrant English Program' at Bass Coast Adult Learning in Wonthaggi and now works for the centre, with Salon Assistant Trainer Kate McNish.

# BCAL and TAFE Gippsland finalists for training awards

BASS Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) and TAFE Gippsland are finalists in the Victorian Training Awards, recognising excellence in the vocational education and training sector, with winners to be announced at a gala ceremony in Melbourne on Friday August 18.

Wonthaggi-based BCAL is a finalist in the 'Community Training Provider of the Year' category.

BCAL partners with community organisations and local businesses in the development and delivery of a diverse range of courses.

While it has provided accredited training since the 1990s, its course offerings have increased significantly since 2016.

Kate McNish delivers salon-assisted hairdresser training, with her students benefiting from industry work placements with Wonthaggi, Grantville or Phillip Island businesses, something that leads into Certificate III and apprenticeship opportunities.

She said BCAL provides a welcoming environment allowing people to gain skills and build confidence locally, with some using that as a platform to launch into work, while others elect to pursue further study elsewhere.

"We are here to deliver, and we have listened to what the community needs," Kate said of the small Registered Training Organisation's growing profile.

The centre runs a 'Capacity Building Program' for NDIS participants.

"That's cooking, life skills, games and art classes," Kate said, adding the students are about to hold an exhibition of their artworks.

Migrants can become more involved in the community, boosting their social and employment opportunities through BCAL's 'Adult Migrant English Program'.

Mon Eager outlined how that program has benefited her.

"I started in the Adult Migrant English Program in 2020 and during that time I also volunteered at the BCAL office for three months and then I applied to work at BCAL as an Administration and Compliance Officer," she said, pleased to still be a part of the centre's enthusiastic team.

BCAL also provides First Aid training and skills needed to meet OHS requirements.

Kate said BCAL has a strong connection with Bass Coast

College, having some of its students in IT, horticultural and hairdressing classes.

TAFE Gippsland is in the running to win the 'Large Training Provider of the Year' category.

The organisation has a presence in several Gippsland towns including its Leongatha Campus.

The 'Large Training Provider of the Year' category recognises Registered Training Organisations offering a range of training products and services that demonstrate excellence in all aspects of vocational education and training.

TAFE Gippsland's CEO Laura Macpherson said being named a finalist was a great achievement for an organisation that had been through considerable transition.

"We believe that TAFE Gippsland is a shining example of what can be achieved when transformation is planned, genuine and purposeful," Laura said.

"We are being judged on how we ensure TAFE Gippsland is providing high quality vocational education and training, how we are meeting student and industry needs, our business management, and how we deliver innovation and excellence in training."

## When was your child's last eye test?

BACK to school after the winter holidays and we're sure some parents are breathing a sigh of relief!

But is your child getting the most out of their education, do you know if they have any vision problems?

Kids are spending more time with digital devices, and this can affect their vision. Research shows that:

- Short-sightedness (myopia) is increasing with digital device use, bringing greater eye health risks.
- Children with vision problems have reduced attention capacity compared to their peers.
- Children with learning problems commonly have vision problems which affect their learning. Optometry can play an important role in assisting them to achieve better results.
- A study of primary school children in QLD showed that 25 per cent of those tested had confirmed vision problems, and these kids had lower NAPLAN scores than their peers.

Regular vision checks for all children are important. At Leongatha Optometrists, our Optometrists have extensive experience in testing children's eyes. We take a broader approach to help a child's vision and consider many individual functions that relate to the brain, ocular muscles and nerves, as well as psychology, learning ability and development.

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### Myopia in Children

Myopia, or short-sightedness, is an eye condition that makes it difficult to see distant objects clearly. Regular eye examinations give children the best opportunity of success in the classroom, sports field and playground.

Kids with myopia will have trouble seeing the board at school and it is

known that kids with vision difficulties can fall behind their peers in school work. Aside from vision difficulties, there are also health implications for myopic patients due to their elongated eye. For kids, myopia tends to continue to worsen each year.

MiyoSmart Lenses are a new technology for managing myopia in children and been proven to reduce the progression of myopia by up to 60 per cent. MiyoSmart lenses are only available to accredited independent optometrists and we are pleased to be able to offer this lens option to our patients at Leongatha Optometrists.

It is important for all children to have regular vision checks from an early age, and certainly during school years. Parents should look out for signs of their children squinting, reporting headaches, rubbing their eyes and getting close to objects and/or the TV to see. A visit to the optometrist will quickly show if there is a problem and a plan can be made to help.

### It is recommended for children...

Get a vision check – optometry visits are covered by Medicare and are painless and can even be fun.

Get outside - at least two hours per day is essential for kids, especially before the onset of myopia. Time outdoors has been shown to help prevent myopia from progressing.

Get some variety - reduce screen time or near-vision work and take breaks (remember the 20/20/20 rule – focus on something 20 feet away for 20 seconds every 20 minutes).

Get further away - don't hold books or devices close to the eyes and adopt a Harmon working distance (closed fist to elbow)

Get more sleep - ideally, more than nine hours per day for children. Staying up late in bed with a table or phone is a bad idea.

**If you have any concerns or would like to book an appointment for your child, please call our practice on 5662 3485.**

## Important Meeting

**Thursday, July 27 at 1pm**

**Bass Coast Hospital, Wonthaggi**

**Meeting to revive Bass Coast Prostate Cancer Support Group**

At a recent function in Wonthaggi, it was decided to re-form the Bass Coast Prostate Cancer Support Group, which went into recess 3 years ago.

All prostate cancer patients, partners and interested persons are welcome to attend.

Come to the main Reception desk at Bass Coast Health, 235 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

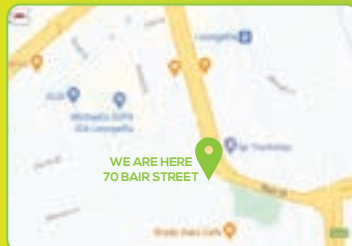
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# Farmers are at high risk of skin cancers

Unfortunately **working outdoors in farming** in Australia significantly increases your lifetime risk of developing skin cancer. **Farmers and outdoor workers** have an increased risk of all three of the main skin cancer types – basal cell cancers, squamous cell cancers and melanomas.

**BASAL CELL CANCERS** are by far the commonest skin cancers. In fact, they are the commonest cancer of any kind in Australia. They occur on all body sites that are exposed to the sun. Fortunately, they rarely spread in the blood stream or lymphatics to other parts of the body. However, they slowly erode away at the skin and underlying tissues and can be very disfiguring especially when they affect the face, eyelids, nose or ears. Early detection and removal is essential.

**SQUAMOUS CELL CANCERS** are the next most common skin cancers. Again, they occur on areas of the body most frequently exposed to the sun. The scalp in bald men, the ears, face and back of the hands and forearms are all common sites. A small number of squamous cell cancers are aggressive and spread to other parts of the body which can have fatal consequences. Again, early detection and removal is essential.

**MELANOMAS** are the least common but most aggressive skin cancers. They can spread to other body sites very early which can be rapidly fatal. Melanomas are more common on sun exposed skin but family history plays more of a role than in non-melanoma skin cancers. Melanomas are usually pigmented but a small number may simply present as pink lumps or plaques. If melanomas are detected and treated early when still thin the prognosis is excellent. If they are not detected until later when they are thicker outcomes are much less satisfactory.

Other risk factors for skin cancers in addition to an outdoor lifestyle are:

- **Pale skin type** – people with red hair / freckles who never tan have a very high risk
- **Family history** – a first degree relative with skin cancer will significantly increase your risk
- **Personal history** – if you have already had a skin cancer you will be at much higher risk of another one
- **Multiple moles** – people with large number of moles are at higher risk of melanoma
- **Immunosuppressant treatment** – people taking these medicines after organ transplant or for rheumatoid arthritis or similar conditions are at higher risk
- **Age** – skin cancers are increasingly common with increasing age. 2/3 of Australians will have had a skin cancer by the time they reach 60

It is recommended all adults should have a regular annual full body skin check especially if they have one or more of the risk factors above.



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The Bass Coast community have petitioned to improve connectivity in the Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson area. Z05\_2923

## Connectivity issues impacting residents and business

THIS week the Sentinel-Times had several conversations with business owners and residents in Bass Coast, with Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson areas concerned with their internet connection and mobile phone service.

Wonthaggi resident Coral Donat said her husband was in an accident on their farm and they had no way of contacting emergency services. It was after this incident that Coral became exhausted with the lack of service and said, “they need to be accountable”.

“The towers in the areas are too small, the service here is appalling, I’m paying for a phone but have no service in my home or on the farm – I find myself having to walk around just to get one bar.”

In today’s economy, the expense of a landline and internet is unaffordable if the connection isn’t reliable. Coral said she has to visit the library to use the internet and print any documents.

“I’m worried that the banks will go online but there is not enough infrastructure for locals to access the online services and the providers just aren’t looking after those customers that don’t have service,” said Coral.

To get the providers to listen to the community, Coral put together a petition that has 260 signatures. The petition reads: This is a petition in support of Telstra installing upgrade to existing towers/plus new tower for outer areas of Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson.

Coral explained ‘these towers are not adequate for the towns service; we have poor to no cover due to the current towers having congestion. The rollout of Telstra 5G is not yet in place but selling has already started.’

Businesses have confirmed they are overstretched with many having to turn their EFTPOS machines on and off to get signals.

Nate Bowler from Diskount Wonthaggi said, “sometimes we have to go next door to Coastal Home Interiors just to send emails or print paperwork, because they have great service and ours continually drops in and out.”

“Only with complaints will they improve the service to these areas,” said Coral.

Bass MP Jordan Crugnale met with Coral a few months ago after she visited the office asking Ms Crugnale to sign the petition.

And while Jordan couldn’t sign, they discussed in depth the connectivity in the area, the coverage, the gaps and what this means for households and businesses.

“Our Connecting Victoria \$550M program came from us advocating to our government to step in and kickstart telcos and federal government into delivering fast track better mobile and broadband connectivity in the area and across the state.”

“I was able to let Coral know about our Connecting Victoria program and planned works for Wonthaggi. She was happy for me to let Telstra’s General Manager of Eastern Victoria know about the forthcoming petition as well, especially given I was seeking an update of upgrades in the area,” said Jordan.

To find out more about the Connecting Victoria program visit Find a project | Connecting Victoria | Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (djsir.vic.gov.au)

## Nominate an outstanding senior in your community

THE Victorian Government is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards, until Friday, July 28, 2023.

The Victorian Senior of the Year Awards are a way of acknowledging the efforts that senior Victorians make in giving their time, skills and energy to improve the community.

For over 25 years, these significant awards have highlighted the work seniors do every day in volunteering in neighbourhood houses, places of worship, and on community projects that benefit us all.

Victorians are this year being encouraged to nominate residents aged 60 and above and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorians aged 50 years and above.

Nominate an older Victorian in your life who makes an important contribution to your community, such as through volunteering or supporting community groups.

Visit the awards webpage of Seniors Online to download a nomination form or complete an online nomination form. Categories for the nominations include:

- Premier’s Award for Victorian Senior of the Year for outstanding achievement
- Promotion of Multiculturalism Award for promoting the benefits of cultural diversity
- Healthy and Active Living Award for helping to create active and healthy communities
- Veteran Community Award for exceptional contribution to the veteran community – open to all who work with the veteran community (not only veterans themselves)
- Ageing Well Award for combatting ageism and promoting ageing well initiatives
- Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victoria Senior Achiever Awards for significant contribution to local communities and Victoria.

Every nominee will receive a certificate acknowledging their contribution, and recipients of the 2023 awards will be honoured at a ceremony during the Victorian Seniors Festival this October. Nominations close on Friday, July 28, 2023.

For more information or to make a nomination visit Seniors Online





Celebrating the Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary's accomplishment of its fundraising target of \$60,000 are, from left Bass Coast Health (BCH) volunteer and fundraising manager Vicki Riley, the Auxiliary's Terry Hall and Bill Damm, BCH CEO Jan Child, and the Auxiliary's Hazel Missen, Klaus Edel and Ron Missen.

# Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary to buy machine to benefit cancer patients

THE HARDWORKING volunteers of the Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary have reached their fundraising goal of \$60,000 to buy a new ultrasound to assist cancer patients at Wonthaggi Hospital.

The ultrasound will assist in the placement of devices that allow repeated access to the bloodstream for chemotherapy to be administered.

Currently patients have to travel beyond the Bass Coast to have this procedure.

The ultrasound will also assist in diagnostic and palliative procedures where fluid needs to be drained from the abdomen or the lung.

The Auxiliary reached its goal after receiving \$6000 from the Lions Club of Inverloch and District at the Lions' annual changeover dinner on Monday June 19.

The Inverloch Bowls Club also gave \$5000 that will go towards cancer equipment at BCH.

Auxiliary and Lions Club spokesperson Terry Hall said the ultrasound was a vital piece of equipment in enabling more cancer patients to receive all of their care locally, at the L. Rigby Centre at the hospital.

"The volunteer members of the Auxiliary have been striving towards the fundraising goal of \$60,000 for 18 months and to have achieved it is such a joyous moment," he said.

"We have been overwhelmed by the support of the community of Inverloch and surrounds. Many businesses and community groups have given generously to this appeal, and others have bought hand-knitted beanies for cancer patients to wear and also cards handmade by our Auxiliary members.

"Cancer is likely to impact us all at some point in our lives – either ourselves as patients or a family member or friend – and to know that many people can receive their cancer treatment at Wonthaggi Hospital is such a relief, rather than having to travel further afield when their treatment is already exhausting and costly."

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said the L. Rigby Centre only existed because of the community's generosity and the Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary's achievement was yet another reflection of the kind and caring spirit of the Bass Coast.

The Lions Club gave \$14,000 towards the ultrasound machine.

## Embracing the change

MENOPAUSE, also known as 'the change of life', marks the end of a woman's reproductive cycle when she can no longer fall pregnant naturally.

This typically occurs between 45 and 55 but can occur earlier or later.

Symptoms of menopause can be uncomfortable, but knowing that menopause is an entirely normal stage of womanhood and understanding what to expect during the transition can help greatly in managing symptoms.

For most women, medical treatment isn't needed for menopause.

Treatment options available for menopause, include menopausal hormonal therapy (MHT), non-hormonal methods, and lifestyle changes.

Just as each of us is different, menopause is a unique experience for each woman.

There are many physical and emotional symptoms that are common for most in this life transition. Symptoms can vary from person to person, and no two women will experience menopause in the same way.

In fact, around 20 per cent of women experience no menopausal symptoms at all.

**Bena Ong**  
Pharmacist

Terry White  
Chemmart  
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Examples of physical symptoms are hot flashes, aches and pains, vaginal dryness and weight gain. While emotional symptoms can be mood swings, decreased libido and sleep difficulties.

At our TerryWhite Chemmart stores, our experienced pharmacy team is available to support you in this stressful transition with a range of products that can help manage your symptoms.

With most of us at the pharmacy being women ourselves, we understand how this menopausal transition can be a stressful period.

Hence, seeking support from friends, family, and healthcare professionals can help you feel less isolated and overwhelmed by the changes that your body is experiencing.

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# Red Cross needs you

AS DISASTERS increase across Australia, so does the demand on Australian Red Cross emergency services.

There are more than 500 Australian Red Cross emergency services volunteers across Victoria who are vital in providing critical support to communities when disaster strikes, but more are needed.

With Victorians' experiencing several large-scale disasters over the last five years, Australian Red Cross is calling for more Victorians to put their hand up to help out.

Australian Red Cross State Manager Emergency Services Victoria, Fyowna Norton said becoming a volunteer is a wonderful way to make a positive impact on the lives of others, that also opens doors for personal growth and exciting opportunities.

Australian Red Cross volunteers gain access to internationally and nationally developed training to undertake their roles, including psychological first aid, community engagement and development, preparedness, and recovery.

Becoming an Australian Red Cross volunteers means joining a movement that has been responding to emergencies and providing humanitarian assistance in Australia since 1914.



Bird's Nest Fungi matures, with the egg-like peridioles not yet quite visible.



Grace's stunning shot captures the open Bird's Nest Fungi in Mirboo North.

## Fascinating fungi in Mirboo North

MIRBOO North's Grace Adamo continues to share stunning photographs of local fungi on the 'Mirboo North Community Notice Board' Facebook page, giving people the opportunity to appreciate the diversity of species in the area.

"So many people walk by them and don't even look," she said.

Grace began enjoying daily walks in the bush about 15 years ago while exercising her dog, becoming increasingly involved in her surroundings, and soon bought her first digital camera to capture images of nature.

She has upgraded her equipment over the years but while she owns a macro lens, now usually relies on her iPhone as it is easier to carry.

Grace nominated Bird's Nest Fungi, *Nidula emodensis*, as a highlight.

"I was looking for it for a long time and didn't realise how tiny it was and I was walking by it," she said, explaining it grows among leaf litter.

Grace said the peridioles that contain spores resemble birds' eggs, adding that the whole structure looks like a bird's nest.

The spores are released by the action of falling waterdrops.

The entire lifecycle of fungi interests Grace.

"I love watching a particular one evolve, mature and slowly decay; some last just a few days and others are still going after a couple of months," she said.

Belonging to the 'Victorian Fungi' Facebook page as well as that for the 'Field Naturalists of Victoria Club' and studying a fungi guide help build her knowledge of many of her photographic subjects.

However, while Grace continues

to learn more about fungi, she is happy to confine herself to capturing images rather than foraging for mushrooms.

"The more I know, the less interested I am (in foraging)," she said, explaining "You just know how badly it can go wrong."

Despite its diversity, she doesn't confine herself to fungi. "Whatever is out there I'll photograph it," she said.

That includes orchids, some of which will soon be in flower. All Grace's images are taken around Mirboo North.

"I don't stray; it's all exclusively local," she said.

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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.

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## Sentinel-Times COMMENT

### Why council must put parking on the agenda

OK, this is good. At least we can finally have a conversation about the provision of car parking in Graham Street Wonthaggi that has a point to it.

In the new Wonthaggi Activity Centre Streetscape Master Plan, to go up to council for approval this Wednesday, the council is proposing to cut out 39 car parking spaces in Graham Street alone.

That's 141 existing spaces dropping down to 110, with an additional 2 disabled spaces or a 28 per cent reduction in car parking. That's a lot.

And when you consider that each of those spaces is worth up to \$50,000-a-year in convenience trade to individual businesses in the street, you're talking about taking millions of dollars in annual income out of the pockets of the strip shopping businesses in Graham Street.

The punch line is that council is proposing nothing in the way of nearby parking to replace those lost spots, despite the pleas of the Wonthaggi Business and Tourism Association.

But after this Wednesday, the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Streetscape Master Plan will be set in stone as a council policy, and everything the administration does from now on will be based on that policy unless council votes to change it.

In his Mayor's Message last week, the Mayor Cr Michael Whelan pointed to a solution when he addressed the issue of what to do with the old Wonthaggi High School site, although he didn't mention the word "parking" in his long discourse.

He did say, however, that it could cost in the order of \$1.5 million to clear the site of its derelict buildings and restore it to grass while a development plan is worked on.

Presumably, such a project would provide the opportunity for at least temporary parking to be established there.

And that's the opportunity cost of wasting \$30 million on a new cultural centre at Cowes where spending \$5 million to upgrade a perfectly adequate facility would have sufficed.

So, here we have a council proposing to severely impact the incomes of the businesses in Graham Street Wonthaggi, for some welcome beautification it must be said, but without a plan to replace that convenience parking nearby.

Is it worth council spending up to \$1.5 million to at least provide some temporary parking on the McBride Campus site? Absolutely!

Over to you Bunurong councillors Brett Tessari, Leticia Laing and Les Larke to lead the push, mindful that there's a council election coming up next year.

### Say yes to charge scheme

The majority of ratepayers at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay look forward to a healthier environment and improved living conditions that come with an end to choking silica dust in summer and mud, flooding, mosquitoes and pot-holes in winter.

The Bass Coast Shire Council need to be thanked for sticking with the democratic process and genuine rate payer engagement and not being swayed by a noisy minority who wish to derail the process.

Over the next few weeks, we will

## Vox Pop

### What do you remember about your favourite pet?



**Ritchie Christian**

"My favourite thing was when dad would let our Labrador 'Rusty' run behind the car and seeing how fast he could run."



**Roger Bannister**

"I remember back when little Charlie my Jack Russell was much quieter."



**John Noy**

"My favourite thing was watching our greyhound Emmy do zoomies in the backyard."



**Steve Edwards and Nero**

"Their friendship. They're always your friend."

receive a cost apportionment sheet (similar to the recent Pioneer Bay Scheme).

Ratepayers will have an option to contribute to the scheme over many years and those who are financially challenged will have an even longer period to contribute, if at all, over their lifetime.

It's an investment for now and the future.

The once in a lifetime benefit to our community, generations to come and visitors will be a quantum leap from the dark ages.

We will finally be able to walk to the beach or ride around our estate without breathing in the silica dust and suffering the consequences of respiratory illness.

We won't have to live in fear of flooding, vehicle damage and mosquito born viruses.

We have every confidence in ratepayers that they will take this once in a lifetime opportunity to support the scheme and ensure we all enjoy healthy and improved living conditions.

**Gavan O'Connor, Surf Beach**

### Proper engagement crucial

I am writing to bring attention to a matter of great concern for the residents of quiet Caledonian Crescent in Wonthaggi.

Our quiet and peaceful residential street is facing potential challenges due to the proposed development by The Haven Foundation.

While we acknowledge the importance of social housing and the need to support individuals with significant mental illness, we are deeply concerned about the potential impact on the well-being and quality of life for both the existing residents and the newcomers.

Our primary goal is to raise awareness about the potential consequences of this development and encourage a thoughtful and inclusive approach to address these concerns.

One of our major apprehensions is the safety and security of the neighbourhood.

The introduction of The Haven Foundation units, accommodating individuals with significant mental illness, may pose safety risks to both the new residents and the surrounding community.

Additionally, the social fabric and integration of the community may be affected.

It is crucial to facilitate an inclusive environment where all residents feel supported and connected.

Proper engagement with the community, transparent communication, and well-established support systems are essential to address any potential challenges and ensure a sense of belonging for everyone involved.

Furthermore, the capacity of existing infrastructure and support services in the area needs to be thoroughly assessed.

Adequate mental health services, community support programs, and emergency response systems must be in place to provide the necessary assistance and resources to both the existing residents and the New Haven Foundation residents.

We request that media coverage on this matter includes a balanced representation of the concerns voiced by the community.

We urge all stakeholders involved, including The Haven Foundation, local authorities, and community representatives, to engage in open dialogue to address these concerns and explore viable solutions that prioritise the well-being and interests of the entire neighbourhood.

By shedding light on these issues, we hope to encourage constructive discussions, collaborative decision-making, and ultimately, the creation of a vibrant and supportive community where all residents can thrive.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We hope that through media coverage, the concerns of our community will be heard and considered by those involved in the decision-making process.

**Rhys and Krystie Litchfield, Wonthaggi**

### Preserve rather than destroy

In this "throw-away" society the go-to option seems to be to knock things down and start again.

This is such a waste of materials and ultimately clogs up our already overflowing waste disposal systems.

Regarding the article by Cr. Michael Whelan, the mayor of Bass Coast, about the old Wonthaggi High School site is quite informative.

It clearly outlines the Council's current position and the Shire's fiscal situation.

However, when he refers to the cost of \$1.5 million to make the old school site clean and ready for redevelopment, he makes no mention of the cost to build new facilities.

Unless council intends to leave the site empty the cost of redevelopment must surely be included when making an argument to demolish.

All over the world people are saving historic buildings that become the pride and focus of their communities.

I for one, would like to see an expert opinion on the benefits of renovating the more substantial buildings on the school site.

I am happy to read that the Shire has commissioned a report on the cost and feasibilities of the site and its buildings.

I look forward to reading it. However, I worry that this report will reflect the mindsets of those who write the report; can they be truly impartial? For example, if the report was to be written by a company who specialise in restoration their report would reflect their slant.

I can't imagine that those buildings that were occupied by students and teachers just four years ago are now so derelict that they need to be knocked down.

While I do believe it will take more than a lick of paint there are several substantial buildings on that site that could be saved and restored.

**John Mutsaers, Inverloch**

### A letter of gratitude

I sincerely thank Bass Coast Shire mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, for reaffirming the shire's commitment to continue as a 'Refugee Welcome Zone'. A status hard won by members of South Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees, as the mayor says. (Sentinel Times 20/06/23).

I also thank the mayor for welcoming refugees from many lands to our shire, as people who enhance the diversity of our community and its economy. Thank you, Mayor Whelan for standing behind refugee support groups and encouraging fundraising for families in need and in danger.

SGRAR members wholeheartedly support your appeal for human rights to be enshrined in law to protect the rights of people who flee from bombs and torture to seek safety and peace in Australia.

As well, we express our sincere gratitude to council staff for ongoing backing of our fundraising effort.

Finally, I would like to show my gratitude to the South Gippsland Sentinel Times for the journalists' ongoing support of community groups and their causes.

To join SGRAR please email Felicia on [sgrar07@gmail.com](mailto:sgrar07@gmail.com)

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**Felicia Di Stefano, South Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees**

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# Vin the morse code man

DURING the Second World War, Vin Tuddenham delivered a telegram to a soldier's mother and over 75 years later it still makes him emotional.

"In late 1945, I took a telegram to this lady in Cranbourne Road, Frankston, Mrs. Jones; her son had been missing in action, believed killed for three years and I took the telegram to say that he'd been found alive and well."

Vin's career with the postal service began in late 1944 in Frankston, but he eventually made his way to Wonthaggi where he has lived in the same house for 50 years.

Before moving to the area, Vin learnt to send and receive morse code over a 12-month period, training in Melbourne for two hours a day every day and graduated at 20 words a minute.

After graduating Vin's first posting was to the Cowes post office in 1951, when it still existed on the foreshore, and he remembers it being very quiet in those days.

It was with trepidation that Vin came to Wonthaggi to relieve a staff member who was taking annual leave.

Vin completed his fortnight in Wonthaggi and when a vacancy came up in 1952, he applied for it, got it, and has been here ever since.

In those days morse code was the only fast way to send messages. Mail from Melbourne to Wonthaggi would



**Vin taps out a demonstration of how to do morse code on an old set his friend made for him.** ob12\_2823

take a day, interstate mail could be two or three days while air and sea mail could take weeks and months.

"If you want a telegram to go from Wonthaggi to a little place in the middle of NSW, you give it to the postal clerk, he sends it from Wonthaggi to Melbourne, Melbourne to Sydney, Sydney to the little place in New South Wales. Well, the postal clerk he'd get on his push bike and deliver it. That would only take half a day. That was quick in those days," Vin said.

Vin worked in Wonthaggi sending and receiving telegrams and could send them pretty fast, becoming proficient over the years and he especially enjoyed it if the operator at the other end was good too.

"He would tell you to cut the words up, so you wouldn't send the full words. So for a birthday message you could send HBTY, Happy Birthday To You. So, the kids think they invented abbreviations, but they didn't. We did that," Vin laughs.

Vin loved working with morse code, but in May of 1959 morse code became redundant with the introduction of teleprinters.

Vin hadn't heard the sound of Morse Code since 1959, until he went to the Sydney Royal Morsecodians annual event.

"I only ever got there once, that was in 2005 and I hadn't heard morse properly since 1959 till then, and all their business was done in morse code and the obituaries, and everything. The morse code, as soon as you walked in, it was just like the most beautiful music to hear."

The old messaging service has recently seen a revival, as the Wonthaggi and District Historical Society have an original morse code set from the railways and the Society have asked Vin to show children how it worked. He's also got a couple of gigs at the Wonthaggi library, and he couldn't be more pleased.

"It's just like beautiful music. It's like a language you never forget."

"All this newfangled stuff goes straight over my head, but go back to morse code and I'm right," said Vin.

As for the telegram he delivered to Mrs. Jones, Vin got to meet her son when he returned from the war, and he has fond memories of being made to stop and have a cup of tea and a piece of beautiful sponge cake, even if he was running late.

## Tackling cyber bullying in South Gippsland

SOUTH Gippsland schools are actively working to deal with the serious issue of cyber bullying, with police and local Lions clubs supporting in-school sessions run by Dolly's Dream.

Inspired by the suicide of 'Dolly' Everett due to cyber bullying, and established by her parents and sister, Dolly's Dream raises awareness about the serious issue of bullying and its devastating effects, providing help and support for young people affected by it.

The organisation delivers information on ways to prevent face-to-face and cyber bullying.

Korumburra Lions Club president Roger Powell said Lions have an ongoing focus on assisting youth through initiatives such as scholarships, and the club was keen to get involved in anti-bullying and resilience-building initiatives when the opportunity arose.

It was approached by Snr Constable Megan Krause, part of the youth policing division at Wonthaggi, who highlighted the prevalence of cyber bullying in the South Gippsland region and the success of Dolly's Dream sessions held in Bass Coast Shire schools last year.

She said police were keen to see the program run in South Gippsland Shire and requested funding assistance to make that a reality.

"We saw this as a great way to do something that is positive for our youth," Roger said, adding that all five South Gippsland Lions Clubs jumped onboard, raising about \$6,500 that will assist Dolly's Dream to run sessions locally.

The other South Gippsland Lions Clubs are Strzelecki, Leongatha, Toora and Mirboo North.

He explained that Dolly's Dream provided \$8000 towards the planned school sessions.

Wonthaggi Blue Light, Bass Valley Op Shop, Inverloch Lions Club, Rotary Club of Foster and South Gippsland Shire Council also contributed.

Roger recently chatted to Megan on his South Coast FM 'Lions Hour' program about the challenges presented by cyber bullying.

"We've had a growing issue with online bullying in South Gippsland, and I've attended schools giving them legal ramifications but it just hasn't been enough, so Victoria Police have partnered with Wonthaggi Blue Light and Dolly's Dream to present workshops (to secondary colleges)," Megan said.

She stressed that students will be equipped with tools to keep them safe when using devices and connecting on the internet.

"It teaches young people to take ownership of their behaviours and actions, making the online world a safe place for all," Megan said.

"The Dolly's Dream program is developed by leading experts and delivered by mental health first aid trained facilitators which is fantastic for the kids, and the workshops are built to be interactive, engaging and without fear of judgment."

The program is running at the secondary colleges in Leongatha, Korumburra and Foster, as well as Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College, Leongatha.

Megan said the Dolly's Dream website is a great resource.

Dollysdream.org.au includes a parent hub that helps parents learn how to report inappropriate content and how to support young people who are potentially experiencing harm.

Roger said South Gippsland Lions Clubs are keen to support potential future Dolly's Dream sessions for parents, noting that the insidious nature of cyber bullying reaches into young people's homes and bedrooms through internet-connected devices.

Beyond Blue, Kids Help Line Official, headspace Wonthaggi, and Lifeline are some of the available services for those experiencing distress.

## Manna Gum turns French for Bastille Day

THE FIERCE words and stirring sounds of La Marseillaise made a fitting end to a delightful celebration of Bastille Day at Foster's Manna Gum Community House, with attendees enjoying French cuisine and song.

While local performers Rebecca Bone and Fiona Curram led the singing, all were encouraged to join in, with nobody minding the accuracy or otherwise of the pronunciation.

Frere Jacques was one of the simpler numbers, but increased in complexity when the audience was divided into groups to perform in rounds.

The event was a double celebration for organiser Noelle Bonnin who has notched up 10 years of volunteering at Manna Gum, teaching her native French language.

Joyce Wright who was busy helping Noelle in the kitchen also has French-speaking



**Bec Matthews (Manna Gum Community House manager), Noelle Bonnin, Joyce Wright, Fiona Curram and Rebecca Bone enjoy Bastille Day Foster-style.** A01\_2923

roots, having come from Mauritius, but was aged just eight when she arrived in Australia.

Noelle started Bastille Day celebrations for her students when she began teaching at the Community House and

soon began to invite the broader community to join the fun.

Friday's attendees savoured her French tarts, quiche Lorraine, bacon wrapped pork and veal terrine, and other tasty treats.

For those keen to become a little more French, Noelle's classes run on Wednesdays at Manna Gum Community House.

Please call 5682 1101 for enquiries.

Vive La France!

## Meeniyan and Nyora road upgrades on council agenda

POTENTIAL sealing of Ross Street, Meeniyan and North Poowong Road, Nyora will be on the agenda at Wednesday's South Gippsland Shire Council meeting, with those projects being considered for nomination to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI).

The high-priority projects would come under Phase 4 of that Program, with the cost of the proposed Nyora works estimated at \$2.56 million to seal

around 2.5 kilometres of currently gravel road, while sealing approximately 750 metres of Ross Street, Meeniyan is forecast to cost \$1.2 million.

Council was recently allocated \$3,759,982 of Phase 4 Funding, with that money available from this month and projects required to be delivered by June 2025.

While council already classifies the Ross Street project as 'shovel ready', saying it has been designed in consultation with affected road users, there

is still considerable work required for the proposed North Poowong Road works to reach that stage.

Although preliminary designs have been developed for North Poowong Road, Nyora, other factors need to be explored including land acquisition requirements, native vegetation removal and the impact on vulnerable Giant Gippsland Earthworms and their habitat.

The Upper Commercial Street Korumburra Carpark Project, previously expected to

be funded through Phase 3 of the LRCI Program, is set to be removed from that Program as it is now fully funded through the Rail Precinct Redevelopment Program.

By contrast, the planned Meeniyan Community Hub Project is expected to be added to the LRCI Program Phase 3 Work Schedule, while unspent and unallocated funds for Phase 2 are proposed to be redistributed to allow a bundle of Drainage Rehabilitation Project works.





# CELEBRATING AUSTRALIAN MADE

## Coldon Homes is making strides



Coldon Homes display villages are located at Cape Paterson Road, Wonthaggi and 36 Phillip Island Road, Newhaven.

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James Goldsmith, general manager of Coldon Homes, recognises the importance of not becoming complacent and taking market conditions for granted.

Like many builders, Coldon Homes experienced a surge in demand during the COVID-19 pandemic, however, this surge brought its own unique set of challenges that the company has successfully navigated.

Mr Goldsmith emphasises the importance of avoiding complacency and adapting to the evolving market saying, "the success of Coldon Homes has made them a prominent trusted company contributing to the local community and economy."

"We are navigating the current building landscape with resilience and determination," he said.

"As one of the longest-standing successful businesses in the region, we've become a trusted name in the construction industry."

"Our clients consistently express confidence in building with us, thanks to our local ownership and over 60 years of experience and operation," Mr Goldsmith added.

"Our clients trust is invaluable, and we remain committed to delivering quality homes while prioritising the use of local trades whenever possible."

With its ongoing local investments, the company continues to reinforce its commitment to growth, delivering quality homes and maintaining its position as a significant employer in the region.

Adding to their existing displays located in Wonthaggi and Newhaven, is the current construction of two new display homes.

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## The benefit to supporting local

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The San Remo IGA Plus Liquor store is a stockist of local wines made within the wine-growing region, including Bass River Gippsland – produced in Glen Forbes, Silverwaters Vineyard – owned by Emily and Hercules in San Remo, French Island Vineyards – estate grown and hand-made, Purple Hen – owned and operated in Rhyll, and The Gurdies Winery - locally made and owned.

Their community benefit program is a valuable way to give back to the community and manager Shayne Crawford said each customer has the choice to donate some or all their points to their nominated charity.

The selected charities for San Remo IGA include San Remo CFA, Griffith Point Lodge, Kilcunda Bass FNC, Newhaven College, Newhaven Primary School, San Remo and Newhaven Lions Club, San Remo Basketball Association, San Remo Bowls Club, San Remo Kindergarten,



**Craig O'Neill of San Remo IGA Plus Liquor is a stockist of local wines including Bass River Gippsland, Silverwaters Vineyard and French Island Vineyards. Z01\_2923**

San Remo pre-school, San Remo Primary School, St Vincent De Paul in Cowes, Woolamai SLSC, Phillip Island Cricket Club, San Remo Tennis Club, St Augustine San Remo, Vietnam Vets Museum, St Mary's San Remo, the Phillip Island Boardriders Club, and the community relief – a fund to support locals in need - points donated will be matched by San Remo IGA.

Instore the shelves are stocked with the finest range of Australian Made foods sourced from local farms and stores across Bass

Coast, South Gippsland, and surrounds.

This includes locally grown and harvested rhubarb and grey pumpkins, Bass River Dairies whole and low-fat milk, free range eggs from Coronet Bay, and a vast range of Prom Coast ice cream and sorbet.

Employing locally, San Remo IGA have 93 staff and Nina Taylor who has serviced consumers for the past two years said, "we're more like family, I'm here for the people and the culture – it's a great place to work."

## The freshest catch from Bass Strait Direct

CURT Trewavis and Kelly and Paul Osborne, co-owners of Bass Strait Direct have been personally bringing in the freshest fish to retailers and customers.

Having recently acquired their very own fishing vessel, purchased along with a commercial fishing license, Curt now has the freedom to go out and make tailored catches.

When the weather is right and when they're not too busy at the shop, Curt and a couple of his colleagues who have commercial fishing experience jump in the boat.

They head off from the shores of San Remo and using only hooks and a particular bait, go to the area where they know they can target and hook gummy sharks and snapper.

It's a small scale, limited but selective operation and within a couple of hours, the team are bringing their catch back to the shop and offering up the freshest caught gummy and snapper around.

"We've always sourced all our products as local as possible off the boats from different ports and around Bass Strait, but in this particular instance we can put gummy and snapper which we're selling in our display,



**Bass Strait Direct have recently acquired their very own fishing vessel, providing another reliable supply of fresh fish to pass on to their customers.**

in our front retail areas, direct off our own boat," said Curt.

The winter fish are starting to come off the boats, blue grenadier and rockling are plentiful and the orange roughy season is open for a small amount of time over the cooler months, creating a good supply of this fish as well.

Along with this, the Bass Strait scallop season has just opened giving fresh supply running right through to Christmas and "we are busy running our new vacuum skin packing

machine to stock away snap frozen scallops to keep a supply going over the closed season," Curt highlighted.

Curt's son Cody Trewavis is also a fisherman working down at Corner Inlet, Wilsons Promontory.


When the weather is willing, Cody heads out with his boss, and they've been having good runs of king george whiting and rock flathead. Their catch provides another reliable supply of almost daily fresh fish for Bass Strait Direct to pass on to their customers.



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# Shire must be more proactive on social housing, says Housing Matters

HOUSING Matters Bass Coast (HMBC), auspiced by Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, welcomes the draft Affordable Housing Strategy developed by Bass Coast Shire Council. HMBC recognises the need for an overarching strategy to guide the Bass Coast Shire Council and community in addressing the challenging issue of housing affordability which can be a cause of poverty, hunger, health decline and homelessness.

“HMBC recognises that the factors affecting affordability are complex and largely, but not totally beyond council’s control, therefore it would like to see a more ambitious and pro-active approach taken to addressing the causes of the recent and major decline in housing affordability in Bass Coast and its consequence for families and individuals,” HMBC stated.

“Bass Coast has the lowest occupancy rate of all Victorian LGAs, only 64% and as low as 40% in some places. When up to 60% of houses sit empty year-round it is time to take action to activate vacant houses for the shelter of those in greatest need.”

HMBC also stated that a more proactive response was required by the shire, and it should be ‘clearly expressed in the draft

strategy’.

This was in regard to the shire’s statement which says, ‘Council acknowledges that the provision of affordable housing is largely the responsibility of the State Government, and we welcome the \$25m investment in social housing in the municipality as part of the Big Housing Build.’

‘While we may not fund or deliver affordable housing directly, we know we can support our residents by continuing to advocate for additional social housing and for the support services that help people secure and sustain a tenancy.’

Further to their response, HMBC said reliance on the Big Housing Build (BHB) funds, is ‘only a fraction of what is needed today to tackle the homelessness crisis in Bass Coast’.

“The only details known about the BHB program are about 14 dwellings being developed on two of six council-owned land parcels awarded to Community Housing (Victoria) Ltd, nine in Wonthaggi and five in Cowes,” they said.

“No details are known about the remaining 22 dwellings, i.e., where and when they will be built. “These are presumably going to be built on the remaining four parcels of land set aside by BCSC.”

# Funding to tackle gendered violence across Gippsland

ONE Gippsland is partnering with Gippsland Women’s Health and Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault to seek funding of \$997,042 that aims to reduce gendered violence and sexual harassment in local government workplaces across Gippsland.

The funding application to WorkSafe Victoria aims to build the capacity of local government to respond to gendered violence and sexual harassment in the workplace, and to prevent violence before it occurs.

The project will develop resources and tool kits to increase awareness and knowledge, including the design and development of eLearning platform.

The project will develop a curriculum to support a sustainable Train the Trainer model within local government and delivery of training to identified trainers, and delivery of training to leaders in industry.

It will provide capacity building functions to create systems change and to improve knowledge and response mechanism to workplace gendered violence, including a review of policy and procedures associated with gendered violence and sexual harassment including OH&S frameworks and recommendations for amendments or variations.

South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor and Deputy

Chair of One Gippsland Cr Nathan Hersey said, “We are eagerly awaiting the outcome of our funding application and the opportunity to work with Gippsland Women’s Health and Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault to eliminate gendered violence and sexual harassment across all six Gippsland councils.”

“Unfortunately, local government entities in Gippsland have advised the Gender Equality Commission that up to 9% of their employees have informally reported sexual harassment in the workplace,” Cr Hersey explained.

Gippsland has some of the highest rates of gendered and family violence in Victoria, with three local government areas ranking in the top four LGA’s in Victoria for family violence reporting, indicating a culture of violence against women that often filters through into the workplace.

The National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children and the Victorian Free From Violence Strategy both identify local governments as key drivers of change.

The Respect Fund and Respect Network are funded by the Victorian State Government and delivered by WorkSafe Victoria.

The outcome of the funding application is anticipated in coming weeks.



Bass Coast Health is planning to boost its maternity service as more babies are being born locally.

# Baby boom in Bass Coast

A RECORD number of babies were born in Australia in 2021, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, with Bass Coast Health (BCH) also experiencing an increasing trend.

Overall, 315,705 babies were born – about 20,000 more than the year before (an increase of 6.7%) – according to an Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report, Australia’s mothers and babies.

Consistent with previous trends, more women are giving birth later in life. In 2021, around 1 in 4 women who gave birth were aged 35 years and over.

According to BCH, more babies are being born at the Wonthaggi Hospital each year as the region’s

population grows and as more people become aware of the family-focused midwifery service BCH offers.

In 2022, 179 babies were born at Wonthaggi Hospital, a slight increase on 2021 when they welcomed 173 babies, and an increase on 2020 when 110 babies were born.

This year, BCH anticipates around 200 births for 2023, or a 6% increase.

With the appointment of permanent Obstetricians to complement their GP Obstetric team, BCH is planning for the transition to a level 4 maternity service from a level 3 service.

This will enable the 200 plus women each year who have to travel outside the sub-region because of

increased clinical need or risk to have their baby at Wonthaggi Hospital.

“Our staffing profile has grown significantly over the past two years and we have a higher skilled and more stable midwifery team and Obstetric team,” according to BCH CEO Jan Child.

To cater for this significant future growth, BCH is working with Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, and the Victorian Health Building Authority to prioritise early staging of the election commitment towards a new Maternity Unit.

“We have shell space ready to kit out in the new hospital and we are keen to take advantage of that foresight to bring our expanded services sooner,” Ms Child said.



Harry McInnes at the Inlet Hotel in Inverloch says there’s no problem with beer supplies for now.

# Dry July? Be careful what you wish for!

YOUR local pub or favourite watering hole could have a problem sourcing beer on tap from Carlton and United Breweries over the next few days.

Locally, across Bass Coast and South Gippsland, venues say they have enough beer, for now, but with most venues needing regular deliveries, some have concerns about expected deliveries early this week.

Seven News was reporting on Friday night that as many as 300 venues around the state may be affected by an industrial dispute at

Carlton and United Brewery impacting the delivery of barrel beer.

Package beer supplies, they say, will be unaffected.

CUB has “sincerely apologised” to their customers and consumers if they become embroiled in the delivery problem.

According to Seven News, the delays are being caused by forklift maintenance problems highlighted by the Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) at the company’s Abbotsford headquarters.

They say the CFMEU has legitimate

concerns about safety standards at the factory and are not prepared to subject their workers to the risks until they are addressed.

“I’m aware of it but I’m pretty confident they’ll sort it out in the next few days,” said John ‘Hoots’ McInnes at the Inlet Hotel in Inverloch.

“We have enough beer for now but we’re due to get a delivery on Monday, so that will tell the tale.”

Mr McInnes said the Inlet Hotel usually carries about a week’s supply of barrels, the same as most venues.





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Police figures have registered a rise in vehicle theft over the last 12 months.

# Motor vehicle theft up 11 per cent in 2022

THE number of victims of certain property crimes recorded by police, including motor vehicle theft and burglary, increased for the second year in a row in 2022, according to figures released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

William Milne, ABS head of crime and justice statistics, said: "Victims of property crimes dropped to a record low in 2020, coinciding with the introduction of COVID-19 restrictions."

"Over the past two years,

the numbers of recorded victims have been coming back up but are still lower than in 2019," Mr Milne said.

Of the three types of property crime, motor vehicle theft saw the largest proportional increase of 11 per cent (up to 55,037 victims) in 2022.

This was followed by burglary up 9 per cent (up to 151,200 victims) and other theft which increased by 8 per cent (up to 475,725 victims).

Other theft includes offences like retail theft.

The rise in property crimes in 2022 are notably higher than the increases reported in 2021, which ranged between 1 and 4 per cent.

The number of sexual assaults recorded by police also increased in 2022, up 3 per cent to 32,146 victim-survivors.

"We found that most victim-survivors were female (84% or 26,967 victims). We also found that victim-survivors were most commonly aged between 10 and 17 years when the sexual assault

occurred (42% or 13,439 victims)," Mr Milne said.

Further information about sexual assault and a range of other selected offences can be found in Recorded Crime - Victims available as a free download from the ABS website.

If you or anyone you know is in need or crisis please call the National Sexual Assault, Domestic and Family Violence Counselling Service on 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) or Lifeline 131 114.

## Check your car battery this winter

RACV is urging Victorians to check their car batteries with winter now here. Last year, RACV's Emergency Roadside Assistance attended over 290,000 battery call-outs from members across Victoria.

Vehicle maintenance is especially important in winter as inclement weather like cold temperatures, wind, ice, sleet, and snow become more common.

RACV General Manager Motoring Products, Jeff Ames said there are a range of things you can do to help prevent your battery from going flat in the first place.

"RACV battery call-outs resulted in over 163,000 jump-starts and 126,000 car battery replacements, so it is worth reading up on car battery care," Mr Ames said.

The main warning signs to look out for include the 'check battery' or 'check engine' dashboard light, a slow or 'coughing' engine crank, dim lights, slow windscreen wipers, silent radio, or dead remote locks.

"Car batteries are more likely to go flat in winter and during prolonged cold weather. The chill slows down the chemical reactions inside your car battery, sapping its strength, meaning it must work much harder to produce electricity," Mr Ames said.

"To protect your car battery in cold weather, park your car in a garage rather than on the street if you can, especially overnight or in high winds. You can also purchase a battery blanket online to keep your battery warm but checking that the battery is fully charged is a fantastic way to prevent breakdowns.

"A charged battery will not freeze until temperatures drop to -50°C, whereas a battery with a low charge can freeze at -1°C.

"You can also look out for a Cold-Cranking Amperage (CCA) rating when buying an automotive battery which tells you how well the battery performs in cold weather when fully charged," Mr Ames said.

## Slow down, school is back

SCHOOL zones of 40km/hr and school crossings are back in use, so drivers are asked to slow down, obey crossing supervisors and keep our kids safe.

This important message has been imparted by Victoria Police and local schools, now that school is back and students are heading back to the classroom after their winter holidays.

"A school crossing is in use when you see the Children Crossing flags displayed. When entering a school crossing area please slow down and be prepared to stop as there are kids around. You can help keep them safe by following the School Crossing Supervisors directions," said Acting Sergeant Jack Allen from Wonthaggi Police Station.

"When a School Crossing Supervisor approaches the crossing and displays a stop sign you need to come to a complete stop on the white line. When the Supervisor steps on the road you must remain stopped until the children have finished crossing the road and the Supervisor returns to the footpath."

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## We all have a voice

By Pastor Janice Muir

“LISTEN to others,” but don’t lose your own voice.” – Creative healthy family.

We all need a voice, but should we forsake the original purpose of our constitution as we know it to bring such a huge change.

Some 55 men gathered daily to deliberate over the writing of Australia’s constitution. Some 36 of these men went on to be State Premiers throughout the nation in the years that followed.

These were intelligent, wise men picked because of their understanding of government. I don’t think this is the right thing to do.

We are being asked to give one racial group – and their descendants for all time – constitutionally guaranteed additional influence over all areas of public policy.

If you tick the right race box, you would gain political influence exceeding that enjoyed by every other Australian.

What if you are Chinese, African or Fijian? Should we then change our constitution at a later date to accommodate them too?

If you believe everyone should be equal in the eyes of the law and in the eyes of those who make and administer the law, this referendum must be rejected.

The real purpose of this referendum is to change our system of government by injecting a permanent element of racial privilege into the heart of the Constitution.

It would give Indigenous Australians – and their descendants for all time – a second method of influencing public policy that goes beyond the benefits of representative democracy that are already enjoyed by all citizens regardless of race.

This means we are being asked to constitutionalise a system of racial preference. Extending the jurisdiction of the Voice beyond Indigenous affairs, as proposed by the government, cannot be reconciled with the idea that all Australians should be equal not just before the law, but before those who make the law and those who apply the law.

I recall physically losing my voice as a school teacher around 2007.

I had been going through some stressful situations in life which seemed to cause this.

I had a sensation of a rope pulling from my head as I struggled to make myself heard.

It was very unpleasant but through specific prayer my voice improved and I learnt to manage the stress which continued for some time, and can be such a huge part of our lives in today’s society.

Jesus encourages us to be anxious for nothing, but cast all your burdens on him and trust him for the outcome.

I can equate losing my voice to this upcoming referendum.

We all need to advocate for those who cannot speak up for themselves.

The bible says, ‘defend the weak and the fatherless: uphold the cause of the poor and oppressed’.

If we all carried our brothers’ burdens, nurturing and caring for those in our sphere of influence, the world would be a better place overall.

Let us continue to pray for God’s will to be done through this referendum to change our constitution and for the improvement in lifestyle of the Indigenous people.

# Karmai receives the highest ranking

THE KARMAI Community Childrens Centre (KCCC) have received the highest possible rating following an assessment of their four-year-old kinder program.

Assessors from the Department of Education reviewed the team in action during May and they were assessed on seven criteria.

This included quality of care, educational program, how governance is managed, how staff are managed, community involvement, safety and wellbeing.

“We were very excited because we received an exceeding rating,” said Sue Ritchie, Operational Manager of KCCC.

“It’s always really exciting to get official acknowledgement that we’re doing such a great job.”

Kerrie Anthony, bachelor kindergarten educator commented that the results are a reflection of the dedication and drive the team have demonstrated.

“Through the credit assessment and rating process, it’s really enabled our all of us as educators to really show that our years of commitment and our ability to have our skills up to date has really given us that momentum that we are doing a wonderful thing for our community.”

KCCC are a not-for-profit organisation and run childcare, three-year-old kinder and before and after school programmes.

The four-year-old kinder outgrew their space at the centre two years ago and moved across the road to the Korumburra Primary School.

The staff have worked hard to ensure a smooth transition and have upgraded their qualifications to ensure they’re providing the best education for the children.

“We really listen to the



**The team at Karmai Community Childrens Centre, back: Tracy Greenway, Zoe Allen, Rach James, Janine Egan, Front: Shay Walker, Bridget Grant, Kerrie Anthony.**

child’s voice, so we run a child-initiated program that supports their needs, their interest and goals that they want to achieve. We have an indoor/outdoor program, so we provide opportunities for children throughout the day to either engage in learning opportunities both indoors and outdoors and that’s really supporting children’s health and wellbeing,” said Shay Walker, bachelor kindergarten educator.

The program is tailored to be family orientated, community and environmentally minded, and a stream of activities, excursions and events are planned to create a well-rounded approach to the children’s learning.

Sue commented that all their educators live and work in the community, and they are proud of what they offer the community.



**Shay Walker and Kerrie Anthony, bachelor kindergarten educators of the KCCC four-year-old kinder program that received the highest possible rating following assessment.**

## Working towards a safer future for the region

GIPPSLAND Women’s Health (GWH) are continually working to eliminate gendered violence.

And on Tuesday, July 4, GWH held their Media and Communications Community of Practice online session with special guest speaker and advocate for preventing violence against women, Tarang Chawla.

The session was hosted by GWH Regional Capacity Building Coordinator Fiona Passarin, who outlined the importance of comprehensive coverage on domestic violence in the media, preventing sexual harassment in the workplace, and recognising elder abuse.

The session addressed the 10 steps to reporting on violence against women in the media, the Fair Work Legislation Amendment, and the importance of gender equality.

Fiona welcomed Tarang to the session, explaining that in 1988, Tarang arrived in Australia with his parents from India with two suitcases and \$100. “Tarang first built his career as a lawyer, before becoming a Victorian Multicultural Commissioner Sessional Academic at Monash University and is on the Board of the Australian Republic.

Tarang is the founder of Not One More Niki - Australia’s largest movement to end



**Gippsland Women’s Health welcomed Tarang Chawla to their online session on July 4.**

violence against women in culturally diverse communities, in honour of his younger sister Nikita who was murdered by her partner in 2015.

“Thanks to his incredible work and contributions, Tarang has been named a Young Australian of the Year finalist, The Young Community Achiever of the Year Award winner, and twice listed as one of the top 25 Most Influential People working for social change.”

Fiona raised the question on what is the role of men in our community?

Tarang responded stating that “I think it’s important for men to involve themselves in these conversations, to play a partner role in promoting

gender equality and preventing gendered violence.

“I think it starts with men educating themselves so they can become active allies and advocates, and better under the disrespectful behaviours that can lead to more serious forms of violence,” said Tarang.

The online session discussed the importance of educating the younger generation on consent - in terms of permission - beginning this education with children as young as toddlers so they understand the importance of physical space. “These changes allow a child to assert their boundaries and understand what they’re comfortable with,” said Tarang.

Tarang then spoke on the importance of men being the

positive role models for the next generation, stating that masculinity can still allow a safe space for vulnerability, space for conversation that prioritises mental health, “and by creating this we can move towards a more equitable society.”

GWH work together with Our Watch to prevent violence against women and children in Australia and this most recent online session aimed to help media professionals and organisations better play their part in preventing gendered violence.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing family violence, support services are available.

For 24/7 support, Call Safe Steps on 1800 015 188 or 1800 RESPECT on 1800 737 732.

The Orange Door is available 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday. For Inner Gippsland (Latrobe, Baw Baw, South Gippsland, Bass Coast), call 1800 319 354. For Outer Gippsland (Wellington, East Gippsland), call 1800 512 358.

In an emergency, always call 000.

If your organisation is interested in participating in a GWH training session or workshop, please contact GWH via email [admin@gwhealth.asn.au](mailto:admin@gwhealth.asn.au), or visit [www.gwhealth.asn.au](http://www.gwhealth.asn.au).



## Bass Coast Shorts brings diverse array of films to Wonthaggi

BASS Coast Shorts returns to Wonthaggi for a second year with wonderfully diverse story telling from local, national and international creators of short films across four screenings.

With high quality and thought-provoking films, animations and music videos from Ireland, Iran, Turkey, Ukraine and Australia – including three local filmmakers, there is something for everyone.

John Frohlich, Film Festival Director has curated the screenings and believes the line-up of films is strong and compelling.

“You will laugh. You will cry. You will be challenged to think about things in a different way. You’ll feel a lot because a lot of these films have got strong emotional payloads. They’re beautiful films about people and they really make you feel your humanity and our common humanity.”

John commented that the films show an outstanding range of styles and genres, including some great comedies, interesting animations, entertaining music videos, visually stunning underwater documentaries, and thought-provoking dramas.

“The quality of the films this year really is really high and really pleasing and I don’t think anyone who comes won’t enjoy it.”

There are some great Australian films, one called Mister Animal is a serious drama and has won a lot of awards and there are beautiful cinematic compositions from students from Tasmania and northern NSW.

“There’s a film which was made by a 14-year-old, he’s 16 now; he used to go down to the beach on a daily basis and he made friends with an octopus and there’s this Netflix



**BASS Coast Shorts returns to Wonthaggi with wonderfully diverse story telling in a strong and compelling line up of short films across four screenings.**

series called Octopus Teacher and its better than that, it’s much more organic and authentic,” John said.

There are animations from Taiwan and Mexico and one from Belgium based on AI which is like animation meets Black Mirror.

There are stories about people, including First Nations stories and stories about people with disabilities. There is also a great array of music videos, including a couple from Bass Coast itself.

Three of our local film makers will be showcased at the festival, Steve Dunn, Andrea Lemons and Maureen Alford.

Steve Dunn is an underwater diver, and he takes his cameras down with him and he’s made two films, including one about Inverloch.

While Andrea Lemons has made two films about primary school kids in the Phillip Island area talking about their COVID experiences and the lockdown.

John said the festival is a boon both for aspiring film makers and for the cultural and creative reflections they generate in a regional town.

“Festivals provide an opportunity for independent film makers to have their film screened in a commercial environment, on

a big screen with an audience.”

“A regional area town like Wonthaggi really knows that it’s arrived in terms of being a sophisticated community when it has these sorts of things. A film festival is a signature of a community that values the arts.”

Along with the screenings, a filmmaking forum, Q&A sessions, and a networking event will also be held.

Tickets, including festival passes, are available for purchase at WUCAC and the festival will be held August 4-6 at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

## Be serenaded by Josh while raising funds

*JOSH Hooke Classical Pianist has agreed to play a concert on July 29, at the Wonthaggi Baptist Church at 2pm, \$30 pay at the door to help raise funds for Koala Conservation in Bass Coast.*

**Manna Gum plants to assist Koala Conservation in Cape Paterson**

**A contribution by Virginia and Robert Hayward**

Come what may, we must improve the bio links/animal corridors from Wonthaggi to Cape Paterson, and also between Cape Paterson and Harmer’s Haven etc.

To assist this, we have ordered Manna Gums

from The Cape Farm, and will offer them free to any Cape Paterson residents, farmers and landowners living along animal corridors so you can plant them on your own property. We expect delivery of the plants in 2024.

If you are interested in being part of our conservation project, please text us on 049 1193 302 with your name, address, phone number, and how many Manna Gums you would like to plant.

This will give us an idea of how many plants are required.

Please also text if you have any enquiries about bio links /animal corridors in Cape.

## Don’t miss the 29th Inverloch Jazz Festival

TO BE HELD over the weekend of August 4-6 across five venues in Inverloch, this year’s Festival is shaping up to be a beauty.

Featuring new, youthful bands, plus old favourites, the festival starts with a band with a sensational Gala Concert on Friday August 4.

With popular and highly acclaimed local Big Band, Streeton Court opening the concert, followed by sought-after Shirazz, this will be an evening and weekend to remember.

Shirazz meld raucous, high-energy trad jazz, laid back Louisiana street beats and sleazy and salacious blues in their witty and irreverent live show.

Shirazz perform regularly across Australia and overseas.

The organisers are proud to have both new and continuing partners in 2023 to ensure the festival is the best it can be.

Bass Coast Shire Council is again our proud major sponsor and

Mayor Councillor Michael Whelan, as a passionate musician himself is delighted for Bass Coast to support the festival and showcase the region’s thriving live music scene.

Lifestyle Communities Phillip Island have joined us this year, as have Ray White Inverloch, as our preferred accommodation partner through Inverloch Accommodation.

Long term supporters Alex Scott and Staff, The Inverloch Men’s Shed, Inverloch Lions Club, Warrawee and Sea Books Press are also pleased to again be part of this important event.

So, check the website: [www.invyjazz.com](http://www.invyjazz.com) and get your tickets to this long-standing annual music Festival and celebration of our region.

Keep in mind, that as one of the longest, continuous running, annual Festivals, next year will be Invy Jazz Festival’s 30th anniversary.

See you there over the weekend of August 4-6, 2023.

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# FOOD TRIVIA QUIZ

- Quiz answers:** 1. A. Avocado, 2. C. Pine nut, 3. B. Venison, 4. A. Chickpea, 5. D. Gallinling Gourmet, 6. B. Basil, 7. A. Blueberries, 8. D. Louisiana, 9. A. Paprika, 10. C. Octopus, 11. A. Prawns, 12. A. Subway, 13. B. Burrito, 14. C. 46 million, 15. C. Richard and Maurice.

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Theresa and Frank Cicero are pleased they came to Foster's Manna Gum Community House Bastille Day Celebration, with Theresa expressing delight at the food and the chance to sing in French. A02\_2923



Rebecca Bone and Fiona Curram lead the French sing-along. A03\_2923



John van Dord and 'Kez' Petersen combine celebrations for Kez's birthday with those for Bastille Day, having ventured from Pakenham for the Foster event at the local Community House. A04\_2923



Terry and Faye Holmes and Emily Couchman take in the French vibe at Foster's Bastille Day event. A05\_2923



Ahana Paliwal with Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club's U19 trainer Madeleine Maund at Thursday's come and try night.



Lachlan Girston, Jake Grace and Taylor Street were ready for underwater hockey at Wonthaggi's YMCA on Thursday night.



Mardi Strachan, Ella Herbert and Chantai May at Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club's come and try night.



Kasey Hoskin and Renee Scothern at Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club's come and try night. Kasey will be heading to the Gold Coast for the 21st Underwater Hockey World Championships on July 18.



Caden Milnes and Isabella Stead at Wonthaggi's YMCA for underwater hockey on Thursday night.

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Foster's Manna Gum Community House Bastille Day Celebration, Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club's come and try, Junior Girls' Footy training at Bass Recreation Reserve and Microbat presentation at Korumburra.



Tony and Wendy Twining, and Libby Lambert enjoyed Dr Lindy Lumsden's discussion about microbat conservation, held in Korumburra on Saturday night. tkSnappedOut13\_2923



Glenda Paragreen and Sally Bredin joined the fun of Bastille Day celebrations at Manna Gum Community House, with Sally attending French classes there. A06\_2923



Fish Creek's Yiani and Anda Banikos were fascinated by the microbat presentation given by Dr Lindy Lumsden at the Korumburra Anglican Parish Hall on Saturday night.



Taylah McMillan, Lucy Ritchie and Autumn Ross ready for footy training at Bass Recreation Reserve.



Sasha Vennell, Mackenzie Marr and Scarlett Rennie tested their skills at the first junior girls' footy training session at Bass Recreation Reserve.



Charlotte Olsen and Addison Bedford at the junior girls' footy training at Bass Recreation Reserve.



Asha Payne and Lexi Thompson attended the first junior girls' footy training at Bass Recreation Reserve on Friday.



Pippa Kyle, Ari Jean and Lerah Schonewille were part of the first junior girls' footy training session on Friday.

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Stamp duty replacement  
unwelcome news

THE Real Estate Institute of Victoria (REIV) has criticised the land tax increases announced in the State Budget, saying they will only worsen the current rental crisis facing Victorians.

Quentin Kilian, CEO, REIV, said the decision is a backward step that fails to address the shortage of affordable rental housing that's impacting Victorian renters.

"This is a tax on families – not the big end of town. The Government is seeking to recoup the budget debt off short-term solutions that will hurt mum and dad property investors and Victorian renters, while exacerbating the structural housing supply issues facing the state", he said.

Small businesses will also be impacted as land tax is not just payable on residential but also on commercial and industrial property.

The State Government also announced it will abolish stamp duty for commercial and industrial properties.

The lump-sum stamp duty system for commercial and industrial properties will transition to an annual property tax from July 1, 2024.

From the middle of

2024, commercial and industrial properties will transition to the new system as they are sold, with the annual property tax to be payable from 10 years after the transaction.

The first purchaser of a commercial or industrial property after July 1, 2024, will be able to choose to either pay the property's final stamp duty liability as an upfront lump sum, or transition to an annual payment immediately by opting to pay fixed instalments over 10 years equal to stamp duty and interest with a government-facilitated transition loan.

These arrangements will not apply to the current owner of any commercial or industrial property purchased before 1 July 2024.

However, once a property enters the new system after this time, stamp duty will never again be payable on a transaction and the annual property tax will apply.

The annual property tax that will ultimately replace stamp duty for commercial and industrial property will be set at a flat 1 per cent of the property's unimproved land value.

This reform does not apply to residential properties.

Building activity increasing

BUILDING activity over the March quarter shows a welcome increase in higher density and public sector home building but we are still falling short of our national housing targets, says Master Builders Australia.

Chief economist Shane Garrett said there was an encouraging increase (14 per cent) in the number of new home building starts during the first three months of 2023 driven by higher density home commencements which soared by 44.8 per cent during the quarter.

"56 per cent of the 240,000 new dwellings under construction at the end of March were higher density.

"The sharp increase in higher density home building and public sector home building is desperately needed at a time of severe rental accommodation shortages.

"At the end of March, over 4,200 new public sector homes were under construction, close to its highest in

15 years.

"Disappointingly, the number of new detached house starts dropped by 5.5 per cent over the same period.

"The figures show around 175,000 new homes were completed across Australia over the year to March 2023 which is expected to house about 440,000 people across the country. This is still falling short of the 200,000 homes needed per year," Mr Garrett said.

Master Builders Australia CEO Denita Wawn said despite some of the positive trends, the task of meeting housing demand over the coming years should remain a priority.

"State and federal governments are to be commended on their efforts to prioritise social and affordable housing. However, we need to pull out all the stops. That's why it's vital the Housing Australia Future Fund legislation is passed as quickly as possible," Mr Wawn said.



Rare location with sea views  
and unparalleled tranquillity

THIS extraordinary coastal residence is tucked away in a secluded highly coveted location, showcasing panoramic views of Cape Liptrap and Wilson's Promontory with delightful viewing of local natural splendour, guaranteeing undisturbed views for years to come and creating an idyllic setting for an active, all-season lifestyle, with comfort being 20 metres above sea level.

This exclusive property provides a genuine nature connection as you gaze over Bunurong Marine National Park, looking into gum trees in Pea Creek opposite, part of the protected State Coastal Bush Reserve. Nature enthusiasts will be captivated, enjoy koalas, and migrating birds flitting about. Beach lovers actively enjoy safe swimming and surf beaches, fishing, snorkelling, beach & bush walks, rock pools and whale watching, all within the amazing Bunurong on your doorstep.

Nestled on 909m2 (approx.), this spacious three-level home comprises five bedrooms over two living levels, a large robe room, four bathrooms including bath and corner spa, two lounges, an inviting amenities bar.

The third-level observatory allows

you to chill and immerse yourself in the beauty of your surroundings.

The ground floor is the hub, includes a family room and kitchen equipped with Bosch appliances and stone bench tops. Features inc. monitored base security, eight speaker sound system, bi-folds and two air-conditions.

The well-designed layout lends itself to flexible living, making possible extended family arrangements.

Entertaining is a joy in this property, with three separate covered alfresco areas to choose from, each offering a unique aspect to suit the sun and wind direction.

The generous second-level balcony is all weather., with designed overlooking screens retaining outlook.

Downstairs, step outside the garden patio area, a perfect spot for relaxation, and refreshments in an enchanting setting, enhanced by wet area services for patio and beachgoers, with the convenience of a hot and cold shower. Kids love the boat at the front alfresco.

The property also includes a rear workshop/garage, garden shed, and nursery area, with water tanks supply overall via a drip system.

Wheeler Road is one-lane two-way

car traffic, safe with a 20 km limit. The community hall with public courts is a skip away while the local tavern is a short walk.

Toss the car keys away. Health services, hospitals, and retail are 8km away at Wonthaggi.

Just a two-hour drive to Melbourne, this residence presents a unique opportunity to escape to your own secluded world and feel the isolation. Bursting with an unparalleled lifestyle, it truly stands in a class of its own. If you have been in search of something truly extraordinary, don't miss your chance to explore this remarkable property.

Private inspections are available by appointment, and we would be delighted to showcase more of what this property has to offer.

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909m<sup>2</sup>

19 Wheeler Road, **Cape Paterson**

**For Sale \$2,200,000**

**Agent** Southcoast First National

Mitch Foon 0419 899 378

Patrick Barry 0418 124 100



FIND YOUR PERFECT FARM WITH NUTRIEN HARCOURTS LEONGATHA



445 Koonwarra-Inverloch Rd, Leongatha Sth ‘Drumble’

Escape to the serenity of the picturesque South Gippsland region with this exceptional property, spanning approximately 711 acres across 6 titles. Nestled amidst breathtaking landscapes, this beautiful parcel of land offers an unparalleled opportunity.

Land and Infrastructure: Attention to detail is evident throughout this well-maintained property. The land features approximately 25 main paddocks with excellent barbed wire fencing, most of which has been re-fenced, ensuring good security and peace of mind. A new central all-weather laneway provides convenient access across the farm, making the property easily accessible. Water supply is plentiful, thanks to 27 main dams (2 spring dams), all of which have been recently cleaned out.

The property boasts a strong fertiliser history, with a Spring & Autumn application every year. Additionally, two sets of heavy-duty stockyards, one set even featuring a roof and cattle scales, ensure efficient livestock management. A machinery shed and a disused shearing shed cater to your equipment and storage needs. 95% of the property is tractorable, allowing for ease of access and maximum efficiency.

The farm is currently stocking approximately 350 cows and 330

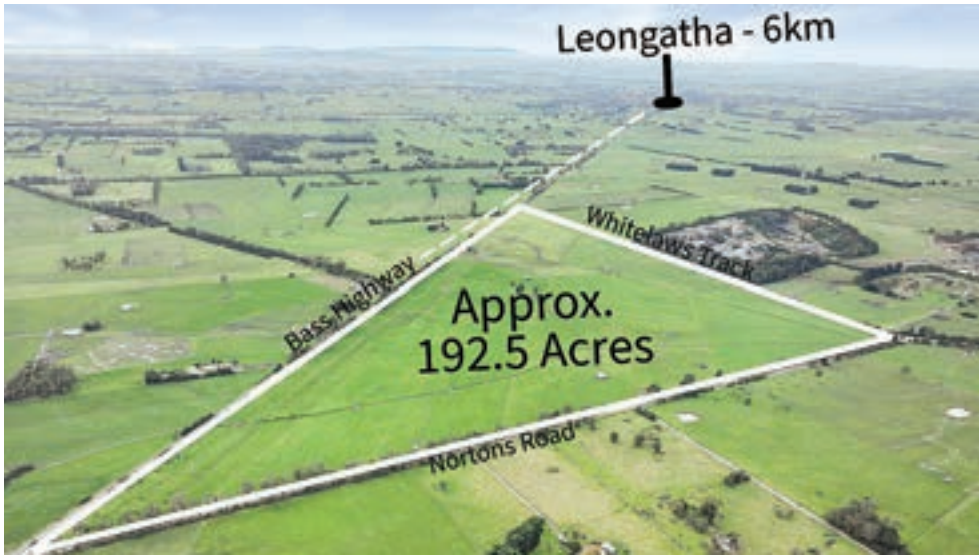
calves (Angus cows with Waygu Angus cross calves (F1) and approx. 20-25 bulls)

The Farmhouse: Discover a comfortable, 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom brick veneer farm-style house, perfectly positioned to capture sweeping rural views. The residence offers a peaceful sanctuary where you can unwind and soak in the atmosphere. The bullnose verandah adds a touch of classic elegance, and the double car garage, along with a small 3 bay shed provides ample space for your vehicles & storage requirements.

Location and Amenities: Conveniently located in close proximity to the Victorian Livestock Exchange selling centre, Leongatha, and the stunning beaches of Inverloch, this property combines the best of rural living with easy access to essential amenities. Whether you’re looking to participate in livestock trading, shopping for your essentials in Leongatha, or visiting the coastal town of Inverloch, everything you need is just a stone’s throw away.

**FOR SALE BY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – Closing Friday, August 18 at 4pm (E.S.T)**

For further information or to arrange a private inspection, please contact **Matt Redmond** on 0418 357 341 **Barry Redmond** on 0477 622 292.



8130 Bass Highway, Leongatha South ‘Carinya’ – 192.5 Acre Farm

Nutrien Harcourts Leongatha are pleased to present 8130 Bass Highway, Leongatha South to the market.

Nestled on a approximately 192.5 acres of prime land, this property boasts a flat topography and three road frontages. Located in close proximity to Leongatha and the captivating beaches of Inverloch.

Experience seamless livestock management with town water directly connected to troughs and 11 subdivided main paddocks.

The farm is currently grazing 200 weaned Waygu Angus cross calves (10-16 months old).

The property features good fencing infrastructure, including internal electric

fencing with 2 plain wires and sturdy barbed wire boundary fences. With regular autumn and spring fertilization, the predominantly rye grass and clover pastures flourish. The farm also offers working stockyards equipped with a Norton crush and loading ramp.

Additionally, a 3-bedroom, 1 bathroom brick veneer farm house awaits restoration.

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951 Inverloch-Outtrim Road, Inverloch Turnout Block, Lifestyle or propagation nursery opportunity!

This property is suitable for a turnout block, a propagation nursery, or a lifestyle property with an ideal house site (S.T.C.A).

The land is subdivided in to 4 main paddocks, with excellent 5-6 barbed wire fencing throughout.

Watered by 3 main dams with a two-inch main line that gravity feeds water to troughs in each paddock.

Flat to sloping topography, with heavy grey soil types and predominately rye grass pastures.

Steel stockyards with crush, loading ramp and an area that has been fenced to ease the pressure of drafting cattle to the stockyards.

For the horticulture enthusiasts, all the hard work has been done by the Vendors to get a

wholesale propagation plant nursery started. With 3 hot house style outbuildings suitable to accommodate well over 50,000 x 6-inch pots. A large petrol pump pressurises dam water throughout a sprinkler system to water the plants.

Located 6 mins to the beaches of Inverloch, 13 mins to Wonthaggi, 20 mins to Leongatha and less than 2 hours to Melbourne CBD.

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Desirable 2-bedroom  
gem in the coveted  
Bluegum Village

INTRODUCING Blue Gum Village, the esteemed over 55s complex in Korumburra. Embrace the tranquil and care-free lifestyle with this well maintained 2-bedroom unit, now available to the discerning retiree community.

Discover an exceptional opportunity to savor a peaceful and hassle-free living experience.

Step inside this inviting unit and you'll find a host of features designed to enhance your living experience.

The two comfortable-sized bedrooms come complete with built-in robes, ensuring ample storage space.

The well-appointed kitchen boasts an electric cooktop, electric oven, and an abundance of cupboard and bench space, making meal preparation a breeze.

The open plan living and dining area is complemented by a split system reverse cycle, providing optimal climate control throughout the year.

The central bathroom is equipped with a walk-in shower, vanity, and a separate toilet, offering convenience and functionality.



Outside, a large private courtyard awaits, providing an idyllic setting for your leisure and relaxation needs.

For added convenience, a single car garage featuring an auto roller door and internal access to the unit is included.

Location is key, and Blue Gum Village delivers. Situated in close proximity to the bowls club, residents have easy access to enjoyable social activities. Additionally, a short stroll will take you to the main street, granting effortless access to a wide range of amenities and services.

For those seeking adventure beyond the town, Leongatha is only ten minutes away, Inverloch is a mere 20 minutes away, and Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs are just an hour's drive.

Seize the opportunity to embrace the unique lifestyle offered by Blue Gum Village.

To book an inspection or inquire further, get in touch with Katrina Griggs at 0428 571 083 or Don Olden at 0417 805 312.



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1/100 George St, **Korumburra**  
**For Sale \$475,000**  
**Agent Elders**  
Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083  
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**BRICK HOME WITH TIMELESS CHARM KORUMBURRA**

- Three generously sized bedrooms
- Timber kitchen includes a gas stove and servery bar
- Two living areas with a gas log fire and reverse cycle
- Renovated bathroom with deep bath & walk-in shower
- Single car garage, with an automatic roller door
- Prime location to schools, shopping and café's

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**AMAZING 5-ACRE PROPERTY KORUMBURRA** 5 ACRES

- Sensational panoramic views
- Four bedrooms, master includes an ensuite & walk-in robe
- Spacious kitchen with gas cooking, dishwasher & storage
- Open-plan living area with abundant natural light
- Studio perfect for a home office or guest accommodation

Price \$930,000 - \$970,000

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**BEAUTIFUL LOCH LIFESTYLE OR GRAZING LOCH** 100 ACRES

- Balance of creek flats, undulating terrain & hillier landscapes
- Water via five dams and access to the Bass River
- Adjoining 100 acres property for sale
- Multiple potential home sites (STCA), offering views
- Undercover cattle yards and sheep yards
- Comprising of three titles for future development

Price \$1.2 Million

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**PICTURESQUE, PERFECT LIFESTYLE POOWONG** 1 ACRE

- Renovated three bedroom, one bathroom home
- Bungalow can be used as a guest house or home office
- Functional barn, perfect for storing equipment
- Off-grid capabilities with a 13.2kW solar system
- Swim spa perfect for you to relax or unwind
- Numerous fruit trees, a delightful addition to the landscape

Price \$979,000

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# Sweet and stylish with grand options

HERE is a rare gem! A lovingly presented home positioned on a grand 1387m2 flat block with two street frontages in the heart of beautiful Mirboo North.

From the street this home is charming and sweet and stepping inside the thoughtful and quality finishes make this home warm, stylish and comforting.

Features include:

- Spacious open, light filled kitchen, dining and living room.
- The kitchen is complete with electric cooktop and oven, dishwasher, two door pantry and generous bench space.
- The living space features solid timber floors, a reverse cycle air conditioner plus solid fuel heater.
- The separate sitting / lounge room is an ideal cosy movie room or open the drapes to the rear decked entertainment space and let the sunshine in or of an evening relax with a wine as the sunset comes down over the surrounding rolling hills of South Gippsland and floods the expansive back yard.
- Three bedrooms with built in robes and ceiling fans.
- Bathroom with vanity, toilet, and bath/shower and instant gas hot water.
- The laundry offers excellent storage and bench space and a separate second toilet.
- High ceilings and quality fittings and fixtures throughout

Externally the property boasts an expansive back yard with room to garden and play with scope for families and all ones' toys or for the avid shed tinkerer you can enjoy the 6.5 x 10 metre shed with concrete and power.

Positioned fronting Baromi Road with rear access from Peacock Street this exceptional property also presents subdivisational potential (STCA) for those looking to capitalise on the area's development into the future, with this being one of just a few rare traditional large town blocks at 1387m2 remaining in the town.

An easy stroll to the shops, dinner at the local pub or Baromi park where the community craft and produce markets are enjoyed each month or walk or bike ride along the renowned Grand Ridge Rail trail, this home and our lovely community is most worthy of your consideration.



3 1 2 1387m<sup>2</sup>

20 Baromi Road, **Mirboo Nth**  
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## A great starter for your ideal home

WELCOME to 8 Brudenhall Terrace, a delightful residence situated in the vibrant community of Wonthaggi.

This home offers a range of desirable features that make it a comfortable and convenient place to live.

Comprising three well-appointed bedrooms, this property is perfect for families or individuals seeking space and privacy.

Each bedroom is designed to provide a cozy and relaxing atmosphere, ensuring a restful night's sleep.

The central bathroom is both stylish and functional, featuring contemporary fixtures and fittings. Whether you need a quick refresh or a leisurely soak, the bathroom provides a serene space for your daily routine.

One of the highlights of this property is its open plan living area, which seamlessly integrates the kitchen, dining, and living spaces.

This layout fosters a sense of connectivity and allows for easy interaction between family members and guests.

The north-facing orientation of the living area ensures plenty of natural light throughout the day, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

The kitchen is equipped with a gas cooktop and electric oven, making meal preparation a breeze.

It offers both functionality and style, with ample storage and bench space.

Convenience is key here, as it is located just a five-minute walk from the bustling shopping precinct and nearby schools.

This proximity makes daily errands and school drop-offs a breeze.

The property also features a split system for heating and cooling, allowing you to maintain a comfortable temperature year-round.

An outdoor area provides the perfect space for outdoor entertaining or relaxing, while the single car garage offers secure parking and additional storage.

Located in a quiet court, this home offers a peaceful and private setting.

The yard is fully enclosed, providing a secure space for children or pets to play.



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8 Brudenhall Terrace, **Wonthaggi**  
**For Sale \$575,000**  
**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff  
Dan Huther 0418 334 801  
Cal Nation 0439 334 163

## Country lifestyle in South Gippsland

SITUATED in the highly productive Dumbalk/Mardan Valley, this 100.96-acre farm is waiting for you.

The land is a mix of river flats blending up to hill country, filled with character and opportunity.

The home is a relocated period Californian bungalow with three bedrooms, formal lounge and living room, sunroom, central kitchen, one bathroom and two toilets.

The residence boasts period features throughout, with stunning chandeliers, high ceilings, feature leadlight and is warmed by a cosy wood heater and a reverse cycle split system.

Most of the farm is currently leased out and this arrangement can continue, or you may choose to run your own farming venture.

The opportunities are broad, from grazing cattle or sheep, cropping or a mix of both and enjoy the space.

The property features great dam water

storage for cattle as well river frontage (and some river lease land) as well as tank water storage.

There are also three large sheds including a workshop and machinery storage and hay shed.

This property is located on a quiet no through road and is central to Mirboo North, Dumbalk, Meenyan and Leongatha.

The beautiful green rolling hills are the perfect rural backdrop as well as being some of the most highly productive soils in the country.

This truly is a property to make your mark on and is priced to suit an entry level farming enterprise.

To arrange a private inspection, please contact Tony Giles 0407 528 192 or Emily Clifford 0422 622 299 from Alex Scott & Staff Leongatha or Conjunctional Agent - Dean Jones from One Lifestyle on 0431 639 749



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66 Trease and Robbins Road, **Mardan**  
**For Sale \$1,200,000**  
**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff  
Tony Giles 0407 528 192  
Emily Clifford 0422 622 299  
Conjunctional Agent: Dean Jones from One Lifestyle on 0431 639 749





## MOUNT ECCLES



## 100 Reidy and Stevensons Road

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 5 car
- 'WARRAWONG' – 209 acres
- Grazing block with a mixture of river flats

**\$2,100,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

## KORUMBURRA



## 11 Goad Court

- Immaculate presentation
- Two story
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom

**\$689,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

## WOOLAMAI



## 772 Turnbull Woolamai Road

- Approx. ¼ acre + 4 bedroom + large shed
- Solar – large alfresco area

**Expression of Interest****Closing: August 1, 2023 at 12 noon**

Contact: Grantville Office

## WONTHAGGI



## 72 Windsor Street

- Tucked away private position
- 2 bedrooms, sunny living area
- Great car and caravan accom

**\$215,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

## YINNAR



## 145 Creamery Road

- 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 3 car
- Architecturally designed home on 5 acres
- Views to the Jeeralang Ranges

**\$975,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

## KORUMBURRA



## 22 Gordon Street

- Freshly renovated
- 4 bedroom or 3+ study
- Lock-up garage

**\$465,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

## GRANTVILLE



## 7 Portview Avenue

- Energy Efficient Home
- Quality Fixtures and Fittings
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, Double Garage

**\$630,000**

Contact: Grantville Office

## WONTHAGGI



## 1/56 Wentworth Road

- Great spot opposite school / rec zone
- Nice original condition 2 BR brick
- Single garage and large front yard

**\$375,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

## LEONGATHA



## 40 Shingler Street

- 5 bedroom home
- 2 bathrooms, 2 living
- Great family home

**\$595,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

## KORUMBURRA



## 1095 Korumburra-Wonthaggi Rd

- 7 acres, outstanding views
- 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Various shedding

**\$995,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

## CORINELLA



## 112 Smythe Street

- Coastal living – walk to foreshore
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 living
- Large - approx 640sqm block

**\$690,000**

Contact: Grantville Office

## WONTHAGGI



## 1/8 McLeod Street

- Front position on block, close to CBD
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MP pays visit to saleyard

MEMBER for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien visited Koonwarra Saleyards on Wednesday, checking out the prime cattle sale, taking to Facebook to share his experience and thoughts.

While impressed by Nutrien auctioneer Jack Ginnane, describing him as "on fire", Danny commented on the less buoyant state of the market at present.

"Cattle prices had a good run for local farmers for a few years but they've been seriously off the boil the last 12 months or so," he said.

While acknowledging some farmers at the sale copped losses on stock bought about a year ago at high prices, Danny spoke about positive signs for the near future.

"The Weekly Times reported today on strong beef exports from Australia so hopefully local prices start to rebound soon," Danny said.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times, he highlighted the current lack of capacity in abattoirs due to challenges in finding staff, along with increased supply on the Eastern Cattle market from up north as issues that have been driving down prices.

There was a total yarding of 1,665 cattle at Wednesday's Koonwarra sale, predominantly for export.

"Quality declined with fewer trade cattle and bullock with finish," market reporter Brendan Fletcher reported.

"Trade cattle eased 10c to 15c/kg with quality an issue," he said.

He noted that grown steers sold to feeder orders rose in value by an average of 14c/kg.

Prices steady for quality

Report by SGSAA

AGENTS yarded around 3100 head at last Friday's VLE Leongatha Store Sale.

The yarding was generally good but there were more secondary, Xbred and dairy types yarded compared to previous sales.

The best of heavy steers and feeder steers held firm with the Charlton Feedlot securing a large percentage of the 400-500 kg steers. Angus weaners held firm with locals and a South Australian order competing on the better end of them with a few odd pens making up to \$4.

Heifers were just a little easier than previous sales and all secondary, Xbred and dairy types all cheaper again with limited competition on them.

Some improvement but Koonwarra store sale still challenging for sellers

FRIDAY'S Koonwarra Store Sale had 3300 head of cattle up for grabs.

Foster North farmer and South Gippsland Shire councillor Scott Rae was there to sell and took the drop off in prices from a year ago in his stride, saying that is the nature of farming.

One pen of Black Angus steers, weighing around 200 kilos each that would have fetched about \$1,600 a head last year went for \$550 each, with a pen of Red Angus Herefords of comparable weight fetching \$500 a head.

"For the market, they've done well," Scott said.

"It's time to sell; there is no grass and feed's getting expensive."

He was pleased with the \$1,000 per

head achieved by four Hereford steers that averaged around 350 kilos each.

Maria Hill was at Koonwarra looking at steers to grow out into bullocks, hoping to buy cattle averaging 300 kilos a head to replace stock just sold.

"We got a little better than what we thought," she said of the recent sale of some Speckle Park crosses.

Maria was philosophical about the current lower prices for sellers.

"You sell when they're low but you buy when they're low," she said.

Competition for well-bred cattle picked up on Friday with grown Angus steers of up to 560 kilos selling for as much as \$1,900 a head at about 340 cents a kilo.



Maria and Jasper Hill of Poowong North at Friday's Koonwarra Store Sale. A07\_2923

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Grown Steers

Alexander & Nicholson, 14 Ang	668kg	\$2.83	\$1890
W & D Bray 14 Char/AA X	634kg	\$2.88	\$1830
Main Creek Farm 10 Angus	625kg	\$3.08	\$1940
R Hopkins, 14 Angus	621kg	\$3.20	\$1990
J Wood, 17 Angus	582kg	\$3.31	\$1930
Hartay 17 Hereford	578kg	\$3.07	\$1780
W & D Bray 13 Char/AA X	578kg	\$2.83	\$1640
Hartay 15 Hereford	553kg	\$2.85	\$1580
Hartay 20 Angus	544kg	\$3.49	\$1900
Hartay 16 Angus	533kg	\$3.56	\$1900
Thimms Hotel, 21 Angus	520kg	\$3.63	\$1890
Homebush Pastoral, 15 Angus	510kg	\$3.55	\$1810
Kiama Farms 15 Angus	505kg	\$3.62	\$1830
P & T Harris, 13 Angus	505kg	\$3.48	\$1760
Hartay 19 Angus	503kg	\$3.47	\$1750
T & L Butcher 17 Angus	501kg	\$3.75	\$1880
P & T Harris, 13 Angus	485kg	\$3.56	\$1730
Melaleuca Past, 16 Angus	496kg	\$3.54	\$1760
L Aderson, 12 Angus	492kg	\$3.51	\$1730
Shellcot P/S 15 BB/AA	486kg	\$3.45	\$1680
Thimms Hotel, 16 Angus	476kg	\$3.63	\$1730
Kiama Farms 15 Angus	467kg	\$3.59	\$1680
G & G Morgan, 12 Hereford	461kg	\$3.03	\$1400
Allen Ag 15 Angus	452kg	\$3.76	\$1700
R. J MacKenzie, 52 Hereford	439kg	\$3.21	\$1410
Shellcot P/S 18 Angus	436kg	\$3.57	\$1560
C & G White 14 Angus	435kg	\$3.54	\$1540
M & A Shields, 12 Hereford	430kg	\$3.30	\$1420
M & N Bracecamp 16 Aa/Bb	422kg	\$3.53	\$1490
Oldham Pastoral , 34 Angus	419kg	\$3.73	\$1565
R & C Jackson 14 Angus	387kg	\$3.64	\$1410

Weaner Steers

A, B & N Moyle 16 Angus	392kg	\$3.49	\$1370
H. Mc Phie 11 Angus	382kg	\$3.48	\$1330
Northside, 20 Angus	380kg	\$3.55	\$1350
J & P Fleming, 19 Angus	369kg	\$3.63	\$1350
D Bates, 24 Angus	366kg	\$3.93	\$1440
R Hopkins, 13 Angus	362kg	\$3.48	\$1260
D & K Scott 11 Angus	355kg	\$3.71	\$1320
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D & D Shandley 15 Angus	349kg	\$3.86	\$1350
B & N Coulthard 26 Angus	347kg	\$3.86	\$1340
D Bates, 45 Angus	343kg	\$4.02	\$1380
Kooratang Past 12 Angus	338kg	\$3.37	\$1140
D. Simpson 10 Angus & BB	333kg	\$3.30	\$1100
D & P Whiteley, 20 Angus	330kg	\$3.69	\$1220
D Bates, 24 Angus	327kg	\$4.00	\$1310
Glenfinnan 22 Angus	325kg	\$4.12	\$1340
R Crook 19 Angus	324kg	\$3.39	\$1100
T & L Butcher 17 Angus	316kg	\$3.73	\$1180
Sjc Farms, 22 Angus	316kg	\$3.70	\$1170
Cululu Capers 15 Angus	302kg	\$3.80	\$1150
Glenfinnan 10 BB	300kg	\$3.93	\$1180
Sandach Angus 23 Angus	297kg	\$4.04	\$1200
Cululu Capers 10 Char	297kg	\$3.33	\$980
B & N Coulthard 23 Angus	291kg	\$3.78	\$1100
Glenfinnan 20 Angus	290kg	\$4.13	\$1200
E & J Bennett 11 Angus	274kg	\$3.32	\$910
Cululu Capers 14 Angus	256kg	\$3.86	\$990
Sandback Angus 22 Angus	240kg	\$4.08	\$980

Heifers

Bulleondurra, 16 Angus	461kg	\$2.88	\$1200
J & M Carew 21 Angus	454kg	\$2.75	\$1250
W & D Bray 21 Angus	427kg	\$2.81	\$1200
Oldham Pastoral 12 Angus	422kg	\$2.84	\$1200
M & A Shields, 10 Ang & Bb	418kg	\$2.79	\$1170
Grazing Developments, 10 Angus & BB	415kg	\$2.79	\$1160
W & D Bray 22 Angus	409kg	\$2.93	\$1200
W & C Raabe 20 Ang/Red Ang	390kg	\$2.71	\$1060
Allen Ag 15 Angus	389kg	\$2.90	\$1130

T & L Butcher 10 Angus	386kg	\$2.87	\$1110
D & T Jefferey 20 Angus	370kg	\$2.97	\$1100
Northside Past, 19 Angus	370kg	\$2.70	\$1000
Northside Past, 11 Angus	360kg	\$3.16	\$1140
Churchill & Sly 16 Angus	360kg	\$2.91	\$1050
J & M Carew 21 Angus	354kg	\$3.16	\$1120
Northside Past, 17 Angus	346kg	\$2.60	\$900
D & S Burns 18 Angus	326kg	\$2.85	\$930
J & M Carew 18 Angus	326kg	\$2.60	\$850
B & N Coulthard 21 Angus	309kg	\$2.78	\$860
D Hanks 15 Angus	295kg	\$2.10	\$620
D & K Scott 10 Angus X	290kg	\$2.44	\$710
Cululu Capers 13 Angus	268kg	\$2.61	\$700
Cululu Capers 12 Char	257kg	\$2.87	\$740
D & K Scott 13 Angus	256kg	\$2.80	\$1000
B & N Coulthard 14 Angus	254kg	\$2.67	\$680

Xbred & Dairy

D Schnoor 17 FF	473kg	\$1.79	\$850
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Jersey & Jersey x	\$18 to \$60
Friesian Bulls	\$30 to \$85
Friesian Heifers	\$50 to \$150
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Beef Heifers	\$28 to \$65
Number of Calves:	319
Number purchased to rear:	89

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## Grant to manage ragwort

SOUTH Gippsland Landcare Network has received \$17,500 from Agriculture Victoria to support capacity building activities that focus on ragwort management.

Ragwort is a weed throughout Gippsland and is classified under regional control, with an obligation on land holders to manage the weed.

"It's an agricultural weed and so it causes a lot of problems. It's actually quite poisonous to livestock and the problem with ragwort, and why we are keen to get it managed better, is because we've got landholders who are really proactive, who manage their ragwort really well, but their next-door neighbour may not. Consequently, the outcome of what you do on your own land is minimised because you've got people next door whose ragwort is sort of jumping the fence," said Jane McKenzie-Smith, Landcare Facilitator for the Western Sector.

The funding is part of a targeted pilot program and will deliver \$190,000 in grants for the Partnership Against Pests program, to help protect Victoria's \$17.5 billion agriculture industry from biosecurity threats.

SGLN are planning to hold two field days that will provide opportunities for landholders to connect with experts, to network and to find out how they can properly manage ragwort.

The field days will bring representatives from Agriculture Victoria, the Council, and herbicide companies that use both conventional and organic weed control methods.

There will be guest speakers, such as regenerative agriculture expert Declan



**South Gippsland Landcare Network will be holding two field days for land holders to connect with experts, network, and find out how best to manage ragwort on their land.**

McDonald who will be speaking about soil biology, sprays and weed control; and a drone company will be demonstrating how technology can be used to manage weeds.

"Topics in the workshops are going to cover weed identification and control methods, timing control, latest technology potentials for biological control, and how to develop on farm ragwort and weed management plans," Jane said.

"Then we're going to be preparing and updating weed control resources that we've started putting together and we're going to make them more specific to agricultural weeds, so there'll be a weed

management calendar and some further resources.

"We're really trying to build that awareness, capacity and capability to help everybody manage their weeds better and also to provide that networking opportunity."

The Partnership Against Pests pilot program, will also see \$40,000 each go to Victoria's four established statewide Community Pest Management Groups (CPMGs) – Victorian Rabbit Action Network, Victorian Gorse Taskforce, Victorian Blackberry Taskforce and Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party.

## Be prepared for El Niño, says Farmers for Climate Action

WITH a possible El Niño on the cards, Farmers for Climate Action is urging farmers to get on the front foot.

Farmers for Climate Action spokesperson Peter Holding, who farms at Harden NSW, said many farmers were concerned about the possibility of warmer, drier conditions and increased weather variability for eastern Australia this spring and summer.

"The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) hasn't called it yet, but it says there's a 70% chance we'll have an El Niño this year. It's also worried dry conditions could be compounded by a positive Indian Ocean Dipole."

Farmers for Climate Action, an organisation representing 8000 farmers, is hosting a webinar "El Niño explained" next week, bringing together a range of speakers, including from the BoM and Birchip Cropping Group.

Mr Holding said the webinar was aimed at supporting farmers to better understand what is coming, and also what they can do on farm to prepare.

"Although some farmers have had good conditions recently, we know things can change in a few months. This is a great opportunity to get your head around what's coming and how you might think about responding."

Mr Holding said that Australian farmers are great at adapting, but that ultimately we need to address the driving cause of climate change - emissions.

Guest speakers at Farmers for Climate Action's 'El Niño explained' webinar:

Catherine Ganter, Senior Climatologist at the Bureau of Meteorology, Graeme Hand a Holistic Management Certified Educator and Fiona Best, CEO of Birchip Cropping Group.

Thursday, July 20 at 12pm (AEST)

RSVP to get Zoom link details

## Volunteers needed in Gippsland for Rural Aid

RURAL Aid is appealing to Victorians to roll up their sleeves for a week of farm work.

The charity is planning a Farm Recovery Event in Orbost from July 30, to August 5, 2023.

But a lack of volunteers is threatening the event's likelihood.

Rural Aid Farms Coordinator Grant Miskimmin has urged more people to sign up, promising that Farm Recovery Events are hugely rewarding.

"We'll be helping a handful of Orbost farmers repair their properties after last year's devastating floods," Mr Miskimmin said.

"These farmers still have debris across their paddocks and fences they haven't been able to rebuild.

"Right now, we don't have enough volunteers for our usual week-long event.

"We're asking people to donate their time to help our farmers."

Mr Miskimmin said no prior farming experience was needed.

"We are grateful for all kind of skill sets. We need help in several areas, from the camp kitchen, to tying barbed wire and picking up debris; there is a job for everyone."

"You'll gain hands-on experience, learn new skills, and make treasured connections.

"It's very rewarding to give back to our farmers; the backbone of our country," Grant said.

Rural Aid provides all volunteers with food over the week-long event.

Volunteers typically stay in their own caravans at the Orbost Showgrounds.

Interested volunteers are urged to apply today at: <https://www.ruralaid.org.au/volunteers/>

For more information on Rural Aid, visit the Rural Aid website, [www.ruralaid.org.au](http://www.ruralaid.org.au) or call 1300 327 624.



**Rural Aid is seeking more volunteers for its Farm Recovery Event.**

## Free business program to help farmers

AGRICULTURE Victoria is offering farmers an opportunity to participate in a free online business program designed to help farm businesses better manage risk in the face of a variable climate, particularly drought.

The online program, commencing in late July, is suitable for livestock, grains, mixed farmers, horticulturalists and apiarists.

Project Leader Kit Duncan-Jones said participants will improve their skills and knowledge to better prepare for and manage risk, adapt to change and strengthen their farm businesses.

An introductory session will be run at the end of July, followed by 5 sessions on key farm management topics, including:

- Identifying and managing risks, strategic planning and setting business goals
- Financial management, budgeting and profitable decision making
- Managing people on farm, succession planning and farm safety

- Climate risk and natural resource management
- Business planning.

As part of completing the course, participants will be offered a one-on-one session with an experienced farm management consultant to review their business plan.

Mr Duncan-Jones said participants will be supported by Agriculture Victoria staff and Jane Foster, a farm business consultant with ORM Pty Ltd.

To register your interest, please complete a short survey.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Alsop on 0457 838 537 or email.

The Farm Business Resilience Program is jointly funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and the Victorian Government's Future Agriculture Skills Capacity Fund.

Further information about the Program and the Future Drought Fund can also be found on the Agriculture Victoria website.

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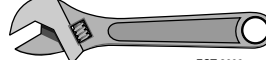
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HART, Annie:  
  
Passed away peacefully.  
  
Much loved wife of Leigh.  
  
Forever in my heart  
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JACOBSON, Dada:  
  
A true gentle man who lived a long and happy life.  
  
It's hard to forget someone who gave us so much to remember.  
  
--Frank (dec.), Libby Carr and family.  
xxx ooo  
  
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PELLIZZER, Ivan Alfred:  
  
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Your loving wife, LIZ.  
  
GROOGLE - you brought me up as your own daughter.  
  
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WILLIAMS-MADELEY, Diane (Di):  
  
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McDONALD, Sinead Frances:  
  
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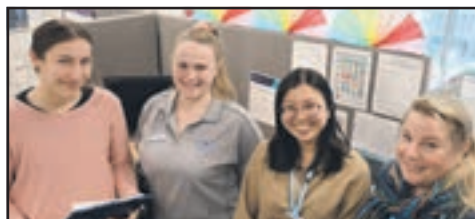


## MARINE SEISMIC SURVEY NOTICE

TGS-NOPEC Geophysical Company Pty Ltd (TGS) proposes to undertake a marine seismic survey in Commonwealth waters offshore from Victoria and Tasmania. An environment plan has been submitted to NOPSEMA for assessment and is now available for public comment.

The proposed survey is subject to Commonwealth Government regulatory approval and any feedback will be communicated to NOPSEMA, as required under Commonwealth legislation. If you would like further information, please refer to the environment plan located on the NOPSEMA website. Comments can be submitted directly to NOPSEMA via the dedicated submission portal on NOPSEMA's website <https://consultation.nopsema.gov.au> until Friday, August 11, 2023

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Part Time & Casual  
**Enrolled Nurses**  
Part Time

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1.0 EFT (EFT negotiable up to full time)

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0.63EFT up to 0.84 EFT

2 years, part time, fixed term

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#### - Home Care Package Program

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0.63 EFT permanent part time

#### Administration Officer

#### - Home Care Packages

Grade 1A

0.63 EFT permanent part time

#### Administration Officer

#### - Front of House

Grade 1A - Casual

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## NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

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The land affected by the application is located at:  
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The application is for a permit to:

- Vary a registered restrictive covenant

### APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Number: PDPLANPER-2023/000531

Address: 122 Surf Beach Rd, CAPE PATERSON

Applicant: C/- Beveridge Williams & Co Pty Ltd

For further reference contact: Kerri-Anne

Phone number: 1300 BCOAST (226 278)

### How can I find out more?

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application free of charge by scanning the QR code below or by visiting the link to view more details:  
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### How can I make a submission?

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority. If you object, the responsible authority will tell you its decision. This application has not been decided and you can still make a submission before a decision has been made.

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- state how the objector would be affected.

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1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024

Westernport Water adopted by resolution of its Board, the following charges for the period 1 July 2023– 30 June 2024. This is in accordance with the *Water Act 1989* and the pricing decision handed down by the Essential Services Commission.

Water usage charge (per kL)		\$
Residential		2.3465
Non-Residential		2.3465
Standpipe Variable Charge		3.8027

Water fixed charge p.a.		\$
Residential access charge		429.79
Vacant land - connected		429.79
Unconnected vacant land		214.87
Non-Residential		
(price varies depending on size of service)		

Wastewater fixed charge p.a.		\$
Residential sewer access		680.35
Unconnected vacant land		340.76
Non-residential sewer access		680.35
Non-residential – cistern charge (for each cistern in excess of two)		251.26

Recycled Water (Class A)		\$
Residential access charge p.a.		31.98
Non-Residential access charge p.a.		31.98
Recycled Water usage (per kL)		1.2803

Pension/Health Care Rebate p.a.		\$
Water sewerage concession (max rebate)		354.10
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# Playspaces ready for an upgrade

BASS Coast Shire Council is seeking the community ideas as it looks to upgrade three playgrounds at Inverloch, Cape Woolamai and Cowes, and install a new playground in San Remo.

The community can submit their ideas through a survey, equipment vote or even unique drawings.

Playspaces earmarked for replacement include Outrigger Reserve on Outrigger Drive, Inverloch; Woolamai Park on Sunnyside Drive, Cape Woolamai; and McKenzie Views Park on Katherine Circuit, Cowes.

In addition, a new playground will be created at the Anderson Street Park in San Remo.

Each site is classified as a local playspace, meaning it services the immediate area, with the target demographic families who can make a short walk from home and visit for up to an hour.

Once feedback has been collated, draft designs will be created and Council will seek further community feedback later in the year before designs are finalised.

It is anticipated that the new playspaces will be installed before the end of June next year.

Council undertakes regular condition audits of all of its playspaces to ensure they are safe. The age and condition of these playspaces saw them identified for renewal.

Surveys can be completed online and drawings uploaded by visiting [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/playspace](https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/playspace).

Drawings can also be dropped off to any of Council's Customer Service Centre.

Consultation is open until Friday, July 28, 2023.

Following the initial feedback period, drafts will be released during October-November this year.



Inverloch's Mila Thomas at the Outrigger Reserve park, which is set to be upgraded by Bass Coast Shire Council.

## Energy planning continues in Venus Bay

BUILDING energy resilience in Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower continues to move towards reality following a fourth community workshop on the subject in late June but there is still much to be done to realise what is a long-term project.

Like the previous workshops, it was part of the Community Energy Feasibility Study for Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower, with the latest workshop focusing on applying community wealth building principles and homing in on three of the five energy option pathways previously identified.

Those three pathways centred on community facilities, local businesses, and households.

The kind of organisational structures that could support the individual and collective contributions that will be required were discussed, as were the first steps towards the implementation of a community action plan.

Using the framework of Community Wealth Building, examples were raised of ways in which all parts of the energy project can harness local skills, build capacity, and secure local

benefits.

The fourth workshop provided greater understanding of what can be done, and the resources required.

Governance needs to ensure that decisions made are in line with community values were considered, as were potential partnerships that can help realise the energy vision for Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower.

The feasibility study is set to be completed by the end of July, with a report to be provided to the Federal Government.

The draft Community Energy Action Plan is

scheduled to be shared with the community at workshop five on Sunday August 20.

An energy project webinar will be held in the leadup to that at 5.30pm on Wednesday August 9.

Online discussions will take place regarding partnership opportunities with Mycelia Energy Collective, which has been running the feasibility study and workshops.

Mycelia Energy Collective is a small social enterprise business that supports community energy projects.

## New specialists boost local services

TWO NEW specialists recruited by Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) are boosting services to the local community.

Orthopaedic surgeon Mr Rodney Richardson and gastroenterologist/endoscopist Dr Daniel Clayton-Chubb have joined GSHS as monthly visiting specialists.

Dr Clayton-Chubb also works at the Alfred Hospital as well as in Traralgon.

He is undertaking a PhD focused on NAFLD epidemiology and has an interest in public health through the assessment and management of non-communicable diseases, and colorectal cancer screening.

Dr Clayton-Chubb is committed to research and education and has formal teaching and mentoring roles through both Monash University and the University of Melbourne.

He completed his training through Eastern Health and Alfred Health in Victoria where, in addition to gastroenterology advanced training, he undertook a specialist hepatology fellowship.

Mr Richardson is an orthopaedic surgeon with more than 20 years' experience specialising in adult reconstructive and joint replacement surgery of the knee and hip. He also provides care in Knox, Malvern, Heidelberg and Wonthaggi.

Mr Richardson is



**Dr Daniel Clayton-Chubb, gastroenterologist/endoscopist is one of two new specialists who will be joining GSHS on a monthly basis.**

qualified to deal with all sporting injuries and arthritic problems of the knee, and has a strong interest in improving prosthetic design and holds a number of international patents in the art of orthopaedics.

His areas of special interest include hip and knee arthroplasty primary and complex revision, computer guided total knee replacement, unicompartmental knee replacement, total hip replacement, anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction, knee arthroscopy, patellofemoral stabilisation, joint replacement design and development, and robotic unicompartmental knee replacement.

GSHS CEO Louise Sparkes said the recruitment of the two new specialists added to the depth of services being offered to the local community.

## Salvos helping drive young people's independence

COORDINATION of the Learner Driver Mentor Program (L2P) is transitioning from South Gippsland Shire Council to The Salvation Army in Leongatha, with that process having begun on July 1.

The L2P Program provides driving instruction and support to young people who may find it difficult to obtain their drivers licence due to a variety of factors, such as not having access to a vehicle or a licenced driving supervisor.

The L2P Program has been coordinated by South Gippsland Shire Council for 13 years and has helped hundreds of young people gain their 120 supervised practice hours and successfully learn to drive.

Council acknowledges and thanks all the volunteer mentors who have worked within the program and congratulates all the young people who gained their drivers licence, a council spokesperson said.

An explanation was provided for the decision to hand over L2P

coordination responsibilities after council has managed the program locally for so long.

"In discussions with The Salvation Army, the common theme and understanding was that The Salvation Army's range of programs could provide an extra level of support for the young people," the spokesperson said.

"There was also an acknowledgement of the existing volunteering opportunities with The Salvation Army that would be of benefit to the mentors."

The transition of the L2P Program from council to The Salvation Army is awaiting approval from the Department of Transport, with a council spokesperson indicating the program will not be run in the meantime.

The L2P Program is open to all people aged between 16 and 23 residing in the South Gippsland Shire. To learn more about the program or to volunteer, please contact The Salvation Army on 5662 6400.



## Waratah Bay Caravan Park management transition

SOUTH Gippsland Shire councillor Mohya Davies appears to have succeeded in her call for a smooth transition process for the management of Waratah Bay Caravan Park and foreshore if council elects to relinquish its responsibility as the Committee of Management.

Sandy Point Foreshore Committee still seems set to assume that responsibility as originally intended, but councillors are likely to formally request that the Victorian Government commits to a comprehensive transition plan focused on ensuring the continued sustainable management of the caravan park and foreshore.

That is the recommendation before them at Wednesday's July council meeting.

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), which is backing the Sandy Point Foreshore Committee taking on Committee of Management responsibilities, intends to commence a tender process to lease the Waratah Bay Caravan Park for 21 years.

While Cr Davies expressed concerns at the May council meeting that Sandy Point Foreshore Committee is likely to be placed in an unenviable position through the proposed arrangement, that committee has released a statement expressing confidence it has the capability and support to undertake the task.

During the May meeting, Cr Davies praised the job that committee does with limited resources, but said she doesn't believe it will receive the necessary support should it assume Committee of Management responsibility for the Waratah Bay Caravan Park.

She also argued the model of council acting as the Committee of Management for caravan parks is working in Yanakie and Port Welshpool and that Waratah Bay Caravan Park should be treated the same.

## Action underway to improve mental health service in Gippsland

HELP IS on the way to improve access to mental health services in Gippsland through the establishment of a \$10 million emergency department mental health hub at Latrobe Regional Hospital (LRH) to assist those experiencing serious mental health and alcohol and drug issues.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien said he hoped the establishment of the hub would result in significant improvements to the mental health services currently available at LRH, which has repeatedly failed to meet service targets.

"I recently asked the Minister for Mental Health, Gabrielle Williams what was being done to improve mental health services for Gippslanders following the release of data from the Department of Health which showed mental health bed occupancy at LRH sitting at 105% for the January-March 2023 quarter.

"These same reports showed that only 39 per cent of mental health patients who present to the emergency department are admitted to an LRH mental health bed within eight hours – when the target is 80 per cent."

Mr O'Brien said he had now received a response from the Minister which indicated that the emergency department mental health hub, which was first announced by the Andrews Labor Government in May 2022 as a \$6.5 million investment, is currently under construction and is anticipated to improve service targets.



South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Nathan Hersey says while there are still many details to be worked through for offshore wind developments, there will be numerous opportunities.

# Workers ready to transition to offshore wind, study claims

AROUND 70 percent of Gippsland's coal power and mining and oil and gas workers are ready for a career in offshore wind, a recent study has claimed.

Star of the South Chief Development Officer Erin Coldham released Making the move to offshore wind – a guide for workers at the State Electricity Commission (SEC) Energy Jobs and Skills Forum in Melbourne recently.

The guide identifies current roles across the coal, oil, gas and maritime industries and their alignment with typical jobs in offshore wind. It also includes entry-level career

pathways for young people and those with limited experience looking to start a career in the industry.

Ms Coldham said there is a high level of expertise already in the Gippsland region, with a significant number of roles having a 'high' or 'good' skills alignment.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Nathan Hersey said the transition from coal and gas energy to offshore wind will result in significant changes for the Gippsland region.

"While there are still many details to be worked through, it is clear there are opportunities available, which South

Gippsland Shire Council – and the wider Gippsland region – are keen to embrace for the benefit of our respective communities," he said.

"South Gippsland Shire Council believes that Barry Beach is crucial in the development of the offshore wind industry, as the port and surrounding industrial land are well positioned to create employment and economic opportunities for our region including:

- Specialist jobs and local career pathways that support the transition to renewable energy and attract and retain local talent.

- On site education and training.
- Boosting investment attraction and attracting new industries and business to the area, particularly in the industrial zoned land surrounding the ports.
- Import/export opportunities and alternative freight routes.

"Council's support of Barry Beach in preference to Hastings is - of course – dependent on the results of rigorous environmental processes that would need to be undertaken to ensure our natural environment – including our RAMSAR wetland area and Wilsons Pom – are protected."

## Korumburra Lions Club increases its roar

KORUMBURRA Lions Club recently boosted its numbers with three new members officially inducted at its Changeover Dinner, bringing overall membership to 34.

Greg Lambden is one of the new brigade, having already taken an active involvement in the club before becoming an official member.

He helped set up for Korumburra's Southern Lights Festival and provided gardening assistance in a Lions Club project near the town's showgrounds.

"It was interesting and enjoyable, with marvellous people who are supportive and helpful," Greg said of his Lions experience so far.

Already feeling settled in, Greg looks forward to welcoming future members to the club.

Having moved to Korumburra six years ago from Palm Cove in Far North Queensland, he is still getting used to the dip in temperatures but has found the community warm and welcoming, encouraging him to contribute to it.

"Lions are very active in this area," Greg said, explaining that he was drawn to the



Roger Powell (President), Val Wilson (Membership Chair), Kim Ainsworth (District Governor), new members Greg Lambden, Will Stringer and Heather Spry, and Ian Wilson (past President) following the induction held during Korumburra Lions Club's Changeover Dinner.

organisation's community involvement and social vibe.

Semi-retired and having previously worked in busy high-pressure jobs in the aerospace industry, he's not one to remain idle, having resumed restoring antique and collectable timber furniture, something he did long ago.

Korumburra Lions Club president Roger Powell is upbeat about the club's health, pointing out that as well as its membership boost there is stability with those in committee roles staying on for another term.

He said the club's public

visibility, involvement in community activities and support of other local groups appeals to prospective members.

"People come along and say, 'We can see you doing things and they're things that we're wanting to do'," Roger said.

Will Stringer and partner Heather Spry of Jumbunna are the other new members.

The social element of the club was the drawcard Will said, saying they had met a few of its members.

Becoming involved in the club's community-based activities has proved appealing.

"It's quite rewarding, it's good company and you meet a lot of people," Will said.

He has already helped at the Southern Lights Festival and assisted in providing meals to tired and hungry bike riders staying in Korumburra during a fundraising journey, as well as pitching in at local Lions barbecues.

If you are keen to learn more about Korumburra Lions Club or join, please call President Roger Powell on 0418 537 153 or Membership Chair Val Wilson on 0439 572 263.





**Phillip Island Senior Citizens new committee. L to R: Sandy Till, Pauline Porter, Heather McRae - Vice President, Ian Burns - Treasurer, Cr David Rooks chaired meeting, Teena Burns - President, Beverley Robertson - Vice President, Liza Lee - Secretary, Lorraine Hirst, Terri Moore, and Suzanne Anderson.**

## Women drive the senior citizens forward

THE Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club have found themselves at the forefront of a new era, having a predominantly female committee for the first time in their 52-year history.

This year the male counterparts didn't make themselves available to join the board, deciding to work behind the scenes and make a difference at each event – where their support doesn't go unnoticed.

Secretary Liza Lee said hopefully more of the male members will join them on the committee in coming years, but make it be known that their contribution is always greatly appreciated.

"We celebrate International Women's Day, Mother's Day, and let's not forget our foremothers the suffragettes, who fought for women's rights including our right to vote.

"Oh yes, I went there - and I did so because so many of our female members, past and present would be happy and proud to celebrate what has come to be. Let's not forget the insurgents of women's football leagues, and Socceroots, and how celebrated, successful, and inspirational they have become," said Liza.

The women of the Phillip Island Senior Citizens hope to inspire the younger counterparts

to thrive and work to achieve greatness - working equally beside their male colleagues.

The new predominantly female committee is a group of intelligent adult women who work together as a collaborative gaggle of gals with a similar sense of humour, and an easy-going nature.

"These friendships happened both before and after joining the committee for us all. So, while we wait for men to put their hands up to join us on the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club board and help drive our club forward, here's cheers to us ol' girls just getting on with the job for 2023/2024 year."

In the first year that Teena Burns has been President the membership numbers have increased, and the group continue to grow as a vibrant club.

"On a very sad note, we lost the pulse of the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club in Allan Droscher who passed on Tuesday night – July 4, 2023.

"Allan will be greatly missed and in a tribute to his legacy we are naming our kitchen Allan's kitchen. He was such a beautiful man."

For further details on when the club will host a wake for Allen, contact Liza Lee on 0431 867 058.



**The Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club make tribute to Allan Droscher who sadly passed on July 4, 2023.**

## Exciting year so far for preps at Wonthaggi North Primary

THE Wonthaggi North Primary School 2023 Prep students have been involved in many activities to support their connection and engagement to their first year of school.

Prep teacher Mrs Michelle Inness provides an energising environment in the prep classroom which motivates the students to learn and feel a sense of belonging.

Mrs Kathy Jones joined the school as the Acting Principal during Term two this year. She has been really pleased to see the Prep students settled and motivated to learn.

Mrs Jones explained that the Prep students have enjoyed their specialist classes including PE, Spanish and Art.

A highlight for term three will be their excursion to

Bunjil place in Narre Warren to experience the Theatre.

If you are considering a school that offers opportunities for growth, connection and fosters a sense of community please consider a tour at Wonthaggi North Primary School.

If you have a child or children starting in Prep in the 2024 school year, contact the WNPS school office now, by phone on 5672 4697, as enrolment applications need to be submitted by Friday, July 28, 2023.

**RIGHT: Students in Prep at Wonthaggi North PS with visiting MP Jordan Crugnale (centre), and (back row L-R) acting principal, Mrs Kathy Jones and prep teacher, Mrs Michelle Inness.**



### TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

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## Korumburra secondary to join youth summit

MORE than 120 students from 18 secondary schools, including Korumburra, from around Victoria will present their ideas about diversity and inclusion to politicians and community leaders at the inaugural Victorian Youth Summit at the University of Melbourne on Tuesday, July 18.

According to a recent study, one in three Australian teens report experiencing discrimination. The summit shines a light on the issue and is an opportunity for students to engage in advocacy with state leaders on diversity and inclusion.

Members of Parliament, community and religious leaders will gather to watch presentations on 'Diversity and Connection' and respond to students' ideas about how to build and maintain a fair and inclusive society.

Participating schools are from all three sectors – Government, Catholic and Independent – and include Overnewton Anglican Community College, Sacre Coeur, Templestowe College, Mentone Girls Grammar School, Leibler Yavneh College, Eltham College, Korumburra Secondary College, Al Siraat College, Drouin Secondary College, Mount Alexander College, McKinnon Secondary College, Kolbe Catholic College, Melton Secondary College, John Paul College, Caulfield Grammar School, Peninsula Grammar, Mount Waverley Secondary College and Star of the Sea College Brighton.

The summit is an initiative of Together For Humanity, a not-for-profit educational organisation that has been running diversity education programs in schools for over two decades.

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, next week's summit is the first to be held in Victoria, with the previous five summits taking place in New South Wales.

Together For Humanity has partnered with the Asia Education Foundation to present the summit.

## Rise in garage fires a reminder to be attentive

A SURGE in garage fires across the state has Victorian fire services encouraging residents to clean up their garage and consider installing smoke alarms inside.

Many of the reported garage fires in the last year were caused by faulty electrical equipment or related to fuel spills.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said CFA firefighters have already responded to 26 garage fires this year compared to the 28 in total from last year.

"We're expecting to see a rise in rechargeable battery and car fires this winter season." CO Heffernan said.

A garage fire at a Mooroolbark home last month was a timely reminder about the importance of households inspecting their appliances, devices and vehicles regularly.

The Mooroolbark family escaped from their home after their refrigerator in their garage caught on fire due to an electrical fault that quickly enflamed the entire residence.

"The family could have been alerted sooner had an interconnected or long-life battery smoke alarm been installed in the garage and in the nearby hallway," CO Heffernan said.





**Christine Paraman (middle) paints what her brother Bryan plants (left) with daughter Fiona (right) and is exhibiting her work now at Stockyard Gallery, Foster.**

## Vibrant nature on canvas exhibition at Foster

CHRISTINE Paraman's love of wandering through nature and admiring the beauty of life around her informs her vibrant, wonderfully colourful and detailed paintings.

Exhibiting at the Stockyard Gallery in Foster, Christine is excited to bring her work to the community, which is familiar territory as her brother Bryan has lived in Foster for over 40 years, and what Bryan plants, Christine paints.

"Bryan and I, we're both, will I use the word, insane, about native flora," Christine said.

"I love it. I'll paint it and I can't wait!" Christine is inspired by the landscapes and minute details of the flora and fauna of the natural environment and these she brings to life on the canvas.

"Gosh, Australian plants are magnificent, and they're quieter, they're almost secret for the most part. You've got to walk through the bush to see so many beautiful, quiet little things."

Christine can't remember a time when she wasn't exploring nature and wondering at the marvel of flowers, birds, forests and beaches.

"I spent most of my childhood during holidays, if not playing ball games, walking through this scrub and it was beautiful, and our wildflowers are so wonderful.

"As a child I couldn't have told you what season it was, but I'd think to myself, I know what I'll find if I walk around behind this little bunch of trees, and there they were - little orchids."

Early on in her career Christine made a living from pottery and ceramics, and for many years sold much of her work at shows and exhibitions; her paintings have also proven to be very popular.

Although Christine recalls always having a pencil or paint brush in her hand as a child... returning to painting was an experience that took her entirely by surprise.

"This is something I've not told people. One night I was about to go to bed, the children and everybody were all asleep, and one of the children had left pencils and things on the table, so I had a little play with those. This would be about 24 years ago, and I woke up in the morning so excited to see what it was I'd done."

Christine recalls having drawn a single picture of trees and flowers.

"It was so exciting, I got up that morning and I just felt so satisfied. I'd have to say from then on, I've painted."

Christine explored a number of mediums, from pencil to soft pastels to watercolour, before arriving at the vibrant acrylic works that will adorn the walls of Stockyard Gallery until Monday July 24.

Stockyard Gallery, 12 McDonald Street, Foster is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Mondays, between 11am-3pm.



**Fish Creek will host Genesis Baroque on Saturday, August 12.**

# Chamber orchestra to perform

MELBOURNE based dynamic period ensemble, Genesis Baroque, is set to perform in Fish Creek this August.

The Fish Creek Memorial Hall will play host to the chamber orchestra on Saturday August 12, thanks to Prom Recitals, a group of South Gippsland locals who are sharing their love of music and the Prom Country region through the presentation of classical music recitals.

Genesis Baroque was founded in 2017 by artistic director and violinist, Jennifer Kirsner, and directed by baroque violinist Lucinda Moon.

And as part of its 2023 season, the ensemble is launching a new series of performances called the Genesis Chamber Series.

For the inaugural program in the series, Kammermusik, guest violinist Sophie Gent will join the ensemble in a program of instrumental music from the second half of the 17th century.

Sophie Gent will perform alongside Lucinda Moon on violin, Jennifer Kirsner – violin/

viola, Laura Vaughan – viola da gamba and Donald Nicolson – harpsichord.

Featuring composers from Bohemia, Germany and Austria, this highly varied music was written for the entertainment at feasts, serenades and the gathering of music-lovers, setting the ideal scene for a Saturday afternoon in the South Gippsland town of Fish Creek.

Sophie Gent, an Australian-born violinist, studied at the Royal Conservatory in The Hague with Ryo Terakado.

Performing alongside Sophie will be Lucinda Moon, who has more than 30 years' performance and recording experience, and is a highly respected and sought after Baroque violinist.

Lucinda now records in Australia with the Elysium Ensemble, Accademia Arcadia, Latitude 37, and Van Diemen's Band.

She joined Genesis Baroque as musical director and concertmaster at the group's inception in 2018.

Lucinda will be joined on

stage by Jennifer Kirsner, a Melbourne-based freelance period and modern violinist who has a passion for chamber music and has worked in diverse band settings from Renaissance and garage bands in Melbourne to Ceilidh bands in Northern England.

Melbourne-based viola da gamba specialist Laura Vaughan is a dynamic and well recognised member of the early music movement in Australia.

Passionate about the unique sound world of the viol, Laura is committed to bringing this exquisite repertoire to audiences around the world.

She is also one of the few exponents of the rare lirone and baryton.

And finally, listed among Australia's best classical performers by the ABC in 2019, New Zealand-born harpsichordist, synth artist, organist, composer and arranger, Donald Nicolson is a prominent figure in performance and research of the music of 17th- and 18th-century Europe, and in high demand as a keyboardist,

composer, and arranger.

The program features:

- Heinrich Ignaz Franz von Biber – Pars I from Mensa Sonora.
- Dietrich Buxtehude – Sonata in A minor Bux 272.
- Dietrich Becker – Sonata in C major, from Erster Theil Zwey-stimmiger Sonata und Suiten, 1674.
- Johann Rosenmüller – Sonata Ottava à 4.
- Heinrich Ignaz Franz von Biber – Pars VI from Mensa Sonora.
- Georg Muffat – Fifth Concerto in D major, Saeculum, from Auserlesene Instrumentalmusik.

The Genesis Chamber Series presents programs throughout Victoria featuring some of Melbourne's finest historically-informed musicians in chamber works from the Baroque through to the early 20th-century performed on period instruments.

Tickets to the Fish Creek performance are available at <https://www.trybooking.com/CJHXO>

## Gippsland Symphony Orchestra in Korumburra



**The strings section of the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra plays at St Joseph's Church in Korumburra. A40\_2823**



**David Williams OAM conducts the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra during its stirring Korumburra performance on Sunday. A41\_2823**

KORUMBURRA locals and those from surrounding towns escaped the winter chill earlier this month, enjoying an uplifting performance by the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra in the splendour of St Joseph's Church.

Two parts of the orchestra featured in the chamber concert, with strings and woodwind players performing separately before uniting, while percussion and brass players were not involved in the concert.

Just under 30 musicians participated, with the setting not large enough for the complete 45-piece orchestra.

The show featured works from the Baroque and Romantic eras, beginning with the Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, written for strings only and in the Baroque style, then shifting to the Romantic era with Romance in C by Sibelius.

Works by Purcell, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Brahms and Debussy were just some of the varied selections played.

Gippsland Symphony Orchestra founder, president, artistic director, conductor and double bass player David Williams OAM explained that chamber music dates back to royal courts with musicians playing in antechambers during feasts and other occasions.

He highlighted the intimate

nature of chamber music, with less clutter allowing more contact between musicians and their audience.

David outlined the challenges of playing Baroque music, saying it is notoriously difficult for string players given the instruments that existed when the music was composed.

"They weren't quite the sort of string instruments that we have today; instead of the cello and the double bass, they were playing viols, but the music is still the same," he said, noting that demands a high level of technique and proficiency.

David started the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra in 2015 after a Warragul Theatre Company performance of Phantom of the Opera.

"I had a pit orchestra of about 34 players and I thought what a complete waste that after the show finished, we would never play again together," David said.

Realising there were enough people to start an orchestra, he put out an email calling for expressions of interest, getting a positive response.

The orchestra is composed of musicians from a wide area, including South Gippsland and as far afield as Metung in East Gippsland.

"We're not tied to one geographical area and try to play across all of Gippsland," David said.





Woorayl Golf Club's runner up Heather Sullivan and winner Jean Hayes.

KORUMBURRA

TUESDAY, July 11:  
Stableford: 10 players.  
Winner: Barry Kerr (14) 39 points.  
NTPs: first Roland Rees, seventh Peter Van Agtmaal, 10th Ian Cash and 13th Barry Kerr.  
Thursday, July 13:  
Stableford: 10 players.  
Winner: Ian Morris (18) 38 points.  
NTPs: first Greg Jones and 13th Ian Morris.  
Saturday, July 15:  
Par: 21 players.  
Sponsor: Paul and Wally Hopkins.  
A Grade winner: Tim Fowles (14) +5.  
B Grade winner: Iain Riddell (21) +2.  
NTPs: first Chris McConnell, seventh Billie Wrigley, 10th Pete Wallace and 13th Malcolm Garnham.

Ladies

SHELLEY Snooks (17) was the winner with 27 points, Trudi Mantell (26) was runner up 26 points, and Lynette McIvor (20) won a BDTL last Wednesday.  
There was a small field on Saturday.  
Aliesha Wrigley (23) won with 27 points and was NTP on the first to have a birdie putt and taking home the Kelly's Bakery award.  
Trudi Mantell (26) was runner up 25 points and was also NTP on the 13th green.  
BDTL went to Deb Wrigley (28) after a c/b.

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TUESDAY: Stableford.  
Division 1:  
Winner: Ian Farrer – 41 points.  
Runner up: Chris Clark - 39 points.  
Division 2:  
Winner: Kevin Cresp – 40 points.  
Runner up: Douglas Collins – 38 points.  
Ball rundown to 35 points.  
Nearest the pins: fifth, Grant Maskiell, ninth Bradley Vigilante, 12th Ralph Hendrich and 15th Gary Jollands.  
Wednesday: ladies' Stableford.  
Winner: Maria Warburton with 37 points by countback.  
Runner up: Maureen Nankervis.  
Ball rundown to 34 points.  
Nearest the pin: ninth Lee Andrews and 12th Maria Warburton.  
Thursday: Stableford/2BBB competition.  
Stableford winner: Laurie Burgess with 40 points by countback.  
Stableford runner up: Michael Johansson.  
Ball rundown to 35 points.  
2BBB winners: Michael Johansson and Phil Conroy with 47 points.  
2BBB runners up: Peter Sellers and Trevor Cridland with 46 points.  
Nearest the pins: fifth Frank Leontini, ninth Patrick Farrell, 12th Laurie Burgess and 15th Simon Vigilante.  
Saturday: Par competition.



Darren Polson, Peter Sellers, Tony Ambrus and Mick Fahey finished their round under cold and wet conditions at Lang Lang Golf Club on Saturday.

A very wet and cold day saw a smaller than usual field brave the conditions on Saturday.  
Craig Venville took out the honours with a score of +3.  
Division 1:  
Winner: Craig Venville with +3.  
Runner up: Gary Oswald +1.  
Third: Chris Tuckwell 0.  
Division 2:  
Winner: Brendan Kearns with +1.  
Runner up: Rodney Marshall with 0.  
Third: Bill Lucas with 0.  
Division 3:  
Winner: Nicole Ellen with +1.  
Runner up: Tom Condy with 0.  
Third: Peter Blackwood with -1.  
Ball rundown to -2.  
Nearest the pins: fifth Bart McDonald, ninth Paul Jamieson, 12th David Barrie and 15th Paul De Pasquale.  
Third hole second shot: Jason Hester (Div 1) and Michael Herman (Div 2).  
Sunday: Stableford.  
Winner: Gary Jollands with 39 points.  
Runner up: Kerrie Davey with 37 points.  
Ball rundown to 34 points.  
Congratulations also to Chris Tuckwell defeating Fia TooToo 2/1 in the semi-final of the R.D. Hall Match Play event. Congratulation to all winners this week.  
The usual competitions will be held during the week on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and now also on Sundays to accommodate the growing membership base and as an alternative for those who are busy on Saturdays.  
If you haven't had a chance to get down to the club in a little while, be sure to wander down and make use of the new and improved club rooms, complete with toasty fire.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, July 11: Par.  
Forty golfers played in this par round with tee ups still in play.  
A Grade winner: Josh De Groot (13) with a score of +1.  
A Grade runner up: Jon Smith (19) with a score of +1 (C/B).  
B Grade winner: Sean Munley (30) with a score of +1.  
B Grade runner up: Michael Street (29) with a score of +1 (C/B).  
NTP 14th: Steven Smith at 2.89m.  
NTP 16th: Ken Smirk at 2.54m.  
Thursday, July 13: Stableford.  
There was an excellent field of 71 players hitting off the yellow tees on a shotgun start at 9am for this Stableford event.  
Once again with tees ups.  
A Grade winner: Peter Brownlie (13) with a score of 38 points.  
A Grade runner up: Craig Hutchinson (5) with a score of 38 points (C/B).  
B Grade winner: David Richards (16) with a score of 35 points.  
B Grade runner up: Peter Read (15) with a score of 35 points (C/B).  
C Grade winner: Patrick Bowd (22) with a score of 38 points.



Korumburra Golf Club's men's captain Roland Rees (centre) with A Grade winner Tim Fowles (left) and B Grade winner Iain Riddell.

C Grade runner up: Peter Dodgson (33) with a score of 36 points.  
NTP 14th: Craig Hutchinson, at 2.29m.  
NTP 16th: Paul Richardson at 2.66m.  
Saturday, July 15: Monthly Medal Stroke Event.  
Sixty-two golfers took to the course in cold and wet conditions for the Monthly Medal Stroke event.  
New member Brendan Richards (49) persisted in the rainy conditions to win the Monthly Medal with an excellent net 64.  
Monthly Medal winner: Brendon Richards (49) with net 64.  
A Grade winner: Rod Hopcraft (12) with net 74.  
A Grade runner up: Gordon Morrison (15) with net 74 (C/B).  
B Grade winner: Michael O'Rafferty (17) with net 68.  
B Grade runner up: Chris Indian (20) with net 70.  
C Grade winner: Gordon Allan (24) with net 69.  
C Grade runner up: Robert Mcewen (25) with net 72.  
NTP 14th: Paul Dell at 1.30m.  
NTP 16th: Robert Mcewen at 4.61m.

Ladies

LAST week was the first round of the Mudrunner's Plate.  
This event was instigated by life member Pat Pease many years ago to encourage members to play in the winter months.  
Pat also sponsors both days of the event, and would be well pleased with the number of participants.  
The winner of A Grade was Trish Owen with 39 points, with Ashleigh Hutton just two shots behind on 37.  
Karen de Groot, in the winning circle again this week, won B Grade with 37 points.  
One of the newer members Cath Secull was the runner up with 35 points.  
Balls down the line went to Irene Holm 37 points, visiting from Meeniyang Golf Club, Colleen Touzel 36, Nola Kim and Jenny Fraser 35, Neryl Hopcraft 33 and Deb Miller 31 points.  
Kay Dumbleton was closest to the pin on the 16th and Bev Reinhard on the 14th.  
Noreen Williams had an excellent score of 17 to win the nine-hole competition and Karen Murchie earned a ball down the line.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, July 13: Stableford.  
A Grade: M. Payne (12) 36 points.  
B Grade: S. Mc Kenzie (27) 38 points.  
DTL: Tom Traill, J. Smeriglio 37, S. Beitz 35 and R. Thompson 34.  
NTP: fourth J. Smeriglio, sixth J. Smeriglio, 13th S. McKenzie and 16th Tom Traill.  
Birdies: Tom Traill 16th.  
Saturday, July 15: Stableford.  
A Grade: N. Rutledge (13) 34 points.

B Grade: J. Smeriglio (18) 37 points.  
DTL: R. Pentland, P. Cummaudo, Tom Traill 36 and P. Draper 33 c/b  
NTP: fourth B. Dewar, sixth R. Jenkins, 13th P. Draper and 16th T. Baker.  
Birdies: fourth N. Bickerton.  
President Trophy play off: P. Cummaudo defeated P. Draper 2/1; R. Matthews defeated G. Renwick on forfeit.  
Next week: P. Cummaudo v R. Matthews.

PHILLIP ISLAND

TUESDAY, July 11, Mens 18-hole Stableford  
A grade winner was Tony Gay (13) with 36 points c/b from Greg Kane (14)  
B Grade winner was Simon Furniss (19) with 40 points from Chris Sanderson (17) 39 Points  
C Grade winner was John Mahony (33) with 37 points from Paul Adams (28) 35 Points  
BDL to 33 points c/b  
NTP 5th Danny Hibbert 7th Peter Cartwright 10th Ron Owens 17th Steven Sloss  
Men's 9 hole Stableford  
John Rodakis (36) was the winner with 19 points c/b from Jerard Scroggie (31)  
BDL to 15 points c/b  
Wednesday, July 12, Ladies Ladies Stableford  
The winner was Helen Coghlan (16) with 37 points, runner up was Kim Rippon-King (26) with 34 points c/b  
BDL to 31 points c/b  
NTP 5th Janice Daff 7th Jillian Chandler 10th Helen Coghlan 17th Rhonda Boyd  
9 Hole winner was Jacqui Turner (41) with 16 points from Barb Moloney (41) 14 points  
Thursday, July 13, Open Stableford  
The winner of A Grade was Peter Cartwright (5) with 35 Points c/b from Morgan Ward (10)  
B Grade winner was Brenton O'Brien (20) with 38 Points from Shane Palmer (21) with 34 points  
C Grade Winner was Carl Russo (27) with 42 points from Henry Campbell (29) 34 points  
BDL to 32 points c/b  
NTP: 5TH Peter Cartwright 7th Simon Furniss 10th Tony Gay 17th Tim Duff  
Open 9 hole Stableford  
Winner was Steve Rieger (26) with 19 points c/b from Reg Browne (35)  
BDL to 16 points c/b  
Saturday, July 15, results  
Men's Stableford  
A Grade winner was Morgan Ward (10) with 40 Points from Jack Ross (9) 39 Points  
B Grade Winner was Andrew Hewitt (13) with 42 Points from Alex Bowden (15) 40 points  
C Grade Winner was Phil Cooksey (22) with 38 Points from Harry Sterling (19) 36 Points c/b  
BDL to 35 points c/b  
NTP: 5th Rick Banfield 7th Geoff Daff 10th Chris Lawrence 17th Paul Cochrane  
Ladies winners:



Craig Venville was all smiles after taking out the main prize on Saturday at Lang Lang Golf Club.

Jeanette Diss (20) won with 36 Points c/b from Jill Zellman (36) BDL to 34 points  
NTP 5th Jeanette Diss 10th Megan Elbaz 17th Lesley Meadowcroft  
9 hole Open Stableford winner was Basil Molonet (15) with 20 points from Ron Hatelly (33) 18 Points c/b  
BDL to 17  
Sunday, July 16, Open Stableford – winner was Luke Kelly (8) with 37 points – BDL to 29 points

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: July 13, SR. 71.  
Competition: Stableford 18 hole.  
Winner: Stephen Judd 28.  
BDTL to 27.  
Ball sweep: Keith Ridout 27 and Andrew Hooton-Shandley 27.  
Results: July 13, SR. 34.5  
Competition: Stableford front nine hole.  
Winner: Paul Cornelis 16.  
BDTL to 15.  
Ball sweep: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 15.  
Results: July 15, S.R 71.  
Competition: Stableford.  
A Grade: Eric VanAgtmaal 33.  
B Grade: Ben White 39.  
C Grade: Geoff Perkins 32.  
BDTL to 29 C/B.  
Ball sweep: Simon O'Halloran 33, Ross Yann 32, Andrew Hooton-Shandley 32, Stephen Judd 30, Garry Bates 29, Aaron Yann 29, Bruce Betts 29 and Messy Chand 29 C/B.  
NTPs: Doug Putt second, Ian Baker fourth, Ben White propin eighth, Stephen Judd 13th and Stephen Judd money hole 17th.

Wonthaggi

Ladies

SUNNY skies were a lovely sight on Wednesday for the small but keen group of ladies who played Stableford.  
Merryn Dear had the winning score (15)33 points from runner up Marg Johnson (15)31 points.  
No NTP was claimed today.  
BDL was given to Karen Sheerin 28, Catherine Bolding 28 and Irene Walsh 27.

WOORAYL

Ladies

A BEAUTIFUL sunny morning greeted the golfers for a Stableford competition, sponsored by Char and Co footwear.  
Seven ladies enjoyed the lovely weather.  
Fortunately, the course has started to dry out.  
The winner of the day was Jean Hayse 29 points.  
The runner up was Heather Sullivan 28 points.  
Best nine out went to Ann Poole 16 points.  
BDL went to Elly Berryman 28 points.  
NTP on eighth was Elly Berryman, 11th Jean Hayse and 17th Heather Sullivan.





Bill Williams still plays a winning game of bowls at Corinella Bowls Club despite being 94 years of age.

# Bill’s bowling strong at 94

BILL Williams is 94 years old and has been bowling since he retired 30 years ago and claims he still keeps his bowling to a good standard.

Bill’s son in law, John Kent said Bill isn’t afraid to boast about it either.

“He’s got a lot of trophies and I know when he’s in the paper, because he always buys the paper and sticks it in front of me, on my seat, before I even (have a chance to) look at it, so I know he’s in the paper that day,” John said, laughing at Bill’s cheeky sense of humour.

Bill and John have been living together in Corinella for the past few years as both of their wives have passed away and they enjoy a bit of banter.

Despite a hip operation and the loss of one eye Bill maintains a regular bowling game at the Corinella Bowls club and has done so for the past seven years.

“I started out with the Seaford Bowling Club, which eventually became bigger, becoming the Belvedere Bowling Club, and then we moved to Corinella, and I’m still bowling.”

“It keeps me active in old age. Also, it’s good company. Living in a place like Corinella I’ve had to make new friends and it’s full of companionship in the club. It’s a beautiful club with plenty

going on so I’m quite happy to play bowls there.”

Although Bill has seen some changes physically it hasn’t dampened his will to play or his competitive spirit.

“Of course, I can’t move like I used to a few years ago but I’m still able to get up and move around and do things.”

“I’m very happy, I tend to be in the winning circle every week, almost every week anyway,” Said Bill and John chimes in,

“He tends to get his photo in the paper, quite often.”

“In my old club I was club champion, not a singles champion, but I was a fours champion, a threes champion, a twos champion, and I’ve won other things as well,” said Bill.

Bill thinks it’s a wonderful sport and encourages others to try it out and believes Corinella Bowls Club is a good place to start, as members make an effort to create a welcoming and enjoyable environment.

“Come along and have fun, that’s what bowls is all about. You have fun and you play at different levels and if you practise enough and do enough of it, you just keep on improving.”

“It’s very good for this area and they’re all good mates. All good friends, men and women, it doesn’t matter, they’re all good,” said Bill.

## South Gippsland Bridge results

- July 4 at Leongatha RSL**

1st Matti Shub and John Quayle with a whopping 68.45%, 2nd Alan Johnston and Doug McIntosh 60.12%, 3rd Penny Loughran and Ruth Stevenson 59.52%, 4th Clive Hope and Lois Dwyer 49.40%

**July 7 at Inverloch Angling Club**

1st Deborah Anglim and John Sutton 59.26%, 2nd John Farr and Shirley Stewart 58.15%, 3rd Marie Sands and Ken McKenzie 57.78%, 4th John Quayle and Matti Shub 49.4%
- July 11 at Wonthaggi RSL**

1st Alan Johnston and John Sutton 66.67%, 2nd Clive Hope and Lois Dwyer 61.11%, 3rd Neville Chapman and Ruth Harvey 60.42%, 3rd Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles 60.42%

**July 14 at Inverloch Angling Club**

1st John Quayle and Matti Shub 62.59%, 2nd Lois Dwyer and Robyn Egan 58.52%, 3rd Neville Chapman and Phillip Chapman 53.96%, 4th Maureen Stiles and Penny Loughran 52.59%

### INVERLOCH

THE dates for both midweek and Saturday Pennant for the upcoming season are on sheets at the clubhouse.

Please write your name on the sheets if you are unavailable for certain dates.

The next Friday night meal is on July 28.

Please have your name on the board by midday Wednesday.

The next members’ night is on July 21.

Last Thursday saw 32 bowlers enjoy a windy day of social bowls.

Ten teams competed over the day for honours.

The hard luck story of the day was the team led by Bill Selby who missed out on runners up by one point.

This team of Bill Selby (skip), John Sutcliffe and Harry Dunn finished on two wins and 30 points.

Runners up on two wins and 31 points was the team of Bruce Corrigan (skip), Pam Sutcliffe and Tony Latham.

The eventual winners on the day on two wins and 36 points was the team of Ron Burge, Dianne Selby and Jill Bateman. Bowlers are reminded that entries close on 9.30am on Thursday and play begins at 11am.

### SOUTH WEST GIPPSLAND MIDWEEK BOWLS

THIRTY-TWO brave bowlers turned up at San Remo to once again fight it out for team of the week on Thursday.

Although the temperature was in the teens, the wind was bitter, and there were many complaints from the players about the cold.

The wind played havoc with almost everyone fighting a losing battle to overcome it.

There were quite a few wrong bias shots, but also a few correct bias shots which looked awfully like wrong bias ones.

There was a fair bit of banter and plenty of laughter as always, and, considering the weather, some excellent bowling around the green.

A great job done by Peter, Pauline and John once again; the amount of work they do is unbelievable.

This week’s winners on 37 points were Sue Stansfield (S), Laurie Bell (3), Sue Wright (2) and David Hipworth (L).

Runners up on 32 points were Dennis Talbot (S), Gillian Harper (3), Michael Saunders (2) and Peter Thorley (L).

Best one game winners on 22 points were Michael Dady (S), Frank D’Unienville (3), Gwen Jeffrey (2) and Claire Sheers (L).

Next week, bowlers will be meeting at Koo Wee Rup.

Those playing are asked to be onsite by 10am to allow play to start on time.

Meanwhile, the club hopes everyone has a safe and happy week.

### WONTHAGGI

THIS week saw one day lost with the weather.

Wednesday was a good day, which saw 32 bowlers take to the greens on a fine sunny day.

The format for the day was three bowl pairs with two games over ten ends.

It was a great day with everybody getting plenty of bowls and no standing around in the cool conditions.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club winners Jan Jeeves and Ray Hin.



Marg Hender, Jeannie Slocombe, Betty Huitema and Jenny Bakker were Friday’s indoor bowls winners in Wonthaggi.



Jill Bateman, Ron Burge (skip) and Dianne Selby were Inverloch Bowling Club’s social bowls winners.



Sue Wright (2), Sue Stansfield (S), Laurie Bell (3) and David Hipworth (L) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners.

There was a total of five teams that were two game winners, with bad luck stories going to Hans and Rod, Lyn and Rod, and Ken and Kyle.

The runners up on countback were Rob Dennis and Frank Seaton with a score of two wins 33 points and nine shots up.

The winners were Jan Jeeves and Ray Hin with a fine score of two wins and 35 points.

Saturday was a reminder that it is still winter.

Don’t forget the trip to Newborough with a sheet up in the clubhouse.

Friday night is going well with a good number of people enjoying a warm friendly catch up with other members and friends.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls also at 12.30pm. Have a good week and good bowling.

**Indoor**

IT was a good week to be playing indoor bowls with the rain and wind outside – it was great to be inside in the warmth.

There were 53 players this week – 27 on Tuesday and 26 on Friday.

Tuesday winners on a countback with two wins and a plus five were John Stewart, Linda Newman and Jim Wilson.

Runners up with the same result were Pat Novak, Rhonda Rattenbury and Teresa Ireland.

Friday’s winners with two wins and a plus 13 were Marg Hender, Jeannie Slocombe, Betty Huitema and Jenny Bakker.

Coming second, also with two wins on plus six were Pat Novak, John Bird and Elaine Grabham.

A reminder, next Wednesday United are having its Christmas in July at the Whalebone.

Please be there by 6pm.

Also, next Friday is the chicken lunch.

Please be there 11.30am.

There will be a game of bowls after for all who wish to stay.

Stay warm, see you all next week.



# 300 runs just the start for Neil



**Inverloch Parkrun stalwart Neil White goes over the line in style for his 300th parkrun on Saturday.**



**Inverloch Parkrun 100-milestone runner Anne McDonald is greeted at the finish by another local parkrun stalwart Etsuko Yasanaga holding the 100th run banner.**

DURABLE local sportsman Neil White of Inverloch jumped for joy as he completed his 300th local parkrun in eight years and promptly declared its onwards and upwards to the holy grail of the parkrun movement – 500 runs!

Neil started running a long time ago, but he joined the Inverloch Parkrun event about a year after it started and he's been a regular ever since, completing the obligatory volunteer roles of time keeper, token distributor and all the rest but running's been his go.

"I'm probably running more than I'm riding at the moment," said Neil as he cooled down after completing the 5km event in a tick over 30 minutes – not bad for a bloke of 69.

"It's just easy to pop on the runners and go out for a run.

"I usually have a couple of runs during the week, just a jog or two. I think that's the secret," he said.

Neil is also a regular with the local Inverloch riding group, on the circuit around Wattlebank, but acknowledges he's enjoying the running a bit more lately."

Neil's best time over the 5km course along the spectacular Inverloch foreshore is 24.44, achieved quite a few years ago.

"I'll never get back up to that again, but it's always been about the exercise, running with the group and a bit of a chat afterwards.

As well as running locally, and in most states of Australia, Neil can count parkruns in Ireland, the UK and Scotland among his 300.

The day also featured the 100th run by another Inverloch local Anne McDonald, who has completed 85 of her runs at Inverloch, and 15 at various places around the state and Australia, including Broken Hill, in the Clare Valley in South Australia

and in Tasmania.

"I've also been a volunteer 16 times and a special thanks today to the volunteers who made today so memorable."

Anne completed the run in the 100-run cape and by breaking a 100th banner at the finish line.

## Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun

**By Jodie Pincini, run reporter**

THIS week, we have experimented with AI technology for a run report.

Let us know what you think.

What a fantastic day at parkrun.

We had an incredible turnout of 27 participants on this fine winter's day, and let me tell you, the atmosphere was absolutely electric!

But what made it even more special was the serene bush setting, surrounded by majestic tree ferns. It felt like we were running in a tranquil paradise.

A big shoutout to our friends from Geelong who joined us today! We welcomed three amazing individuals who made the journey, including Taylor, a student doctor.

It's always inspiring to see new faces and hear their stories.

But that's not all! We also had a bunch of newcomers who decided to give parkrun a go. How awesome is that?

It's incredible to witness people taking that first step towards a healthier lifestyle and embracing the parkrun community.

The energy and enthusiasm were contagious, and everyone pushed themselves to achieve their personal bests.

Whether you ran, jogged, or walked, you were all winners in our eyes.

Remember, parkrun is not just about the run; it's about the friendships, the support, and the joy that comes with being part of a wonderful community.

# Road safety in focus for clubs

FOOTBALL and netball communities will rally behind road safety this week, donning blue armbands to honour people killed on Victorian roads and affirm a shared goal to reduce road trauma.

The fourth annual initiative running across the state from July 21-23 will see thousands of Victorians from country and suburban football and netball leagues 'Band Together', wearing blue armbands to honour those lives that have been touched by road trauma and to promote road safety in their communities.

Players, coaches, volunteers and supporters from more than 1000 AFL Victoria-affiliated clubs will wear the bespoke armband, which features a QR code linking people to an on-line hub of stories from people affected by road trauma.

This year, as of last week, 165 people have been tragically killed on Victorian roads with road deaths in regional areas a continued concern with 94 fatalities this year compared to 73 at the same time in 2022.

The number of young Victorians aged between 21 and 39 who have died on the roads has risen by more than 20.

The TAC and AFL Victoria's Road Safety Round provides the perfect platform to speak directly to the thousands of Victorians traveling hundreds of kilometres on the state's roads for games and training every year.

Road Safety Round is just one aspect of the TAC's long-standing partnership with AFL Victoria, with the TAC Club Rewards Program offering clubs up to \$10,000 for their efforts in promoting safe driving behaviours throughout the season.

Find out more about Road Safety Round and the TAC Club Rewards Program at <http://tac.vic.gov.au>

# Doing parkrun is as easy as ABC for Vicki

VICKI Thompson is a 77-year-old parkrunner from the Gurdies and has recently completed 351 courses and the alphabet of parkruns.

"I just went over to Pakenham one Saturday morning and kept on going."

That was in 2014 and while Vicki's initial aim was to do all the parkruns in Victoria, she found herself travelling interstate to complete the parkrun alphabet.

"The only Z exists in Queensland, Zilmere, which is where I finished my alphabet and it just happened to be the last letter of the alphabet."

"I've covered most of Victoria, but we were lacking a Q, so I went to Queanbeyan, outside Canberra and I went to Victor Harbour in South Australia."

Parkrun occurs on Saturday mornings at 8:00 am around Victoria and Australia and is a free community orientated event where participants can walk run or jog five or two kilometres.

Vicki had been a runner for many years before she began parkrun, and she enjoys the scenery and the social aspect just as much as the physical side.

"They're all nice because they're usually in lovely parklands or along creeks, so they're always pretty. The one I did

the week before I went up to Queensland was a new one at Yackandandah, and goes along the Yackandandah Creek, it has a few hills, but very pretty."

"You get to meet so many people and they pop up all over the place like I do. A lot of people only go to their home park club, but then they get the people like me that go and travel and visit all the park runs in the state, so we do bump into each other."

Vicki is inspired by parkrun members that are older than her and are out there on Saturday mornings.

And although her regular runs are Pakenham, Phillip Island and Inverloch she likes exploring the new runs.

"It just gets me out and about seeing places that I've never been able to before or haven't been to for many years because I've had no reason to."

Parkrun has become so popular that new ones keep popping up and this is putting a spanner in the works for Vicki, who has yet to complete all the Victorian runs.

"Just as I was about to do what I thought was the last one, which was Mildura - I hadn't been able to get there because they've been flooded - about six new ones started. I've only done two of those new ones, so I've still got four to go."



**Vicki Thompson recently finished her 350th parkrun at Yackandandah and has completed the alphabet of parkruns.**

# Electric Zane Duursma lights up Princes Park

THE AFL recruiting spotlight is shining brighter on Foster's Zane Duursma after an eye-catching display for Vic Country at Princes Park on Sunday in the final match of the AFL under-18 national championships.

Vic Country prevailed by 31 points over Vic Metro, with Duursma having by far his best game of the championships, finishing best afield with 22 disposals, 10 marks and four goals.

The younger brother of Port Adelaide's Xavier helped set up Vic Country's win in the third quarter, booting three goals in an eight-minute burst, with Zane slotting in impressively across half forward for much of the match.

Duursma was equally effective whether presenting as a marking target or creating opportunities for teammates with his pressure, tenacity and skilful delivery.

The performance suggests it won't take long for his name to be announced at this year's AFL draft, with a commentator aptly describing his game as electric.



# GSL Round 12 Results – Sunday, July 16

Senior Men:

Trafalgar Victory 19 d Lang Lang United 3, Drouin Dragons 3 d Mirboo North United 0, Leongatha Knights 2 d Korumburra City 0

Senior Women:

Drouin Dragons 1 drew Mirboo North United 1, Wonthaggi United 2 drew Inverloch Stars 2

Men Reserves:

Drouin Dragons 2 d Inverloch Stars 0, Leongatha Knights 5 d Korumburra City 4, Trafalgar Victory 8 d Lang Lang United 1

Under 17 Mixed:

Drouin Dragons White 2 drew Phillip Island 2, Leongatha Knights 8 d Inverloch Stars 2

Under 14 Mixed:

Drouin Dragons Maroon 5 d Mirboo North United 1, Korumburra City 6 d Leongatha Knights Blue 3, Wonthaggi United 4 d Inverloch Stars 3, Drouin Dragons White 3 d Phillip Island 2

Under 12a Mixed:

Drouin Dragons Maroon 7 d Mirboo North United 1, Leongatha Knights 2 drew Korumburra City 2, Inverloch Stars 7 d Wonthaggi United 2

Under 12b Mixed:

Lang Lang United 3 d Trafalgar Victory 0, Phillip Island Red 6 d Drouin Dragons Yellow 0, Phillip Island Blue 7 d Korumburra City 2

GSL Round 13 Fixture

Saturday, July 22

Senior Men - 7pm

Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons

Men Reserves - 5pm

Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons

Sunday 23 July

Senior Men - 3pm

Korumburra City v Lang Lang United, Mirboo North United v Leongatha Knights

Senior Womens - 1pm

Mirboo North United v Leongatha Knights, Phillip Island v Wonthaggi United

Mens Reserves - 3pm

Phillip Island v Wonthaggi United

Mens Reserves - 1pm

Korumburra City v Inverloch Stars

Under 17 Mixed - 9:30am

Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons White, Phillip Island v Drouin Dragons Maroon

Under 14 Mixed - 11:20am

Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights White, Mirboo North United v Leongatha Knights Blue, Phillip Island v Wonthaggi United, Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons White

Under 12a Mixed - 10am

Mirboo North United v Leongatha Knights, Phillip Island v Wonthaggi United

Under 12b Mixed - 11:30am

Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons Maroon/Yellow, Korumburra City v Lang Lang United, Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons Yellow

MiniRoos – Saturday, July 22

South West/Bass Coast Hub are playing at Wonthaggi North East/South Gippsland Hub are playing at Leongatha



Leongatha Knights and Korumburra City Seniors faced off for the Brian Newey Memorial Shield, with LKFC taking home the accolades.

# Knights clash with Korumburra City

Reserve results:

FOLLOWING their near draw with Inverloch last week, Leongatha Knights reserve's team were eagerly anticipating their return to the pitch this weekend to continue working for the elusive win. Though slow to find their pace, the Knights Reserves picked up their possession towards the end of the first half resulting in a 2-1 result heading into half time, Korumburra's way.

LKFC took to the pitch in the second half with determination and vigour. Hayden Clarke looked in fine form, pulling off a hat trick and another wonderful goal from Luke Murphy added to the score. Newcomer Daniel Weaver also found the back of the net.

Though it was a tight finish, Leongatha Knights Reserves walked away with a well deserved first win.

Seniors:

With the Brian Newey Memorial Shield up for grabs, the local derby promised to

be an exciting fixture as Leongatha and Korumburra took to the pitch at Mary MacKillop.

With LKFC quick to dominate with controlled possession they faced a composed Korumburra who refused to give them space.

It was a tight cross from right midfielder Darcy Johnstone that saw Henry Mbutia deliver Leongatha the advantage going into half time.

Determined to maintain their strength in quick passing, Leongatha controlled possession in their attacking half, though still struggling to find any decent space to launch an attack.

It was a well delivered corner from Darcy Johnstone (with another assist) that found the head of captain Sven Gebele for a second goal to the Knights.

Korumburra continued to fight for possession but were unable to capitalise on their chances, with Leongatha taking home the win a game worthy of the memorial shield.



LKFC's reserve's midfielder Mark Mathews keeps possession whilst warding off his Korumburra opponent Phil Richards.

# Gippsland United v Springvale White Eagles

GIPPSLAND United travelled away for a second weekend in a row to the home of Springvale White Eagles. At home earlier in the season, United struggled against the White Eagles, losing 3-1.

This time out, United were by far the better side, defending as a team and creating many scoring chances.

They kept their hosts very quiet, but even with their great chance creation, nothing materialized for United, the game finishing 0-0, their second draw in a row.

The first half was vastly uneventful for all involved, as both sides didn't create a clear-cut opportunity to score.

Riley Hamilton played a great game from central defense, resulting in a well earned clean sheet.

Some of his best contributions came in the first period where he made some desperate blocks of some speculative long range efforts from White Eagles.

GUFC State League Seniors By Solomon Nash

United's best chance of the first half came through Oscar Sheehan who took a shot first time on the volley, testing the opposition keeper, but in the end proving a comfortable save for Springvale's number one.

The second half was then largely dominated by United who created some golden opportunities to score.

United were controlling possession and playing some fluent, free flowing football which soon enough eventuated in a great shooting chance. It was from a Bryson Tanti corner that evaded everyone in the box except for Mitch Jones who gambled, making a late run to the back post. Jones hit the ball firmly on the volley and it crashed into the crossbar, coming so close to scoring again for the second week in a row, he couldn't believe his luck. But United persisted. Tanti

then had the next chance with a shot from outside the box that needed saving from Springvale's keeper. Tanti was denied, and Springvale then created a great chance of their own as their left winger cut inside and tested the wit of United's keeper Aiden Riley, who was up to the task, keeping the scores level. From then on, United dominated their hosts.

After some poor communication at the back from two Springvale defenders, Rory Wagner was through on goal with only the keeper to beat. Wagner opted to volley and saw his effort flash wide, a frustrating result for United's striker who has been scoring week in week out this season.

Coach, Stephen Maselli, looked to alter the game by going to his bench and bringing on fresh legs. He made a double substitution of Thomas Ahmadzai and Baley Row. Out of action since earlier in the season, it was the first minutes Ahmadzai had seen

since returning. The midfielder added an air of steeliness into the middle of the park, showing his great ability to break up play. Row on the other hand was returning from a one week suspension and was able to impact the game, displaying his wonderful passing range and also his talent to dictate the tempo of the game.

Oscar Sheehan had another chance to score, lashing a shot from outside the box that rattled the right post, another big chance that went begging from United's perspective.

This is both United's fourth clean sheet of the season and draw of the season in the senior division. They maintain their position on the league table, still sitting in sixth with a difficult game up next, third place Mornington at Baxter Park in Warragul.

Other scores; Women's State League Division 3: GUFC (2) D Lilydale Montrose United (1) JBNPL U18s – Bye



# Taylah’s in the big leagues

NETBALL Victoria is thrilled to announce the 2023 Victorian Fury team, which includes Leongatha’s very own Taylah Brown.

With a host of new faces set to join four Melbourne Vixens squad members, the team are poised to make an impact at this year’s Australian Netball Championships (ANC).

With the majority of selected athletes younger than 23 years of age, the 2023 Victorian Fury team exemplifies the incredible emerging talent from Netball Victoria’s development programs, and an exciting future for high performance in the state.

Returning to represent Victoria at the ANC are Melbourne Vixens training partners Gabby Coffey, Emily Andrew, Maggie Caris and Sharni Lambden, alongside 2022 team member Claudia Mawson.

Their collective experience at the elite Super Netball level will undoubtedly be invaluable to the Fury squad. Lambden and Coffey made their debuts for the Vixens in 2022 and 2023 respectively, and bring fresh energy and enthusiasm to the team.

Joining the Fury for the first time are Sussu Liai, Zara Walters and Taylah Brown, all of whom have successfully navigated the Netball Victoria pathway and delivered impressive performances in the Victorian Netball League.

Three athletes have earned direct selection following their outstanding performances at the National Netball Championships (NNC) in Darwin earlier this year.

Lily Graham’s remarkable accuracy and composure under the post will combine with Emily Andrew to create a formidable attacking line, while Ruby Shannon will join forces with Taylah Brown and Zara Walters in the midcourt.

Charlotte Sexton’s rapid rise through the pathway has been nothing short of exceptional.

Her selection in the 19U State team and debut season in the VNL with City West Falcons, both achieved this year, speak volumes about her remarkable potential.

Alongside Melbourne Vixens squad members and fellow defenders Maggie Caris and Gabby Coffey, Fury head coach Di Honey will have a wealth of defensive combinations at her disposal.

Five of the selected players also hail from regional Victoria; Maggie Caris (Quantong), Charlotte Sexton (Bendigo), Claudia Mawson (Echuca), Zara Walters (Colac), and Taylah Brown (Leongatha).

Further information about the Victorian Fury assistant coaches and this year’s Australian Netball Championships will be announced in due course.

Netball Victoria congratulates the following athletes on their selection:

**Team:**

- Emily Andrew – Wilson Storage Southern Saints/Melbourne Vixens
- Taylah Brown – Boroondara Express
- Maggie Caris – Melbourne University Lightning/Melbourne Vixens
- Gabrielle Coffey – Melbourne University Lightning/Melbourne Vixens
- Lily Graham – Wilson Storage Southern Saints
- Sharni Lambden – Casey Demons/Melbourne Vixens
- Sussu Liai – Peninsula Waves
- Claudia Mawson – Melbourne University Lightning
- Charlotte Sexton – City West Falcons
- Ruby Shannon – North East Blaze
- Kaylia Stanton – Hawks Netball
- Zara Walters – Geelong Cougars

**Reserve Players:**

Georgia Moody – North East Blaze, Charli Nicol – City West Falcons, Tara Watson – North East Blaze



Leongatha’s Taylah Brown is part of the 2023 Victorian Fury team.



Claudia Croatto competed in the 200m 13 and over freestyle on Sunday.



Lucas Jungwirth competed at South Gippsland Splash on Sunday.

## Swimmers impress at Splash

SOUTH Gippsland Bass Swim Club hosted a successful meet at Leongatha’s South Gippsland Splash on Sunday.

Around 100 SGB swimmers and swimmers from 10 visiting clubs competed on the day.

“Our families do a lot of travelling for swimming, so we host this meet so our swimmers are able to compete closer to home,” coach Dylan Muir said.

“We were very impressed with the way our swimmers have improved just in the last month. We are seeing a lot of progression, which will go a long way toward their final preparation for the Vic Country Championships.”

Vic Country Championships will be held in Wangaratta during August.

The SGB swimmers are also looking ahead to states, to be held in Melbourne during the first week of September.

There were 60 events held on Sunday, with ages ranging from seven to mid-twenties.

SGB will host two swim meets again in October.

In the meantime, the SGB swimmers will be continuing to work hard in the pool.

“Our top swimmers will train seven to eight times a week, and our juniors train one to three times a week,” Dylan said.

“It all depends on their level of commitment and what they want to achieve. We have pathways to help swimmers achieve everything from learning to swim to becoming international swimmers.”

To keep up to date with SGB Swim Club, check out the club’s Facebook page.

## Phillip Island & Districts Dart League results

THE Lightning Premiership took place on Monday night with full attendance from all teams. Throughout the year, teams have had to mix and match players to ensure they have a full team of four.

This reflects the camaraderie and spirit of the competition, where players participate for the love and enjoyment of the game.

The competition on Monday night was closely contested, with four teams finishing with an equal number of wins, namely That’s All, Joe’s Hornets, Riverboys, and Storm.

The final match was played simultaneously on two boards, and the result saw the Riverboys emerge as the winners, closely followed by Joe’s Hornets.

Looking ahead, next week marks the beginning of the finals.

Teams will be aiming to bring their best performances as they enter the crucial stage of the season.

New players are always welcome, so if you are interested in being involved and enjoy a friendly environment with young and old alike, male and female.

Please contact Scott Lethbridge 0407543154 OR [scott@glpc.com.au](mailto:scott@glpc.com.au)

# New players dive into underwater hockey

FIVE new players gave underwater hockey a go in Wonthaggi on Thursday night.

The Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club invited new players to its first weekly training session of the term.

“It went very well. It was great to see the new players joining in with so many of our members in the pool,” club president Karl Scothern said.

“They sounded keen to play, so we hope to see them back again this week.”

The club welcomes anyone wishing to give the sport a try to their Thursday night sessions at the Wonthaggi YMCA.

It is anticipated to be an exciting term for the club with a junior camp set to be held in Geelong in August.

Wonthaggi is sending 12 of its young players to participate.

The junior camp will bring together around 60 U15s underwater hockey players from the southern states of

Australia.

“The northern states have some excellent junior clubs and it’s always a challenge when we meet them at competitions,” Karl said.

“During the camp, the southern states players will have the opportunity to develop and build on their skills, and we’ll be looking forward to seeing strong competition at national level.”

While the camp is running, the older members of the Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club will have the opportunity to secure coaching accreditation.

To keep up to date with the Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club, be sure to check out the club’s Facebook page.

**RIGHT: Tamsyn Walsh, coach Hamish Scothern and Felix Maund at the Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club’s first training of the term on Thursday night.**





RESULTS

**A GRADE**  
Boolarra 60 d Newborough 29  
Stony Creek 21 lt Yinnar 75  
Toora 38 d Fish Creek 25  
Foster 21 lt MDU 48  
Morwell E 70 d Mirboo Nth 53  
**B GRADE**  
Tarwin 54 d Thorpdale 20  
Boolarra 58 d Newborough 41  
Stony Creek 27 lt Yinnar 34  
Toora 28 lt Fish Creek 38  
Foster 42 lt MDU 62  
Morwell E 60 d Mirboo Nth 51  
**C GRADE**  
Tarwin 57 d Thorpdale 3  
Boolarra 45 d Newborough 34  
Stony Creek 18 lt Yinnar 44  
Toora 37 d Fish Creek 29  
Foster 7 lt MDU 52  
Morwell E 28 lt Mirboo Nth 29  
**D GRADE**  
Tarwin 49 d Thorpdale 13  
Boolarra 20 lt Newborough 29  
Stony Creek 12 lt Yinnar 33  
Toora 11 lt Fish Creek 37  
Foster 8 lt MDU 41  
Morwell E 30 lt Mirboo Nth 35  
**17 & UNDER**  
Boolarra 21 lt Newborough 19  
Stony Creek 19 lt Yinnar 46  
Toora 33 d Fish Creek 28  
Morwell E 47 d Mirboo Nth 10

**15 & UNDER**  
Boolarra 67 d Newborough 8  
Stony Creek 16 lt Yinnar 45  
Toora 42 d Fish Creek 22  
Foster 7 lt MDU 64  
Morwell E 6 lt Mirboo Nth 40  
**13 & UNDER**  
Boolarra 19 d Newborough 13  
Toora 22 lt Fish Creek 4  
Foster 35 d MDU 13

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	177.36	52
Morwell East	159.09	46
Toora	151.80	46
Boolarra	148.40	40
Tarwin	114.19	36
Fish Creek	112.20	32
Mirboo North	88.89	24
MDU	83.93	24
Newborough	83.91	24
Stony Creek	58.20	16
Hill End	57.05	12
Foster	49.35	8
B GRADE	%	pts
Fish Creek	173.20	48
Yinnar	173.37	44
Toora	156.39	44
Mirboo North	145.05	44
Morwell East	147.38	40
Boolarra	124.41	28
MDU	111.23	28
Stony Creek	106.50	28
Newborough	90.99	20
Tarwin	86.68	16
Foster	58.21	12
Hill End	54.35	8
Thorpdale	17.90	4
C GRADE	%	pts
MDU	196.85	48
Yinnar	212.98	46
Tarwin	163.57	40
Boolarra	134.89	40
Hill End	127.12	34
Toora	116.08	32
Morwell East	140.78	28
Mirboo North	97.44	28
Newborough	109.28	24
Fish Creek	94.76	20
Stony Creek	67.15	12
Foster	25.16	8
Thorpdale	18.96	4
D GRADE	%	pts
Fish Creek	222.49	48
Yinnar	198.80	48
Mirboo North	230.43	44
Newborough	172.29	40
Morwell East	133.88	32
Tarwin	124.15	32
Hill End	100.00	28
MDU	105.88	24
Boolarra	70.51	20
Toora	66.96	20
Stony Creek	67.59	16
Thorpdale	24.17	8
Foster	21.76	4

17 & UNDER	%	pts
MDU	308.39	52
Yinnar	171.23	48
Toora	216.05	44
Fish Creek	168.09	38
Boolarra	73.67	36
Morwell East	99.64	34
Stony Creek	58.00	24
Newborough	54.10	24
Tarwin	50.00	24
Mirboo North	28.25	16
15 & UNDER	%	pts
Boolarra	406.17	52
Mirboo North	354.69	48
MDU	259.53	44
Yinnar	183.97	36
Hill End	135.80	36
Toora	119.76	36
Fish Creek	85.04	28
Morwell East	63.86	24
Stony Creek	41.78	20
Foster	30.70	16
Newborough	28.79	12
Tarwin	13.47	8
13 & UNDER	%	pts
Boolarra	252.83	48
Toora	146.34	48
Mirboo North	200.95	44
Hill End	120.28	40
Yinnar	158.33	36
Newborough	103.55	32
MDU	54.91	28
Foster	66.31	24
Tarwin	36.70	20
Fish Creek	24.52	20

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**B Grade goal defence Olivia Cumming looks to move the ball down the court for Inverloch-Kongwak.**



**Kelsey Buxton looks to make her next pass in Inverloch-Kongwak's A Grade clash with Garfield.**



**Bella Cook (A Grade) attempts to defend. Photo: Annie Holland**



**Toora's Grace McLean looks for a pass forward with Fish Creek's Ange Marotta and Ella Schauble defending.**



**Nyora's Tiana Heylen moves to secure a catch.**



**It was a great battle between Fish Creek's defenders the Toora goalers in the A Grade match on Saturday.**



**Poowong's Sophie Walker (A Grade) takes an awkward shot! Photo: Jeff Tull**



**Mirboo North's Maddi Knowles (B Grade) takes her aim to look for an opening. Photo: Annie Holland**

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RESULTS

**A GRADE**  
Cora Lynn 35 lt NNG 46  
Inverloch-K 48 d Garfield 16  
K-Bass 36 d Phillip Island 28  
KWR 35 lt Dalyston 43  
Kor-Bena 39 d Bunyip 29  
Tooradin-D 88 d Warragul I. 21  
**B GRADE**  
Cora Lynn 21 lt NNG 56  
Inverloch-K 56 d Garfield 49  
K-Bass 43 d Phillip Island 25  
KWR 27 lt Dalyston 64  
Kor-Bena 35 lt Bunyip 45  
Tooradin-D 59 d Warragul I. 42  
**C GRADE**  
Cora Lynn 22 lt NNG 37  
Inverloch-K 56 d Garfield 14  
K-Bass 29 d Phillip Island 19  
KWR 23 lt Dalyston 39  
Kor-Bena 31 d Bunyip 20  
Tooradin-D 64 d Warragul I. 15  
**D GRADE**  
Cora Lynn 27 lt NNG 40  
Inverloch-K 17 lt Garfield 36  
K-Bass 30 d Phillip Island 6  
KWR 25 drew Dalyston 25  
Tooradin-D 30 drew W'gul I. 30

**17 & UNDER**  
Cora Lynn 36 d NNG 26  
Inverloch-K 37 d Garfield 9  
K-Bass 13 lt Phillip Island 38  
KWR 10 lt Dalyston 36  
Kor-Bena 43 d Bunyip 15  
Tooradin-D 45 d Warragul I. 20  
**15 & UNDER**  
Cora Lynn 11 lt NNG 37  
Inverloch-K 28 d Garfield 13  
K-Bass 4 lt Phillip Island 40  
KWR 28 lt Dalyston 32  
Kor-Bena 41 d Bunyip 9  
Tooradin-D 19 d Warragul I. 13  
**13 & UNDER**  
Cora Lynn 10 lt NNG 43  
Inverloch-K 33 d Garfield 5  
K-Bass 10 lt Phillip Island 30  
Kor-Bena 31 d Bunyip 19  
Tooradin-D 47 d Warragul I. 7  
**11 & UNDER**  
Cora Lynn 4 lt NNG 43  
Inverloch-K 18 d Garfield 12  
K-Bass 11 lt Phillip Island 23  
KWR 12 lt Dalyston 19  
Kor-Bena 18 d Bunyip 16  
Tooradin-D 38 d Warragul I. 4

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Inverloch-K	226.70	52
Tooradin-Dal.	155.43	48
Dalyston	154.32	40
Nar Nar Goon	131.91	40
Koo Wee Rup	123.82	28
Kilcunda-Bass	112.25	28
Kor-Bena	112.25	24
Phillip Island	90.67	20
Garfield	80.53	20
Cora Lynn	86.00	8
Bunyip	60.90	4
Warragul Ind.	30.50	0

C GRADE	%	pts
Inverloch-K	241.50	48
Dalyston	191.67	48
Nar Nar Goon	182.74	44
Tooradin-Dal.	158.63	44
Kilcunda-Bass	98.91	32
Koo Wee Rup	82.81	24
Cora Lynn	80.34	16
Garfield	70.40	16
Phillip Island	73.39	14
Kor-Bena	76.33	12
Bunyip	70.19	10
Warragul Ind.	31.85	4

17 & UNDER	%	pts
Kor- Bena	250.62	48
Dalyston	186.15	48
Inverloch-K	214.67	40
Phillip Island	186.69	40
Cora Lynn	154.05	36
Nar Nar Goon	119.54	28
Tooradin-Dal.	93.42	24
Koo Wee Rup	75.57	20
Bunyip	71.60	16
Kilcunda-Bass	47.87	8
Garfield	31.50	4
Warragul Ind.	23.44	0

13 & UNDER	%	pts
Tooradin-Dal.	309.32	52
Nar Nar Goon	400.00	48
Koo Wee Rup	116.45	38
Phillip Island	195.98	36
Cora Lynn	91.88	34
Inverloch-K	118.22	28
Kor- Bena	96.25	26
Kilcunda-Bass	56.07	14
Warragul Ind.	51.83	14
Dalyston	40.32	14
Bunyip	41.22	8
Garfield	25.77	0

11 & UNDER	%	pts
Tooradin-Dal.	439.29	52
Nar Nar Goon	387.95	48
Dalyston	203.85	40
Inverloch-K	158.14	36
Garfield	130.39	30
Phillip Island	86.77	28
Koo Wee Rup	75.10	22
Bunyip	92.81	20
Kilcunda-Bass	77.67	14
Kor-Bena	43.35	12
Warragul Ind.	22.06	6
Cora Lynn	21.17	4





Wonthaggi Power shooter Charlie Berry creates the space near goals for the incoming pass.



Sale goal attack Dee Dee Lambert was the Magpies' go-forward during a close match at Sale on Saturday.



Wonthaggi's Olivia Gilmour gets set to receive the pass midcourt at Sale on Saturday.



Bella Anderson is on the move to accept this pass from Wonthaggi's Mia Plenkovich in an open, free-scoring contest at Sale on Saturday.



Olivia Gilmour and Bella Anderson converge quickly to put the pressure on Sale attack Tori Dessent.



Wonthaggi's Mia Plenkovich makes good position in centre court in an exciting contest between Power and Sale on Saturday.



Inverloch-Kongwak's B Grade wing attack Abby Osborne competed for the ball against wing defence Sarah Van Rossen.



Inverloch-Kongwak's A Grade wing attack Lanni Pryor makes a quick pass.



Inverloch-Kongwak goal shooter Abbey Rimkevics looks to make her next shot in the B Grade match against Garfield.



Inverloch-Kongwak goal shooter Kelly Boyd was focused on the goal ring, under pressure from Garfield's goal keeper in Saturday's A Grade match.

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RESULTS

A GRADE

Yarragon 29 lt N-Darnum 66  
Lang Lang 30 d Catani 27  
Trafalgar 42 d Buln Buln 34  
Longwarry 52 d Nyora 33  
Ellinbank 77 d Poowong 12

B GRADE

Yarragon 24 lt N-Darnum  
Lang Lang 32 lt Catani 46  
Trafalgar 52 d Buln Buln 45  
Longwarry 57 d Nyora 21  
Ellinbank 77 d Poowong 18

C GRADE

Yarragon 16 lt N-Darnum 54  
Lang Lang 28 lt Catani 30  
Trafalgar 31 drew Buln Buln 31  
Longwarry 62 d Nyora 10  
Ellinbank 80 d Poowong 25

17 & UNDER

Yarragon 22 lt N-Darnum 30  
Lang Lang 15 lt Catani 50  
Trafalgar 48 d Buln Buln 23  
Ellinbank 44 d Poowong 33

15 & UNDER

Yarragon 35 d N-Darnum 25  
Lang Lang 19 d Catani 18  
Trafalgar 18 lt Buln Buln 26  
Longwarry 56 d Nyora 6  
Ellinbank 19 lt Poowong 40

13 & UNDER

Yarragon 23 d N-Darnum 14  
Lang Lang 12 lt Catani 38  
Trafalgar 16 lt Buln Buln 35  
Longwarry 26 d Nyora 5  
Ellinbank 8 lt Poowong 33

LADDERS

A GRADE

Neerim South 313.42 52  
Nilma Darnum 154.06 52  
Ellinbank 154.00 48  
Trafalgar 120.55 40  
Buln Buln 104.22 28  
Lang Lang 86.63 26  
Longwarry 86.63 20  
Catani 110.27 18  
Poowong 45.70 8  
Yarragon 60.24 4  
Nyora 52.42 4

B GRADE

Ellinbank 268.29 52  
Trafalgar 171.74 52  
Buln Buln 163.04 44  
Neerim South 152.06 36  
Nilma Darnum 114.23 32  
Catani 100.33 32  
Yarragon 73.79 20  
Longwarry 76.30 12  
Lang Lang 76.24 12  
Poowong 76.24 8  
Nyora 29.74 0

C GRADE

Ellinbank 256.75 52  
Neerim South 193.86 42  
Nilma Darnum 150.88 40  
Catani 134.88 40  
Longwarry 145.09 38  
Buln Buln 123.60 34  
Trafalgar 107.49 22  
Poowong 66.05 12  
Yarragon 54.56 12  
Lang Lang 67.55 8  
Nyora 9.96 0

17 & UNDER

Trafalgar 207.69 40  
Ellinbank 158.14 40  
Catani 164.26 38  
Longwarry 140.67 38  
Poowong 157.03 24  
Buln Buln 107.69 24  
Nilma Darnum 93.66 20  
Lang Lang 44.88 8  
Yarragon 41.58 8  
Neerim South 17.12 0  
Nyora 0.00 0

15 & UNDER

Buln Buln 282.52 56  
Yarragon 244.64 44  
Poowong 172.81 44  
Nilma Darnum 122.12 32  
Catani 115.48 30  
Trafalgar 108.07 30  
Longwarry 159.93 28  
Lang Lang 59.77 12  
Ellinbank 49.68 12  
Neerim South 41.24 12  
Nyora 9.37 0

13 & UNDER

Buln Buln 254.78 56  
Catani 277.78 52  
Poowong 215.50 42  
Longwarry 142.04 38  
Yarragon 102.52 32  
Neerim South 86.89 24  
Lang Lang 54.68 14  
Trafalgar 61.18 12  
Ellinbank 47.21 12  
Nilma Darnum 54.79 10  
Nyora 40.45 8

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RESULTS

A GRADE

Leongatha 30 d Traralgon 26

Sale 50 d Wonthaggi 49

Moe 72 d Warragul 35

Drouin 36 lt Morwell 50

Maffra 51 d Bairnsdale 42

B GRADE

Leongatha 38 lt Traralgon 46

Sale 45 d Wonthaggi 39

Moe 63 d Warragul 27

Drouin 53 d Morwell 45

C GRADE

Leongatha 34 d Traralgon 21

Sale 16 lt Wonthaggi 26

Moe 37 d Warragul 32

Drouin 43 d Morwell 24

Maffra 22 lt Bairnsdale 32

17 & UNDER

Leongatha 28 lt Traralgon 29

Sale 31 d Wonthaggi 24

Moe 18 lt Warragul 25

Drouin 27 lt Morwell 36

Maffra 44 d Bairnsdale 18

15 & UNDER

Leongatha 21 lt Traralgon 34

Sale 55 d Wonthaggi 24

Moe 35 d Warragul 13

Drouin 36 d Morwell 28

Maffra 36 lt Bairnsdale 40

13 & UNDER

Leongatha 30 lt Traralgon 43

Sale 61 d Wonthaggi 11

Moe 64 d Warragul 24

Drouin 37 d Morwell 17

Maffra 41 d Bairnsdale 32

LADDERS

A GRADE

%pts

Moe157.8948

Morwell131.8446

Leongatha131.1340

Drouin107.8532

Warragul94.6126

Sale87.0024

Traralgon95.7516

Wonthaggi83.6816

Bairnsdale69.478

Maffra70.804

B GRADE

%pts

Traralgon125.4948

Leongatha146.2336

Moe124.8932

Drouin114.2928

Morwell98.2120

Wonthaggi90.7616

Sale80.0712

Maffra76.488

Warragul66.928

Bairnsdale0.000

C GRADE

%pts

Drouin134.2946

Maffra141.3044

Leongatha172.6140

Bairnsdale110.7534

Morwell109.2334

Moe92.0822

Traralgon86.4420

Warragul73.728

Wonthaggi64.818

Sale61.654

17 & UNDER

%pts

Traralgon160.2346

Sale158.9242

Leongatha171.6640

Wonthaggi168.3232

Maffra130.2132

Morwell97.2524

Bairnsdale95.0822

Drouin88.4014

Warragul39.268

Moe20.650

15 & UNDER

%pts

Traralgon291.2752

Sale193.9748

Bairnsdale162.7136

Leongatha113.1632

Maffra105.2928

Moe87.9724

Wonthaggi70.1716

Warragul49.9012

Drouin41.648

Morwell53.184

13 & UNDER

%pts

Traralgon314.7248

Sale261.0644

Moe193.2940

Leongatha131.7132

Bairnsdale119.6132

Maffra108.5028

Drouin69.4120

Warragul35.588

Wonthaggi19.928

Morwell20.720



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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 13

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

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68

TARWIN			THORPDALE		
Tarwin	0.3	0.5	3.5	5.7	(37)
Thorpdale	2.4	5.9	7.9	9.14	(68)

**GOALS, Tarwin:** Tom Crocker 2, Dale Lawton, Kaj Patterson, Matthew Williams 1 each  
**BEST:** Jason Kennedy, Ben Ellen, Matthew Williams, Ricky O'Loughlin, Kaj Patterson, Hugh Suckling  
**GOALS, Thorpdale:** Matthew Powell 4, Hayden Britten, Mitchell Chopping 2, James Holland-Burch 1 each  
**BEST:** Joel Monger, Shannon Pickering, Robert Turnbull, Travis Patten, Matthew Powell, James Holland-Burch

RESERVES

Tarwin	3.5	4.10	4.11	7.15	(57)
Thorpdale	1.1	2.2	3.3	3.3	(21)

**GOALS, Tarwin:** Jayden Best, Tomi Brosnan, Ben Chalmers, Timothy Gedy, Robert Houston, Todd Lomax, Oliver Maclean 1 each  
**BEST:** Joshua Carmody, Travis Cameron, Nick Tucker, David Leggo, Peter Houston, Timothy Gedy  
**GOALS, Thorpdale:** Ray Pickering 2, Zane Danger 1  
**BEST:** Daniel Martin, Benjamin Massaro, Michael Chapman, Chris Chopping, Simon Lawson, Zane Danger

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

3

84

TOORA			FISH CREEK		
Toora	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	(3)
Fish Creek	1.2	6.10	10.14	11.18	(84)

**BEST, Toora:** Josh Toner, Peter Grant, Jack Weston, Christopher Gardiner, Ayden Walker, Jake Dows  
**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Damien Scully 3, Adam Bright, Jack Hayes, Matthew McGannon, Jordan Shaw, Jake Staley, Jai Stefani, Tom Valenta, Willem Voorham 1 each  
**BEST:** Damien Scully, Roland De Biase, Ayden Wilson, Jake Anderson, Jarrod Walker, Jordan Shaw

RESERVES

Toora	1.5	4.6	6.7	7.9	(51)
Fish Creek	0.1	1.2	2.3	4.7	(31)

**GOALS, Toora:** Jake Mabilia 3, Jarryd Guganovic 2, Casey Ferguson, Lukas Jenkins 1 each  
**BEST:** Tristan Koolen, Luke Anedda, Trent Crawford, Ben East, Jarryd Guganovic, Jordyn Coulthard  
**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Jonte Arestia, Alby Edgelow, Toby Redpath, Tim Walters 1 each  
**BEST:** Travis Manne, Thomas Vuillermin, Owen Straw, Liam Edgelow, Matthew Pocklington, Tom Piasente

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

25

26

STONY CREEK			YINNAR		
Stony Creek	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.7	(25)
Yinnar	0.1	2.2	2.5	3.8	(26)

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Tully Bernaldo, Hayden Bull, Colby Michael 1 each  
**BEST:** Jack Stuart, Matt Brown, Hayden Funnell, Cody Loughridge, Ash Zuidema, Tully Bernaldo  
**GOALS, Yinnar:** Matt Moseley, Tige Renwick, Flynn Schill 1 each  
**BEST:** Jack Deen, Flynn Schill, Clancy Mills, Ben Cheffers, Kane Grinstead-Jones, Matt Williams

RESERVES

Stony Creek	3.2	4.4	8.4	10.6	(66)
Yinnar	2.0	3.5	4.6	6.6	(42)

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Brad Renden 3, Shawn Brett, Jarrad Byrnes, Jacob Cecil, Glenn Gray, Thomas Horsburgh, Ryan McKnight, Nick Svenson 1 each  
**BEST:** Adam Atkins, Nick Svenson, Ryan McKnight, Shaun Cope, Rohan Baudinette, Brad Renden  
**GOALS, Yinnar:** Jarryd Garlick 4, Matthew McCafferty, Nick Penney 1  
**BEST:** Daniel Webster, Xavier Geddes, Jarryd Garlick, Nicholas Linton, Nick Penney, Mitch Renwick



Toora's Josh Toner is surrounded by Fish Creek opponents Jordan Shaw, Jake Anderson and Cam Walker.

# Kangaroos too good for goalless Magpies

THE Toora faithful had stayed the journey to date and had no consideration of jumping off their Magpie team on the weekend.

Despite the enormity of the challenge against one of the best performing and consistent teams in the competition.

Fish Creek have their sights firmly set on a top two finish and their week-end win was as expected.

"Another tough slog in trying conditions," said Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach.

"The boys fought hard all day and to keep Toora goalless was a tremendous effort from our defence. "With the week off coming up it's a great time to rest the bodies and hit the remaining games with some good momentum."

The Kangaroos were as good as they needed to be, a classy outfit that certainly earned the respect of their Toora opponents.

Jack Weston, Toora coach added, "Sometimes you've just got to give credit to the opposition. Fish Creek's polish around the contest allowed them to have some quality ball inside fifty to get shots on goal."

The Magpies have remained buoyant and positive throughout what has been a very testing season, and for that alone they should be respected.



Toora's Nathan Nicholls goes for the mark. Photo: Tarley Maurilli-Pullin

## One point sees Magpies fly out on top

AS MUCH as Yinnar entered the weekend clash as favourites against the home team, Stony Creek believed as did many close to the Magpies, that an upset might well be on the cards. The reigning premiers had been a little off their best, while Chris Verboon's men had been starting to show signs that more wins against better opposition was certainly on the cards.

The weekend result was as close as you can get without winning for the home side.

The Magpies have made a habit of finding ways to win, but the result, even in a loss, was confirmation that the Lions are building a team that will be finals conversations for 2024.

Chris Verboon Stony Creek coach said, "goals were hard to come by in difficult conditions. Wet, slippery ball made it very hard to score. We started on fire kicking three goals in the first quarter. Yinnar had their chances to score but couldn't convert the goals which kept it tight all day."

"Obviously another disappointing end to the game for our boys losing by a point. Funnily enough it was a point the difference between us last year, but in our favour. So I guess they evened up the score," he said.

"Again, it shows that our best footy can compete with the top sides. We just can't get over the line in the close games. The bye next week will give us a much needed break with a few injuries coming out of the game."

The evenness of the competition is something spoken about on a weekly basis, and it is because results such as this have become commonplace within the MGFNL during the 2023 season.

## Blues overcome Shark attack

AS GOOD as Thorpdale had been for the middle part of the season the Blues were under no illusions as to what was required in the back end of the year.

If they were going to make a serious push for finals and one of the more desired results was a win over their weekend opponent in Tarwin.

The Sharks may have fallen short against league leaders Newborough just a week earlier, but that result was nothing compared to their disappointing loss to Thorpdale.

"It was a good response from the group after last week's effort. Tough conditions but the midfield rolled up their sleeves and got to work in the first half to set up a good lead," said Jason Wunderlich, Thorpdale coach.

Thorpdale have been good more times than not, but the weekend result is confirmation that they are capable of more than just making up the numbers.

And the local community should continue to add their support to a Blues team that now might start to dream of even bigger things ahead.

Troy Hemming, Tarwin coach added, "Thorpdale have some really good mids and they are also very smart. They were cleaner and harder for longer."

"We had our chances but couldn't keep momentum for long enough. Credit to Jason and his team," he said.

Tarwin, second just a fortnight ago, now sits seventh, and the work and the pressure to get where they desperately want to be is starting to build.



# Finals hopes dashed for Mirboo North

MORWELL East's tight two-point victory at home against Mirboo North on Saturday almost certainly ended the mighty Tigers' chances of reaching next month's Mid Gippsland finals.

Both teams went into the match on five wins and Morwell East came out of it one game behind seventh-placed Tarwin, with clashes against Hill End, Toora, Stony Creek and Thorpdale remaining.

Mirboo North is now ninth on the ladder — two games, plus a hefty percentage outside the six and meets Toora, MDU, Fish Creek and Hill End to complete its home and away season.

All was well with Mirboo North at quarter-time, when it led the Hawks by 24 points, after playing fast, frenetic footy and booting 6.1 to 2.1 on Ronald Reserve's superb playing surface.

With dynamic skipper, Hudson Kerr, leading from the front, the Tigers represented a well-organised and energetic team of self-starters, who believed in themselves and were prepared to win the contested ball at all costs.

Others doing well for the Tigers were Rhys Kratzat, Beau Peters, Darcy Brock, Max Woodall and Damien Turner.

Mirboo North was also rotating its ruckmen, Patrick Lewis and Jack Couper, against Isaac Abas, to negate the giant Hawk's effectiveness at the centre-circle throw-ups and around-the-ground stoppages.

However, things began to unravel for the visitors in the second quarter, when Morwell East's near-constant forward press pressure and fierce tackling forced the Tigers into ball clearance issues and disposal errors in their back 50.

Single goals from Kye Farley and Jarrod Lont, then a couple by Matt Cunningham, plus another off skipper Lucas Towns' boot, gave the Hawks the lead midway through the term.

Then superb Mirboo North teamwork involving Kerr, Kratzat and Woodall, resulted in

By Rover

Woodall's running goal restoring the Tigers' advantage shortly before half-time.

When Farley passed to Cunningham for the home side's eighth goal less than a minute into the third quarter, it seemed Morwell East was ready to launch itself into a scoring frenzy.

But, the Mirboo North Tigers had other ideas.

Not to be denied, Mirboo North took the initiative and turned the tables on the Hawks, with consecutive majors coming from Woodall, Jordan Cummaudo and Kratzat for a six-point advantage at the last change.

With plenty of fire in their bellies, the Tigers had fought back brilliantly, where Jesse Chila's dynamic play across half forward set up the goals by Cummaudo and Kratzat.

Following a goal by each side to start the final quarter, Mirboo North quickly added another two majors that put the Tigers 18 points clear after six minutes.

Experienced Morwell East campaigners, Patrick Quinn, Rob Michaelides, Dylan Field and 2023 big-improver Tony Nicholson ensured there was no panic, with the Hawks securing the next three goals to regain the lead.

There was a behind from Kratzat and Brock's successful set shot from 30 metres, gave Mirboo North its 14th major; but in the end, Morwell East hung on to win by two points.

Kratzat finished with five goals for Mirboo North, with Woodall, Justin Pellicano and Tyron Stevens threading two majors each.

Afterwards, Mirboo North's disappointment in losing a close one was eased with some encouraging words from coach, Peter Mongta, to the playing group.

This Saturday, Mirboo North hosts the Toora Magpies at Tiggerland.



Max Woodall looks to outpace his opponent. Photos: Annie Holland



Hudson Kerr goes to the ground as he contends the ball.

# Demons win maintains their finals credentials

THE old saying goes "it's tough at the top".

But you can also add that it is tight at the top as well, given that just a game or two won or lost can cost more than a weekend lost, it could also conceivably cost a club a season.

With that in mind the outcome of the Foster and MDU clash was a yet another crucial one, especially for the Demons whose hopes of a top six finish improved sig-

By Rob Popplestone

nificantly with an impressive victory.

Nathan Allen MDU coach said, "Massive win for the group on the weekend against Foster. To put four quarters of hard, tough and skilful ball movement was really impressive."

The victory gives MDU some breathing space, not enough to be comfortable, but enough to appreciate where they now

sit, which is now fifth on the ladder.

On the flip side the loss has put pressure on Foster, who could have put some space between themselves and a handful of teams below them.

However, although the Tigers sit fourth there are three teams that are now within striking distance.

Sam Davies, Foster coach added, "(We) just got completely outplayed in the

second half. We didn't look like the Foster side that we know and love.

"Players and coaches need a rest and reset so we look forward to the bye this week. We have definitely limped into it."

The bye seems to have come at just the right time for the Tigers.

With just five rounds remaining in the home and away season, every result is crucial and every result can be costly.

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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### MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB



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#### MORWELL EAST

#### MIRBOO NORTH

Morwell East	2.1	7.6	8.8	13.11 (89)
Mirboo North	6.1	7.2	10.2	14.3 (87)

**GOALS, Morwell East:** Lucas Towns 4, Matthew Cunningham 3, Jarrod Lont 2, Kye Farley, Nik Kyriacou, Robert Michaelides, Nathan-Lee Nikodemski 1 each  
**BEST:** Patrick Quinn, Jarrod Lont, Robert Michaelides, Kye Farley, Dylan Field, Tony Nicholson

**GOALS, Mirboo Nth:** Rhys Kratzat 5, Justin Pellicano, Tyron Stevens, Max Woodall 2, Darcy Brock, Jesse Chila, Jordan Cummaudo 1 each  
**BEST:** Hudson Kerr, Rhys Kratzat, Beau Peters, Darcy Brock, Max Woodall, Jack Couper

#### RESERVES

Morwell East	0.2	3.2	3.5	9.10 (64)
Mirboo North	1.0	2.4	2.6	3.7 (25)

**GOALS, Morwell East:** Jackson Mackenzie 3, Kaleb Chapman, Brodie Murdoch 2, Corey Hall, Darren Tattersen 1 each  
**BEST:** Benjamin Lewis, Jake Birchall, Ryan Baprie, Samuel Tutton, Darren Tattersen, Jackson Mackenzie  
**GOALS, Mirboo Nth:** Robert Devine, Douglas Fitzpatrick, Angus O'Loughlin 1 each  
**BEST:** Tarmah Little, Simon Busuttill, Harry Dobson, Douglas Fitzpatrick, Jedd Felmingham, Leigh Jowett

### FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

### MDU FOOTBALL CLUB



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#### FOSTER

#### MDU

Foster	2.1	4.2	5.2	6.3 (39)
MDU	1.3	3.4	8.6	11.8 (74)

**GOALS, Foster:** Matthew Clark, Michael Cooke, Willem Duursma, Jack Rathjen, Jonathan Segat, Troy Van Dyke 1 each  
**BEST:** Caeleb Garlick, Jonathan Segat, Oliver Callcott, Brendan Neville, Todd Bastion, Tom Littore

**GOALS, MDU:** Darren Sheen 5, Ben Perry, Shaye Walsh 2, Jayden Deas, Timothy Harris 1 each  
**BEST:** Kieran Bohn, Shaye Walsh, Darren Sheen, Nathan Allen, Wayne Stewart, Jye Celebrine

#### RESERVES

Foster	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.1 (7)
MDU	3.4	5.11	9.16	14.22 (106)

**GOALS, Foster:** Ethan Lavis 1  
**BEST:** Simon Gibson, Ben Tillack, Jason Smith, Jedd Davy, Ollie Cox, Will Roffey  
**GOALS, MDU:** Benjamin Maxwell 4, Jack Dunn 3, Martyn Beacham, Neil Mathieson 2, Jake Brydon, Joel Sinclair, Rhys Weaver 1 each  
**BEST:** Benjamin Maxwell, Jake Brydon, Ben Cantwell, Mitchell Hooper, Blake Moscript, Rhys Weaver

#### THIRDS

Foster	0.1	0.7	3.8	4.8 (32)
MDU	2.5	3.7	5.10	7.13 (55)

**GOALS, Foster:** Nathan Gundrill 2, Jedd Davy, Reghan Lewis 1 each  
**BEST:** Cooper Butinar, Reghan Lewis, Aaron Judd, Cory Jenkins, Jake Matheson, Darby Hoskins  
**GOALS, MDU:** Angus McInnes 5, Rylan Bell, Hunter Fennell 1 each  
**BEST:** Angus McInnes, Hunter Fennell, Raph Jefferis, Cameron Bruce, Rylan Bell, Tyson Harris

### IN OTHER GAMES...

#### SENIORS

Newborough	12.7.79	d	Boolarra	6.10.46
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#### RESERVES

Newborough	23.18.156	d	Boolarra	4.0.24
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## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

## ROUND 13

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Newborough	11	0	167.37	46
Fish Creek	9	3	140.88	36
Yinnar	9	3	140.78	36
Foster	7	4	163.14	30
MDU	7	5	142.12	28
Thorpdale	7	5	123.27	28
Tarwin	7	5	120.38	28
Morwell East	6	6	105.80	24
Mirboo North	5	7	86.87	20
Boolarra	5	7	86.47	20
Stony Creek	3	9	75.40	12
Toora	1	11	32.14	4
Hill End	0	12	46.37	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Tarwin	11	1	311.41	44
Newborough	10	2	274.42	40
MDU	9	3	337.06	36
Toora	9	3	217.49	36
Yinnar	8	4	169.88	32
Fish Creek	7	5	152.72	28
Morwell East	6	6	104.72	24
Stony Creek	6	6	86.81	24
Thorpdale	5	7	79.78	20
Hill End	4	8	48.81	16
Mirboo North	2	10	49.73	8
Boolarra	1	11	21.45	4
Foster	0	12	23.99	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Mirboo North	8	3	197.59	32
Foster	8	4	141.71	32
MDU	8	4	125.65	32
Fish Creek/Tarwin	5	6	140.25	20
Yinnar	5	6	111.44	20
Newborough	0	11	14.47	0
Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0

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Leongatha's Luke Bowman fights for the ball.



Leongatha's Tallin Brill kept the ball out of reach of his Traralgon opponent.

# Parrots outplay Traralgon in tough slog



Jack Ginnane contributed two goals to Leongatha's tally.



Leongatha's Tom Hanily debuted in the Seniors on Saturday.

LEONGATHA secured a convincing 66-point victory over Traralgon on Saturday. What promised to be a competitive clash quickly turned into a tough slog, as both teams worked hard to adapt to trying conditions. The ground was wet and slippery, and the rain didn't let up for much of the second and third quarter. Coach Trent McMicking said he was happy with the way his team held up throughout the match. The line up included Noah Gown, back for his second game with Leongatha, and

debuting Senior player Tom Hanily. Gown has played several games in the VFL's Sandringham side this season. Leongatha started strong, putting five goals on the board before the quarter time siren and establishing a healthy lead it would maintain for the entirety of the game. Slower, concise ball movements and more contested possessions propelled the Parrots forward. The Leongatha side was also strong in the defensive end, keeping Traralgon to just two goals in the opening term.

The weather worsened going into the second quarter, causing scrappier play. Leongatha managed to hold Traralgon back as it adjusted its game. Scoring opportunities were trickier to come by in the second quarter, but Leongatha still controlled the play. After halftime, Leongatha regained some of its momentum, culminating in a strong final quarter. McMicking said the team's overall defence was great, which was what allowed it to maintain its comfortable lead over a quality opponent for the duration of the match.

Jackson Harry and Sean Westaway were the stand outs in the defence, with Aaron Heppell and Kim Drew holding strong in the midfield. Tallin Brill gave an excellent performance up forward and was one of five goalkickers to contribute two goals to Leongatha's overall 14 goal tally. Leongatha will make the trip to Bairnsdale this week. The Parrots have historically recorded solid victories against Bairnsdale. However, they will be going into this week's match expecting to be challenged by the much-improved side.



Members of Tasmania's Bridgenorth Football Club journeyed to Leongatha to watch the match against Traralgon on Saturday. Bridgenorth is the only other Parrots club in Australia and were welcomed back to Leongatha to present a jumper during the Goods and Services Auction. Bridgenorth play in the Northern Tasmanian Football Association premier league, and its representatives said they were treated like "long lost cousins" during last year's Leongatha visit. Pictured from left, Leongatha's Aaron Heppell, Bridgenorth's Tex Ieyles, Leongatha Football Netball Club president Mal Mackie, Bridgenorth's Marcus Byard, Leongatha's Jack Ginnane and Bridgenorth's Ray Brough.



# Power surge sinks Sale

A THIRD-quarter blitz by Wonthaggi Power in which they kicked five goals in the space of 10 minutes, while holding Sale scoreless for the quarter, told the tale of their 13-point win away at Sale on Saturday but it wasn't easy.

Wonthaggi started the game best when they had three straight goals on the board before Sale could respond; Noah Anderson marking a 50 metre kick from Jack Blair on the goal line. Cooper McInnes capping off good work by Jarryd Blair with a goal from the boundary and Mitch Hayes marking an errant Sale kick in.

But both teams had their periods of dominance in the midfield, especially in Sale's case when arguably the league's best on-ball unit of Jack Leslie in the ruck, Shannen Lange, Jack McLaren and Jack Johnstone were going at it.

And it was to the credit of Wonthaggi's much-vaunted defence, throughout the day, and their team pressure, that Sale's scoring power was blunted.

Jakeb Thomas on Sale's Jordan Dessent, Kyle Reid with his hands full on Leslie, when he went forward and others, Josh Schulz on the dangerous small Sale forward Kane Martin, were prominent but Sale managed to square the leger by quarter time.

Jordan Dessent and Patrick Tainsh featured in their first successful build-up before Martin snapped one through and a fine string of handpasses, by Cooper Whitehill, Lange, Whitehill again, Jayden Allison and Harry Ronchi was well worked with Martin the scorer again.

It was an indication that despite the difference in their win-loss ratio this year, Sale was always going to be a tough opponent at full strength.

The second quarter was again pretty even, Wonthaggi with four goals to Sale's three but not much in it in general play.

Sale attacked initially, still having the edge in the midfield but it was Hutchinson who goaled first, quickly followed by a response from Dessent at the other end.

Lange was creative for Sale, but Staley, Jack Blair, Reid, Tiziani and Mabilia were holding them up and after Tom Davey missed a chance to goal, a well-worked passage involving Tiziani, Jarryd Blair and Hutchinson ended with a goal to



Jack Blair was a goer all day for Wonthaggi Power at Sale.

Anderson again.

Sale's Jonty McInnes capped off a lead with a long goal but Wonthaggi again responded when Troy Harley kicked a nice running goal.

It was end-to-end stuff though and Sale pulled one back through Kane Martin, his third, and it needed a late goal by Cooper McInnes to give Wonthaggi an eight-point lead at half time.

The Power lost Harley to a hamstring injury in the last play of the half and with that to contend with, the third-quarter blitz by Wonthaggi came out of the blue, led by Aiden Lindsay and Tom Murray out of the centre and again, with the defence working seamlessly together. Anderson, Bates, Hutchinson (2) and Chugg, a great goal from 50 metres out, were among the goal scorers for Wonthaggi in the space of 10 minutes at the start of the third quarter, stretching the lead to a match-winning six goals but Sale came back strongly in the last quarter.

In the end it was a hard-fought win by 13-points to Wonthaggi but, according to Power coach Jarryd Blair, no disgrace to have lost the last quarter, five goals to one.

"It just shows you can't be at your optimum all the time. Sometimes you've just got to keep turning up to get the job done."

He also paid tribute to Sale and its talented line-up, saying they could still trouble the leading teams ahead of the finals.



Noah Anderson was an x-factor on the Wonthaggi Power forward line, kicking three including one after this mark in the third quarter.

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LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

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LEONGATHA

TRARALGON

Leongatha 5.5 6.10 9.12 14.14 (98)  
Traralgon 2.0 3.4 4.6 4.8 (32)

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Tallin Brill, Jack Ginnane, Noah Gown, Jack Hume, Aaron Turton 2, Aaron Heppell, Aaron Hillberg, Thomas Marriott, Cameron Stone 1 each

**BEST:** Jackson Harry, Sean Westaway, Tallin Brill, Aaron Heppell, Cade Maskell, Benjamin Willis,

**GOALS, Traralgon:** Billy Schilling 2, Brett Eddy, Harvey Neocleous 1 each

**BEST:** Tye Hourigan, Tom Schneider, Max Jacobsen, Luis D'Angelo, Harvey Neocleous, Sammy Hallyburton

**RESERVES**

Leongatha 3.1 8.2 11.6 13.7 (85)  
Traralgon 3.1 6.2 8.3 12.4 (76)

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Jacob Lamers 3, Mason McGannon 2, Noah Fixter, Ben Fort, Ty Hall, Levi Hickey, Oakley Kerr, Jake Mackie, Thomas Sorrell, Lachie Wright 1 each

**BEST:** Ty Hall, Ethan Lamers, Jacob Lamers, Rhett Kelly, Darcy Hume, Jarrod Stewart

**GOALS, Traralgon:** Kade Ruyters 5, Fletcher Watts 2, Ben Cheetham, Benjamin Gafa, Flynn Kennedy, Beau Locandro, Josh Twite 1 each

**BEST:** Bradley Kimberley, Kade Ruyters, Flynn Kennedy, Lachlan McDonald, Sam Schutte, Campbell Peavey

**THIRDS**

Leongatha 3.4 6.5 8.9 10.11 (71)  
Traralgon 2.3 3.5 4.5 5.11 (41)

**BEST, Leongatha:** Max Donohue, Trent McRae, Nathan Skewes, Julian Callahan, Harry Scott, Will Brown

**BEST, Traralgon:** Oakley Howe, Tyler Anderson, Ryan Peavey, Goanar Ruach, Oliver Haberl, Austin Blackford

**FOURTHS**

Leongatha 0.2 3.4 3.5 4.7 (31)  
Traralgon 1.2 4.4 6.8 7.9 (51)

**BEST, Leongatha:** Finn Donohue, Aydan Williams, Jhett Brown, Timothy Hibernson, Hamish Gill, Klayton McGrath

**BEST, Traralgon:** Marlon Neocleous, Benjamin Hagley, Jaxon Murdoch, Angus Harle, Jasper Balcombe Matters, Brodie Adams

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

69 82

SALE

WONTHAGGI

Sale 2.3 5.6 5.6 10.9 (69)  
Wonthaggi 3.0 7.2 12.3 13.4 (82)

**GOALS, Sale:** Kane Martin 3, Jordan Dessent, Jack Leslie 2, Shannen Lange, Jonty McGuinness, Jack McLaren, Harry Ronchi 1 each

**BEST:** Hudson Holmes, Shannen Lange, Kane Martin, Rohan Diamond, Jarrod Freeman, Jack McLaren

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Noah Anderson, Jack Hutchinson 3, Cooper McInnes 2, Joshua Bates, Isaac Chugg, Tom Davey, Troy Harley, Mitch Hayes 1 each

**BEST:** Jack Blair, Noah Anderson, Jakeb Thomas, Joshua Bates, Jack Hutchinson, Isaac Chugg

**RESERVES**

Sale 4.8 6.8 8.12 12.14 (86)  
Wonthaggi 0.0 2.1 2.1 2.1 (13)

**GOALS, Sale:** Liam Place 3, Thomas Campbell, Shane Fyfe 2, Jackson Glenane, Jake Hutchins, Benjamin Jones, Hayden Potts, Ostin Waugh 1 each

**BEST:** Bradley McKay, Hayden Potts, Christopher Laverty, Shane Fyfe, Liam Place, Benjamin Jones

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Adam Busana, Reeve Moresco 1 each

**BEST:** Jye Gilmour, Harry Dawson, Jarvis Brown, Blake Cornelis, Phillip Young, Reeve Moresco

**FOURTHS**

Sale 3.2 5.6 9.9 12.9 (81)  
Wonthaggi 3.2 6.3 8.4 11.8 (74)

**BEST, Sale:** Mitchell McMaster, Jacob Williams, Charlie Cantwell, Jonah Hall, Kyan Horder, Jarrod Cutler

**BEST, Wonthaggi:** Nathan Patch, Jaxon Brouwers, Archie Jobe, Taye Prasad-Taylor, Sam Carter, Seth McBean

IN OTHER GAMES...

**SENIORS**

Moe 19.12.126 d Warragul 7.9.51  
Morwell 11.10.76 d Drouin 9.13.67  
Maffra 17.9.111 d Bairnsdale 14.10.94

**RESERVES**

Moe 24.27.171 d Warragul 1.0.6  
Morwell 13.11.89 d Drouin 1.4.10  
Maffra 6.11.47 d Bairnsdale 5.1.31

**THIRDS**

Warragul 6.10.46 d Moe 3.7.25  
Morwell 10.9.69 d Drouin 5.7.37  
Bairnsdale 6.6.42 d Maffra 5.8.38

**FOURTHS**

Moe 13.15.93 d Warragul 1.2.8  
Drouin 10.16.76 d Morwell 2.1.13  
Maffra 8.6.54 d Bairnsdale 4.9.33

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 13

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	11	2	225.52	44	Leongatha	11	2	258.19	44	Traralgon	11	1	297.96	44	Traralgon	13	0	324.86	52
Wonthaggi	11	2	197.14	44	Moe	9	4	169.17	36	Bairnsdale	8	3	153.86	34	Maffra	10	3	193.07	40
Moe	11	2	164.93	44	Maffra	9	4	151.06	36	Warragul	8	4	153.90	32	Moe	10	3	188.40	40
Traralgon	10	3	131.56	40	Traralgon	8	5	153.86	32	Leongatha	8	3	134.82	32	Bairnsdale	10	3	170.36	40
Sale	6	7	105.38	24	Wonthaggi	8	5	133.82	32	Maffra	8	3	128.60	32	Drouin	7	6	105.95	28
Morwell	5	8	81.36	20	Sale	8	5	130.13	32	Moe	4	7	51.70	16	Leongatha	6	7	126.87	24
Bairnsdale	3	9	68.78	14	Bairnsdale	5	8	105.29	20	Morwell	2	10	49.05	8	Warragul	3	10	72.94	12
Maffra	3	9	62.43	14	Morwell	5	8	100.85	20	Sale	1	9	68.73	6	Sale	3	10	47.93	12
Warragul	3	10	43.54	12	Drouin	1	12	30.91	4	Drouin	1	11	42.59	4	Wonthaggi	3	10	45.35	12
Drouin	1	12	71.05	4	Warragul	1	11	14.93	4	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Morwell	0	13	19.48	0



ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

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POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB



ELLINBANK	POOWONG			
Ellinbank	3.4	8.4	12.7	15.9 (99)
Poowong	2.2	5.5	6.7	9.9 (63)
GOALS, Ellinbank: Adamson Cook 4, Shaun Phelan 3, Michael Urie, Will Jolley, Nicholas Pratt 2, Anthony Battista, Daniel Pratt 1 each				
BEST: Bryce Joyce, Adamson Cook, Ryan Atherton, Alex Olsen, Nicholas Pratt, Shaun Phelan				
GOALS, Poowong: Kurt Newton, Jack Hazendonk 2, Micah Williams, Damon Hansen, Steven McInnes, Michael Robertson, Alex Henshall 1 each				
BEST: Andrew Logan, Steven McInnes, Alex Henshall, Conor Cunningham, Jarvis Brown, Rory Pattison				

RESERVES				
Ellinbank	8.4	17.7	28.9	37.12 (234)
Poowong	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0 (6)
GOALS, Ellinbank: Jake Dean, Tim Leicester 6, Tony Wright 5, Ross Carpenter 4, Justin Tylee, Nick Fairbank 3, Ben Dixon, Shannon Whelan 2, Sam Barwick, Drayden Rintoule, Mathew Dare, Luke Carpenter, Michell Goodwin, Ryan Parsons 1 each				
BEST: Jake Dean, Ryan Parsons, Xavier Vanlangenberg, Justin Tylee, Tim Leicester, David Millern				
GOALS, Poowong: Mathew Burr 1				
BEST, Poowong: Jack de Kock, Lachlan De Kleuver, Mathew Burr, Rhys Schulz, Caspian Jackman-Riches				

THIRDS				
Ellinbank	4.1	5.3	6.6	9.6 (60)
Poowong	0.2	1.3	4.5	4.5 (29)
GOALS, Ellinbank: Jack Champion 3, Logan Joyce, Adam Campbell 2, Will O'Brien, Hugh Cunningham 1 each				
BEST: Rick Rosser, Patrick Alger, Maximus Currie, Jack Champion, Ripley Pyle, Adam Mills				
GOALS, Poowong: Rory Nettle 3, Angus Halliwell 1				
BEST: Rory Nettle, Anthony Orsini, Lachlan Wilson, Tommy Burgess, Daniel Whelan				

FOURTHS				
Ellinbank	2.3	5.7	7.8	9.10 (64)
Poowong	2.3	2.4	2.8	3.9 (27)
GOALS, Ellinbank: Hugh Cunningham 3, Ayden Clark 2, Joel Armstrong, Taj Irwin, Charlie Arour 1 each.				
BEST: Hugh Cunningham, Ashley Debenham, Nate Murphy, Vincent Onslow, Brodie Onslow, Liam Klason.				
GOALS, Poowong: No goal scorers listed.				
BEST: Gavin Monson, Bryce Broadmore, Marty Cook, Johnathan Wilson, Ryder Dowlan, William Dourley				

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB



LONGWARRY	NYORA			
Longwarry	3.2	7.4	10.7	13.9 (87)
Nyora	2.3	2.6	4.7	9.9 (63)
GOALS, Longwarry: Jed Serong 4, Darren Granger, Tyler van der Heyden, Braydon McHugh 2, Troy Lehman, Jake Serong, Fintan Fox 1 each				
BEST: Darren Granger, Tyler van der Heyden, Jedd Serong, Cooper Brown, Jackson Mouser, Troy Lehman				
GOALS, Nyora: Scott Pugh, Connor Thompson 2, Jono Hewitt, Jack Rosenow, Travis Stewart, Nick Anderson, Ryan Torelli1 each				
BEST: Connor Thompson, Jack Rosenow, Trent Wheller, Ben Parrott, Finlay Cousins, Rhys Grange-Lylak				

RESERVES				
Longwarry	1.2	1.4	2.5	4.5 (29)
Nyora	3.3	4.5	7.6	10.7 (67)
GOALS, Longwarry: Mitch Brown 3, Kameron Sullivan 1				
BEST: Dom Pullen, Mitch Brown, Ned Bain, John Werner, Mark Light				
GOALS, Nyora: Joshua Browne 5, Stanton Till 3, Luke Tagliaferro, Lucas Lee 1 each				
BEST: Andrew Dike, Lucas Lee, Joshua Browne, Bradey Welsh, Shaun Lamb, Ashley Miller				

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS				
Lang Lang	8.15.63	d	Catani	4.10.34
Buln Buln	9.9.63	d	Trafalgar	5.3.33
Yarragon	13.12.90	d	N-Darnum	7.10.52
RESERVES				
Catani	10.8.68	d	Lang Lang	9.8.62
Buln Buln	7.14.56	d	Trafalgar	2.0.12
Yarragon	3.8.26	d	N-Darnum	2.2.14
THIRDS				
Longwarry	15.10.100	d	Lang Lang	2.2.14
Buln Buln	4.16.40	d	Trafalgar	3.4.22
FOURTHS				
Lang Lang	11.11.77	d	Longwarry	1.5.11
Trafalgar	7.11.53	d	Buln Buln	1.7.13
N-Darnum	8.10.58	d	Yarragon	4.5.29

Magpies fall short against Ellinbank



Poowong's Conor Cunningham flies high in the ruck. Photo: Jeff Tull

POOWONG travelled to Ellinbank on Saturday for four grades of football.

The ground was suffering from games played previously on wet days and when rain fell at the start of the seniors, football was hard work.

Poowong were forced to make two changes, Mitch Molloy injured and Mitch DeKleuver unavailable replaced by Joel Norton back from injury and Charlie Koscal returning from a trip.

Ellinbank opened with a goal from the club rooms forward pocket, Poowong went forward but a snap was offline, Ellinbank then added a point.

Alex Henshall marked at CHF unfortunately his kick fell short, and the play was pushed into the pocket in front of the club rooms where Micah Williams grabbed the ball to kick a great goal for Poowong.

Ellinbank attacked down the change rooms side again for two goals and two points before Jack Hazendonk kicked a top goal for Poowong to keep them in touch.

Ellinbank was on the board early in the second quarter, Poowong replied with a goal from Kurt Newton only to see Ellinbank answer with a goal from a mark at CHF to take a twelve-point lead. Kurt Newton kicked his second from the pocket only to see Ellinbank add three goals before

Steve McInnes added a late goal for Poowong reducing the margin to seventeen points at

By Geoff Wyatt

half time. With the lights on, drizzly rain and a cold wind blowing it was not enjoyable for those playing or watching but with two quarters left it was anyone's game.

The third quarter started with two points each before Ellinbank added a running goal, then Poowong from a long kick added a point before Jack Hazendonk marked on the flank for a six pointer to stay in touch and it looked the last quarter would be close.

To win, Poowong would need a big effort, they started well with a long kick touched on the line and when an Ellinbank marked at half back, the decision was then reversed for an incident down field Damon Hansen goal-ed.

They were working hard but unfortunately Jack Hazendonk marked at CHF, only managed a point.

Ellinbank added two quick goals, one from a free kick and the other in general play. To their credit Poowong came back with two quick goals a long kick from Alex Henshall and a goal to Michael Robertson with the help of a 50 metre Penalty.

In the final minutes Ellinbank managed a goal with a kick off the ground and two points, the last punched through.

When the siren sounded Ellinbank had won by 36 points, to leave Poowong in fifth place by percentage only after Lang Lang had defeated Catani.

Another close one for Saints

By Nyora Football Club

Same happened in the second quarter with Nyora having all the play for the first half but failing to kick a major while Longwarry kicked truly, with four goals to take a handy lead into half time.

The third quarter started on a positive note with a goal in the first minute but became a slog after that with a very even quarter.

But even though we won the last quarter with five goals to three, we still went down by four goals.

There was a lot of positives to take out of the game, especially the way some of the dynamic smaller brigade like Jack Rosenow and Rhys Grange-Lylak played.

Other stand outs were the ever reliable Dylan Heylen, Connor Thompson, Max Mattock, Ben Parrott and Finlay Cousins.

We simply have to learn to make the most of opportunities up forward and don't drop our bundle when the opposition turns it on.

Next Saturday we play away again, Lang Lang on their turf but with a bit of self belief both reserves and seniors could easily create an upset.



Nick Anderson drives Nyora into attack against Longwarry

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 15

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	13	1	227.54	52	Neerim South	13	0	558.45	52	Neerim South	11	1	234.35	91.6	Neerim South	11	0	417.00	95.8
Ellinbank	12	2	199.82	48	Ellinbank	11	3	370.75	44	Buln Buln	11	2	210.02	84.6	Ellinbank	13	1	344.48	92.8
Trafalgar	10	4	112.89	40	Lang Lang	10	3	268.35	40	Ellinbank	9	3	247.57	75.0	Trafalgar	9	4	179.86	67.8
Neerim South	9	3	276.13	38	Buln Buln	10	4	217.97	40	Yarragon	5	6	77.83	45.4	Lang Lang	8	5	153.68	61.5
Poowong	7	6	94.97	28	Catani	8	6	135.41	32	Longwarry	4	8	75.75	33.3	Longwarry	7	7	89.64	50.0
Lang Lang	7	6	88.49	28	Trafalgar	6	8	144.96	24	Trafalgar	4	8	66.28	33.3	Buln Buln	6	8	89.64	42.8
Longwarry	6	8	75.24	24	Yarragon	6	7	70.26	24	Lang Lang	2	10	43.84	16.6	Nilma Darnum	2	12	72.17	14.3
Yarragon	5	7	81.93	22	Nyora	5	9	59.77	20	Poowong	2	10	39.72	16.6	Yarragon	1	10	32.25	12.5
Nyora	3	11	60.58	12	Longwarry	3	11	46.81	12	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Poowong	1	11	35.26	11.5
Catani	2	12	66.56	8	Nilma Darnum	3	11	37.41	12	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0
Nilma Darnum	0	14	44.69	0	Poowong	0	13	9.02	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0



# A giant win in Bez's 200th

KORUMBURRA BENA have played some of their best football in recent years on their way to their second win of the season, once again over the struggling Bunyip, this time at the Korumburra Showgrounds on Saturday.

Celebrating club legend Nicholas Besley's 200th game and the debut of under 18s forward Zach Barrett, the rain and freezing cold conditions were never going to deter the Giants faithful from turning out in force.

On return from a calf complaint, Paul Fermanis was dominant from the opening bounce, alongside star young midfielder Jay Walker and the pair set up the opening three drives for the hosts.

After their first shot missed, Walker found his first-year head coach in Fermanis who was able to mop up his own dropped mark and find the chest of the debutant, allowing him to take a set shot from 30 metres out.

Korumburra Bena's composure with the football was the greatest difference in match and allowed them to open up a 28-point lead within the first 20 minutes of the match, as Kodie Walker set them up beautifully in defence.

Korumburra Bena took that 28-point lead into quarter time with great positivity but were completely outplayed throughout the second term.

The Bulldogs came together and mounted an impressive fightback, changing their mode of play, often going direct upfield and quickly getting the ball inside 50, which is where it stayed for the great

majority of the quarter.

The 'Dogs then absolutely dominated field position for the next 20 minutes but were unable to break through with another major as the ball seemed to magnetise itself to the left forward pocket.

Dixon's late goal broke the hearts of the Bulldogs who'd given everything to battle back but were robbed of any real reward as the home side showed almighty resolve to hold on.

At the main break, the Giants led by 19-points as Jordan Grabham and Joel Cuman began to assert themselves on the game.

Conditions continued to worsen after halftime, but the footy remained thrilling with both teams throwing their bodies on the line in pursuit of the all important four points.

Soon after the Giants head coach had his fourth and celebrated accordingly with teammates.

The home side carrying this momentum into the final change leading by 36-points.

Requiring a mammoth effort to claw their way back and record their maiden win of the season, the Bulldogs came out with aggression in the final quarter and were rewarded with the first major, thanks to a classy snap from young gun Alex Djikstra.

Unfortunately, though, they couldn't build off of this dream start and despite their best efforts to bring heat to the contest, but went well over the edge, giving away two consecutive 50 metre penalties inside defensive 50, leading to back-to-back Joel Cuman goals to seal the game.



Korumburra-Bena's Joel Cuman sent the ball back towards the Giants' scoring end.

# Carew conjures last gasp Magpie victory

DALYSTON snapped a five-game run of losses with a dramatic four-point win over Koo Wee Rup in a game that went right down to the wire.

The script couldn't have been written better for the Magpie's Blake Carew in his 200th senior game.

His team, after having had their noses in front all game, had relinquished the lead in a tightly contested last term.

Already tipping well into the time-on period, Blake stood his ground in a marking contest, won the free and importantly drilled the goal from thirty to cap off a fairytale finish for the milestone man.

Sixty seconds later the siren sounded and the celebrations for the black and white began.

This win was an extreme contrast to the 88-point demolition that the Demons served up to Dalyston back in round 1, a game which Blake had missed.

Having copped the earlier wake up call on their home turf the Magpies came prepared to correct the record.

The game commenced before the weather broke and the visitors started brightly with Hayden Wallis on target with the first two goals.

The Demons kicked the next couple and the point separating the teams at the first



Dalyston's Blake Carew celebrated his 200th senior game on Saturday. Photo: Dalyston Football and Netball Club

break was indicative of the closeness that was to follow.

The rain kicked in from that point and in the drizzly conditions the game evolved into a congested battle. Skill errors were costly and both teams defensively were holding strong.

A goal apiece in the second quarter, a goal apiece in the third, this intense close-in game was on track for a cliff-hanging finish.

Dalyston's two-point lead stretched to eight early in the

last, but the Demons banged on the next two and seemed to be holding sway. With all the attacking their side of the centre Koo Wee Rup seemed most likely to threaten. But you only need one opening to let it all slide away and Dalyston found it and capitalised with Blake's goal that counted the most.

For the record, Blake Carew has been black and white through and through. From kicking the dew off the grass in the Under 13s he has re-

mained a loyal passionate Dalyston player throughout his distinguished career. First appearing regularly in the seniors in 2009, Blake went on to captain the club, is a best and fairest winner, 2015 premiership player and interleague representative and continues to set the standards for his younger team-mates to follow.

The Pies next cross the bridge to test themselves against Phillip Island while Koo Wee Rup host the Industri-

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 13

### KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

**80** **31**

#### KORUMBURRA-BENA BUNYIP

**Kor-Bena** 4.3 5.4 8.5 12.8 (80)  
**Bunyip** 0.1 2.3 2.5 4.7 (31)  
**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** Paul Fermanis 4, Joel Cuman, Rhys Dixon 2, Evan Allaway, Zachary Barrett, Kodie Walker, Zach Walker 1 each  
**BEST:** Jay Walker, Paul Fermanis, Rhys Dixon, Matt Kennewell, Jordan Grabham, Kodie Walker  
**GOALS, Bunyip:** Chase Saunders, Alex Squires, Connor Steel, Michael Whyte 1 each  
**BEST:** Anthony Haddrick, Darby Craven, Brad Wolfe, Ben Stewart, Lachlan Petch, Daniel Wright

#### RESERVES

**Kor-Bena** 3.6 4.8 6.12 8.13 (61)  
**Bunyip** 1.0 1.1 1.3 2.7 (19)  
**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** Riley Olden 4, Nash Beavis, Matthew Hancock, TJ Loughridge, Jordan Terry 1 each  
**BEST:** Riley Olden, Jack Spencer, Wade MacDonald, Nash Beavis, Colin Terry, Blake Fisher  
**GOALS, Bunyip:** Timothy Henschel, Tyler McMillan 1 each  
**BEST:** Brandon Pompei, Mitchell McKenzie, Ben Osborne, Riley Simpson, Dylan McDougal, Ryan Lewis

#### FOURTHS

**Kor-Bena** 1.1 1.2 1.2 2.2 (14)  
**Bunyip** 3.1 5.1 8.2 11.7 (73)  
**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** Indie Cameron, Tanner Walker 1 each  
**BEST:** Dylan Parry, Bryce Riddell, Mitchell Hobbs, Hamish Withall, Jake Kelly, Tanner Walker  
**GOALS, Bunyip:** Albert McAuley 5, Callum Kennedy 4, Jay Kemp, Jack Sharpe 1 each  
**BEST:** Albert McAuley, Cody Welch, Oliver Ockwell-Payne, Samuel Hughes, Ryan Cooke, Callum Kennedy

### DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

**40** **44**

#### KOO WEE RUP DALYSTON

**Koo Wee Rup** 2.1 3.2 4.3 6.4 (40)  
**Dalyston** 2.2 3.4 4.5 6.8 (44)  
**GOALS, Koo Wee Rup:** Adam Amin 2, Musa Amin, Seth Ohehir, Matthew Voss, Jason Wells 1 each  
**BEST:** Bailey Galante, Mitchell Cammarano, Matthew Voss, Nicholas Bindley, Seth Ohehir, Matthew Carter  
**GOALS, Dalyston:** Hayden Wallis 3, Blake Carew 2, Jack Legione 1  
**BEST:** Blake Carew, Hayden Wallis, Curtis Murfett, Brayden Bowes, Brayden Duve, Kurt Thomas

#### RESERVES

**Koo Wee Rup** 4.3 6.6 10.7 13.11 (89)  
**Dalyston** 2.0 2.0 3.0 3.0 (18)  
**GOALS, Koo Wee Rup:** Matthew Drommel 3, Brannon Harrison, Adam Machnikowski, John Ramos 2, Zacary La'Brooy, Fletcher Mcmillan, Corey Potrich, Kyle Van Der Pluym 1 each  
**BEST:** John Ramos, Adam Machnikowski, Kyle Van Der Pluym, Fletcher Mcmillan, Matthew Drommel, Cody Miller  
**GOALS, Dalyston:** Tyson Andrighetto, Alexander Geyer, Jesse Orchard-Moore 1 each  
**BEST:** Robert Davey, Tyson Andrighetto, Thomas Robinson, Zachary Storry, Jesse Orchard-Moore, John Jones

#### THIRDS

**Koo Wee Rup** 5.1 8.3 12.4 14.7 (91)  
**Dalyston** 1.0 1.1 2.3 2.3 (15)  
**GOALS, Koo Wee Rup:** Hunter Cairns 7, Declan McFarlane 2, Logan Anderson, Jacob Battams, Nick Booth, Jack Hughsan, Robbie McMahan 1 each  
**BEST:** Robbie McMahan, Hunter Cairns, Austin Craven, Jack Mannix, Lachlan Bertone, Joel Anderson  
**GOALS, Dalyston:** Keyva Kay-Darts, Chase Krause 1 each  
**BEST:** James Ferguson, Ryan Cargill, Keyva Kay-Darts, Ryda Kay-Darts, Chase Krause, Sebastian Ori

#### FOURTHS

**Koo Wee Rup** 3.0 3.2 4.2 5.5 (35)  
**Dalyston** 0.2 3.2 5.5 7.5 (47)  
**GOALS, Koo Wee Rup:** Luke Briganti, Chase De Grandi, Kynen Dore-Wilson, Jett Gavin, Seth Lawler 1 each  
**BEST:** Cullen Anderson, Bryce Hobson, Luke Briganti, Matthew Simpson, Lincon Tannahill, Jett Gavin  
**GOALS, Dalyston:** Jesse Dugard, Flynn Peters 2, Riley Brinkman, Harry Howell, Tyge Silvester 1 each  
**BEST:** Flynn Peters, Riley Brinkman, Lincoln Harris, Noah Forrest Mabilia, Cooper Shepherd, Jesse Dugard





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Cora Lynn 10.11.71 d Nar Nar Goon 5.12.42

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Phillip Island 21.14.140 d Kilcunda-Bass 2.5.17

Dalyston 6.8.44 d Koo Wee Rup 6.4.40

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Tooradin-Dal 8.16.64 d Warragul Ind 1.6.12

## THIRDS

Cora Lynn 8.13.61 d Nar Nar Goon 7.1.43  
Tooradin-Dal 17.9.111 d Warragul Ind 6.1.37

## FOURTHS

Warragul Ind 19.14.128 d Tooradin-Dal 3.2.20

## THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 22

## ELLINBANK ROUND 16

 Lang Lang v Nyora  
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Longwarry v Neerim South  
Yarragon v Buln Buln  
Nilma Darnum v Catani  
Ellinbank - BYE

## GIPPSLAND ROUND 14

 Warragul v Traralgon  
Drouin v Wonthaggi  
Morwell v Maffra  
Bairnsdale v Leongatha  
Moe v Sale

## MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 14

 Hill End v Morwell East  
MDU v Tarwin  
Mirboo North v Toora  
Thorpdale v Boolarra  
Newborough v Yinnar  
Fish Creek, Foster and Stony Creek - BYES

## WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 14

 Bunyip v Garfield  
Cora Lynn v Tooradin-Dalmore  
Koo Wee Rup v Warragul Industrials  
Korumburra-Bena v Kilcunda-Bass  
Nar Nar Goon v Inverloch-Kongwak  
Phillip Island v Dalyston

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Garfield hangs on to the ball, under pressure from Inverloch Kongwak's Tom Hams and Oscar Toussaint.

# Sea Eagles do it easily at home



Inverloch-Kongwak's Andrew Soumilas protects the ball from his Garfield opponent.

INVERLOCH KONGWAK welcomed Garfield down to Inverloch Recreation Reserve for a wet but still afternoon of football.

The ladder leading Sea Eagles were without a few of their stars, but celebrated the senior debut of beloved forward Dylan Taylor.

The game seemed to fall into a lull of stoppage after stoppage with neither team able to get clean possession as the drizzle set in.

IK finally broke the shackles with an excellent transition forward, which was finished off by a Clint McCaughan goal for the team's second, giving them a 14-point lead at the first break.

The second quarter began just as the first had before Toussaint finished off a nice build up to kick his second major 10 minutes into the term.

A special moment followed, when young rebounding defender Lucas Harmer kicked his first ever senior goal with an excellent finish from deep in the forward pocket.

This gave the hosts a great surge of momentum as McCaughan kicked his second following a ruck infringement 20 metres out from goal.

Joel Batson had a terrific first half in defence for Garfield but some tremendous forward 50 pressure from the Sea Eagles led to Dylan Taylor

slotting his first senior goal on debut, much to the delight of his mates on the hill behind the goals.

IK started to get some more free ball movement going, leading to a great snap finish from Jordy Tomas to extend their lead to 47-points at the main break, holding the Stars scoreless.

With a massive challenge ahead for the visitors, IK put their feet down with a Bailey Patterson banana, which found the goals from a tight angle.

Tempers flared after 10 minutes with Garfield's frustrations boiling over, leading to a melee on the scoreboard wing. Fortunately, the umpires were able to get the game under control quickly and Tate Short shifted forward slotted a well-deserved goal after another terrific game across half back.

The game finished as it started with a handball chain from a stoppage, ending in a Toussaint goal to put the icing on the cake of the Sea Eagles 13th straight victory, this time keeping their opponents goalless in another defensive masterclass.

IK ran out 93-point winners and will need to carry their form into this weekend's match, which will come at the Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve against the Goon.

As for the Stars, they'll face the winless Bunyip.



# Dismal conditions can't stop the Bulldogs

WITH the Bulldogs firmly entrenched in second place on the WGFNC ladder, the Panthers were likely to be up against it if they were to enhance their finals chances.

Sitting in 8th position and needing to enjoy their 6th win of the season, the Panthers were to lose some key players before the game.

In what proved to be a very one-sided contest, the Bulldogs were able to flex their muscles playing a free-flowing game despite the conditions.

Running out victors by 123 points was at the top end of expectations set by the coaching group prior to the game.

Midfielder Hayden (Pencil) Bruce started the game as he left off last week, dominating the possessions and ripping the Panthers apart in the mid-field. His form has been outstanding over several weeks now, continuing to bring others into the game at will. His young offsideer Max Walton matched his skills and intensity and came along for the ride, providing enormous drive through numerous clearances.

The Bulldogs forward line functioned efficiently and effectively in the poor conditions.

Pleasing signs was the best return to date from recruit full-forward Jai Jordan, as well as excellent returns from Max Blake and coach Pedersen.

A total of 11 goal kickers for the game illustrated the ability of the visitors to share the scoring, bring team mates all over the ground into the play.

Matt Jones in particular had his best game of the season, setting up teammates at will.

In the end, it was an excellent outing against a team that pushed the Bulldogs hard earlier in the season. For the Panthers, some more work to do before being able to push the Bulldogs and making the finals for 2023.



Phillip Island's Daniel Pearce boots it during testing conditions on Saturday.  
Photos: Carol Ratcliff

## Breakers fall to Warragul

KICKING against the wind in the opening term the home team were winning it out of the middle.

With Sophie Bolding driving the ball forward the Breakers had a few good scoring opportunities but weren't able to take advantage.

Warragul broke through for the first goal of the match late in the quarter.

Sophie McCracken-Evans continued her dominance in the ruck in the second quarter with Kate Thompson often on the end of her taps. However, a crowded forward line meant there were no easy avenues to goal for the Breakers.

Despite not performing at their best, with the margin just 13 points at the main break, the home side were still in the match but needed to lift their intensity if they were to turn the score around.

A goal to Warragul in the dying seconds of the quarter took away from what was a better third quarter from the Breakers, and made the task very difficult going into the last.

Under pressure all game the backline performed well with Hannah Mills taking some strong marks and Jac Van Rooy ever reliable on the last line of defence.

A brief glimmer for the Breakers getting the ball deep into the forward line and Kelly O'Neill took no chances running all the way into goal to get the home sides first goal on the board with minutes to go in the match.

Final Score: Warragul 4.7-31 def Bass Coast 1.4-10. Best: K.Thompson, S.McCracken-Evans, T.Tatterson, S.Bolding, K.O'Neill, H.Mills. Goals: K.O'Neill.

The Breakers travel to Karingal next Saturday 12.30pm to take on the Bulls.



Mark Griffin looks to escape the pack.

### WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 13

#### KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

#### PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

 **17**  **140**

KILCUNDA-BASS	PHILLIP ISLAND
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**Kilcunda-Bass** 0.2 0.4 2.5 2.5 (17)  
**Phillip Island** 4.3 11.5 14.10 21.14 (140)  
**GOALS, K-Bass:** Nathan Foote, Bradley Aldwell, Daniel Mock, Sam Watson, John Mentiplay, Benjamin Eddy  
**BEST:** Anthony Daraio, Dale Gawley 1 each  
**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Jai Jordan 4, Max Blake, Cameron Pedersen 3, Jack Taylor, Max Walton 2, Daniel Bourke, Cameron Brown, Hayden Bruce, Bryce Hindhaugh, Orlando Kane Gillard, Jesse Patullo, Travis Woodfield 1 each  
**BEST:** Hayden Bruce, Cameron Pedersen, Max Walton, Matthew Jones, Jack Taylor, Mark Griffin

#### RESERVES

**Kilcunda-Bass** 1.0 1.1 1.2 1.2 (8)  
**Phillip Island** 6.4 12.8 18.11 21.15 (141)  
**GOALS, K-Bass:** William Campbell 1  
**BEST:** William Campbell, Adam Banks, Dan Leary, Christopher Lacey, Jordan Osborne  
**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Harry Anderson, Tully Dickie 4, Jett McMillan, Jack Papas 3, Thomas Niven, Jarrod Witnish 2, James Nicolaci, Dylan Susic, Ben Taylor 1 each  
**BEST:** Jack Papas, Saxon Mau, James Nicolaci, Tully Dickie, Coby Olarenshaw, Thomas Niven

#### THIRDS

**Kilcunda-Bass** 0.1 1.1 1.2 1.2 (8)  
**Phillip Island** 3.1 4.1 5.2 8.4 (52)  
**GOALS, K-Bass:** George Blum 1  
**BEST:** Toby Challinor, Ashden Grenness, Finn Russell, Jai Coulton, William Campbell, Noah Martin  
**GOALS, Phillip Island:** James Lewis 2, Lucas Chihotski, Oliver Hibbert, Jack Johnston, Brayden Kleverkamp, Noah Muller, Finn O'Brien 1 each  
**BEST:** Jye Sutherland, Brayden Kleverkamp, Cooper Walton, James Lewis, Lucas Chihotski, Finn O'Brien

#### INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

 **100**  **7**

INVERLOCH-K	GARFIELD
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**Inverloch-K** 2.2 7.5 10.6 15.10 (100)  
**Garfield** 0.0 0.0 0.6 0.7 (7)  
**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Oscar Toussaint 3, Tom Hams, Clinton McCaughan, Tate Short, Dylan Taylor 2, Lucas Harmer, Bailey Patterson, Archie Terlich, Jordan Tomas 1 each  
**BEST:** Bailey Patterson, Ethan Park, Andrew Soumilas, Jordan Tomas, Archie Terlich, Kairon Dorling  
**BEST, Garfield:** Finn Hower, Zac Soutar, Joel Batson, Angus Emery, Mark Griffiths, Jahmain Harrison

#### RESERVES

**Inverloch-K** 4.7 8.9 12.10 17.15 (117)  
**Garfield** 0.1 2.2 2.2 2.3 (15)  
**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Zachary Caughey 8, Patrick Jobling 2, Brayden Hone, Lachlan Johnson, Harry McInnes, Callum McKenzie, Malachy O'Flynn, Andre Toussaint, Josh Williams 1 each  
**BEST:** Emmet Taranto, Zachary Caughey, Jasper Kempster, Tyler Leonard, Jacob Strickland, Jaxon Hayes  
**GOALS, Garfield:** Liam Reid 2  
**BEST:** Will Pickering, Ben Tenace-Greenall, Liam Reid, Scott Simpson Brewer, Matthew Bow, Sam Cheeseman

#### THIRDS

**Inverloch-K** 3.0 3.5 3.5 4.6 (30)  
**Garfield** 1.2 3.2 3.2 5.3 (33)  
**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Jobe Scapin 2, Jack McNally, Callan O'Flynn 1 each  
**BEST:** Cade Brown, Tate Rigby, Jed Rosenow, Callan O'Flynn, Luca Gleeson, Harry Butcher  
**GOALS, Garfield:** Billy Anile, Kain O'Dwyer 2, Jake VanDenBerghe 1 each  
**BEST:** Levi Reid, Kain O'Dwyer, Tahj Murphy, Billy Anile, Theo Zaccari

#### FOURTHS

**Inverloch-K** 4.4 9.9 14.11 18.12 (120)  
**Garfield** 0.0 0.1 1.2 2.2 (14)  
**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Augustus Finsterer 11, Maxwell Scott 3, Mitchell Ward 2, Lucas Allen, Jasper Cousins 1 each  
**BEST:** Augustus Finsterer, Lucas Allen, Jobe Scapin, Patrick Dwyer, Jasper Cousins, Mitchell Ward  
**GOALS, Garfield:** Deakin Andrews, George Morgan 1 each  
**BEST:** Ryan Birkett, Diesel Ashe, Joachim Hayward, Kai Kelsey, Joseph Hardiman, Maarten Braaksma

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS										ROUND 13				
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS				
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Inverloch-K	13	0	340.10	52	Tooradin-Dal	12	0	601.58	50	Inverloch-K	10	2	288.44	3.33
Phillip Island	11	1	243.40	46	Inverloch-K	12	1	419.35	48	Phillip Island	10	2	281.37	3.33
Tooradin-Dal	10	3	170.85	40	Nar Nar Goon	11	1	484.13	46	Garfield	10	2	277.57	3.33
Cora Lynn	9	4	138.82	36	Phillip Island	9	4	174.52	36	Tooradin-Dal	8	4	187.42	2.67
Nar Nar Goon	8	4	178.70	34	Cora Lynn	7	6	197.45	28	Warragul Ind	8	4	173.25	2.67
Warragul Ind	6	7	116.06	24	Koo Wee Rup	7	6	147.18	28	Nar Nar Goon	6	6	105.05	2.00
Dalyston	6	7	78.58	24	Warragul Ind	6	7	103.43	24	Cora Lynn	5	7	117.42	1.67
Kilcunda-Bass	5	8	79.93	20	Garfield	5	8	64.92	20	Kilcunda-Bass	4	7	79.33	1.46
Koo Wee Rup	4	9	79.84	16	Kilcunda-Bass	3	10	24.78	12	Koo Wee Rup	3	9	63.19	1.00
Garfield	3	10	56.17	12	Dalyston	2	11	54.44	8	Dalyston	1	11	12.29	0.33
Kor-Bena	2	11	36.19	8	Bunyip	2	11	18.03	8	Kor-Bena	0	11	11.01	0.00
Bunyip	0	13	26.27	0	Kor-Bena	1	12	18.36	4	Bunyip	0	0	0.00	0.00





Junior girls' footy training started at the Bass Recreation Reserve on Friday. Pictured front, Isabel Rees and Rylee McMillan.

## Girls' football launched at Bass

KILCUNDA Bass Football Netball Club's junior girls' footy training kicked off on Friday afternoon.

Twenty-four girls registered for four training sessions, which will culminate in a game against the Phillip Island junior girls' team at Cowes on August 6.

Kilcunda Bass' junior coordinator Cameron Chasemore said he was rapt with Friday's turn out and hoped the one-off match would motivate local clubs to form junior girls' teams and establish a competition in 2024.

"We hope some of the local clubs will get on board – a few have expressed interest," he said.

The junior girls' division would be open to girls between the ages of 10 and 14.

Girls of all levels of experience are encouraged to come along and get involved.

"I coach local basketball and I asked some of the girls if they were interested in footy, and they said they would play if there was a team for them," Cameron said.

"Some of the girls who registered already played junior footy, and some of them are new to the game. We welcome everyone who's interested come along and give it a go."

The four-week training sessions will cover the basics of the game with a series of drills and a game at the end.

Training starts at 4.45pm on Fridays at the Bass Recreation Reserve.

The sessions are free and new participants can sign up online via Play HQ.



Jaylah Loughridge and Beth Grenness in action during a drill at the junior girls' footy training on Friday.

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