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# POTHOLE PANDEMIC

INCREASED traffic and freight and increasingly destructive storms, with decreased investment by the Victorian Government, are all leading to a perfect storm of dangerous and costly road conditions across the region.

Drivers on the South Gippsland Highway between Loch and Korumburra experienced that last week when a huge pothole opened up on the westbound lane near Bena.

Heavy rain and poor drainage undermined a stretch of road that had previously undergone maintenance by VicRoads but didn't hold up.

The huge pothole stretched

approximately two and a half metres and up to 30cm across in places along the left wheel path.

On the same section of road in the right wheel path five smaller potholes had opened up, with the potential to deteriorate further.

Korumburra local, Karli Michelle was so concerned about the road that she stopped to take a photo to warn other motorists via a Facebook post shared on a community page.

"I've been driving the highway between Korumburra and Frankston three days a week for the last seven years and the current state of the South

Gippsland highway is the worst I've seen it in that time," Karli explained.

"There are numerous potholes that require a driver to swerve into oncoming traffic and cross road markings if they are to avoid hitting them at 100km/hr. The only alternative is to drive through at lower speeds and take the risk of damaging your car or having an accident. Slowing down is an option, but had I been travelling in the dark I would not have known it was coming and not had time to slow down."

VicRoads patched that particular section of road, days later, but many other

potholes remain.

"They've actually left all of the others between Korumburra and Loch unfilled. A short-term fix. I'm doubtful they'll be back anytime soon to carry out proper repairs and maintenance. I honestly don't know how larger trucks manage either. Why aren't we taking the safety of heavy vehicle drivers and workers more seriously?" Karli said.

Data from TAC showed that in 2018, the majority (61 per cent) of deaths in regional areas occurred on roads with 100km/hr or higher speed limits.

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# No comment allowed on Newhaven Jetty

THE Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve runs a tight ship.

Last Wednesday, July 17 she ruled that "as per usual" councillor reports would be included in the Minutes without embellishment by councilors.

"But, but, but... I wish to speak to my report if that's at all possible," interjected Cr Rochelle Halstead.

"Point of order..." started in Cr Whelan.

But it was possible.

According to the council's governance officer, there is no rule that says a councilor can't speak to their tabled reports, and Cr Halstead had foreshadowed, to Cr Le Serve earlier, that she wished to raise an issue of public importance.

"I acknowledge that it's at the discretion of the mayor whether I can speak to councillor reports, and she knew what I wanted to say."

Cr Halstead wanted to speak about a letter received from the Hon. Melissa Horne, Minister for Ports and Freight, saying that no repair or replacement of the Newhaven Jetty was planned in the near



**Cr Rochelle Halstead was stopped from highlighting the state government's failure to maintain and keep the Newhaven Jetty open and operational.**

future, following its closure and a public campaign to have it reopened.

"The Minister wanted to focus attention on the improvement in boating facilities and that's fair enough, but this is an important piece of community infrastructure, and this was an opportunity to demonstrate council's support," Cr Halstead said.

But there was to be no

further comment.

Sentinel-Times' reader Ann Grose of Surf Beach has since written calling the snub "an appalling and dismissive attitude towards our Cr Rochelle Halstead".

"Given the entire council meeting was just over one hour, there was no reason whatsoever that Cr Halstead could not be given the right to speak to her report," Ms

Grose said in a letter to the editor this week.

The monthly meeting of council ran for an hour and six minutes with the session dominated by community question time which included 25 questions and answers.

Here's an excerpt from the Minister's letter to council:

"I appreciate that piers and jetties play an important role for businesses and local communities and that the closure of the Jetty was unexpected. I am also aware that the loss of recreational amenity and access is compounded by the necessary, but unsightly nature of the safety fencing... Parks Victoria, the local port manager, understands the importance of the Jetty to visitors and the local community. It has closed the Jetty at short notice to protect public safety following engineering inspection, which revealed the poor condition of the timber structure. Key stakeholders, including your council, the foreshore tenant and local media, were notified of the Jetty closure. The Jetty will continue to be assessed under the Framework for future investment."

## Pothole pandemic

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Of the deaths on regional roads, half lost their lives in single-vehicle crashes, compared to 24 per cent in metro Melbourne and 21 per cent lost their lives in head-on crashes compared to 11 per cent in metro Melbourne.

In the 2022-23 financial year, the Department of Transport and Planning received 1532 compensation claims from Victorians for property damage involving road pavement and surface defects such as potholes, damaged roads, and uneven road surfaces.

Just one of these claims was assessed as payable.

According to various automobile associations, pothole-related repairs can cost drivers and fleet operators thousands to millions of dollars annually, from increased insurance claims that lead to rising premiums and insurance not covering all repair costs, leaving drivers to bear significant out-of-pocket expenses.

Figures provided to the State Parliament show that the money spent on resurfacing and resealing contracts in the 2023/24 financial year was just 18 per cent of the previous year, dropping from \$201.4 million to just \$37.6 million across the state.

The Nationals State Member for Gippsland South and Shadow Minister for Roads and Road Safety Danny O'Brien MP has been campaigning for road improvements for many years.

"These figures just highlight the drastic budget cuts that have seen our roads deteriorate dramatically over the past few years to a point where the government's own survey last year revealed 91 per cent of roads were in poor or very poor condition," Mr O'Brien said.

"What's worse is that this dramatic reduction in road resurfacing and re-sealing work will lead to worse roads in the coming years."

"We are now at a point where 388 kilometres of road is already subject to speed restrictions due to lack of maintenance."

With the recent closure of Pakenham saleyards and Koonwarra saleyards expanding to hold 6000 head of cattle and increasing to fortnightly sales, the toll on the South Gippsland Highway and deterioration of the road will continue to be significant.

"With more trucks on this road the Government needs to be putting more attention to it and making sure it is fit for purpose," said Mr O'Brien.

The region's roads will also see increased traffic with the population of South Gippsland forecast to grow by 14 per cent over the next twelve years.

Climate change and more severe weather events are expected to also wreak havoc on the roads.

As the atmosphere is getting hotter it has the capacity to hold more moisture, which fuels stronger convection in thunderstorms leading to more rain, falling with more intensity and more often, according to a Melbourne University study.

Water seeps into the road through surface failures and can destroy underlying road materials, washing them out and leading to potholes – the likes of which South Gippsland motorists know only too well.

"I'll continue to advocate for better roads throughout Gippsland South to ensure locals, visitors and even livestock have decent roads to travel on," said Mr O'Brien.

## Scam watch alert after computer outage

BUSINESS operators and those impacted by Friday's computer outage are being warned to be on alert for scam attack as Australia and the world recovers from the CrowdStrike initiated incident.

Locally, Bass Coast Health, which operates the Wonthaggi Hospital and the sub-region's main Emergency Department, advised that all services were back to normal by Saturday after "minor" impact on Friday.

And all of the district's supermarkets were open, fully stocked and virtually back to normal, although some checkouts are still to come back online.

However, while systems at airports, retail outlets and sporting venues got back online over the weekend, the

biggest risk now, according to the Australian Home Affairs Minister Clare O'Neil, is that criminals will take advantage of what is believed to be the world's biggest computer outage to scam them out of personal and banking details.

Speaking to the media on Saturday morning, Minister O'Neil, urged people not to respond to requests for personal or banking details by players offering to fix the CrowdStrike problem and to report any attempts to the government's scam watch website at scamwatch.gov.au.

"There is something critical that I would like to ask Australians to do today and that is being really careful and being really on the lookout for attempts to use this to scam Australians, to scam small business," she said.



The 'blue screen of death' at self-service supermarket checkouts across South Gippsland and Bass Coast last Friday, into Saturday was all many of us saw of the world-wide meltdown.

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## 6 Day Weather Forecast

### SOUTH GIPPSLAND



**TUE | Jul 23**

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Wind AM: N-NW 15-25km/h

Wind PM: N-NW 15-25km/h

8° **17°**



**WED | Jul 24**

Mostly sunny.

Wind AM: N 20-25km/h

Wind PM: N 25-40km/h

9° **17°**



**THUR | Jul 25**

Showers.

Wind AM: N 20-30km/h

Wind PM: NW 15-25km/h

9° **16°**



**FRI | Jul 26**

Shower or two.

Wind AM: NW 15-25km/h

Wind PM: N 20-25km/h

6° **14°**



**SAT | Jul 27**

Showers.

Wind AM: N-NW 15-25km/h

Wind PM: NW-SW 15-25km/h

7° **15°**



**SUN | Jul 28**

Shower or two.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: Light

4° **14°**

## IN BRIEF

### Council grilled 25 times

THERE were no fewer than 25 community questions submitted an answered at last week's Bass Coast Shire Council as they remain the most significant feature of the monthly meeting.

Issues as diverse as Gippsland Pride, the urban roads and drainage policy, affordable housing, the Environment Fund, council's electric vehicles and the mayoral chains were queried with council providing some revealing answers.

### Vale Murray Argent

CORINELLA and Bass farmer Murray Argent was remembered in an account of his life by the Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve at last Wednesday's council meeting.

She noted he was a talented local sportsman, in cricket, football and bowls, being awarded a life of the Kilcunda-Bass Cricket Club having started the junior program there with school teacher Daryl Mills.

His family and community connections were also remembered and reprinted in the shire minutes.

### Gippsland Pride liaison

IN ANSWER to a question at Bass Coast Council last week, from Taylah Ling about access to the Rainbow Brick Road Report and liaison with the Gippsland Pride Initiative, the Bass Coast Shire Council was able to advise it was fully engaged.

"Council liaises with Gippsland Pride Initiative and other key sector stakeholders through service provider networks when required. Council does not provide funding to The Gippsland Pride Initiative."

### Majority decision on roads

BASS Coast Council received a number of questions about its urban roads and drainage policy and the new push by property owners in individual streets, especially at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay,

seeking to have their roads and drainage upgraded.

Louise Lyell wanted to know if residents who didn't want the works would be forced to contribute if a majority of residents supported the works.

The answer is yes.

"If a road and drainage upgrade project is supported for construction, then all property owners adjacent to the upgrade who receive a special benefit will be required to pay a charge through a special charge scheme. Council will also contribute to these projects based on benefits received by the wider community," said council in response.

### Will you test for contamination?

IN LIGHT of the 'Wonthaggi contaminated soils fiasco', Philip Davy, asked the Bass Coast Council last week if it would be testing for contamination prior to street and drainage works going ahead on the Surf Berach and Sunderland Bay estates.

Council replied that some testing had already been carried out.

"A sample of street soil pavement testing and acid sulphate testing were undertaken to assist development of cost estimates for the previously unsupported special charge scheme. Further testing and a construction management plan for acid sulphate soils was planned for during construction, which is common practice for coastal area development."

### MAV candidate session at Leongatha

THOSE intending to stand for council or interested in the process can attend a Council Community and Candidate Information Session in Leongatha this Thursday.

The session is an opportunity for those from the Gippsland municipalities of South Gippsland, East Gippsland, Bass Coast, Latrobe, Baw

Baw, and Wellington.

There will not be a similar opportunity offered in Bass Coast.

By attending the MAV Stand for Council Community and Candidate Information Session, participants will be provided with information about the role of a Councillor and their responsibilities, as well as the election process and candidate requirements.

The South Gippsland session is happening this Thursday, July 25 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Memorial Hall, Leongatha.

Those interested are urged to register online on the MAV events website.

Closing date: To vote, you must be correctly enrolled by 4 pm on Wednesday, August 7, 2024.

### Gippsland landscapes on show in Korumburra

KORUMBURRA'S Hill Studio Gallery, inside the Small Forest Shop, is holding its first group exhibition, with all welcome to attend opening night drinks this Friday July 26 from 6pm.

The exhibition, 'Scenes of Gippsland' runs throughout August and features the works of gallery owner Brendon Hill, his son Navarh, Vanessa Oter, Lucy Hersey, Fiona Bilbrough, Lauren Maguire, Nat Coates, Mel Robertson and Kate Stuart.

The Gallery is located at 113 Commercial Street Korumburra.

### No housing favourites, they say

DESPITE the Bass Coast Shire Council's Affordable Housing Strategy affirming that there is a serious demand for affordable housing, council is not going to play favourites with new housing projects.

Ethan Biancon asked at last week's council meeting whether the shire would be prepared to fast-track an application for a 50-unit development if one came forward.

"No, all planning applications are assessed equally."

### Pullen's final gesture

FLAGS were flown at half-mast last Tuesday, July 16, including outside local shire offices in South Gippsland and Bass Coast for the State Funeral of the Honourable Barry Pullen, a minister in the Cain and Kirner governments.

The State Funeral Service to celebrate the life of Barry Pullen was held at 2.30pm in the Fitzroy Town Hall.

At the request of the Pullen family and in lieu of flowers, tributes could be made in the form of a contribution to Aboriginal Housing Victoria. To donate, please visit - ahvic.org.au.

### No timeframe on applications

BASS Coast Shire might have a 60-day timeframe on planning permit applications but in answer to a question at last week's council meeting, there appears to be no target time for development plan endorsement.

"There is no statutory timeframe for development plan applications. Factors influencing the assessment timeframe include the quality of the submission, complexity of the proposed development and advice from referral agencies," said council.

### YMCA contract queried

AVID council watcher Graham Jolly of Cape Woolamai has queried council about the value it is getting from its management contract with the YMCA.

"Why is council preserving with the current model of management of the YMCA. The budget indicates \$2 million spending, 222,000 visits and only \$8000 of income. It does not appear a good financial arrangement for council," noted Mr Jolly.

Council responded that the contract for the management of Council's leisure facilities would be retendered prior to the expiry of the existing contract.

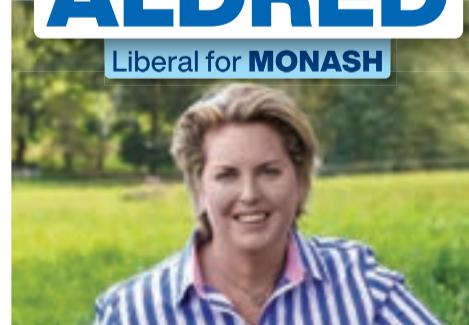
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# Dunvegan Crescent next domino to fall

THE abandonment of the \$32 million Surf Beach-Sunderland Bay special charge scheme on Phillip Island was the biggest failure of the present council regime.

With a small majority of the 1041 property owners coming out against the road and drainage project, 559 against and 482 in favour or not responding, it needed only a swing of 39 ratepayers to get it over the line, but the Bass Coast Council refused to engage in a meaningful way.

The scheme was abandoned by council at its December 13, 2023 meeting. It looked dead in the water.

But a series of resident-led petitions, so far representing nine of the muddied and potholed roads and streets in the scheme, are piece by piece putting the project back on the council agenda.

In response to the latest petition, which was actually a repeat of an earlier petition, the council has resolved to work with the residents of Dunvegan Crescent to investigate a preferred treatment option for the upgrading their road and drainage, where council has acknowledged 62 per cent support from the property owners.

The number in favour could actually be as high as 70 per cent or 80 per cent according to residents of the street, Mark and Katie Letts.

"There was an earlier petition but for some reason it didn't go forward so we had to get another one going quickly before the council goes into caretaker mode ahead of the next elections,"



The state of The Esplanade Surf Beach at the moment. It returns to being a potholed dust bowl as soon as the weather dries out.

said Mark Letts.

"Sixteen of the 26 residents have signed it but there could have been more. There are still some people who haven't been contacted or who might not know about it," he said.

But, without doubt, according to Mark and Katie Letts, the reconstruction and sealing of Dunvegan Street is a serious health and safety issue.

Mr Letts said he was aware that Dunvegan is well down on the 'Urban Road and Drainage Improvement Policy 2024' priority list, at number 22, and not due for construction until 2035, but it should

clearly be higher up, he says.

"Hopefully, they can review those priorities. The earlier petition should have been tabled before this but Dunvegan has the second-highest traffic count, I believe, behind Sunderland Bay Road, and is a key access road.

"What I think the council is trying to achieve is a 'backbone' of new roads and drainage that addresses the main problem areas, with the most traffic, and then see what follows from there."

The mover of the motion to support the application from Dunvegan Crescent, Cr Rochelle Halstead, welcomed

the residents' initiative.

"I just wanted to make the comment that I think it's great to see this project progressing under the new Urban Roads and Drainage Improvement policy. A terrific outcome for the residents of Dunvegan Crescent who with the adoption of the new policy have taken up the option to pursue the sealing of their road that will address the amenities of where they live. So, congratulations to them."

Cr David Rooks acknowledged the residents' willingness to contribute financially and wished them well with the project.

## Kerbs in crisis, more than half need repairs

A BASS Coast audit of roadside kerbing has revealed more than half (58 per cent) of the municipality's road kerbs are in poor or very poor condition.

A report presented to Bass Coast Council as part of a review of the Shire's Road Asset Management Plan recommends long-term funding to provide sustainable road transport for the community.

A detailed condition audit utilising high-resolution digital imagery and laser scanning was followed by a four-week community engagement period which attracted twenty written submissions.

The report noted that council's road network is not only the community's primary transport mode but also provides critical stormwater drainage.

The independent contractor engaged to survey nearly one thousand kilometres of Bass Coast local roads used a high-speed automated survey vehicle fitted with twelve high-resolution cameras.

The audit found seventy-five per cent of sealed surfaces in the Shire were in good or very good condition along with nearly eighty per cent of unsealed roads (79 per cent).

Ringing alarm bells for



Bass Coast faces road asset challenges as kerb deteriorate across the shire.

council was a high percentage of kerb assets rated poor or very poor.

Only forty-one per cent of kerbing is considered to be in good or very good condition indicating a growing backlog of kerbs continuing to degrade over time.

Since 2019 the estimated cost of replacing damaged road assets has grown from three hundred and forty-seven million dollars to a staggering six hundred and ninety

million dollars.

The council is currently spending \$3.9 million a year on new infrastructure and \$3.75 million a year on maintenance.

The report recommends lifting capital infrastructure spending to \$5 million a year with additional funding from the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program.

An extra half a million dollars has been recommended for road and kerbside maintenance, street sweeping,

roadside slashing and spraying.

Community feedback focussed primarily on improving roadside vegetation and a preference for permanent repairs over temporary maintenance such as pothole patching.

Council tabled the report with a comment from Councillor Rochelle Halstead that ratepayers expect council will competently manage the three R's of roads, rates and rubbish.

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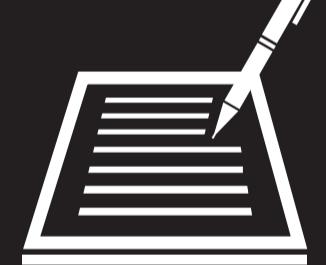
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## Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Le Serve



LAST week I attended two announcements about significant investments for recreation in Bass Coast through the Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund.

Wonthaggi Power Netball Club will receive \$1,000,000 towards the construction of a new netball pavilion. This state-of-the-art facility will include change rooms, a social space, an umpires' room, a meeting room, and accessible toilets, all designed to meet Netball Victoria guidelines. This project, with a total cost of \$2,200,441, is a collaboration between the Bass Coast Shire Council and the club.

At the announcements I met with representatives from the club who expressed their delight at being able to have a shower after the game – something that many other clubs enjoy without a second thought. This funding and project ensures that our clubs are accessible, inclusive and equal and aligned to our fair access policy.

The second announcement is for Phillip Island District Cricket Club who will receive \$277,230 to construct a new four-bay cricket training facility at the Cowes Recreational Reserve. This facility will include two publicly accessible lanes, providing our community with top-notch training resources. The total project cost is \$346,537 and is a partnership between the Club and the Bass Coast Shire Council.

These projects are a testament to what we can achieve when councils, clubs, and communities come together with a shared vision.

They will not only enhance our local sports infrastructure but also

foster a sense of community, encourage participation, and promote a healthy lifestyle for all our residents.

August 16 also marks World Drowning Prevention Day which aims to raise awareness of the importance of drowning prevention and to reduce preventable deaths.

I'd like to reinforce the importance of water safety within our community all year round. Together, we can ensure that preventative measures and education are at the forefront of our efforts. We work collaboratively with our agency partners through the Bass Coast Beach Safety Working Group to make our beaches safe for local communities and visitors to our beautiful region. This important work will also be supported by a Cross Council Water Safety Plan to ensure these water safety messages and initiatives are further communicated to our neighbouring Councils communities, acknowledging that many of their residents visit our beaches during the warmer months. Check out the tips on our website for water safety.

Finally, I'd also like to point out the importance of keeping our roads safe during the winter months, not only with driving but with the work council staff are out doing every day to fix potholes and make our roads safer. If you notice any new potholes or areas needing attention, contact our offices with details. We have just had a \$20,000 state government investment into roadside weed management which tops up our Council budget a little. This work is critical for our farmers as well as those using the roads.

Keep warm and stay healthy!

# Mayor announces retirement

THE local government election is fast approaching, and new candidates are preparing to take on a leadership position as a Councillor of the Bass Coast Shire; meanwhile, Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve has announced that she will be stepping down this October and instead taking on a mentoring position to support women in politics as part of the national Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA).

Using your voice is an important part of spreading purpose, and Cr Le Serve will network with like-minded women through the ALGWA in order help to build confidence in those wanting to stand for local government.

"After 12 years of service within Council, I believe the chamber is ready for new eyes and a fresh perspective," she said.

"It's important to leave a positive mark on the community, whilst too ensuring council is well-represented."

Cr Le Serve ran for local government with a vision to advocate for the water line community children's centre and gain better access to services up in the north end of the shire, she too fought for the farmers – having a farming background herself.

"The farmers are the ones that work the land, protect the environment and support the food supply. More still needs to be done to support our farming community with a better rating system so that we don't rate them out of existence," said Cr Le Serve.

"To me, that's an important next step that we need to take. In my time we were able to achieve an 80 per cent differential rate for farmers and continue the rural land rebate program."

Cr Le Serve shared that she has learnt a lot in her 12 years servicing the community, she has met so many incredible people and had an experience like no other.

"There is always unfinished business," she said. However, instead of standing for Council in this year's



**Bass Coast Shire Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve will step down from local government on October 26 after 12 years of service. Z03\_3024**

election – in August Cr Le Serve will be participating in the training program to become a Master Mentor.

The ALGWA Master Mentoring program will run over four weeks and formed to support women's participation in local government, emphasising inclusivity and diversity.

This training will then assist Cr Le Serve in further supporting and guiding women through their election campaign – helping them to build confidence and further develop time management skills all whilst providing valuable insight and firsthand knowledge.

Cr Le Serve explained that there is a need for truth-telling and community support, and by taking part in

this mentor program, she hopes to empower women to lead.

"Over the years, I've had three terms of government, and therefore have been introduced to many different people, from different aspects of life and together we have learnt from one other."

As a Master Mentor Cr Le Serve hopes to encourage and prepare women for a career in politics.

"Once you're elected, you become a part of a team – one that needs to learn to collaborate, and together learn of people's differences. Be respectful on that journey and that will set you up for being a good councilor," she said.

Cr Le Serve shared that it was important for her to leave council in a better place than when she started, and she believes this to be true – sharing that it has been a privilege and great honour to lead the community.

The Bass Coast Shire Council will go into caretaker mode as of September 17, providing all candidates a fair campaign for the October election. Cr Le Serve invites anyone to contact her directly if they have any questions about becoming a candidate.

Mayor Cr Le Serve will finish with the Bass Coast Shire Council on October 26.

## Who intends to re-stand?

DEPUTY Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead, Cr David Rooks and Cr Ronnie Bauer confirmed over the weekend that they intend to re-stand in October's Council Elections.

Cr Brett Tessari is undecided.

The Sentinel-Times did not receive a response in time for print from Cr Leticia Laing, Cr Les Larke, Cr Michael Whelan and Cr Geoff Ellis.

## Bass Coast industrial land demand on the rise

BASS Coast Shire Council is inviting feedback from businesses, stakeholders, and members of the community on its draft Industrial Land Use Strategy; the strategy aims to address the growing demand for industrial land in key precincts, including Cowes, Grantville, Newhaven, Inverloch, and Wonthaggi.

The engagement period ends on July 28, 2024.

Council encourages existing, prospective, emerging operators and landowners to participate in shaping the strategy's contents. The draft strategy outlines overarching strategies, vision statements, guidelines for land use and development, and

long-term expansion area plans.

"The Bass Coast Industrial Land Use Strategy is an initiative aimed at supporting employment growth and attracting investment," said Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Clare Le Serve.

"Feedback from our community is critical to ensure the strategy aligns with local needs and aspirations. I encourage you to take this opportunity to provide input into this work."

The strategy builds upon feedback gathered during the consultation on the Industrial Land Use Strategy Discussion Paper earlier this year during which we heard community

concerns regarding land suitability and availability.

Members of our community can engage with the draft strategy by reviewing it online and providing feedback through a survey, or by booking a consultation with the strategic planning team.

To access the draft strategy and participate in the engagement process, visit the Engage page engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/industrialland. Feedback submissions close on July 28, 2024.

Following the engagement period, a final strategy will be developed and presented to the August Council Meeting.

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# Lance Creek jobs boost

A TWENTY-THREE-million-dollar expansion to the Kilcoy Global Foods plant at Lance Creek will boost local jobs and secure more export opportunities for district farmers.

A green light for the project from Bass Coast Council has cleared the way for the latest round of expansion works to commence.

Kilcoy Global Foods invested in a major internal renovation of the site in 2023 and is now actively recruiting staff for the expanded facility which will create seven hundred square metres of chiller space, two thousand square metres of freezers and almost four hundred square metres of dry storage.

"Once we receive our building permits, we'll commence right away," said Kilcoy Global Foods.

Improved staff amenities will include three hundred approved car spaces and a bicycle area with shower and change facilities.

The export-registered Kilcoy Global Food group produces premium grass-fed and grain-fed beef as well as Wagyu beef at Lance Creek for consignment to more than 35 countries around the world.

Nothing goes to waste including non-food items such as hides and tallow which are sold to diverse markets.

Lance Creek runs south through the middle of the Kilcoy Global Foods property with scattered trees and shrubs lining the waterway



**Local employment to benefit from Lance Creek expansion.**

and screening the facility from Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road.

Bass Coast Council welcomed the initiative which it is claimed will strengthen and diversify the local economy, improve access to jobs and encourage the development of more retail and commercial services in South Gippsland.

Kilcoy Global Foods is now recruiting locally for a range of different positions offering roles in operations, administration, warehousing, and leadership as well as the building and allied trades.

"We see Kilcoy Global Foods at Lance Creek as a major employer in the Gippsland region," said KGF Head of People and Culture, Bevan Gibbs.

"We're a global company with a growing reputation for excellence in the food industry."

Training is provided with regular shifts offered.

"Kilcoy's 'Your Future in Food' recruitment campaign is offering outstanding long-term career opportunities for people to live local and work local," according to Bevan Gibbs.

"We started with a small group of loyal local employees and have added over one hundred new team members this year.

"Now we are looking to hire at least another one hundred as we build our KGF Lance Creek team to full capacity."

The current abattoir site includes three paddocks for crop irrigation and two water storage ponds north of the main buildings clustered together in a central location.

"As a company we believe in supporting our local communities and where

possible, will hire local talent," said Gibbs.

Bass Coast councillors applauded the expansion of Kilcoy Global Foods as a positive step in supporting farmers.

"A great local business supporting local farmers," said Councillor Rooks.

The expansion of the abattoir does not take away additional agricultural land.

A wide range of additional employment opportunities are likely to be generated in health, education, retail, tourism, professional consulting and technical services.

"Fantastic," said Deputy Mayor Halstead.

Jobs closer to where people live.

For those interested in working for Kilcoy Global Foods go to [kilcoyglobalfoods.com/careers](http://kilcoyglobalfoods.com/careers)

## Bass Coast expands hardship provisions

INTEREST rate concessions or waivers on overdue or outstanding rates are likely to find a more sympathetic ear with Bass Coast Shire.

Council this month approved the redefinition of hardship into two categories with financial hardship a new category.

Ratepayers who can demonstrate financial hardship can now apply for a waiver or part waiver of rates and charges.

Previously council could only offer a limited interest free rate deferral period or a payment plan that enabled ratepayers suffering rates hardship to pay off their overdue rates in monthly instalments over a period of up to two years.

During COVID council adopted a financial hardship policy providing ratepayers who had lost employment because of the pandemic with the option of deferring their rates.

When the COVID-19 pandemic had passed the Victorian Ombudsman asked local government to consider a more empathetic approach to supporting ratepayers who were experiencing financial hardship or having difficulty paying their rates.

The new policy restricts Bass Coast Shire's ability to raise the interest on rates arrears being repaid through a repayment plan.

Council can also now consider a fee waiver where ratepayers can demonstrate financial hardship.

Revenue from interest on overdue rates was anticipated to more than triple for Bass Coast in the coming year due to anticipated higher levels of rates arrears.

Budgeted revenue of \$52,000 from interest on rates last financial year had been increased to \$170,000 for the coming financial year.

Adoption of the new hardship and financial hardship policy was roundly welcomed by Bass Coast councillors as a more sympathetic approach to helping ratepayers meet their financial obligations.

The cost of reducing penalty interest on overdue rates has been built into the 2024/25 council budget and forward estimates.

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# Climate change mitigation

MEASURES to mitigate the ramifications of climate change in coastal areas were among the many advocacy suggestions directed at Federal Government representatives during a week of Australian Local Government Association events in Canberra, with South Gippsland Shire Council voices among those heard.

Cr Sarah Gilligan accompanied Mayor Clare Williams and Deputy Mayor Nathan Hersey to the nation's capital, the Venus Bay resident has a strong belief in getting on the front foot and acting promptly to prepare for foreseeable negative climate change impacts and implement resilience-boosting initiatives.

That is particularly important in coastal areas such as Venus Bay which are subject to the threat of inundation.

Cr Gilligan outlined the lead-up to the recent environmentally focused advocacy efforts.

"Back in March, Cr Sarah Race from Mornington Peninsula Shire, Cr Michael Whelan from Bass Coast Shire and I organised a Victorian coastal council round table to talk about the need for coastal adaptation planning, and we had 16 coastal councils turn up, all facing the same challenges," Cr Gilligan said.

"It became evident that this needs to be a national conversation with all levels of government working together, and after that round table I also went to the Australian Coastal Councils Association (ACCA) conference and I presented there on the fact that local governments don't have fit-for-purpose planning tools."

She elaborated that councils are still in a position where they must let people build on flood plains and



**Deputy mayor of Moyne Shire and treasurer of the Australian Coastal Councils Association Karen Foster, Cr Sarah Race from Mornington Peninsula Shire, Cr Sarah Gilligan of South Gippsland Shire, and East Gippsland Shire mayor Tom Crook during their recent advocacy trip to Canberra.**

areas subject to erosion, adding that appropriate State laws are not yet in place to enable councils to address necessary long-term planning.

"From a Federal point of view, looking at disaster mitigation, we need to talk about the coast because 50 per cent of Australians live within seven kilometres of the coast, and we've got a lot of coastal areas that are going to need to have different access roads," Cr Gilligan said.

Emphasising her point, she stressed the road between Venus Bay and Tarwin will be permanently inundated by 2100 but regularly inundated by 2040.

She said that everybody loves to live by the coast, making it politically unpopular to discuss such issues.

"Nobody is leading that conversation, and so as a group of coastal

councillors we're really keen to be a part of leading that conversation with the State and Federal Governments," Cr Gilligan declared.

"We as a group are trying to put it to the Federal Government that we need a national coastal adaptation strategy."

Cr Gilligan said the recent Canberra advocacy on such coastal issues included meeting with advisors of Senator Jenny McAllister (Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy).

Along with Cr Gilligan, the advocacy group comprised Cr Race, East Gippsland Shire Council mayor Tom Crook, and deputy mayor of Moyne Shire Karen Foster who is treasurer of ACCA.

Councillors Gilligan and Hersey also met with the coordinator-general of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Brendan Moon.



**The much loved Garlic Festival will return in 2025, with Korumburra chosen as the town to host the event.**

## Garlic Festival coming back to South Gippsland in 2025

A PARTNERSHIP between the South Gippsland Garlic Festival and the Korumburra and District Agricultural Society has been formed to stage the Garlic Festival next year.

The South Gippsland Garlic Festival Committee (SGGFC) was pleased to announce that Korumburra has recently been selected as the host township for the highly anticipated return of the much-loved Garlic Festival in 2025.

This exciting decision comes after much deliberation and consideration.

Joel White President of the SGGFC said, "Korumburra was chosen for its community spirit, vibrant business community and convenient location being just 90 minutes from Melbourne. As well as the submission and enthusiasm from the Korumburra A&P Society. The facilities at the Korumburra showgrounds will provide the foundations for a great regional festival."

The festival is renowned for

celebrating all things garlic and promoting local agriculture and the South Gippsland region.

It brings together garlic enthusiasts, food lovers and families to savour delicious food, live music, cooking demonstrations, the renowned Garlic University and much more.

The committee is thrilled to partner with Korumburra to showcase this picturesque region, local agriculture and producers.

Korumburra A&P Society president Daniel Robbins said, "Korumburra A&P Society fully supports the decision by SGGF to utilise the Korumburra showgrounds as the new venue for the garlic festival as we see it as a great initiative and event bringing tourism and vibrancy to Korumburra."

The South Gippsland Garlic Festival Committee will host its AGM in early September where they will call for volunteers to form an extended committee to execute the event.

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**South Gippsland  
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## *South Gippsland Shire Council News*

### **Have Your Say on the Draft Coal Creek Strategic Plan**

We want to hear from you! The Draft Coal Creek Strategic Plan is currently available for community feedback.

In recent times, Coal Creek has faced a number of significant challenges ranging from declining visitor numbers, ageing infrastructure and a loss of relevance as a community and tourist destination. These challenges have called for action and the Draft Strategic Plan aims re-establish the Parks direction.

Through extensive community consultation, the Draft identifies the need to preserve Coal Creek's heritage while moving forward in a new direction and creating a space that meets the evolving needs of the community. Some actions proposed within the Draft Plan include:

- Enhancing the visitor experience
- Increasing revenue streams.
- Continuing to build upon events.
- Developing a plan to address the ageing infrastructure.
- Rebranding the Coal Creek brand.

The Draft Strategic Plan provides a roadmap for how Council and the community can collaborate to secure Coal Creek's future in this new direction.

**Feedback closes Thursday 1 August 2024.**

To read the Draft Plan and provide your feedback, please visit:  
[yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

#### **SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL Council Meeting Dates**



At the July Council Meeting, the decision was made to move the original date of the September Council Meeting, forward to Wednesday 11 September 2024.

Council also decided to call an additional Council Meeting for Wednesday 2 October 2024.

All meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, Leongatha.

To view all Council Meeting dates for 2024, please visit:  
[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings)

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Wednesday 21 August 2.00pm  
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:  
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To watch the 'open' part of the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:  
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#### **IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLE**

Council impounded the following vehicle in accordance with Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989* on Friday 5 July from Acacia Road, Walkerville.

**Vehicle:** Grey 2002 Ford sedan

**Registration Number:** 1VB1ZZ

**Engine Number:** 6FPAAAJGSW2A20481

Unless the vehicle is collected and relevant fees paid within 14 days of the date of this notice, the vehicle will be offered for sale to the public.

For enquiries, please contact the Community Safety Team on 5662 9200 during office hours.

#### **REQUEST FOR TENDERS**

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

**RFT/391 – Construction of Retaining Wall at Walkerville Transfer Station**

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 20 August 2024

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders)

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# Coal Creek Strategic Plan draft goes out for community comment

COMMUNITY members can now comment on the draft Strategic Plan outlining Coal Creek's future direction but need to be quick with the recently opened consultation period ending on August 1, with one South Gippsland Shire Councillor hitting out at the process informing the draft plan's creation.

Feedback will be considered when preparing the final Strategic Plan that is set to go before councillors for approval at the August council meeting.

There was a generally upbeat tone among councillors speaking about the plans for Coal Creek's future during Wednesday's July council meeting, while the many challenges involved were acknowledged and community members were encouraged to have their say.

The councillor's vote on whether to put the draft plan out for community consultation was emphatically in favour of doing so, with eight voting in support.

Only Cr Adrian Darakai struck a different note, abstaining from voting after declaring the community has been duped through inadequate information being provided on the option of closing Coal Creek.

He acknowledged the draft Strategic Plan presents a future for Coal Creek but stressed late last year he expressed dismay at the process on which it is based.

"It is fatally flawed because it did not accurately or reasonably present in the same light as the other options the

possibility of closing Coal Creek and what that would mean for our community," Cr Darakai said on Wednesday.

He questioned the information members of the Coal Creek Community Assembly and the broader community were provided with before making recommendations or submissions on the tourist park's future that informed the content of the draft Strategic Plan.

Cr Darakai argued that during consultation prior to the plan's development, there was a need for long-term outlooks to be given to the community on how money saved by closing Coal Creek could provide benefits throughout South Gippsland Shire.

As an example, he suggested council may be better positioned to meet the needs of Community Grant applicants.

Believing millions of dollars could be freed up without the costs of running Coal Creek, Cr Darakai also floated the possibility of associated savings contributing to fundamental services such as fixing roads.

He explained his decision to abstain from voting on whether to put the draft Strategic Plan out for community feedback, saying that voting yes would show support for the flawed process behind it, and voting no would be an immature response to a process that has taken place and little can now be done about.

"But I would honestly be advocating that we revert back to the entire consultation process and redo that to en-

sure that it is an effective, evidence-based and reasonable process where the community is not hoodwinked," he said, clearly accepting the reality that won't happen.

Chatting to the Sentinel-Times on Thursday, Cr Darakai explained he is not calling for the tourist attraction to be closed but is highlighting the shortcomings in the process he considers skewed feedback in favour of options to keep Coal Creek running.

Contrastingly, Cr Jenni Keeerie, during the meeting, described it as an exciting time for Coal Creek, Korumburra and the South Gippsland Shire, arguing Coal Creek offers potential economic benefits for the entire shire, not just one town.

She said the Strategic Plan will help action ideas for the tourist park and will provide a basis for securing external funding needed to help make improvements.

Cr John Schelling said Coal Creek has long been placed in the "too hard basket" and he looks forward to seeing a resolution to the challenges it presents.

Deputy Mayor Nathan Hersey declared himself happy to put the draft Strategic Plan out to the community for comment, noting the two-week feedback time is shorter than he would usually like and urging people to have their say.

Budgetary constraints on council were acknowledged by Cr Sarah Gilligan, saying the new direction proposed for Coal Creek will require real

innovation because council is not increasing the amount of funding for the site.

She noted council has allocated \$50,000 to commence implementation of the finalised Strategic Plan, including detailed financial modelling and business case development and looks forward to hearing the views of people throughout the shire on what constitutes financial sustainability for Coal Creek.

Speaking after Cr Darakai, Mayor Clare Williams encouraged community members to ask questions of council on anything they are unsure of in relation to Coal Creek so they can provide informed submissions on the draft Strategic Plan.

"That's the beauty of consultation; we're asking you for your feedback, so please give it," Cr Williams said.

Cr Keeerie then spoke again, stating members of the Coal Creek Community Assembly made it clear they were satisfied with the information they were provided with and the opportunities they were afforded to ask questions, and they ultimately reached a consensus to recommend taking Coal Creek in a new direction.

"I don't think Coal Creek has been given its opportunity to be what it can be for the shire and this is a Strategic Plan to help us get there," she said.

Visit [yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au) to view the draft Coal Creek Community Park and Museum Strategic Plan and to express your views.

## Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams

HELLO South Gippsland.

We are so lucky to have high quality events in our region, run by locals for locals and visitors. Like the Into the Woods show by Leongatha's Lyric Theatre – a wonderful show that has enthralled audiences over the past two weeks.

Many of these events would not happen if it wasn't for our amazing volunteers.

While we have one of the highest rates of volunteerism in Victoria, there are lots of Committees that are looking for new people to join in the fun. Make sure you reach out to one of your local Committees and see if you can offer a helping hand. It feels so good to volunteer!

### July Council Meeting

The July Council Meeting was held last Wednesday and had plenty of constructive discussion about a range of topics.

Our first item was endorsing the Draft Coal Creek Community Park and Museum Strategic Plan for community feedback. This process has involved the community the entire way along, but we want to make sure we've hit the mark. Whatever your feedback is, please make sure you submit it via the Your Say South Gippsland platform before Thursday, August 1: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

In partnership with Latrobe City Council, a Renewable Energy Impact and Readiness Study was adopted. The Study will help position South Gippsland for the arrival of renewable energy projects that are set to be established off the Gippsland coast in the coming years. South Gippsland Shire Council has already set itself up as a constructive partner in this space, and it is fantastic to have a document that will continue this work.

We also endorsed a **change to the Council Meeting dates** for the next few months. With the Election Period dates being changed by the Victorian Government, it was important that we shuffled some dates around to make sure decisions can be made for as long as possible. The updated dates can be found on Council's website.

If you would like to watch the meeting, you can find it on Council's website: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live)

### Network Outage Review

A Victorian Government review into the operational response of the electricity network during the 13 February storm event has been progressing well. Now, there is an opportunity for our community to provide feedback on an Interim Report. You can do this by visiting: [www.engage.vic.gov.au/network-outage-review](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au/network-outage-review)

Feedback closes on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

### Addressing Community Concerns

I have been contacted multiple times by members of our community regarding the increase in crime in our region. I understand and share your concerns.

It is important that we remain alert and report any suspicious happenings to the police as this is the only way that the crime will stop – if the police build a case against the perpetrators of crime.

While Council has no direct responsibility for taking action on these types of issues, we are in constant discussion with the local police.

## Friends of Coal Creek want your ideas on Coal Creek draft



Friends of Coal Creek's Roger Powell, Shirley Cowling and Frank Hirst are pleased the draft Strategic Plan for Coal Creek has been approved for community consultation and are calling on people to attend an upcoming meeting in Korumburra to share their views. A03\_3024

continuing, "The Devil's in the detail."

While understanding the view of Cr Adrian Darakai, who believes there hasn't been sufficient information provided on the option of closing the tourist attraction, Roger is emphatic there is a strong community desire to keep it operating.

"The community have said without a doubt they want Coal Creek to stay and that's come through in all the reports, all the consultation, and I think

there was only one submission that questioned why we have Coal Creek," Roger said.

The FOCC president, however, welcomes differing views, while stating it is the organisation's role to try to convince people of the value of Coal Creek for South Gippsland.

"We know that it will cost over \$6 million to close the place, and you end up with a ditch," Roger said of the alternative to taking a new direction to broaden Coal Creek's appeal, make it financially

sustainable and draw more tourists to South Gippsland Shire.

The FOCC meeting will be in the upper-level meeting rooms of the Korumburra Community Hub at 5.30pm on Wednesday, July 24, with light refreshments provided.

Community members can prepare by visiting [yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au) to view the draft Coal Creek and Museum Strategic Plan and are encouraged to provide online submissions on the plan.



# A quality, local, fast and affordable law firm

THE LURE of a better climate and a love of animals and Australian wildlife, saw lawyer Sarah Binstead move from London to work for a Melbourne law firm in 1999.

Within a year of being in Victoria, Sarah discovered South Gippsland and fell in love with the region, purchasing a holiday home in Venus Bay.

Three years ago, after working for law firms and as in-house legal counsel for 20 years, Sarah decided to branch out and open her own practice, Binstead & Associates.

With offices in Leongatha, Venus Bay and Melbourne and with regular trips to Phillip Island, Sarah is flexible and easily accessible to clients across the region.

Binstead & Associates specialises in wills and powers of attorney, including will disputes, probate, conveyancing including residential subdivisions, family law, occupational health and safety, and environmental law.

Working with a close network of associates, and as the Principal, Sarah enjoys tackling complex issues and works with a number of barristers when appropriate.

Being a small, privately owned business Binstead & Associates can provide a highly personalised,



**Sarah Binstead of Binstead & Associates has offices in Leongatha, Venus Bay and with regular trips to Phillip Island, she is easily accessible for clients right across the region.** ob10\_3024

convenient and flexible service with after-hours appointments available.

Sarah prides herself on being able to offer an efficient service with a fast turnaround while providing quality, and without the additional overheads of a traditional firm, offers competitive rates.

"My focus tends to be more

on the client's needs, rather than the pressure of my employer's profit margin," explains Sarah.

"The thing that I loved the most when I first started my own practice, was that I could really focus on the quality of my work, rather than being pushed to produce quantity because quantity means more fees."

As Sarah deals in areas of law that are highly personal, it is important to her that she is looking after the client first and foremost.

"The impact of your advice affects people's everyday lives, and I think it's important to have the time to do that empathetically and with patience," Sarah explains.

This kindness and empathy also extends to animals and Sarah often volunteers for wildlife organisations, including Maru Koala and Animal Park, Guide Dogs Victoria and Riding for the Disabled Association of Australia.

In establishing Binstead & Associates, Sarah drew on business knowledge she gained from running an enterprise that she established in 2003 (and which continues today) called Oratory, teaching communication skills and public speaking to children and adults and corporate sales teams.

This August, Binstead & Associates is offering 20 per cent off Wills and Powers of Attorney, and 20 per cent off in September and October for Occupational Health and Safety compliance training for staff and management.

Contact Binstead & Associates on 0477 376 179 or [sbinsteadandassociates@outlook.com](mailto:sbinsteadandassociates@outlook.com)

## Improving Dumbalk's water pressure

DUMBALK residents should see their water pressure improve after South Gippsland Water install a new booster pump at the Dumbalk Water Treatment Plant later this month.

South Gippsland Water are investing \$195,000 to upgrade Dumbalk's water supply system. This is part of their ongoing commitment to continue delivering quality, sustainable water and wastewater services to the region.

The project is designed to make Dumbalk's water pressure more reliable. It will also let us bypass water from the tower during planned and unplanned maintenance, meaning fewer interruptions of the town's water supply.

Dumbalk residents may experience brief, minor interruptions to their water pressure while the newly installed pump is being tested, but this will only temporary.

South Gippsland Water Acting Managing Director, Liz Rowland, said South Gippsland Water first commissioned the Dumbalk water tower in the 1960s.

"Today, we need to ensure we continue to supply water pressure to the standard set by the Water Services Association of Australia," she said.

These renewal works are a high priority to keep the system working. The pump station will consist of three pumps. The pump station will now be able to read the downstream discharge pressure and automatically adjust to maintain adequate pressure.

"Water pressure impacts everything from your morning shower to efficiently operating appliances like dishwashers and washing machines," Ms Rowland said.

"We are excited to have the capacity to upgrade Dumbalk's water pump systems that will increase the longevity of our infrastructure while improving residents' quality of life."

Follow the South Gippsland Water Facebook page [facebook.com/SouthGippslandWater](https://facebook.com/SouthGippslandWater) and website [sgwater.com.au/](https://sgwater.com.au/) for project updates.

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## LEONGATHA SECONDARY COLLEGE SENIOR SCHOOL

### COURSE INFORMATION EVENING

#### Tuesday, 30th July, Senior Building

Students and their parents/guardians are invited to join us for an information evening aimed at assisting current Year 9, 10 and 11 students with their course selections for 2025.

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

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

Representatives from local VET providers will also be in attendance.

**Year 10 @ 6.00pm**

**Year 11 VCE @ 6.30pm**

**Year 12 VCE @ 7.30pm**

**Light supper provided**

New senior enrolments for 2025, are invited to contact Senior School Assistant Principal Mrs Tanya Chalmers.



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## More to explore at your local library

AT MYLI – My Community Library, we offer more than just books. From our Library of Things to movie streaming and language learning, there's more to explore with a Myli membership. Here's a glimpse into the unique and exciting offerings available:

### Library of Things

Our Library of Things offers a wide range of items for various interests and needs, including surfboards, cake tins, a GoPro, bird-watching kits, and more! Our Library of Things encourages resource-sharing and fosters sustainable practices.

### Stream a Movie

With Myli, you can select from over 30,000 films, including movies, documentaries, children's shows, foreign films, and indie productions through Kanopy and Hoopla. Enjoy a wide range of entertainment options that cater to all tastes and preferences, ensuring there's something for everyone to watch and enjoy.

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Local solar specialists Sunscape Solar (pictured) will be at the Speed Date an Energy Expert event along with Earthworker Energy Manufacturing Cooperative, Members from the Mycelia Energy Collective and representatives from the Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower Community Energy and Resilience Study.

# Speed date an energy expert

THE VENUS Bay Community Centre and Mycelia Renewables have partnered up to collaborate on the delivery of the Venus Bay Community Energy Action Plan and will be holding a Speed Date an Energy Expert event.

The event is an opportunity for people to get local, trusted advice on household solar panels, batteries or even a solar hot water heat pump, but need more information, without the pressure of a sales environment.

As there is no one-size-fits-all system for households, the sheer volume of information available online has become a barrier for people to make a decision on their own system.

The Victorian government is also currently offering rebates of up to \$1400 for the installation

of solar panel systems, a solar hot water rebate as well as interest-free loans on solar batteries.

For the event, the Mycelia Energy Collective (MEC) has partnered with local solar specialists Sunscape Solar in Grantville, who have a solid reputation for their high-quality attention and focus on customer service.

Sunscape Solar are also a big supporter in what MEC is trying to achieve and has offered members of MEC three tiers of discounted pricing on household solar and battery systems.

"We're excited to be part of it and meet people who are interested in solar and batteries – the last event in Kilcunda went really well. Batteries are a confusing topic, and people are coming to these events to get advice on what options best suit their

needs. And it's great that we've been able to offer some discounted pricing through the Mycelia Energy Collective – we love what they're doing for renewable energy in the region," said Daniel Ballard, Sunscape Solar.

MEC has also partnered with Earthworker Energy Manufacturing Cooperative, who build heat pump solar hot water systems in Morwell and offers bulk buy pricing to members of the MEC on these products with a 15-year warranty.

Earthworker reps will also be at the event to talk about heat pumps and how they can support household energy efficiency. Having an efficient hot water system reduces the size of the solar system needed, so these two conversations go hand-in-hand.

Members from the MEC will be there all day to talk to anyone

interested in learning a bit more about what they do.

Representatives from the Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower Community Energy and Resilience Study will also be there to talk all about their roadmap and the next steps to achieving their community energy goals.

This is the second Speed Date event – the first was held in March in Kilcunda – and was a great success, with all the available appointments booked and plenty of people dropping in to talk about renewable energy options for their homes.

The Speed Date an Energy Expert event will be held at the Tarwin Lower Hall on Sunday, August 25 from 9.30am-4pm.

To register interest for the event or find out more about the Mycelia Energy Collective, contact [info@mycelia.org.au](mailto:info@mycelia.org.au).

## The Mycelia Energy Collective partner with the community

IN 2023, Mycelia Renewables completed a year-long Community Energy and Resilience Study with the Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower communities, and earlier this year, the Venus Bay Community Centre partnered with the Mycelia Energy Collective to help implement aspects of their plan.

The MEC is a homegrown initiative of Mycelia Renewables Ltd based in Bass Coast. The Collective itself is open to anyone across Victoria and has a range of offerings to support a fair transition to renewable energy.

As the energy transition is well underway, many people are being 'left behind', unable to access the many benefits renewable energy has to offer.

The MEC plans to implement programs and events to reduce these barriers through a low-cost 'matched energy' model, energy literacy programs, free energy assessments and upgrades, bulk buys, events and shared community benefits.

The Collective is offering an



The Venus Bay Community Centre have partnered with the Mycelia Energy Collective to help implement aspects of their community energy plan.

energy education program through local community centres called "More Comfort, Less Cost", in both Corinella and Wonthaggi in Term 3, and coming to Venus Bay in Term 4. This program helps people reduce their energy use, improve the comfort of their homes and reduce their energy bills.

"We are keen to build these

skills across the community, especially where we have opportunities to reach people who are in need of this support. We're offering this training for free for anyone who is a community worker or volunteer, but also welcome anyone who is keen to come along and participate in the group learning," said a spokesperson from MEC.

"There are so many great conversations, knowledge and experiences shared – there's a lot we can learn together to make a real difference in how much energy we use right now – and it's mostly simple stuff. Especially for folks on a fixed income who are experiencing energy bill stress, this course can help."

Anyone can join MEC through the energy retail deal through The People's Grid – there are no membership fees. The more members MEC have, the more funding they can attract to run local programs to support community-owned renewable energy, support energy efficiency and reduce energy costs for people in the region.

As part of their program, MEC is also holding a Speed Date an Energy Expert event on Sunday, August 25, at the Tarwin Lower Hall, 9.30am-4pm.

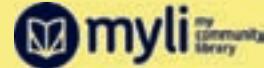
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# The Wonthaggi Club members recognised for long service

THE Directors and staff of The Wonthaggi Club are always pleased and proud to acknowledge significant milestones in club membership. Recently, the club celebrated the long-serving membership of several well-known members, thanking them for their loyalty and contributions.

In particular, the club honoured Terry Pryor, who became the 17th member to reach 60 years of membership, and George Scott, who notched up 50 years with the club. Both milestones are remarkable achievements that reflect a deep commitment to the club community.

This celebration also marked a historic moment as service awards were given to lady members for the first time, commemorating 20 years since women were admitted as full members.

The board of directors, joined by life members, presented the awards and acknowledged these significant milestones in membership.



The Wonthaggi Club's Long Service Awards were presented to members recently at The Clubhouse. From left, Patricia Cooper – 20 years, Margaret Tobin – 20 years, George Scott – 50 Years, President Alan Bolding, Barbara Robertson – 20 years, Barry Dicker – 30 years, and Ronaldson Dobson – 20 years.

Congratulations to all who received an award for their dedication and service to The Wonthaggi Club.

#### Full list of recipients:

- 60 Years: Terry Pryor.

- 50 Years: George Scott.
- 40 Years: Bob Bainbridge, Dom Chizzoniti and Eric Van Agtmael.
- 30 Years: Barry Dicker, Inoke Boodromo and Patrick Palmer.
- 20 Years: Pat Cooper, Barb Robertson, Melissa Sellings, Bryan Donohue, Elaine Tiziani, Terry Kiely, Margaret Tobin, Geoff Sawyer, Ron Dobson, Janice Brown and Joan Ward.

## For all your lock and key needs call AMR Locksmiths

ANTHONY Robinson moved to Mirboo North in late 2023 and as the owner of a mobile small business, AMR Locksmiths, he is the man to go to for all your locksmithing services.

Anthony grew up in East Melbourne and began his Locksmith apprenticeship more than twenty years ago.

He spent most of his trade working in Melbourne until four years ago when his love of camping, hiking and four-wheel driving brought him to Gippsland.

Now living on a 3/4 acre block of land with his partner, Anthony is living out his dream of being closer to nature and working for himself.

At the time he moved to Gippsland Anthony ventured out on his own and with over twenty years of knowledge and experience under his belt opened up AMR Locksmiths.

The business services right across South Gippsland from Mirboo North down to Inverloch, Venus Bay, Sandy Point and across to Wonthaggi, and surrounding towns encompassing Central and

East Gippsland.

AMR Locksmiths provides a fast, friendly, and affordable onsite locksmithing service, including a 24/7 emergency service. They cover all aspects of domestic and commercial locksmithing, including changing and rekeying locks, supplying and installing locks, repairing or opening locks, securing break-ins, installing security door locks, and unlocking cars.

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Mirboo North resident Anthony Robinson is bringing his friendly, fast and reliable locksmithing service to all of South Gippsland and surrounding areas.

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Voices for Monash to present two potential candidates at event

Become a member to vote for your preferred independent candidate to represent our communities and electorate

VOICES for Monash (V4M) committee have selected two amazing applicants to meet with members as part of the Independent Candidate Selection Process.

The community independent movement has grown significantly in Australia over the last few years and V4M are collaborating with dozens of other groups across the land. Exciting times for those who no longer trust political parties beholden to vested interests.

While all supporters may follow the news, only registered members will be able to vote for their preferred candidate. Everyone interested in joining this growing community independent movement should become a member today and ensure your chance to have a say – please visit: [v4m.org.au/join](http://v4m.org.au/join)

The two applicants will present why they would be the best independent candidate for the Monash electorate to a members only event in Inverloch, Sunday, July 28, 2024. Members will be able to ask questions of each applicant.

#### Event Details:

- Sunday, July 28, from 3-5pm
- Inlet Hotel – 3/5 Esplanade, Inverloch

This event will also be live streamed via the V4M FaceBook page for those unable to attend in person.

At the conclusion of the event members will be emailed a link to vote via SurveyMonkey:

Voting is open from Sunday, July 28, at 6pm until Monday, July 29, at 6pm – members will be advised of the outcome on Tuesday, July 30.

## Visits increase at Agnes Falls

DID you visit the Agnes Falls during June this year? If so, you were one of the 1723 official visitors that month. The annual total to date is now 21,444, slightly more than the same time in 2023. The reserve is looking good and, with the recent rain, the falls are looking quite spectacular.

If you have had difficulties accessing the beautiful Agnes Falls during your visit, the following petition, put up by a local concerned citizen, may interest you.

Please consider giving it your support: [change.org/p/demand-all-ability-access-at-agnes-falls-scenic-reserve](http://change.org/p/demand-all-ability-access-at-agnes-falls-scenic-reserve).

The Friends of Agnes Falls invite you to formally join the group of volunteers.

The group meets five times per year for meetings – held at local venues with an optional lunch or dinner, occasional working bees on site, and attendance at local events promoting the falls.

Occasionally, the Friends of Agnes Falls may host a group visit. Many hands make light work. Contact the secretary for more details, if interested: [friendsofagnesfalls@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofagnesfalls@gmail.com).

VOICES FOR MONASH

## Members Vote

Voices For Monash (V4M) Committee is holding a members only event:

Sunday 28th July 3-5pm - Inlet Hotel, Inverloch

### BECOME A MEMBER TO VOTE IN CITIZEN DEMOCRACY

Vote for your preferred applicant to become the next independent candidate for Monash.

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Sonia Weston welcomes Inverloch PS 'on to country' for NAIDOC Week.

## Deadly NAIDOC Week at Inverloch Kongwak PS

DEADLY doors, possum skin prizes and a welcome to country by Boon Wurrung woman Sonia Weston enthralled students at Inverloch Kongwak primary school for NAIDOC Week.

Proudly displaying first nation colours students listened attentively as Aunty Sonia explained how knowing more about local Aboriginal culture teaches you more about the local environment.

Hitting message sticks Sonia Weston encouraged students to vote for their favourite 'deadly' classroom door.

Each winning door receives a possum skin prize and lunch with Sonia representing the Bunurong elders.

Celebrating the school phrase for respecting traditional Bunurong and Boon Wurrung peoples 'Keep the fire burning blak, loud and proud' prep students constructed a tissue paper tribal fire between their classrooms.

Students at Inverloch Kongwak Primary School have undertaken to recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture beyond NAIDOC Week.

'We will keep the fire burning by honouring and celebrating the stories, traditions and achievements of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.'

See more photos online at sgst.com.au.

# Newhaven College students win top honours

SAFFI Campbell-Walker and Will Murphy from Newhaven College received top honours this week for their outstanding VCE results in 2023.

Both Saffi and Will received a Premier's VCE Award for excellence in VCE Music Contemporary.

Out of the three awards given statewide in this category, they received two. This puts them among the top VCE students in the state in 2023.

Newhaven College principal Mr Tony Corr said the entire school community was proud of their Premier's VCE Award recipients: "For both Saffi and Will to receive a VCE Premier's Awards in Music is an outstanding achievement. This is a reflection of their dedication and determination. The Newhaven College community is very proud of them both on being recipients of such a prestigious award".

Director of Learning Mrs Karen Milkins-Hendry joined Tony in congratulating these outstanding students: "Talented and dedicated students partnered with passionate, expert teachers. Congratulations to Saffi and Will on this exceptional achievement."

Mr Mathew Goss, Director of Music at Newhaven College added: "The College is immensely proud of Will and Saffi as this award is a true reflect on the dedication they have given to their craft over many years. We're also proud knowing our



Saffi Campbell-Walker and Will Murphy pictured with Newhaven College Director of Music, Mr Mathew Goss, received top honours this week for their outstanding VCE results in 2023, receiving a Premier's VCE Award for excellence in VCE Music Contemporary. Out of the three awards given statewide in this category, they received two.

department is nurturing talent and providing our students with the opportunity to achieve excellence. Will and Saffi, alongside their classmates have already inspired the next generation of musicians at Newhaven College."

310 of Victoria's top performing students were recognised at this year's Premier's VCE Awards, including three international students, six students who completed the VCE Vocational Major program with distinction, and 23 Top All-Round VCE High Achievers who achieved study scores of 46 or higher out of 50 in at least five VCE subjects.

Kira Mascaros of Bass Coast College was also announced during the Premier's VCE Awards receiving top honours in Sport and Recreation (VCE VET). Tune into next week's edition of the Sentinel-Times as we sit down with Kira and discuss the award and all things Sport and Recreation.

## Our Bass Coast. Our Future.

Bass Coast Shire Council is excited to launch 'Our Bass Coast. Our Future' and we're asking what you love about Bass Coast? What should be a priority for Council? What should be preserved? And what does the future looks like? Your input will identify the priority focus areas for Council for the next four years.

We're holding drop-in sessions and an online survey where you can let us know what you think.

### Drop-in sessions:

#### Tuesday, 23 July

11.00am to 2.00pm - Berninnett, Cowes Library

#### Thursday, 1 August

10.00am to 1.30pm - Wonthaggi Library

#### Saturday, 3 August

8.00am to 1.00pm - Churchill Island Farmers Market

#### Tuesday, 13 August

11.00am to 2.00pm - Inverloch Community Hub

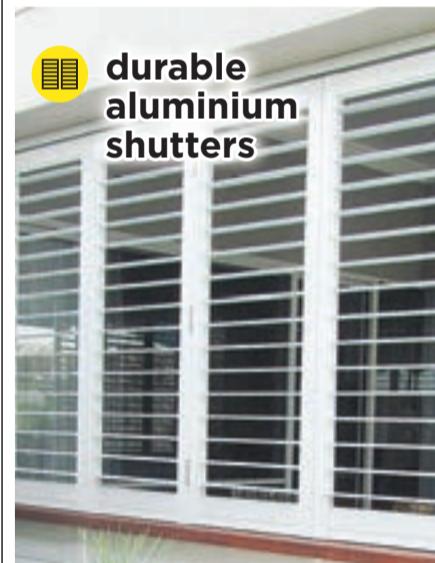
#### Friday, 23 August

10.00am to 12.00pm - San Remo Foreshore

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## Leongatha's Daffodil and Floral Show

COMING SOON!

We are happy to announce that our annual Daffodil and Floral show is on track for 2024!

Thursday, August 29 | 1.30pm - 5pm

Friday, August 30 | 9am - 5pm

Saturday, August 31 | 9am - 4pm

Leongatha Memorial Hall, 6 - 8 McCartin Street, Leongatha.

Admission: Adults: \$5 | Children: Free

Schedule available at:

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Leongatha Garden Club

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# Final stage of Commemorative Garden honouring our Veterans unveiled

By Inverloch RSL

THE Inverloch RSL Commemorative Garden has reached a significant milestone with the opening of its final stage, and the local community came together to celebrate this momentous occasion. The event, which was attended by local State MP Jordan Crugnale, was a fitting tribute to the veterans who have served our country with honour and bravery.

The Commemorative Garden now stands as a lasting memorial to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, and it serves as a place of reflection and remembrance for generations to come. The addition of the final stage has enriched the garden with new features and elements that pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of our veterans.

The Inverloch RSL would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing of the Victorian Government for their assistance and support in the completion of the Commemorative Garden project. Their contribution has been instrumental in ensuring that the garden is a fitting tribute to our veterans and a place of solace for those who have been affected by war.

Local State MP Jordan Crugnale expressed her deep gratitude for the dedication



Inverloch RSL unveiled the final stage of the Commemorative Gardens on Saturday with Jordan Crugnale MP

and commitment of the Inverloch RSL in creating a meaningful and poignant tribute to our veterans. She commended the RSL for their tireless efforts in ensuring that the Commemorative Garden is a place of respect and reverence for our servicemen and women.

As we mark this important milestone in the history of the Inverloch RSL Commemorative Garden, let us remember the sacrifices made by our veterans and honour their legacy with gratitude and respect. The completion of the

final stage of the garden is a testament to the unwavering commitment of the community to honour our veterans and ensure that their memory lives on.

The Inverloch RSL looks forward to welcoming visitors to the Commemorative Garden and inviting them to pay their respects to our veterans. The garden stands as a symbol of our appreciation for the service and sacrifice of those who have served our country, and it is a place of solemn reflection and remembrance for all who visit.

Let us take a moment to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by our veterans, and to honour their memory with pride and gratitude. The completion of the final stage of the Inverloch RSL Commemorative Garden is a fitting tribute to our servicemen and women and a testament to the enduring legacy of their service to our country. May we never forget their sacrifice, and may we always remember their courage and dedication to preserving our freedom and ensuring our way of life.

Fundraising fashion parade a success

THE Inverloch VIEW club held a fashion parade recently at the Inverloch RSL with proceeds going towards their sponsorship of children in need of education support through the Smith Family.

Mother and daughter team Georgia and Lily of Cabella Mia presented eight racks of clothing from their autumn and winter range.

While Georgia spoke about the pieces presented, Lily modelled the clothes for the audience, to give them a good idea of how they would look on.

Cabella Mia is an Australian-owned family business that focuses on quality fabrics and garments that are easy to wash and wear.

The brands presented on the day included Sportswear, Jillian, Maglia, Renoma, Dolcezza, Gordon Smith Callan, Bromley Whispers and Orienique.

Inverloch VIEW Club program officer Tricia, who assisted with putting the event together, said it was great to have someone model the clothes and to have an extensive range from a variety of brands.

About 50 ladies attended the event and many took the opportunity to catch up over tea and scones and browse the racks, picking out some of their favourites.

"We've had good support from people, from the club and many other community members. There are a lot of people here we haven't seen before," said Tricia.

The event was a good opportunity for community members to purchase some additional pieces for their winter wardrobes without having to shop around too much and to help raise money for a good cause.

Three lucky door prizes worth \$50 each were donated by Cabella Mia and a raffle helped to boost the funds raised.

VIEW club organisers believe this will be their biggest fundraising event for the year. They also hold a stall at Bunnings to raise funds for the Smith Family.



## SENIOR PROGRAMS INFORMATION SESSIONS

These information sessions are essential for students and their parents to attend in order to gain insight into the programs available at the Wonthaggi Campus and the process of selecting subjects for the 2025 school year. These sessions will be critical for students and their parents to gain an understanding of VCE and the VCE Vocational Major options for their Year 11 & 12 years.

### Year 9 into Year 10 Information Sessions

Monday, August 5 at 6.30pm

@ San Remo Campus (Specialist Building)  
of Bass Coast College

Wednesday, August 7 at 6.30pm

@ Wonthaggi (Senior) Campus  
(Performing Arts Centre) of Bass Coast College

### Year 10 into Year 11 (Senior Programs) Information Session

Wednesday, July 31 at 6.30pm

@ Wonthaggi Arts Centre (Graham St)

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**Sean and Kelly Buntine are ready to welcome clients from Leongatha and surrounds after opening a new office in Bair Street. A01\_3024**

## Personalised service at MTSE

MTSE Accountants & Business Advisors has just opened a Leongatha office, with owners Kelly and Sean Buntine and staff looking forward to meeting locals, building connections and providing ongoing support.

The business offers a wide range of services, helping clients with bookkeeping, payroll, and management reporting, through to taxation for individuals and companies.

Available advice includes tax planning to reduce tax, and budgeting to help people keep their businesses on track and get them to where they need to go.

Managing Principal Kelly has over 25 years of financial services industry experience and has worked in many areas of business, while Principal Sean has more than 30 years of industry experience, having run his own small business for most of that time.

MTSE has well-established offices in Pakenham and Yarram.

The business has a philosophy that they can do as little or as much as the client requires.

Whilst they like to help clients with their bookkeeping as it can assist with building their relationship with the clients, they are always happy to work alongside other bookkeepers to ensure that the client can get the best outcome.

"We like to have that constant contact with clients, whereas if you're just doing tax for them, you see them once a year," Kelly said.

Getting out of the office to visit people at their farms and businesses and providing

personalised service are seen as important, enabling tailoring to individual needs.

Sean said that while MTSE uses modern technology, there is nothing better than face-to-face communication.

"Sometimes it's easier to just sit down and have a good old-fashioned chinwag with someone, and it's amazing what you can find out if you have a chat," he said.

The new Leongatha office operates five days a week during business hours.

Generally, Sean, Kelly or Senior Accountant Andrew Farrell will be present, offering their expertise.

Sean encourages those who are contemplating a change of accountant to pop in for a chat to learn more about what MTSE can offer them.

The business can put clients in touch with other service providers such as mortgage brokers and financial planners.

Alongside its accounting and other business services, MTSE also helps people manage their NDIS plans.

Sean explained that the business became involved in NDIS when accountants were called on to help manage payments under the scheme.

"They asked for accountants to put their hand up and it took us nearly 12 months to get certified through the NDIS process," he said.

Regardless of the services you need, you're guaranteed a pleasant, friendly experience at MTSE along with expertise.

"We're down to earth and easygoing and work with people however they need to work with us," Kelly said.



**Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child, left, and former Board Chair Don Paproth, right, with the honour board for Stan Graham and his family, Angie Almond, Arthur Graham and Shirley Graham at the unveiling.**

## BCH recognises the contribution of former longstanding Board Chair

BASS Coast Health (BCH) has paid tribute to a longstanding volunteer at Wonthaggi Hospital by unveiling its latest honour board.

The board honours the late Stan Graham, Chair of the Wonthaggi Hospital Board of Directors for 21 years from 1952-1973.

His daughter-in-law Shirley Graham, grandson Arthur Graham and his partner Angie Almond recently gathered at the hospital for the unveiling in the Bridge Link, followed by an afternoon tea.

Former BCH Board Chair Don Paproth said Stan's honour board was a well-deserved recognition of everything he had done for Wonthaggi Hospital.

"One of the reasons is that when you walk around the hospital you see the Stirton Wing and you saw (the former) Davey House, and you knew who those people were, but not many people knew who Stan

Graham was," he said.

Stan's time in charge saw unprecedented growth in facilities and services, such as a new Nurses Home, new Aged Care facilities, new kitchen facilities and a Children's Ward.

He led the way in bringing several UK doctors to the Hospital in the 1950's and 1960's to service the community, largely because locally trained doctors were in short supply.

Stan was at the forefront of the introduction of a community Hospital Benefits Scheme in 1952. This ground-breaking program was unique in Australia and ensured the whole population of Wonthaggi and surrounds had full hospital cover. It wasn't until the Federal Government's introduction of Medibank some 20 years later that the rest of Australia would enjoy similar benefits.

Stan and his wife Ivy were tireless

workers for the hospital, in particular their efforts for the Annual Hospital Garden Party, which raised enormous funds for the hospital and was a highlight of the community's social calendar.

Graham Wing at the hospital is named after Stan and while this building is earmarked for demolition during further stages of the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion, BCH CEO Jan Child said Stan's contribution would not be lost.

"When the new hospital is built, we will retain Stan Graham's name, and make sure the histories of all the people who are the soul of this health service live on," she said.

Last year, BCH unveiled honour boards for other health service contributors John Owens, Agnes Chambers, Bill Stirton, Dr Lancelot Sleeman, James Healy Davey, Mary Kathleen (Min) Gillespie and Percy Brew.

## Peggy brightens up the day for aged care residents

PEGGY the chihuahua is giving residents of Gippsland Southern Health Service's aged care facility Hillside Lodge a good reason to smile.

The little dog is winning the hearts of residents who had been grieving the loss of their therapy cat.

Peggy is owned by GSHS registered nurse Megan Williams who decided to bring her to Hillside Lodge after the death of the cat, Lily.

She was even dressed in pink earlier this month when personal

care assistant Bonnie-Rose Waters organised a Wear Pink to Work day to brighten the atmosphere during winter.

"She's a very pleasant dog and very good with the residents," Bonnie said.

"Peggy was a rescue and Megan has worked well with her - she's the most pleasant dog you could come across. All she does is follow Meaghan all day long."

While chihuahuas can sometimes be a little feisty, the residents adore Peggy, and she adores them.

"Every time Megan brings Peggy in, she brings a smile to the faces of the residents when they see her prancing around the corridor," Bonnie said.

The pink day was organised to overcome the illnesses and gloom that come with winter.

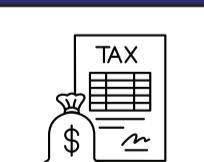
"It was something to bring a bit more fun and brightness into the day for all residents," Bonnie said.

"Getting the residents involved and having something different to their day-to-day routine really seems to cheer them up."

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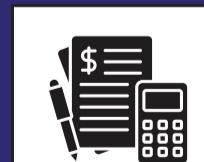
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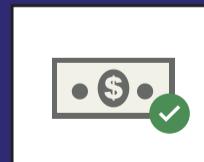
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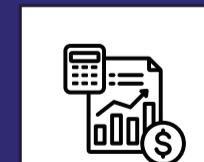
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## Seven new Australian citizens call South Gippsland home

IN A CEREMONY held in the council chambers of the South Gippsland Shire Council last Wednesday, seven conferees officially became Australian citizens.

Since Australian citizenship was introduced in 1949, more than six million people have become citizens by conferral.

In 2022-23, 192,947 people received their citizenship, representing over 200 different nationalities, with the top three nationalities from India, UK and the Philippines.

The seven new Australian citizens who can now officially call South Gippsland home hailed from the Netherlands, India, New Zealand, China, Belgium and the United Kingdom.

The South Gippsland Brass Band played a wonderful instrumental version of, I Still Call Australia Home, to a slide show of iconic Australian people, places, events and animals.

South Gippsland Shire Council CEO, Kerryn Ellis opened the ceremony and handed it over to Mayor Clare Williams who presided over the event, and in the absence of Andrew Giles MP Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, read a speech from him.

Part of which follows.

"Thank you for deciding to become an Australian citizen today. You join the nation that is one of the world's most successful multicultural societies. With around half of all Australians either born overseas or with at least one parent born overseas in Australia, everyone can be proud of who they are and everyone should be respected, valued and feel a sense of belonging.

"We are privileged to share this beautiful country with the world's oldest continuing culture. This is a fundamental part of who we are. For more than 60,000 years, First Nations people have cared for our country, appreciating and understanding this truth is the vital part of what it means to be Australian.

"Australians are united by our shared commitment to democracy and the rule of law and to freedom of speech, religion and association.

"On behalf of the Australian government, heartfelt congratulations on becoming an Australian citizen."

South Gippsland Shire Councillors then presented the conferees with their Australian Citizenship Certificate and an Australian Native plant.

Many of the conferees chose to make South Gippsland home due to the beauty of the area, including the hills, forests, beaches and the variety of flora and fauna.

The ceremony concluded with attendees singing the Australian National Anthem.

# New life for the historical rail precinct

DENNIS Leversha's 2012 vision sketched and proudly on display on the walls inside Wonthaggi & Districts Historical Society has come to life.

There may be a couple of small differences, but standing in front of the vision, whilst taking in the spectacular new exhibition space, it would be remiss to say one could not feel prouder for all those involved. Particularly the hard-working volunteers who have dedicated thousands of hours of time to breathing new life into the space.

Last Tuesday, President Fay Quilford stood alongside members of the Wonthaggi & District Historical Society, Victorian State Government representative Jordan Crugnale MP, Bass Coast Shire Councillors and administration staff, Mayor Clare Le Serve, as well as CEO Greg Box, and TS Constructions, as the project was officially opened.

The \$438,000 Bass Coast Rail Trail Wonthaggi Precinct project, jointly funded by the Victorian Government and Bass Coast Shire Council, has transformed the Bass Coast Rail Trail platform and museum entry, creating an outdoor undercover community exhibition space. Other works included upgrading the



Fay Quilford (centre) proudly open the transformed Bass Coast Rail Trail Precinct last week alongside Abbas Niazi, Bass Coast Shire Council, and Mal Lindsay, TS Constructions.

retaining walls, glazing the rail trail platform and adding a new entrance.

During her speech Fay proudly spoke of the dedication and perseverance that has gone into the project and the 112 years of history the building holds.

There were stories of the mines' closure in 1968 and the last passenger and goods trains in 1977 and 1978 respectively. The Victorian Railways rapid sell-off of land and assets and community members and groups, particularly the Apex Club, fighting to save significant parts of the railway precinct in 1979/1980. In 1980, "the Borough Council of the day declared the

station as the home of Wonthaggi & District Historical Society."

The Society has been the custodians ever since.

The upgrades have made the Wonthaggi Railway Station Museum a focal point of the Rail Trail, providing it with new opportunities to share local history through a new undercover space which can be enjoyed from the trail as a static display.

The history, the learnings, the experiences, the artefacts, the stories, the displays are showcased for all to see and something for locals and visitor alike to put on their 'to do' list.

After the official proceedings Fay noted the incredible community interest the new space

has already generated with 18 visitors taking in the museum over the June long weekend and 15 visitors over the first weekend of the school holidays.

"We are excited by the enthusiasm and interest," Fay said.

"It's important that we recognise the interest it's already generating with visitors now coming to see the museum."

TS Constructions proudly built the new space with the \$388,000 boost from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.

"Such a delight and honour to be part of the project completion celebrations which acknowledges and commemorates the extraordinary history of this town - it is magnificent and the visibility will further exemplify the connections people have, take pride of place and be that renewed focal point of the town and community," Jordan Crugnale MP said.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank Fay Quilford and everyone involved in the Wonthaggi and District Historical Society who have been so active in making sure this entire precinct is protected and everything is preserved for years to come and to TS Constructions who have excelled yet again with their craftsmanship."



Lighten Up Theatre is opening the doors this weekend to Mystery on the Orient express at Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club.

## Lighten Up Theatre presents Mystery on the Orient Express

LIGHTEN Up Theatre is thrilled to announce the opening of its latest production, "Mystery on the Orient Express." The curtain rises this Friday, July 26, with performances scheduled for the 26th and 27th at 8pm, and a matinee on the 28th at 2pm. The final two shows will be held the following week on Friday, August 2, and Saturday, August 3.

In preparation for the grand opening, the cast and crew held a full technical dress rehearsal on Sunday. This special preview was performed for a small group from a local charity, who were invited to enjoy complimentary tickets. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with one attendee remarking, "I have not laughed that much in a long time."

Trish, the director of Lighten Up Theatre, shared her vision for the company: "My goal is to bring uplifting, feel-good productions to the community. Everyone faces challenges in life, and some are particularly tough. If we can help our audience escape and forget their worries, even if just for a moment, we have achieved our goal."

Tickets for "Mystery on the Orient Express" are still available, but they are selling fast. To purchase tickets, visit [trybooking.com/CQXOX](http://trybooking.com/CQXOX). Alternatively, to reserve a ticket and pay cash at the door, text or call Trish on 0400 817 481.

Don't miss this chance to experience a night of laughter and entertainment with Lighten Up Theatre!



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# Corio Generation welcomes Feasibility Licence award for Great Eastern Offshore Wind

Corio Generation is pleased to have been awarded a Feasibility Licence for our 2.5 GW Great Eastern Offshore Wind project (GEOW) in the declared Gippsland offshore wind zone.

Since 2021, the GEOW project team has conducted extensive engagement to understand the local Gippsland community and stakeholder environment.

Corio see a significant opportunity for offshore wind in Australia as a proven renewable energy source which will not only make a significant contribution to our future energy mix, but also brings economic benefits with local jobs and investment.

**“Offshore wind technology is a proven, clean and cost-competitive form of electricity generation.”**

**Standing as one of the country’s pioneering first offshore wind projects we are absolutely delighted that Great Eastern Offshore Wind is now poised to contribute to Australia’s energy transition and contribute to the emergence of a new renewable energy industry.”**

— Jonathan Cole, CEO of Corio Generation

The GEOW project is expected to generate substantial economic benefits, supporting up to 1,700 Australian jobs during the peak construction periods and up to 340 permanent full-time jobs in the Gippsland region during

its 30+ years of operation. If fully realised, the project will be able to power up to 1.6 million Victorian households.

**“This formal award provides Corio with a licence to assess the feasibility of our project in the Bass Strait for up to seven years.”**

**As we undertake further studies and activities to inform our project, we will continue to work in partnership with all our stakeholders, Traditional Owners, fellow developers, governments and the local community to drive a successful offshore wind industry for the Gippsland region.”**

— Penny Pickett, Head of Australia at Corio Generation

Corio Generation is a specialist offshore wind developer with a project pipeline of around 30 GW across the Americas, Europe and Asia-Pacific. Our global team of offshore wind specialists take projects from origination through development and construction and into operation.

We apply a long-term partnership approach to project creation and management, underpinned by access to long-term capital. Operating on a standalone basis, Corio is a portfolio company of Macquarie Asset Management, part of Macquarie Group.

## Upcoming Activities

Key next steps and upcoming works to progress the GEOW project include:

Completion of the 2nd year of **marine baseline surveys** to inform the Environmental Impact Assessment and project approvals

Conducting **offshore site investigations**, which include preliminary marine geophysical and geotechnical (G&G) surveys to collect data to inform project design and confirm the suitable location of infrastructure.

The geophysical investigation will use low sound source equipment such as multi-beam echo sounders, sub-bottom profilers, side scan sonar, magnetometers and underwater cameras.

The geotechnical investigations acquire physical samples of the seabed surface and subsurface via techniques such as grab sampling, low-impact coring (including vibrocores, rotary coring) and cone penetrometer tests.

Hosting **community engagement events** in Sale, Yarram and Seaspray. Please refer to our website for more information: [www.greateasternoffshorewind.com.au](http://www.greateasternoffshorewind.com.au)

## Project Updates



Photo credit: David Donnell



### Marine baseline surveys

The GEOW project team have completed 17 months of the 24-month marine environmental baseline surveys, as well as the project referrals for the site investigations and preparation of draft project referrals to inform the State Environment Effects Statement (EES) and Commonwealth Environment Impact Statement (EIS) approval process for the emerging offshore wind industry.

The marine baseline surveys are designed to capture the full spectrum of environmental conditions and marine life in the Bass Strait, such as marine mammals including whales, seabirds, benthic ecology and fish, and will help inform the design and construction of the project.

### Regional ports tour

In February 2024, the GEOW project team visited the Barry Beach Marine Terminal (BBMT), located near Port Anthony in central Gippsland, where they learned about their plans to invest in upgrades in preparation for potential operations and maintenance activities to support the emerging offshore wind sector.

BBMT is a valuable asset to the Gippsland region and will play a significant role, given its close proximity to the declared offshore wind zone and the Great Eastern Offshore Wind project.



### Supply-chain and procurement

Corio is committed to using local suppliers, manufacturers, contractors, consultants, and other supply chain resources to develop and participate in our projects. Throughout the development, construction, and operation of the GEOW project, Corio expects to award a range of small and large contracts both onshore and offshore.

To stay up-to-date on supply opportunities and promote your business capability, please register an expression of interest on the ICN Gateway platform.

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Corio is committed to working with all stakeholders during the development of the project to ensure we can deliver the best outcomes for the local community, the Gunaikurnai peoples and the environment. Corio Generation acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Gunaikurnai people, whose land and sea country our project may sit upon, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. Corio recognises our project may have an impact on sea country and sea resources, to which Custodians and land connected peoples have traditional spiritual connections, and within which they and their ancestors have conducted traditional practices and activities.

## Sentinel-Times

### COMMENT

#### Another Bass Coast fiasco looms

JUST when you thought (hoped) the Bass Coast Shire Council might pull its head in, after the debacle of Wonthaggi's housing fiasco, and stay in its lane until the October elections, they've embarked on yet another train wreck.

We knew when the council voted to set up an independent, not-for-profit company called the 'Environment Fund' at its June council meeting that council's involvement in the initiative stunk to high heaven.

But now we are starting to hear what, frankly we suspected all along, that this ratbag fringe 'Climate Emergency' proposal is going to cost ratepayers an absolute bomb with no guarantee that it will deliver any benefits inside the boundaries of the Bass Coast Shire.

Is that even legal?

It took a series of questions from the community at the July meeting of council to start to unravel the deliberately secretive process that has led to the establishment of the Environment Fund and the allocation of \$50,000 of ratepayers' money from the shire's 2023-24 budget.

That's not from the new 2024-25 budget, which was only adopted at the same meeting, on June 19, 2024.

In fact, it took the council a full 12 months to even see a motion approving the establishment of the Environment Fund after oblique reference to the 'design and implementation' of an environment fund was included in the 2023-24 budget papers.

So, while many worthy community projects have to jump through exhaustive hoops before being even considered for funding, here was a loopy thought bubble of an idea hidden away in the 2023-24 budget, well before the council received a glossy, audio-visual presentation recently about the fund and voted to approve it, 12 months later.

That money was effectively allocated even before the council knew what it was really for, and before they'd voted to agree to the fund's establishment.

How does that even happen?

There still hasn't been a council motion that specifically makes an allocation of \$50,000 of ratepayers' money to the environment fund.

Here's what the 2023-24 budget says about the establishment of the fund: "Strategic Objective 1: Protecting our natural environment 1. Design and implement a dedicated perpetual environment fund for accelerating habitat restoration on public and private land."

Nowhere does it say, and nowhere is it explained that this is not a council-controlled fund, that it is in fact to be controlled by a private company, completely separate from council, and that council may not have a seat on the board or even be able to influence where future funds are to be used.

In fact, it's implied in the 2023-24 budget reference that it is to be a council-controlled fund.

As well as the \$50,000 to design and implement the fund, the way has also been left open for council to contribute untold thousands of dollars more to its work.

The environment fund is the brainchild of former Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan who, it has been mooted, will seek a seat on the board of this new entity, if not emerge as its inaugural chairman after he retires as a councillor at the next election.

What Cr Whelan does after he leaves council is his business, but having steered this initiative through council, including the allocation of ratepayers' money, what he needs to do before he leaves council is rule out any ambition to be directly involved in an organisation he played a key role in establishing for a reasonable amount of time, at least 18 months, or for a time acceptable to the community.

There is nothing wrong with the Bass Coast Shire Council encouraging the establishment of an independent environment fund that will "reverse biodiversity decline by preserving and enhancing existing habitat and accelerating the restoration of connected habitat across the landscape" but council's sole responsibility is to the people of the Bass Coast Shire.

Ratepayers' funds are to be spent here, doing what the council's vision says we should be doing, concentrating on initiatives that "would improve living, visiting and investing in the municipality".

## Vox Pop

#### What is your favourite winter food?



**Marie Gestrin**

"A good pasta bake because it's the best comfort food."



**Charlotte Willis**

"Wraps are the best lunch ever because they taste so good and dad cooks the meat perfectly, and he always puts bacon in them."



**Genevieve Ellt**

"Chocolate self-saucing pudding because you can never go past chocolate, and chocolate combined with cream is the ultimate comfort food."

#### 'Appalling' gag on Cr Halstead

OUR council meeting held Wednesday, July 17 showed an appalling and dismissive attitude towards our Cr Rochelle Halstead by Mayor Claire Le Serve.

Cr Halstead wanted to speak to her report being tabled to council (written by herself) but Mayor Le Serve deemed that the reports will forgo speaking to and they only be included in the monthly meeting minutes.

Cr Halstead queried this decision and all we heard was a belligerent below of "point of order" from Cr Whelan who was trying to further censure Cr Halstead.

Given the entire council meeting was just over one hour, there was no reason whatsoever that Cr Halstead could not be given the right to speak to her report.

The monthly council meetings are the ratepayers only opportunity to hear and see their elected representatives in action. To hear their thoughts and opinions about council matters.

Do our councillors need to be reminded again that they represent those who voted for them - their constituents - and that their aggressive attitudes have no place within council chambers.

If Cr. Rochelle wanted to speak on her report, she should have been given the time to do so. After all, the total meeting went for just over one hour so there certainly was plenty of time.

**Ann Grose, Surf Beach**

#### Farmers slugged again

I REFER to your article titled, Farmers slugged again, in the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times dated July 16, 2024.

I am all for a Rate Review, I am all for a Rate Cap Review and I am all for a Federal Government's Operating Grants Review.

Thank you for bringing up the Ararat Rural City Council. I think your readers would be interested to read that the small shire of Ararat gets operating grants of \$8.323 million or \$701 per person.

Here in the Bass Coast we get operating grants of \$9.536 million or \$223 per person.

And the people in South Gippsland Shire get \$13.868 million or \$450 per person.

The Federal Government is treating the people of the Bass Coast in a grossly unfair way. This is outrageous.

We are being short-changed by the Federal Government to the tune of \$20 million per year.

\$20 million goes a long way to fixing

some of the infrastructure issues in the Bass Coast.

Why don't we hear from our CEOs on this major issue. Why are our Councillors not screaming from the rooftops over this major issue?

**Frank W. Schooneveldt**

#### Enough of the 'acknowledgements'

FOR some years I have been silently gritting my teeth at the now obligatory 'Acknowledgements of (Aboriginal) Country' every time a local official or politician has risen to speak at a public gathering. And like everyone else who has felt the same way, I have kept my mouth shut, because inevitably, I would be seen, amongst a lot of other unpleasant things, to be a rude interrupter of what increasingly appears to be the legitimate status quo.

At a Citizenship ceremony last year, the then Mayor of Bass Coast did a 20-minute speech and video presentation 'Acknowledgement of Country', suggesting that Aboriginals were the real founders of Australia and that their culture was its founding principle. Not once did he mention the contribution of migrants to our national roots.

After the 'Voice' debacle, local officials have extended the length and range of their 'Acknowledgements', like the one at Corinella Hall during a Bass Coast Council election candidate meeting where the fellow warbled on about aboriginal culture for so long that the only way I could avoid disrupting the meeting was to walk out of the meeting and let off steam outside.

A couple of months later, at a Council-sponsored literary reading at the premises of a local providore and restaurant, the mayor and our councillor both insisted on doing the short form Acknowledgement prayer, and on the second go, someone said, "Oh no, not again!" The good Councillor made the mistake of commenting that, "There is always one in every group", to which I replied, "two" and others followed, "three", going up to around eight.

There is clearly a building community irritation and frustration with this presumptuous ideological practice, which would be very analogous to Christians demanding to recite The Lord's Prayer, or the Red Guard insistence on quoting the wisdom of Comrade Chairman Mao at length, every time they got up to speak.

The last straw for me was at the Corinella art show night of nights, when our local state Legislative Assembly member did the full prayer meeting Acknowledgment Declaration. I somehow got through it in

silence, but promised myself that next time this happens, I am going to recite, as a counter acknowledgement, the Australian Citizenship Declaration of Loyalty.

**Christopher Nagle, Grantville**

#### Wrong priorities, wrong direction

I read with respect what Michael Giles had to say in this week's Sentinel Times editorial comment. Tolerance, moderation and respect. Sometimes it's hard to simply walk away.

Last week I wrote to our three Ward Councillors regarding the weeds that are proliferating in our Bass Coast Shire. Only Deputy Mayor Rochelle Halstead actually took the time to respond. I got nothing from Mayor Le Serve and nothing from Geoff Ellis - it appears that they could not be bothered.

Regrettably Mayor Le Serve, although a lovely person, has her priorities and ideology all wrong. Bass Coast is heading in the wrong direction under her leadership and that of the past Mayor Whelan.

Our priorities should be (1.) Cost of living - and supporting our own local community. (2.) Fix our roads and dangerous potholes. (3.) Build new housing in the shire for the ever-growing population and at the same time provide shelter for the homeless. (4.) Support the environment and Landcare and plant trees - spray the noxious weeds - get rid of pollutants and plastics. (5.) Provide up-to-date and good sporting facilities for all including swimming pools and jetties. (6.) Provide good public facilities throughout the shire including both separate male and female toilets. (7.) Provide openness and transparency at meetings and value for money. (8.) Way down the road is Climate Change. (In Bass Coast we have a local environment emergency, not a local climate change emergency - there is a difference).

Where is our month for the homeless?

Where is our next month for victims of domestic violence?

Where is our following month's outcry against youth crime in our area? And how do we fix the problem?

In a few months' time we have Council elections - please, let's find and elect a few good councillors that actually care for the right things. Get back to real basics - not this feely-good tokenistic claptrap that we are stuck with at the moment.

**Rob Parsons, The Gurdies**

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**OH WHAT A FEELING**



Rae and Graeme Lawry were presented with an \$800 cheque for the Phillip Island Ukulele Festival by Bendigo Bank's Tania Wilson. Z07\_3024



President of the Phillip Island Football Netball Club Chris Ross received \$22,400 for the club with support from Sylvia and Tanya of Bendigo Bank. Z08\_3024



Dalyston Football Netball Club vice president Andy Thomas presented with \$16,500 for the club by Kelvin Simpson of Bendigo Bank. Z09\_3024

## Grants are making a difference in local initiatives



Bendigo Bank's John Matthews presents Phillip Island Board Riders Jo O'Reilly Stubbs and Melanie Wright with a cheque of \$6995 for the Veteran's Road clubrooms. Z17\_3024

THE Bendigo Community Bank San Remo, Cowes and Grantville held their 2024 grants presentation evening at the Phillip Island Bowls Club in Cowes on Wednesday evening to present this year's grant recipients with their community group cheques.

Community grants are financial aid for community organisations, programs or initiatives that provide a beneficial service to the towns within Bass Coast. These grants are provided by the Bendigo Community Bank each year in their effort to give back to the communities they serve.

Company Secretary of San Remo District Financial Services Vanessa Verzaci shared that this year the Community Bank board Chairman Peter Paul presented over \$181,327 to the Phillip Island, San Remo and Grantville districts – including the \$200 Christmas in July prize won by Phillip Island Football Club.

Each year the Bendigo Community Bank plays a crucial role in supporting the economic development and well-being of the communities they operate in. By offering community grants, the local community bank can help fund projects that improve education, healthcare, infrastructure, and other important aspects of community life.

Each organisation plays a vital role in supporting their community, with each club individually taking the time to apply for financial grants that help fund projects or associations within the Bass Coast Shire.

These grants can make a significant impact on the lives of residents and help build a stronger, more vibrant community.

Pam Rothfield of the Phillip Island Historical Society was

presented \$5500 by Bendigo Community Bank's Tanya Donnan and said it's important for the community to acknowledge that 80 per cent of all profits of the Bendigo Community Bank go back into the community.

"This is vital support for the Phillip Island Historical Society as we simply couldn't manage without it – these funds will go towards our temporary exhibitions," said Pam.

The Phillip Island & District Historical Society was seeking financial assistance in preserving the island's precious artifacts, photographs and documents. An initiative that will be located within the newly established research room at Berninnett.

The \$6995 grant for the Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) was presented to treasurer Jo O'Reilly Stubbs by former PIBC member John Matthews for the clubhouse.

"A final finish to the club's restoration is replacement of the original old wooden windows that have corroded from the sea air and the purchase of a galvanised trailer to store and transport our recycling to the Cash for Can's program," said Jo.

Chairman of the Bendigo Community Bank board Peter Paul hosted the grant and Christmas in July evening – thanking the community groups and their volunteers for their tremendous work within the shire as well as the San Remo, Cowes and Grantville Community Bank customers and shareholders.

"It's thanks to them that this night is possible."

Michael Scott, Senior Manager, Community Bank San Remo and Grantville, said it was a great night.

"Our grants nights are always the highlight of our year from a staff perspective – it's when we get to hand

out the most money! It makes our job very rewarding, being able to help Community Groups achieve their goals and projects. Without our help, they may not be able to achieve these things, or it would take a lot more sausage sizzles!"

Chair of the three Community Banks, Peter Paul, reiterated Michael's comments.

"The Community Banks of San Remo, Cowes and Grantville are proud to give this money to such deserving recipients. In addition, we will be giving over \$204,000 to the Phillip Island Community Hospital when it opens in March next year. None of this would be possible without our fantastic customers, who support the community banks and in doing so support their community."

The 2024 Bendigo Community Bank Grant and Sponsorship recipients include:

### Phillip Island

- Phillip Island Historical Society
- Phillip Island Boardriders Club
- Phillip Island Fire Brigade
- Island Voice: Carols by the Bay
- Phillip Island Football Netball Club
- Phillip Island Ukulele Festival

### San Remo

- Westernport Tennis Club
- Dalyston Football Netball Club
- Wonthaggi House L2P Program
- Phillip Island Bridge Club
- To Be Loved Foundation

### Grantville

- Corinella & District Community Centre
- Woolamai Racing Association
- Coronet Bay Community Association
- South Gippsland Orchid Society
- Kilcunda-Bass Football Netball Club

Phillip Island Bridge Club treasurer Jim Murphy and vice president Caroline Shaw were presented with \$2350 from Bendigo Bank towards a new computer system. Z11\_3024



Gloris Willoughby of Bendigo Bank presented Julie Best and Liz Smart of the Corinella & District Community Centre with a \$1730 cheque towards the Boomerang Bags project. Z13\_3024



Westernport Tennis Club president Kate Buchanan and grants coordinator Kate McKenzie were presented with a \$43,423 cheque from Bendigo Bank for the clubs LED light upgrade. Z12\_3024



Kim of Bendigo Bank presented Bruce Spiden with a cheque of \$4798 for the Woolmai & District Racing Club's new fridges. Z14\_3024



Pam Rothfield accepts a cheque of \$5500 from Bendigo Banks Tanya Doonan for the Phillip Island Historical Society – enabling the group to safely preserve the islands artifacts. Z16\_3024



Mary Young and Mary Morgan accepting a cheque of \$1000 from Bendigo Bank's Jacob O'Reilly for the South Gippsland Orchid Society Show. Z15\_3024



Bass Coast TAC L2P program co-ordinator Melanie Mumford and mentor Samantha Kimble were presented with a \$13,200 cheque for a new vehicle to support Phillip Island drivers. Z10\_3024



President of Phillip Island Football Netball Club Chris Ross received \$16,500 from Bendigo Bank community grants, presented by Greg Mead. Z20\_3024



Peter McMahon was presented with a community grant from Sylvia of Bendigo Bank for the Phillip Island Carols by the Bay. Z19\_3024



Anita Reid of the Phillip Island Fire Brigade was presented with a cheque from Leah Atherton of the Bendigo Bank as part of the community grants. Z18\_3024

# Colin Mitchell OAM's creative career one to celebrate

COLIN Mitchell OAM can reflect on many achievements in the world of theatre after the final night of Leongatha Lyric Theatre's 'Into the Woods' production, his passion for art having led him to the company when aged just 14.

His vast contribution since has included acting, set and costume design and directing, 'Into the Woods' his final production as director.

A coal miner's son, Colin was born in Korumburra, growing up in a miners' cottage.

A schoolmate introduced him to Lyric Theatre in 1970, Colin going along to paint the set for Gilbert and Sullivan's Mikado, but quickly thrust onto the stage due to a shortage of male performers.

He described joining the theatre group as "a revelation".

"I walked through the doors at Lyric and all the qualities that made me a bit different on the outside were celebrated," Colin said, declaring he had found his tribe.

That initial impression has remained and the now mentor sees his young self in the new kids who arrive for every production in which he is involved.

As a lad, Colin was in the initial intake at Leongatha Technical School and he went on to complete a Diploma of Art and Design at Preston Institute of Technology.

Time in the workforce as a stock adjustment clerk in a warehouse reinforced that his aspirations lay in the creative field instead.

Studying at Sydney's Nimrod Acting School, while providing valuable experience, convinced Colin his creativity was best employed off stage.

Colin has been a Life Member of Leongatha Lyric Theatre since 1979, having lived in Sydney since then, but still enjoys returning to South Gippsland's creative scene.

As well as Lyric Theatre, he's been a part of productions for Wonthaggi Theatrical Group and FAMDA in Foster, saying he likes "the cross-fertilisation between companies" and that people now move freely between them and the parochialism that existed in his younger days no



Colin Mitchell OAM has thoroughly enjoyed his time with Leongatha Lyric theatre as an actor director, and costume and set designer and looks forward to continuing his set design and acting as a mentor.

longer prevails.

Colin's directorial work for Lyric Theatre includes 'The Canterbury Tales', 'Jesus Christ Superstar', and 'Gypsy', and he has been involved in over 30 productions for the company.

Professionally, he has worked as a set and costume designer for over 35 years, also having had resident design positions with the State Theatre Company, South Australia, and Sydney's Ensemble Theatre.

Colin also enjoyed 25 years with the Melbourne Comedy Festival, designing sets for the opening gala and taking on other design roles over time, feeling blessed to have a job of such longevity in theatre.

That Melbourne responsibility helped maintain his connection with Lyric Theatre, not being too far away from Leongatha.

One of his more unusual theatrical experiences was a long way from those places, having been asked to design a set for a production of Grease in Thailand.

While all went well with the set, part of the exterior of the new theatre building crumbled during the show, fortunately not resulting in any injuries.

Being the official designer for the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras in Sydney and designing the 1992 Myer Christmas windows are among career highlights.

"I thought I'd made it big time," Colin said of his Snow White-themed Christmas display, explaining that as a kid born in Victoria, he used to admire the Myer Christmas windows and here he was in charge of them.

For all his professional accomplishments, community theatre has proved the most rewarding.

"You make a difference and it feels like it matters," Colin said.

He spoke of the creative relationships you build in theatre.

"In the shows I've done, I've used predominantly the same musical director and choreographer, Carmel Slater and Bron Croatto because once you build up a relationship and you trust people and admire their work you want to keep that team together," he said.

Colin stressed that he couldn't do what he does without the support of many others.

"My work is only the beginning and I need an entire team of enthusiastic, talented creative people around me to help produce it," he said.

His involvement with Lyric Theatre will continue through set design and mentoring others.

Colin deems himself lucky to have spent a lifetime doing what he loves, with the contribution he has made recognised when he was awarded an OAM last year.

## Theatre master Dan Lawrie on acting and improv

DAN LAWRIE has come full circle in the world of theatre, from taking drama classes at the age of eight to now holding acting and improvisation workshops nearly 40 years later.

Growing up in Knox, Dan describes himself as a socially awkward child who found it hard to communicate, and he wasn't into sports.

But it was easy for him to be a character up on the stage and he found a second home at Knox Theatre Company.

"I went along to the first drama class and I still remember the moment I turned up and thought, this is where I'm supposed to be. It was really palpable and ever since then I've just been going at it."

Dan's parents moved to Tarwin Lower when he was about 18 and he brought his theatre experience to Leongatha Lyric Theatre.

By that time, Dan had not only acted in countless plays, but had also graduated to directing productions, and spent time deepening his knowledge of the craft while studying Drama and Media at Deakin University.

Since then, he has been immersed in theatre life, continuing to act and direct with Leongatha Lyric and has



Dan Lawrie, long time theatre actor and director will be holding acting and improv classes for anyone over 16 who is interested, with no experience necessary.

recently finished working on The Architect with the Foster Arts Music and Drama Association (FAMDA).

Dan also loves teaching acting and characterisation and watching other people flourish in the world of drama, especially if they struggle outside of it, the same as he once did.

Stage acting requires physical movements and facial expressions to be much more pronounced Dan explained.

"You've got to be a lot more over the top, not crazy over the top, although you can really go nuts on stage in some instances and make your characters big."

Thus, the workshops can draw out new elements from people, making the classes useful for a whole range of things, and not simply for those who want to learn or hone their acting skills.

"It's for people who are trying to find different ways to communicate. It's for shy people. It's for people who want to learn how to be a little bit more outgoing. It's for people that might not have a big group of friends and they just want to come along and meet a good group of people that they've never met before," explained Dan.

"People can learn the art of communication through acting and improv. (They can) learn to be more confident, learn to tackle their anxiety, learn to be a bit more comfortable in the world around them."

Dan explains the classes are lots of fun and held in a safe and inclusive environment, for all skill levels, with no experience necessary, for people aged 16 and over.

For more information contact Dan Lawrie: 0417 631 252.

# Funding backs ag shows

VICTORIAN agricultural and pastoral societies looking to improve infrastructure or boost awareness and involvement in regional shows will get more support from the State Government.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence recently announced the \$300,000 Agricultural and Pastoral Society Grants Program is now open to applications ahead of the 2024/25 show season.

Eligible organisations can apply for grants up to \$10,000 for infrastructure development and other business activities to celebrate Victoria's agricultural communities, industry and produce.

Applications close on August 23.

To learn more about the program or to apply, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au).

## LIFE Moments



**THEODORE** John Forrester was born on July 5, 2024 at Gippsland Southern Health Service. Theodore is the first child for Steve and Kaylee of Inverloch.

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## • FAITH FACTOR

### The Lord's Prayer

By Father Darren Howie, Parish Priest, St. Joseph's Parish, Wonthaggi

A DISCIPLE of Jesus asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." (Luke 11:1)

The Lord's Prayer, the Our Father, is the prayer Jesus taught his followers to pray. Do we appreciate the force for good this prayer has had, and continues to have? Sadly, current world conflicts indicate that there are those who think that the lives of some people are not valuable and are expendable. Jesus, by teaching us to pray, 'Our Father', has established in our culture the idea that every person is a child of God and worthy of respect. We will never know the great multitude of people who have reflected on this and been motivated to treat others with respect, even if only by believing that one day they will meet the father of everyone in heaven.

What are the implications if there are people who think that not everyone is a child of a loving God? They are certainly not good! Whether someone is a believer or not, it is worth considering the force for good the idea that we are all children of God which is expressed in the Lord's Prayer.

Last century, which has been said to be the worst century for man's inhumanity to man, is proof of what happens when there are those who treat others as if they are not children of God and as if they will never have to give an account for the way they have treated others. Positively, it has been my experience that the Lord's Prayer tells me that I am loved and valued.

People value likes and approval on social media, that pales into insignificance when we believe that we are loved and valued by God and that whatever happens, everything will work out. The Lord's Prayer drives that message home.

## ~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

### MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

Term 3 program has started! It's important to brave the elements and get your body moving to keep both body and spirit warm.

Alison continues to run her yoga sessions on Monday mornings. We also have new Tai Chi for arthritis classes on Wednesday mornings. Both start at 10am.

In collaboration with MyLi Korumburra library, we present Monday Movies. Come

in from the cold and enjoy a screening on Monday, July 25, 2pm.

We still have places available for some ongoing classes and workshops. Get in before they start!

French language Intermediate Course starts Thursday, July 25.

Online Family history Workshop is a fun one-day family tree building and online family research class. Book in for

Saturday, July 27.

Mandarin Next Step Course starts Tuesday, July 30. We need a few more adventurous language lovers to book in!

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



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#### ■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Thank you to those garden friends who have signed up for another year of supporting the community garden.

Members and regular volunteers keep the community garden project alive and well. They grow and share veg, fruit, flowers and herbs year-round, keep up with annual plot fees and help create a great home-grown food example for visitors

to learn from and enjoy.

Many thanks, too, to the thrifty volunteers who got busy reusing old woodchip mulch from the garden paths. By raking, sifting and sorting the old they made new compost material for toping up garden plots.

The garden also hosted a free Garden Gems workshop last week on preserving and fermenting. A good crowd gathered to learn more thrifty creative ideas with fresh produce.

Contact [tgordon@westnet.com.au](mailto:tgordon@westnet.com.au) or BCAL on 5672 3115 for more info about the garden's activities.

#### ■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Wonthaggi Woodcrafters will be having their annual general meeting on Monday, August

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### YES YOUTH HUB

with the YYH team.

Term 3! Wow, this year is going quick! We hit the ground running after our busy school holiday period by opening our doors with another delicious Monday Meal – generously funded by Y Open Doors – featuring a very decadent egg drop soup. Throughout the week we had various arts activities on offer during the YYH Drop-In, including air dry clay, painting, beading and crochet (thanks to funding from Engage!), as well as seeing the Nintendo Switch get a workout! Thursday saw the Bass Coast Youth Advisory Council meet at the YES Youth

Hub for their monthly meeting, and engage with Leading Senior Constable Nick Carlson from VicPol regarding youth crime and youth justice within the Bass Coast. The YAC would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Leading Senior Constable Carlson for his valuable time and dedication.

Upcoming Events! During Term 3 the YYH, Y Bass Coast, and FReeZA team will be delivering two incredible opportunities for young people, funded by HEY! YACVic, and VicGov DFFH respectively, these amazing events will deliver new and exciting events for the

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### WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

119 for more information.

Whether one is a refugee settling into a new cultural environment or being part of a culturally diverse section of our community, it is very important to have those friendship and support connections which buoy our spirits and give us meaning and purpose. Well our Multicultural Women's Group can provide avenues for this.

They meet on Thursdays 10am to 12 noon. It is for support for those who are socially and culturally isolated and culturally and linguistically diverse. Providing, among other things an improved awareness of cultural mores and expectations and provide opportunities for the development of practical life skills.

It is not always easy to make

positive moves in our lives. Sometimes we need help. The AA Support groups meet on Wednesdays 7pm to 8pm and Saturdays 11am to 12.30pm.

A good fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to help solve their common problem and help others achieve sobriety. Call Sean on 0425 707 480 for Wednesdays and Steve on 0431 700 085 for Saturdays.

Al-Anon helps family and friends of alcoholics to recover from the effects of living with a person whose drinking is a problem. Now they meet on Fridays 10.30am to 12noon. Call Karen on 0409 354 038

A Narcotics Anonymous group is also available. Help could come in sharing experiences

Bass Coast youth community, and we are super excited to be representing youth voices to deliver these programs.

The YES Youth Hub would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to community organisation CWA – Wonthaggi Owl Women for their ongoing support and encouragement of the YYH youth community pantry, laundry and Monday Meals program.



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# CJ performs comedy variety show in Foster

'VARIETY style' entertainer and comedy ventriloquist, CJ, will appear at Foster War Memorial Arts Centre (79 Main Street) in Foster on Saturday, August 17. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm.

CJ has toured throughout Australia with his unique blend of comedy, ventriloquism, and music – racking up thousands of shows along the way and gaining recognition not only in Australia but worldwide.

'Look Who's Talking!' is an entertaining one-man show. It's aimed at adults; however, the whole family can come along because CJ's material is 100 per cent clean. The performance features various puppet characters and old-school ventriloquism, with a fresh modern twist. Comical puppet routines are fused alongside audience participation, with engaging storytelling

from CJ's early experiences in the gritty working men's club circuit in his native home, the north of England. Tales are told of life on the road as a musical entertainer, as well as stories of life at sea, working aboard luxury cruise liners.

Tickets are priced at \$25, and \$20 for concessions. Tickets are available at: [cjventriloquist.com.au/tickets](http://cjventriloquist.com.au/tickets).

#### GIVEAWAY:

Win a family ticket (four people) to CJ's Foster Show. Tell us: What's the funniest thing that has happened in Foster?

Email the Sentinel-Times with your name, address, phone number and response to [news@sgst.com.au](mailto:news@sgst.com.au) to go into the draw to win one of two family tickets. Entries close Thursday, August 8. The winners will be notified by telephone and email with their response and name published on social media.



Laugh out loud with CJ's clean comedy and ventriloquism at Foster War Memorial Arts Centre on August 17.

## A culinary love story by acclaimed director Tran Anh Hung

THE Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proud to present "The Taste of Things", a tender and nuanced love story, from acclaimed Vietnamese director, Tran Anh Hung, winner of the Best Director award at Cannes 2023 ("The Scent of Green Papaya", "Vertical Ray of Sun", "Norwegian Wood").

"The Taste of Things" delves into the rich and vibrant food culture of France, offering viewers a sensory journey through the culinary landscape of the 19th century. The film, based on Marcel Rouff's 1924 novel The Passionate Epicure, immerses the audience in the sumptuous setting of a farmhouse kitchen in 1889. Through the characters of Eugénie, played by Juliette Binoche, and Dodin, portrayed by Benoît Magimel, the film explores the intricate relationship between food and love, highlighting the profound impact of gastronomy

on human emotions and connections. As the narrative unfolds, the audience is treated to a visual feast of delectable dishes and culinary artistry, showcasing a deep reverence for the art of cooking and the intimate connection between food and passion.

Character development and relationships take centre stage in "The Taste of Things," adding depth and emotional resonance to the film. The portrayal of Eugénie, a skilled cook, and Dodin, a discerning gourmet, unfolds as a love story that goes beyond romantic entanglements. The chemistry between Binoche and Magimel brings genuineness to their characters, infusing the film with a sense of intimacy and authenticity. Through their interactions in the kitchen and the dining table, the audience witnesses not only the preparation of exquisite meals but also the subtle nuances of human

connection and shared passion for culinary excellence.

Tran Anh Hung's masterful use of cinematography and visual storytelling elevates "The Taste of Things" to a sensory and sensual triumph. The film's lush and evocative visuals capture the essence of the Belle Époque era, transporting viewers to a time of opulence and elegance. Each frame is meticulously crafted to evoke a sense of nostalgia and romanticism, enhancing the overall viewing experience. From the exquisite presentation of dishes to the intimate moments shared between the characters, every aspect of the cinematography serves to immerse the audience in the beauty and allure of French cuisine and culture.

Screening at 10.45am, Sunday, June 28 at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi. BCFFG member's entry is free,



with general public welcome at usual box office prices.

To find out more, visit the website: [basscoastfinefilmgroup.weebly.com/current-season](http://basscoastfinefilmgroup.weebly.com/current-season), and follow the links to the film.

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## Crostini di polenta con salsa pomodoro

Grilled polenta with fresh tomato sauce

By Meg Viney

POLENTA is a yellow ground corn called 'Otto file' or eighth row corn, grown in Italy. It has a lovely texture and earthy flavour. It is really worth trying, and is so easy to cook.

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup polenta
- 4 cups water
- 1 teaspt salt

#### Method

Bring the water to the boil and gradually add polenta, stirring constantly.

Add salt.

Cook on low, stirring constantly, for 30 minutes, until thick.

Oil a lasagna dish and pour into this, smoothing out. Allow to cool completely.

Even cover and refrigerate overnight.

Preheat the griller.

Cut the polenta into 3 cm squares and brush with olive oil (or oil and butter).

Grill until golden and crusty. Serve with fresh tomato sauce

Photo: Laura Adai on Unsplash.

## Celebrating four decades of song

THE West Gippsland Chorale and the Heidelberg Choral Society are excited to collaborate for the much loved 'Brahms Requiem' under the direction of Mr Peter Bandy, with associate musical direction from Mr Nathan Byrne.

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of the West Gippsland Chorale, this special concert presents a unique opportunity for Gippsland audiences to experience the powerful sound of a 120-voice choir accompanied by a full orchestra and featuring soloists Rebecca Rashleigh (soprano) and Christopher Tonkin (baritone).

The programme includes 'Ein deutsches Requiem – A German Requiem' by Johannes Brahms and a performance of 'St Cecilia's Day' by George Loughlin.

Join us at the West Gippsland Arts Centre in Warragul to celebrate this momentous occasion that showcases the rich musical talent of the West Gippsland Chorale and Heidelberg Choral Society!

Sunday, August 25, 2.30pm at West Gippsland Arts Centre, Albert Street, Warragul. Tickets [wgac.com.au](http://wgac.com.au)



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Director of Youthrive Victoria Bob Yeates with 2024 Youthrive Victoria University Scholarship recipient Katherine Wagner. Applications for scholarships to boost further study in 2025 are now open.

## Youthrive scholarship applications now open

YOUTHRISE Victoria's round of scholarships is now open to rural and regional Victorian students planning to undertake further study in 2025. Each year, the local not-for-profit provides a number of scholarships to Year 12 students who plan to undertake university studies, or further develop skills through vocational training.

Thanks to funding generously provided by philanthropic donors, 10 university scholarships - \$10,000 per year for three years - and 20 vocational scholarships - up to \$5000 - have been made available to young rural Victorians.

The scholarships provide financial support to assist with living expenses and travel costs, specifically addressing the needs of students from regional areas.

The impact and importance of scholarships is widely acknowledged and can often lead to very different outcomes for students who may not be able to consider further studies due to costs and regional distances.

University scholarship applications will close on August 25.

Rural Chances vocational scholarships will close on November 14. More information about Youthrive Victoria's scholarships and how to apply is available at [youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships](http://youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships).

## Federation University to throw open doors to Gippsland Campus

LIVE music, food trucks, campus tours and interactive games will highlight Federation University Australia's 2024 Open Day.

All are welcome to attend the Gippsland Campus event on Sunday, August 11, with hands-on sessions in nursing, allied health and science labs, along with family friendly activities including a petting zoo and roaming entertainers.

Open Day is an opportunity for prospective students and their families to explore everything that Federation University has to offer, from hundreds of courses like teaching, nursing and midwifery, to industry placement and extracurriculars.

Visitors will have the opportunity to meet Federation's world-class academics, student club and support representatives, along with current students and a broad range of business and industry partners.

Through connection to local industry, the University continues to roll out its Co-Operative education model, getting students work and world ready with paid placement opportunities in a range of courses.

The 2024 Good Universities Guide rated Federation as the number one university in Australia for first in family enrolments and the top university in Victoria for social equity and undergraduate starting salary. The recently released 2023 Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) Graduate Outcomes Survey also revealed that Federation University was number one in Victoria - and second in Australia - for full-time postgraduate employment with 95 per cent of post-graduates finding full time employment with a median salary of \$94,500.

Open Day will be held on Sunday, August 11, from 9.30am - 2pm at Federation University's Gippsland Campus, Northways Road, Churchill.

To learn more and register for Federation University's 2024 Open Day visit: [federation.edu.au/openday](http://federation.edu.au/openday)

# Newhaven College students volunteer in Cambodia

OVER the school holidays, an intrepid group of Newhaven College students from Years 10 & 11 volunteered their time by working at a rural Cambodian school. The group was accompanied by Principal, Tony Corr and Prep teacher, Fiona Smart. The College partnered with Projects Abroad, an organisation that provides experiential education for participants while making a positive impact in communities.

The students supported the Vihear Sour Primary School, located about 40 kilometres east of Phnom Penh. The school is under-resourced, with classes of over 40 students in very basic and hot conditions. It was quite a change from the comfort of their own school in Phillip Island, but the warm greeting each morning from the young students and the rewards found in hard work outweighed any discomfort. The students made a substantial contribution in their time there. They helped renovate some classrooms and taught English to some very enthusiastic young students. Some of the lesson plans the students created will even be adopted by some of the local teachers.

Student Kadek Humphries (Year 10) said of his experience "Volunteering in Cambodia has been incredibly fulfilling. It has given me a chance to make a difference in the community, connect with different people and develop valuable skills. I have absolutely loved it."



Newhaven College's enthusiastic student volunteers in Cambodia. Back, from left, Tilly Stecher, Principal Tony Corr, Eve Oakley, Sienna Bell, Grace McCrimmon, Alice Enter (Newhaven College alumni now teaching in Cambodia), Finlay Cameron, Kadek Humphries, Oscar List, Fiona Smart. Front, from left, Lola Afford, Matilda Abraham-Williams, Matilda Feehan, Nissa Campbell Walker and Lachlan Paterson.

Tilly Stecher (Year 10) agreed.

"Having the ability to make such a significant contribution to these kids' lives and their education has been such a rewarding experience".

Grace McCrimmon (Year 11) added, "This has been an incredible experience. Working in the classroom and seeing all the kids every day has been a highlight. Having made a positive impact on their learning is such a fulfilling feeling".

Matilda Abraham-Williams (Year 10) summed up the feelings of all the students "Projects Abroad has given us the most amazing opportunity to give back to others less

fortunate. I will forever remember these beautiful kids."

In addition to the work in the school, the students had the opportunity to experience the culture and visit many of the sites of Cambodia. This has included visits to street markets, the Royal Palace, witnessing Khmer boxing, a Buddhist water blessing, a cruise on the Mekong River and a tour of the S-21 genocide museum. The final days of the trip were spent in Siem Reap, where students rose before dawn to visit the world-famous Angkor Wat Temple.

Principal Tony Corr says he would like to see this trip

offered to future Newhaven students.

"Our students are so lucky to have the fortunate life they have in Australia. To travel to a disadvantaged part of the world and to experience the challenges these communities face, and then to be able to assist through volunteering whilst here, is so beneficial to the young people who have participated. I am sure it will be of great value for them in their lives for many years".

For more information about Projects Abroad, visit their website [projects-abroad.com.au](http://projects-abroad.com.au).

## Leongatha Primary embraces NAIDOC Week

WHILE NAIDOC Week took place during the school holidays, Leongatha Primary School (LPS) students didn't miss out, the school held indigenous-themed activities on Friday.

LPS always celebrates NAIDOC Week but took a different approach this time, combining students from various year levels rather than keeping them in their own classes, the change proving successful.

Grade 5 teacher, Marie Gestrin is also the 'Marrung lead' for the school, explaining that Marrung is part of a Victorian Government initiative to integrate more cultural awareness into schools.

She said 'Marrung leads' from various Gippsland schools come together for workshops.

During Friday's NAIDOC Week celebrations, Sentinel-Times visited students while they were engaged in activities.

"We're creating fire crowns," Charlotte said, explaining that involved using oil pastels and scissors to make the flames which are attached to backing paper that forms the crown, with gum leaves then added.

In other activities, students helped produce large Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags with crepe paper, created shapes such as



Amarley and Charlotte create fire crowns. A09\_3024



Angus and Tyler display their progress during NAIDOC Week celebrations at Leongatha Primary School. A10\_3024



Stella Hitchins, Carol Sheerman and Mary Bool at the WMS Garden Community permaculture workshop. B53\_3024



Paul Bentley and Peter Fossell attended the permaculture workshop. B54\_3024



Rick Coleman, Lisa Kelly and Jessica Harrison at the permaculture workshop. B55\_3024



Foster couple Basil Muninos and Lan Zhu celebrated Lan officially becoming an Australian citizen last Wednesday. ob04\_3024



Gary Best, Don Evison and Justin Caporale discuss the rebrand and positive outlook for RELI Capital. ob12\_3024



Paul Turton and Darryl Morris are long term investors of RELI Capital and believe the rebrand is clever and it's nice to see the brothers put their own spin on it. ob13\_3024



Ross Wise and Tony Caporale catch up at the RELI Capital rebrand launch after a 15 year absence, having met through work over 30 years ago. ob14\_3024



Geoff Dean and Bill Van Der Geest have a long affiliation with RELI Capital and were catching up at the rebrand launch on Friday. ob15\_3024



Gary Burns, Sue Charlton, Ivor McLennan and Herbert Wildes are clients of RELI Capital and are very happy with the services they provide. ob16\_3024

# Snapped Out

WMS Garden Community Permaculture Workshop, South Gippsland Citizenship Ceremony, RELI Capital rebrand launch, NAIDOC week at Myli Libraries and Mirboo North Football Club sponsors day, premiership reunions and Gary Ablett Jr visit.



Local business owner Luke Low was surrounded by family celebrating him officially becoming an Australian citizen. ob07\_3024



Kate and Andrew Provan were delighted to celebrate officially becoming new Australian citizens together. ob05\_3024



New Australian citizen Steve Dilen used to visit South Gippsland on holidays with his family, before making it his home. ob06\_3024



Gaia Dario and Amy Cameron attended the NAIDOC Week school holiday program, run in partnership by Myli Libraries Foster and Manna Gum Community House.



Wendy with her grandson James at the Mirboo North Football Club on Saturday.



Luke and Matt were looking forward to Gary Ablett Jr's visit.



Alison and Pearse were busy chatting as the night got underway at Mirboo North Football Club.



Dale and Mick enjoyed catching up at the premiership reunion, sponsors day and Gary Ablett Jr visit at Mirboo North.



## Charming weatherboard home!

HARCOURTS Leongatha proudly presents 2 Millicent Street, Leongatha, to the market for the first time in over a decade.

This delightful weatherboard home boasts stunning street appeal and a prime central location, just a short stroll from all town amenities, including schools, kindergartens, V-line bus transport, the town CBD, recreation reserve, and the community garden.

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**Living Area:** An open-plan kitchen, lounge, and dining area, perfect for family gatherings. This space is heated by a charming wood fire and also includes a reverse cycle air-conditioner.

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**Nutrien South Gippsland Livestock manager Brian McCormack at the Leongatha Saleyards.** A14\_3024

## Hopes for certainty with future Leongatha Store Sales

NUTRIEN South Gippsland Livestock manager Brian McCormack hopes Leongatha Store Sales begin to settle into a pattern from the start of August, with a sale each Thursday and agents selling in their allotted groups on a fortnightly basis.

Elders, Alex Scott & Staff, Baw Baw Livestock, Phelan & Henderson & Co and Everitt Seeley & Bennetts will sell one week, August 1, while Nutrien and SEJ will sell the following week, August 8, with each set of agents selling fortnightly from there.

"July was a bit of a mixed event, with Pakenham closing, and it was a bit hard to know what was going to happen," Brian said.

He explained that all agents will be involved in this week's store sale on Thursday, July 25, with expectations of between 3500 and 4000 head of cattle up for grabs.

The VLE has been contacted for comment, with the Sentinel-Times keen to confirm all agencies are on board with the plan going forward from August 1.

That follows the cancellation of the planned Store Sale last Thursday, July 18, which the VLE attributed to a decision by the agents, although it is not clear how many agencies supported the decision.

Brian outlined why Nutrien advocated to sell fortnightly.

"We said from day one, when they announced Pakenham was going to close and the VLE stated that we would have to go weekly, weekly is not suitable for us at the moment because to set a decent Store Sale up takes a fortnight," he said.

He elaborated that the process starts with organising the cattle to come in and then organising the right buyers.

Brian stressed that feedlot buyers need considerable notice.

"A feed lotter doesn't just turn up and buy cattle; most of the feedlots are usually pretty full as per numbers of cattle that they handle, so for them to buy cattle to go into the feedlot, they've got to have cattle to go out of the feedlot," he said.

"You can't just front on the day and say we've got x-amount of cattle and expect them to buy because they might not be able to handle those cattle."

"Our job as agents is not just to turn up with the cattle and sell them; there's a lot of homework that goes on prior to the day to have your sale and make it work right, so that's why we said from day one we would operate on a fortnightly basis."

With Leongatha fat sales held on Tuesdays, Brian said he needs blokes at the sale yards on Monday afternoon, all day Tuesday, then all day Wednesday and Thursday leading into and throughout a Store Sale.

That would account for four days every week if selling at Store Sales weekly, not allowing time for other work that needs to be done.

Brian stressed that he can only speak for Nutrien and isn't yet certain what other agents are planning to do from August.

Hopefully, the VLE will provide certainty soon for future Store Sales.



**Lisa, Mary, Stella, Josephine, Peter, Pup and friend from the WMS Garden Community.** B56\_3024

## Permaculture a blooming success

A GROUP of twenty gardeners from the Wonthaggi Men's Shed Garden Community have proven the practical value of permaculture with a stunning crop of winter vegetables.

Professional horticulturalist Rick Coleman from the Southern Cross Permaculture Institute has been funded by Bass Coast Shire to conduct thirty permaculture workshops across the region.

"Permaculture is best described as an integrated system of sustainable garden design," says Rick.

Participants from Wonthaggi and surrounding districts have now com-

pleted four workshops as part of the Garden Gems program attracting interest from as far as Devon Meadows.

Garden Coordinator Jessica Harrison said the adoption of permaculture techniques has replaced the old harvest and rip style of gardening.

"We plant according to the season which helps control pests and weeds," said Jessica.

"By choosing carefully for the conditions everything grows well."

The Men's Shed edible garden was well supported during the Bass Coast

Shire's open garden week.

"The winter vegetables are almost ready," explained Stella Hitchins.

"We picked our first cauliflower this week and now the fruit trees are being pruned."

Delicious vegetables abound in the impressive garden including snow peas, broccoli, garlic, silver beet and sweet potatoes.

"A well-manicured quince tree is a particular favourite with the garden group."

"The real secret to sustainable gardening is good compost and generous amounts of cow poo," admitted Jessica.



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Mitch Cochrane	0438 078 000	Brian Vuillermin	0429 436 040

#### LEONGATHA

Dane Perczyk - Livestock Manager	0408 176 063	Rob Ould - Livestock Manager	0408 595 183
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#### WARRAGUL

Neil Darby - Livestock Manager	0418 595 265	David Sitches - Livestock Manager	0409 443 473
Terry Ahearn	0438 562 816	Glenn Barwick	0408 975 476
Jordan Sim	0448 058 435	Morgan Croucher	0457 001 877
Mark Malacarne	0418 654 590	Tim Gibson	0420 306 599

#### FOSTER

Dick Faulkner	0408 595 174
Brian Vuillermin	0429 436 040

#### WONTHAGGI

Rob Ould - Livestock Manager	0408 595 183
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#### PAKENHAM

David Sitches - Livestock Manager	0409 443 473
Glenn Barwick	0408 975 476
Morgan Croucher	0457 001 877
Tim Gibson	0420 306 599

### Real Estate Sales

#### KORUMBURRA

Scott McKenzie	0427 552 898	Andrew Newton	0402 940 320
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#### WONTHAGGI

Phillip Hanley	0417 140 508	Peter Dwyer	0428 855 244
Cal Nation	0439 334 163	Emily Hillberg	0422 622 299
Mick Chambers	0418 349 783	Tony Giles	0407 528 192

#### GRANTVILLE

Brian Silver	0407 347 509	Alan Steenholdt	0409 423 822
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#### INVERLOCH

Marni Lee Redmond	0403 525 413	Tom Gibson	0438 574 472
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#### BERWICK

Tom Gibson	0438 574 472	Scott McKenzie	0427 552 898
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#### LEONGATHA

Andrew Newton	0402 940 320
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#### WARRAGUL

Peter Dwyer	0428 855 244
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#### PAKENHAM

Emily Hillberg	0422 622 299
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#### LANG LANG

Tony Giles	0407 528 192
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#### KOO WEE RUP

Dan Huther	0418 334 801
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#### MELBOURNE LAND

Matt Koster	0474 781 711
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Greg Price	0419 337 441
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Maree Malloy	0408 316 715
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#### KOO WEE RUP

Chase Watters	0423 272 819
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**SUCCESS THROUGH SERVICE**



**The state runner up for the Junior Show Ambassador was awarded to Tiffany Maestrale, who represented Central and South Gippsland.**

## Junior Show Ambassador awarded State Runner-Up for South Gippsland

TIFFANY Maestrale was surprised to win the title of Junior Show Ambassador State Runner-Up while representing Central and South Gippsland at the Pakenham Show recently.

"It was an amazing opportunity. I had no clue what I was doing when I was getting into it. I only knew one other person who had done it, so I heavily relied on her. I was just going to have some fun and represent my show," said Tiffany.

"And, well, I came runner-up, which is pretty good."

Tiffany is currently studying Certificate II in Agriculture while in Year 11 and her involvement with shows started from being a part of the Flinders Christian Community College Sheep Show Team, which she was captain of for three years and is now the show mentor.

Tiffany has become very involved in Junior Judging competitions and will represent Victoria at the Nationals this year in the Merino Fleece Judging.

Having grown up on a property that agists race horses, Tiffany has an affinity towards animals and being the show mentor has opened up more of the world of agriculture to her.

"I think I understand a bit more of the animal aspects of agriculture. And you know, I've got two bottle-fed sheep, and I've got two dogs, a couple of birds, a couple of this, a couple of horses, a couple of that. I've been raised around animals, so really find a connection with them," explained Tiffany.

The knowledge Tiffany has gained from being around animals and being involved in a variety of activities has given her the means to share her knowledge and experience with younger members of the agricultural community.

"I love my experience of teaching kids in the sheep show team. I love teaching and I think I want to pursue a career in primary school teaching."

Tiffany was also awarded a Duke of Edinburgh award in 2022, through which she learnt various valuable skills.

Another interest of Tiffany's is cheerleading and she has been involved since 2015, with a highlight representing Australia in the USASF Cheerleading Worlds in Orlando, Florida USA, coming eighth place.

However, Tiffany is determined to continue driving positive change within the agriculture industry and provide opportunities for younger people to be involved.

"I've just got to see how amazing it is and I really want to be a part of it, and I want to inspire other people to join me and pursue a career in agriculture," said Tiffany.

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## Our milk supply is safe

AGRICULTURE Victoria has assured farmers there is no threat to the milk supply from current strains of avian influenza detected in Victoria, NSW and the ACT.

In March this year, the H5 HPAI strain of avian influenza was reported in dairy cattle in the United States.

This was the first known natural infection of H5 HPAI in cattle worldwide.

The Victorian Department of Agriculture said the finding of H5 HPAI in cattle in the US does not increase the risk for livestock in Australia.

"The current strains of avian influenza virus detected at poultry farms in Victoria are different to the virus strains impacting dairy cattle and other mammals overseas."

If this strain were to occur in Australia, the response would be in accordance with national arrangements including the nationally agreed response strategy AUSVETPLAN.

The Government undertakes surveillance for avian influenza virus in wild birds under the National Avian Influenza Wild Bird Surveillance Program which is coordinated by Wildlife Health Australia.

This program has operated every year since 2006 testing wild birds for influenza viruses.

The Federal Government's \$43 million Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) preparedness program continues to invest in planning for EAD outbreaks including preparedness for managing further HPAI outbreaks inclusive of H5N1.

Agriculture Victoria meets regularly with industry representatives from across the Victorian agriculture sector to ensure the workforce is up to date with the latest biosecurity advice regarding current and potential threats.

The Department is also continuing to engage with international counterparts.

International experience and evidence are informing Australia's ongoing investment in H5 preparedness planning, response capability and surveillance efforts.

The domestic milk supply remains safe to consume.

All dairy products imported into Australia from the US are subject to a range of risk management measures including milk being treated using an approved method of pasteurisation.

Standard conditions apply for managing the risks of HPAI in goods for human consumption such as dairy ingredients in imported chocolate and cakes, and composite, highly processed or cooked food products.

Invasive Species Council policy analyst Dr Carol Booth warns "Even though Australia is well protected by its distance from other continents the main risk will be in spring when migratory birds return to Australia from the Northern Hemisphere."

The Australian black swan has also been determined to be susceptible to the H5 strain.

Current strains of avian influenza do not appear to be transmitted between humans.



Phillip Island Nature Parks is working closely with other organisations to prepare in the event of an avian influenza detection in penguins on Phillip Island.



There could be catastrophic consequences for Australian wildlife, including penguins if H5N1 arrives on our shores.

## Preparations for deadly bird flu recommended to ramp up to protect penguins

THE 40,000-strong colony of penguins on Phillip Island is the largest in the world, however, a very real threat to the birds from the spread of the deadly avian influenza has caused concern amongst experts in the field.

In May this year, a dangerous strain of bird influenza called H7N3 was detected on a property in Meredith and has since spread to six nearby properties; and a property in Terang has also become infected with a highly contagious strain called H7N9.

Detection of a deadly form of the flu was also discovered on Antarctica's mainland for the first time, in February this year, which poses a huge threat to the penguin colonies there.

Antarctica was thought to be relatively protected due to the natural barriers separating it from other continents – like Australia, but the virus has also been detected on islands nearby to Antarctica, indicating it is spreading relatively fast and easily.

Up to 50 different bird species can be infected by the virus, including wild sea birds like penguins and waterfowl, but they may not show symptoms.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Conservation Manager Jessica McKelson said, "Phillip Is-

land Nature Parks is working closely with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action and other relevant organisations to prepare in the event of an avian influenza detection in penguins on Phillip Island."

"The current strains of avian influenza virus that have been detected at several poultry farms in Victoria are different to the virus strains impacting mammals and bird species overseas."

While there are different strains of the virus and some are described as low pathogenicity and others as high pathogenicity, new research has also provided the first strong evidence of mammal-to-mammal transmission of the deadly H5N1 strain.

This strain has been causing 'unprecedented' mass deaths of elephant seals and sea lions since it reached South America and spread from north to south within six months.

Dr Carol Booth, Invasive Species Council Principal Policy Analyst, said that the evolution of this strain and adaptation of the virus to mammals could mean catastrophic consequences for Australian wildlife – including penguins – if H5N1 arrives on our shores.

"Phillip Island Nature Parks has been really concerned

about the risk and has been developing plans to be prepared," Dr Booth told the ABC.

"That's definitely regarded as high risk."

"If high pathogenicity bird flu turns up in Australia, the government-commissioned risk assessment predicts 'catastrophic' impacts on our native birds," stated Dr Booth.

"That risk assessment predicted only minor impacts on marine mammals, but the latest research implies the risk to Australian mammals is now much higher".

As such the Invasive Species Council, the Australian Marine Conservation Society and the Biodiversity Council are calling on Australia's governments to urgently and collaboratively ramp up preparations for bird flu in wildlife.

"This killer disease has also been wiping out millions of birds around the world, including penguins in Antarctica. Our native birds will face a similar fate if the disease reaches Australia," said Alexia Wellbelove, Australian Marine Conservation Society Campaign Manager of Fisheries and Threatened Species.

"As the last continent free of this deadly virus, Australia has the opportunity to prepare so as to be able to

quickly detect and respond to outbreaks in wildlife."

While much work has been done by Wildlife Health Australia to prepare resources for decision-makers and wildlife managers, with mitigation toolboxes outlining response options, Dr Booth believes that to ensure an effective response, much more needs to be done.

To this end, the Invasive Species Council has developed a comprehensive set of recommendations to the Australian Government to prepare for the arrival of high pathogenicity avian influenza H5N1 in wildlife populations.

Recommendations include the establishment of a national task force, the development of a national wildlife response plan, increased surveillance in wild bird populations, including collaboration with indigenous rangers, bird-watchers, land managers and researchers, particularly in remote locations and the provision of resources to assist in the preparation of local response plans for managers of sites with high concentrations of shorebirds, waterbirds or seabirds.

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## Community planting day for Baths Road Reserve



A community planting day will be held on Sunday, July 28, in Baths Road Reserve to help the native forest recover and restore biodiversity. ob01\_3024

THE FRIENDS of Baths Road Reserve in Mirboo North will run a community planting day on Sunday, July 28, to help rejuvenate the reserve and strengthen biodiversity in the important pocket of native forest.

The reserve is a patch of damp/wet native forest adjacent to the town centre.

The 13-hectare reserve contains about two kilometres of meandering walking trails, the longest of which is around one kilometre.

It is an important passive recreation area for the Mirboo North community and serves as a refuge for plants, animals, birds, and fungi that were once common before settlement.

The reserve was seriously damaged in the major storm

that devastated Mirboo North in February this year and remains closed to the public.

The South Gippsland Shire Council has given permission for planting work to occur in an area of the reserve that has been declared safe for supervised work by volunteers.

The Friends of Baths Road Reserve has received grant funding to plant native ground cover species to improve biodiversity and reduce the impact of invasive weeds.

The planting work will be carried out in two sessions:

- 8am to 10am, Sunday, July 28: sort plants and place them ready for planting, including digging holes.
- 10am to midday, Sunday,

July 28: complete hole-digging and plant the plants into the pre-dug holes.

Both sessions include a snack and a cuppa for participants.

All equipment needed to undertake the work will be provided to volunteers on the day. Volunteers need to bring water and wear their own protective gear, including sturdy shoes/boots, protective clothes and gloves.

Because the Reserve is still closed to the public, registration for this event is essential and all volunteers will need to be clearly briefed and supervised while the work is underway. For this reason, the numbers for this event are strictly limited to a maximum of 40 people across both sessions.

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60 Angus steers, 2.5 yo, GF & ABF, NE Accred
- A/c V Alberneese (ELDERS)  
60 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, Merlewood bred, GF & ABF, very quiet
- A/c Gibson Farm, Hallston (ELDERS)  
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- A/c Wildwood Pastoral, Inverloch (SEJ)  
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- A/c Lindenbrook Pastoral (ELDERS)  
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- A/c T & S Smith, Whitelaw (PHC)  
20 Angus steers, 2 yo, "Invergule", Yea District bred
- A/c P Jackson, Clydebank (NUTRIEN)  
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- A/c D&K Scott, Inverloch (ELDERS)  
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20 Angus heifer weaners  
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- A/c A&B Scott, Inverloch (PHC)  
40 Angus steers weaners  
20 Angus heifer weaners  
Millah Murrah/Banquet blood, weaned, drenched 8/7/24

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- 20 Angus & B/Baldy X heifers, 10-12 mths NE Accred

#### A/c A & M Hoban, Clarkefield (ELDERS)

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- 10 Speckle Park heifers, 10-12 mths

#### A/c Boxbank Past, Woodside (ELDERS)

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#### A/c J&J Slater, Willow Grove (ALEX SCOTT)

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**ALLEN, Margot:**  
Passed away suddenly at home on Tuesday July 2, 2024, aged 77 years.  
Dearly loved by her cousin Malcom.  
Reunited with her mother and father, Norma and Henry.  
Brothers Phillip, Peter (all dec), and Gregory.

A wonderful person, So loving and kind, What beautiful memories you have left behind, Sharing and caring, Always content, Loved and respected wherever you went.

**CAMERSON/MANNIE, Sally Maree:**

Passed away peacefully on 13.07.2024.

Loved partner of Hartley.

Dearly loved mum of Shannon, Tegan, Luke, Susannah, and their partners.

Adored by all her grandchildren.

**Will be dearly Missed.**

**COUPER, Angela Mary:**

06.05.2004 - 08.07.2024.

Always gentle, loving, thoughtful and kind, what lovely memories you leave behind. You will never leave our hearts and minds.

Sadly missed, adored, much loved, and loving daughter of Gordon and Sue, and brother Jack.

Much loved and sadly missed granddaughter of Graham and Glenyse Couper, Gloria and Tony (dec.) McKenzie McHarg.

**COUPER, Angela Mary:**

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.

Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, and very dear.

Much loved niece and cousin.

**Forever in our hearts,**

Mark, Ants, Laura, and Soph, Vics, Mark, Emily, Justin, and Jess, Tan, Huddo, Holly, Jordan, and Jake.

**DEATHS**

**COUPER, Angela Mary:**  
My beautiful granddaughter Angela, Gone far too soon. Riding her horses in heaven with her granddad. Forever loved, --Nanna xoxo

**CRASK (nee Jackson), Deone Rae:**

Passed away peacefully. Formerly of Ruby/Korumburra and Cape Paterson.

Daughter of the Late Ted and Ruby Jackson.

Loved wife of John (dec.).

A loving mum and grandma.

Many thanks to all the staff at Rose Lodge for the wonderful care given to Deone.

Privately Cremated.

Deone's ashes will be interred at Korumburra Cemetery at a later date, more details to follow at a later date.

**DAL LAGO (nee Daly), Kathleen (Kay):**

Dearest mother of Mary, much loved mother-in-law of Stephen and cherished Nonna of Mairéad, Cade, Lilah, Nyah, Louis, and Kanoa; Justin, Jenna, Harry, and Lacey; Calvin, Skye, Gus, and Archie; Hannah, Josh, Albie, and Lexi.

May your love for family and friends be an example to those who follow your path.

We hope you and dad are dancing together and both sides of your family are joining in.

May you rest in peace and may your legacy live on.

"What have you got to tell me?"

Always in our hearts Mary, Stephen, and family.

**DEATHS**

**DAL LAGO (nee Daly), Kathleen (Kay):**  
Our dearest Nonna. So blessed to be loved by you. Your warmth is like no other. Thank you for the legacy you made for us, may your family carry on your traditions always, open doors and open hearts. Rest peacefully with Nonno.

We love you more than all the pearly shells - Mairéad, Cade, Lilah, Nyah, Louis, and Kanoa.

Treasured Nonna to Justin, Jenna, Harry, and Lacey.

A beautiful, kind and generous Nonna, who always made us feel special in her company.

You will be dearly missed.

May you rest in peace Nonna, reunited with Gus.

Love Calvin, Skye, Gus, and Archie.

Much loved grandmother of Hannah and Josh and doting great grandmother of Albie and Lexi.

We treasure our memories of you Nonna.

**DAL LAGO, Kaye:**

Dearest Kaye, Treasured memories of our special nursing days together at the W.D.H.

Your kindness - love - empathy and dedication will always be remembered.

My deepest sympathy to your wonderful family.

A beautiful lady. -- Maureen.

**DELL (Rowe), Carol:**

Daughter of Laura and Ronald Rowe (dec.), stepdaughter of John McKenzie (dec.), sister of Vera, and Brian (dec.).

Sleep peacefully little sister.

**DEATHS**

**DELL, Carol:**  
Loved sister-in-law of Phillip and Christine. Loved aunty of Andrew, Peter, Alison, and families.

**Resting peacefully.**

**DELL, Carol:**  
Special auntie to Diane and Bomber (dec.).

Great Auntie to Danielle and Aleesha; Will, and families.

Loved and will miss you Carol.

**Fly like an Eagle.**

**DELL, Carol:**  
Dear auntie of Tiny and Andy.

Great Aunt of Clint and Laura.

**Rest easy now, fly high with the Eagles.**

**DELL (nee Rowe), Carol:**

Aunty of Lorraine, Noel, and families.

**Fly high with your Eagles.**

**DELL (nee Rowe), Carol Ann:**

My longtime friend of 69 years.

I didn't get to say goodbye.

You left behind a lot of memories we shared together that will be cherished forever.

R.I.P. Carol.

Friends forever. -- Beverley.

**DOULL, Mark Leslie:**

11.07.1958 - 12.07.2024.

Passed away peacefully at The Alfred Hospital. Aged 66 years.

Loving partner of Wendy, loving father of Rebecca, Trista, and Sheree, stepfather of Kim, Michelle, Stacey, and their families.

Son of Bob and Jean (both dec.).

Brother of Mary, Adrian, Jan, Wendy, and families.

So dearly loved, so sadly missed.

The funeral has taken place on Monday July 22, 2024.

**DEATHS**

**HITCHMOUGH, Kenneth:**  
Passed away peacefully on July 18, 2024.

Loved husband of Joan (dec.).

Loving father to Elizabeth and Paul.

Step-father to Maree and Peter.

Loving grandfather and Pop to all his grandchildren and great grand children.

**Will Be Sadly Missed.**

**HITCHMOUGH, Ken:**

1938 - 2024.

Great friend of Gary, Lynne, and John.

**Rest in peace with Joan.**

**OWENS, John Samuel:**

Passed away peacefully on July 18, 2024. Aged 91 years.

Loved husband of Margaret.

Loving father and father-in-law of John and Margaret, Leigh and Maureen, Joanne and Richard, Carolyn and Darren (dec.).

Adored Poppy of Tim and Kristina, Ben and Tiana, Bridget and Matt; Nicholas and Prerika, Lily and Archie.

Great Poppy of Annabel, Lenny, Maggie, and Leo.

**Dearly loved by all.**

**OWENS, John:**

In loving memory of Mr Owens, (even as an adult he would never be John to me!).

Father of my best friend Joanne, John, Leigh, and Caz (Nez). A life truly lived with purpose, love and commitment. To family.

To hard work. To community. Deeply admired, deeply loved.

deeply missed. A true partnership with the beautiful Mrs Margaret Owens. Our deepest love and sympathies.

-- Karen, Tad, and Jazzy girl.

Adored Zio of Gemma, Jay, Foxy, Gypsy, and their children.

**TIZIANI, Albert:**

1947 - 2024.

Left this earth on July 12, 2024. Beloved Son of Antonio and Minerva. Much loved brother to Wally and Sue. Beloved father of Adrian, Mark (dec.) and Erica. Adored Nonno to Christopher, Jaxon, Rhys, and Max.

Loved great grandfather to Aleiah, Addeline, and Danni. Much loved brother-in-law to Pip and Judy.

Adored Zio of Gemma, Jay, Foxy, Gypsy, and their children.

**DEATHS**

**OWENS, John:**  
John, a close family friend for many years to Ivy and Noel (dec.). Many holidays, tennis matches, and fun times shared.

A long-standing servant to the community who will be sadly missed.

-- Ivy, Mark, Tracee, and Dom.

**PERRETT (nee Nicholls), Rita Olive:**

13.11.1926 - 04.07.2024.

Dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Sarah.

Adored nana of Will and Matt.

A long happy life.

Loved Nana Rita of Lyndal and Paul, Great Nana of Kyla and Camryn.

You were such a constant, loving presence in our lives that it is so hard to say goodbye.

We will treasure our memories of you.

**Rest peacefully.**

Nana our love for you will continue each day, as we treasure the memories that will always stay.

You took an interest in all that we did, we'll miss our times together.

Goodbye Nana, sadly missed, you'll stay in our hearts forever.

Craig, Mel, Abbey, Georgie, and Chloe.

**Private Cremation.**

**DEATHS**

**WALKER (nee Rogers), Anita Rae:**  
22.12.1964 - 17.07.2024.

Passed away peacefully at The Dandenong Hospital.

Loving wife to Wayne (dec.).

Cherished mother to Christie and Aidan.

Reunited with her best friend and lover.

**WHITELAW, Anthea Margaret:**

Passed away peacefully at Leongatha Hospital.

Loved wife of Jim, mother of Jacquie and Kaleo, mother-in-law of Pete and Tracey.

Adored Gran to Hannah and Jamie.

**Private Cremation.**

**FUNERALS**

**DAL LAGO:**  
Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Mrs. Kathleen Marie (Kay) Dal Lago will be offered at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi on Friday week August 2, 2024, commencing at 11am.

At the conclusion of Mass, the funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

Rosary will be recited in the above church on Thursday August 1, 2024, at 7pm.

Kay's service will be live-streamed, go to www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au

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**HITCHMOUGH:**

The Funeral Service for Mr. Kenneth Hitchmough will be held at Handley and Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Monday July 29, 2024, commencing at 2:30pm.

A Private Cremation will follow.

**FUNERALS**

**ALLEN:**

The Funeral Service and Committal for Cremation for Ms. Margot Allen will be held at Handley Funeral Services Chapel, 24 Anderson Street, Leongatha on Friday July 26, 2024, commencing at 1:30pm.

At the conclusion of the service the funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

John's service will be live-streamed, go to www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au

**CAMERSON/MANNIE:**  
A Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs. Sally Maree Cameron/Mannie will held in our Leongatha Chapel, 24 Anderson Street, Leongatha on Monday July 29, 2024, commencing at 10:30am.

At the conclusion of the service the funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

John's service will be live-streamed, go to www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au

**COUPER:**  
A Memorial Service for Angela Mary Couper will be held at the Mardon Hall, Coulters Road, Mardon **TOMORROW Wednesday July 24, 2024, commencing 11.30am.**

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## FUNERALS

### TIZIANI:

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Refreshments will be at Wonthaggi Workmen's Club immediately following the burial.

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### WALKER:

A Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs Anita Walker, will be held at the Handley Funeral Service Chapel, 24 Anderson Street Leongatha, on Thursday July 25, 2024, commencing at 11am.

Private Burial.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### GOWANS, Kevin Leslie:

16.02.1939 - 27.07.2023.

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You touched the lives of everyone you met. They opened the gates to heaven and called you.

You grew your angel wings and left us.

Our hearts are broken. Our memories are full.

Still miss you every day.

Your loving wife Lin and son Tom.

*You broke my heart a year ago. I think of you every day. It's hard to hold the tears at bay.*

*A father, daughter bond is hard to break, and ours will always stay together.*

Miss you dearly.

From your no 1 daughter Kim.

## IN MEMORIAM

### GOWANS, Kevin Leslie:

Pop I miss you every day. Up above the clouds riding Squeak. Love Casey

As the stars fall. The angels fly. Thinking of you. Love Mary and Julie.

### HITCHMOUGH, Joan F:

09.01.1932 - 23.07.2023.  
One year gone. Seem's like a lifetime. I love you. Your husband, Ken.

### PATTINSON, Nancy:

Greatly missed, never forgotten.

Love Bruce, Michelle, Kacey, and Leanne.

### BEREAVEMENT THANKS

### PERRETT, Rita:

Pam, Neil, Greg, and families wish to thank everyone for cards, messages, phone calls, flowers, cooking, and expressions of sympathy and support on the passing of our much loved mum and nana.

Special thanks to all staff at Rose Lodge for the loving care you gave Rita during her 3 years as a resident.

Thanks to Scott, Sharon, and Jolene at Handley and Anderson Funerals and celebrant Megan for helping us give Mum a beautiful send off.

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## Network Outage Review Report seeks feedback

FEEDBACK offered by the Mirboo North community will contribute to a report to be provided to the State Government in August, with recommendations on how to improve management and outcomes for the community in disaster events.

A second and final meeting was held in Mirboo North last Wednesday with the independent review panel members responsible for developing the Network Outage Review Report, which focuses on the operational response of Victoria's electricity networks following the storm in February.

The meeting was an opportunity for community members to offer feedback on the interim report which details both the positive and negative feedback offered by over 80 community members to the panel in March.

Independent panel member, Gerard Brody, former chief executive of the Consumer Action Law Centre said they will be making a few recommendations in the final report.

"We have spent a lot of time hearing from people about their experience and what needs to change," said Mr Brody. "This is not business as usual, changes need to be made to create better outcomes for communities. Climate change is causing these events to happen more and more and we can't just think it's going to get better."

The panel believes changes need to be made across a range of areas including emergency preparedness and coordination – particularly with improved coordination between AusNet, emergency services and council, better support and communication for vulnerable and life support customers, implementing power generation for essential/main street services, better financial support or compensation for businesses who suffer loss in disaster events, better communication and telecommunications broadly, faster identification and rectification of network damage particularly that which pose a danger – such as downed power lines, improvement in timeliness of power restoration where possible, and having temporary power generation at key community locations to ease pressure on impacted people.

The final report will be given to the Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio MP in August.

### Nominate a senior for a state award

THE VICTORIAN Senior of the Year Awards 2024 are now accepting nominations to recognise older Victorians dedicated to supporting and improving the lives of others in their communities.

The Nationals' Melina Bath said it is important our senior citizens are acknowledged for their valuable community contributions.

"The Victorian Senior of the Year Awards are an important platform to honour and celebrate our older community members as parents, grandparents, carers, mentors, and volunteers.

"Seniors play a pivotal role, generously volunteering their time to assist and uplift others in need," said Ms Bath.

"I am continually inspired by their contributions to community.

"It is essential we collectively celebrate and acknowledge their effort and impact."

The Victoria Senior Awards encompass a number of categories including Victorian Senior of the Year Award, multiculturalism, healthy and active living, veteran community, ageing well and significant contribution to local communities.

Ms Bath said given that seniors enrich many of our lives and actively contribute to the economy, it would be wonderful to have a local win a state award this year."

Nominations are open to individuals aged 60 years or older, or 50 years and older for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorians.

Criteria for each category can be found online at [senioronline.vic.gov.au/nominate](http://senioronline.vic.gov.au/nominate).

For those preferring a hardcopy of the guidelines and nomination forms please contact Melina Bath MP's office on 5174 7066 or [melina.bath@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:melina.bath@parliament.vic.gov.au).

Applications close August 11, 2024.



Tyla McAlear, Alice Webb and Tara Scott of Venus Bay Life Saving Club helped bring home three wins for Victoria over the weekend.

## Venus Bay lifesavers win at SharksSkin Australian IRB Championships

VENUS Bay's Tyla McAlear, Alice Webb and Tara Scott helped bring home three wins for Victoria at the SharksSkin Australian and Interstate Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) Championships held on the Gold Coast over the weekend.

They were among the 16 Victorian lifesavers who teamed up to win the Open Mixed relay at the event.

Ms McAlear and Ms Webb were part of the five-person Victorian team that won the

Open Female Teams Rescue, while Ms McAlear was also in the three-person team that took their craft to victory in the Open Female Tube Rescue.

Their efforts helped propel Victoria to second overall in the national competition with 26 points, just two points behind victors Queensland on 28.

Inflatable Rescue Boats (IRB) are a key part of our clubs' rescue

capability that keeps our community safe in the water.

The Australian championships are an opportunity for our volunteer lifesavers to showcase their impressive capabilities with these small and fast watercrafts and keep rescue-ready for the summer volunteer patrol season.

Life Saving Victoria Senior Manager - Aquatic Sport Chris Schleusener congratulated and thanked everyone for making the event such

a success.

"It was an incredible effort by all of our Victorian clubs to take part in the Australian and Interstate IRB Championships, with competitors driving more than 1500km to get their boats and themselves to the start line," he said.

"Congratulations to all competitors for doing your clubs and your state proud and thank you to everyone who supported this major effort to be part of this event."

## South Gippsland Bridge news

July 16 at Wonthaggi RSL: Seven pairs competing.

Master point winners were first Matti Shub and John Quayle with an excellent 60.94 average board score who tied with John French and Deb Anglim. Coming in third were Julie Perriam and Faye Rowlands with 53.65.

July 19 at Inverloch Angling Club: 12 pairs competing.

First Phillip and Nev Chapman who tied with Faye Rowlands and John Currier with a fine 62.59.

Third Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 59.26. Fourth Kathy Dowd and Hannah Martin 56.67. Fifth Bronwyn Sund and Doug McIntosh 54.44.

A reminder to all those card players out there that the teaching bridge and supervised play sessions remain available at the Wonthaggi RSL on Thursday mornings commencing at 9.30am. Why not consider challenging yourselves with learning the ultimate card game that offers so much mystery and fun.



Moya Crowley, Michael Dooley and Doug McIntosh often win master points at the club.



## Angling Club June monthly comp winners

Six fish weighed in, sponsored by Taranto Glass and Screens.

From left, Richard (Victorian Fisheries Authority), Allan Bentick (Veteran) with a perch 366grams 12 points, Deb Senior (Senior Female) with a perch 352grams 12 points and Kelvin Temme (Senior Male) with a perch 788grams 12 points, and Jordan Crugnale MP. No Juniors weighed in. Well done. July 21 competition target fish was mullet.

## Fractures clinic set to meet demand

LATROBE Regional Health (LRH) has expanded its service to treat bone fractures, to meet the growing demand from the local community.

Prompt treatment of fractures in both adults and children significantly improves outcomes, a goal that LRH aims to achieve with this service expansion.

"The demand for this service has been substantial. Previously, our waiting list extended to four to five weeks, which was far from ideal. This new, permanent expansion will reduce waiting times and improve patient outcomes," LRH Consulting Suites Business Manager Paul Ferguson said.

The team is equipped to manage wounds, monitor fracture healing, and remove casts when appropriate.

"We've moved to an area that became available following our recent expansion. This move has allowed us to almost triple our patient capacity," Paul said.

"With the new space, we have the opportunity to grow and expand the service moving forward, allowing us to adapt and change to continue serving the community."

The new facility comprises two consultation rooms, 11 treatment areas and is staffed by two orthopaedic registrars, a specialist nurse, and administrative personnel to support the clinical team.

The team is further enhanced by support from physiotherapy and orthotics.

Physiotherapy services assist patients in regaining strength and mobility post-fracture, while orthotic services provide custom fitting for braces and support to aid in recovery and prevent further injury. This new approach ensures a higher level of care for our patients.

"The team now accepts referrals from local GPs, Gippsland emergency departments, and other local service providers. We are currently treating more than 80 patients a week, a significant increase from the 30 patients a week when the service was housed in the Consulting Suites here at LRH," Paul said.

LRH Chief Executive Mr Don McRae said the expansion of the Fracture Clinic responded to the community's needs.

"When space became available after services moved into the expansion, we identified the fractures team could utilise the space that had been vacated and quickly moved to set it up," he said.

The new Fracture Clinic is situated in the former Day Procedures Unit in the older section of LRH and operates Tuesday and Thursday, from 8.30am to 04.30pm. Referrals from GPs and orthopaedic surgeons can be made via email: fracture.clinic@lrh.com.au

## A weekend of rallying for a great cause

THE Gippsland Rally, part of the Bosch Motorsport Australia Rally Championship, has proudly partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters. This global mentoring network provides long-term, one-on-one support to vulnerable young people. With over 800 youths aged 7 to 17 waiting to be matched, donations from the event will fund mentor training and supervision.

Big Brothers Big Sisters are hoping to get youth mentoring programs kicked off in the future in Gippsland. If you want to get involved email belinda.chandler@bbsau.org.

The Middle of Everywhere Gippsland Rally is from August 9 - 11 head to gippslandrally.com.au for more information.

## TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY  
July 23

▲ 12.15am  
1.40m  
6.17am  
0.36m  
1.41pm  
1.67m  
7.04pm  
0.86m

WEDNESDAY  
July 24

▲ 1.15am  
1.46m  
7.09am  
0.34m  
2.26pm  
1.71m  
7.53pm  
0.74m

THURSDAY  
July 25

▲ 2.10am  
1.52m  
8.00am  
0.36m  
3.07pm  
1.73m  
8.42pm  
0.62m

FRIDAY  
July 26

▲ 3.03am  
1.57m  
8.48am  
0.40m  
3.45pm  
1.73m  
9.30pm  
0.51m

SATURDAY  
July 27

▲ 3.56am  
1.60m  
9.37am  
0.47m  
4.23pm  
1.71m  
10.16pm  
0.51m

SUNDAY  
July 28

▲ 4.50am  
1.61m  
10.25am  
0.56m  
5.00pm  
1.68m  
11.02pm  
0.42m

MONDAY  
July 29

▲ 5.49am  
1.59m  
11.11am  
0.66m  
5.39pm  
1.63m  
11.47pm  
0.34m

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Dennis Talbot (S), Amanda Bozelle (L), Ron Fenton (2) and Raf Merante (3) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's best one game winners.



Pat and Linda were the winners of Breakaway Bowls on Monday.



Pete Grenville and Marg Hender were the Breakaway Bowls winners on Friday.



The South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners were Tony Morris (L), Bev Elliott (2), Michael Saunders (3) and Mark Hanrahan (S).



Coming in second for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were Nick Arnold (S), Laurie Bell (3), Sonja Grant (L) and Steve Bakker (2).



Wonthaggi Bowls Club Wednesday winners were Norm Evans, Teresa Davidson and Fred Kellow.



John Postlethwaite, Mary Spooner, Jan Milkins and Glenda Binch enjoyed a win at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls on Friday.



Winners of the Variety Day at Inverloch Bowling Club were, from left, Reg Varty, Carol Hughes, Karen Orford and Peter Gentsch.

## BREAKAWAY

MONDAY was well attended once again, with 20 players turning up.

Pat and Linda were the winners on plus seven after a count back.

The ladies put on a fantastic afternoon spread that everyone enjoyed.

There was another good turn out with 20 players and three new members on Friday.

Yet again, there was a great afternoon spread – well-done ladies.

The winners on the day with +6 were Marg Hender and Pete Grenville.

The club looks forward to seeing anyone who wants a great afternoon get-together and very enjoyable social bowls.

Bowls take place at 1pm at Cape Paterson Community Hall.

All welcome.

## INVERLOCH

THE cold snap that Inverloch is currently experiencing certainly affected the numbers that came along to the club last Thursday, July 18, for the variety day.

There were only 29 participants who, by the way, all enjoyed themselves.

The day was normal in that there were two games of 10 ends each, however, the scoring was aligned to a 100-up match with the difference being that instead of 10 points being available for each end, there were only six, so the nearest bowl to the jack attracted three points, next closest, two points and the third closest bowl gained one point.

Points up was the basis of deciding the winning team with ends won if there is a tie.

A further bit of variety was that for the second match, the skips in the first match became the leads in the second whilst the leads in the first match acted as skips for the second match.

Added to all of this, of course, was the weather, and whilst it didn't rain, it was pretty cold with the breeze coming straight up the inlet, although looking at Bruce, you wouldn't have thought so.

Three teams won both of their two matches.

The hard luck story went to the triples team of Bruce Corrigan (skip), Joan McStravick (third) and Angela Smith (lead) with 18 points up from wins of 36/24 and 33/27, winning nine of 20 ends.

The runners-up, also with 18 points up, but winning 10 of the 20 ends played, were the triples team of Terry Orford (skip), Steve Snelling (third) and Dianne Hallas (lead) from wins of 37/23 and 32/28.

Winners, with 20 points up from wins of 32/28 and 38/22, were the four of Reg Varty (skip), Carol Hughes (third), Peter Gentsch (second) and Karen Orford (lead).

Congratulations are extended to the match committee for spicing things up with a change to the usual Thursday social bowls format.

The club's fortnightly dinner took place last Friday, July 19, where the fare was roast lamb with roast

potatoes and pumpkin together with peas and cauliflower, and as it was International Lamington Day, dessert consisted of a lamington with jam and cream.

After dinner, Neil and Reg gave away blocks of chocolate to all who were celebrating birthdays while the door prizes went over like a treat.

The largest spinning wheel in town was then brought out to decide who amongst those present, would take home some of the goodies from the prize pool of quality pre-packaged food produce.

Reg's rogue jokes of course went over well and are getting better.

Of course, these evenings don't just happen, there are a lot of people in the background who give valuable time to assist the club, so when you see them at the club, let them know that you appreciate them giving their time.

Don't forget that there will be no roast meal on August 2, due to the clubrooms being used as a venue for the Inverloch Jazz Festival on that weekend.

Next Friday, July 26, the club will be hosting the fortnightly membership draw where the jackpot of \$260 but remember, you need to be in the clubrooms at the time of the draw to be able to claim the jackpot.

If you don't take home the jackpot, there will always be lots of other goodies such as the fully plucked and packaged chicken, a lucky envelope, wine and an assortment of other lovely goodies.

Come along and join in the fun.

## MIDWEEK

THIRTY-NINE of the family of bowlers met up at Corinella this week to once again fight it out for team of the week.

As usual, the bowlers were welcomed and signed in by Pauline and John while Peter and David arranged the teams for the day.

The group would like to thank Phil and Sue for setting up as well as Phil's hard work inside both in the bar with Mark as well as the kitchen.

The day started off quite mild but with the threat of rain quite strong on the horizon.

However, the rain never came which made the day fun and dry.

The mild morning only lasted a small while before it became colder and colder till they finished in the afternoon.

The weather though didn't lower the standard of play around the green and it is unfortunate that everyone couldn't win.

Between all the chattering teeth, the sound of laughter could be heard loud and clear.

This week's winners on a score of 37 were Tony Morris (L), Bev Elliott (2), Michael Saunders (3) and Mark Hanrahan (S).

Runners up on a score of 36 were Nick Arnold (S), Laurie Bell (3), Sonja Grant (L) and Steve Bakker (2).

Best one game this week on a score of 19 were Dennis Talbot (S), Amanda Bozelle (L), Ron Fenton

(2) and Raf Merante (3).

Looking forward to the next gathering at Lang Lang Bowls Club next Thursday.

With a planned start at 10.30am, it seems like another thrilling event awaits, so please be on site by 10am.

Wishing all your bowlers a safe and successful week until then.

## WONTHAGGI

ONLY one day's bowls this week.

Wednesday was a fine, but cool day, with 24 happy bowlers playing two games of triples over 10 ends.

Two teams were two game-winners.

The winners were Norm Evans, Teresa Davidson and Fred Kellow with a score of two wins and 33 points.

The runners-up were Lyn Tagell, Steve Brunyan and Charlie Wright with a score of two wins and 31 points.

Saturday was not a good day weather-wise, which made the decision to call the day off an easy one.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday day social bowls at 12.30pm.

A note about the members draw on Friday night at 6pm, which this week stands at \$270 and you have to be there to win.

The raffle, held after the draw, is going from strength to strength, with Amanda spending a lot of time to provide people with a pulled pork roll.

Her efforts were well received, with a lot of people having a second helping.

The meat trays also are proving to be very popular, with 41 people there for the raffle.

Have a good week and good bowling.

## INDOOR

DUE to the cold weather this week, it has been lovely to be able to continue to bowl indoors in the warmth.

Some of the members have been unable to attend due to illness.

The bowlers wish them a speedy recovery.

The club is happy to welcome new member Robert McLaren.

Tuesday's winners with a plus 25 were Sylvia Mattock, Mary Spooner, Pat Novak and John Rook.

Runners-up on plus 16 were Pat Smith, Judy Sweetnam, Jean Wynde and Fred Demenech.

There was a really close finish on Friday the winners with a plus 20 were Jan Milkins, Glenda Binch, Mary Spooner and John Postlethwaite.

Coming second on plus 19 were John Bird, Pam Russell, Jim Wilson and Lia Smith.

All teams for the week won two games each.

On Monday night, July 15, United Bowling had its Christmas in July with everybody having a fun and enjoyable evening. Thank you to all at Taberners for the great food and service helping to make the night the success that it was.



Winners and place getters in the Mudrunner's Plate Jo McNaughton, Trish Owen, Pat Pease (sponsor), Dot Stubbs and Bronwyn Debenham.



Graham Cottam, Geoff Loftus and James Marks after finishing on the ninth green at the Foster Golf Club.

## FOSTER

RAIN, rain go away!

There wasn't much golf played this week.

Six brave ladies took on a very saturated short course with Elisa Nudelman coming out the winner with 27 points on a count back from Josie Parisi.

The most accurate for the day was Kylie Collins who took out both nearest to pins, sixth and 17th.

Thursday was slightly better as the course started to dry.

Eleven players played with James Marks (20) taking the crown with a very impressive 37 points.

Down the line balls went to Robin Smith (21) with 33 points and Kylie Collins (14) with 32.

None of the 11 were able to find the green from the tee on either the fourth nor 15th.

The weekly chicken run was taken out by Lucas Hateley (32) with 21 points.

Robin Smith (22) 17 points continued his good form with another ball down the line, sharing this with Brad Hateley (24) 17.

Unfortunately, this brought an end to golf for the week.

Next week - weather dependent - the golfers will have the usual open Stableford competitions on Tuesday and Thursday.

On Wednesday, the ladies will be back to the normal full course and Saturday sees 4BBB with Chris Riddell and Bernie Esser generously donating the trophies.

Did you know, Foster Golf Club can supply you with all your equipment needs?

If you are in need of replacing anything from a tee to a full set of clubs, speak to Peter and he will help you out.

## LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, July 16: Stableford.

Tuesday's Stableford round was another wet forecast although the rain and wind stayed away.

Only 19 members/guests enjoyed a surprisingly pleasant

day on the course.

A Grade winner: Craig Hutchinson (5) with a score of 38 points on a countback.

A Grade runner up: Peter Hodder (13) with a score of 38 points.

Thursday, July 18: Invy Espy Stableford.

Thursday's wet start saw 64 members/guests keenly tackling the conditions in a Stableford event.

Thanks to the continuing and generous sponsorship of the day by the Invy Espy Hotel, providing some excellent dining vouchers for the winners and placegetters.

A Grade winner: Antony Gedye (8) with a score of 38 points.

A Grade runner up: Garry Rotteveel (13) with a score of 37 points.

B Grade winner: Fred De Bondt (16) with a great score of 38 points, 86 off the stick beating his age again - what a legend.

B Grade runner up: Geoffrey McDonald (18) with a score of 36 points.

C Grade winner: Alan Black (20) with a score of 33 points.

C Grade runner up: Simon Kaiserman (26) with a score of 31 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: David Richards at 1.55m.

NTP 14th: Gordon Morrison at 3.31m.

NTP 16th: Gordon Morrison at 2.29m.

Saturday July 20: Par event.

Golfers can be either keen or crazy to play in really adverse weather, and Saturday saw five brave troopers taking to the course for this Par event.

A Grade winner: Daniel Yeap (12) with a score of -4.

A Grade runner up: Craig Hutchinson (4) with a score of -5.

## Ladies

LAST Wednesday was to be the second round of the Mudrunner's Plate, but due to forecast adverse weather reports, was cancelled.

This annual event was

The daily winner at the Wonthaggi Golf Club was Catherine Bolding.

initiated by Pat Pease 20 years ago to encourage the members to play in the colder wetter months. Since its inception, Pat can only remember three occasions when it has reverted to just an 18-hole event.

With a first-round score of 31 points, the lucky winner was Trish Owen on a count back from life member Dot Stubbs.

There were several serious contenders for this event all with similar scores.

The B Grade winner with 30 points was Jo McNaughton - a very capable new member - and Bronwyn Debenham runner up in B Grade.

Balls down the line in the first round of the Mudrunners Plate event were Robin Smith and Rebecca Thomas on 30 points. Interesting to note that Rebecca was playing off a handicap of -1.

Rebecca also picked up nearest the pins on the fifth and 16th.

The club president Colleen Touzel was closest to the flag on the 14th.

The day event was won by Di Williams with a great score of 38 points.

Delia Perry also had a very respectable score and was the runner up with 37 points.

Balls down the line went to Pat Pease 36, Jo McNaughton 35, Jill Moor and Dot Stubbs 33, Bronwyn Debenham 32, Robin Smith and Else Gedye 31 and Jenny Teasdale 30 points.

## MIRBOO NORTH

Thursday, July 17: Stableford.

Day winner: P. Woodall (11) 40 points.

DTL: M. Woodall and S. McKenzie 36.

NTP: fourth N. Whichello, 13th R. Matthews and 16th R. Matthews.

Birdies: 13th R. Matthews.

Saturday, July 20: Stableford - President Trophy play-off round two.

Day winner: S. Woodall (12) 34 points c/b.

DTL: J. Robbins and B. Bradshaw 34 c/b.



Di Williams winner of the Stableford event at the Leongatha Golf Club.

NTP: fourth M. Payne, sixth G. Shandley, 13th B. Bradshaw and 16th G. Shandley.

President Trophy round two playoff: B. Bradshaw defeated M. Payne 2/1; J. Robbins defeated A. Liebe 5/4.

Next week: J. Robbins v B. Bradshaw.

## WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: July 18, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Ball sweep to 32.

Winner: Ian McNish 34.

Runner up: Philip McCrimmon 33.

Ball sweep: Colin Banks 32.

Results: July 18, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford nine-hole 10 to 18.

Ball sweep to 14.

Winner: Graham Ryan 18.

Runner up: Bill Howard 16.

Ball sweep: Ray Hender 14 C/B.

Results: July 20, S.R 71.

Competition: Stableford - second round July Cup.

July Cup winner: Alan Jones.

July Cup runner up: Peter Dell.

A Grade: Mark Tiziani 32.

B Grade: Jim Jordan 29.

C Grade: Alan Jones 37.

BDTL to 29.

Ball sweep: Graham Ryan 33, Simon O'Halloran 31, Peter Dell 31, Doug Putt 29 and Frank Huber 29.

NTPs: Frank Huber second, Ian Baker fourth and John Walsh money hole 17th.

## Ladies

WINTER has arrived but the dedicated small band of players again enjoyed a dry and calm day and got their golfing fix for the week.

Congratulations to winner Catherine Bolding with the top score on the day (18)33 points.

No NTPs were claimed on the day

BDL given to Marg Johnson 32, Anne Tschiderer 31, Layla Robertson 30, Wendy Cross 28 and Heather Wintle 28.



Janet Kolotelo of Inverloch had the honour of presenting the trophy to the winning owner in a Flemington race named for her.

## Janet's race

INVERLOCH's Janet Kolotelo was one of six lucky Victorian Racing Club (VRC) members to be selected to have a race named after her at Flemington on Saturday, which was Members Day and the last race meeting of the 2023/24 season.

Janet, who is a nurse educator at Leongatha Hospital, was invited to watch the race in the VRC Chairmans Suite along with her husband George Misson, the couple pampered with Champagne and finger food, then escorted down to the Winners Lounge where Janet presented the trophy to the winning owner.

The opportunity to have a race named in their honour is one of the ways the VRC shows appreciation for its 34,500 members.



The victorious Breakers.

## Breakers dominate lightning premiership in darts league

THE Phillip Island and Districts Darts League saw electrifying action last Monday night as all nine teams clashed in a fierce battle for the lightning premiership.

In a high stake round robin event, each team played each other once in the gruelling team game of 801, with every throw and every dart carrying the weight of potential victory.

Emerging victorious were the indomitable Breakers, who showcased their remarkable form throughout the night. Dropping only one game, the Breakers demonstrated exceptional skill and teamwork, solidifying their reputation as one of the top contenders.

This triumph marks another milestone in their impressive season as they aim for a coveted top-four finals spot. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as players and fans alike revelled in the evening's intensity. Adding to the night's festivities, Col was the lucky winner of the much-anticipated meat tray raffle, generously provided by Des and the dedicated team at San Remo Butchers.

As the league looks forward to Round 15 this coming Monday night, all eyes are on the Breakers to see if they can maintain their momentum. Meanwhile, the Jesters will take a breather with a bye. Congratulations once again to the Breakers on their outstanding performance. The darts community awaits more thrilling matches as the season progresses. Stay tuned for more updates and results from the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League.

## Nominate Australia's Community Sports Dad of the Year

AUSTRALIANS are being called upon to nominate local dads in the community for the 2024 Philips Community Sports Dad of the Year award – a national program celebrating Australia's unsung heroes who work tirelessly behind the scenes to support their local sporting teams.

With nominations now open until August 18 via [sportsdads.com.au](http://sportsdads.com.au), the prestigious Award provides an opportunity to recognise those dads who make a difference just in time for Father's Day on Sunday, September 1. Whether it be cheering from the sidelines to carpooling to games, coaching or helping to raise funds for equipment, every little bit counts.

The winner will receive a Philips male grooming pack valued at over \$1000 RRP, as well as a \$5000 Rebel Sports voucher to purchase new clothing or sporting equipment for the community sports club of choice.

Anthony Minichiello, Roosters legend, previous winner of the Philips Celebrity Sports Dad of the Year and proud dad to a daughter emphasised the importance of the program in championing community involvement: "As a professional athlete and a dad, I know firsthand the positive impact sports can have on kids' lives. The dads who volunteer their time at the grassroots level are the real MVPs. They're shaping not just athletes but future leaders and all-round good people. I encourage everyone to nominate a deserving dad in their community for this award."

Nominations are now open and close midnight AEST on August 18, 2024.

To nominate a community sports dad, submit 100 words on why they should win via [sportsdads.com.au](http://sportsdads.com.au). The winner will be notified prior to Father's Day. Those who nominate the successful dad will also have the chance to win a Philips Multigroom prize.

## Dive into underwater hockey in Wonthaggi

WONTHAGGI Underwater Hockey Club is on the hunt for new players, encouraging people to try the "breathtaking sport", and offering the assurance that it is great to play in winter.

Action takes place in the Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centre at 41 Wenthworth Road, Wonthaggi this Thursday July 25, with a session for those aged 8-15 running between 7pm and 8pm and one for those aged 15 and up from 8pm until 9pm.

There is no need to register, just turn up with your swimwear and pay the 'Y' for your pool entry.

You can come and try the sport any Thursday evening during the school year.

Message the club through its Facebook page for further information.

## Action aplenty at Korumburra Basketball

KORUMBURRA Basketball Association has plenty going on as always.

Some Wildcat boys and girls took part in Basketball Victoria's skills days for Under 12s over the weekend at the Korumburra basketball stadium, along with basketballers from all around the area, including Phillip Island, Foster, Leongatha and Warragul.

Domestic Basketball competition tips off soon at Korumburra Indoor Recreation Centre, with the season running from August until November and registrations open until July 31 for women's, men's, masters and junior competitions.

Korumburra Basketball Association assigns juniors to teams, while you can enter a team or as an individual for senior competition.

Email [domestic@korumburrabasketball.org.au](mailto:domestic@korumburrabasketball.org.au) for more information.

Those keen to officiate are encouraged to register for a 'Green Shirt Course', the first step to becoming a referee, to be held this Saturday, July 27, at Korumburra Indoor Recreation Centre.

Contact [kbrefereeadvisor@hotmail.com](mailto:kbrefereeadvisor@hotmail.com) to express interest.



The Bass Coast Cycle Challenge is back in November to raise money for safer roads through school programs and early bird entry is open from now until Thursday August 15.

## Charity cycling event sees local students safer on our roads

OVER 3000 Bass Coast and South Gippsland high school students are contributing to safer roads through a program made possible by the region's premier charity cycling ride the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge (BCCC).

The BCCC is an annual event that begins in Inverloch and has five different routes to cater to all ages and rider levels, including options of 40k kilometres, 53 kilometres, 85 kilometres, 121 kilometres, and 100 kilometres gravel routes.

It is one of the most spectacular rides in Victoria, attracting cyclists of all levels – from recreational to warrior.

This year BCCC has reduced the entry fee across all rides and

made jerseys opt-in.

Riders who enter before Thursday, August 15 will get the best rate and will go in the running for a free entry and rider kit which includes a special BCCC jersey and helmet.

Challenge yourself with hills, the coast or both. Or try a flatter course with our shorter routes. And raise money for a great local charity.

Proceeds from the ride enable local high school students to take part in road safety workshops, making our roads safer for all.

Students from Leongatha Secondary College, Mirboo North Secondary College, Bass Coast College, Korumburra Secondary College and Newhaven College have recently participated

in the life-saving, driver and road safety program, RYDA.

"The riders in the BCCC all have one common goal – to contribute to supporting local students to access these programs, which have a real positive impact on our youth and the broader community," said BCCC founder, Gavin Slavin.

These programs, including RYDA, are so successful because they go a step further than traditional road safety instruction and are believed to be key in increasing safety for road users, cyclists, pedestrians, drivers and passengers.

"It's not enough to teach young people how to manoeuvre a vehicle, it's absolutely vital to balance this with critical

thinking and a deeper appreciation for safety on the road," said Anton Hockey from Road Safety Education Australia.

"Thanks to the BCCC, we are able to deliver a number of workshops which canvas topics such as driver fatigue, speed and stopping, road conditions from the seat of a car or semi, crash investigation process and the mental approach to driving."

The Bass Coast Cycle Challenge will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024 (7am-4pm).

It starts and finishes on Ramsay Boulevard, Inverloch, outside the Beach Box Cafe.

To get an early bird entry or for more information go to: [basscoastcyclechallenge.com](http://basscoastcyclechallenge.com).

## Team Blue victorious in table tennis grand final



Team Blue's Leanne Costello, Justin Lici and Fred Debono were the premiers of Wonthaggi Table Tennis' autumn competition.

TEAM Blue triumphed over Black in the Wonthaggi Table Tennis autumn competition grand final six matches to two.

The final started with a classic.

Modern Olympics founder Pierre de Coubertin's memo that sport is not about winning or losing, but about participation, didn't reach Leanne and Sean.

Leanne and her trusty companion, the boom boom backhand, synchronised mind, body and smash to fend off an unrelenting Sean in a slugfest.

Leanne prevailed 11 to nine and 12 to 10 in the fourth and fifth sets to earn Blue a terrific start.

Team Black's David "Jolly" Kimmins threw a magpie amongst the Blues by knocking over the boss croc Justin in a match for the ages.

Never missing the middle of his paddle, David crafted more lines, angles and crosses than a Picasso.

David's career-best win had Blue back on the ropes.

However, the dependable Fred Debono quelled brave efforts from Trish and Sean to steady the ship.

Redemption came swiftly for Justin, whilst paired with his reliable lieutenant Fred, who played superbly to win the first doubles against David and Sean.

Justin backed up in the second doubles with a red-hot Leanne to deliver the knockout blow and secure a well-deserved, runaway victory for Team Blue.

Bravo Leanne, Fred and Justin.

Thanks a bunch to all the participants this season.

Pierre was part right.



Captain Ashley Ross was ever present in the heart of Gippsland United's midfield on Saturday during their 3-2 defeat to Collingwood. Photo: Jordan M Sport.



Nathan Lugton scored twice on the day, but it wasn't enough in the end. Photo: Jordan M Sport.

## Undesirable results for Gippsland United

By Solomon Nash

IN MATCH week sixteen, Gippsland United's senior men's side faced Collingwood City FC.

United drew to Collingwood 2-2 at home, earlier in the year.

Only two points separated the sides going into this fixture, meaning no further emphasis was needed for either team to know the magnitude of what a win could do for their season.

It was difficult for anyone to predict the result and the game certainly lived up to this billing.

Only one goal separated the sides at full time, and it was Collingwood who took all three points.

The home side took the lead on three occasions and finally shut out United's valiant fight back to win 3-2.

Collingwood made a fast start to proceedings, opening their account with five minutes of kick off.

This first goal of the game came from some tidy and direct build up play down the right flank.

Once they advanced the ball into the final third, Collingwood's right winger played a dangerous ball into the front post.

Collingwood's striker duly obliged, making a darting run to the front post to dispatch the ball emphatically into the roof of the net.

Already on the back foot within minutes was exactly what United didn't need, but their response was exemplary.

Playing in a more forward position on the pitch in support of striker Rory Wagner, Nathan Lugton popped up for United to draw his side level in the game.

After a rash challenge from Collingwood, Jobie Heusmann delivered the resultant free kick to the back post with an invitation attached.

Lugton attacked the ball and was undeterred by the efforts of Collingwood's defence, as his

header flew past the keeper and into the back of the net.

But Collingwood would soon regain their advantage not long before half time.

Their second goal was thanks to some swift transition play from defence into attack, catching United's backline stretched.

This led to a shot from outside the area which United's keeper, Aiden Riley, saved.

But Riley's intervention was

in vain, as Collingwood's were

first to the loose ball, and

scored into the open net.

United almost equalised again

just before the break as Thom-

as Ahmadzai took a snapshot

from the edge of the box.

The always industrious mid-

fielder struck a right footed vol-

ley which had the keeper beat.

But Ahmadzai and his team-

mates couldn't believe their

luck when the ball skimmed

the outside of the post, going

just wide.

Collingwood began the sec-

ond period of play with their

one goal lead, but United again

would make this short lived, as

Lugton scored his second of the

game.

Seemingly the man of the

moment on the day for United, Lugton was bullish in his tackling

and ruthless in front of goal.

After a cross came in from

the right, this time instead of

getting the first contact, Lugton

pounced on the second ball, as

chaos ensued in the six-yard

box.

Collingwood players desper-

ately tried to clear their lines,

but Lugton bundled the ball

into the goal.

The match was certainly in

the balance, with both teams

now going for what would sure-

ly be the winner.

With the previous encounter

ending 2-2, and with time run-

ning out, it was becoming more

After a thrilling 5-4 victory to Gippsland United's reserves over Collingwood earlier in the year, the league leaders were held to a 1-1 draw in the reverse fixture.

This ended Gippsland United's reserves winning streak of eight games without a draw or defeat.

Both goals were scored early in the first half, as neither team were able to find the winner, in what was a tight contest.

United got off to the perfect start, as Daniel Edey fired his side into the lead within only a minute of the game commencing.

United started with posses-

sion of the ball they won a throw-in which was taken quickly by Alexandru Popp.

This caught Collingwood knapping at the back, as United found Edey free at the back post.

Edey made no mistake with his finish, taking his tally to 11 goals for the season.

But Collingwood would then respond to level the game on a day that saw many equalising goals.

The conversion was thanks to a free kick that United didn't deal with defensively.

Whipped to the back post, the ball was glanced into the back of the net off the head of one of Collingwood's centre backs.

During the second half, both teams made substitutes at vari-

ous stages to impact proce-

edings with fresh personnel and

altered formations.

But neither team found the

back of the net for a second time.

Chances definitely fell the way

of various players before the fi-

nal whistle blew, but no one was

able to put their name in lights

and win the game for their side.

After all was said and done,

United's reserves took home

one point from this 1-1 draw,

which was an acceptable out-

come considering their oppo-

nents and the conditions.

This means they still remain

top of their table but now with

only a two-point buffer over

Eltham in second.

United's reserves will be look-

ing to get back in the winner's

circle in match week seventeen

when they face Brandon Park SC.

It's another away trip for the

men in red and black and an-

other two crucial fixtures with

every point as good as gold with

only six games remaining in

2024.

## Gippsland Soccer League

**GSL Round 12 Results – July 20 & 21**

**SENIOR Mens:** Drouin Dragons Maroon 2 d Leongatha Knights 1, Inverloch Stars 7 d Wonthaggi United 0, Korumburra City 2 d Trafalgar Victory 1

**Senior Womens:** Leongatha Knights 6 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0, Inverloch Stars 0 drew Wonthaggi United 0, Lang Lang United 8 d Mirboo North United 1

**Mens Reserves:** Drouin Dragons Maroon 8 d Leongatha Knights 1, Phillip Island Breakers 8 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 2, Trafalgar Victory 6 d Korumburra City 1

**Under 17 Mixed:** Drouin Dragons Maroon 2 d Leongatha Knights 0, Phillip Island Stingrays 3 d Drouin Dragons White 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 3 d Phillip Island Penguins 0

**Under 14 Mixed:** Drouin Dragons Maroon 4 d Leongatha Knights 2, Inverloch Stars 0 drew Wonthaggi United 0, Phillip Island Penguins 4 d Phillip Island Stingrays 0

**Under 13 Girls:** Drouin Dragons Maroon 6 d Leongatha Knights 0

**Under 12a Mixed:** Drouin Dragons Maroon 5 d Leongatha Knights 0, Korumburra City 7 d Trafalgar Victory 1, Phillip Island Penguins 6 d Phillip Island Stingrays 0

**Under 12b Mixed:** Drouin Dragons Yellow 4 d Leongatha Knights 0, Inverloch Stars 6 d Wonthaggi United 2, Mirboo North United 2, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 5 d Phillip Island Sharks 4

**GSL Round 13 Fixture – Sunday, July 28**

**Senior Mens – 3pm**

Leongatha Knights V Trafalgar Victory, Wonthaggi United V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Korumburra City V Inverloch Stars

**Senior Womens – 1pm**

Leongatha Knights V Trafalgar Victory, Wonthaggi United V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Mirboo North United V Phillip Island Breakers

**Mens Reserves – 1pm**

Leongatha Knights V Trafalgar Victory, Korumburra City V Inverloch Stars

**Under 17 Mixed – 9.30am**

Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons White, Wonthaggi United V Drouin Dragons Maroon

**Under 14 Mixed – 11.20am**

Wonthaggi United V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Korumburra City V Inverloch Stars, Mirboo North United V Phillip Island Penguins

**Under 13 Girls – 8.30am**

Wonthaggi United V Drouin

Dragons Maroon

**Under 12a Mixed – 10am**

Leongatha Knights V Trafalgar Victory, Wonthaggi United V Drouin Dragons Maroon

**Under 12b Mixed – 11.30am**

Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Lang Lang United, Korumburra City V Inverloch Stars, Mirboo North United V Phillip Island Sharks, Wonthaggi United V Drouin Dragons Yellow

**GSL MiniRoos – Saturday, July 27**

Bass Coast Hub are playing at Caldermeade from 9am

South Gippsland Hub are playing at Mirboo North from 9.15am

## RESULTS

## A GRADE

Morwell East 39 d Foster 36  
Toora 29 lt Yinnar 37  
Mirboo Nth 62 d Boolarra 41  
Thorpdale 23 lt MDU 43  
N'borough 44 lt Fish Creek 57

## B GRADE

Morwell East 48 lt Foster 62  
Toora 32 d Yinnar 30  
Mirboo Nth 43 d Boolarra 38  
Thorpdale 22 lt MDU 45  
N'borough 27 lt Fish Creek 34

## C GRADE

Morwell East 32 d Foster 26  
Toora 22 d Yinnar 21  
Mirboo Nth 29 d Boolarra 23  
Thorpdale 9 lt MDU 51  
N'borough 43 d Fish Creek 28

## D GRADE

Morwell East 49 d Foster 14  
Toora 24 d Yinnar 17  
Mirboo Nth 41 d Boolarra 25  
Thorpdale 12 lt MDU 35  
N'borough 19 lt Fish Creek 42

## 17 &amp; UNDER

Toora 34 d Yinnar 16  
Mirboo Nth 24 lt Boolarra 49  
N'borough 18 lt Fish Creek 51

## 15 &amp; UNDER

Morwell East 14 lt Foster 22  
Toora 23 d Yinnar 14  
Mirboo Nth 27 lt Boolarra 34  
N'borough 18 d Fish Creek 17

## 13 &amp; UNDER

Toora 3 lt Yinnar 28  
Mirboo Nth 19 d Boolarra 18  
N'borough 18 d Fish Creek 13

## LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Fish Creek	152.87	50
Morwell East	147.88	50
Yinnar	179.84	48
MDU	118.38	40
Mirboo North	121.67	40
Foster	102.04	36
Newborough	105.56	28
Toora	92.55	28
Boolarra	81.35	24
Stony Creek	66.80	20
Tarwin	65.46	16
Thorpdale	44.19	8

## B GRADE

Foster	162.87	52
Boolarra	137.87	48
Fish Creek	150.62	44
Mirboo North	120.77	40
Morwell East	126.09	40
Stony Creek	109.39	28
Hill End	109.30	28
Yinnar	99.09	28
MDU	95.45	28
Newborough	97.40	24
Toora	86.01	20
Tarwin	40.78	10
Thorpdale	41.57	6

## C GRADE

Yinnar	172.76	52
MDU	137.25	44
Morwell East	131.89	44
Newborough	127.29	40
Toora	123.42	40
Mirboo North	132.17	36
Tarwin	134.41	30
Hill End	112.32	30
Boolarra	101.44	28
Fish Creek	88.50	20
Stony Creek	68.45	16
Foster	73.60	12
Thorpdale	15.45	4

## D GRADE

Fish Creek	179.03	56
Stony Creek	144.33	48
Yinnar	135.67	44
MDU	132.79	36
Tarwin	122.65	36
Morwell East	131.08	34
Toora	107.57	34
Newborough	122.56	28
Mirboo North	113.79	26
Hill End	95.11	26
Boolarra	78.06	16
Foster	59.41	8
Thorpdale	15.10	4

## 17 &amp; UNDER

Boolarra	222.27	56
Toora	189.11	52
MDU	159.38	40
Yinnar	149.08	40
Fish Creek	144.21	40
Hill End	77.09	40
Newborough	52.65	24
Mirboo North	63.12	20
Stony Creek	51.89	20
Morwell East	34.52	8

## 15 &amp; UNDER

Toora	225.12	56
Boolarra	196.30	52
MDU	180.59	44
Hill End	168.60	42
Mirboo North	154.44	38
Yinnar	140.49	36
Stony Creek	98.22	32
Foster	46.63	26
Newborough	57.34	22
Fish Creek	46.65	16
Tarwin	33.96	16
Morwell East	40.73	12

## 13 &amp; UNDER

Yinnar	451.90	56
MDU	142.94	48
Hill End	201.41	44
Newborough	144.38	40
Boolarra	122.82	40
Mirboo North	114.20	36
Fish Creek	103.49	36
Tarwin	83.16	28
Toora	58.55	20
Stony Creek	34.47	20
Foster	12.73	16

## SPORT | NETBALL



Emma Henshall edges out her Catani opponent in A Grade for Poowong. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Erin Trewin lands the ball for Poowong in A Grade. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Jas Williams looks to get past Dalyston's defence. Ns10\_3024



Team co-captain Alana McRae was one of the best on court for Power. Photo: Paul Landells



Wonthaggi Power celebrated Whitney Anderson's 100th game. Photo: Paul Landells



Inverloch's Emma Sorensen launches it down the court. Ns06\_3024



Power co-captain Ellie Bates was everywhere in a high-standard A Grade game against Traralgon on Saturday. Photo: Paul Landells



Alana McRae intercepts the ball in the goal circle. Photo: Paul Landells



Mairead Donohue (WD) prepares for the pass. Ns08\_3024

## WEST GIPPSLAND

## RESULTS

## A GRADE

KWR 38 d NNG 35

Kor-Bena 59 d Warragul I. 32

Bunyip 31 lt K-Bass 50

T-Dalmore 36 d Cora Lynn 31

Garfield 46 d Phillip Island 42

I-Kongwak 47 d Dalyston 42

KWR 12 lt NNG 35

Kor-Bena 27 lt Warragul I. 20

Bunyip 23 drew K-Bass 23

T-Dalmore 32 lt Cora Lynn 46

Garfield 30 d Phillip Island 17

I-Kongwak 33 d Dalyston 25

KWR 12 lt NNG 38

Kor-Bena 27 lt Warragul I. 20

Bunyip 23 drew K-Bass 23

T-Dalmore 32 lt Cora Lynn 46

Garfield 30 d Phillip Island 17

I-Kongwak 33 d Dalyston 25

KWR 12 lt NNG 23

Kor-Bena 31 lt Warragul I. 17

Bunyip 33 d K-Bass 18

T-Dalmore 25 lt Cora Lynn 9

Garfield 43 d Phillip Island 12

I-Kongwak 39 d Dalyston 13

KWR 12 lt NNG 14

Kor-Bena 6 lt Warragul I. 11

Bunyip 3 lt K-Bass 18

T-Dalmore 13 d Cora Lynn 9

Garfield 3 lt Phillip Island 20

I-Kongwak 16 d Dalyston 9

KWR 12 lt NNG 23

Kor-Bena 31 lt Warragul I. 17

Bunyip 33 d K-Bass 18

T-Dalmore 25 lt Cora Lynn 9



Nyora's Hailey Schreurs looks for forward options.



Heidi Driscoll begins another Nyora attack.



Taylah Jenkins takes her shot. Ns25\_3024



Shannon Heylen positions herself to receive the pass.



Time to reset in the Toora v Yinnar contest. Ns26\_3024



Hannah Weston (GS) stays cautious as Yinnar closes in. Ns24\_3024



Taylah Jenkins puts on the defence. Ns22\_3024



Britt Roffey looks for a team-mate in the goal circle. Ns23\_3024

## ELLINBANK

## RESULTS

## A GRADE

Trafalgar 29 It Buln Buln 32  
N-Darnum 59 d Lang Lang 20  
Catani 33 d Poowong 31

## B GRADE

Trafalgar 21 It Buln Buln 25  
N-Darnum 45 It Lang Lang 48  
Catani 32 d Poowong 17  
Nyora 24 It Ellinbank 53

## C GRADE

Trafalgar 29 d Buln Buln 17  
N-Darnum 38 d Lang Lang 34  
Catani 42 d Poowong 26  
Nyora 6 It Ellinbank 74

## LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	166.21	48	Catani	235.47	52
Nilma-Darnum	171.56	44	Trafalgar	171.12	50
Ellinbank	135.95	32	Yarragon	192.03	46
Trafalgar	107.64	28	Poowong	164.97	40
Buln Buln	90.76	24	Nilma-Darnum	157.67	36
Yarragon	89.57	20	Longwarry	122.60	32
Lang Lang	86.68	20	Ellinbank	78.83	24
Poowong	82.65	16	Lang Lang	77.33	16
Longwarry	68.59	12	Buln Buln	65.49	12
Catani	64.16	8	Neerim South	37.66	8
Nyora	0.00	0	Nyora	13.68	0

## B GRADE

Ellinbank	173.56	52	Buln Buln	181.07	54
Neerim South	139.21	44	Poowong	165.28	44
Buln Buln	135.01	44	Lang Lang	164.11	44
Nilma-Darnum	117.28	40	Catani	147.20	42
Trafalgar	106.39	34	Neerim South	122.00	32
Lang Lang	118.96	32	Trafalgar	105.35	32
Catani	101.69	28	Yarragon	105.36	24
Poowong	81.52	18	Nilma-Darnum	99.43	24
Nyora	73.27	14	Ellinbank	77.75	16
Longwarry	56.39	8	Longwarry	57.45	4
Yarragon	64.03	2	Nyora	4.47	0

## C GRADE

Ellinbank	219.55	52	Lang Lang	301.88	52
Neerim South	193.53	52	Poowong	275.89	52
Lang Lang	164.96	52	Buln Buln	480.00	48
Catani	142.41	40	Yarragon	181.82	48
Nilma-Darnum	135.46	36	Trafalgar	116.40	28
Yarragon	101.74	24	Ellinbank	108.53	24
Trafalgar	78.11	24	Longwarry	104.58	24
Buln Buln	83.47	16	Nilma-Darnum	100.00	20
Poowong	77.00	12	Neerim South	75.30	16
Longwarry	71.12	8	Catani	13.27	4
Nyora	16.30	0	Nyora	2.87	0

## GIPPSLAND

## RESULTS

## A GRADE

Sale 28 It Drouin 45  
Warragul 43 It Leongatha 53  
Wonthaggi 39 It Traralgon 44  
Bairnsdale 44 drew Moe 44  
Morwell 63 d Maffra 29

## B GRADE

Sale 32 It Drouin 38  
Warragul 25 It Leongatha 46  
Wonthaggi 40 d Traralgon 32  
Bairnsdale 41 It Moe 75  
Morwell 55 d Maffra 34

## C GRADE

Sale 31 It Drouin 38  
Warragul 19 It Leongatha 38  
Wonthaggi 25 d Traralgon 18  
Bairnsdale 33 d Moe 29  
Morwell 26 It Maffra 32

## LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Moe	166.30	54	Traralgon	216.00	56
Drouin	142.41	48	Leongatha	188.62	48
Warragul	121.45	40	Bairnsdale	138.95	44
Traralgon	104.98	34	Sale	135.34	40
Bairnsdale	103.37	30	Drouin	116.50	32
Wonthaggi	102.88	28	Wonthaggi	93.70	24
Leongatha	97.71	20	Maffra	89.92	20
Morwell	98.44	18	Moe	53.77	12
Sale	63.40	6	Morwell	56.10	4
Maffra	46.00	2	Warragul	34.96	0

## B GRADE

Drouin	134.15	52	Bairnsdale	205.11	54
Leongatha	152.19	46	Sale	166.84	54
Moe	123.04	42	Traralgon	179.61	44
Traralgon	120.75	40	Moe	113.79	28
Wonthaggi	102.29	26	Maffra	89.23	24
Sale	92.84	26	Drouin	80.03	20
Warragul	94.18	20	Wonthaggi	74.56	20
Morwell	91.21	18	Morwell	72.99	20
Maffra	55.10	6	Leongatha	71.86	16
Bairnsdale	71.63	4	Warragul	48.56	0

## C GRADE

Drouin	143.17	50	Leongatha	233.33	52
Morwell	133.49	50	Maffra	193.64	44
Maffra	110.83	40	Sale	245.83	42
Traralgon	105.98	36	Traralgon	198.05	42
Leongatha	109.38	32	Moe	170.75	36
Wonthaggi	112.02	28	Bairnsdale	117.00	24
Bairnsdale	85.93	16	Drouin	76.23	20
Moe	88.94	12	Wonthaggi	26.70	16
Warragul	68.09	8	Morwell	27.53	4
Sale	64.86	8	Warragul	12.58	0

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## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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## LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB



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PANTHERS

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## WARRAGUL

## LEONGATHA

Warragul	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1 (7)
Leongatha	1.3	3.7	3.8	6.10 (46)

**GOALS, Warragul:** Vinnie Caia 1**BEST:** James Davidson, Lucas Carter, Patrick Carpenter, Liam Serong, Jake Hughes, Isaac Wallace**GOALS, Leongatha:** Jenson Garnham 3, Ty Hall, Jackson Harry, Jarrod Stewart 1 each**BEST:** Kim Drew, Jenson Garnham, Jay Walker, Benjamin Willis, Tallin Brill, Adam Trotto

## RESERVES

Warragul	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3 (3)
Leongatha	2.0	4.1	6.7	8.10 (58)

**BEST, Warragul:** Daniel Ridgway, Lachlan Gronow, Patrick Mulqueen, Jacob Orlicki, Lachlan Miller, Xavier La Frantz**GOALS, Leongatha:** Trent McRae, Justin Pellicano 2, Noah Clark, Darby Kratzat, Flynn Matera, Nick Nagel 1 each**BEST:** Levi Hickey, Ned Hanly, Darby Kratzat, Justin Pellicano, Nick Nagel, Trent McRae

## THIRDS

Warragul	2.2	5.6	8.7	10.8 (68)
Leongatha	0.0	0.2	0.2	1.2 (8)

**GOALS, Warragul:** Keenan Boi 4, Caleb McIntosh 3, Alby Phillips 2, Samuel Grummisch 1**BEST:** Harry Brown, Alby Phillips, Harrison Cant, Lachlan French, Tyson O'Leary, Sam Heenan**GOALS, Leongatha:** Finn Donohue 1**BEST:** Klayton McGrath, Nathan Skewes, Fletcher McLennan, Jude Fixter, Julian Callahan, Ollie Mahoney

## FOURTHS

Warragul	0.1	1.3	1.4	2.5 (17)
Leongatha	2.1	3.4	3.5	4.7 (31)

**BEST, Warragul:** Henry Allsop, Callum Jenkins, Nash Olsson, Fraser Aubrey, Nate Young, Harvie Dennis**BEST, Leongatha:** Sam Kreutzberger, Will Campbell, Alby Logan, Beau Elkin, Archie Gannon

## WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB



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PANTHERS

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## WONTHAGGI

## TRARALGON

Wonthaggi	2.2	3.2	8.4	8.5 (53)
Traralgon	1.1	4.4	4.4	6.6 (42)

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Cooper McInnes 3, Jack Blair 2, Noah Anderson, Jye Gilmour, Kaj Patterson 1 each**BEST:** Kaj Patterson, Isaac Chugg, Jake Thomas, Shannon Bray, Aiden Lindsay, Blake Cornelius**GOALS, Traralgon:** Dylan Loprese, Harvey Neocleous 2, Jordan Cunico, Sammy Hallyburton 1 each**BEST:** Luis D'Angelo, Mitch Membrey, Jordan Cunico, Harvey Neocleous, Connor Ambler, Dylan Loprese

## RESERVES

Wonthaggi	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.8 (15)
Traralgon	0.1	2.2	3.2	3.3 (21)

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Adam Busana 1**BEST:** Cooper Lindsay, Andrew McNeil, Jarvis Brown, Wayne Luke, Charlie Dawson, Eli Richards**GOALS, Traralgon:** Trent Anderson, Benjamin Gafa, Jake Zappulla 1 each**BEST:** Alex Lovison, Liam Hahn, Flynn Kennedy, Ben Cheetham, Trent Anderson, Ethan Roscoe

## FOURTHS

Wonthaggi	0.0	1.0	1.1	1.4 (10)
Traralgon	3.6	4.8	4.12	4.14 (38)

**BEST, Wonthaggi:** Robert Hullick, William Simmons, Jasper Shone, Nathan Tack, Archie Jobe, Seth McBean**BEST, Traralgon:** Blair Roscoe, Kade Thorley, Brodie Adams, Archie Woodall, Cooper Anderson, Tacen Davidson

## IN OTHER GAMES...

## SENIORS

Sale	13.17.95	d	Drouin	11. 7.73
Moe	11.9.75	d	Bairnsdale	8.10.58
Maffra	8.4.52	d	Morwell	7.7.49

## RESERVES

Sale	12.13.85	d	Drouin	1.2.8
Bairnsdale	19.13.127	d	Moe	2.4.16
Maffra	5.9.39	d	Morwell	3.3.21

## THIRDS

Drouin	9.8.62	d	Sale	6.3.39
Bairnsdale	6.7.43	d	Moe	4.9.33
Maffra	9.11.65	d	Morwell	5.1.31

## FOURTHS

Sale	16.6.102	d	Drouin	4.2.26
Moe	15.11.101	d	Bairnsdale	3.3.21
Maffra	13.9.87	d	Morwell	0.3.3

## Power burst as finals loom

WONTHAGGI Power hung tough when the visiting Traralgon side surged into the lead by halftime at Wonthaggi on Saturday and then turned it on to boot a match-winning five goals to nil in the third quarter.

It set up a character-building victory as the Maroons continued to come with the wind in the last quarter, but Power did more than enough to earn a glorious two-goal win at the end.

The result puts Wonthaggi right back in the mix for this year's Gippsland final series, especially after last-placed Maffra beat Morwell at Morwell.

Match report: Traralgon looked to be taking control, kicking with the wind to the swimming pool end of the Wonthaggi oval in the second quarter and a long bomb for a bouncing goal by busy forward Harvey Neocleous was a reward for effort as the match closed in on half time.

In fact, it had been Neocleous who opened the visiting Maroons' account at the three-minute mark of the first quarter, with a swinging kick on the breeze, and it was some time before the Power could answer despite kicking with the wind.

Shannon Bray was contesting strongly against Traralgon rucking specialist Max Jacobson, trying to take the front position but early on at least, the Maroons' onballers were getting the take-aways.

Finally, though, Josh Bates won a free kick near the forward 50 and found Cooper McInnes who took a juggling mark before going back to kick the goal Wonthaggi needed to get them started at the 12-minute mark.

Two minutes later, Kaj Patterson followed up on a scrambled kick forward, to receive from Mitch Hayes, and snapped through a beauty. The Power was in front which they needed to be with the wind advantage.

At the centre bounces, Traralgon's four including Jacobsen, Ambler, D'Angelo and Willaton appeared to have the edge over Bray, Lindsay, Jack Blair and Patterson.

But when Wonthaggi did get the rebound off half-back, from the likes of Jacob Thomas, Jye Gilmour, Josh Bates, Isaac Chugg and others, Wonthaggi's forwards applied commendable forward pressure to keep it in the scoring zone.

Connor and Tom Macmillan helped form the barrier across half-forward for Wonthaggi and the Power produced a few chances that way through Chugg, whose long



**Jaxon Williams and Fergus O'Connor combine to affect the spoil under the watchful eye of Wonthaggi coach Jarryd Blair.** Photos: Paul Landells.

shot just fell short, and Bray whose snap off the pack was rushed through.

There were to be no more goals for the first quarter, a win for Traralgon against the wind.

Wonthaggi got the first goal after the restart, Jarryd Blair combining with brother Jack for the score in the first few minutes but Traralgon took control from then on, scoring three and having the momentum going into the long break.

After halftime, however, it was all Wonthaggi with the Power's onballers taking over and Cooper McInnes providing a great target up forward.

He hooked up with Jarryd Blair for the first, Noah Anderson got the next from the angle and then McInnes marked a quick kick from the stoppage by Shannon Bray, working overtime in the ruck.

They followed up with the team goal of the day; Jack Blair, Josh Bates and Kaj Patterson combined to get the ball over to Jye Gilmore who had looped forward from the original possession. Urged on by his teammates to have a shot, with the wind, from beyond 50, his kick sailed through for the match-winner.

Later in the quarter, Jack Blair also bombed one home as Wonthaggi took a four-goal lead going into the last break.

It proved to be enough in a low-scoring affair but only thanks to a full-court-press defence which restricted Traralgon's scoring chances with the wind in the last quarter.

**RIGHT:** Debuting for the Wonthaggi Power Seniors on Saturday, Connor Macmillan gets his first kick in senior footy against Traralgon.



## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 14

Seniors	13.17.95	d	Drouin	11. 7.73
Moe	11.9.75	d	Bairnsdale	8.10.58
Maffra	8.4.52	d	Morwell	7.7.49

## SENIORS

Leongatha	12	2	173.94	48
Traralgon	9	4	120.60	38
Moe	9	5	110.04	36
Sale	8	6	102.09	32
Morwell	7	6	96.26	30
Bairnsdale	7	7	105.70	28
Wonthaggi	7	7	100.25	28
Drouin	4	10	82.32	16
Warragul	4	10	76.35	16
Maffra	2	12	70.09	8

## RESERVES

Leongatha	14	0	472.47	56
Maffra	12	2	239.21	48
Traralgon	10	4	220.65	40
Bairnsdale	10	4	158.76	40
Sale	7	7	76.18	28
Wonthaggi	5	9	63.39	20
Morwell	4	10	66.24	16
Drouin	4	10	60.13	16
Moe	3	11	38.44	12
Warragul	1	13	27.53	4

## THIRDS

Warragul	10	2	264.99	40
Maffra	10	3	184.44	40
Traralgon	9	3	181.29	36
Drouin	9	4	148.98	36
Leongatha	8	4	179.57	32
Bairnsdale	5	8	63.24	20
Moe	4	9	66.49	16
Sale	1	11	37.31	4
Morwell	0	12	25.89	0
Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0

## FOURTHS

Traralgon	14	0	492.93	56
Moe	12	2	282.74	48
Maffra	11	3	342.73	44
Wonthaggi	10	4	167.33	40
Bairnsdale	8	6	78.85	32
Sale	6	8	79.52	24
Drouin	4	10	49.78	16
Leongatha	3	11	41.48	12
Warragul	2	12	34.17	8
Morwell	0	14	17.49	0

## Leongatha slides to victory over Warragul

DESPITE conditions seemingly better suited to Gulls than Parrots, Leongatha recorded a strong victory over Warragul, with the visitor's winning margin of 39 points.

Heavy rain tumbled during the game and players battled mud and substantial surface water, the footy often landing in puddles and stopping dead, and it appeared for some time neither side would be able to break away on the scoreboard.

Following the Parrots' win over Wonthaggi in the previous round, Leongatha coach Trent McMicking predicted Warragul would present a tough challenge, and the Gulls opened proceedings brightly with a set shot goal to Vinnie Caia.

Leongatha eventually found a goal through Ty Hall, who read the tap of teammate Jarrod Stewart to perfection, scooted away from a would-be tackler and kicked truly.

Neither side found another major in the first term, the Parrots taking a slender 2-point advantage to the break.

Incredibly, Warragul was unable to add to its 7-point quarter-time total throughout the remainder of the match, while Leongatha continued to find ways to score.

Jenson Garnham again impressed up forward, being the only Parrot to boot multiple goals, as was the case last week, and finished with half of his side's six majors.

That placed him high on the best players list.

One of this season's recruits, Jay Walker, who suffered an injury setback during his senior debut for the Parrots, sidelining him for an extended period and forcing him to work his way back through the reserves, showed his value, thriving onball in the wet.

"The conditions suited that low-to-the-ground type player, and he just worked his bum off all day and got the rewards," coach McMicking said.

The tenacity of Kim Drew and Adam Trotto and their enthusiasm for contests made them other instrumental contributors for Leongatha, McMicking labelling Drew as "our best by a mile".

Drew, perhaps, best summed up the torrid match it was for both sides, sliding headlong off the field and through an open gate, hitting a gate post, after being shoved into one of the many patches of mud.

Tallin Brill, another hard-at-it player also stood out, some of his third-quarter efforts noteworthy as he drove the Parrots forward, albeit Leongatha was only able to add a behind for the term.

While Warragul trailed by just 19 points at the final change, that margin seemed far larger given the conditions, and Leongatha soon extended it through an accurate Garnham snap, the Parrots adding a couple more goals by game's end.

On a day not tailor-made for the big men, Ben Willis earned a spot among the Parrots' best, working hard in the ruck against Warragul's Mitchell Smart, and taking an important mark in the dying moments of the first term that ensured Leongatha retained its then narrow lead.

"Ben was just able to bullock his way around the ground all day, and he was huge for us," McMicking said, noting Willis' ability to use his body strength, fill the hole defensively when required and work the ball forward for the Parrots.

Stewart again proved his worth, helping lighten the ruck load for Willis, and provided his own highlight with a leaping mark and goal in the final quarter.

Labelling the conditions as being as bad as you could play in, and grateful for the shelter of the coaches' box, McMicking was impressed by Stewart's ability to play as if it was much drier.

The injury curse continued for the Parrots with Guy Dickson tweaking a calf after being sidelined earlier in the season with hamstring trouble.

James Davidson gave his all around the ground, being Warragul's best.

Leongatha players must focus on recovery after the exertion required for old-fashioned wet-weather footy as they set themselves to host Morwell.

# Boolarra Football Netball Club celebrate Indigenous Round

BOOLARRA Football Netball Club celebrated NAIDOC Week over the July 13/14 weekend by donning their spectacular Indigenous Round uniforms designed by a local artist, and purchased with a community sponsorship grant from the Latrobe Health Assembly.

This year's NAIDOC Week theme is 'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud', celebrating the unyielding spirit of First Nations' communities and invites all to stand in solidarity, amplifying the voices that have long been silenced. Latrobe Health Assembly Member and proud Gunggandji man, Mark Munnich, designed the artwork named Booraguman (Boo-rah goo-man) meaning 'One Fire' in the Gungai/Gunggandji language. The design encompasses the circular journeys of individuals, families and communities – how in a community everyone is sitting around a fire, meaning everyone is side-by-side in "one mob, one spirit".

The top right-hand circle that is just red inside represents Boolarra Football Netball Club. The five circles underneath represent all the different Football Netball Clubs – Yinnar, Hill End, Thorpdale, Newborough, and Morwell East. In the middle of the artwork is the Morwell River,



From left, Mark Munnich, Aleeah Munnich (Mark's daughter who also celebrated her 100th club game on the day), Latrobe Health Assembly Chair Tanya Rong and Latrobe Health Assembly Executive Officer Ellen-Jane Browne.

which is a significant river system to Boolarra. Around the bottom of the Morwell River there is a track that goes to another circle which has females and males sitting, this is Mirboo North Football Netball Club. The other six circles are the other Football Netball Leagues that now play in Mid Gippsland League –

Meeniyian Dumbalk United, Stony Creek, Tarwin, Fish Creek, Foster and Toora," explains Mark.

"It was an opportunity to give back to our community where we live in Boolarra... Our club has eight active First Nations players that also represent local, regional and state teams – so a wealth

of skill. Boolarra historically does have a strong historical First Nations presence by the Gunaikurnai Nation. It was used seasonally, as the focus was to utilise the food sources from the area, there are scar trees scattered around everywhere which is significant to the use of the Morwell River as a food source."

On the day, the Boolarra Football Netball Club hosted Morwell East Football Netball Club at their home ground, the Boolarra Recreation Reserve. A traditional smoking ceremony by Aunty Christine Johnson marked the beginning of the Indigenous Round prior to the first sirens of the senior football and netball games.

"The Indigenous Round was a special occasion for the two teams and their supporters to share and recognise the local First Nations' culture and continue our shared path towards Reconciliation. Mark's vibrant design truly captured his gift for storytelling and his heartfelt connection to his town of Boolarra and the football club. We're so grateful to Mark for his ongoing contributions to the Health Assembly and for being so generous in sharing his culture with the community," says Latrobe Health Assembly chair, Tanya Rong.

## Gary Ablett Junior delights Mirboo North



Gary Ablett Jr made a special appearance at the Mirboo North Football Club. Ns36\_3024



The Tiger's senior coach Damien Turner gets the evening started. Ns39\_3024



Fans young and old were delighted to have the chance to meet Ablett Jr. Ns37\_3024



The kids could hardly believe their eyes when Ablett Jr entered. Ns38\_3024

## MID GISSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 14

## TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

 10  33

TOORA YINNAR

Toora	0.1	0.2	1.4	1.4 (10)
Yinnar	3.1	4.2	4.5	4.9 (33)

**GOALS, Toora:** Jake Smart 1**BEST:** Dylan Buckley, Adam Parry, Aidan Peile, William Goosey, Jake Smart, Reghan Lewis**GOALS, Yinnar:** Stuart Patten 2, Josh Bugeja, Luke Cheffers 1 each**BEST:** Nathan Rowley, Luke Linton, Flynn Schill, Clancy Mills, Callum Hutchison, Jarrod Henderson

## RESERVES

Toora	0.0	1.6	1.6	1.7 (13)
Yinnar	4.1	5.1	6.2	7.2 (44)

**GOALS, Toora:** No names supplied.**BEST:** Ayden Walker, Ashley Hewson, Sam Bright, Matthew Hoppner, Luke Anedda, William Cashin**GOALS, Yinnar:** No names supplied.**BEST:** Daniel Schneider, Jarryd Garlick, Jack Chessum, Kyle Elphick, Wayne Rowley, Lachlan Alexander

## MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

 39  54

THORPDALE MDU

Thorpdale	1.1	3.4	5.7	5.9 (39)
MDU	2.2	5.2	7.3	8.6 (54)

**GOALS, Thorpdale:** Hayden Britten, Heath Ferguson, Mark Graeme, Matt Ravenall, Anthony Rosato 1 each**BEST:** Anthony Rosato, Gavin Low, Travis Patten, Shaun Falla, Harrison Sinclair-Stanley, Mark Graeme**GOALS, MDU:** Shayne Walsh 2, Ashleigh Allen, Jake Brydon, Steve Forrester, Ben Perry, Darren Sheen, Lachie Wright 1 each**BEST:** Jess Hickey, Nathan Allen, Fraser Kelly, Shayne Walsh, Jarrod Hoy, Thomas Corry

## RESERVES

Thorpdale	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2 (2)
MDU	0.0	1.1	1.3	2.7 (19)

**BEST, Thorpdale:** Brandon Watson, Aaron Raven, Brendan Pisa, Haydn Edwards, Jack Nankervis, Zane Danger**GOALS, MDU:** Tyson Harris, Michael Smith 1 each**BEST:** Matt Harris, Michael Smith, Brenton Arnup, Jack Ballagh, Sean Pearce, Benjamin Maxwell

## THIRDS

Mirboo North	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1 (1)
MDU	1.1	3.4	5.7	10.17 (77)

**GOALS, MDU:** Archie Casey 2, Lucas Duvoisin, Cohen Harrison, Raph Jefferis, Jarvis Lacy, Ryan Marshman, Angus McInnes, Harry Scrimshaw, Lochlan Webb 1 each**BEST:** Cameron Bruce, Brayden Sellings, Timothy Hibberson, Lochlan Webb, Raph Jefferis, Jarvis Lacy

## FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

 47  27

MORWELL EAST FOSTER

Morwell East	1.1	2.1	6.5	7.5 (47)
Foster	0.4	1.4	2.6	3.9 (27)

**GOALS, Morwell East:** Chris Wangman 5, Bradley Kimberley, Nik Kyriacou 1 each**BEST:** Tanner Higgins, Lucas Towns, Chris Wangman, Jackson Mackenzie, Tony Nicholson, Jarryd Pickett**GOALS, Foster:** Jake Best, Michael Green, Josh Toner 1 each**BEST:** Todd Bastion, Dylan Williams, Jonathan Segat, Mitchell Allott, Cody Banbury, Jake Best

## RESERVES

Morwell East	4.0	5.1	9.7	12.10 (82)
Foster	0.1	2.2	3.2	3.2 (20)

**GOALS, Morwell East:** Steven Tobin 3, Kaleb Chapman, Shae Duncan, Shannon Winmar 2, Sam Durbano, Brad Gibson, Dustin Heyden 1 each**BEST:** Corey Hall, Will Kennedy, Aaron Dodd, Shae Duncan, Dustin Heyden, Dylan Pappas**GOALS, Foster:** Jason Midwinter 2, Patrick Doran 1**BEST:** Jason Midwinter, Alej Lacanaria, Ben Smith, Daniel Hawking, Brayden Hall, Jedd Davy

It was a tough start to the match for both sides. Ns14\_3024

## Yinnar scrapes by in low-scoring victory

By Rob Popplestone

IN THE clash of the Magpies a big crowd rolled up for a well-promoted game, in which the home team Toora welcomed former AFL Blue's star Dylan Buckley to its fold as part of the Carlton Draught promotion hoping to spice up the contest between themselves and the more credentialled Yinnar.

For Toora a big gate could be deemed a success, but for the visitors, it was always about the win, success guaranteeing yet another week inside the top three.

Yinnar doing the job in a low-scoring contest 4-9-33 to Toora 1-4-10.

"Was disappointing for Toora that the weather was not favourable for the Carlton Draught clash. However, it was still a good turnout considering the conditions and we were happy to play a part in the day," Sam McCulloch, Yinnar coach said.

"We started the game well and put the score on the board early, which was crucial in the trying conditions. Was a very scrappy game from that point on and was difficult for either team to move the ball with any fluency. Very happy to come away with the win in Senior Captain Mark Stolks 150th, was a good four-quarter effort in a low-scoring game."

A win is a win, and you can get away with how you win every so often,



As part of the Carlton Draft pick, Dylan Buckley played for Toora against Yinnar on Saturday. Ns11\_3024

the Yinnar side remains very much in the premiership conversations. Sitting in third position but just a percentage from the top spot the last month of football is crucial.

Toora on the other hand may not be winning on the ground but off the field, they are as good as any in the league.

"The weekend was more about the club as a collective than any of the games," Jack Weston, Toora coach said.

"A huge thank you to Carlton Draft and Dylan for the amazing opportunity and support. Unfortunately, our game

mirrored our last three weeks where one bad quarter saw Yinnar kick a match-winning lead. A bye next week to freshen up. Before a stretch of games where we believe we're a chance to win 3/3.

Thorpdale at Thorpdale is the first of these. Looking forward to seeing how our improvement stacks up against a well-coached and organised side."

The weekend proved that any side is capable of winning on any given day, so if Toora can indeed get up and brush themselves off, their opponents in the weeks ahead better be ready to rumble.

## MDU nab the win as finals edge near

By Rob Popplestone

LADDER position comes with premiership points and this contest was all about premiership points, both teams locked away on thirty-two a-piece and sitting fifth and sixth on the table. With just a percentage between the two, a win was almost a certain ticket to a finals campaign, whilst a loss would mean some nervous weeks ahead.

Both sides had brought some good form to the contest, but only one would survive what turned out to be a Saturday afternoon war.

MDU securing as courageous a win as you are likely to see, 8-6-54 to Thorpdale 5-9-39.

"Huge win for us on the weekend in regard to top six aspirations," Nathan Allen, MDU coach said.

"Tough conditions and an absolute scrap. Thorp cracked in hard all day and never gave up. Pushed us all the way and forced us to play four quarters. Really proud of the way we went about it today, with even contributions all over the field. Starting to build trust in each other and momentum at the right time of the year."

Trust, momentum and confidence are key as we edge closer to finals and it seems the Demons are reaching close to their peak at about the right time, their opponents from the weekend are now under real pressure to back up their finals appearance of 2023.

"The weekend summed up our season perfectly... Two blokes down by quarter time with one in hospital and no rotations in the second half. However, I felt like we won the territory battle but at the end of the day the only battle that matters is the scoreboard this time of year," Jason Windrich, Thorpdale coach said.

The Blues now sit seventh, a game behind sixth-placed MDU and a game in front of eighth-placed Tarwin. In short, the heat and pressure are building and something has to give in the next few weeks.

## Hawks soar with third-quarter surge

By Rob Popplestone

MORWELL East approached the weekend just one game short of stamping their mark as a premiership contender, their Foster opponents like the Hawks themselves have had a really impressive season that has not only been highlighted by individual performances in each team, but also the efforts of the club as a whole, but still it came down to this second versus fourth contest, the result to have the potential to dramatically impact the possibilities.

The Hawks confirmed themselves as the real deal 7-5-47 to Foster 3-9-27.

"Massive win for us on the weekend against Foster who had only lost two games since we last met in round one," Paul Henry, Morwell East coach said.

"We didn't start great, but from halfway through the first quarter, I thought we controlled the game. So proud of our boys! Special victory, we were relentless. A very welcome bye for us before we tackle some top-six sides in the last three rounds. We start with Yinnar in two weeks."

The excitement of the Hawks about their performance in key areas was equally matched by disappointment by the visiting Tigers.

"Didn't capitalise on our chances early then couldn't get our game going at all," Sam Davies, Foster coach said.

"They smashed us around the footy and we wasted the ball going inside 50 – we will get plenty from watching the replay."

There is a real traffic jam near the top of the MGFNL ladder as a consequence of this result and others.

Morwell East finds themselves in the number one spot with both Fish Creek and Yinnar just a percentage behind, Foster a game further back after giving up the premiership points on the weekend.

# Tigers triumph in nail-biter before roaring premiership home crowd

By Rover

MIRBOO NORTH secured its second win of the season with a morale-lifting four-point victory over Boolarra on MNFNC's 'annual footy and netball premierships reunion day' at Tigerland on Saturday.

Afterwards, in the rowdy, jam-packed social rooms, Gary Ablett Junior, was the club's warmly-welcomed and popularly-received special guest for the evening.

Six of Mirboo North's winning team — playing coach Damien Turner, skipper Hudson Kerr, Shane Peters, Joe Brooks, Josh Taylor and Daniel Taylor — were past senior premiership representatives for the mighty Tigers.

Of these, Shane Peters, Damien Turner and Daniel Taylor were listed among Mirboo North's top six performers in the harsh, wet and muddy playing conditions.

Mirboo North's younger brigade of Patrick Lewis, Harry Mahoney and Ethan Woodall were also major contributors to the Tigers' nail-biting win.

Turner's meticulous pre-match planning ensured Boolarra would neither outwit the Tigers nor humble them in any way, shape or form during the course of the game.

With the wind constantly blowing from the west, celsius sitting at seven degrees and rain falling for much of the contest, a combined aggregate of five goals was all both sides mustered in a clash of rugged and clustered football.

It soon became clear that the team making better use



Harrison Mahoney picks up the pace against Boolarra. Ns31\_3024

of the wind would win the match.

As it turned out, all five goals were kicked through the eastern goalposts.

Just one Mirboo North behind and two by Boolarra were recorded at the township end of the oval.

Kerr, Josh Taylor, and Rhys Kratzat were Mirboo North's goal kickers, with one apiece, whilst Brendan Mason and Nick Miller each booted a major for the visitors.

Hunting in packs was prominent, with most of the play restricted to the bottom side of Mirboo North's sloping oval — where the boundary line

was frequently hugged and befriended by desperate defenders.

Boolarra led by seven points at the first break, but second-term goals from Kerr and Josh Taylor helped give Mirboo North a 10-point advantage at half-time.

The Demons peppered the goals during the third quarter, but a return of 1.5 on the scoreboard didn't represent sufficient reward for effort and only gave them a one-point lead at the last change.

A further behind into the wind in the final term put Boolarra two points in front until Kratzat slipped the

Sherrin past outstretched fingers and through the big white sticks at the 13-minute mark.

The best players for Boolarra, in what was a disappointing defeat for the Demons, were Simon Noy, Mason Porykali, Mitchell Lovison and Jonathon Noy.

By the end of the game, heavily trafficked areas of the Tigerland arena resembled a chopped-up cow cocky's calving paddock.

This Saturday, Mirboo North heads to the Foster Showgrounds to tackle the Foster Tigers on their home deck.

## Dogs edge out Roos for four valuable premiership points

JUST when you were starting to get a handle on what the MGFNL top six might look like heading into the last handful of weeks before finals, the fixture throws up somewhat of an anomaly by giving three teams a bye each weekend over the next four weeks.

This means that when checking the ladder, not only be aware of premiership points won but also of games played, as this week like many, ladder positions can change very quickly, then you throw in winter conditions and, well the picture is no clearer this week than last.

The Bulldogs had been setting themselves for this contest for some time, the two-time league runners-up in 23 and 24 cruising ominously

By Rob Popplestone

just below the surface this season readying themselves to strike at just the right time, and the weekend was deemed as good a time as any, given the importance of a victory in a tight top six.

Newborough achieved their most important win of the season in round fourteen, winning 8-10-58 to reigning premiers Fish Creek 7-4-46.

"Great to reset after our bye with the prospect of the three top sides starting with Fish Creek on the other side," Craig Skinner, Newborough coach said.

"With the conditions and opposition, we prepared like outside house cats and played like it. Jack Hudson in

the middle took wet weather footy to the top level, Darnell Grech repelled everything that came his way with his new look backline. A hard-working Jack Robbo set up a couple and finished with four. It was a win we needed to help secure a spot in the top six."

As nice as securing a spot in the six is, the statement the win made was far greater, with the league on notice that the Bulldogs are every bit as dangerous as they have been in recent years.

"A strong contest against Newborough in conditions that weren't actually too bad all things considered," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek said.

"Newborough were able to get momentum on their side at crucial times and hit the

scoreboard. Was pleasing that we continued to compete all day and had a bit of a sniff in the last quarter but hats off to Newborough who were strong in the contest and more desperate all day. Looking forward to a bye to refresh and rest up. A few sore bodies so the week off has come at a good time. Looking forward to the back end of the season and gaining some momentum into finals."

It appears that the makeup of the top four let alone the top six will go down to the very last round, which means that every week, every single week from here to finals time can and will have an impact, and that is what is making MGFNL 2024 perhaps the most exciting in years.

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS						ROUND 14								
SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Morwell East.....	11	2	198.81	48	Newborough.....	12	1	446.96	52	MDU.....	11	0	333.45	54
Fish Creek.....	11	2	182.32	48	Yinnar.....	11	2	393.86	48	Newborough.....	6	5	78.37	36
Yinnar.....	11	2	178.68	48	Morwell East.....	11	2	297.62	48	Yinnar.....	4	6	118.66	32
Foster.....	10	3	150.08	44	MDU.....	10	3	221.93	44	Fish Creek/Tarwin.....	3	7	94.90	26
Newborough.....	9	4	141.80	40	Stony Creek.....	8	4	190.89	40	Mirboo North.....	3	9	36.40	20
MDU.....	8	5	124.37	36	Fish Creek.....	7	6	172.93	32	Stony Creek.....	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale.....	7	6	108.74	32	Hill End.....	5	7	54.36	28	Hill End.....	0	0	0.00	0
Tarwin.....	5	7	82.15	28	Tarwin.....	4	7	73.14	24	Toora.....	0	0	0.00	0
Stony Creek.....	3	9	95.39	20	Boolarra.....	5	8	57.98	24	Boolarra.....	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra.....	3	10	79.02	16	Toora.....	4	9	60.96	20	Thorpdale.....	0	0	0.00	0
Toora.....	2	11	65.41	12	Thorpdale.....	4	9	57.97	20	Morwell East.....	0	0	0.00	0
Mirboo North.....	2	11	39.02	12	Mirboo North.....	2	11	17.77	12	Foster.....	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End.....	1	11	33.56	12	Foster.....	0	13	15.55	4					

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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### MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB



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MIRBOO NORTH

Mirboo North 0.1 2.7 2.7 3.7 (25)

Boolarra 1.2 1.3 2.8 2.9 (21)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Hudson Kerr, Rhys Kratzat, Joshua Taylor 1 each

BEST: Shane Peters, Patrick Lewis, Damien Turner, Daniel Taylor, Harrison Mahoney, Ethan Woodall

GOALS, Boolarra: Brendan Mason, Nicholas Miller 1 each

BEST: Simon Noy, Mason Porykali, Mitchell Lovison, Jonathan Noy, Tom Reiske, James Holmes

### RESERVES

Mirboo North 0.1 0.1 0.2 0.6 (6)

Boolarra 4.4 7.8 11.11 18.14 (122)

BEST, Mirboo Nth: Robert Devine, Cameron Young, Mitchell Richardson, Jake Peters, Tom Kelly, Seth Cropley

GOALS, Boolarra: Thomas Beamish, Patrick Haines 4, Ben McCormack, Lachlan Smith 2, Kevin Karunamuni, Glen Richards, Chris Riseley, Glen Smith, Eddy Stanton 1 each

BEST: Kevin Karunamuni, Hayden Kimpton, Jace Paulet, Thomas Holley, Lachlan Smith, Chris Riseley

### THIRDS

Mirboo North 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 (1)

MDU 1.1 3.4 5.7 10.17 (77)

BEST, Mirboo Nth: Tom McGrath, Billy Jennings, Noah Jackson, Xavier Spaull, Lachlan Eden, Archie Mahoney

### FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



58



46

NEWBOROUGH

Newborough 1.4 4.7 6.10 8.10 (58)

Fish Creek 3.2 4.2 5.3 7.4 (46)

GOALS, Newborough: Jack Robinson 3, Peter Ainsworth, Wade Anderson, Liam Flahavin, Jack Hudson, Kyle Jennings 1 each

BEST: Zachary Skinner, Peter Ainsworth, Patrick Charles, Alex Skinner, Max Edebohls, Liam Charles

GOALS, Fish Creek: Darcy Berryman, Thomas Cameron 2, Roland De Biase, Thomas Sorrell, Josh Standfield 1 each

BEST: Thomas Cameron, Thomas Vuillerm, Harrison Smith, Mathew Watkins, Timmothy Gavenlock, Lachlan Gale

### RESERVES

Newborough 7.3 9.7 12.15 14.18 (102)

Fish Creek 0.0 1.0 1.0 2.0 (12)

GOALS, Newborough: Joshua Bland 3, Christian Berquez, Brodie Burgess, Jack Edebohls, Matt Rowlings, Ben van Dyk 2, Jack Brincat 1

BEST: Joshua Bland, Jack Edebohls, Matt Rowlings, Joel Jacovou, Jake Bowden, Tyler Peters

GOALS, Fish Creek: Matthew Pocklington, Joseph Rysko 1 each

BEST: Tom Milton, Brad Pulham, Brent Cooper, Josh Harry, Brandon Busutil, Joseph Rysko

### THIRDS

Newborough 1.1 1.4 2.4 2.6 (18)

Fish Creek/Tarwin 1.1 1.2 2.2 3.2 (20)

GOALS, Newborough: Oscar Hanson 2

BEST: Zach Daley, Anthony Daley, William Cuthbertson, Jarrah Mounsey, Jacoby Gibbs, Ethan Mounsey

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Oscar Bright 2, Zak Bright 1

BEST: Tommy Bartels, Wilkie Edgelow, Lucas Buckland, Josh Gale, Billy Boyd, Tom Milton

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## ELLINBANK &amp; DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

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## POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB



**CATANI** 50    **POOWONG** 37

**CATANI** 3.2 3.3 5.7 6.14 (50)  
**POOWONG** 1.1 2.3 3.5 5.7 (37)

**GOALS, Catani:** Adam Splatt 4, Jordan White, James Williams 1 each

**BEST:** Brodie White, James Williams, Kyle Van Dord, Tyson Robinson, Jayden Lay, Jordan White

**GOALS, Poowong:** Steven McInnes 2, Patrick Dorian, Zac Gray, Jack Hazendonk 1 each

**BEST:** Jack Hazendonk, Conor Cunningham, Mitchell van't Hof, Anthony Orsini, Alex Henshall, Jarvis Brown

**RESERVES**

**CATANI** 2.0 4.5 5.8 6.9 (45)  
**POOWONG** 0.2 0.2 1.3 1.4 (10)

**GOALS, Catani:** Michael Ralph 3, Adam Jacobs 2, Shaun Donnelly 1

**BEST:** Michael Ralph, Zachary Lengel, Nathaniel Rodda, Maverick Kent, Shaun Donnelly, Brandon Blood

**GOALS, Poowong:** Jake Lewis 1

**BEST:** Joshua Chiavaroli, Jordan Meredith, Lachlan Dunn, Caspian Jackman-Riches, Connor King, Benjamin Schulz

**THIRDS**

**CATANI** 1.0 2.4 2.4 3.5 (22)  
**POOWONG** 2.6 2.7 2.10 3.11 (28)

**GOALS, Catani:** Brodie Cameron 2, William Kouris 1

**BEST:** Declan McFarlane, Riley McLeod, Logan Running, Brody Goodall, Jesse Pollard, Cayden Kibblewhite

**GOALS, Poowong:** Rory Nettle 2, Patrick Dorian 1

**BEST:** Thomas Burgess, Rory Nettle, Benjamin Fowler, Bryce Riddell, Angus Halliwell, Anthony Orsini

**FOURTHS**

**POOWONG** 0.1 1.2 1.3 1.6 (12)  
**ELLINBANK** 3.2 4.3 4.5 5.5 (35)

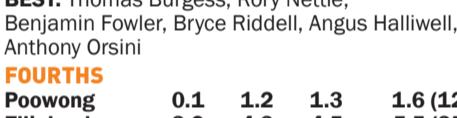
**GOALS, Poowong:** Kohen Mandemaker 1

**BEST:** No names supplied.

**GOALS, Ellinbank:** Charlie Armour, Ashley Debenham 2, Hugh Cunningham 1

**BEST:** No names supplied.

## NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB



**NYORA** 14    **ELLINBANK** 163

**NYORA** 0.0 1.1 2.2 2.2 (14)  
**ELLINBANK** 8.4 15.8 20.6 25.13 (163)

**GOALS, Nyora:** Tyler Campbell, Lucas Lee 1 each

**BEST:** Lucas Lee, Jesse Heylen, Aaron Coggins, Bradley O'Brien, Tyler Campbell, Jayden O'Brien

**GOALS, Ellinbank:** Lachlan Pratt 6, Cambell Jolly 4, Anthony Battista, Brad Wolfe 3, Rhys Salter 2, Ryan Atherton, James Ferguson, Jake Harper, Makao Haywood, Timothee Mashado, Michael Urie, Connor Wilkins 1 each

**BEST:** Bryce Joyce, Joel Armstrong, Lachlan Pratt, Timothee Mashado, Cambell Jolly, Brad Wolfe

**RESERVES**

**NYORA** 0.0 1.0 1.1 1.1 (7)  
**ELLINBANK** 5.8 12.12 18.14 22.19 (151)

**GOALS, Nyora:** Samuel Dixon 1

**BEST:** Dalton Lowrie, Luke Ferguson, Troy Ferguson, Shaun Lamb, Shannon Gallagher, Logan Koffman

**GOALS, Ellinbank:** Tim Leicester 5, Jaxon Notman 3, Dylan Armour, Nick Fairbank, Thomas Jessup, Mark Quigley, Andrew Quirk, Jack Vogan 2, Xavier Vanlangenberg, Jacob Walker 1 each

**BEST:** Nick Fairbank, Jaxon Notman, Tim Leicester, Andrew Quirk, Jacob Walker, Thomas Jessup

## IN OTHER GAMES...

**SENIORS**  
N-Darnum 8.4.52 d Lang Lang 1.6.12  
Buln Buln 2.15.27 d Trafalgar 2.3.15

**RESERVES**  
Lang Lang 6.7.43 d N-Darnum 1.5.11  
Buln Buln 6.6.42 d Trafalgar 2.1.13

**THIRDS**  
Lang Lang 2.12.24 d N-Darnum 3.2.20  
Trafalgar 11.7.73 d Buln Buln 0.1.1

**FOURTHS**  
Lang Lang 7.3.45 d N-Darnum 3.7.25  
Buln Buln 8.15.63 d Trafalgar 2.3.15

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# Poowong fights hard on a tough day

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG travelled to Catani on a cold, wet, windy, wintry day not suited to good football.

The ground was heavy early and deteriorated further as the day progressed, and was very heavy in the finish with little grass visible.

Poowong had four changes, with Conor Cunningham, Jarvis Brown, Matt Cozzio and Joel Norton coming in and Brady Rayner, Micah Williams, Aaron Damon and David O'Neill going out.

It was a tough day for footy, with Catani looking for their second win and Poowong hoping for their fifth.

Poowong kicked to the club-rooms end but unfortunately for them Catani started well, having a good quarter and scoring 3.2 (20) to Poowong 1.1 (7), with Jack Hazendonk the Magpies' goal kicker, and the 13-point Catani lead was decisive as conditions deteriorated.

The second quarter was a slog with Poowong the only team to score a goal, which came from Under 18s player Pat Dorian, the halftime margin just six points, with Poowong 2.3 (15) to Catani 3.3 (21).

Catani were holding their sponsors' day and what better for the club than a victory in

the seniors, but this game was still up for grabs and Jack Hazendonk, Conor Cunningham, and Mitch van't Hof were leading the way for Poowong.

Catani had the better of the third quarter, adding two goals to Poowong's single major that was booted by Zac Gray.

The Blues held a 14-point lead at the last change, which would be hard to chase down, the three quarter time score being Poowong 3.5 (23) to Catani 5.7 (37).

Poowong were working hard but the Magpies' pace of recent weeks was lost in the heavy conditions, making it difficult for the young Poowong team.

Still, the Magpies outscored Catani in the last quarter, Poowong registering 2.2 (14) to Catani 1.7 (13), with both Poowong's goals coming from Steve McInnes who is playing well after coming back from a knee injury.

Poowong went down by 13 points, the final score Poowong 5.7 (37) to Catani 6.14 (50).

The Blues deserved their victory, being better in the conditions.

Best Players for Poowong were Jack Hazendonk, Conor Cunningham, Mitch van't Hof, Anthony Orsini, Alex Henshall and Jarvis Brown.

Home next Saturday versus Nilma Darnum; see you there.



It was a muddy clash against Catani for Jack Hazeldene in the Poowong Seniors. Photo: Jeff Tull.

## Eagles flex their muscle and leave Nyora in their wake

CHALLENGING conditions and a challenging opposition met Nyora on Saturday.

The last time Nyora faced Ellinbank, the Eagles dealt the Saints a heartbreak 208-point loss.

Ellinbank once again proved to be the dominant side after Saturday's performance, winning by 149 points.

The rain poured throughout most of the game, coming in sideways around the third quarter.

Despite the downpour, Nyora's ground held up well.

The first quarter was one for Nyora to forget.

The Saints remained scoreless while Ellinbank totally controlled the play, kicking eight and securing a 52-point lead before the first siren.

Nyora lacked defensive pressure and Ellinbank handled the ball well despite the difficult conditions.

Ellinbank continued its dominance in the second quarter, adding another seven goals.

Lachlan Pratt led Ellinbank's goal-scoring, kicking six for the day. Lucas Lee was Nyora's best player for the day and was the first to get a score on the board for the Saints.

In an impressive bit of play,

Lee assisted in getting the ball down the ground and took a crucial mark inside 50.

After halftime, Nyora's defensive pressure improved.

With quite a few players out, Nyora brought a few players up from the reserves to play in the seniors.

This included Riely Powlesland, who played his first senior game and featured in the backline.

Although the goals still flowed for Ellinbank, the Eagles had a tougher time moving the ball forward.

Nyora had more touches of the ball throughout the second half but could not convert its opportunities.

One more goal was added by Tyler Campbell in the third quarter.

Dylan and Jesse Heylen played another strong game for Nyora through the middle.

Ellinbank ended the match by handing down another scoreless quarter to Nyora and kicking five more goals.

Next week, Nyora will face top of the table Buln Buln.

This is set to be another challenging match for the Saints, who will be aiming to show improvement from the 104-point loss in round six.



Jesse Heylen puts boot to ball for Nyora.

### ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 16

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	14	0	310.25	56	Ellinbank	14	0	569.78	56	Poowong	12	2	190.52	85.7	Ellinbank	13	1	425.57	92.8
Buln Buln	11	3	198.11	44	Lang Lang	14	1	416.62	56	Catani	11	2	194.48	84.6	Buln Buln	12	2	352.61	85.7
Lang Lang	11	4	159.75	44	Neerim South	12	2	353.30	48	Ellinbank	10	3	193.38	76.9	Neerim South	11	3	305.35	78.5
Neerim South	10	4	212.24	40	Buln Buln	9	5	281.31	36	Longwarry	9	5	155.15	64.2	Poowong	9	6	151.28	60.0
Longwarry	10	4	149.31	40	Nilma-Darnum	8	6	111.29	32	Neerim Sth	7	7	122.81	50.0	Nilma-Darnum	8	6	118.90	57.1
Nilma-Darnum	7	7	102.98	28	Longwarry	7	7	135.29	28	Trafalgar	7	8	111.89	46.6	Lang Lang	5	8	46.11	38.4
Trafalgar	7	8	85.27	28	Trafalgar	6	9	88.45	24	Lang Lang	6	9	67.45	40.0	Trafalgar	4	11	59.87	26.6
Poowong	4	11	78.39	16	Yarragon	4	10	38.73	16	Nilma-Darnum	1	12	37.47	7.1	Yarragon	1	12	19.22	7.7
Yarragon	3	11	48.04	12	Nyora	3	12	22.89	12	Buln Buln	0	14	28.50	0.0	Longwarry	0	14	33.94	0.0
Catani	2	12	49.73	8	Catani	2	12	41.05	8	Poowong	0	15	11.95	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0
Nyora	0	15	20.38	0															

# Sea Eagles win in close call

A NAILBITER between Inverloch-Kongwak and Dalyston ultimately resulted in a 44-point win on Saturday.

Miserable conditions was the order of the day, and the old rivals battled it out at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve.

Dalyston captain Kurt Thomas was celebrating his 150th Senior game.

Thomas is a product of Dalyston's junior program, rising through the ranks from the U11s.

This is Thomas' first year as captain and the club was pleased to have him take on the responsibility.

He has stepped up his game and has played an exceptional season in 2024.

A howling wind determined the flow of play in the first half.

The Sea Eagles won the toss and kicked with the wind in the first quarter, allowing them to gain a 19 point lead and keep Dalyston scoreless.

A downpour in the opening quarter added to the difficulty but the Sea Eagles handled the ball well.

Jarvis Harvey kicked the first two goals of the game and went on to kick four for the day.

Switching ends, Dalyston fought back and controlled most of the play in the second term.

The weather progressively began to improve and Inverloch-Kongwak adjusted by tightening its defence.

Luke Johnson controlled the backline, along with young guns Jacob Strickland and Jasper Kempster.

Inverloch-Kongwak managed a goal before the half-time siren, which kept it in front.

Inverloch Kongwak's midfield increased its intensity in the third quarter, allowing the Sea Eagles to get more of a look in the forward line.

Dalyston ensured it was difficult for the Sea Eagles to score, limiting some of the damage.

Dalyston also had a solid, reliable back line with Ben Lewis listed in the Magpies' best for his efforts.

Fraser West partnered Lewis on the backline and gave a great performance.

Onballer Kyle Kirk adjusted to the conditions well and was in and under everything all day.

Young recruit Jacob McRae played a variety of crucial



Dalyston's Jaxon Foon tries hard to keep possession. Ns03\_3024



Inverloch's Reegan Kemp releases handpass as he goes down in the Reserves' contest. Ns02\_3024

## Phillip Island dominates with 53-point victory

ON SATURDAY, July 20th, Phillip Island secured an impressive victory over Garfield in the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition, winning by 53 points. The match, held at Garfield Recreation Reserve, showcased Phillip Island's superior gameplay, with a final score of 12.11 (83) to Garfield's 4.6 (30).

From the outset, Garfield were recruited to keep pace with the Dogs. At the end of the first quarter, Garfield led with 2.4 (16) to Phillip Island's 1.1 (7), showing early promise.

However, Phillip Island quickly turned the game around in the second quarter, scoring 4.4 (28) to Garfield's 0.2 (2), leading 5.5 (35) to 2.4 (16) by halftime.

The third quarter saw Phillip Island extend their lead even further, adding 3.4 (22) to their tally while Garfield managed only 1.1 (7). Going into the final quarter, Phillip Island had a commanding lead of 8.9 (57) to Garfield's 3.5 (23). The final quarter saw Phillip Island seal their dominance, scoring another

four majors.

Key players for Phillip Island included Max Walton, Bryce Hindhaugh, Hayden Bruce, Yianni Caffieri, and Zac Walker, who all delivered outstanding performances. For Garfield, notable efforts came from Joshua Evans, Jack Barnes, Lachlan Schreurs, Jonty Bow, and Scott Simpson Brewer.

In a match marked by Phillip Island's strong defence and consistent scoring, Garfield's early lead quickly dissipated under the relentless

pressure. Phillip Island's ability to capitalise on their scoring opportunities and their solid defensive play were crucial in securing the victory.

The result highlights Phillip Island's dominance in the competition, as they continue to build on their winning form.

The second placed Dogs will face the seventh placed Warragul Industrials at the Kennels, while Garfield will look to regroup and come back stronger in their next outing.

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

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### INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

### DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

	75	DALYSTON
INVERLOCH-K	3.1 4.1 6.5 11.9 (75)	DALYSTON 0.0 2.5 2.6 4.7 (31)

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Jarvis Harvey 4, Nicholas Baltas 2, Ethan Park, Lachlan Scott, Tate Short, Jamieson Soumilas, Oscar Toussaint 1 each  
**BEST:** Ethan Park, Marcus Toussaint, Lachlan Scott, Oscar Toussaint, Jamieson Soumilas, Jarvis Harvey

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Brad Monson 2, Hayden Wallis, Blake Carew 1 each  
**BEST:** Benjamin M Lewis, William Clarke, Kyle Kirk, Kurt Thomas, Mitch Hallahan, Jacob McRae

**RESERVES**  
Inverloch-K 1.2 7.6 10.8 12.10 (82)  
Dalyston 0.1 0.1 0.3 0.3 (3)

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Dale Lawton 4, Reegan Kemp, Dylan Taylor 2, Jack Butcher, Lachlan Crook, Owen Fitzpatrick, Tyler Leonard 1 each  
**BEST:** Dale Lawton, Harry McInnes, Barry Withers, Reegan Kemp, Josh Williams, Tyler Leonard

**BEST, Dalyston:** Aidan Reid, Jaxon Foon, Ash Chetland, Jack McNally, Luke Speed, Matrix Chisholm

**THIRDS**  
Inverloch-K 4.2 4.2 5.3 5.4 (34)  
Dalyston 0.1 0.2 0.2 1.4 (10)

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Flynn Lomax 2, Rem Dal Pozzo, Jack Hosking, Andot Mankhong 1 each  
**BEST:** Lucas Allen, Andot Mankhong, Patrick Dwyer, Zak Box, Rem Dal Pozzo, Jasper Cousins

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Sebastian Ori 1  
**BEST:** Ryan Cargill, Levi Jones, Chase Krause, Angus Rosenow, Jaxon Foon, Bailey Anderson

**FOURTHS**  
Inverloch-K 1.6 8.11 11.11 13.16 (94)  
Dalyston 0.1 0.1 2.1 2.1 (13)

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Augustus Finsterer 4, Ty Debono 2, Froley Anderson, Jay Douglas, Harrison Foster, Riley Harris, James Martin, Arch Rayner, Frederick Soumilas 1 each

**BEST:** Frederick Soumilas, Harrison Foster, Jay Douglas, Augustus Finsterer, James O'Neill, James Martin

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Shelton Winmar 2

**BEST:** Malachi Ori, Joe Wylie, Hamish Bell, Jayke Woods, Eamon O'Keefe, Tom Humphris

### PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

	30	PHILLIP ISLAND
GARFIELD	2.4 3.4 4.5 4.6 (30)	PHILLIP ISLAND 1.1 5.5 8.9 12.11 (83)

**GOALS, Garfield:** Angus Emery, Noah Rogers, Lachie Spinks, Ben Tenace-Greenall 1 each  
**BEST:** Joshua Evans, Jack Barnes, Lachlan Schreurs, Jonty Bow, Scott Simpson Brewer

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Yianni Caffieri 3, Bryce Hindhaugh, Billy Taylor, Jack Taylor 2, Hayden Bruce, Max Walton, Travis Woodfield 1 each

**BEST:** Max Walton, Bryce Hindhaugh, Hayden Bruce, Yianni Caffieri, Zac Walker

**RESERVES**  
Garfield 0.1 0.2 0.2 0.2 (2)  
Phillip Island 6.1 7.4 10.9 10.12 (72)

**BEST, Garfield:** Matthew Bow, James Martin, Oliver Whibley, Jake Kellett, Gerard Giacco, Jason Pisa

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Harry Anderson, Nick Anderson, Lucas Chihotski 2, Hunter Clarke, Ryan Ladson, Brady Ross, Marvin Sellars 1 each

**BEST:** Tyce Kleverkamp, Thomas Macrokanis, Jack Keating, Lucas Chihotski, Ash Salter, Jay Ladson

**THIRDS**  
Garfield 2.0 2.0 2.1 2.1 (13)  
Phillip Island 0.2 2.3 3.5 5.5 (35)

**GOALS, Garfield:** Joachim Hayward 2

**BEST:** Ding Dieng, Jesse Wouters, Sean Marsh, Diesel Ashe, Cam Jenkins, Joseph Zaccari

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Jack Huther 2, Cha Cha Fischer, Oliver Hibbert, Sonny McMillan 1 each

**BEST:** Oliver Hibbert, Bailey Hennessy, Timothy Niven, James Lewis, William Peppard, Noah Forrest Mabilia

**FOURTHS**  
Garfield 0.4 (4)  
Phillip Island 2.2 2.3 3.3 4.5 (29)

**BEST, Garfield:** Makai Maroney, Ethan Coote, Lucas Dijkstra, Ethan Densley, Joseph Zaccari, Kai Kelsey

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Felix Bathgate, Jack Larsson, Sam O'Garey, Xavier Williams 1 each

**BEST:** Archie Ross, Harrison Carlon, Xavier Williams, Lachlan Eastwood, Lewis De Fazio, Alexander Szymanski

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## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Warragul Industrials **9.10.64** d Korumburra-Bena **4.7.31**  
Kilcunda-Bass **8.14.62** d Bunyip **2.3.15**  
Phillip Island **12.11.83** d Garfield **4.6.30**  
Cora Lynn **8.9.57** d Tooradin-Dalmore **6.8.44**  
Inverloch-Kongwak **11.9.75** d Dalyston **4.7.31**  
Nar Nar Goon **6.18.54** d Koo Wee Rup **2.3.15**

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## Nominations open for Gippstar

NOMINATIONS are now open for the July/August Gippstar and will close on Thursday, September 5, 2024.

Please note that you can nominate for the following categories as well:

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- Club of the Year
- Special Achiever Award
- Gippsland Sporting Champion

These Annual awards can be nominated at any time during the current Gippstar year.

If you would like to recognise the sporting achievements of a Gippsland athlete or any of the above categories, nominations can be made online at the Gippsland Sports Academy website [sportgippsland.org.au](http://sportgippsland.org.au).

## THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 27

## ELLINBANK ROUND 17

Ellinbank v Longwarry  
Neerim South v Catani  
Poowong v Nilma Darnum  
Buln Buln v Nyora  
Yarragon v Trafalgar  
Lang Lang - BYE

## GIPPSLAND ROUND 15

Leongatha v Morwell  
Drouin v Moe  
Maffra v Wonthaggi  
Traralgon v Sale  
Bairnsdale v Warragul

## MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 15

Boolarra v Hill End  
Stony Creek v Thorpdale  
Tarwin v MDU  
Yinnar v Newborough  
Foster v Mirboo North  
Fish Creek, Morwell East and Toora - BYES

## WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 15

Warragul Industrials v Phillip Island  
Kilcunda-Bass v Koo Wee Rup  
Dalyston v Bunyip  
Korumburra-Bena v Garfield  
Cora Lynn v Inverloch-Kongwak  
Nar Nar Goon v Tooradin-Dalmore

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## AROUND the GROUNDS



Mirboo North players celebrated their second win for the season.



The Bulldogs listen intently after Garfield led them into the first break.  
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Buckley certainly had his work cut out for him as the intensity of the rain didn't let up during the first quarter. Ns12\_3024



The final quarter was a slog in the muddy conditions. Ns30\_3024



Trainers Nici and Nicole attempt to keep dry as the cold rain and windy conditions increased.



Poowong's Jett Blackwood launches the ball to goal in the U18s.  
Photo: Jeff Tull



Hugh Gordon slides in for Korumburra-Bena against Warragul Industrials. Photo: Nadine Smith.

## Giants battle with the Dusties

SATURDAY delivered a tight contest between Korumburra-Bena and the Warragul Industrials, with the Dusties ultimately claiming a 33-point win.

Weather conditions were terrible at the Korumburra Showgrounds, but both teams took advantage of dry ball early on to get a score on the board.

The cold and player fatigue were yet to set in, so play looked evenly matched through the opening term.

It was a strong quarter for Korumburra-Bena, and it went into the second quarter just 10 points down.

The second quarter played out in much the same way, but the scoring opportunities were limited on both sides.

It was a tussle through the middle as both teams worked hard to adjust to the conditions.

Going into halftime, Korumburra-Bena was 15 points behind.

The halftime break has been critical for the Giants of late, as they seemingly lose a bit of momentum.

Coach Josh Hopkins did what he could to keep the mindset on the game and go back out with the focus and drive to continue with the

same intensity.

Unfortunately, it didn't work this time around and the Dusties took the opportunity to add four goals to the scoreboard.

The Giants were able to re-adjust the focus through the third quarter to come home strong in the final term.

During three quarter time, Hopkins put the emphasis on keeping the Dusties contained.

This message was received loud and clear, and the Giants kept the opposition to just one point, not allowing the score to blow out any further.

There was a breeze down the Giants' end and they managed

to kick one last goal to finish it off.

The Giants played well as a team, putting in solid three and half quarters of effort and showing real improvement across the board.

This has the Giants in high spirits at the end of the game, which will serve them well as they head into the next two games.

Next week, the Giants will play Garfield and are looking forward to another home game.

They will play Bunyip the following week, and are hungry and hopeful to come away with a couple of wins.

## Panthers keep their finals aspirations on track

KILCUNDA-Bass emerged victorious over Bunyip in trying conditions on Saturday.

The Panthers secured the 47-point win after a tough slog on the muddy ground at the Bunyip Recreation Reserve, which resulted in a low-scoring second half.

Keen to bring home a win, Kilcunda-Bass sprang out of the gates and got the jump on Bunyip, cultivating a nice 27-point lead in the first quarter.

Taking advantage of the drier conditions at the start of the game, the Panthers were looking good inside 50 and managed to convert its opportunities early.

Tim Gunn led the charge, contributing three to the Panthers' five-goal opening term.

Gunn kicked four for the day, and Travis Tuck was

another multiple-goalkicker for the Panthers with two.

To Bunyip's credit, the opposition moved the ball well and caused a few headaches for the Panthers.

A readjustment at quarter-time saw Bunyip come back swinging, forcing the Panthers to tighten its defence.

Kilcunda-Bass was thrilled to welcome back Jayden Graham to the backline, who was out with a broken jaw – the first of two broken jaws to rattle the Panthers' lineup this season.

Young gun Trent Cartmel played his first Senior game of the season – his fourth overall – and played an impressive game.

The small forward is developing into a strong senior player, despite still having two years left in the U18s.

Captain Nathan Foote led his team by example and was a dominant presence through the middle.

By halftime, the Panthers were holding on to a 29-point lead.

The second half of the match became a game of inches and came down to whoever was able to handle the ball better in the wet conditions.

From the sideline, coach Lee Rowe was happy to see points continue to be added to the tally so the Panthers could bring it home unscathed.

"It's these sorts of games that can really galvanise a team, which is something we touched on at halftime," Rowe said.

"The 'pretty' games aren't the ones you remember. It's likely the boys are going to remember this game against Bunyip

and the conditions they were in, so that's the way we treated the rest of the game."

The handball link-ups were strong through the second half, allowing the Panthers to maintain possession as much as possible.

By the end of the game, one end of the ground was completely chopped up and the other looked like it had been through a hurricane.

The Panthers were happy to walk away with the points and get off the ground to warm up.

Next week, the Panthers will take on Koo Wee Rup.

This is an important game for the club, as wins will earn both the seniors and reserves a ticket into the finals.

The Panthers will be treating this massive game like a final and hope to deliver a pleasing result.

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Cora Lynn	12	1	264.80	50	Tooradin-Dal	13	1	643.65	52	Phillip Island	11	0	582.32	4.00	Phillip Island	13	0	785.51	4.00
Phillip Island	12	1	197.24	50	Nar Nar Goon	12	2	512.19	48	Warragul Ind	10	2	272.41	3.33	Inverloch-K	10	3	294.12	3.08
Nar Nar Goon	12	2	305.19	48	Inverloch-K	11	3	351.85	44	Nar Nar Goon	8	2	221.75	3.00	Cora Lynn	8	4	191.22	2.67
Inverloch-K	12	2	255.11	48	Phillip Island	10	4	303.65	40	Garfield	6	5	104.93	2.18	Garfield	6	5	104.93	2.18
Tooradin-Dal	9	5	182.63	36	Kilcunda-Bass	8	6	135.73	32	Koo Wee Rup	4	7	88.13	1.50	Tooradin-Dal	3	6	67.58	1.40
Kilcunda-Bass	8	6	102.52	32	Koo Wee Rup	6	8	98.66	24	Dalyston	4	8	83.17	1.33	Kilcunda-Bass	1	12	16.08	0.31
Warragul Ind	6	8	96.89	24	Garfield	5	9	65.67	20	Kor-Bena	1	10	16.90	0.36	Kor-Bena	1	12	12.37	0.31
Koo Wee Rup	4	10	71.52	16	Warragul Ind	3	11	35.96	12	Bunyip	0	11	12.28	0.00	Bunyip	3	10	28.94	0.92
Garfield	4	10	43.46	16	Dalyston	3	11	20.12	12	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Kilcunda-Bass	1	12	16.08	0.31
Dalyston	3	11	63.56	12	Kor-Bena	2	12	24.42	8	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00	Tooradin-Dal	1	12	12.37	0.31
Kor-Bena	1	13	35.53	4	Bunyip	0	14	5.24	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Nar Nar Goon	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bunyip	0	14	10.29	0															

## KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

**31**  **64**

## KORUMBURRA-BENA

## WARRAGUL IND

Kor-Bena	2.1	3.3	3.5	4.7 (31)
Warragul Ind	3.5	5.6	9.9	9.10 (64)

**GOALS**, Kor-Bena: Tom Crocker 2, Jake Fowles, Kodie Walker 1 each

**BEST**: Zach Walker, Tom Crocker, Mitchell Wightman, Kye Benson, Kodie Walker, Jake Fowles

**GOALS**, Warragul Ind: Mason McGarry 4, Lachlan Bambridge 2, Shane Brewster, Billy Bundle, Rylan Butler 1 each

**BEST**: Kyle Beveridge, Mason McGarry, Todd Beck, Ben Nichol, Nic Visser, Cody Templeton

## RESERVES

Kor-Bena	3.3	3.3	4.6	5.6 (36)
Warragul Ind	0.0	2.6	3.6	6.7 (43)

**GOALS**, Kor-Bena: Nash Beavis, William Croatto 2, Jed Harris 1

**BEST**: Jed Harris, William Croatto, James Dunn, Nash Beavis, Caleb Turton, Isaac Fox

**GOALS**, Warragul Ind: Shane Ingham 2,

Mitchell Jamieson, Jack Turner, Tom Turner, Kiel Vann 1 each

**BEST**: Shane Ingham, Todd Watson, Russ Ware, Jack Turner, Terry Watson, Kiel Vann

## THIRDS

Kor-Bena	0.1	0.1	1.1	2.2 (14)
Warragul Ind	4.2	8.6	10.8	13.11 (89)

**GOALS**, Kor-Bena: Bailey Fowles, Tanner Walker 1 each

**BEST**: Jack Crocker, Bailey Fowles, Jake Kelly, Curtis Bailey, Zac Graham, Tanner Walker

**GOALS**, Warragul Ind: Regan Awty, Joshua Bradley, Cody Templeton, Cameron Thompson 2, Tom Cornwall, Bailey Fallon, Tom Logan, Harrison Radcliffe, Zac Tepper 1 each

**BEST**: Regan Awty, Tom Cornwall, Tom Logan, Zac Tepper, Joshua Bradley, Jack Stone

## FOURTHS

Kor-Bena	1.0	1.0	1.1	2.1 (13)
Warragul Ind	0.2	1.4	1.4	3.5 (23)

**GOALS**, Kor-Bena: Phoenix Lorkin, Braedyn Swain 1 each

**BEST**: Evan Belvedere, Phoenix Lorkin, Braedyn Swain, Ben Camp, Sam Hill, Hamish Withall

**GOALS**, Warragul Ind: Angus Watts 2, James Patterson 1

**BEST**: Melvyn Podmore, Ky Bannister, John Huggins, Oliver Hilton, Angus Watts, Cohen Dent

## KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

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## BUNYIP

## KILCUNDA-BASS

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Phillip Island's Joel Robinson was recently part of the U17 Australian side that competed in the FIBA World Cup.

## Basketballer represents Australia in Turkey

PHILLIP Island's Joel Robinson recently represented Australia in the FIBA U17 World Cup.

It was an incredible experience for the young basketballer, as the Australian team "the Crocs" won four of the seven games played.

The tournament was held in Turkey from June 29 to July 7.

Australia defeated Egypt, Canada and Germany, with Joel playing his best game in the win against the Philippines.

During the Philippines match,

Joel's performance stood out with 11 points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

Unfortunately, Australia lost an important game to Italy but delivered an exciting match that ran into overtime.

Italy went on to be defeated by the USA in the grand final.

"It's a pretty good effort to lose in overtime to the silver medal winner. They all played very well," Joel's father Terry said.

The Australian team ranked 15th overall.

Terry has coached Joel through his basketball journey, which started in the Phillip Island and District Basketball Association.

Joel has also played rep basketball with the Korumburra Basketball Association and for Victorian state teams.

Terry said Joel has always loved the game and is thrilled to have the opportunity to compete at a high level against the best.

"He really tested himself going into the World Cup and

definitely stood up to the challenge," Terry said.

Joel will be part of the Australian team going to China for the Shanghai Invitational U18 tournament.

He was selected following his performance in the U17 World Cup team.

The tournament will run from August 4 to August 12.

"He has really enjoyed his experience and is looking forward to the next competition," Terry said.



Cooper Quaife was named as captain of Team Victoria, headed for the Gold Coast for the 2024 School Sport Nationals.

### Swimmers to wow at national level

THE South Gippsland Bass swimming program continues to excel in competitive swimming, with four swimmers being chosen to represent Team Victoria at the 2024 School Sport Nationals on the Gold Coast, from July 24 to 31.

Archie Smyth, Cooper Quaife and Gemma Cook are returning to the team and are joined by Miah Roberts, who is making her debut.

Cooper, who is in his final year of secondary school, first joined the team while attending Korumburra Primary School.

This will be his third time attending the event.

He was honoured to be selected as captain of the swim team, as well as captain of the Victorian Team.

The Victorian Team is represented at the School Sport Nationals by the swimming, (male and female), basketball, AFL, netball, softball and hockey teams.

Cooper is thrilled to be selected as captain of the 150 participants.

The swimmers will compete in a variety of events, with the primary school students competing the first four days and the secondary students the other five days.

They will also spend a day enjoying some of the local attractions.

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