



The Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association welcomed Bass Coast Council's recent endorsement of its Statement of Planning Policy for Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL), but that could all change as an application is lodged with the Supreme Court. B08_2825

BOUNDARY BATTLE

Supreme Court challenge to Cape Paterson town boundary

AN APPLICATION has been made to the Supreme Court challenging the process which has led to a restricted town boundary for Cape Paterson.

Confirming the matter will be taken to the Supreme Court, Jim Watson co-founder of the Wallis Watson Group, declined to comment further.

Fiercely opposed to any extension of the Cape Paterson town boundary beyond Seaward Drive, the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association (CPRRA) have restated their view that there had been open and transparent consultation throughout the six-year Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) process.

According to CPRRA spokesman, John Coulter, the need to protect the significant landscapes adjoining Cape Paterson was clearly explained when the revised boundary was placed on public exhibition in December 2024, with all parties invited to comment.

"There was overwhelming support (with) 90 per cent of submissions (backing) a

By Bruce Wardley

revised boundary to enable the long-term protection of our unique landscapes, flora and fauna, and the adjoining Marine National Park," said Mr Coulter.

However, project managers, Wallis Watson, have previously claimed the owners were denied natural justice.

The site, often erroneously referred to as 'the Wallis Watson land', is 60.2 per cent owned by Bass Coast Shire residents who are part of the Cape Paterson Unit Trust No.1 for which Wallis Watson Group is the project manager.

The State Government's recent draft Final Statement of Planning Policy for Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) within Bass Coast was described by the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association (CPRRA) as a win for the local community.

"It will direct future housing away from coastal villages and hamlets towards larger established towns with infrastructure and services," said Mr Coulter.

Earlier this month, Wallis Watson considered that the Standing Advisory Committee should be reconvened to provide Wallis Watson with procedural fairness in relation to a decision which stood to restrict development in Cape Paterson for the next 50 years.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale MP claimed the town character of Cape Paterson was highly valued by locals and tourists alike for its coastline, beaches, village feel, and natural environment.

"This has gone through an extended process," said Ms Crugnale on Monday.

"Council endorsed by resolution the boundary change at Seaward Drive and a remarkable number of submissions were received from community members through the many formal engagement avenues during this period, and everyone had the opportunity to present their submissions at the Standing Committee hearings as well."

Bass Coast Shire Council this month formally endorsed the final draft of its Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) as required

by the Victorian Government DAL legislation, though Cr Ron Bauer claimed the motion was a Shire rubber stamp during the meeting.

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

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

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A haven turned into a hell

By Courtney O'Brien

A 1920's cottage in the leafy, historical Caledonian Cresnet of Wonthaggi was meant to be Danielle and Ale's safe haven, a retreat, a place of peace and healing and an investment for the hardworking couple's family.

Now, three years later, their family has been torn apart, Ale's mental health has suffered significantly, their privacy has been destroyed, the value of their investment has deteriorated, and their dream property has quite literally become a living nightmare.

In June 2023, eight new developments under the State Government's Homes Victoria, Big Housing Build, valued at \$5.3 billion, were announced.

One of these was the twelve-unit facility, all with balconies, at 6.3 metres tall, set out on a 1000m2 block, at 9 Caledonian Crescent by Mind Australia (Mind).

The facility is to cater to people living with significant mental health and wellbeing challenges.

"It is a monstrosity. So out of place. It's broken us, and no doubt others in the quiet, historic street. We are at a loss for what to do. No governance. A business allowed to do whatever they want, to 'help others' – at what detriment to everyone else, around that development, who have to live with it?" said Danielle.

This is not a case of Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY).

Each resident who spoke to the Sentinel Times explicitly said they support social housing in their street; it is the size of the project and the impact that they are opposed to.

Their concerns about the facility are their privacy and peace being destroyed, the value of their homes dropping, their sense of safety being diminished, the character of the street being destroyed, and the lack of parking infrastructure that has and will continue to cause congestion-related issues.

To rub salt in the wound, Danielle and Ale bought the property from a couple in 2022, who worked at the Bass Coast Shire Council, who reportedly knew about the impending project and neither the couple, nor Council disclosed this information to them.

"She (the vendor) said to me when she saw me, she was glad that they sold because



Ale has spent \$10K on a fence required by the developers but cannot get them to put a screen up for his privacy. ob07_3025

of this going on," said Ale's neighbour Pam, substantiating his claim.

Sadly, Danielle and Ale have since divorced, and Ale is renovating the house so they can rent it out, with a view to selling it – according to the couple, at a huge loss.

Ale's mental health issues have been exacerbated by the excessive amount of construction and workers' noise, dust and pollution, lack of privacy and a complete disruption to his way of life.

"I've got PTSD, depression and anxiety because I was witness to the Melbourne Bourke Street massacre in 2017."

"In the last two and a half, or three years, I've been using this place to heal, have chickens and grow a veggie garden. I go fishing. I love it. I go diving. I go spear fishing. The waters have been my source of healing," explained Ale.

"But unfortunately, this year, when the construction started, I went downhill.

"I personally don't go out the back anymore because I'm exposed to people I don't want to be. I get upset because it's so intrusive to my privacy."

Ale has spent \$10,000 on a fence that was required for the construction and has contacted Mind several times asking for adequate screening to be put in place, which the organisation agreed to on June 30, 2025, but no action has been taken since.

According to overlooking building regulations within Victoria, developments should not have a direct line of sight either into an adjacent building's

habitable room or into a secluded private open space of an existing dwelling, and measures must be taken to screen 90 per cent of the perimeter with a wall or other barrier.

"It is ironic, because this development is for people with acute mental health. I understand that and I love the intent, but unfortunately, by doing so, it has destroyed my healing place," said Ale.

Compounding these issues for Ale is the lack of communication and public consultation around the project, and the lack of transparency and accountability from local and state authorities.

Very little has been imparted to the residents about the project, and one agency simply points the finger at the other, with the Bass Coast Shire Council stating:

"The proposal at 9 Caledonian Cr, Wonthaggi, was exempt from requiring a planning permit as it complied with state-wide exemptions for the provision of Community Care Accommodation."

"Given this exemption, there was no application before Council to consider the planning merits of the proposal, nor was there an opportunity for the application to be advertised publicly for feedback from the community."

However, while the Victorian Planning Scheme provides an exemption to the usual local government planning application process for projects such as Community Care Accommodation, the development is still required to meet all usual

building standards for height, setbacks, overshadowing, access and egress, and the permit was approved on this basis – by Council.

"The Bass Coast Shire Council, as the decision-making authority, has confirmed that the project meets the requirements of Clause 52.22 of the Bass Coast Planning Scheme for Community Care Accommodation," stated Mind CEO, Gill Callister. "Mind's subsidiary, The Haven Foundation, is a Community Housing Provider and can develop residential properties where land is zoned residential."

Danielle and Ale have contacted lawyers, who want thousands of dollars to conduct research and due diligence. Legal Aid have refused to take the case because it goes against a government body.

"The optimal outcome for us? We fu**ing sell that place and get out of there, right? But we're going to lose so much money," said Danielle.

"It's fine to build these things. But there's land everywhere down there. Why would you put it in that location, that size? It is so out of place. I get that we need mental health housing – we might even need it in the future – but it's wrong to do it in that way."

"Yes, it's going to benefit a number of people, but how many other people's lives is it going to stuff up?"

"And why the fu** can they get away with that," added Danielle.

More neighbourhood reactions at sgst.com.au



The scene of a fatal collision in Campbell Street Wonthaggi, in March this year, where a local woman and a friend's dog were hit by an allegedly heavily intoxicated driver.

Driver so drunk he didn't know he'd hit someone

A 47-year-old Narre Warren man who allegedly struck and killed a 68-year-old, retired retail worker from Wonthaggi, on Sunday afternoon, March 2 this year, was allegedly so drunk he didn't know he'd crashed into the woman and her friend's dog. The critically injured local woman, Heather Mills, was taken to hospital, but later died of her injuries. The dog died at the scene. The incident happened in Campbell Street, Wonthaggi where Ms Mills was taking a friend's dog for a walk.

Sampath Jayasundara, who appeared by video link at the Latrobe Valley Magistrate's Court last Friday, July 25, to face 15 charges; one of culpable driving causing the death of Heather Mills, one of failing to stop after being involved in a fatal collision and another of failing to render assistance, allegedly recorded a blood/alcohol reading of 0.268 at the time, more than five times the legal limit.

Twelve other charges have been laid against Mr Jayasundara, including possession of cannabis, failing to provide a name and address, failing to report the incident, careless and dangerous driving, crossing the dividing line in both Campbell Street and Chisholm Road.

Mr Jayasundara has pleaded guilty to the charge of culpable driving causing death, but according to his lawyer, Tony Hargreaves, he is taking issue with the lesser but still serious charges of failing to stop and failing to render assistance, because he was simply too drunk to know his car had struck the victim.

Mr Hargreaves said his client had no issue with the fact that he didn't stop and render assistance but maintained that not all of Section 61(3) of the Road Safety Act (1986) was made out, specifically (b) that "the driver of the motor vehicle knows or ought reasonably to have known that the accident had occurred and had resulted in a person being killed or suffering serious injury".

Mr Hargreaves said his client's very high blood/alcohol reading was consistent with him falling asleep and crossing to the wrong side of the road, but that chest-worn CCTV police video footage supported the claim that Mr Jayasundara didn't know anyone had been struck and injured.

These matters are yet to be resolved, and the case is due to return to the Latrobe Valley Magistrate's Court on Friday, September 19, 2025.

Mr Jayasundara's bail has been extended to that date.

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND

TUE | Jul 29

Showers easing.

Wind AM: W 15-20km/h

Wind PM: Light

8° 13°

WED | Jul 30

Shower or two.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: Light

6° 13°

THUR | Jul 31

Possible shower.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: Light

4° 13°

FRI | Aug 1

Possible shower.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: Light

4° 13°

SAT | Aug 2

Partly cloudy.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: Light

5° 13°

SUN | Aug 3

Partly cloudy.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: N 15-20km/h

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IN BRIEF

Art Connect closing soon

ARTIST studios or art galleries who want to be a part of South Gippsland’s popular Art Connect Open Studios this October, need to register soon, as these will be closing on Wednesday, July 30.

From Loch to Toora, the 2025 event will feature a thoughtfully curated trail of studios and venues across South Gippsland Shire.

Held over the weekends from Saturday, October 4 to Sunday, October 19, 10am to 4pm.

Applications to register can be downloaded from: artconnectsouthgippslandinc.com.au/lanx

Good Friday Appeal making a difference in South Gippsland

THE Good Friday Appeal has announced that \$600,000 in funding will deliver urgently needed paediatric care improvements to children and families in rural and remote areas. This funding includes Health services across Bairnsdale, Latrobe, South Gippsland, Wellington, East Gippsland, and Baw Baw, who will receive new neonatal equipment, paediatric upgrades, and advanced staff training.

The funding will expand telehealth and critical care infrastructure, while enhancing neonatal response and facilities in smaller, remote hospitals. Furthermore it will help rural hospitals deliver faster, safer, and more connected care to thousands of children, many of whom would otherwise need to travel to Melbourne for treatment.

Strings by the Sea

The Concordia Mandolin and Guitar Ensemble will be performing on Saturday, August 23 from 2pm at Corinella Community Hall, 38 Smythe Street.

Tickets at the door. Adults \$25, Concession \$20 with children under 16 Free. The performance will include a wide variety of music from baroque to the Beatles.

More support for regional tourism

MINISTER for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimpoulos has announced additional funding for the Regional Tourism Network Industry Strengthening Program, which supports Victoria’s Visitor Economy Partnerships (VEPs) to deliver training and support regional tourism businesses.

Destination Gippsland is one of the bodies set to receive funding, whilst Destination Phillip Island is earmarked in the future once the VEPs transition is complete.

Under the program, VEPs will be eligible to receive up to \$100,000 each in additional funding, ensuring regional tourism businesses continue to benefit from tailored training programs that will give them the skills to grow their business and improve visitor experiences. The Program is part of the Regional Tourism Industry Development Program, ensuring regional tourism businesses have the skills to grow and meet modern visitor needs.

Community food relief program applications open

THE Nationals’ Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath, is encouraging local community and volunteer groups to apply for the 2025-2026 Community Food Relief Program – Local Grants.

Groups eligible for funding include:

- Neighbourhood houses
- Community and volunteer-led organisations
- Social enterprises

Ms Bath said our local community and volunteer groups deliver important work across our region, supporting people in need.

“I have visited many organisations throughout eastern Victoria that quietly go about their business, selflessly sup-

porting those in need during this cost-of-living crisis”, said Ms Bath.

“We know that the demand for food relief is increasing as families struggle to pay bills and keep a roof over their heads and meals on the table.

“Food insecurity is a growing problem – a successful grant application can extend services and allow community and volunteer groups to continue assisting people experiencing disadvantage in our community.

“I invite all our eligible groups to consider applying for this latest round of the Community Food Relief Program.”

Applications for the 2025-2026 Community Food Relief Program – Local Grants close on August 19.

For more information and to apply, visit vic.gov.au/community-food-relief-program-local-grants.

Jobs board with current vacancies at the Bass Coast Jobs & Careers Expo

LOOKING for your next opportunity? The Bass Coast Jobs and Careers Expos are back this August and September, returning to Wonthaggi and Phillip Island with more employers, more opportunities, and even more reasons to attend.

The expos are a vital connection point between local job seekers and employers, providing direct pathways into a wide range of industries, including tourism, healthcare, construction, education, mining, hospitality, conservation, and more.

A physical Jobs Board will also be on display, featuring current vacancies from local employers, including those who may not be exhibiting on the day, so you can explore even more job options and find the right fit.

Wonthaggi Jobs & Careers Expo

Thursday, August 7, 9.30am – 1.30pm at Wonthaggi Town Hall, Baillieu Street East.

Phillip Island Jobs & Careers Expo

Friday, September 5, 9.30am – 1.30pm at Berninnet, 91-97 Thompson Ave, Cowes.

Inverloch Community Safety Forum this Wednesday

COMMUNITY safety is on the agenda this Wednesday, with people invited to come and chat to others and hear from representatives of the Bass Coast Proactive Policing Unit, the session running from 6.30pm until 8pm at the Inverloch Neighbourhood House in the Inverloch Hub.

It’s a great chance to have a cuppa with other community members while learning how to improve your safety.

Cops bring youth to a halt outside Leongatha

THREE young offenders were brought to a halt half a kilometre outside Leongatha last Wednesday on the Strzelecki Highway after evading police in Traralgon.

It’s alleged police attempted to pull over a stolen vehicle in Traralgon around 1.30pm, however, were unsuccessful with the vehicle seen heading south on the Strzelecki Highway with three people on board.

Police managed to track the vehicle as it went through Mirboo North, without the use of AirWing, which allowed local police to successfully deploy stop sticks along the highway near Berrys Creek.

It’s understood the vehicle continued for a period after the tyres were punctured and became erratic on the road before finally coming to a stop just outside Leongatha to the east at 2.20pm

Three young offenders aged 14 to 16 years old were arrested and interviewed by police.

The offenders were released pending court at a later date.

Any witnesses are urged to contact Crimestoppers.

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Mary takes her place in parliament ready to represent Monash electorate

LAST week was a big week for the new Member for Monash, Mary Aldred, being sworn in as a new member of the 48th Australian Parliament, in the wake of a super close Federal Election result, way back on Saturday, May 3.

And she's picked up some handy 'real estate' in the parliament, behind the Opposition dispatch box.

This week will be just as big with Ms Aldred due to make her first address to the parliament today, Tuesday, July 29, clearing the way for her to be a full participant at question time, during debate, and when making statements advocating for improvements in the local area.

And she's already got some runs on the board in that regard, announcing funding last Wednesday, July 23, for nine Monash community and sporting groups as part of the Australian Government's Stronger Communities Program.

"This round has seen a diverse range of sporting, tourism and community service groups secure funding to improve disability access, safety, and participation in local programs and facilities.



Flanked by the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and government ministers, Monash MP Mary Aldred is sworn in as a member of the 48th Australian Parliament last week.

Local groups have done a terrific job presenting small-scale projects with long-term benefits focusing on boosting tourism, sporting inclusion, health, safety and digital connectivity. I know how much time and effort the volunteers from these organisations put in to prepare their funding applications, and I'm so pleased to see their hard work recognised," said Ms Aldred.

Local grants include:

- Wonthaggi Club Cricket

Club: \$20,000 for female privacy screens, improving access for girls and women, also a plumbing upgrade.

- Inverloch Tourism Association: \$6500 for strategic advertising campaign and website development.

- Waratah Beach Surf Life Saving Club: \$20,000 for student accommodation and first aid facilities to support regional and interstate participation.

- Inverloch Kongwak Football

Netball Club: \$3720 to purchase defibrillators and first aid equipment to support the Under 12 and Under 16 girls' teams.

Ms Aldred is one of just 28 Liberals in the 150-seat House of Representatives, following in the footsteps of her father Ken Aldred, who represented the Liberal Party in the Australian House of Representatives between 1975 and 1980 and again from 1983 to 1996.

"I'm here in Canberra for the opening of the 48th parliament. It's been a big week and a tremendous honour and privilege to be sworn in as your member for Monash.

"I'm here to do a job on behalf of all of our community, and that means addressing the day-to-day challenges I know many of you are grappling with right now, from drought, impacted farmers, young people just trying to get ahead in life, people battling with housing challenges, and of course, the cost of living.

"I'm your Member for Monash, and every day I spend here in our nation's capital will be dedicated to addressing the issues that matter to you."

'Procurement' biggest area of corruption risk, says Cr Schelling

APPEARING before the State Government's Inquiry into Fraud and Corruption Control in Local Government on Monday this week, South Gippsland Mayor Cr John Schelling said he regarded "procurement" as the biggest area of risk of corruption for local shires.

Cr Schelling attended the inquiry with the shire's Manager of Governance and Integrity, Rhys Matulis, where the local council representatives fielded questions about councillors' disclosure of interests, equity of funding across the shire's three wards, and processes in place to deal with fraud or corruption issues highlighted by the community, staff and councillors.

On the issue of disclosure of interests, Cr Schelling said councillors relied on the advice of shire officers when filling out their disclosure statements, also noting he was comfortable with the equity of funding across the three wards, that needs were assessed shire-wide not on an individual equity basis.

"Do you think under the current system in South



South Gippsland Mayor Cr John Schelling represented the local shire at the inquiry into Fraud and Corruption Control in Local Government on Monday this week.

Gippsland it adequately ensures there is an equitable system geographically for all parts of the shire, for argument's sake, that Korumburra is being adequately funded compared to other areas across the shire?" asked the Member for the North-Eastern Metropolitan Region, Richard Welch MP.

"No, I do. I'm pretty happy with that. And the staff work very hard on making sure that

they assist different groups at their time of need," said Cr Schelling, noting that councillors backed their fellow councillors on identified needs within their areas.

Mathew Hilakari, the Member for Point Cook, who had earlier taken councillors from Wyndham City to task over the transparency of developer contributions, also addressed a general question to councillors about which area of

council operations they thought was the most at risk of fraud and corruption.

Cr Schelling said he believed the procurement of works and services from outside contractors was the biggest area of risk for councils.

He also noted that while no issue had been identified in South Gippsland, the use of credit cards by staff was an area that needed to be monitored as well.

Cr Schelling joined with the other councils in his group, East Gippsland, and Moira, in saying they weren't engaged in any current inquiries with local government agencies.

A spokesperson for the council stressed that South Gippsland's involvement didn't relate to a specific issue of fraud or corruption but was "an important opportunity to contribute to the broader conversation on transparency, accountability, and integrity in the sector".

"Council will use the forum to highlight the proactive work being done locally and to advocate for greater support across the sector, particularly for regional and rural councils."

Waiting for the bus to arrive at Inverloch with no bus shelter

LOADED with suitcases ready to reunite with family in the USA, local couple Debbie and Frank were forced to wait in the biting cold at the Inverloch bus stop with no bus shelter.

The bus shelter was damaged and removed by Bass Coast Shire Council after a car crashed into the bus stop in January, injuring a 15-year-old boy.

One possible reason for the delay in replacing the bus stop could be the planned reversal of the service road behind the bus shelter to operate in a one-way easterly direction to maintain operation of the bus stop during construction of a multi-storey development overlooking

By Bruce Wardley

The Glade.

Provision for electric vehicle integration within the car parking area behind the bus stop to allow for future installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure could be another reason.

All plausible explanations, but not good enough for commuters waiting for a bus at Inverloch on The Esplanade in winter without any shelter from the wind or rain.

"The shelter's been missing for six months," said passenger Debbie.

Waiting for the midday bus to

take her and husband Frank to Melbourne Airport, Debbie said they've been forced to wait many times in the open with no shelter.

Another passenger was equally annoyed.

"It's totally inadequate. Really bad to have to stand in the elements."

Waiting for the bus to arrive, wearing a warm coat and hat, Mia was another passenger less than impressed by the lack of a bus shelter at Inverloch.

"It's annoying when it's raining."

The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) said Bass Coast Shire Council is eligible

to apply for funding for a new bus stop but responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the old bus stop remains with council.

Bass Coast Shire Council is continuing to liaise with the Department of Transport regarding the replacement of the shelter and to identify a funding source.

Work on the proposed development at The Glade will occur as soon as funding is secured and the potential to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure will not affect replacement of the bus shelter.

Council is hopeful of a resolution in the coming weeks.

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Mayor's Message



Cr Rochelle Halstead



EVERY four years, Council refreshes the strategic plans that guide our work and shape the future of our community. These plans are built on your voices and reflect what matters most to the people who live, work, visit and invest in Bass Coast.

Several key draft documents will soon be open for community feedback, pending Council endorsement at our August meeting. I encourage everyone to visit Engage Bass Coast to get to know each project and get ready to share your thoughts.

The **Community Vision** captures what our community values most and outlines a shared hope for the future we're working towards together.

Our **Council Plan** is our blueprint for action over the next four years. It keeps us focused on what matters to the community and helps us track progress in a meaningful way.

This plan has been shaped by thoughtful conversations with the community, including the incredible work of our Community Panel—a randomly selected but all passionate group of residents who came together to share ideas and help shape both the Vision and Council Plan.

The **Long Term Financial Plan** supports responsible, sustainable decision-making—so we can continue delivering the major projects and essential services our community needs, while planning wisely for future generations.

The **Asset Plan** ensures that the roads we drive on, the parks we play in, the buildings we use and rely on are

looked after and continue to meet the needs of our community as we grow.

The **Domestic Animal Management Plan** is about how we balance living in such a unique and beautiful environment with supporting pet owners to enjoy life with their animals. Pets play a special role in our lives. They bring companionship, keep us active, and offer comfort and connection—especially during life's more challenging times. In Bass Coast, it's clear how much people love and value their animals.

Our **Healthy Communities Plan 2025–29** is also well underway and will soon be ready for your input. This plan reflects Council's strong and ongoing commitment to improving quality of life for everyone in Bass Coast—across all ages and stages—by supporting vulnerable groups and building a healthier, more connected community.

As Mayor, I'm proud to work alongside passionate Councillors who advocate strongly for their wards and for Bass Coast as a whole. We are united in our commitment to representing your voice and delivering outcomes that support our growing, diverse and vibrant community.

All these plans were shaped by a first round of community engagement. They don't belong to Council—they belong to you. Your feedback will help make sure they are relevant, responsive, and truly reflect the priorities of our people.

Please visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au and get involved. We'd love to hear from you.

Let's get it done, say residents on The Esplanade

PROPERTY owners along The Esplanade at Sunderland Bay have had enough.

Presented with a special charge scheme to seal The Esplanade between Sunderland Bay Road to Zephyr Court and improve drainage, residents just want the job done.

"We want it to go ahead in November," said property owner Gavan. "Eighty-seven per cent of residents have voted for it."

Bass Coast Shire Council received a petition from property owners requesting a road and drainage upgrade project for The Esplanade in March 2024.

After engaging with affected property owners between July and August 2024 Council delivered a range of concept options and costs for community consideration.

"The process was democratic," said Gavan. "We were asked if we would like to sign a petition to council."



Capital works by Westernport Water are already in progress on The Esplanade at Sunderland Bay with a Special Charge Scheme to seal the road and improve drainage on the way.

The total project cost is estimated at \$1,849,550.

After the deduction of amounts to be paid by Council, the cost of the proposed scheme to each individual property is estimated at between \$11,938.28 and \$28,897.69.

A resident of Sunderland

Bay for 25 years Gavan said mosquitoes, potholes, dust and mud are not conducive to a residential estate.

"Many more people now live in the estate than when we first moved here and there is more tourism," he said.

Gavan is looking forward

to having the road sealed and properly drained with no dust in summer.

"Council has been great," said Gavan.

"Consultation from go to whoa."

Different options were presented to residents for the sealing and design of the road.

"There was always going to be someone who didn't want it done because they don't want to pay for it," said Gavan. "Many don't live here, I live on a corner block, and it is not a problem, council has taken that into consideration."

In peak periods, it has been estimated that 464 vehicles use The Esplanade daily with 351 vehicle trips generated from traffic outside the scheme boundaries from either tourist traffic accessing beach carparks, or from elsewhere in Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay.

New radiology clinic opens at Phillip Island Community Hospital

IMAGING Associates Cowes and Bass Coast Health have partnered to deliver advanced diagnostic imaging for the local community.

Imaging Associates will open its newest radiology clinic today, Tuesday, July 29, located within the newly built Phillip Island Community Hospital.

Delivered in partnership with Bass Coast Health, Imaging Associates Cowes is a purpose-built clinic offering high-quality medical imaging services, including low-dose CT scans, ultrasound, X-ray, and dental OPG (orthopantomogram).

The new clinic is part of the broader redevelopment of the Phillip Island Health Hub and has been designed to meet the growing healthcare needs of the local community. With a focus on accessibility, quality, and patient-first care, Imaging Associates Cowes will provide diagnostic imaging services for residents across Phillip Island, San Remo, and the wider Bass Coast Shire, helping reduce the need to travel long distances



The Imaging Associates team including Sadie, Lucy, Kade, Scarlett, Jan and Samantha, welcome the local community to the new radiology service.

for non-urgent imaging.

"This is a significant step forward in providing local, integrated healthcare," said Dr Raja Devanathan, clinical director of Urgent Care Clinic Cowes, Bass Coast Health. "The opening of Imaging Associates' radiology services within the Phillip Island Community Hospital is an exciting milestone. It enables patients to access

X-rays, low-dose CT scans, and ultrasound services locally, delivered by an experienced and trusted provider."

The clinic is open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm and will support both pre-booked and walk-in appointments, with bulk billing available for eligible CT, ultrasound, and X-ray services. Imaging Associates Cowes will also provide outpatient services

for the Urgent Care Centre at the hospital, enabling faster diagnosis and treatment for minor injuries.

"At Imaging Associates, we are committed to delivering compassionate, patient-focused care using the latest in medical imaging technology," said Dr Johan Smalberger, clinical director for Imaging Associates Wonthaggi and Cowes.

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New cop in town: Loch's long wait ends as Senior Constable Conti takes up post

IT IS Senior Constable Giuseppe Conti's first week as the new cop in the town of Loch, and after a couple of years without a police officer, locals have welcomed him warmly to the town.

A desire for a change and a country town with a strong sense of community to raise his family in led the officer to apply for the position in Loch.

Having originally come from Melbourne's western suburbs, the Senior Constable gained experience over the past few years policing in the country communities of Central Victoria, before wanting a change.

"I just wanted to try something new, and I thought, well, if I'm going to try something new, I might as well do everything new. A new role. A new community. A new everything," said Snr Const. Conti.

"We moved into town right at the start of the school holidays. I wanted to start at the start of school term, just so it was a nice smooth transition for everybody at home."

In his first week on the job, Snr Const. Conti has introduced himself to business owners, local community groups and other curious locals, and he has been astonished at the response.

"Before I even introduced myself as a police officer, I introduced myself as new in the area, and people in this area are so welcoming to new people. It's absolutely amazing," he said.

"They are very excited to have



Senior Constable Giuseppe Conti is the new cop in Loch. ob04_3025

a police officer in town since they haven't had one for a couple of years. I just had a good chat with them. Told them what I expect from them and what they should expect from me. I've let everyone know that I'm here for them."

The new police officer will be working fulltime hours on various shifts, and when the lights are on and the police van is there, it's a good sign he is on duty. When off duty he advises people to call 000.

Loch and surrounds have seen their fair share of break-ins,

theft and vandalism recently and Snr Const. Conti puts this down to a number of different issues.

"When I found out I got this position, I really threw myself into what was happening in town, and the big drivers, from what I can see, especially with thefts and burglaries (are) youth driven crime. These are from offenders – that we get for these kinds of crime – from outer areas, so they're not local people that are committing these particular crimes.

"In terms of vandalism, that's

local people and unfortunately in small country towns (there's) not much to do, so people just get up to mischief.

"The big thing is road policing out here. I've noticed that a lot of collisions occur, especially soon after it starts raining."

On only his second shift in town, the officer was called out to a collision on the Douin Road, where unfortunately, someone had rolled their car.

But Snr Const. Conti believes that police presence in the area can help lower the incidence of crime and will be covering the towns of Grantville, Nyora and Poowong as well.

"Where I previously lived, I was eight minutes from my single-member police station. As soon as the police officer wasn't in town, their local IGA was burglarised a number of times and they had a few incidents. So having a police officer in town, someone showing their face, someone driving up and down the street, interacting with the public, is a very big deterrent."

The officer commented that while dealing with crime and road accidents is a huge part of his work, he is also big on victim-centric policing.

"I really try to look after victims and really make sure that they're heard because they are voiceless when it comes to crime. Usually, it's all about the offender and everyone forgets about the poor victim. Also, the idea of helping people is a great thing. I think it's a very noble cause to be a part of," he said.

Funding secured for Monash community and sporting groups

FEDERAL Member for Monash Mary Aldred MP has announced that nine local community and sporting organisations have secured funding as part of the Australian Government's Stronger Communities Programme.

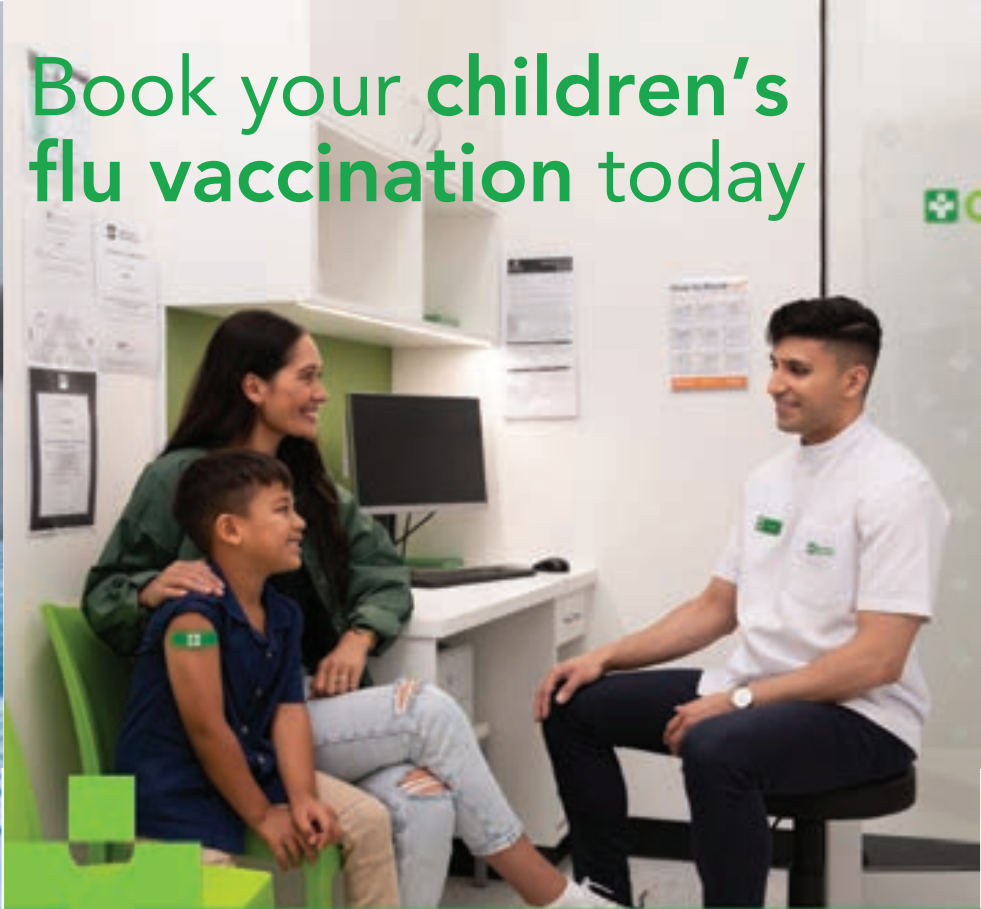
This round has seen a diverse range of sporting, tourism and community service groups secure funding to improve disability access, safety, and participation in local programs and facilities.

Ms Aldred commended the work of local groups, whose efforts to present small-scale projects with long-term benefits focused on boosting tourism, sporting inclusion, health, safety and digital connectivity.

"I know how much time and effort the volunteers from these organisations put into prepare their funding applications, and I'm so pleased to see their hard work recognised."

Successful recipients include:

- Wonthaggi Workmen's Cricket Club Inc. – \$20,000 to install female privacy screens and upgrade outdated plumbing in change rooms, improving inclusivity and access for women and girls in sport.
- Inverloch Tourism Association Inc. – \$6500 to support a strategic advertising campaign and website development promoting an upcoming tourism event.
- Waratah Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. – \$20,000 for student accommodation and first aid facilities to support regional and interstate youth participation.
- Inverloch Kongwak Football Club Inc. – \$3720 to purchase defibrillators and first aid equipment for U12 and U16 girls' teams, improving medical preparedness in junior sport.



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Bendigo Community Bank San Remo offers even more for locals in new location

ALREADY a long-established community operation, Bendigo Community Bank San Remo celebrated the opening of its new home on Tuesday, the modern facility including helpful technology that will be combined with face-to-face customer service.

There is also a separate spacious community room intended for the use of local groups.

Current and former staff and members of the public were treated to bright and tasty cupcakes and barista coffee, the ribbon cut by Kelvin Simpson, chairman of San Remo & District Financial Services, the managing board that has the franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank.

“We’ve come a long way since 2003 when we moved in down the road,” he said, remarking that the branch’s new home is ideal, combining the bank, an office area for its board members and the community space.

He noted that between the Bendigo Community Bank branches in San Remo, Cowes and Grantville, \$6 million has been put back into the community, with \$250,000 of grants this year alone.

“Without our loyal customers, that’s not possible, and it’s our reward back, and that’s the model of the community bank,”

Kelvin said.

As well as grants, those Bass Coast community branches sponsor local clubs and organisations, many of which express their appreciation through banking with their local Bendigo branch.

Kelvin suggested the community space, which wouldn’t have been possible at the bank’s former San Remo location, will be ideal for meetings, art shows and other events. The area is an added benefit for the community groups the bank already supports.

Other benefits of the new location include the availability of parking and easy access, while still being a visible site.

Senior manager of the San Remo branch, Michael Scott, spoke of the technological improvements the new branch offers, including a coin counting machine, along with the personal service customers enjoy.

“We still have tellers and lenders available all the time and managers in branch all the time, so customers can come in and see someone rather than jumping on the phone,” he said.

That service is part of the community bank feel, with the new location adding further benefits for locals.



Kelvin Simpson, chairman of San Remo & District Financial Services, has the honour of declaring Bendigo Community Bank San Remo's new site open. A01_3025



Di Clark (original customer service officer), Miranda Sage (original Board member), Joan Matthews (current and original Board member) and Trudy Jamieson (original staff member) celebrate the achievements of Bendigo Community Bank San Remo since its 2003 opening, and the start of another chapter at its new site. A02_3025

Mycelia Renewables awarded Bank Australia’s customer community grant

WONTHAGGI-BASED renewable energy charity and social enterprise, Mycelia Renewables Ltd, has been selected as a recipient of Bank Australia’s annual community customer grant program.

Mycelia Renewables is focused on supporting and enabling rural communities, First Nations people, and businesses to participate in and benefit from a regenerative economy, particularly in the transition to renewable energy. Bank Australia has awarded \$20,000 towards their Mycelia Energy Collective program.

The Mycelia Energy Collective program helps households experiencing disadvantage and vulnerability to improve energy efficiency, comfort, and reduce energy costs. The program provides free energy assessments and financial support for energy efficiency and electrification upgrades tailored to each household’s needs and financial situation.

Mycelia Renewables’ Managing Director Moragh Mackay said, “It’s an area of great need and has such positive impacts for participants, yet it’s a part of the energy transition that gets the least amount of recognition and funding support. We’re thrilled with the support from Bank Australia and their recognition of the importance of this work.”

A project partner to Mycelia Renewables, Alyson Skinner, from the Venus Bay Community Centre, said, “We are pleased to be working with Mycelia on initiatives that directly support the district of Tarwin Lower, Venus Bay and Walkerville. The aims of the project align with our Community Plan for Community Energy. Working together on a fair, equitable, and just energy transition that includes everyone sits at the heart of projects like this.”

As a customer-owned and B Corp certified bank, Bank Australia’s annual community customer grants are for community customers working in impact areas that matter most to its customers, such as nature and biodiversity, climate action, and First Nations Recognition and Respect.

Graymont invites applications for the 2025 community-focused Carbon Reduction Fund

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- Protecting the environment by the responsible use of resources
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South Gippsland Shire Council News

TWOONE and the South Gippsland ArtCubes

Globally renowned street artist, Hiroyasu Tsuru, otherwise known as TWOONE is currently re-imagining our ArtCubes with stunning new murals.

TWOONE works between Melbourne and Italy, and is instantly recognised for his unique, single colour portrayals of creatures, native flowers and vegetation.

The Victorian Government’s FReeZA Youth Activation Fund, has provided the unique opportunity for young local artists to work alongside TWOONE as part of a short mentorship throughout this redesign.

TWOONE began working his

magic last Friday and will continue working on this project until Friday 8 August. With two mentees joining him along the way, our aspiring young artists are gaining firsthand experience, guidance and feedback - enhancing their artistic skills and techniques.

The ArtCubes are currently located in the carpark outside Council’s main office entrance in Leongatha.

We highly encourage everyone to visit and watch the work develop over the remainder of this project timeline.

For more information about the ArtCubes, visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/artcubes

Proposed Road Discontinuance - Unused Road



Council at its meeting held 16 July 2025 proposed to commence statutory procedures to discontinue an unused road known as **Rooney Street, Foster**.

A person may make a submission to this proposal. Submissions are to be received no later than 5.00pm Tuesday 19 August 2025 addressed to the CEO. Any person making a submission is entitled to be heard in support of the submission. If a person or a representative wish to be heard in support of the submission, they must state this in their submission.

For more information, visit:
yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 August 2025 at 2.00pm.

Details will be available on Council’s website:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

COMMUNITY IMMUNISATION SESSION

When: Thursday 14 August

Where: Leongatha Early Learning Centre

For more information on other sessions or to book, visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/immunisation

COLLABORATIVE TENDER

South Gippsland Shire Council and Bass Coast Shire Council are conducting a Collaborative Tender.

RFT/444 - Annual Supply of Quarry and Road Making Materials

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Friday 8 August 2025.

Tender documents can be downloaded from <https://basscoast.etenderbox.com.au>

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REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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

RFT/425 - Design and Construct - Korumburra Recreation Reserve; Multipurpose Synthetic Training Facility

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 12 August 2025.

Documentation is available from Council’s e-Tendering Portal

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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Offshore wind energy discussions in Toora

By Andrew Paloczi

INTERESTED attendees at Toora Hall chatted about renewable energy on Wednesday, particularly offshore wind energy generation, with representatives of VicGrid and a dozen energy project proponents there, future job opportunities and other benefits for locals being key areas of interest.

As a learning support adviser assisting trainees and apprentices at TAFE Gippsland, Louisa Vale said she is excited about the “genuine job opportunities” that will arise in areas such as construction and maintenance.

She said that given the different skillset that will be required, TAFE Gippsland is busy determining what traineeships and courses to offer to prepare people to seize future opportunities.

South Gippsland Shire Council was strongly represented at the Toora session, with Mayor John Schelling, CEO Allison Jones and senior staff present.

Ms Jones said the focus is on maximising benefits of the offshore wind energy generation industry for the community, environment and the economy.

Cr Schelling elaborated on what council is striving to achieve.

“What we’re trying to do here is line up the Federal, State and Local Governments, so we’re all talking from the same position; currently, you’ve got the Federal Government doing one thing, the State Government doing another thing, and then we’re picking up the pieces at the bottom,” he said.

“We’re trying to all be on the same page so that we can work for the community benefit that’s going to come out of offshore wind (energy generation) for South Gippsland.”

Cr Schelling recalled the



Kim Downs and Holly Gillan of Blue Mackerel were happy to chat to people in Toora about the progress of that offshore wind energy project. A15_3025

benefits that flowed into the local area through Barry Beach with the thriving oil and gas industry of the 1960s and 1970s, saying the aim is to ensure comparable community benefits flow from the offshore wind energy sector.

He stressed the importance of the Federal and State Governments letting people know what they are doing to meet future energy requirements, highlighting the fact people are concerned about running out of electricity when the region’s current power stations close.

One of the proponents at Wednesday’s session, Blue Mackerel, has started its environmental surveys, which feed into the required environmental impact assessments, a range of complex surveys being conducted on and offshore.

All up, that is expected to take place over about the next three and a half years, with a timeframe of two years for the

required surveys and expectations that the environmental impact assessments will take a further six months, followed by an extensive government assessment likely to take another year.

Should projects be deemed viable, a competitive process will take place and sufficient finance will need to be secured by successful proponents.

Southerly 10, which is responsible for the Star of the South project, is the furthest along the lengthy path of requirements, having received an exploration licence back in 2019 to determine industry feasibility, enabling it to have completed a lot of the studies other proponents are undertaking now.

The next aim for Southerly 10 is to progress to public exhibition in relation to environmental approvals, later this year or early next year, enabling members of the

public to comment, with the option to view summaries or detailed reports.

Werner Theinert of Harmers Haven was an interested visitor at the Toora renewable energy session given he teaches a course about renewables, sustainability and resilience at Wonthaggi U3A.

He is keen to learn more about the bidding process that will take place between offshore wind energy project proponents.

“There’s a race on; the power stations are getting older by the day and it’s time to get something done to get this thing on the road,” Werner said of the need for action.

In the meantime, he continues to inform his U3A class about subjects including solar panels and household batteries, ways in which some of those who are in a position to are taking charge of their own energy needs.

Can you offer Bruce the pawfect home filled with love?

By Andrew Paloczi

KELPIE cross Bruce can’t wait to share his affection, looking forward to finding a home with someone who can spend lots of time with him and provide plenty of exercise and attention, Sentinel-Times visiting him at the South Gippsland Shire Council-run pound and animal shelter in Korumburra.

Council took over the facility in July 2023 and is proud not to have euthanised a single re-homeable animal.

Community safety officer Hayley Cranston described Bruce, who was found as a stray in Leongatha, as “highly energetic”, adding that he loves a cuddle, both of which became quickly apparent as he went for a short walk with her and senior community safety officer Rod Banks.

Bruce, who is believed to be about two years old, has a fondness for toys and balls and would be ideally suited to someone with a strong routine.

While council’s focus is on getting animals home to their owners, those that are unclaimed or surrendered are either transferred to other rescue organisations or adopted directly from council.

Between the start of July last year and the end of this June, 400 animals were impounded by council, with 275 of those



Bruce enjoys time out with council’s Rod Banks and Hayley Cranston as he looks forward to the perfect home.

cats and 125 dogs.

Of those, 117 animals were reunited with their owners (32 cats and 85 dogs), 151 were rehomed to rescue organisations (128 cats and 23 dogs), while 27 were rehomed directly by council, with 19 of those cats and eight dogs.

Council stressed that registered animals have a greater chance of being reunited with their owners, with registration also reducing the likelihood of fees and infringements being issued.

While council encourages people to have their pets microchipped, the chips can

sometimes be difficult to find and owner contact details may lapse, the latter of which is less likely with yearly pet registration, helping return animals wearing their registration tag.

Registration fees help keep the pound running and assist with caring for its residents.

Of the 400 animals impounded over the specified period, only 45 were registered, 34 of which were able to be returned directly from the vehicle without having to go to the pound, 29 of those being dogs and the remainder cats.

Surrenders accounted for 91 of the impounded animals, 57

of those being cats, the majority of which were semi-owned or from farm colonies of cats that had got out of control.

However, there were 34 dogs surrendered for a variety of reasons.

Council has agreements with 18 rescue organisations, both local and across the State, which assist in rehoming animals when council can’t do so directly.

“We have great working relationships with local vets and have a team of officers passionate about animal welfare and ensuring the best outcomes for our animals,” a council spokesperson said.

Seeing Hayley and Rod interacting with Bruce, and the affection he showed for them demonstrated their fondness for the animals and their caring approach.

All animals available for adoption from the South Gippsland Animal Shelter are listed on PetRescue.

Council encourages potential adopters to read each animal’s profile carefully to ensure compatibility: petrescue.com.au/groups/12244/South-Gippsland-Shire-Animal-Shelter. If you’re interested in adopting, please contact council on 5662 9200.

If the match appears suitable, a meet-and-greet will be arranged.

Mayor’s Message



Cr John Schelling



HELLO South Gippsland.

The last week has been packed with positive moments. I was able to attend the South Coast Community Leadership Program networking event ‘In Good Company’ on Saturday. This was a great opportunity for the program participants to connect with others in the community and to learn more about the role of local government. On Sunday, I attended the Leongatha Scouts Awards and Presentation event. It was fantastic to see the recognition of achievements in the Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venturers.

Corner Inlet College Grand Opening Event

Corner Inlet College opened at the start of 2025, following two and a half years of planning. The official opening event was held last week and provided an opportunity to celebrate the significant achievements of the college, which include welcoming the first cohort of Year 7 and 8 students and growing the school’s network, including family and staff.

It was brilliant to see the students and staff come together. The atmosphere was electric, and the facilities are wonderful. It was a special moment to reflect on the evolution of the project—from initial discussions with Council a few years ago to witnessing the College now established and strong community connections formed and flourishing. Congratulations to Jen Young and her team for bringing this initiative to fruition.

DEECA at Council

Councillors were extremely pleased to have a visit from Darrin McKenzie and Jeremy Neilson from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA). This was a productive, open discussion that allowed us to share the priorities, issues and challenges that we both face. As a Councillor group, we will continue to advocate for partnership between all three levels of government, and this is step in the right direction.

Gippsland Offshore Wind Session

Last Wednesday, I was able to pop into the open session held at Toora Hall to meet the developers behind Gippsland’s proposed offshore wind projects, alongside the government agencies associated with these developments. This was a great chance to ask questions and find out the most up to date progress in this space.

There will be other sessions held in Loch Sport on July 30 and Woodside on July 31 if you missed this and were interested in finding out more.

Leongatha Art and Craft Gallery Life Members

A big congratulations to three newly appointed Leongatha Gallery Life Members.

Coral Gray, Marg Turra and Liz Dunlop were all recently awarded Life Memberships after an impressive 30+ years of dedication to the gallery. As the gallery is staffed by volunteers and is a not-for-profit venue, it’s incredible people like Coral, Marg and Liz that keep key institutions such as this going.

Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club

Lastly, a big congratulations to the Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club fellow Eastern Region Club on their success at the Inflatable Rescue Boat Championships 2025, held at South West Rocks in NSW.

With a bronze medal in the Women’s Open Event team and a gold medal in the Women’s Mass Rescue team, this is an impressive feat at a national level and a reflection of the dedication from the athletes, coaches and their supporters.



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The Newhaven College Youth Parliament Team, Tilly Stecher, Matilda Feehan, Miranda Zalunardo, Gabriel Di Falco, Nissa Campbell Walker and Jasmine Ruffin were very proud that their Bill passed in the chamber.

Leaders of the future in Newhaven College’s Youth Parliament

NEWHAVEN College’s Youth Parliament Team exhibited remarkable dedication and commitment during their participation in the Victorian Youth Parliament, held at the Legislative Council (Upper House of the Victorian Parliament) during the winter school holidays. The team displayed exceptional preparation, articulation and debating skills throughout the sessions.

The team presented their Bill, ‘The Establishment of Community Gardens Initiatives 2025’. The Bill streamlines the process for establishing and maintaining community gardens across Victoria by simplifying permits and removing barriers. It provides essential resources and expert guidance to support sustainable gardening practices, integrates community gardening into the primary school curriculum to educate future generations, and prioritises environmental protection, including native wildlife and cultural heritage preservation. The Bill also promotes inclusivity by ensuring accessibility and offering opportunities for vulnerable groups to engage through community service.

The College Youth Parliament Team, consisting of Tilly Stecher, Matilda Feehan, Miranda Zalunardo, Gabriel Di Falco, Nissa Campbell Walker and Jasmine Ruffin, displayed exceptional leadership and teamwork. Notably, Matilda Feehan received the Chamber Spirit Award for

enthusiastically participating and creating remarkable contributions throughout the entire week.

Year 12 student Miranda Zalunardo said of the experience, “Participating in Youth Parliament Victoria this year was an insightful experience that provided us with the opportunity to engage with a rich tapestry of young people, each with their own insights and perspectives.”

Head of Senior School, Brett Torstenson, was impressed with the students’ enthusiasm, “Our representatives at Youth Parliament in 2025 represented the College superbly. They proposed legislation that would increase accessibility to Community Gardens throughout Victoria. Their legislation passed with flying colours – 46 votes in favour and 2 votes against. The group worked incredibly hard throughout Term 2 to write and edit their Bill. They were required to attend guidance meetings after school and in the evenings in order to ensure their Bill was correctly written, formatted and proposed. My congratulations to the entire team for their hard work, dedication and preparedness.”

Newhaven College’s achievements in the Youth Parliament highlight the College’s commitment to empowering students and nurturing their leadership potential. The College takes pride in its students’ accomplishments and dedication to addressing important social issues.

Fight to have a bank in Korumburra is not over yet

KORUMBURRA Save Our Bank working group and local councillors are continuing to push ahead in order to try and secure support from the Bendigo Bank for a Community Bank model.

The current Bendigo Bank in Korumburra is the last bank in town and is due to close on Friday, August 29, 2025.

Two weeks after meeting with the working group, South Gippsland Shire Councillors and Federal Member for Monash Mary Aldred, the Bendigo Bank remain tight-lipped on all fronts about the proposal.

“We’ve had a response which has been less than satisfactory. That means that they’re going down the path of looking at the post office option for banking – and that’s all,” said SGSC Mayor John Schelling.

“But we haven’t given up on that yet. I’ve asked the Economic Development team (from SGSC) to follow through, to see what they can come up with in response.”

“We’re very passionate about it. There’s going to be no bank between Leongatha and Lang Lang, and Warragul and Wonthaggi. So, it’s a fair chunk of land in the middle that’s got nothing,” the Mayor added.

The Bendigo Bank is, however, offering financial support to Milpara Community House to allow staff to support people requiring assistance with Services Australia and the closure of the bank and to prepare people to use the Bank@Post services.

“The idea is the bank is going to assist

people in changing over to an account that has a card – they are only passbook holders,” explained Noelene Cosson, spokesperson for the working group.

“We fear that they have to get their pension then changed into those new accounts, and that’s the problem, because that’s not easy to do.

“Milpara House is helping people that need assistance with getting their pension into the right account, so that they can then withdraw it at the post office, because the post office only operates with accounts with a card, not passbook accounts.”

The bank itself will reportedly obtain a list of all the people that fit into the category of only having a passbook account and will be inviting those people to come into the Bendigo Branch before it closes, to open a new account.

Milpara House will provide a list of dates and times to the Bendigo Bank as to when those services are available and the bank will then inform their customers.

The Korumburra Save Our Bank working group are still pursuing the Community Bank option and are grateful to have the support and leadership that Council and the Economic Development team can provide.

“We are still pushing for a Community Bank facility. We feel it is extremely short-sighted to leave Korumburra and the surrounding area without a bank, when it could be a success if their business model wasn’t set up to fail in Korumburra,” said Noelene.

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The warm and welcoming front-of-house team at The Curry Club is ready to greet you with friendly smiles and exceptional service. From left, Caz, Thanu, Sarah, Michaela and Inese. C01 3025

Humble home kitchen to Wonthaggi's newest hit

IT WAS the addition Wonthaggi had been waiting for, a delicious Indian restaurant in the heart of town, open seven days a week and offering a wide variety of dishes.

Serving Aussie favourites like butter chicken and korma to vegetable samosas and paneer dishes, there is something to suit every taste bud, including a good selection of vegetarian dishes.

The Curry Club began as a modest community food initiative from a family kitchen on Phillip Island and has grown into one of South Gippsland's most beloved Indian eateries.

"We just wanted to make a community," said founder Surdeep Singh, affectionately known as Bunty.

"It was a community-focused group first... we started from home and sold food to friends and family. It was not like a restaurant before – we had no plans of opening a restaurant."

The Curry Club's origins stretch back to just before the COVID-19 pandemic, when Bunty and his wife Vanita began cooking and delivering meals directly to customers' doors from their family kitchen to earn a bit of extra money for their young family.

"We were cooking in the house and delivering to their doorstep," he recalled. "We didn't think of commercialising it at that time."

The pandemic may have shuttered many restaurants, but it also opened a unique window for this family to grow. With help from Bunty's dad, Amarjit, who was unable to return home due to the pandemic, they navigated lockdowns and council approvals to bring their food to life for locals.

"It took off. We were just busy, and we were fortunate to get a shop in such a good location in front of Woolies in Cowes. I never dreamt of a restaurant, let alone two restaurants," Bunty admitted.

"We wanted to make some extra money, that's why we started cooking from home, that is why it was called a club, because we wanted to make our own



Teji cooking up a delicious curry in the kitchen on Sunday. C02 3025

little community selling the food. Even now, we still put the community first.”

The Curry Club donates meals to people doing it tough through PICAL and is looking forward to the same opportunities opening in Wonthaggi in the future.

"We'll go and give them like 50 lunch packs, and then they distribute it to the people who need it," he said.

"We try to give back to the community – it's the backbone. It's not about take, take, take from the community."

Now settled into their Wonthaggi location, a decision due to regulars travelling to Cowes from Inverloch, Cape Paterson, Dalyston, and Wonthaggi. The Curry Club continues to serve food tailored to the local palate.

"We picked the favourites of Australians," Bundy explained.

"We don't have a big Indian community in South Gippsland, so we had to pick things that suit the community – less spice, more balance."

"We have a lot of techniques to contain the flavour but eliminate the heat on the tongue," he said.

Their menu may be smaller than some Indian restaurants, but it's finely tuned and still offers a great selection.

"We have a very small menu, so we've mastered what we do," Bunty said.

"These are all my favourites and signatures."

Unsurprisingly, butter chicken is a customer favourite.

But Bunty urges locals to try another dish: "I would really recommend people try our korma – it's the perfect balance. Not too sweet, not too spicy."

And if you're after something a bit special, try their house-made Kashmiri naan – a refined take on the traditional Peshwari style, filled with coconut, ground cashews and almonds, saffron, and cardamom.

"Not many people try it," Bunty said, "but it's one of the best things you can eat, even on its own."

Another favourite of this scribe is the cauliflower pakora bites.

The heart of The Curry Club remains grounded in its roots: family, flavour, and a deep respect for the local community.

As Bunty puts it, "We couldn't be anything without them. We owe every single bit of our success to the local people."

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The Spirit of French Island barge crew is well-regarded in the local community.

Calling for a year-round barge service to Point Leschenault Jetty

PARKS Victoria is looking for an experienced operator to operate a year-round barge transport service to French Island using the landing site at Point Leschenault Jetty.

Spirit of French Island, which currently operates the barge from Corinella on the eastern side of Western Port to French Island, is looking to continue the service.

“The Spirit of French Island has been the French Island barge for just on 20 years,” said manager and skipper for six years Brad Thomas. “Terry Easy owns it and loves the place,” said Brad.

“One of a kind, Terry was raised on French Island as a boy.

“He’s very environmentally conscious.”

Two and a half times larger than Phillip Island, French Island is 75 per cent National Park.

Accommodating two standard-size cars, or a larger truck, the Spirit of French Island barge also takes foot passengers, but visitors to French Island are advised to arrange transportation at the other end as there are limited facilities once you land.

Calling for an Expression of Interest (EOI), Parks Victoria is seeking a high-quality barge operator with the vision and the capacity to continue the delivery of a year-round barge service using the barge landing site at Point Leschenault Jetty for berthing, and the loading and unloading of vehicles, plant and equipment.

The Point Leschenault Jetty landing site at French Island has been described as a rare berthing opportunity with a barge licence offered for between three to 10 years up to 2035; it is the current barge landing area.

The successful applicant will be invited to enter discussions with the Corinella Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management for the issuing of a barge berthing and landing licence over the eastern landing site at Corinella.

The successful applicant will be responsible for all costs associated with any capital works and the ongoing maintenance and operation of the berthing area.

A compliant EOI response is required for the proposed use of the berthing site at Point Leschenault Jetty, including the loading and unloading of vehicles, plant and equipment, and ancillary uses reasonable to the operation of a vehicular barge.

Acting Commercial Director of Parks Victoria, Elise Armitage, said it was the first time the licence has been offered competitively in more than 10 years.

The current barge crew is well-regarded in the local community according to Brad.

“To provide a service for all those years without fault is a true testament to those who make it possible.”

For more information on the Expressions of Interest for the French Island Barge go to parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/lease-and-licence-opportunities.

For more information about fees or to book the Spirit of French Island barge call 0428 880 729 or go to French Island Barge on Facebook.



Nick's Clothing owners Louis Jess and Nic Vitetta stand either side of Paul Hendry who created the impressive library display case that will be outside the shop during its opening hours. A09_3025

New street library proves a drawcard in Bair Street

LEONGATHA'S impressive street library proved a hit on Wednesday, having just arrived at its home outside Nick's Clothing, the shop's owners and the mobile library's creator delighted with the public's response.

Former councillor Rosemary Cousin drove the idea of a book-swap facility in the heart of town, inspired by one she saw elsewhere, approaching Paul Hendry of Leongatha Men's Shed about creating one locally.

He threw himself into the project with his usual enthusiasm, producing the largest street library this scribe has seen, which was actually a downsized version of his original plan.

“I must admit, it came up a bit bigger than I had originally

thought it might,” Paul said of the contrast between what he visualised in the planning stage and the finished product, but he is confident there'll be plenty of books to fill it.

Paul had some help from friends at the Men's Shed in managing the heavy plywood used in constructing the sturdy bookshelves.

Nick's Clothing owners Louis Jess and Nic Vitetta are happy to do their bit for the community and will bring the library inside each evening and if it starts to rain too heavily, with Louis also having contributed some paint to the project and Rosemary donating funding.

While it took a bit of a gang to transport the mobile library to its home, it will be no trouble moving it in and out of the shop,

given it is on sturdy wheels from an old hospital bed.

As well as building the shelves, Paul filled them with a selection of his books, comprising works of fiction, a cookbook and some Australian picture books.

He wrote a few instructions for library visitors, encouraging them to swap books, with those deposited to be in good condition, or borrow briefly if stopping for a nearby cup of coffee and wanting something to read or flick through.

With his characteristic humour, Paul noted that Mills & Boon books are not permitted, saying they will be placed in “file 13”, apparently a polite way of referring to a rubbish bin.

Vicki Whelan was quick to

check out Bair Street's new attraction.

“It's amazing to see it in the main street,” she said, declaring it “wonderful” and saying she had already spotted about 10 books she'd like to read.

“It's lovely looking out for other people's enjoyment,” Vicki said.

Her reaction and that of others seemed beyond Paul's expectations.

“I'm over the moon with the attention it's already got,” he said.

Louis and Nick were also relishing standing outside the store chatting to those who came for a look at the books, with a great community vibe evident, the library looking the part alongside a rack of clothing.

Community Bank Mirboo North and District celebrate 15 years

THE Community Bank Mirboo North and District celebrated their 15th birthday last Wednesday with a sausage sizzle, cookies and pens for staff, stakeholders and the community.

Over the last decade and a half, the bank has given 80 per cent of its profits back to the local community, with a current total of \$2.6 million donated.

“Obviously, we can't make a profit without customers and we always say people have to bank somewhere, so they might as well come bank with us,” said executive officer Anne-Marie Dieperink.

The bank was born when the town was left without one about 20 years ago.

Locals rallied together and the Bendigo Bank was happy to sign an agency franchise at the time.

One staff member manned the agency alongside a roster of volunteers who would sit in the agency one at a time, because a minimum of two staff members were required for it to be open.

Five years in, and the community once again got together to see if they could make it into a full branch, under the com-



Community Bank Mirboo North and District staff Katrina Guthrie, Brian McDermott, Jessica Souter, Jan and Anne-Marie Dieperink celebrated being 15 and fabulous last week. ob02_3025

munity banking model.

“They got a whole steering committee together. They went around town because they needed to sell \$800,000 worth of shares locally to be able to source the funding to start the branch,” explained Anne-Marie.

“They worked so hard because they still needed to get that money together and were successful at the last minute. They got over their target, actually, and then used that money to start up the bank. So that was 15 years ago now.”

Funding from the bank has

gone to community and sporting groups for many different projects over the years, including the Mirboo North pool, education support awards, emergency funding and social welfare support.

“By having this bank in town, they say every local dollar turns over six times. (For example), we pay Jess and Jess takes it to the IGA and then the IGA goes to the bakery (etc), and so every dollar turns around six times within the community.”

There are more than 200 community bank branches in Australia, and they are valuable assets as they are located primarily in regional communities.

Under the model, staff are trained by Bendigo Bank in their systems, processes and procedures, offering services that match the major banks, and a board of directors oversee the business.

“It's such a great model. It's very unique. We would not have been here except for our community. It's been amazing,” said Anne-Marie, adding they have another ten years of guaranteed operation.

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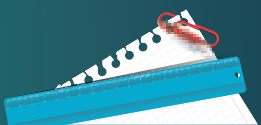
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Drone training a first for South Gippsland regional schools

LEONGATHA Secondary College is about to offer the first regional full drone licence and qualification training course for a cluster of school students within South Gippsland.

Funded by the Martin Carlson Foundation in partnership with South Gippsland Bass Coast Trade Skills Alliance (SGBC TSA) and South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN) the Drone Taster Program will be run at Leongatha Secondary College from September 11 to 12.

The drone licence course is for Year 10 students who are serious about doing a Certificate III in Aviation in 2026 and 2027 and interested in a career in the aviation industry.

The Drone Taster Program will be run over two days with an introduction to the drone industry and drone technology, types of drones and industry use cases, drone rules and airspace basics, sub-2kg CASA regulations, and briefings on safety and safety zones.

Careers in the drone industry will be explored, including the demand for drone technology, job roles, licensing pathways, flight control skills and drone simulators.

Flight preparation and pre-flight and safety checks will also be covered, including logging and orientation, scenario-based discussion groups and a quiz on the first day's activities.

The second day of training will provide opportunities for practical flying sessions, including hovering, drone movement, and take-off and landing drills.

An afternoon flying session will include flight circuits, filming, and mission control basics, and real-world data capture and mapping concepts, as well as a course overview, pathways into RPAS careers, licensing and RePL and school-based Cert III delivery.

Certificates of Participation will be presented at the conclusion of the training.

The program is fully CASA-aligned for content and safety protocols using qualified RPAS trainers with structured sessions for both beginners and advanced learners.

Places are limited and prospective students are asked to confirm their place by contacting their school by Friday, August 15, 2025.

The cost is \$50 per student and bookings can be made through [Trybooking.com](https://trybooking.com).

A win for Korumburra Secondary Blue Flame team at Hydrogen Car Grand Prix

TEAM Blue Flame from Korumburra Secondary College won Best Presentation at the recent Hydrogen Car Grand Prix (H2GP) at Knoxfield in Melbourne.

With generous support from the Korumburra-based Martin Carlson Foundation, Team Blue Flame competed against some of the best student teams in Victoria.

Facing tough competition, the two Korumburra S.C. representative teams Hydrospeed and Blue Flame ran a magnificent four-hour endurance race coming in 11th and 12th.

The Hydrospeed team started in third and fourth position during the first hour, running a consistent race, then sat in sixth position for the majority of the time until they ran out of speed and were overtaken by more strategic teams. Blue Flame suffered some early car difficulties but persisted and got back on the track later in the session.

STEM Coordinator at Korumburra Secondary College, Stacie Witton, paid tribute to the Martin Carlson Foundation for providing an invaluable opportunity for Korumburra S.C. students to learn, innovate, and grow both as individuals and as a team.

"Throughout the program, these future leaders have developed



Korumburra Secondary College Team Blue Flame won the Best Presentation Award at the Hydrogen Car Grand Prix (H2GP).

the creativity, ingenuity and real-world problem-solving skills needed to tackle tomorrow's energy challenges," said Ms Witton.

"On behalf of our students and school community, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Martin Carlson Foundation for sponsoring our team's participation in the 2025 H2GP Challenge. Well done to everyone, you all did an amazing job."

The H2GP Challenge was described as an extraordinary

experience for the Korumburra students who gained hands-on skills in engineering, teamwork and problem-solving while also developing presentation and communication skills by sharing their journey with others.

"Despite facing unexpected complications on race day, the Korumburra teams performed exceptionally well, an achievement the College is incredibly proud of," said Ms Witton.

"Our results could have been

even higher without those race-day challenges, but as our students quickly learned, that's the reality of racing."

Team Blue Flame won the Best Presentation Award, recognising modifications made to the car and the hurdles the team overcame during their journey in the competition.

The students also wrote and performed a creative and highly informative rap about the H2GP Challenge, which left a lasting impression on everyone, according to Ms Witton.

The Hydrogen Grand Prix (H2GP) program is the largest hydrogen-powered model vehicle competition in the world, challenging tomorrow's innovators to design, engineer, build and race their own remote-controlled cars powered entirely by hydrogen gas.

The Martin Carlson Foundation was formed to advance the education, welfare and health of young learners living in rural cities and country towns.

The Foundation places significant importance on sustainable technologies.

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Billie Proctor showcases her 'Magic Hand Toothbrush' invention.

Inventors in the making at St Paul's Anglican Grammar School

Young innovators at St Paul's Anglican Grammar School's Drouin Campus have been busy dreaming big and thinking creatively as they set out to design the next big invention! After weeks of brainstorming, building and refining their ideas, students proudly unveiled their creations at a special 'Invention Convention' expo hosted by educators for families. The event was a celebration of innovation, as students proudly presented their prototypes, design briefs and PowerPoint presentations with confidence. Each invention was supported by thoughtful reasoning, with students explaining the purpose behind their designs and how their creations could one day benefit society.



Mack Flint with his 'Tonker Station' invention.



William Elliott with his 'Boot Adjuster' invention.



Evolet Wiggett presents her invention masterpiece.

Meeniyan Op-shop hopes to continue to thrive at same location

THE Meeniyan Area Community Op-shop (MACS) has been running for 17 years with 50 volunteers helping to raise money for the town, and now the building they operate from is up for sale.

About 20 local non-profit groups benefit from MACS, a couple of these are in Dumbalk and a couple are in Stony Creek, but the rest are in Meeniyan.

The sporting clubs benefit, as well as the Progress Association, the Rec' Reserves, the Primary School, the Town Hall, the Community Garden, and the CFA, just to name a few.

Between \$20,000-\$30,000 per quarter is given out to the groups who can save it or spend it, depending on their needs; and MACS celebrated a whopping \$1 million milestone in donations earlier this year.

The successful volunteer organisation have been running from the prominent main street location for the past eight years, and while they have a lease until 2027, they have their fingers crossed that a potential new landlord will extend their lease thereafter.

"We would hope that they'll continue. But if they don't want to continue with the same



Meeniyan Area Community Op-shop volunteers Barb Quinn and Nereda Scholte help keep the towns local groups and organisation thriving. ob01_3025

business, then hopefully they'll give us enough time to find something. But at the moment, Meeniyan is pretty full," said Loris Tuxen, president of the MACS Committee.

With its large showroom and large yard for storage, it is the third and best location the organisation has been in, added Loris.

"There are one or two smaller shops on the market, but not as suitable as where we are."

Major contributions from MACS go toward keeping several of the towns vital services alive and thriving, including the community food cupboard, the community garden and the town hall.

Each volunteer nominates an

organisation, which then receives the money from the hours they work, and this can be varied depending on what's needed.

"If there's something around town that is needed, then we will hear and people can change who they donate to. So, the Meeniyan Progress Association are wanting to do a mural on the wall on IGA, so people are putting a bit more money to them. When various clubs need some equipment, people put a bit more into them, and so on," explained Loris.

Loris puts MACS enduring success down to the dedicated volunteers and the reasonable prices they charge, in comparison to other op-shops.

"We run a lot at 50 cents," explained Loris.

Volunteers of the store also ensure they minimise waste and landfill for items they don't think they can sell by passing these on to Lifeline and are one of the few stores that Lifeline still picks up from.

"It's a pretty good draw card in the town. People come from far and wide, and people often say, 'oh, I'm here on my way to a holiday,' that sort of thing. So, it's quite well known I think, for those who pass through the town," said Loris.



The daffodils may already be in bloom in Leongatha, but not for much longer if the daffodils continue to disappear from public garden beds.

Keep your hands off our daffodils

THE daffodils may already be in bloom in Leongatha, but you might be lucky to see one this year despite the best efforts of South Gippsland Shire Council.

Just metres from the home of the Leongatha Daffodil Festival, the first few yellow blooms just emerging alongside the Leongatha Memorial Hall were ripped from their garden beds over the weekend.

With the Leongatha Daffodil and Floral Show encompassing the Daffodil Festival, Camellia Show and Photo Exhibition still a month away on August 28, 29 and 30, few daffodils may be left if the blooms continue to disappear overnight.

Contrary to popular opinion, cutting daffodils early does not encourage more flowers to bloom later.

Responding to a request by Sentinel-Times on Monday, the South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Allison Jones stated:

"Thankfully, picking daffodils and other flowers is not a common issue in South Gippsland. Our crews take great pride in creating vibrant, colourful spaces for everyone to enjoy, so we appreciate the community leaving these floral displays untouched for all to enjoy."

"However, the community is welcome to pick items from our edible gardens throughout the Shire."

More people seeking urgent care locally

MORE people are seeking urgent medical care across South Gippsland, and they are finding new ways to get it. Over the past 12 months, more than 5000 people have presented to Gippsland Southern Health Service's (GSHS) Leongatha Urgent Care Centre (UCC), an average of about 15 each day. At the same time, the number of people seeking urgent care at the Korumburra hospital has dropped from two to about one per day.

Local residents are also turning to virtual support, such as Nurse on Call and Victorian Virtual Emergency Department to get medical advice.

GSHS operates the free Leongatha UCC with on-staff doctors, while the Korumburra UCC is in partnership with doctors from the Korumburra Medical Centre.

GSHS CEO Lou Sparkes said there had been a shift away from Korumburra following the adoption of a new medical work model, leading to free urgent care in Leongatha.

"If people attend the Korumburra UCC, doctors are called for serious cases and supported by ward nurses, but more often ambulances will be called to take people to Leongatha," she said.

Community spirit at PICAL with "Christmas in July" gift packs

THERE'S a little extra warmth at the Phillip Island Community and Adult Learning Centre (PICAL) this winter, thanks to the generosity of local families and the big-hearted students at Ne-whaven College.

More than 100 gift packs have been donated by the school's year five and six students, each filled with small, thoughtful items – everything from toiletries to treats – put together with extra shopping done by their families. Each pack also includes a handwritten message from the student or family who made it, offering encouragement, kindness or just a cheerful note to brighten someone's day.

It was all part of a Social and Emotional (SEL) Program around empathy, kindness and community. And now, these beautifully made packs are finding their way to others in the community through PICAL.

"This is what PICAL is all about," said David Rooks, centre manager. "We're a community centre that exists because of the people around us. Everything we do is possible because people care – and this is a perfect example of that in action."

From Monday, July 21, to Friday, July 25, anyone who



Year 6 students enjoyed creating special care packages for PICAL to share with the community. Grace Bailey, Amelia Russo, Siyansa Polwattage Perera, Louis Brodie, Hunter Latham, James Evans and Jett Fawaz.

dropped into PICAL took home a gift pack from the tables set up in the foyer. No catch – just a small act of kindness to remind people that they're seen, appreciated and part of a community that looks out for one another.

The messages inside each gift

pack were especially touching. Some simple, like "Hi, I hope you have a great day." "You are brave, strong and happy." Others are more playful, "Live your life freely and care less."

The idea to turn this into a "Christmas in July" event

came from a conversation at PICAL between staff and volunteers, who saw the opportunity to spread some joy during the colder months. While the school and teacher behind the donation weren't looking for any publicity,

PICAL is proud to be the bridge that connects this gesture of kindness to the wider community.

"When the community works together, great things happen. This is just one of those lovely reminders that we're all connected," David added.

Middle School Teacher, Donna Driscoll, is proud of the SEL Program for years five and six.

"The generosity of the year five and six families and the care each student put into creating each individual gift package was truly heartwarming and a testament to the strength of our school community. Acts like these not only bring comfort to those receiving the gifts but also instil a lasting sense of empathy and connection in the students who prepared them."

PICAL would like to thank every student, parent and teacher involved – and every person who supports the centre all year round.

Moved on after 59 days parked in Wonthaggi business district

A WOMAN and her dog have been moved on from McBride Avenue after her vehicle was towed on Wednesday, July 23, at 6.15pm after 59 days.

It comes after local businesses and their staff endured over eight weeks of harassment and abuse by the woman, who had been offered assistance with accommodation.

"Not only is parking limited along McBride Avenue as it is, but she was incredibly antagonistic towards the shopkeepers, and made us feel uncomfortable," business owner Clair Burns stated.

"Had she been nice and friendly, and not caused any problems,

then it would have been totally different; however, her attitude and the mess she created, we are glad she has finally left. She had to move on."

It's understood she was banned from entering two local venues after harassing patrons and would often target older individuals begging for money.

"It took too long," Clair added, stating that during the 59-day period the woman only received one parking fine.

"After the first couple of weeks, I went to ask if she was okay, saying I was quite concerned for her, and she went ballistic – taking photos of the shop, throwing rubbish, I

phoned the police. Fortunately, she wasn't aggressive towards our customers, but she was definitely aggressive towards the shopkeepers. You didn't know if it would be a good day, and you'd be left alone or if she was going to go off."

Clair was not alone; staff at a local licensed venue were also harassed and left to continuously clean up the mess she had left on their outside tables.

"She allowed her dog to use the footpath out the front of the venue. The staff had to ask her to pick up after her dog on a few occasions," owner Paradee Titulaer stated.

"She also harassed our patrons for money. She was quite

aggressive most of the time, and council and the police were powerless to help us."

On one occasion, Clair was also forced to contact council after the dog was left in the vehicle for over five hours, but as it was not deemed a "hot day", the council were powerless to smash a window.

Though understanding of her situation, local businesses want to ensure the same thing doesn't happen in the future, stating "it simply should not have got to the point it did" with authorities powerless to help local small businesses facing harassment and abuse.



WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

TERM three is here, and so it's back to business as usual at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre.

You will see the return of the tried-and-true favourites in the latest program.

Both yoga groups are back up and running, and QiGong is making a welcome return.

Contact the centre if you're interested in any of these groups.

Mitchell House has two sessions of Renters' Rights during this term – one on August

14 and the other on September 11.

All advice is provided by the Gippsland Community Legal Service and is free and confidential.

You can call or email the centre to make an appointment, or you can contact Gippsland Community Legal Service online for advice at gcls.org.au.

To see what else is on offer, drop in Mitchell House from next week to pick up a copy of the latest Grapevine or

check out the website.

Homelessness and hardship are issues that affect so many people in the local communities.

The 2025 Homelessness Week is from August 4 to 10.

This year, Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre has again been working with a coalition of local community services on an event to be held during that time.

It will provide details as soon as it can, so keep a look out – the centre would love

for you to come along.

Don't forget, the communal lunch is at 12.30pm on Wednesday during term times.

All are welcome, so if you'd like to have a hot, tasty, nutritious meal, just call 5672 3731 to book a seat for yourself and a friend or two.



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

ARE you curious about how you can help your community? Join Us for Lunch & Learn About Volunteering at Milpara, Wednesday, July 30, 1pm – 3pm. Discover how you can make a difference in your community at our free Volunteering Info Session – lunch included!

There are many ways to lend a hand: Help in the food bank or office, lead social activities, become a digital mentor, offer a friendly ear to someone in need. Milpara deeply appreciates every volunteer who helps us support our wonderful community. Let's build confidence, connection, and kindness – one joyful lunch at a time.

What's Happening at Milpara. Term 3 is off to a great

start! Our regular social activities have returned, with some exciting new additions and special events in the next fortnight.

Be Connected – Free Tech Tutorials. Tuesdays at 4pm. A free digital skills program for people aged 50+.

Qi-Gong Classes – Gentle Winter Movement. Starting Thursday, July 31, 10am – 11am (seven-week program). Open to all ages and fitness levels.

Free Hearing Checks – by Hearing Australia. Tuesday, August 5, 10am to 3pm. Give us a call and we can confirm your booking time.

Cooking Healthy Dinner – Starting Tuesday, August 5, 5.30 – 7.30pm (six week program). Anyone can cook,

we'll show you how with our free classes. Numbers are limited so book your spot now.

Milpara Community House is more than a place for learning and connection – it's also a vital support hub for those in need. If you are struggling to put food on the table, our Emergency Food Bank provides a respectful, safe, and supportive environment for emergency relief. Preferred hours for assistance are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10am to 1pm, or by appointment – please bring your own bags. Additionally, our food produce table welcomes donations of surplus homegrown fruit and vegetables, helping to share fresh produce

within our community. Every contribution makes a difference, as donations are the lifeblood of our food bank.

Our Services Australia agent is available at Milpara to assist with inquiries on Mondays and Thursdays from 10am to 1pm, and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9.30am to 2pm.

For more details or to book your spot at any event, visit milpara.vic.edu.au or call us at 5655 2524 or pop into our friendly office at the lower level of the Korumburra Community Hub.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

THE school holidays flew by, as they do, and last week, BCAL welcomed new students in both the Horticulture and Hairdressing courses.

The mid-year intakes allow people to begin their qualifications right now, rather than waiting until next year. In the case of hairdressing, it means participants can be ready to work by Christmas.

Enrolments for both qualifications will only be open until the end of July, so don't delay!

The Computer Basics course starts again this week, as does the Computers for Office Skills course for people with a bit of experience looking to do more.

First Aid will be returning in August. Don't forget to book in, especially if your update is

coming due.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden volunteers have found a cheap (as in free), easy solution to the problem of path maintenance.

They are using heavy duty cardboard and many barrow loads of help-yourself mulch, to cover and top up walking paths and the spaces between growing plots.

They are getting pretty good at dumpster diving and scrounging for cardboard, as well as gathering free mulch from round about.

And while some volunteers

and visitors miss the abundance of flowering herbs and perennials that used to dot the paths, nobody misses the stubborn invasive grass and weeds.

Gardeners get together every Thursday between 10 and noon, weather permitting. Visitors welcome. Contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or BCAL on 5672 3115 for more details.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

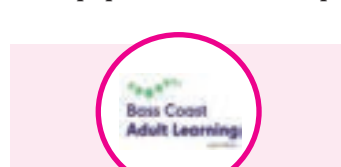
A fair few of the Woodies are spending the winter in warmer climes. The good news is this means there is plenty of space for people who have wanted to come to sessions which have previously been full.

If you've ever wanted to try your hand at woodturning,

carving, or furniture making, now is the perfect time. Don't have the tools, the space, or the experience? No worries! That's why the Woodies' Workshop exists – to give people the ability to be creative and productive without a major personal investment.

Wonthaggi Woodcrafters have three specific spaces with equipment even professionals dream of. So why not give it a go?

For more information, visit wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au or pop into the workshop.



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Tim Burgess NDIS Support Coordinator Salvaged Mindscapes. B01_3025

Salvage your mindscape with support from the NDIS

UNLOCK your potential with Salvaged Mindscapes, a new Gippsland-based support service tailored to meet and support the needs of NDIS clients.

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Everyone receives the service that they deserve at Salvaged Mindscapes, according to NDIS support coordinator Tim Burgess.

A mindscape is a mental landscape representing the world as perceived and understood by each individual.

Salvaging mindscapes is described as the act of recovering or finding value in mental images, thoughts or experiences.

You can rest easy knowing that your Support Coordinator at Salvaged Mindscapes has you covered with patience, empathy and knowledge of the NDIS, ensuring your supports are perfectly tailored to you and your lifestyle.

Expanding from the support coordination role, your recovery coach at Salvaged Mindscapes will provide a similar service but with a more hands-on approach taking away the stress of the ever-changing NDIS landscape.

Nothing is too big or too hard for Salvaged Mindscapes.

"We will assist you every step of the way," said support coordinator Tim Burgess.

Providing you with support services tailored to your needs Salvaged Mindscapes can assist you in all aspects of your daily living helping you to achieve your goals and unlock your potential.

"Our supports are relatable, non-invasive and will provide you with guidance, understanding and a non-judgemental service," said Tim.

"I like to think we're better and we're unique."

"People benefit from the more personalised service we offer."

Assisted support can involve capacity-building music, which helps promote emotional well-being, reduce stress, improve communication, and support mental and physical health.

By using music responsibly and effectively within supportive or therapeutic contexts, these support sessions can consist of listening and determining what music might mean to us as individuals or by writing lyrics in meaningful ways.

"We're not driven by financial gain," said Tim.

With five children and a busy household, Tim knows how to do things differently.

"We do things better," he said.

Salvaged Mindscapes services Central, West and South Gippsland, including, but not limited to Phillip Island, Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Leongatha, Warragul and everywhere in between.

For more information, phone Salvaged Mindscapes on 0428 079 220, email admin@salvagedmindscapes.com, or go to salvagedmindscapes.com.

Delivering tailored support and community connections

INTERCHANGE Gippsland is a community-based, not-for-profit organisation providing disability support across the Gippsland region, with office locations in Wonthaggi, Morwell and Bairnsdale. Established in 1986, Interchange Gippsland has been supporting local people for almost 40 years.

Interchange Gippsland specialises in recreational opportunities, valuing community connections to deliver exciting and skill-based activities for participants. They offer a range of services for all age groups and understand the importance of an individualised approach to support rather than a one-size-fits-all.

"We offer age-appropriate activities and opportunities for all abilities, with our Community Access Workers and Program Coordinators always looking for new ways to support participants," Interchange Gippsland CEO Rebecca Massaro said.

"One of our key focuses is supporting participants to make meaningful connections and networks with those in their local community."

Interchange Gippsland has a range of services, including an adult day program, school holiday and weekend activities for school aged participants, social groups for adults, and one-to-one supports.

Along with providing sup-



Camping is just one of the many highlights available through Interchange Gippsland.

port to participants, Interchange Gippsland also has a range of free opportunities for the family and carers of participants available through their "Connecting Families" services. This provides Interchange Gippsland families with the opportunity to expand their support networks and meet new people with similar experiences.

These include annual Christmas Party's, Family Fun Days, Family Camp, Carer Camino experiences, Aboriginal Family Camp and much more!

To hear more about any of Interchange Gippsland's programs or to register your interest, visit icg.asn.au or call 1300 736 765 during business hours.

Personalised support with heart

SINCE opening their doors in 2020, Foxy House has proudly stood as a boutique disability support provider with a big heart and a clear purpose – to empower individuals to lead more independent, connected, and fulfilling lives.

They offer services in two locations: the beautiful rural township of Kongwak and Traralgon.

Based on a foundation of care, connection, and community, Foxy House offer a range of personalised services including day activities, in-home support, community inclusion, and respite accommodation.

At Foxy House, staff see each person for who they truly are – unique, capable, and full of potential.

That's why everything they do is centred around the individual.

They take the time to understand each client's goals, interests, and aspirations, and tailor support around what matters most to them.

Whether it's building confidence in daily living, exploring new experiences, or developing lasting friendships, the team is there every step of the way.

Foxy House also know that strong, supportive relationships are essential – not only between clients and support workers but with families, carers, and the wider community.

Collaboration is at the heart of how they work. By partnering closely with families and trusted networks, they create a wraparound support system that uplifts and empowers.

The team of dedicated and qualified disability support professionals bring warmth, skill, and genuine passion to their roles.

There is continuous investment in training, reflection, and service development to ensure high-quality care is provided together with support that evolves with the changing needs of clients.

At Foxy House, the mission is simple but powerful: to offer tailored support in a safe and inclusive environment where individuals feel seen, heard, and celebrated.

Want to see the magic in action? Check out Foxy Houses Facebook page to catch a glimpse of the things they get up to every week – from creative workshops and community outings to fun-filled events and personal achievements.

Also, don't miss the winter special sale, with items hand-crafted by two of Foxy House's talented participants – it's the perfect way to stay cosy while supporting creativity, independence, and meaningful enterprise.

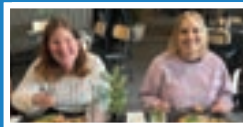
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Empowering NDIS clients and families

NAVIGATING life's challenges can feel overwhelming, but with the right support, positive change is possible. At Inspired Honey Psychology, registered psychologist Jason Crestani offers compassionate, evidence-based care tailored to your unique needs, with a special focus on children, adolescents and their families.

Jason works extensively with clients funded by the NDIS, WorkCover, and Employment Assistance Programs. These services are available with no out-of-pocket costs, allowing individuals and families to access quality psychological care without the financial burden. Jason also works with those on mental health care plans, and private patients, meaning no one is left behind.

From early intervention to ongoing support, Inspired Honey Psychology provides a wide range of assessments and therapies, including:

- Cognitive, IQ, ADHD and ASD assessments
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- Support for anxiety, depression, trauma, grief, sleep issues, self-harm, bullying,

learning difficulties and more

- Jason sees clients in Wonthaggi and Phillip Island
- Jason's work with children, adolescents, families and adults is informed by decades of experience – including his time as a school psychologist across 60+ schools and as a qualified secondary teacher. This depth of experience means he understands how to identify learning issues, support emotional development, and build practical strategies that genuinely work.

NDIS clients benefit from collaborative and personalised goal setting, ensuring therapy aligns with individual needs and builds on existing strengths. Jason is flexible in his approach and uses a wide toolkit of therapies to find what resonates most with you or your child.

"We're here to empower you," Jason said.

With a welcoming and confidential space and a strong commitment to transparency and respect, Inspired Honey Psychology is a trusted local choice for families looking for meaningful, results-driven support.

To find out more or to book an appointment under your NDIS plan, or for an NDIS assessment, contact Inspired Honey today on 0425 764 733 or email info@inspiredhoney.com.



Larissa Judd is a qualified professional who can deliver Equine Assisted Therapy under the NDIS.

Is Equine Assisted Therapy covered by NDIS?

THE short answer: Yes!

If you've been told that the NDIS no longer funds Equine Assisted Therapy, you're not alone – so let's clear up the confusion.

Since Minister Bill Shorten's announcement in March 2024 about the need for services to meet the "reasonable and necessary" criteria, there's been a lot of misunderstanding – especially around therapies involving animals. Many participants, Support Coordinators, Plan Managers, and even some Local Area Coordinators were left thinking that animal-assisted therapies had been ruled out completely. That's simply not true.

By Larissa Judd, Stable and Nook

What has changed is the emphasis on quality and qualification. It's no longer enough to offer time with animals and call it therapy. To be considered under NDIS funding, Equine Assisted Therapy must now be delivered by a qualified professional – such as a counselor, psychologist, or occupational therapist – who uses equine-based activities as a 'tool' within their structured, goal-oriented therapy.

This is what's now referred to as 'Equine Assisted Therapy', a recognised form of 'Animal Assisted Therapy'. These services remain claimable under NDIS, as long as

they meet the criteria for being "reasonable and necessary" and are provided by a therapist with relevant qualifications.

Providers who do not hold a formal qualification with a regulatory body may offer what's often called "animal therapy," but this is only fundable under specific categories such as Innovative Community Participation, not therapy supports.

If you're a participant or support professional looking for clear guidance, feel free to visit stableandnook.com.au.

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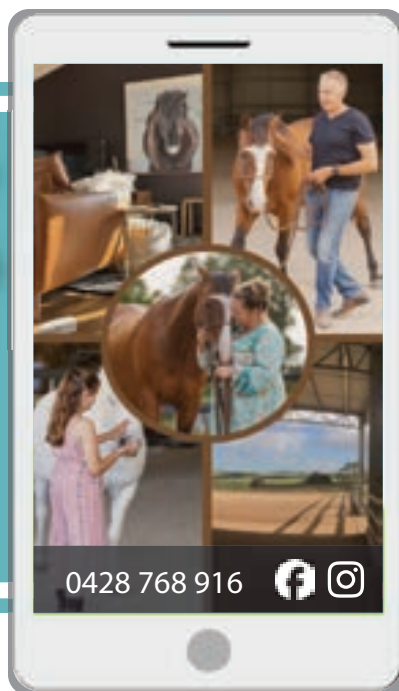
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BASS Coast Support Work Services is all about helping people live more independently, with the support they need to reach their goals, big or small.

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Participants are encouraged to take the lead in their own care and often work with a small team of support workers to make sure things stay consistent and comfortable. It's a team effort, with the participant always at the centre.

What sets BCSWS apart is its strong focus on relationships. The team prides itself on building a family-like culture, where support workers are friendly, reliable, and genuinely care about making a positive difference each day.

BCSWS are also helping push to grow the local support workforce. The 2021 Census showed more than 30,000 people in South Gippsland are living with long-term health conditions, and over 4000 need ongoing care. The team at BCSWS is doing their best to help meet this need by offering training and on-the-job experience for people studying in the field.

The goal is simple: create a more inclusive, supportive community where people feel seen, valued, and empowered.

To find out more, visit bcsws.com.au.

Empowering people through learning and connection

BASS Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) is more than just a place to learn, it's a community where people of all backgrounds and abilities are welcomed, supported and empowered.

Our Capacity Building program is designed to support NDIS participants in building confidence, independence, social connection and everyday life skills through meaningful, hands-on experiences. Whether it's art, cooking, technology or other sessions, the focus is always on choice, control and the unique strengths of each individual.

Importantly, these sessions take place in a mainstream adult learning environment, not a disability-specific facility. This means participants are immersed in a broader community setting, reinforcing their identity as capable, valuable and contributing members of society. BCAL's inclusive model ensures everyone is treated with respect, dignity and warmth, with small group sizes, friendly faces and qualified, experienced facilitators who are as caring as they are skilled.

The program offers more than just fun and engaging activities, it also provides a pathway into further education and



training. Many participants go on to explore BCAL's pre-accredited and accredited courses, gaining qualifications and taking steps toward volunteering or employment. Every session is designed to meet participants where they are, building the confidence and practical skills they need to take their next step.

BCAL is proud of the strong sense of belonging and connection that has grown within our centre. Events like the Winter Fantasy Festival and Celebrate-ability bring people together to celebrate diversity, creativity and community spirit. These events showcase the talents of our learners and remind everyone of the joy that comes from

inclusion and shared experience.

Whether you're a participant, a support worker, a family member or a local community member, you'll find BCAL to be a place where people are welcomed, supported and encouraged to thrive.

We believe that learning doesn't have to be formal to be powerful, and we see every day how empowering it can be when people are given the space and support to learn, grow and connect in their own way.

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Sentinel-Times
COMMENT

Ben Harvey
should take a hike

Comment by Michael Giles

AS A journalist, Ben Harvey is no mug, apparently. He's been around. Won 'Columnist of the Year 2022' in the WA media awards, according to his LinkedIn page.

And as a director of Crime Stoppers Western Australia, he probably knows a thing or two about crime.

But he doesn't know much about Leongatha.

In an article in the online publication 'The Nightly' owned by Seven West Media which publishes The West Australian, the newspaper he has worked for since 2012, he has included 'Leongatha' in the same sentence as 'Snowtown', 'Columbine', the Norwegian island of 'Utoya' and Martin Bryant's 'Port Athur'.

'Welcome to Murder Town' is the catchy graphic of a stylised postcard with scenes of Leongatha and Erin Patterson that accompanies the article.

"The dairy province of Leongatha used to be famous for its milk and cheese," he says, "but on July 29, 2023, Erin Patterson ensured it would subsequently be known for a different food."

OK, yes, we can cop the stuff about Beef Wellingtons and death cap mushrooms, but it's an absolute crock to say that anyone here is concerned about damage to our reputation.

Outsiders might think that, but Leongatha people don't. The reason? Erin Patterson is not one of us.

She's not related to anyone locally, so no tarnished bloodlines. She lived in the town for less than a year before the fateful lunch date, in July 2023, and only lived in Korumburra for 10 years. Again, not related to anyone locally there either.

Unlike our world-class milk and cheese, she's not a product of South Gippsland.

She was, in effect, parachuted in here to commit her heinous crime. We don't own the crime, or her.

By all means, report the news, but leave out the rubbish.

Line of defence to
keep the sand at bay

I TREMBLE at what is happening to the Inverloch foreshore. I tremble at the speed with which it is happening. And I tremble at what, in the absence of a workable plan, will happen to it.

At the time of writing, nine houses in Surf Parade, Inverloch, are for sale. I have had a connection with this street since 1963. In my adult life, this is the greatest number of houses to be on the market there at one time. The market is jittery.

Trevor Forge ('Time to listen to the experts' Sentinel-Times, 22 July 2025) says the [sand] 'dunes work as a natural line of defence and have done [so] for centuries.'

With unfeigned respect to Mr Forge, the sand dunes between Ozone Street and Flat Rocks, Inverloch, have all but disappeared. As a result, we have lost our natural line of defence.

Mr Keith Godridge, formerly Woorayl Shire Engineer, has publicly proposed the placement of a line or lines of rock bags to stave off Bass Strait's aggressive land grab. As Mr Forge points out, it will not protect the dune system. However, that system is on its last legs. You don't have to be a coastal engineer to see that it can no longer defend itself.

The status quo is not working. The costly remedies which government is pursuing



Meryl and Hartley Tobin captured the magnificent sunrise over Grantville and The Gurdies on Friday, July 25.



are akin to band-aid treatment for a gaping wound. Without anything more, they are no remedy.

In that context, is Mr Godridge's proposal not worth considering? Why not give it a shot?

Faced with nature's erosive – the word is insufficiently strong – force, does Spring Street have the humility to change tack and the gumption to help save Inverloch's foreshore by adopting the Godridge option?

Nicholas Green, Inverloch

Lift your game and
collect their poo

I HAVE read with interest your article on this week's edition.

Just a note for all dog owners in the Bass Coast area.

The reserve at Glen Forbes is a fully fenced off leash area and has been for 15 or so years, notwithstanding the numerous signs and the availability of green dog poo bags, we, members of the committee of management are forever collecting droppings that the owners refuse to collect themselves, some collect it and leave the full green bags somewhere in or around the reserve and do not take them home.

Not a good outcome for dog owners.

There is a fine for not collecting the droppings but unless a council officer is present nothing happens.

Dog owners who visit our reserve, lift your game.

David Blum, Glen Forbes

Retail crime is hurting our
local communities

SMALL business owners across Gippsland are being hit hard by crime. I've heard from shopkeepers who are tired, frustrated and scared. Their livelihoods are at risk. So too is the safety of their staff and customers.

According to the latest figures from the Crime Statistics Agency, retail crime across the Wellington, South Gippsland and Latrobe local government areas increased by more than 35 per cent when compared with the previous 12 months.

These are not just statistics. Each one represents a break-in, a theft or other criminal act that causes stress and financial loss to real people.

Crime like this takes a toll. It drives up costs, puts pressure on workers and makes people feel unsafe in their own towns.

The Allan Labor Government needs to

do more. Retailers deserve better protection. Police need more resources and we need a government that takes crime seriously.

Our small businesses are the heart of our local economy. They support jobs, sponsor our sports clubs and bring life to our streets. They deserve to feel safe.

It is clear that the Allan Labor Government can't manage crime and it is our local retailers who are paying the price.

Danny O'Brien MP, Member for Gippsland South

Why not introduce permits?

IN LAST week's Sentinel Times, a letter from a Mr. Ehrlich was written expressing his concern for parking in our towns for especially elderly residents where there are time parking restrictions. I know certain permits are now available in named areas to park but in different towns, the restricted parking areas are very limited.

Four of the writer's suggestions, the one that I totally agree with, is a permit system for licensed locals who apply to their Council for this special permit, that is displayed in the car at any available parking area, but with their rego. number on the council permit.

Michael Quinn, San Remo

A risky roundabout

AS A frequent pedestrian walking across the roads at the new White Road and McKenzie Street roundabout, I find it risky when drivers do not indicate their intentions!

Some years ago, I was taught the term LSD, "Look Signal Do" is the lack of using the indicators a lack of attention to others or are drivers trying to save on electricity!

It's about time 50 per cent of the drivers using that roundabout learn about their responsibility when behind the wheel.

John Walsh, Wonthaggi

Congrats Mates

NOT often does an establishment get three awards but it is so deserving. Nothing like a cheeky gin and beautiful food and the place is so unique as well. The bonus is the lovely people and not many businesses donate 50 per cent of profits to charity.

Love this distillery and am looking forward to trying the sweet surrender. Good luck in the future.

Dilene Hinton, Inverloch

Vox Pop

What should the Bass
Coast Shire be asking/
advocating the governments
(State and Federal) for?



Nick Williams

"Housing should be a priority, not just here but everywhere, with something needing to be done about cost and availability."



Dawn Lujic

"I've just come back from Perth and seen all the new roads and footpaths and they are 100 percent better than here, so council needs to focus its advocacy on improving that infrastructure locally."



Deb Leonard

"1. More social and affordable housing. 2. Family violence funding for prevention & support for victims. 3. Phillip Island Recreation Reserve & Aquatic Centre."



Prudence Scholtes

"1. More funding for road maintenance and upgrades. 2. More funding for regional areas. 3. More funding for public transport for regional areas."

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

Bradley Proudlock, JP FRVAHJ



A tribute to a decent chap from his friend

By Dr Terence Shannon OAM JP FRVAHJ

*In Gippsland's fields and courtroom halls,
Through duty's call and justice's laws,
Stood Brad Proudlock, calm and wise
With steady hand and watchful eyes.
A man who served with heart and might,
Both on the land and in the fight.*

*A life in blue, where courage grew,
Inspector Brad saw all things through.
From troubled streets to calmer days,
He bore the badge with quiet praise.
And when he left that trusted post,
He farmed the soil he loved the most.*

*Beside his Jenny, strong and true,
Through every storm that they lived through
They met life's trials with steadfast grace,
Illness could not their bond erase.
Together still, through thick and thin,
Their laughter echoed deep within.*

*Though sickness came, and came again,
It never broke his will or flame.
With humour sharp and spirit high,
He stared each challenge in the eye.
A quiet strength, not loud or proud,
Yet in his eyes, to the sky unbowed.*

*Five hundred times he stood to serve,
A JP firm, with steady nerve.
At police desks through thick and thin,
He gave his time with his usual grin.
And awarded a Fellowship, well deserved,
A title fitting one who served.*

*So here's to Brad, whose name shall stay
In hearts that watched him lead the way.
With grit and grace and honour bright,
He walked his path in truth and light.
A Gippsland man, both kind and just
A life well lived, a man we held in trust.*

IN THE words of Dr Terence Shannon, "Brad kept good company."

And it's no surprise that Brad's passing on July 4 sent shockwaves through the local community.

You see, he was a regular face around town, not just out and about but always up for a hello and conversation at Wonthaggi Police Station, where he served as a Justice of the Peace, sitting behind the glass window.

A well-known and long-term local resident of Bass Coast and South Gippsland, there are many in the community whose lives have no doubt crossed with Brad's. Notching up 500 shifts as a JP in May, since 2015, Brad at that stage had signed over 45,000 documents both at the signing station and elsewhere, including aged care facilities, Bass Coast Health and at home.

Multiply that by his presence at the station and there's no doubt that there would be few whose paths he hadn't crossed.

"Brad was a special person committed to helping out in the community wherever he could," John Duscher OAM, JP, FRVHJA said.

"He was part of our small team of JPs who work out of the Wonthaggi Police Station, a service that started over 10 years ago and Brad was one of the original JPs there.

"I was so pleased to be able to present him with a special award from the Royal Victorian Honorary Justice Association, a Fellowship [in recognition of his 500th shift], which I know he was so proud to receive."

The sentiment echoed by Sergeant Tim Ryan, who stated that Wonthaggi police were privileged to be a part of Brad's 500th volunteer shift celebrations at Wonthaggi Police Station's

Document Signing Station.

"We know that this recognition did mean a great deal to him," Sgt Ryan said, stating it was always a pleasure to see Brad walking through the doors of a morning.

His good humour, experience and local knowledge invaluable to the police.

"Never a man to have a bad day, Brad also gave many troubled people some very good and practical life advice. Likewise, many people who were having a bad day came into the police station and spoke to Brad, and left in a better way, because of his good nature and the care he showed them," Sgt Ryan said.

"Brad's catchphrases of "Oh no, here's trouble" when he saw the nightshift coming in after doing a long shift on overtime and "Go get'em boys. Drive safe," when the troops were rushing out the door to a major job, will be missed greatly.

"As will his genuine concerns about the local police and their families. He always had time for a chat, making drinks for the busy watchhouse keepers and leaving some Arnott's Assorted biscuits for them to enjoy."

A man who served his community, many described him as a professional, reliable man, a statement this scribe can certainly attest to.

"Brad was an esteemed friend and colleague, very sincere, popular, humble, professional, reliable and a warm, friendly spirit that will never be forgotten," Mr Duscher added.

"He reached out to serve his community and was a regular visitor to our aged care facilities to witness documents and also provided great support through his volunteer work at Bass Coast Health, driving patients to their health appointments across

Melbourne."

A role Brad took great pride in.

"This 'gem' is a huge loss to his family, friends and to the community he loved," Mr Duscher said.

Speaking at Brad's funeral last week, Dr Shannon shared the following (abbrev.):

"We gather today not only to honour the life of a good and faithful man, but to recognise something quietly noble about the path he walked,

"That tradition of that path reaches back to England, when, around the year 1351, King Edward III created the first ever JP. Who was tasked with maintaining the King's Peace, not through force, but with wisdom, fairness, and trust...

"And now, in our own time, in our own quiet corner of Victoria, we have known and served beside a man who wore that same mantle with pride and humility. Brad Proudlock JP FRVAHJ stood for the same ideals – fairness without favour, service without reward, and a steadfast presence when it was most needed.

"He never sought the spotlight, but he stood as part of a long and noble tradition – one that spans nearly seven centuries, to this 16th of July 2025...

"And today, as we lay Brad Proudlock JP FRVAHJ to rest, we do so knowing that he upheld that trust with quiet dignity and honour."

Cherished by all who knew him, rest in peace Bradley Proudlock.

Mr Duscher, on behalf of the Bass Coast and South Gippsland JPs: "Our condolences go to his wife Jenny and family at this sad time."

Bass Coast Police: "All the best Sir, and thank you for being such a great community person and friend to many."

Come along to the Fixit Café

THE Wonthaggi Men's Shed is buzzing with activity when the Wonthaggi Fixit Café is open for business.

Open every third Sunday of the month from 10am to 12pm, people are encouraged to bring broken household items and let the skilled volunteers help give them new life.

The volunteers fix small electrical items such as lamps and kettles, non-electrical items such as wooden chairs and small furniture, tools and knives needing sharpening, and small garments.

Café goers can enjoy coffee and cake while they wait.

All repairs are free, but donations are gratefully accepted to help keep the service running.

Come along, have a chat and help reduce waste in the community.

Bookings can be made at events.humanitix.com/wonthaggi-fixit-cafe-wonthaggi-men-s-shed-inc, or send an email to wonthaggifixit@gmail.com.

The Wonthaggi Men's Shed is located near the old train station.

• FAITH FACTOR

A saviour not from Krypton, but from compassion

By Captain Amanda Hart, South Coast Gippsland Salvos

I'll admit it upfront – I'm more of a Marvel fan than DC. I've always been drawn to the humour, the humanity, and the messy, relatable flaws of characters like Spider-Man or Iron Man. So I wasn't entirely sure what to expect when I sat down to watch James Gunn's Superman on the weekend.

But I left the cinema unexpectedly moved.

This wasn't just a flashy superhero flick – it had a deeper spiritual pulse. Superman isn't merely a cape-clad icon here. Gunn recasts him as a beacon of human kindness in a world that's grown increasingly unkind.

At a time when our shared story often feels fractured and cynical, Gunn leans into something simple but radical: "Basic human kindness is a value... we have lost."

You see it in the small moments. In the middle of chaos, Superman pauses to save a squirrel – blink and you'll miss it. But it says something powerful: every life matters. That kind of humility, that everyday heroism, reminds me of the body-of-Christ life – grounded, selfless, always reaching out in love.

There's a strong spiritual undertone throughout. Superman as immigrant: born on another world, walking among us, misunderstood and often rejected – yet he chooses love over conflict, mercy over fear. That's not just metaphor – it's Gospel.

In the Christian story, Jesus left the divine realm, dwelt with humanity, and embodied compassion and justice.

The film also subverts the usual tragic arc – Superman's adoptive father is still alive. He doesn't just shape Clark through pain, but through steadfast encouragement and presence. It's a beautiful reminder that faith isn't only forged in trial – it grows in the warmth of hope, love, and belonging.

In Superman, the real miracle isn't the flying or the strength. It's this: even in a chaotic world, one life anchored in goodness can pull others toward the light.

And we know the One who first showed us how. No cape required.



It was bubbles galore as Dr Hubble created magic at Outtrim Hall

DR HUBBLE brought laughter, entertainment and of course lots of bubbles to Outtrim Hall on Saturday, July 26. The hall was packed with excited kids and their parents as Dr Hubble showcased his popping magical wonders for the afternoon. The Stony Six also entertained the crowd.



A Cowes man is celebrating after his sister purchased him a winning birthday present.

Cowes man celebrates birthday in style with \$100,000 Instant Scratch-Its win

A COWES man has received the ultimate birthday surprise from his sister after discovering the week-old present sitting in his mailbox turned out to be a top prize-winning Instant Scratch-Its ticket worth \$100,000.

The Gippsland resident's winning \$5 Instant Scratch-Its ticket was purchased from Cowes Newsagency – Phillip Island.

When an official from The Lott called to confirm the prize, the winning man confessed he was still trying to wrap his head around the enormity of his newfound treasure.

"I'm pretty great! I'm not sure if it's quite sunk in yet. I'm still a bit numb!" he laughed.

"It was quite funny, when I scratched it, I realised I had a win and I thought, 'Yay, I've probably won \$5 or \$10'. Then I scratched the prize amount, and I was gob-smacked!

"I thought it had to be some sort of fake ticket. I'm really glad it wasn't!

"Amazingly, it was a present. My sister gifted me a few different Instant Scratch-Its tickets for my birthday. She sent them to me via mail, and they were sitting in my mailbox for probably a week before I got to them.

"I'm not sure how she feels! I told her, and I think she was even more shocked than me."

When asked how he planned to use his newfound fortune, the winning man was too stunned to make any immediate decision but had a few ideas in mind.

"Honestly, I haven't even thought about what I'll do with it!" he said.

"I think I'll buy a new phone, and I might take a few friends out for dinner to celebrate."

Cowes Newsagency – Phillip Island owner Angela Banik said she was over the moon to hear her outlet had sold a top prize-winning ticket.

"We were thrilled to hear the news! Our whole team is so excited," she said.

"We will be celebrating with the team and customers. Our customers have already congratulated us on the win. It creates talk about how people would spend the money and how great it is to hear of a win at our outlet.

"We last sold a division one winning ticket in August 2024. This is our second big prize, and it gives us goosebumps to think about how this will change a person's life.

"Congratulations to our winner. We're excited to play a small part in your win. We hope it brings joy and happiness to you. All the best.

"Our team at Cowes Newsagency – Phillip Island have a love of our job and take pride in bringing great laughter and joy to our customers. On days like this, it's a privilege to be a part of someone's life-changing win."

Triple recognition at Leongatha Art & Craft Society

LEONGATHA Art & Craft Society celebrated three long-term volunteers with a morning tea at the town's community house, South Gippsland Shire Mayor John Schelling on hand to present Life Membership certificates to Coral Gray, Marg Turra and Liz Dunlop.

The new life members have each contributed over 30 years' service, boosting the area's art scene, enjoying creating their own artistic output and helping run the Leongatha Gallery & Gift Shop that offers a wide range of locally made, handcrafted items.

The gallery sells original art and craft works created by its members.

"I'm very happy to say that we are presenting life membership to three of our wonderful ladies who have worked so hard for the Leongatha Gallery," LACS president Linda Dunlop said, praising their contributions as "phenomenal".

Linda also had a positive message for John that he looked forward to sharing with his council colleagues.

"The fact is our gallery could not exist and run the way it is without the generosity of the South Gippsland Shire Council supporting us and providing us with the venue we have," she said, explaining it wouldn't be practical for the gallery to operate in commercial premises with the group having to pay rent.

"We are a not-for-profit organisation and any money that is made is kept to help grow it," Linda explained.

The mayor responded that



Life Member of Leongatha Art & Craft Society (LACS) Glenice Emmerson, South Gippsland Shire Mayor John Schelling and new LACS Life Members Liz Dunlop, Marg Turra and Coral Gray. A08_3025

one of the best things about becoming a councillor is learning about groups such as LACS, having previously focused much of his energy on involvement in local sport.

"I didn't know much about what happens in the arts world and I've really come to appreciate what does go on behind the scenes," John said, congratulating all the LACS members present.

Beyond council's involvement with the gallery, he was the perfect person to present the life memberships, knowing all three recipients.

One of those, Marg, has

worked with South Gippsland Shire Council for 17 years, holding various roles.

"She's well respected for what she does," John said, adding it's great to see she has other outlets in life beyond her council responsibilities.

Like John, Marg was heavily involved in sport but became a part of the scene at the gallery after her move from Mirboo North to Leongatha 15 years ago.

She's loved helping at the shop and the friendships she has made.

"I look forward to continuing to do my duty and meeting

new members," Marg said.

John came to know Liz through Stony Creek Football Club where she was part of the ladies committee, recognising her hard work.

Liz thanked those responsible for her life membership, saying the gallery is a credit to all those involved.

John spoke of Coral's other contributions outside the gallery, noting she is committed to landcare.

"I've enjoyed my time with the gallery," she said, believing she originally joined in 1980, having taken up pottery in 1974.

An exhibition which celebrates the ordinary in an extraordinary way

By Courtney O'Brien

RACHEL Warren is a local mixed media artist who will be exhibiting her work at Coal Creek this August. Titled Finders Keepers, it is a celebration of texture, colour, and the therapeutic act of gathering and arranging.

Rachel is inspired to create from ordinary objects and is particularly drawn to colours, textures and the placement and shape of objects.

"I'll just see colours, shapes, textures, and something nostalgic, something that means something to me, and I don't know why, but it just excites me, and I'm inspired by it, and I want to make something with it."

One such work in the exhibition features a piece of twine that lay on a road on her farm.

"I really loved the colour pink on the dirt road, and I kept driving over it and over it, and I'm thinking, I really want to do some collages of this pink twine on this brown background."

Seeing and thinking through a creative lens inspires in Rachel the most unusual of ideas, and transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary.

An idea can be sparked by a collection of something, like toothbrushes or little toy cars, or a pun or play on words – such as 'a brush with death', which, Rachel said, will see a toothbrush end up in a coffin-like box.

"I'll just be in my house and I'll think, God, I've got a few of these, and then I'll start thinking, I might do some art with it.



Rachel Warren, mixed media artist who is inspired to create from the things around her- including twine, will be exhibiting a collection of works at Coal Creek this August, called Finders Keepers.

"Sometimes I have to tell people, can you please stop posting new toothbrushes. I've ended that exhibition."

Rachel's love of collage and assemblage began when she was a teenager, and more recently, she has been experimenting with assemblage photography, all of which will form part of the upcoming

exhibition.

"The assembly photography started on a trip to Bali, where I started collecting things on the beach, and I couldn't bring them back, so I started just playing around and assembling the things that I found and photographing what I'd make on the sand."

"It was what washed up on

the day, so they're like little, I suppose, time capsules of the day. There'd be old thongs or bits of broken tiles or just different textures of wood."

This sense of discovery, connection and creation is a theme that runs strongly through Rachel's life and work, and none more so than this year, which she has dedicated solely to her art – her therapy – as she also calls it.

"I feel like I'm back at uni, where I can just keep working on something and not have to pack it up. It's fantastic, because I just used to think, well, I've got to stop this. I've constantly had to stop things. So, I can just continue in that flow of working, of creating. I don't have to stop the creative flow, which is lovely. It's making me very happy, for sure. I'm absolutely loving this year."

The Finders Keepers exhibition is about collecting and finding beauty in everyday things, and Rachel is hopeful that viewers will find the works interesting and joyful, even nostalgic, and connect to one bit or another.

"You can kind of stare into them because they're very layered. They're little sort of time capsules of found things, washed-up things, things that are held on to. They're all capsules, so you can look into them, and I hope that they feel some sort of memory or nostalgia or connection in that way," explained Rachel.

"It's playful, I'd like people to smile. My art is not polished or about perfection, but more about discovery, connection and creating your own story."

World-class youth orchestra set to perform in Foster

PROM Recitals is excited to bring the internationally renowned Stuttgart Youth Chamber Orchestra to Foster.

The group is direct from Germany, and this is part of its Australian tour.

The Stuttgart Youth Chamber Orchestra was founded in 1960 and is dedicated to the entire chamber orchestra literature, from the Baroque to the present day.

Members are between 12 and 20 years old.

They are all very accomplished, highly decorated prize winners of national and international competitions.

Previous performance venues include Stuttgart in the Mozart Hall of the Liederhalle and in various concert series in Baden-Württemberg.

The Prom Recitals team is very excited to be able to secure the orchestra this August at the Foster War Memorial and Arts Centre.

Under the direction of Michael Böttcher, the orchestra will perform a dynamic and moving program, including:

- Henry Purcell (1659-1695) From "Abdelazar" – I. Ouverture · II. Rondeau · IX. Air.
- Edward Elgar (1857-1937) Serenade in E minor for String Orchestra, Op. 20.
- Michael Nyman (b.1944) De l'hôtel de la ville à la Concorde.
- Pyotr Tchiakovsky (1840-1893) Serenade in C major for String Orchestra, Op. 48.
- Audience favourite Bernard Herrmann (1911-1975) Suite from the movie Psycho – performed in full orchestra arrangement.

To offer this incredible experience to young people at an affordable price, Prom Recitals has introduced a special charge of just \$10 for children and \$60 for adults.

Don't miss this opportunity to witness a world-class youth orchestra in full flight.

The concert will be held on Sunday, August 10, at the Foster War Memorial and Arts Centre.

Doors will open at 2pm for a 2.30pm start.

Tickets are now available at trybooking.com/DCOKC.

Prom Recitals is a group of volunteers with a passion for bringing quality classical music to South Gippsland.

The group is supported by Fabelo and offers an educational outreach program as well as its concert series.

This year, Prom Recitals is excited to bring Wadaiko Rindo, a high-energy Japanese drumming ensemble, to primary schools across South Gippsland.

Visit the website for more information about Prom Recitals and the 2025 series – promrecitals.org.au.

Inverloch Jazz Festival the perfect excuse for a coastal escape

WINTER is in full swing, and so is Inverloch with the Inverloch Jazz Festival about to brighten up the Bass Coast over three days and nights from August 1 to August 3.

With 40 bands and 200 artists across all jazz styles, big band, bebop, Latin, swing and funk, the Inverloch Jazz Festival promises a big weekend of top-class entertainment for jazz lovers and jazz newcomers alike.

The Streeton Court Big Band gets things jumping at The Hub on Friday evening, followed by Mark Morand's Great Composers tribute to Cole Porter, George Gershwin and Harold Arlen.

Up at the Warrawee Club, you will find Pipes, Chasing the Moon and the Arandu Band.

The Royal Australian Navy Big Band will have you wide awake Saturday morning from 11am at The Hub followed by Anita Harris and Friends, Whisky 'n Ice, Shirazz, Firefly Horns, Sarah Maclaine's Jazz n' Champagne and repeat performances by the Arandu Band, Streeton Court Big Band and Mark Morand's Great Composers (2).

Over at the Warrawee Club, look for Ladies Be Good, Geoff Kluge Quartet, Cul De Sac, Deep South Brass, Mango Juice Latin, Bird Conference, Hello January, G-Tano and Dancing Qualia.

The RSL will have the Black Notes Trio, Ruby Glynn Quartet, Juxtaposed, Jan and Tonic, Lee Jones Quintet, Ron Anderson Trio, Jackson Wade Band, Well Versed Harris Duo, Todd Sidney Trio and the Josh Fotopoulos Trio.

Not to be missed at the Inverloch Bowls Club will be Corella Trio, Bird Conference, Jazz Notes with Stuart Cardell, Primary Colours Trio, Pipes, Merri Creek Jazz Band, Deep South Brass, Chantelle and the Cat Cartel, Juxtaposed and Syncopaths.



Meg Pearson will be returning to the Inverloch stage for this year's Jazz Festival.

A church service and Salvation Army Big Band at The Hub will provide the perfect start to your Sunday morning followed by the South Gippsland Concert Band.

The Teen Town Quintet and Hello January can be found at the Warrawee Club, the Jackson Wade Band at the RSL, and repeat performances from some of the weekend's best at the Inverloch Bowls Club.

For the full program, go to inverlochjazzfestival.com.

Bookings can be made at inverlochjazzfestival.com/tickets.

New generation of jazz returns to Inverloch festival

EMERGING Melbourne-based jazz vocalist Meg Pearson is no stranger to the Inverloch Jazz Festival stage.

Having already performed at the festival in both 2023 and 2024, Meg returns in 2025 as a featured vocalist in the exciting young ensemble Dancing Qualia, bringing with her a unique voice, fearless improvisation and the soul of a storyteller.

A finalist in the 2023 Generations in Jazz Vocal Scholarship, Meg has quickly earned a reputation as one of the country's most promising young vocalists.

She's already performed alongside some of Australia's most respected jazz artists, including Paul

Grabowsky AO, Kristin Berardi, Robert Burke, Sam Anning, James Sherlock and Danny Fischer.

Meg's performances are both intimate and expansive, shaped by her deep respect for jazz tradition and her instinct for emotional truth.

Whether singing a standard or interpreting an original composition, she brings an honesty and intensity that's impossible to ignore.

"I love the unpredictability of performing live," Meg said.

"Each set is a new adventure. There's a connection between the musicians and the audience that's spontaneous and electric. There's always someone in the room who feels exactly what you're singing."

Currently completing a double degree in Music and Science at Monash University, Meg views jazz as a form of powerful storytelling, using voice, phrasing and improvisation to connect with audiences in the moment.

You can catch Meg performing with Dancing Qualia at the Inverloch Jazz Festival on Saturday, August 2, at 7pm, and Sunday, August 3, at 4pm.

Her performances are a must-see for anyone curious about the next generation of Australian jazz – bold, expressive and deeply human.

Raw essence of the 70s with modern funk pop

COMBINING a raw sound of the 70s with modern funk pop sounds, and a focus on creating high energy, is local band, The Foxy Junes – they are as fun to watch as they are to listen to and will open the fourth Arockalypse at the Westernport Hotel on August 2.

Consisting of Imran Saadiqzai on Drums, Orlando Kane-Guillard playing guitar and vocals, Jonah van Stekelenburg, vocals and keys, Kirby Fuller on bass and vocals and Cinnamon Laddin-Catron on guitar and vocals.

Beginning as a band to accompany Jonah's solo musical journey as Vann Amos. Members of The Foxy Junes realised their sound worked better as a collaboration, and they decided to change their name and become a full shared load band.

"When we were asked to play under Vann Amos at a university ball for Melbourne Uni's paramedic students. We created a set that had us all taking lead on different tracks and having equal input on the set list. When we played together, we found that we were able to bounce off each other and lift each other's playing and energy," said Jonah van Stekelenburg of The Foxy Junes.

Exploring a variety of themes, from love and heartbreak to high-energy partying, the band have different songwriting processes.

"For some tracks, one of us will bring in an almost complete song which we will just build upon, sometimes we will sit together as a band and improvise on sounds we think match our sound and work to flesh out a song that gives an equal opportunity for us all to perform within."

"We are currently working on a few new tracks and getting into a studio soon."

The Foxy Junes said after attending a few Arockalypse festivals, it was a huge honour to be asked to participate in the fourth Arockalypse.

"We love having the support of events like these and working with such amazing bands."

Iconic Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival returns

FOLLOWING the huge success of the 2024 festival, which received over 200 tea cosy entries and drew more than 9000 visitors from across Australia, the beloved Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival is set to return from May 16 – 24, 2026. The theme in 2026 celebrates "Life on the Farm".

The 2026 Festival promises another joyful celebration of craft, community, and rural charm, with a focus on the people, animals, stories, and humour of farm life all represented by wonderful tea cosies. Co-Convenors of the Festival, Madeline Getson and Lisa Williams, said the Festival Committee is already hard at work preparing an even more vibrant program.

"The Tea Cosy Festival is a uniquely Fish Creek event. It brings together creativity, connection, and a touch of eccentricity in a way that's become part of the town's cultural identity," Lisa said.

"In 2026, we'll be honouring life on the land – from gumboots to tractors, sheepdogs to scarecrows, farms of varied types – all in the cosy form of wool, fabric or any type of material you like. There's no limitations on what you can make and enter."

As in previous years, the heart of the festival will be the famous Tea Cosy Competition, which attracts talented knitters, felters, crocheters, hobbyists, artists and crafters of all ages and skill levels. Submissions for the 2026 competition will open shortly, with special categories and prizes to be announced soon.

The nine day festival will again include workshops, art exhibitions, a community market, music, High Tea, our famous Devonshire teas and new additions inspired by the 2026 theme.

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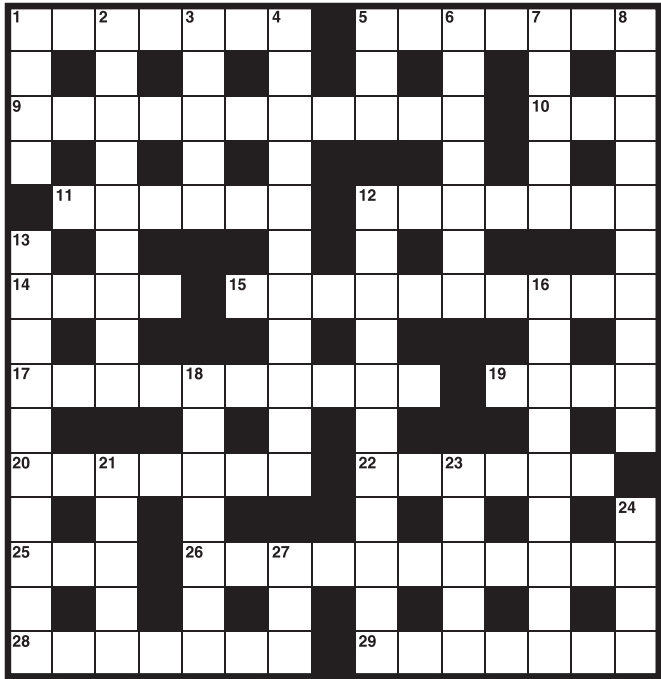
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15 Aid (10)
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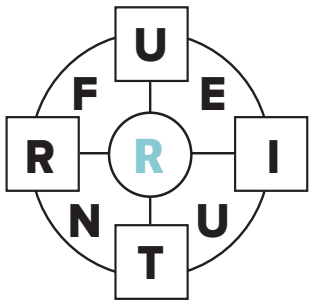
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9-LETTER

No. 291

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural nouns ending in 's'.

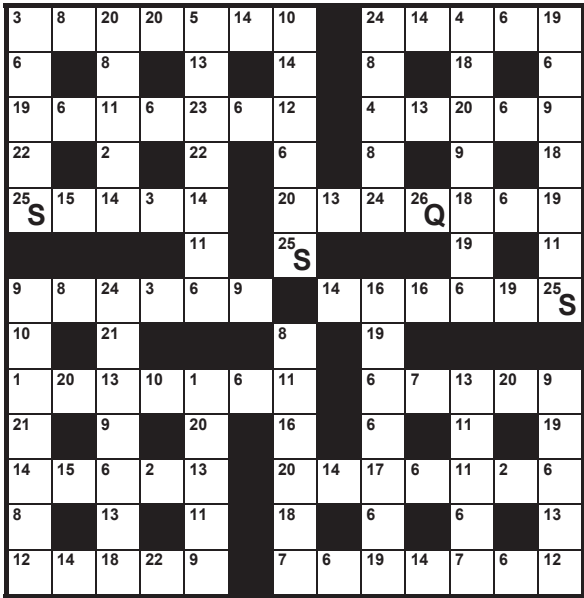
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28 words: **Very good**
38 words: **Excellent**



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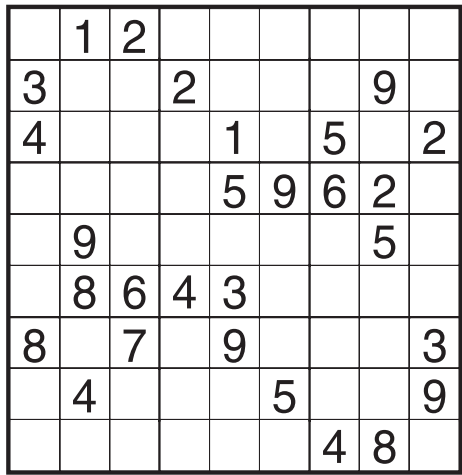
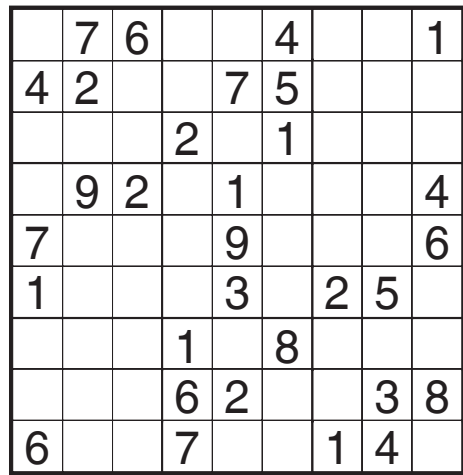
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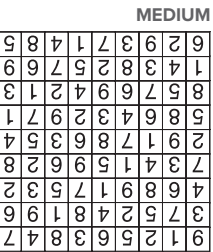
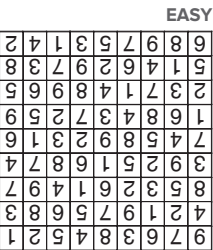
SUDOKU

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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



SOLUTIONS



QUICK QUIZ

- Name the mineral known as 'fool's gold'.
- For which animated Disney Channel series did Solange Knowles (pictured) sing the title theme song?
- In culinary terms, what does 'au gratin' mean?
- Which video game company published *The Sims*?
- Tibet's Potala Palace houses the tombs of how many Dalai Lamas?
- Which late author was best known for their Discworld series of 41 novels?
- In which Australian city were KeepCups first created and sold?
- What colour is coquelicot?
- Tango in the Night*, *The Dance* and *Mirage* are albums by which British-American rock band?
- The erhu, a Chinese musical instrument, has how many strings?



ANSWERS: 1. Pyrite 2. The Proud Family 3. Topped with cheese or breadcrumbs 4. Electronic Arts Inc. (EA) 5. Eight 6. Terry Pratchett 7. Melbourne 8. Red 9. Fleetwood Mac 10. Two

WORDFIT

No. 200

3 LETTERS

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5 LETTERS

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FALLS
FARMS
GAMED
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HOLES
HOSTS
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MARES
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NASTY
OMENS
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PONDS
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REELS
REVEL
ROUGE
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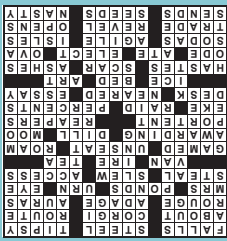
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7 LETTERS

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WORD SEARCH

No. 201

Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.



- APEROL SPRITZ
BACARDI
BAMBOO
BIJOU
BOULEVARDIER
BRAMBLE
BRANDY
CAESAR
CHI CHI
CLOVER CLUB
COSMO
LEMON DROP
MAI TAI
MANHATTAN
MARGARITA

- MOJITO
MULE
OUZO
PALOMA
PINA COLADA
ROB ROY
RUM
SAKE
SAZERAC
SHANDY
SIDECAR
TEQUILA
VODKA
ZOMBIE

SECRET MESSAGE: It is always happy hour somewhere in the world



Bruce Procter (director of San Remo, Cowes and Grantville Bendigo Community Bank branches), John Matthews (director and deputy chair) and Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Rochelle Halstead celebrate the opening of the San Remo branch's new location. A03_3025



Vanessa Verzaci (company secretary) and Gloris Willough (former director) enjoy the opening of Bendigo Community Bank San Remo's new office. A04_3025



Michael Scott (senior manager San Remo) and Tanya Donnan (manager Cowes) enjoy the opening of Bendigo Community Bank San Remo's new home. A05_3025



Directors Joan Matthews and Janice Rowlingson celebrate the opening of the new site for Bendigo Community Bank San Remo. A06_3025



Mary and Jane were welcoming all to Dr Hubble's Bubbles show at Outtrim Hall on Saturday, July 26.



Ian and Viv were excited for the show to start.



Joshua and Tully were on raffle duty.



Dr Hubble creates a bubble!



Alan and Glen enjoyed a couple of drinks while watching the footy at Leongatha on Saturday.

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Bendigo Community Bank San Remo, Dr Hubble's Bubbles and local footy.



It was a special treat for Peter and Jasmine's children at Dr Hubble's Bubbles show.



Nothing but a good time for Jason and Glen as they supported the Tigers.



Tigers' coaches Caroline and Ash braved the wintry weather.



Tony and 'Snaz' watched on as the game was almost done at Mirboo North.



Erin and Ashlee brought their furry pals along to the game at Mirboo North.



Trevor and Michael were proud to support the Parrots.



Kevin and Glenda stayed warm as Mirboo North and Hill End battled it out in the final quarter.



Michael, Gemma and Wendy enjoyed the footy at Mirboo North.

Rare opportunity, top location, and perfect holiday living



BUILT to last, this BV Home is set on a large 1016m2 approx. flat block high on a ridge, offers direct access to the bush-walking tracks at the rear of the township and a short walk to the beach. Serving as a loved getaway for 27 wonderful years, the time has come to find a new family.

Lovingly maintained, the home is surprisingly spacious inside, with an open-plan living room flowing out to a covered, north-facing patio at the rear. The kitchen offers a generous amount of storage and preparation space, complete with a break-fast bar, 900mm range, pantry and a dishwasher.

There are two large bedrooms – the master has a walk-in robe – ensuite to the huge central bathroom, which features a corner spa. The formal dining room could be repurposed as a TV room or converted to a third bedroom. Year-round comfort is assured with effective underfloor heating and new carpet.

At the rear of the house, the laundry/utility room includes a second W.C. and external access, with plenty of space to extend the existing home or add a second storey (STCA) with views to Wilson's Promontory. Outside, the rear garden is fully fenced, providing a safe space for children and pets, with rear double gate access. A large LU double garage/workshop is the ideal spot to store beach equipment, and there is a flat parking space for extra cars or a boat.

Come and discover the delights of this picturesque setting ideal for lovers of the outdoors, with the safe waters of Corner Inlet, a four-lane all-weather boat launching ramp, historic Long Jetty, a hotel, general store and cycling trails all on your doorstep. The property is being sold fully furnished (with an optional boat), making it an easy holiday rental investment or a ready-to-enjoy property.



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NERRENA

- Rural living, just minutes from town with expansive views
- Charming north facing 4-bedroom, 2 bathroom B/V home
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- Ideal turnout block, close to town
- 5 paddocks, inc hay paddock
- Good quality steel yards
- Undulating hill country

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- Spacious double storey
- 4-bed beach house, multiple living
- Exc storage, chair lift RC/AC
- Fully furnished by negotiation
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NERRENA

- Peace & quiet on 1.4ha / 3.4 ac surrounded by native bush
- Situated under 10 min. to Leongatha & 20 to beaches Inverloch
- 4 bed, 2 bath, two storey Coldon home, 2 living areas & modern kitchen
- Solar power, complete off grid living, set up for affordable, comfort living
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KARDELLA

- Country hideaway 9ha/23ac apprxx
- Ideal horse, beef property
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\$360,000-\$390,000

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Franklin River frontage

ELDERS Rural Services Australia is pleased to present for sale one of South Gippsland's premium riverfront properties, featuring extensive private access to the Franklin River and spectacular views of Wilson Promontory. The highly productive farm is complemented by a modern home, set amongst mountain ash gums some 450 years old.

Located just eight kilometres* from Foster, the 170-acre* property is well-equipped for a successful beef operation with 11 paddocks. It features quality working improvements and a reliable water supply from spring-fed dams and the Franklin River. With annual fertiliser application, this farm offers both productivity and lifestyle in a stunning natural setting.

There is a spacious, modern four-bedroom, three-bathroom brick home. The main bedroom has a large walk-in wardrobe and ensuite. All bedrooms have built-in wardrobes and the living area looks out to a lovely courtyard. Plenty of storage with a double bay garage 6.5m x 6.2m.

Quality working improvements include 17m x 17m hay shed, 18m x 9m 3 bay machinery shed with concrete slab and power, Heavy-duty stockyards and crush.

Water supply is guaranteed with six dams located on the property, 2.2 mega-litre stock and domestic water licence. Rainwater storage of 100,000 litres and is supported by an annual average 780mm* rainfall.

Ideally located eight kilometres* from Foster, 38 kilometres* from Wilson Promontory, 35 kilometres* from Sandy Point and 1 hour 40 minutes* from Melbourne southeastern suburbs, this is a must-see property.

For further information or to inspect the property, please contact Ben Townsend on 0400 594 487.

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Korumburra 550m²
Unit with an Abundance of Space

- 3 bedrooms main with WIR & Ensuite
- Spacious kitchen & dining area
- Undercover entertaining area

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Bena

- Californian Bungalow
- Renovated 3-bed, 2-bath home
- Large block
- Direct access to Great Southern Rail Trail

Korumburra 529m²
Town Views In Great Location

- 3-bed, 1-bath home
- Well appointed kitchen
- Outdoor undercover area

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DISCOVER an exceptional lifestyle in this magnificent, impeccably kept home, perfectly nestled on a sprawling 4000m² “park-like” setting. From the moment you turn onto the sweeping driveway, you’ll be captivated by the sense of privacy and the feeling of living amongst the majestic gum trees, with stunning views over the adjacent Bluegum Reserve. This property offers generous dimensions for family living, featuring four large bedrooms, including a master suite complete with an ensuite and walk-in robe.

The heart of the home is a huge, light-filled country-style kitchen boasting beautiful Australian hardwood polished floors and a cosy slow combustion wood fire, creating an inviting atmosphere for cooking and gathering. In addition to the main living space, you’ll find a formal lounge and a versatile third living area/family room, ensuring ample space for relaxation and entertainment. Comfort is guaranteed year-round with split-system heating and cooling.

Step outside to a huge covered deck, an entertainer’s dream large enough to host your biggest family events while enjoying the serene natural surroundings. For the keen gardener, a fully enclosed vegetable garden, along with established fruit trees, awaits.

Beyond the spacious double garage attached to the home, this property offers an impressive array of additional infrastructure. You’ll find a three-bay machinery shed with a lock-up workshop, a dedicated woodshed, and a convenient small potting shed/ hot house. Extra garden sheds and multiple rainwater tanks further enhance the property’s functionality and self-sufficiency.

Offered for the very first time, this unique property presents an unparalleled opportunity to secure a private, beautifully landscaped sanctuary with extensive amenities, close to everything Cowes has to offer. Inspection will impress!

Low maintenance townhouse

FIRST home buyers, owner occupiers or investors – look no further – this home exceeds expectations on every level! Imagine what your life could look like inside this “feels new” townhouse, filled with your own stylish new furniture.

This beautiful property provides an ultra-modern feel, boasting three large bedrooms along with a generous main bathroom and ensuite.

The light-filled rooms, the welcoming entry to the lounge room with the stunning vinyl timber plank flooring giving it the easy-care contemporary feels.

Become your own MasterChef and the envy of all your friends in the kitchen with ample cupboards and stainless-steel appliances.

Outside has been designed for easy care and minimal maintenance, perfect for the downsizer or the busy career-focused person to enjoy more of what life has to offer. Sleep peacefully knowing that the children are safe walking to the local primary school and kinder, given that it’s only a couple of doors up the road and situated in a warm and loving community. Not to mention the childcare centre which is situated across the road! Imagine the lazy weekends and the cosy nights on the couch because all the work has been done for you – no need to lift a finger, just move straight in and start enjoying. Perhaps you’re looking to future-proof your investment?

A fantastic opportunity presents itself to purchase and rent this beauty out for \$420 per week! This property just keeps on giving. A property of this quality and at this price rarely comes onto the Korumburra market, and it won’t stay long – so act now and pick up the phone to book an inspection with Scott today!



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3/37 Princes Street, **Korumburra**
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Shorthorn success and strong overall market at Leongatha VLE

FATHER and son Greg and Craig Arnott of El-laswood near Bairnsdale were pleased with their decision to sell at Leongatha VLE on Thursday, their five pens of well-bred Shorthorn steers attracting strong prices, all being snapped up by commission buyer Campbell Ross.

It was the first time the Arnotts have had cattle at Leongatha saleyards, having previously sold at the Pakenham saleyards, on-line or direct to a feedlot.

Dave Setches of Alex Scott & Staff auctioned the Shorthorns, impressed by their quality and prices as well as the overall demand for steers the agency sold on Thursday.

"The Arnotts have been breeding Shorthorns for many years and they've got the job spot on," he said, remarking that as far as Shorthorns go, the Arnott cattle are as good as you'd see anywhere.

They buy bulls from the highly regarded Eloora Shorthorns.

Dave commented that while Campbell Ross finished up with all the Arnott cattle, there was plenty of competition from the likes of JBS.

Overall, he observed ongoing strong feedlot competition for mid-500-kilo steers, driving prices for those cattle to almost \$5 a kilo.

Weaner steers sold by Alex Scott & Staff fetched well over \$5 a kilo for the best of the lighter calves.

"It was a very strong

By Andrew Paloczi

market again and there was probably more agent and local support here today," Dave said, estimating the crowd was double the size of a fortnight ago.

The earlier-than-usual sale of many Spring drop calves that went north has created a fear of missing out, with Dave estimating there'll be only about half the number of such cattle available in August and September compared to usual.

"That's why they're taking a big lift and week-on-week they're getting dearer and dearer," he said.

Sentinel-Times chatted to the Arnotts about their Shorthorns.

They run about 200 breeders plus replacements, choosing the breed for temperament and weight-for-age.

Prices exceeded their expectations, one pen of cattle weighing an average of 425 kilos selling for \$2140 a head at \$5.03 per kilo and a couple of other pens each making \$4.94 per kilo on cattle averaging 392 kilos and 364 kilos.

With silage running out and hay getting low, it was time to move on some cattle and given the healthy state of the market, it was an ideal opportunity to do so.

While the Arnotts don't get a lot of feedback on their cattle, what they hear is positive, such as the quick turnoff times their animals achieve.



Dave Setches sells one of the pens of Arnott Shorthorn steers. A13_3025



Craig and Greg Arnott are pleased with the prices their pens of Shorthorn cattle made. A11_3025



Some of the Arnott Shorthorn cattle at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale. A12_3025

MARKET REPORT

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Stores lift again

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded 2700 cattle at this week's VLE Leongatha store sale in another good yarding and a large crowd in attendance, with prices lifting again on all grades.

Heavy feeders were firm to another 10 cents dearer with feedlot orders securing the lion's share again, along with a few graziers competing strongly on the mid weights.

Weaner steers were the highlight again with prices improving another \$50 to \$100, with some very good lighter-weight Angus steer calves out to \$6 with local and East Gippsland buyers the strength.

Heavy heifers were around firm to shade better with only a couple of pens on offer, while there was a good run of lighter weaner heifers which were dearer.

Secondary and Xbreds cattle attracted very strong competition with prices improving \$100 and odd sales more.

There was more interest in the small offering of cows and calves and joined females with pricing lifting in line with the large lift in the cow market this week.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, July 24, 2025

Steers

Bingarra 15 Angus	614kg	\$4.85	\$2980
IL & CM Nicholas 14 Angus	593kg	\$4.80	\$2850
D.Scott 14 Angus	553kg	\$5.09	\$2820
B Lester 10 Hereford	508kg	\$4.74	\$2410
D & S Armour 11 Angus	500kg	\$4.90	\$2450
D Jurgensen 11 Angus	483kg	\$5.09	\$2460
Oaklands 11 Angus	461kg	\$5.14	\$2370
G & A Sexton 11 Shorn	435kg	\$4.50	\$1960
Latta Fields 11 Angus	430kg	\$4.04	\$1740
Fat Cow Farm 20 Shorn	425kg	\$5.03	\$2140
B & C Gallert 10 Angus	424kg	\$5.18	\$2200
R&S&C Coster 11 Speckle	398kg	\$4.44	\$1770
Fat Cow Farm 17 Shorn	392kg	\$4.94	\$1940
J Daniels 16 Angus	389kg	\$4.80	\$1870
Fat Cow Farm 20 Shorn	381kg	\$4.75	\$1810
L Surman 12 Angus	380kg	\$4.97	\$1890
AJ & DA Benson 11 Shorn	380kg	\$4.47	\$1700
Latta Fields 12 Angus	377kg	\$3.84	\$1450
J & Mr Muley 12 Angus	372kg	\$4.30	\$1600
Latta Fields 10 Angus	361kg	\$3.85	\$1380
P Miller 25 Angus	342kg	\$4.91	\$1680
Fat Cow Farm 17 Shorn	321kg	\$4.36	\$1400
Westburne P/L 23 Angus	318kg	\$5.44	\$1730
AJ Chatfield Services 11 Angus	311kg	\$5.17	\$1610
Tulla Holding 18 Angus	298kg	\$5.23	\$1560
Baw Baw Angus 15 Angus	296kg	\$5.37	\$1590
Crockfield Pastoral 20 Angus	269kg	\$5.39	\$1450
Baw Baw Angus 16 Angus	257kg	\$6.03	\$1550
Rural Operation Group 20 Hfd	256kg	\$5.35	\$1370
I Campbell & R Cromwell 10 Ang	250kg	\$5.00	\$1250
P & J Green 14 Angus	249kg	\$5.78	\$1440
SJ & JP Hunt 13 Angus	245kg	\$5.55	\$1360
A Bennett & L Grylls 11 Angus	245kg	\$4.73	\$1160
Ranceby Hill Pastoral 17 Angus	241kg	\$5.31	\$1280
Baw Baw Angus 16 Angus	239kg	\$6.19	\$1480
DC McGrath 20 Angus	237kg	\$5.65	\$1340
Rural Operations Group 21 Ang	233kg	\$5.92	\$1380
P & J Green 19 Angus	219kg	\$5.25	\$1150

Heifers

R Shaw 18 Angus	453kg	\$4.37	\$1980
T & N Oconnor 12 Angus	425kg	\$4.47	\$1900
Armfield Consultants 10 Angus	410kg	\$4.48	\$1840
J Daniels 14 Angus	398kg	\$3.76	\$1500
RD, JC, AD & JI Miller 14 Ang	377kg	\$4.24	\$1600
Nw Page 21 Angus	374kg	\$4.54	\$1700
SW & SH Storr 27 Hereford	347kg	\$3.97	\$1380
JW & MJ Davies 12 Angus	325kg	\$4.15	\$1350
P Miller 26 Angus	316kg	\$4.11	\$1300
Tulla Holding 14 Angus	293kg	\$4.30	\$1260
Kostos Livestock 18 Angus	285kg	\$4.24	\$1210
PJ Berryman & McGee 21 Ang	279kg	\$4.48	\$1200
Westburne P/L 25 Angus	278kg	\$4.28	\$1190
Baw Baw Angus 16 Angus	277kg	\$4.62	\$1280
Kings Park Heskett 13 Angus	271kg	\$4.05	\$1100
Rural Operations Group 19 Hfd	257kg	\$4.12	\$1060
Baw Baw Angus 20 Angus	253kg	\$4.66	\$1180
Ranceby Hill Pastoral 11 Angus	248kg	\$4.15	\$1030
Wiltshaw Farming 17 Angus	183kg	\$4.37	\$800
Baw Baw Speckle Park			
10 Speckle Park	199kg	\$4.52	\$900

Xbred & Dairy Steers

Aylesbury Farms 16 AA/FF X	347kg	\$4.32	\$1500
JK & KP Kirk 13 Angus/FF X	322kg	\$4.44	\$1430
Franklin Downs 19 Angus/FF X	317kg	\$4.57	\$1450
Aylesbury Farms 12 Friesian	363kg	\$3.60	\$1310
M Selomovski 12 Friesian X	281kg	\$2.74	\$770

Xbred & Dairy Heifers

Aylesbury Farms 17 Ang/FF X	351kg	\$3.81	\$1340
RD, JC, AD & JI Miller			
13 Ang/FF X	319kg	\$3.88	\$1240
JK & KP Kirk 20 Ang/FF X	303kg	\$3.96	\$1200

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Concerns over traceability and biosecurity of US beef

INVERLOCH-BASED live-stock agent Simon Henderson is shocked by the Federal Government's decision to allow US beef from cattle born or raised in Canada or Mexico to be imported into Australia, pointing to concerns about a lack of lifetime traceability.

That sentiment is shared by the likes of the Federal Leader of the Nationals, David Littleproud and the president of the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF), Brett Hosking.

Mr Littleproud called for an independent review into the decision, stressing the need to ensure the arrangement meets biosecurity requirements, including traceability. "I believe Labor's announcement needs to be independently reviewed, with an independent panel set up by industry to review the science behind the decision," he said, adding that the Government hasn't released the protocols to be put in place.

"I am concerned we could be sacrificing our high biosecurity standards for Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to obtain a meeting with US President Donald Trump," Mr Littleproud said.

While Mr Henderson hadn't yet had a chance to read about the situation when he was contacted by the Sentinel-Times on Thursday afternoon, he said he was not aware of any



Concerns have been raised over the decision to allow US beef exports to Australia. A20_3025

consultation having taken place with beef producers or anyone in the industry.

"We know that the US is taking a lot of our beef because it's a clean, green product and it is lifetime traceable, so that if there is a disease outbreak, it can be followed up quickly and effectively dealt with," he said.

He noted the reason a ban was put on US beef coming into Australia was because of an outbreak of Mad Cow Disease, something that was highlighted in the Australian media at the time of Donald Trump's sweeping tariff announcements on an array of countries.

The VFF argues traceability must play a key role in protecting Australia's livestock industry following the lifting of restrictions on US beef imports to Australia.

"There's no second chance when it comes to protecting Australia's multi-billion dollar livestock industry from the threat of biosecurity risks," VFF president

Brett Hosking said.

"Australia produces some of the cleanest, safest and healthiest food in the world, and the government must be one hundred per cent sure any imported product doesn't risk devastating the local industry."

The ABC quoted Federal Agriculture Minister Julie Collins as saying, "This decision has been purely based on science," but the national broadcaster pointed out that the trade restriction was one of the Trump Administration's key grievances with Australia.

"Some believe the change could help Australia negotiate a better deal with the US, particularly on tariffs," SBS News reports, a sentiment expressed by many other sources.

A point of discussion amongst farmers on Friday evening was whether Australians would even take to eating US beef given the leaner nature of Australian beef.

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, July 21, 2025

Jersey & Jersey x	\$14 to \$41
Friesian Bulls	\$23 to \$70
Beef Bulls	\$28 to \$155
Beef Heifers	\$28 to \$90
Friesian Heifers	\$23 to \$90
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60 Angus steers, 2.5 yo, JBS FA Accred
A/c B & J Trail, Sale (NUTRIEN)
60 Angus steers, 20-22 mths
A/c O Waller, Dargo (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 20-22 mths
A/c B Harris, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
28 Angus steers, 2 yo
A/c D & P Burns, Stony Creek (NUTRIEN)
27 Angus steers, 20 mths, By Innesdale Bulls
A/c DT & DJ Cameron, Bushy Park (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 15 mths, Ex Beasley bred, Hazeldean blood
5 Angus steers, 20 mths, VB, NE Accred
A/c M&J Elliott, Licola (SEJ)
20 Angus steers, 14-15 mths, VB, GF, ABF, Banquet blood, very quiet
A/c G & S Couper, Mardan (SEJ)
15 Angus Hereford X steers, 20 mths, Newcomen & Bowman blood, 3x5in1, All Trace Mineral Capsules June
A/c Robinson Grazing, Pakenham (SEJ)
15 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, By Tibooburra & Dunoon Bulls
A/c MD Lee, Briagolong (NUTRIEN)
13 Angus & BB steers, 20 mths, Kunuma blood, VB
A/c Bannah Beef, Fernbank (SEJ)
14 Angus steers, 16-17 mths, Leawood blood, NE Accred
A/c F Venturoni, Gormandale (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus steers, 2 yo
A/c Strzelecki Red, Yinnar South (SEJ)
8 Red Angus steers, 15-16 mths, 2 x 7 in 1, Multimin and Dectomax, NE Accred

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c Doonagatha, Sandy Point (SEJ)
30 Angus heifers, 16-18 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred, Mordallup & Harris Farms blood
A/c M&J Elliott, Licola (SEJ)
20 Angus heifers, 14-15 mths, VB, GF ABF, Banquet blood, very quiet
A/c Robinson Grazing, Pakenham (SEJ)
18 Angus heifers, 16-18 mths, By Tibooburra & Dunoon bulls
A/c High Voltage Consultancy P/L, Flynns Creek (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus heifers, 15 mths, Leawood blood, NE Accred, VB
A/c MD Lee, Briagolong (NUTRIEN)
5 Angus heifers, 20 mths, Kunuma blood, VB

WEANERS

A/c A, D & K Scott, Inverloch (PHC)
70 Angus mixed sex weaners, 9-10 mths, Harris & Banquet blood, weaned
A/c MR Higgins, Yallourn North (SEJ)
66 Angus & Angus Hereford X steers, 9-10mths, By Pinora Bulls, Drenched Cattlemax Injectable, Easy Dose 12/7/25, weaned in March, very quiet
A/c D Kroeger, Main Ridge (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers
30 Angus heifers
10 mths, By Tibooburra Bulls

A/c K D Opray, Hedley (PHC)
50 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, Leawood blood, tops of drop
A/c M & M Standfield, Fish Creek (SEJ)
50 Angus steers, 10 mths, weaned, GF & ABF, NE Accred, Pure Dunoon blood
A/c D & H Campbell, Mardan (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 10-11 mths, By Innesdale Bulls, NE Accred
A/c C & W Stockdale, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 10-12 mths
A/c D & W Rhodes, Heyfield (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus steers
22 Angus heifers
12 mths, Innesdale blood, VB, NE Accred
A/c B & D Harrison, Dumbalk North (PHC)
30 Angus steers, 10-12 mths, Fernleigh blood, weaned
A/c King Park, Pound Creek (SEJ)
10 Angus steer weaners
20 Angus heifer weaners
10 mths, Dunoon, Three Oak Bulls
A/c Tullaree Pastoral, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus heifers, 10 mths
A/c B Kuch, Darriman (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus mixed sex weaners, Spring 24 drop, Landfall blood, EU & NE Accred, weaned
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A/c P Mattern, Alberton (NUTRIEN)
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A/c M E Pretty, Bingenwarri (PHC)
20 Angus & Red Angus steers, 12-14 mths
A/c JT & PJ Fleming "Mertonvale" Willung (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 11-12 mths, Rosken blood
A/c Doonagatha, Sandy Point (SEJ)
18 Angus heifers, 12 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred, Mordallup & Harris Farms blood
A/c R & S Holt, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 12 mths
A/c NP & JA Chandler, Hedley (PHC)
15 Angus steers, 10-11 mths by "Leawood Lazarus", weaned
A/c H & J Bland, Yarram (NUTRIEN)
15 Charo mixed sex weaners, 10-12 mths
A/c J Vale, Toora (SEJ)
15 Speckle Park mixed sex, 10 mths, Fish Creek Farms Speckle Park blood
A/c Happy Valley Farms (NUTRIEN)
13 Hereford & Angus mixed sex, 10-12 mths
A/c R & K Telling, Woodside (PHC)
10 Angus heifers, 14 mths, Innesdale & Pinora blood
A/c R Krieger, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
8 Angus steers, 12 mths
A/c R Haustorfer, Carrajung (Nutrien)
8 Angus heifers, 12 mths

XBRED & DAIRY

A/c Dowling Dairies, Berrys Creek (NUTRIEN)
80 Angus Friesian X mixed sex weaners, bucket reared
A/c Hazelview, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
24 Friesian steers, 14 mths
A/c Riley & Faltum, Dumbalk (SEJ)
12 Angus / Friesian mixed sex, 14-16 mths



Kongwak Primary School students planted over 100 indigenous plants to revegetate a kilometre-long site, as part of their Sustainable Kongwak Program and in celebration of National Schools Tree Day.

Kongwak Primary celebrates Schools Tree Day

THERE were plenty of dirty hands and smiles of achievement last Friday after Kongwak Primary School (KPS) students celebrated National Schools Tree Day, donning their gumboots and contributing over 100 indigenous plants to the local landscape.

Held each year, thousands of schools, including Kongwak, participate nationwide in environmental activities that educate individuals about the world around them.

As part of the school's Sustainable Kongwak program, students were joined by teaching staff, parents and siblings when they vis-

ited the Lance Creek property of classmate Jai and his family to assist in revegetating a kilometre-long site with more than 2600 indigenous plants.

Kate from Kongwak Hills Landcare Group was there to provide the planting equipment, instruct the group and explain how the plants will grow to create wildlife corridors and bio links between patches of significant remnant vegetation and provide supportive habitat around a dam – all of which is home to many species of birds, mammals, insects and frogs.

Older students assisted younger peers with planting, and together they

reflected on the importance of trees in the landscape. Grade 6 Jordan and prep buddy William mentioned that "older trees provide hollows for wildlife and possums to live in."

While in Grade 2, Hugo said, "Trees breathe in Carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and breathe oxygen out."

The group was also treated to a bird-spotting walk, led by KPS teacher Jane Taylor, who is also an environmental educator and avid birder.

They were delighted to observe a flock of busy Varied Sitella, a species of conservation significance in South Gippsland.



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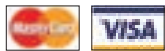
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We will always cherish the significant and heartfelt contribution Evelyn made to the individuals and families within the Grace Chapel church community.

We will never forget Evelyn's kindness and generosity over 45 years.

DEATHS

DEENEN, Hubertus Wilhelmus (Hoopy):
01.03.1947 - 25.07.2025
On Friday, July 25 we said goodbye to an extraordinary man, Hoopy Deenen.
Dearly loved husband to Val.
Devoted Dad and father-in-law to Jason and Maree, Michelle and Nathan.
Adored Pa to Ayla, Lachie, Zali, Mia, Sage, Darby and Finn.
Cherished Great Grandpa to Elias.
Dearly loved brother to Tony, Herman, Hank, Will, Mia, Liz and Jo (dec.)
He was full of kindness with a sharp sense of humour that stayed with him right to the end.
His strength was the foundation of our family.
We are so grateful for every moment we had with him.
So incredibly loved, a life well lived.

DEATHS

DEENEN (Hoopy):
Our deepest sympathy and love to Val, Jason, Michelle and families.
Hoopy you were like family to us, a friendship that lasted over 60 years.
Special memories are ours to keep.
From Will, Elise, Jason and Travis.

DEATHS

McLEAN, (nee Garnham) - June:
18.02.1938 - 25.07.2025
Loved wife of John.
Loving Mum and mother-in-law of Paul, Colin (dec.) and Sue, Robert and Wendy (dec.).
Adored Nana to Ben, Beth, Eden and Zac.
Great Nana to Khloe.
Loved and remembered always.
Many thanks to all the staff at Rose Lodge for the love and care given to June over the years.
For funeral details please go to www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au

DEATHS

STRINGER, Max/Reg:
Passed away peacefully on July 24, 2025.
Aged 91 years.
Loved husband of Val.
Loving dad and father-in-law of Philip and Julie, Sue and Alex.
Adored Pop to Max and Taj.
Always with us
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DEATHS

STRINGER, Max:
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DEATHS

WISDOM, Colin Frances:
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Much loved husband of Lyn.
Loved Father of Mell.
Much loved Pa of Ruben and Annabelle.
Great Grand Pa to Aurora.
In our hearts you will always be remembered.

FUNERALS

DEENEN
A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Mr. Hubertus (Hoopy) Deenen will be held at the Leongatha Bowls Club, Hughes Street, Leongatha on Monday, August 4, 2025 commencing at 11am.
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Prep age Auskickers Gus Skinner, Hudson Thomas and Eddie Kent with their Auskick trophies after Sunday's presentation at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve.

Auskickers celebrate another successful season

FUTURE footballers across the region recently wrapped up their 2025 Auskick programs.

Friday nights were a big hit at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve throughout its nine-week program.

This year, the program attracted 124 footballers with the largest contingent coming from the prep age group.

Around 36 Preps registered for this year's program.

"We had an excellent year. We were fortunate with the weather and didn't have to call off any of our sessions," Inverloch Auskick coordinator Big K said.

"We thoroughly enjoyed our normal events like the guard of honour, our great night with the Inverloch Football Netball Club footballers coming down, mums vs kids day, dads vs kids day, crazy hair day, superheroes – it was fantastic."

Inverloch Auskick introduced Superkick this season.

Superkick was for boys and girls in Grade 2 and up to focus on game play.

They would do 90 per cent match play on a Friday night with 10 per cent warm-up and skills.

"The idea is they practice their skills during match play as they get older so they can focus on moving on to the U10s, U12s and U14s," Big K said.

Now in his ninth year as Auskick coordinator, Big K was thrilled to see around 40 formal volunteers once again making sure this great program could continue.

"We've always had around 30 to 40 volunteers, which is a testament to the quality of the program," he said.

"We also had our leadership group, which were nine- to 15-year-olds getting involved with canteen duty and supporting coaches. It was a way for them to give back to the community and gain their confidence."

Big K confirmed he will be coming back for his 10th year in 2026, excited to see young footballers continue their journeys.

He will be continuing to strengthen the alliance between Auskick and Inverloch Kongwak Football Netball Club.

"We've been really clear with the community and our Auskickers that there is a journey with football. Our photo goes up in the social rooms, so everyone remembers where the kids came from," Big K said.

"There are kids now playing top-age U16s who I, as a coordinator, can remember running around at Auskick. It has been a privilege to watch their journey and know Auskick has opened up that journey for them."

"We are one club, one community."

Big K also thanked the volunteers, parents and sponsors for their support throughout this Auskick season.

Woolamai Beach SLSC and PIBC partner with Newhaven for surf safety

AT NEWHAVEN College, Year 10 students have the opportunity to partake in a 'Surf Safety and Recreation', an elective that was introduced to the senior school last year, by Newhaven College HPE teacher, head of surfing and Clarke House Leader, Ben Clark.

"This elective has run for two years now," said Mr Clark. "In my own personal life, I am heavily involved with the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLCS), and I have been involved in Surf Lifesaving for over a decade. I act as a Patrol Captain for the Watermen volunteer Surf Rescue Patrol Team, and I work as a paid Lifeguard for the Bass Coast Lifeguard team during the summer."

Mr Clark saw an opportunity to utilise these skills and experience and combine them with a passion for the ocean in the new election, Surf Safety and Recreation.

"Due to our geographic location, it was a no-brainer to strike up a partnership with the WBSLSC."

Through weekly practical sessions covering water rescues, swimming skills and ocean diagnostics, students build their awareness, hazard assessment and risk mitigation as well as hone their physical capacity in the water.

"In class, we cover all of the theoretical content, including



2025 Year 10 graduates: Back, from left, Aidan Smyth, Chay Plews, Angus Cousens, Billy Fisher, Zoe Paterson, Max Brocklesby, Max Innes, and Harvey Strachan. Front, Lewis Sumaru, Archer Cameron and Benjamin Westwood. Not pictured: Ethan Tilley and Blake Eden.

first aid and patrol operations. This is a hands-on elective that allows students to learn by doing and feeling," Mr Clark explained.

"What is great about having this elective over a full semester rather than the traditional one-week Bronze Camp is that we have the time and the ability to roam outside the scope of the traditional Bronze Medallion Handbook."

"This year we introduced an

Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) experience where students spend a day in a boat with a qualified instructor who takes them through the ins and outs of performing rescues in an IRB, and they finish the day with an experience in the surf at Woolamai Beach."

Alongside their Bronze Medallion Award, this elective sees students complete a Surfing Australia Level 2 Surf Judging

accreditation. The theoretical component of this is completed in class, and for those students interested, they then go on to complete 20 hours of supervised surf judging with the Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) to earn their full certification. These students then act as judges at the school House Surfing competition and the SEISA (Inter-school) Surfing Competition.

Newhaven College Riders thrive in Round 3 of MTB Interschool Series



Hamish Dakers-Hock claimed third place in the highly competitive Under 17 Boys category.

THIRTEEN determined mountain bike riders from Newhaven College braved cold, wet, and muddy conditions during round three of the AusCycling Interschool Cross-Country (XC) Series, hosted by Haunted Hills and Gippsland MTB Club on Sunday.

Notable performances included Hamish Dakers-Hock, who powered through to claim third place in the highly competitive Under 17 Boys category.

Many other Newhaven riders secured impressive top 10 finishes across various age divisions.

The course pushed competitors with steep climbs and tight hairpin corners, demanding skill, stamina, and grit.

Slippery trails made for a true test of resilience, with every rider earning their place at the finish line.

Newhaven MTB Academy coach Tom Basterfield said

By Steve Scott

everyone was stoked and it was good to see the younger kids coming through and racing with their mates.

"There were lots of Newhaven jerseys getting around the event area and plenty of parents shouting support to our Academy kids, despite the cold and the rain," he said.

"Well done to everyone who competed today; everyone got across the line on a pretty tough course!"

With spirits high despite the mud and rain, students are now preparing for a big weekend of racing with a double-header:

- You Yangs – Saturday, August 23
- Ballarat – Sunday, August 24

Newhaven College congratulates all riders on their performance and sportsmanship in what was a challenging and rewarding day on the trails.

Jacque Chambers claims her first-ever Australian Championship

THE longboard divisions of the 2025 Australian Surf Championships are held as a stand-alone event on Bundjalung Country, along the stunning Tweed Coast in northern New South Wales, and Phillip Island local Jacquie Chambers put on a dominant display in the Women's Over 50 final, claiming her first-ever Australian Championship.

She posted scores of 6.17 and 6.67 to secure the win by a 4.77-point margin.

"I've been in rehab for a couple of years after a neck injury, so I've been hitting the gym and working on my surfing

with the goal of returning to compete at the Thermos Australian Longboard Titles. I was just aiming to give it my best, but to walk away with my very first Aussie title means the absolute world to me."

Longboarding once again proved that it's not only rich in tradition, but also thriving as a high-performance discipline.

RIGHT: Women's Over 50 Champion Jacquie Chambers (Phillip Island, VIC) at the 2025 Thermos Australian Longboard Titles. Credit: Surfing Australia/Ness Brown.



Gold medal for Venus Bay SLSC at the IRB nationals

VENUS Bay Surf Life Saving Club has returned home from the Inflatable Rescue Boat National Championships at South West Rocks in NSW with two medals, including gold for the Open Women's Mass Rescue.

Mixing it with the best rescue boat crews from across the country, it was the club's first Australian title in any form of lifesaving competition in the club's 66-year history.

Life Saving Victoria senior manager sport Chris Schleusener congratulated Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club for their outstanding efforts representing the club and their state.

"This is a huge achievement for our Victorian volunteer lifesavers to have performed so strongly against the best IRB crews in the country," said Mr Schleusener.

"It was a huge amount of work to get crews and boats to northern NSW for the Sharkskin Australian IRB Championships, and I congratulate everyone involved who helped make this happen."

The Venus Bay SLSC team of Sophie Findlay (driver), Jess Moore (crew), Mae James (patient) and Yuta Taniguchi (patient) competed against 105 teams in the Mass Rescue.

Progressing through four rounds before the final race Venus Bay SLSC competed against the best of seven other teams before leading the thrilling final from start to finish.

Club secretary Richard Moore said the club was very proud of its winning team and also the broader Venus Bay IRB Racing team, IRB coach



Venus Bay SLSC Open Women's Mass Rescue team Yuta Taniguchi (patient), Sophie Findlay (driver), Jess Moore (crew) and Mae James (patient) celebrating their success at the IRB Nationals at South West Rocks in NSW.

Marty McCorriston and the officials from the club who have worked tirelessly at every tournament.

"The Open Women's Rescue team of Sophie Findlay (driver), Tyla McAleer (driver), Jess Moore (crew), Alice Webb (crew), Declan Woolf (patient) and Rhiannon McCorriston (patient) also won a bronze medal at the Nationals," said Mr Moore.

"We are incredibly proud of the Venus Bay IRB Racing team who brought home gold

in the Women's Mass Rescue and bronze in the Women's Teams Rescue," said Venus Bay SLSC President Kimberley Gee.

"These incredible achievements are the result of unwavering dedication, grit and teamwork. Congratulations to all of our competing athletes.

"They represented Venus Bay with pride, passion and heart."

Venus Bay SLSC contributed six members to the Victorian team for the Interstate

Championships, which took place on the first day of competition.

Tyla McAleer, Alice Webb, Declan Woolf, Andrew Moore, Jess Moore and Rhiannon McCorriston helped Victoria bring home a bronze medal, finishing behind Queensland and New South Wales.

Results 'Sharkskin' Australian IRB Championships

Gold – Venus Bay SLSC Open Female Mass Rescue

Bronze – Venus Bay SLSC Open Female Team Rescue



Michelle Harris has stepped down and was thanked for her tireless efforts by the SGB team over the weekend.

Packed weekend for SGB swimmers

IT WAS a busy weekend for the SGB swimmers with many chasing their final times they need to swim at the Country Championships in a few weeks. Twenty-five swimmers headed to the twilight meet in Warragul on Saturday to compete, with many more being part of the 93 swimmers competing in the South Gippsland Bass Competition at Leongatha Splash on Sunday.

There was also a number of young swimmers competing in their first competitions and making the most of being able to swim in a familiar pool. It was all smiles and their extended families watched from the sidelines.

The event was also a great test for the many parents who have been training as officials, working as stroke judges, timekeepers, starters and announcers and it was a great relief to them for the smooth running of the event. The club is very thankful to these people who have trained up and helped out the club.

The event was run as a mixed event for the first time, with heats being determined based on swimmers times, not their gender which meant there was a lot of rivalry and ribbing among the swimmers who don't usually get to compete against each other, all keen to claim the bragging rights.

Officiating at the event was Michelle Harris, who has stepped aside as Swimming Victoria President, due to a conflict of interest in her new role with the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Over her two-year tenure, Michelle has played a pivotal role in guiding the organisation with strong leadership, forward thinking initiatives, and lasting impact across the swimming community. Her leadership was instrumental in delivering several key projects, including the committee restructure, which has strengthened our governance and decision making, and the District Invigoration Project, which has laid important groundwork for the future of our sport across Victoria.

Reflecting on her time with the organisation, Michelle said it had been "a genuine privilege to volunteer as a Director of Swimming Victoria and an honour to serve as President over the past two years."

She added, "I'm incredibly proud of what we've achieved as a Board and grateful for the opportunity to contribute to an organisation and sport that means so much to me. Thank you to everyone who has provided support throughout my journey, and I wish the SV team all the very best for the future."

SGB would like to thank Michelle for all the work she has put in as president and look forward to having her working with the club as an official at events.

Four swimmers selected for Schools Sport Australia Championships

THE Chandler Swim Centre is once again the destination for the four South Gippsland Bass swimmers selected in the Schools Sport Victorian team.

They are competing in Brisbane this week at the Schools Sport Australia Championships.

Claudia Croatto and Levi Jarrett join returning swimmers Miah Roberts and Archie Smyth in the Victorian state team, set to take on the other state teams at the annual event.

The team is looking forward to competing in a range of individual events, as well as competing in state team relays.

They will be joined by swimmers from four other Gippsland clubs.

Miah Roberts is returning

for the second year in a row.

"I'm really looking forward to having my friends with me and being able to swim the relays together representing the state. I'm really proud to be representing the schools of Victoria in the competition," she said.

Archie Smyth has competed in the primary school section for a number of years, but this is his first year in the secondary section.

"I'm really looking forward to the 50 metre and 100 metre backstroke. They are my favourites. It will be good to see how I go against the others, especially as next year a lot of us can go to the Age National Championships, so it will be a good chance to see who my competition will be," he said.



South Gippsland Bass swimmers Levi Jarrett, Claudia Croatto, Archie Smyth and Miah Roberts are heading to Brisbane to compete for Victoria in the Schools Sport Australia Championships.

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 29	WEDNESDAY July 30	THURSDAY July 31	FRIDAY August 1	SATURDAY August 2	SUNDAY August 3	MONDAY August 4
▲ 2.43am 1.52m	▲ 3.32am 1.53m	▲ 4.19am 1.52m	▲ 5.03am 1.50m	▲ 5.45am 1.48m	▲ 6.30am 1.45m	▼ 12.15am 0.49m
▼ 8.36am 0.45m	▼ 9.18am 0.51m	▼ 9.56am 0.59m	▼ 10.31am 0.66m	▼ 11.07am 0.74m	▼ 11.45am 0.81m	▲ 7.15am 1.43m
▲ 3.30pm 1.70m	▲ 4.02pm 1.67m	▲ 4.31pm 1.63m	▲ 4.59pm 1.59m	▲ 5.26pm 1.54m	▲ 5.57pm 1.49m	▼ 12.24pm 0.88m
▼ 9.18pm 0.58m	▼ 9.58pm 0.53m	▼ 10.32pm 0.50m	▼ 11.06pm 0.49m	▼ 11.40pm 0.48m		▲ 6.31pm 1.44m

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND BRIDGE

RESULTS for July 22 in Wonthaggi:
Alan Johnston and Lois Dwyer with 61.11 per cent, Denise Allitt and Bruce Higgs 54.63, Faye Rowlands and Doug McIntosh 52.31, tying with Marie Sands and Ken McKenzie for third, Catherine Burton and Robyn Synan 49.07 per cent.
At Inverloch on July 25:
Peter Campbell and Jenny Jacobs 57.14 per cent, Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 56.25, Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson 52.98, Ruth Harvey and Sue Edwards 52.98 per cent, facing North/South.
In East/West, Matti Shub and John Quayle with a very creditable 65.77, Penny Lanser and Doug McIntosh 58.33, Bruce Higgs and Sean Munley 52.38, and Fred Meiseloach and Ann Marie Tytler with 48.21 per cent.
Anyone with a yen to return to playing Bridge, or learn the game, should contact the president Mary on 0427 338 598.

PHILLIP ISLAND BRIDGE

RESULTS – week beginning July 21:
On Monday, Lorrie Reed and her partner Bron Sund won the day with a convincing 68.065. Marion Wellwood and Rob Maclellan came second on 55.56 per cent.
On Wednesday, due to several members sunning themselves in warmer climates, there were only two tables. However, keen bridge players are not easily deterred.
Players swapped around and 30 boards were played. It was good fun, however, the club looks forward to a fuller house as members return. Anne Hodgson and Caroline Shaw won the day on 61.67 per cent.

WONTHAGGI TABLE TENNIS LAUNCHES ITS SPRING SEASON

WELCOME to Wonthaggi Table Tennis spring season.
Winter bites and the Bass Strait ball-busting gusts wreak havoc on the sporting fields of South Gippsland.
Golf balls are knocked over boundary fences, footballs converted into mud bricks and netballers reduced to shooting balloons into hair dryers.
However, table tennis stays in its cocoon where the trajectory of a flushed ball stays true to the swing of a paddle.
Double Fish's Brad and Lee Lee defeated Radak's Warren and Fred three to two.
Nittaku's Mick and David defeated Donic's Charley and Michael three to two.
Stiga's Tim and Trish defeated Andro's Luke and Yeti four to one.
Butterfly had the bye.
Evergreen Trish found renewed ping and was the standout player, competing in three epics back-to-back to back.
The highlight was winning 13 to 11 in the seventh in a doubles match that saw-sawed from start to finish.

GRAND RIDGE RAIL TRAIL PARKRUN RECOGNISES PARTICIPANTS COMMITMENT

DESPITE the chilly start, the Grand Ridge Rail Trail Parkrun managed to time things perfectly and caught a beautiful break in the weather. The rain held off, and participants were rewarded with crisp air and a burst of sunshine – perfect conditions for a scenic five-kilometre run.
Twenty-four participants were welcomed to Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun this week. Whether they ran, jogged, or walked the course, the committee thank you for starting your Saturday with parkrun.
A special shoutout this week goes to two incredible women who inspired everyone. Val Smith – much-loved resident octogenarian – celebrated her 50th parkrun on Saturday. Val began her parkrun journey at the age of 78 and has proven that age is truly no barrier when it comes to staying active and embracing the community. Parkrun committee said, “Val, you are an absolute legend and a beacon of inspiration to our parkrun family and beyond.”
Liz Radcliffe also hit a major milestone this week, completing her 200th parkrun at Westerfolds. “Congratulations, Liz! That's an amazing achievement and a testament to your commitment and consistency.”



Monday's Breakaway Bowls winners were Glenda Binch, Brian Newman and Pat Novak.



John Cook, Jon Justin (skip) and Rob Howard were Inverloch Bowling Club's social bowls winners on Thursday.



The South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners on Thursday were Peter Taylor (L), Louis Magri (S) and Neil Andreatta (3).



Tony Heppleston (3), Mark Hanrahan (S), Alan Weeden (L) and Robyn Banks (2) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's best one game winners on Thursday.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were John Migliorisi, Stan Noad and John Hill.



Tuesday's winners at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls were Teresa Ireland, Helen Rook and Phylis Peterson.



Max Sweetnam, Ray McCurry and Philip Fowler shared a win at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls on Friday.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

AFTER a cold weekend, the bowlers got back to some hot bowling.
The winners on Monday were Glenda Binch, Brian Newman and Pat Novak with a very respectable +20.
What a day Friday was – the middle of winter and was it cold.
However, there was still a great turnout to enjoy Friday bowls.
The winners were Jan Clark, Sue Rose and Marg Ford, they won with +4 – well done ladies.

INVERLOCH

SHEETS are on display to put your name down if you wish to play in the Pennant Practice games.
Sheets are also available for members to show dates when they are unavailable for pennant on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Anyone intending to play pennant should ensure their name is on the list at the club.
Dates for the diary:
Season Opening Day: Thursday, September 4.
Monthly Triples begins: Wednesday, September 18.
Christmas Dinner Night: Friday, December 19.
Thursday Social Bowls saw 35 bowlers compete in sunny and cool conditions.
Runners-up on two wins and 31 points were Di Selby (skip), Gary Scott and Pat Mackay.
Winners on the day with two wins and 33 points were Jon Justin (skip), Rob Howard and John Cook.

The hard luck story of the day went to the team of Chris O'Donnell (skip), Marg Griffin and Brett O'Donovan.
Once again, the homemade soup by Jim and Jenny was a great hit.
Many thanks to all the volunteers that give up their time to make the club tick.
Don't forget the meal nights and social nights.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

IT WAS another great day on Thursday as 43 of the family turned up to Loch and District Bowls Club.
The bowlers were welcomed to the club by Vern while Bev and David prepared the teams.
It was a somewhat cold morning, but it looked like it would improve over the day.
Once the teams were selected, the bowlers all headed for the green to once again fight it out for players of the week.
It wasn't too long until the sun started to make an appearance in the sky, and, with little to no wind, it looked promising for the day.
However, even with the sun out, it was still a cold day for the duration.

As usual, there were great players in all teams, making it a real challenge.
There was lots of laughter and a reasonable amount of banter across all the rinks.
There weren't too many wrong bias bowls, but the Royal Children's Hospital tin is still filling up.
As always, there can only be one winning team and that team, on a score of 36 was Peter Taylor (L), Louis Magri (S) and Neil Andreatta (3).
Runners-up on a very close score of 35 were Robyn Dahl (3), Wayne Stevens (2), Bill

Sheriff (L) and Bob Arnold (L).
Best one game winners on a score of 20 were Tony Heppleston (3), Mark Hanrahan (S), Alan Weeden (L) and Robyn Banks (2).
A big shout out to Trevor for looking after the thirsty bowlers.
Alex also can't be forgotten for his great work cleaning up after the game.
Also thank you to all the ladies who looked after the kitchen – too many to name here.
Next week, the bowlers will be meeting up at Corinella Bowls Club to once again fight it out for players of the week.
Please, be on site by 10am as the numbers are getting quite high, and if you are in after the books are full then you may have to miss out.
Meanwhile till then, have fun and stay safe.

WONTHAGGI

THIS week saw the weather be the winner.
Wednesday saw a small number of bowlers grace the greens on a fine but cold day.
Only one team was able to win both games, with that team being John Migliorisi, Stan Noad, and John Hill with a score of two wins and 33 points.
The best part of the day was the chat and the banter around the table after the games.
Saturday was called off due to a wet, cold day.
Friday night, once again, was a success, even with it being a cold night.
The members draw didn't go off, with Scott Adams missing out on \$50.
The meat tray went to Rod Hogan, a brekky pack to Paul Hill, and another brekky pack to Fred Kellow, plus a dozen eggs. Quick picks went to Teresa.
The members draw this week will be \$60.
Bowls this week:
Wednesday: Social bowls at 12.30 pm.
Saturday: Social bowls at 12.30 pm.
There is still room for more names on the sheets for pennant, so put your name or names down.
Don't forget Friday night, with the members draw being \$60, plus raffles including meat trays.
Doors open at 4pm, with the clubhouse being warm and friendly.
Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

WHAT a great week with 54 players competing.
The club is increasing its members continually.
If you wish to be part of a great club, please ring Jeannie on 0438 719 082.
Tuesday's winners with a plus 11 were Teresa Ireland, Helen Rook and Phylis Peterson.
Runners-up on plus nine were Maggie Scapin, Pam Russell, Jenny Bakker and Allan Ireland.
Friday saw the men finally win with a plus 18.
They were Max Sweetnam, Ray McCurry and Philip Fowler.
Runners-up on plus eight with a win and a draw were Jo McIntyre, Laurie Culph and Robert McLaren.
All other teams for the week won two games each.



Bev Bridge was the winner of the Stableford event at the Woorayl Golf Club with 36 points.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, July 22. Stableford: 13 players. Winner: John Kerr (15) 33 C/B. NTPs: first John Kerr, 10th Wayne Knights and 13th Steve Duffield.

Ladies

ELEVEN women braved the cold breeze to play a Stableford game last Wednesday. Shelley Snooks (15) was the winner with a score of 35 points, finishing her round with a birdie on the 18th. Runner-up was Kerri Besley (14) with 33 points. BDTL went to Diarne Maskell (36) 31 points. There was only one NTP and Shelley was closest on the 10th green. The nine-hole competition had three play. Lyn Perks (30) was the winner with 15 points – well done. Saturday’s event was Stableford with Jenny Blackmore (23) back in the winner’s circle, scoring 30 points. Runner-up on a four-way c/b was Lyn McIvor (21) 28 points and third place went to Deb Wrigley (27) also with 28 points. NTPs on the first was Shelley Snooks (Kelly’s Bakery Voucher), 10th Merrissa Cosson and the 13th Jenny Blackmore.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, July 22: Worm Burners round two Stableford event. Tuesday was a Worm Burners round two Stableford event from the yellow tees with 51 members/guests on course. Overall winner: Gordon Allan (14) with the high score of the day of 40 points. A Grade winner: Gordon Allan (14) with 40 points. Runner-up: Michael West (4) with 36 points. B Grade winner: Callum Smith (23) with 37 points. Runner-up: Trevor Steer (18) with 36 points.



Meeniyani Golf Club's runner-up Faye Le Page with winner Lyn Jennison.

NTP fifth second shot: Norman Hughes at 1.34m. NTP 14th: Winton Knop at 1.42m. 16th: Nicholas Byrne at 1.20m. Thursday, July 24: Ambrose Pairs Stroke event. Thursday’s event was an Ambrose two-player Stroke event which made for an entertaining day for the field of 58 members/guests taking to the course. Overall winners: 1. Rod MacKenzie (10) and Michael Thomas (2) with a net score of 64. 2. Michael Wrigley (17) and Anthony Seabrook (22) with a net score of 66.25. 3. Paul Deery (9) and Bill Was-sink (25) with a net score of 67.5. NTP fifth second shot: Norman Hughes at 2.78m. NTP 14th: John Moor at 2.70m. 16th: Peter Read at 2.63m. Saturday, July 26: Stableford. Saturday was a Stableford event with a field of 58 members/guests playing in calm but cool winter conditions. Overall winner: Antony Roberts (27) with 37 points on a count-back. A Grade winner: Jason Denner-ley (13) with 37 points. Runner-up: Glenn Marsham (12) with 35 points on a countback. B Grade winner: Antony Roberts (27) with 37 points. Runner-up: Nicole Stewart (44) with 36 points. NTP fifth second shot: Trevor Moss at 1.25m. 14th: Craig Hutchinson at .84m. 16th: Michael O’Rafferty at 1.10m.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

THE sun was out but the wind was very chilly. The ladies played Stableford. Lyn Jennison was the winner with 28 points on a count back from Faye LePage also on 28 points. Faye also won the nearest the pin on the seventh hole. The club takes the best shot



B Grade and round of the day went to Carole Sartori and A Grade was won by Catherine Bolding at the Wonthaggi Golf Club on Wednesday.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, July 22: Stableford. A Grade: G. Shandley (13) 36 points. B Grade: J. McFarlane (17) 35 points c/b. DTL: J. Smeriglio and T. Bradshaw, 35. NTP: fourth G. Renwick, sixth Tom Traill, 13th J. McFarlane and 16th T. Whitelaw. Birdies: fourth G. Renwick, S. Beitz and M. Payne, and 13th J. McFarlane. Saturday, July 26: Par and Final President Trophy. A Grade: B. Bradshaw (7) 5up. B Grade: S. Mills (12) 4up. DTL: S. Duff +4, S. McKenzie +3, G. Shandley and P. Draper +1. NTP: fourth G. Renwick, sixth T. Baker, 13th Tom Whitelaw and 16th R. Scurlock. Birdies: fourth D. Quigley, 13th T. Whitelaw and 16th S. Duff. President Trophy: S. Duff defeated P. Draper 2/1. Sunday, July 20: Hipwell Plate. Plate winner: Churchill 1. A Grade: E. Smith 32. B Grade: D. Byers 35. C Grade: A. West 34. NTP: fourth D. O’Brien, sixth D. Keyhoe, 13th D. Cameron and 16th R. Borg. Eagles: B. Boers (Yallourn) fifth.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: July 24, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole. Winner Joshua Kilgour 42. Ball sweep: Ken Groves 38, Chris Wilkinson 38, Craig Charles 36, Rod McBride 34 and Garry O’Connor 33. Results: July 24, SR. 34.5. Competition: Stableford front nine-hole. Winner: Ray Hender 21. Ball DTL: Bill Howard 17 and Kevin Bayley 17. Results: July 26, S.R 71.



Korumburra's Wednesday Stableford winner Shelley Snooks.

Competition: Par. A Grade: Mat Johnson +2. B Grade: Sam Horvath +2. C Grade: Steve Terrill 0. BDTL to -1. Ball sweep: Craig Charles +1, Ben Martin +1, Jarrod Brusamarello +1, Jim Jordan +1, Simon O’Halloran 0, David Hynes 0, Mark Tiziani 0 and Graham Ryan -1. Eagle: Michael Scott 11th. NTPs: Jim Jordan second, Jarrod Brusamarello fourth, Rod McBride propin eighth, Eric VanAgtmaal 13th and Ben Martin money hole 17th.

Ladies

ON WEDNESDAY, there was a field of 17 players who layered up to combat the chilly winds to get their winter round of golf. Luckily, the rains stayed away until the afternoon. There were two grades with B Grade and round of the day going to Carole Sartori, still having a purple patch of form with a great (43) 35 points. A Grade winner was Catherine Bolding (16)30 points on count back from Kaylene Hodgetts (19)30 points. NTPs were claimed by the winners second Catherine Bolding and eighth Carole Sartori. BDL went to Pam Hanley 32, Layla Robertson 31, Kaylene Hodgetts 30, Marion Walker 30 and Marg Johnson 29.

Woorayl

Ladies

IT WAS a very cold and windy day for the Wednesday ladies. Eight ladies played a Stableford event, sponsored by Woorayl Golf Club. Bev Bridge was the winner for the day with 36 points. She also got a NTP on holes 11 and 17. BDL went to Sherrill Winkler 33 points and Kath Davis 32 points. Kath also had a NTP on the eighth.



On a promotional tour around Australia, the 2025 Melbourne Cup will visit Meeniyani and Stony Creek on Sunday, September 14.

Melbourne Cup coming to Meeniyani

THIS Friday, August 1 is the start of the new racing season, also the official birthday for racehorses, and the Stony Creek Racing Club has a big year planned. While the racing locally doesn’t start until Sunday, December 7, there’s an early highlight coming our way when the 2025 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour stops over at the Meeniyani Town Hall on Sunday, September 14 from 11am. “It’s that time of year! The start of the season is just around the corner, and we are gearing up for a fantastic 2025/26 racing season for all our members, partners and patrons,” said Stony Creek Racing Club CEO Jason Benbow. “We have a really exciting season ahead, kicking off with the Melbourne Cup visiting Stony Creek in September and we’ve secured some fantastic race dates.” The \$850,000, 18-carat-gold Melbourne Cup trophy will make a special appearance at Meeniyani Town Hall, on its journey from New York to Normanton, bringing the magic of the race that stops a nation to our region. Join the race club on September 14 for free kids activities, a Melbourne Cup winning jockey guest speaker, photo opportunities, and more! Here are Stony Creek’s 2025-26 race dates: • Sunday, December 7, 2025 - Christmas Party * Tuesday, December 30, 2025 - Family Day • Sunday, January 18, 2026 - Triple Dead Heat anniversary • Sunday, February 15, 2026 - Publicans Day • Sunday, March 8, 2026 - Lad-brokes Cup Day Memberships are now open, and it’s great value at just \$55 for an adult, offering access to all five race days (\$80) and other perks, including access to the members lawn, lounge, balcony, and exclusive bar and TAB facilities, happy hour drinks from 4pm–5pm on race days, discounts on marquees and umbrella bookings and reciprocal rights at Moe, Sale, Bairnsdale and Traralgon race days. You can also bring a member’s guest for \$25 on any chosen day. Sign up before Monday, September 15 to go in the draw to win one of five Early Bird prizes!

GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 13 RESULTS - JULY 25-27

SENIOR Mens:

Korumburra City 5 d Lang Lang United 1
Inverloch Stars 2 d Leongatha Knights 1
Phillip Island Breakers 3 d Trafalgar Victory 2

Senior Womens:

Phillip Island Breakers 5 d Trafalgar Victory 0
Leongatha Knights 4 d Inverloch Stars 2
Wonthaggi United 3 d Mirboo North United 0
Korumburra City 3 d Lang Lang United 0

Mens Reserves:

Inverloch Stars 2 d Leongatha Knights 1
Drouin Dragons Maroon 3 d Korumburra City 0
Trafalgar Victory 4 drew Phillip Island Breakers 4

Under 17 Mixed:

Drouin Maroon 6 d Drouin Maroon Yellow 1
Leongatha Knights Blue 6 d Inverloch Stars 0
Wonthaggi United 7 d Mirboo North United 2
Korumburra City 5 d Leongatha Knights White 1

Under 15 Girls:

Wonthaggi United 7 d Leongatha Knights 1
Drouin Maroon 1 drew Drouin Yellow 1
Phillip Island Breakers 2 d Korumburra City 1

Under 14 Mixed:

Inverloch Stars 7 d Leongatha Knights 1
Drouin Maroon 4 d Drouin Maroon Yellow 2
P-Island Penguins 4 d P-Island Stingrays 0
Wonthaggi United 7 d Mirboo North United 1
Korumburra City 11 d Lang Lang United 5

Under 12 Girls:

Inverloch Stars 6 d Leongatha Knights 0
Lang Lang United 5 d Korumburra City 3

Under 12A Mixed:

Leongatha Knights Blue 4 d Inverloch Stars 2
Drouin Maroon 6 d Drouin Maroon Yellow 1
Mirboo North United 3 d Wonthaggi United 0
Korumburra City 1 d Lang Lang United 0

Under 12B Mixed:

Leongatha Knights White 7 d Inverloch Stars 1
Drouin Dragons Yellow 2 d P-Island Stingrays 1
P- Island Penguins 5 d Trafalgar Victory 3

ROUND 14 DRAW - AUGUST 2-3

Senior Mens:

Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons Maroon
Wonthaggi United v Lang Lang United
Leongatha Knights v Phillip Island Breakers
Korumburra City v Inverloch Stars

Senior Womens:

Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons Maroon
Leongatha Knights v Phillip Island Breakers
Wonthaggi United v Lang Lang United
Korumburra City v Inverloch Stars

Mens Reserves:

Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons Maroon
Korumburra City v Inverloch Stars
Leongatha Knights v Phillip Island Breakers

Under 17 Mixed:

Mirboo North United v Drouin Maroon Yellow
Leongatha Knights Blue v P-Island Breakers
Wonthaggi United v Leongatha Knights White
Korumburra City v Inverloch Stars

Under 15 Girls:

Leongatha Knights v Phillip Island Breakers
Wonthaggi United v Drouin Dragons Yellow
Korumburra City v Drouin Dragons Maroon

Under 14 Mixed:

Phillip Island Stingrays v Drouin Maroon
Mirboo North United v Drouin Maroon Yellow
Leongatha Knights v Phillip Island Penguins
Wonthaggi United v Lang Lang United
Korumburra City v Inverloch Stars

Under 12 Girls:

Leongatha Knights v Phillip Island Breakers
Wonthaggi United v Lang Lang United
Korumburra City v Inverloch Stars

Under 12A Mixed:

Mirboo North United v Drouin Maroon Yellow
Leongatha Knights Blue v P-Island Breakers
Wonthaggi United v Lang Lang United
Korumburra City v Inverloch Stars

Under 12B Mixed:

Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons Yellow
Leongatha Knights White v P-Island Penguins
Wonthaggi United v Drouin Dragons White



Leongatha Knights FC were excited to welcome Inverloch Stars SC for the second annual Pride Cup.

Knights ladies win the Pride Cup

ON SUNDAY, July 27, Leongatha Knights FC hosted Inverloch SC for the second annual Pride Cup. Due to substantial overnight rain, some pitch shuffling was required before the day kicked off with smiles and rainbows. Players and supporters arrived donned in their rainbow-inspired attire, prepared to celebrate inclusivity in sport.

Prior to the first senior game kick-off, players circled up below the Pride Cup banner to acknowledge the importance of the round and affirm each club's commitment to fostering a culture of inclusion. The Leongatha Knights Women's players wore rainbow shoelaces generously sponsored by P & J Milkins Building Design, and the Inverloch Stars Women's team wore rainbow

socks. What followed was an exciting match between the Knights and the Stars.

The game began with a strong tempo as the Knights looked to take advantage of the home ground and a full team. Despite the Stars' dominant defence, a few early goals saw the Knights with a two-goal lead at half-time. The Stars returned to the pitch determined to get on

the team sheet, making for an exciting half of local football. The Knights and Stars both scored two goals apiece to finish the game with a 4-2 win for the Knights.

A big thank you to Leongatha Knight's Pride Sub Committee for their efforts in putting the memorable day together and to Headspace Wonthaggi for their support on the day.



Midfielder Charlie Dougherty pulls off an impressive slide tackle against Inverloch's Gene Parini.



Leongatha Knights FC's Maddy challenges her Inverloch opponent for the ball.

Wonthaggi Croquet Club well represented at tournaments

THE last weekend in June, coinciding with a tournament at Phillip Island, had three of Wonthaggi Croquet Club members travel to Bairnsdale to compete in a 19-hoop Level Singles tournament.

Mike Butterfield and Virginia Wheeler were successful in Section 2, with Mike topping the charts with four games (+8 hoops), winning narrowly from Virginia, also four games (+6 hoops). A great result for Wonthaggi. Jo Butterfield contested Section four, winning one game.

The Leongatha Handicap Doubles tournament was held on the weekend of July 12 and 13, and again had a good representation from the Wonthaggi club.

Tom Lacy and Sue Baker won two games in Section One, finishing third.

In Section two, Kathy Ross

teamed up with Terry Nash from Korumburra, Sue Priller with Robin McKinnon from Leongatha and Neil Warburton with Craig Priller from Drouin.

Kathy and Terry finished as runners-up, being pipped by the eventual winners, Ian Fasham from Sorrento and Bob Moir from Village Glen, on hoops only, three games +5 hoops as opposed to three games +8 hoops.

Sue and Robin finished with two wins, and Neil and Craig with one win.

Once again, a great effort by all travelling members.

The Wonthaggi Croquet Club invite the public to join in on any club day, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, from 10am for a try-out. Located on Wentworth Road near the swimming/sports complex.



Mike Butterfield and Virginia Wheeler led a great result for Wonthaggi Croquet Club in Bairnsdale.



Wonthaggi A Grade defender Chloe Cengia grabs an intercept as the Power girls surged back into contention by three-quarter time before ultimately going down 40-50 to Sale.



Chloe Marshall was a pair of safe hands in defence for Wonthaggi's B Graders on Saturday as they strengthened their hold on equal top spot with a classy 65-23 win.



Wonthaggi Power A Grade wing attack Ellie Bates launches herself at the ball during a tight contest, for three quarters, with Sale on Saturday.



The Wonthaggi Power defenders lead the chase for the loose ball in B Grade.



In coming! Jess Blair lobbs a pass to the advantage of Chloe Cengia in the middle stages of an absorbing A Grade contest against Sale on Saturday.



Morwell's Courtney Garth goes up. Ns12_3025



Amy Scott lines up her shot under pressure. Ns11_3025



Leongatha's Amy Scott secures the ball just before it's out. Ns10_3025

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Jayde Hall soars to defend against Morwell. Ns13_3025

ELLINBANK		
RESULTS		
A GRADE		17 & UNDER
Bunyip 40 d Catani 36		Bunyip 24 It Catani 41
Nil-Darn 69 d Yarragon 55		Nyora 15 It Trafalgar 30
Nyora 33 It Trafalgar 47		Buln Buln 27 It Lang Lang 44
Buln Buln 49 It Lang Lang 52		Nil-Darn 43 d Yarragon 31
Ellinbank 50 d Longwarry 28		Ellinbank 20 It Longwarry 53
Poowong 33 It Neerim Sth 59		Poowong 36 d Neerim Sth 24
B GRADE		15 & UNDER
Bunyip 62 d Catani 32		Bunyip 34 It Catani 38
Nyora 30 It Trafalgar 50		Buln Buln 25 It Lang Lang 30
Buln Buln 51 d Lang Lang 50		Nyora 10 It Trafalgar 34
Ellinbank 53 d Longwarry 35		Ellinbank 12 It Longwarry 20
Nil-Darn 45 d Yarragon 38		Nil-Darn 37 d Yarragon 18
Poowong 29 It Neerim Sth 55		Poowong 27 d Neerim Sth 25
C GRADE		13 & UNDER
Bunyip 24 It Catani 35		Bunyip 29 d Catani 11
Buln Buln 34 d Lang Lang 29		Nil-Darn 25 d Yarragon 11
Poowong 21 It Neerim Sth 43		Poowong 23 d Neerim Sth 21
Ellinbank 39 d Longwarry 27		Buln Buln 25 It Lang Lang 30
Nil-Darn 36 drew Yarragon 36		Nyora 0 It Trafalgar 60
Nyora 8 It Trafalgar 59		Ellinbank 20 It Longwarry 23

LADDERS		
A GRADE	%	pts
Neerim South	201.39	60
Nilma Darnum	151.41	56
Trafalgar	123.34	44
Ellinbank	140.86	40
Longwarry	122.30	40
Lang Lang	87.88	36
Bunyip	84.18	24
Poowong	84.58	20
Yarragon	81.72	16
Catani	80.57	16
Buln Buln	64.22	8
Nyora	53.62	0
B GRADE		
Ellinbank	175.86	56
Bunyip	154.11	52
Neerim South	152.98	48
Nilma Darnum	120.63	40
Lang Lang	107.36	40
Catani	113.10	32
Buln Buln	94.28	28
Poowong	85.58	20
Yarragon	81.16	16
Longwarry	84.88	12
Trafalgar	82.49	12
Nyora	33.48	0
C GRADE		
Ellinbank	184.15	56
Buln Buln	138.57	44
Neerim South	111.27	44
Trafalgar	135.26	40
Longwarry	121.90	40
Nilma Darnum	116.85	34
Catani	112.27	30
Yarragon	110.46	28
Bunyip	88.57	16
Poowong	83.68	16
Lang Lang	73.19	12
Nyora	13.26	0
17 & UNDER	%	pts
Longwarry	172.97	60
Nilma Darnum	154.30	52
Lang Lang	147.09	42
Trafalgar	125.49	40
Poowong	120.60	40
Catani	114.12	36
Yarragon	115.90	30
Neerim South	90.30	20
Bunyip	75.59	18
Buln Buln	76.51	12
Ellinbank	58.47	10
Nyora	25.80	0
15 & UNDER		
Catani	224.70	60
Poowong	197.91	56
Neerim South	161.19	44
Lang Lang	154.96	44
Bunyip	107.73	34
Longwarry	96.37	28
Buln Buln	109.37	26
Nilma Darnum	103.69	24
Yarragon	76.57	20
Ellinbank	71.63	16
Trafalgar	55.53	8
Nyora	15.57	0
13 & UNDER		
Lang Lang	589.72	60
Trafalgar	362.41	60
Bunyip	234.95	44
Buln Buln	210.10	40
Nilma Darnum	111.11	36
Longwarry	80.92	30
Poowong	74.29	24
Yarragon	78.86	20
Neerim South	63.82	16
Ellinbank	52.05	16
Catani	48.52	14
Nyora	5.36	0

GIPPSLAND		
RESULTS		
A GRADE		17 & UNDER
Wonthaggi 40 It Sale 50		Wonthaggi 29 It Sale 51
Warragul 80 d Traralgon 48		Warragul 25 It Traralgon 53
Maffra 28 It Bairnsdale 80		Maffra 20 It Bairnsdale 64
Drouin 51 It Moe 74		Drouin 40 drew Moe 40
Leongatha 39 It Morwell 48		Leongatha 38 It Morwell 21
B GRADE		15 & UNDER
Wonthaggi 65 d Sale 23		Wonthaggi 10 It Sale 55
Warragul 47 d Traralgon 43		Warragul 49 It Traralgon 58
Maffra 49 d Bairnsdale 45		Maffra 29 It Bairnsdale 39
Drouin 45 It Moe 60		Drouin 35 It Moe 49
Leongatha 58 d Morwell 27		Leongatha 37 d Morwell 19
C GRADE		13 & UNDER
Wonthaggi 45 d Sale 13		Wonthaggi 13 It Sale 55
Warragul 30 It Traralgon 31		Warragul 10 It Traralgon 43
Maffra 37 It Bairnsdale 55		Maffra 32 d Bairnsdale 17
Drouin 48 d Moe 35		Drouin 21 It Moe 34
Leongatha 26 It Morwell 45		Leongatha 41 d Morwell 13

LADDERS		
A GRADE	%	pts
Moe	189.21	56
Warragul	178.78	52
Morwell	118.87	44
Drouin	118.86	32
Bairnsdale	91.49	28
Leongatha	99.58	24
Traralgon	86.27	20
Wonthaggi	69.48	12
Sale	61.02	8
Maffra	50.47	4
B GRADE		
Leongatha	170.95	52
Wonthaggi	166.28	52
Moe	132.66	44
Traralgon	118.12	36
Warragul	118.75	32
Drouin	89.75	24
Morwell	79.18	20
Maffra	67.51	16
Bairnsdale	68.05	2
Sale	58.67	2
C GRADE		
Morwell	153.25	50
Wonthaggi	150.77	44
Leongatha	124.32	42
Drouin	106.31	36
Traralgon	112.83	28
Bairnsdale	106.90	28
Moe	97.42	28
Sale	80.33	12
Warragul	64.96	12
Maffra	50.87	0
17 & UNDER	%	pts
Bairnsdale	205.64	56
Traralgon	236.96	52
Sale	127.00	48
Drouin	92.51	26
Leongatha	84.92	24
Maffra	82.68	24
Moe	80.33	22
Warragul	72.39	16
Wonthaggi	68.93	8
Morwell	53.56	4
15 & UNDER		
Traralgon	241.06	56
Sale	161.03	52
Moe	130.40	38
Warragul	141.04	36
Drouin	102.86	28
Bairnsdale	110.22	24
Leongatha	101.58	24
Maffra	69.74	14
Morwell	47.58	8
Wonthaggi	10.60	0
13 & UNDER		
Leongatha	263.86	56
Sale	183.56	42
Moe	142.58	42
Maffra	126.90	34
Bairnsdale	143.53	30
Traralgon	133.87	28
Morwell	75.90	20
Drouin	74.26	16
Wonthaggi	39.96	8
Warragul	17.10	4



Holli Dedlefs touches for the intercept to Yinnar's goal shooters. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Mia Blackwood takes the pass up the court for Poowong in A Grade. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Summer Barry battles for the ball in the U17 match against Trafalgar.



Jasmine Friend puts up a strong defence against Yinnar's shot at goal. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Tanasha Walters looks for an opening for Nyora in A Grade.



Kaycee Gardiner receives the ball in C Grade.

PHILLIP ISLAND

A GRADE: In a hard-fought and wet contest, Phillip Island came away with a solid five-goal win over Bass. Despite conditions, the girls worked together with great determination and team spirit. Hallie and Aisha were standouts on the court, earning the best-on awards for their strong performances, but it was a true team effort that secured the win. Every player contributed to a well-deserved victory.

B Grade: Phillip Island at Bass, despite the cold and wet conditions, both teams showed off some awesome skills. Bass took an early four-point lead after the first quarter, and the game remained tightly contested going goal for goal. In the end, it was Bass that kept pushing in the last quarter, while Phillip Island just couldn't keep up the pace. Best : Anthea and Steph.

C Grade: The Phillip Island C Grade netball team braved tough weather and a determined Kilcunda Bass side in their weekend clash, eventually going down 25–32 in a hard-fought game. From the first whistle, it was clear that the rain would be a factor, with both teams adjusting to the slippery court and heavy ball. While Phillip Island remained well in the contest for three quarters, fatigue and a few costly turnovers crept in during the final term. Kilcunda Bass took full advantage, finding their rhythm late and pulling away to claim a seven-goal win. Best: Nikki Williams and Lawri Piera.

17 & Under: Phillip Island Under 17s delivered a dominant performance, powering to a commanding 72–4 victory. The conditions were tough, but the girls showed focus, fight, and fantastic teamwork from the first whistle. Best: Aisha and Olivia.

15 & Under: In an unforgettable match on Saturday our U15 netball team pulled off a remarkable comeback against a strong and determined opposition. Trailing by four points for the first three quarters, the girls faced tough competition from a side that pushed them at every turn. In the final quarter, our team dug deep and were able to claim a well-earned six point win. It was a great team performance with a fantastic outcome. Coaches Awards: Brylie and Macy.

11 & Under: The Phillip Island Under 11s netball team delivered an impressive performance on the weekend, securing a 30-15 victory over Kilcunda Bass in a thrilling encounter. The game showcased excellent team play and determination, as the girls came from a tight first half to dominate in the second. Kilcunda Bass held their own in the opening quarter, matching the Islanders goal for goal. The score was level at 7-7 at the first break. The third quarter saw a shift in momentum when Phillip Island's defensive pressure became relentless, and they were able to turn over numerous Kilcunda Bass possessions. Millie Humphrey was named best on court for playing an instrumental role in moving the ball quickly out of defence and creating multiple options for her teammates. Eden Hallas also received an award for her tenacious defensive pressure, causing multiple turnovers and disrupting Kilcunda Bass's attack.

MID GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE Toora 31 lt Foster 40 MDU 54 d Yinnar 30 Tarwin 93 d Thorpdale 18 Mirboo Nth 81 d Hill End 32 Morwell-E 64 d Boolarra 46	B GRADE Toora 61 lt Foster 70 Tarwin 38 d Thorpdale 30 MDU 30 lt Yinnar 43 Mirboo Nth 58 d Hill End 27 Morwell-E 58 d Boolarra 24	C GRADE Toora 36 d Foster 34 Tarwin 71 d Thorpdale 12 MDU 30 lt Yinnar 35 Mirboo Nth 34 drew Hill End 34 Morwell-E 22 lt Boolarra 38	D GRADE Tarwin 68 d Thorpdale 10 Toora 51 d Foster 11 MDU 29 lt Yinnar 42 Mirboo Nth 38 d Hill End 26 Morwell-E 36 d Boolarra 31	17 & UNDER Toora 62 d Foster 7 MDU 37 d Yinnar 31 Mirboo Nth 51 d Hill End 23 Morwell-E 17 lt Boolarra 72	15 & UNDER Mirboo Nth 17 lt Hill End 39 MDU 11 lt Yinnar 28 Toora 44 d Foster 20 Morwell-E 18 lt Boolarra 45	13 & UNDER Mirboo Nth 20 d Hill End 15 Morwell-E 5 lt Boolarra 47 MDU 3 lt Yinnar 49 Toora 17 lt Foster 25
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LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	B GRADE	%	pts	C GRADE	%	pts	D GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Foster	198.46	60	Foster	169.33	60	Yinnar	146.88	52	Mirboo North	198.82	60	Boolarra	254.26	60	Yinnar	241.63	60	Newborough	289.84	56
Fish Creek	159.10	52	Fish Creek	161.48	52	Newborough	147.41	46	Yinnar	200.68	54	MDU	235.76	52	Toora	246.89	56	Yinnar	285.91	52
Yinnar	132.74	48	Yinnar	149.78	48	Foster	123.99	44	Toora	150.32	48	Mirboo North	204.20	50	Hill End	191.50	48	Boolarra	185.93	52
Mirboo North	144.91	44	Newborough	132.57	48	Fish Creek	114.89	42	Tarwin	145.89	48	Yinnar	171.90	50	Boolarra	173.40	48	Tarwin	182.19	48
MDU	123.55	44	Mirboo North	121.43	44	Boolarra	116.28	40	Fish Creek	152.19	42	Toora	185.19	44	Newborough	103.33	40	Fish Creek	131.17	44
Stony Creek	113.87	36	Toora	126.15	36	MDU	126.53	38	Newborough	119.40	40	Hill End	103.68	36	Foster	100.28	36	Mirboo North	143.46	40
Toora	94.44	36	Stony Creek	115.19	36	Tarwin	127.62	34	Hill End	116.72	28	Fish Creek	88.58	32	Mirboo North	85.59	36	Foster	111.21	36
Morwell East	102.13	28	Morwell East	89.51	28	Mirboo North	95.88	32	Stony Creek	99.50	28	Stony Creek	65.67	28	MDU	92.28	28	Stony Creek	115.81	32
Newborough	97.36	28	MDU	91.58	24	Toora	102.41	28	Morwell East	103.79	24	Newborough	42.36	24	Tarwin	58.99	22	Hill End	73.11	24
Tarwin	98.15	24	Hill End	72.25	24	Hill End	100.00	28	MDU	77.71	20	Morwell East	38.60	20	Fish Creek	37.82	18	Toora	32.11	16
Hill End	49.10	14	Tarwin	61.18	12	Stony Creek	98.35	28	Foster	59.83	20	Tarwin	38.74	16	Stony Creek	44.07	16	MDU	22.90	12
Boolarra	64.98	10	Boolarra	44.83	12	Morwell East	74.60	12	Boolarra	73.27	12	Foster	30.00	12	Morwell East	38.96	16	Morwell East	18.79	12
Thorpdale	34.18	4	Thorpdale	51.86	4	Thorpdale	20.25	4	Thorpdale	12.12	4	Thorpdale	0.00	0	Thorpdale	0.00	0	Thorpdale	0.00	0

KILCUNDA BASS

A GRADE: Phillip Island came out strong, but the girls managed to fight hard to come back and kept PI within reach. The defenders put the pressure on from the start and the attacking end showed great speed and strength. Kira, Esther and Belle stepped up for us this week and played their roles beautifully. Unfortunately, we went down by five in the tough battle. Award: Tamika DeNardis.

B Grade: With finals on the line, the team knew this was a must-win. Lizzy and Esther were rock solid in defence, racking up turnovers and shutting down Island's attack. Ally was relentless in wing defence. Kira and Kiara worked the ball beautifully through the wet conditions. The crowd was loud, the game was fierce, and the Babes were unstoppable, running out 46-34 winners. Awards: Elizabeth Crawford and Esther Evans.

C Grade: We came away with a good win. The girls displayed some great netball across the whole court. The defensive pressure forced lots of turnovers and gave the goalers multiple scoring opportunities which they converted, and it made the difference. The team worked together well and came away with a seven-point win. Award: Alice Mabilia

D Grade: We hit the court determined for redemption against long-time rivals Phillip Island. The first quarter was tightly contested, and we went into the break all square. The second quarter saw us come out firing, scoring six unanswered goals through composed and smart netball. At half-time, we held a four-goal lead. From there, we continued to lift. Staying calm and composed, we gradually extended our lead with disciplined play, ending the game with a well-earned 16-goal win. Award: Kim Pike.

17 & Under: We faced a tough match against a strong Phillip Island side in wet conditions that made the game even more challenging. Despite this, the Bass players showed determination and flexibility, with many rotating between attacking and defensive roles to support the team's efforts. The Bass team fought hard and will use this experience to continue building their resilience and teamwork for the rest of the season.

15 & Under: We were pretty keen to redeem ourselves after our last loss to the always strong Phillip Island side. We were able to hold a four-goal lead for three quarters with our shooting accuracy on point and our mid-court and defence worked hard all game to bring the ball down to the goalers, however, we couldn't keep up with them for the final quarter, and we ended up going down by six. Awards: Kealey Trewavis and Lexie Baker.

13 & Under: We came out firing and never looked back, securing a thrilling two-goal victory over our long-time rivals, Phillip Island! We led from the first whistle to the final siren, with incredible teamwork, strong defence, and an attacking end, our unwavering spirit driving us forward all game. The energy on court was electric, and the positivity from every player made the win even sweeter.

11 & Under: The improvement of our team since we last played Phillip Island was enormous, and was commented on by the opposing coach. Our first quarter saw some of the best passages of play we've seen all season. The team play continued into the second, but in the second half, fatigue set in and Phillip Island ran over the top of us. Awards: Sage Van Der Walt and Molly Ritchie.



Kiara Brusamarello control the ball on the circle edge as her Phillip Island opponent attempts to deflect.



Isabella Santorini is under pressure from her Phillip Island opponent in the Panthers' goal circle.



Emily Andrew scans for options around the goal circle as the Panthers look to convert.



Emma Felsovary takes the pass as she drives through the attacking third.



Inverloch-Kongwak's Sophia Hughes stays composed as she takes her shot.



Macy Newcombe receives the pass as Inverloch-Kongwak transition the ball from defence to attack.



Kira Hamilton pushes the ball forward into the attacking third during the B Grade clash.

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS			LADDERS						
A GRADE Kor-Bena 47 d IK 30 Garfield 54 d Warragul-I 38 Cora Lynn 33 lt Dalyston 34 K-Bass 43 lt P-Island 48	17 & UNDER Kor-Bena 33 d IK 27 K-Bass 4 lt P-Island 72 Cora Lynn 43 d Dalyston 24 Garfield 17 lt Warragul-I 50	A GRADE Kor-Bena 146.34 60 Nar Nar Goon 141.76 56 Cora Lynn 124.35 52 Inverloch-K 109.39 48 Dalyston 120.07 44 Tooradin-Dal 109.15 38 Phillip Island 96.11 30 Garfield 77.98 22 Koo Wee Rup 72.41 18 Kilcunda Bass 85.93 16 Warragul Ind 60.50 4	% pts	C GRADE Cora Lynn 175.46 60 Garfield 136.36 56 Tooradin-Dal 130.54 54 Inverloch-K 126.92 46 Warragul Ind 124.71 44 Nar Nar Goon 132.19 36 Kilcunda Bass 100.43 32 Phillip Island 69.11 24 Koo Wee Rup 62.58 16 Kor-Bena 63.05 12 Dalyston 48.59 8	% pts	17 & UNDER Cora Lynn 198.49 60 Nar Nar Goon 145.48 60 Tooradin-Dal 133.07 52 Phillip Island 161.38 48 Warragul Ind 129.77 38 Koo Wee Rup 98.62 34 Dalyston 108.82 28 Inverloch-K 78.60 28 Kor-Bena 79.07 24 Garfield 49.34 10 Kilcunda Bass 29.59 6	% pts	13 & UNDER Cora Lynn 391.72 64 Nar Nar Goon 264.04 58 Tooradin-Dal 250.50 58 Koo Wee Rup 96.65 44 Garfield 129.21 40 Kor-Bena 108.07 32 Phillip Island 74.29 32 Kilcunda Bass 72.36 24 Inverloch-K 51.41 20 Warragul Ind 45.60 12 Dalyston 13.20 4	% pts
B GRADE Kor-Bena 30 lt IK 43 Cora Lynn 45 d Dalyston 38 Garfield 73 d Warragul-I 38 K-Bass 46 d P-Island 34	15 & UNDER K-Bass 20 lt P-Island 26 Garfield 27 drew Warragul-I 27 Cora Lynn 58 d Dalyston 12	B GRADE Kor-Bena 184.67 62 Nar Nar Goon 157.51 58 Cora Lynn 131.63 54 Dalyston 136.11 48 Inverloch-K 96.37 34 Kilcunda Bass 110.52 32 Koo Wee Rup 96.68 32 Phillip Island 95.91 28 Garfield 83.36 20 Kor-Bena 76.15 16 Warragul Ind 31.26 4	% pts	D GRADE Nar Nar Goon 173.61 60 Cora Lynn 191.83 58 Garfield 145.71 48 Tooradin-Dal 115.76 44 Koo Wee Rup 126.60 42 Inverloch-K 95.89 36 Kor-Bena 104.37 32 Kilcunda Bass 94.04 28 Phillip Island 75.17 24 Warragul Ind 46.74 10 Dalyston 40.90 6	% pts	15 & UNDER Cora Lynn 300.96 64 Nar Nar Goon 312.74 60 Tooradin-Dal 292.19 56 Phillip Island 86.44 40 Koo Wee Rup 86.65 38 Warragul Ind 70.43 30 Kilcunda Bass 67.76 28 Inverloch-K 64.75 26 Garfield 62.22 26 Dalyston 44.99 16 Kor-Bena 0.00 0	% pts	11 & UNDER Cora Lynn 295.65 60 Garfield 276.22 56 Koo Wee Rup 222.67 52 Inverloch-K 209.20 52 Phillip Island 147.40 46 Nar Nar Goon 107.32 34 Tooradin-Dal 96.23 32 Kor-Bena 85.39 28 Warragul Ind 21.33 12 Dalyston 35.03 10 Kilcunda Bass 21.40 6	% pts

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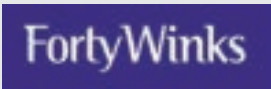


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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 15

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB



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MIRBOO NORTH	HILL END
Miirboo Nth	2.2 4.6 7.6 7.9 (51)
Hill End	4.0 7.0 12.6 13.8 (86)
GOALS, Mirboo Nth: A Windsor, E Woodall, R Oddy 2, A Woodall 1	
BEST: H Kerr, H Mahoney, E Woodall, R Oddy, B Peters, H Barnes	
GOALS, Hill End: D Fawcett, L Cumiskey, B Paul, A Fawcett 2, J Hammond, S Calway, C Owen, A Uliando, H Moore 1 each	
BEST: H Moore, A Fawcett, A Uliando, C Paul, D Fawcett, L Cumiskey	
RESERVES	
Miirboo Nth	1.2 2.3 4.8 5.8 (38)
Hill End	2.2 4.3 5.5 6.9 (45)
GOALS, Mirboo Nth: T McAllister 2, J Jagusch, T Taylor, D Pinneri 1 each	
BEST: D Pinneri, J Jagusch, H Reville Gent, L Gervasi, T Alexander, T Kelly	
GOALS, Hill End: J Schiavello 4, J Morison, A Matwijkiw 1 each	
BEST: Z O'Hara, J Schiavello, R Matchett, J Dworznik, N James, N Bain	
THIRDS	
Miirboo Nth	1.4 3.6 5.8 9.9 (63)
Hill End	4.0 5.2 7.4 10.7 (67)
GOALS, Mirboo Nth: C Crutchfield , T McDuffie 3, S Berquez , N Jackson , T Tobin 1 each	
BEST: C Crutchfield, C Vivian, H Ludlow, T Tobin, L Poljak, Z Jones	
GOALS, Hill End: J Winduss 4, D Paul 3, D van der Stoep, X Pace, A Cooper 1 each	
BEST: H Phoenix, D van der Stoep, M Balfour, M Johnston, D Paul, J Garratt	

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB



42



105

TOORA	FOSTER
Toora	0.0 2.3 4.6 6.6 (42)
Foster	5.5 9.8 12.12 15.15 (105)
GOALS, Toora: L Craig, S Bright 2, J Halsall, L Smart 1 each	
BEST: J Smart, L Marr, J Dows, J Halsall, L Smart, S Bright	
GOALS, Foster: J Best 5, H Flavelle, T Van Dyke 2, C Banbury, S Chaseling, J Rathjen, M Green, M Cooke, J Flavelle 1 each	
BEST: J Morris, J Toner, B Flavelle, C Banbury, D Williams, J Flavelle	
RESERVES	
Toora	6.1 9.1 12.3 15.4 (94)
Foster	2.0 4.1 6.3 8.4 (52)
GOALS, Toora: J Maurilli-Pullin 8, L Anedda 2, J Griffin, L de Boer, J Moore, J Guganovic, J Mabilia 1 each	
BEST: J Cripps, J Moore, J Maurilli-Pullin, L Anedda, P Grant, J Guganovic	
GOALS, Foster: M Green, J Davy 3, N Daldy, E Smith 1 each	
BEST: F Lomax, J Davy, B Angwin, M Green, A Lomax, E Smith	



Mirboo North came into the final quarter desperate to secure a win but Hill End proved too good. ns21_3025

Tigers retain sixth place despite home loss to Hillsmen

By Rover

HILL END moved off the bottom of the Mid Gippsland ladder with a rock-solid 35-point win over Mirboo North at Tigerland on Saturday.

In better news for Mirboo North, the mighty Tigers maintained sixth position on the table, following Thorpdale's thrilling one-point victory against Tarwin at Shark Park.

Mirboo North wore its purple and gold colors from 50 years ago, as part of its annual football and netball past premiership players' reunion day.

Both teams came into the round 15 clash refreshed, after having byes the previous week.

Light raindrops fell at the start of the match and continued intermittently thereafter.

A feature of Hill End's victory was its first nine shots at goal going through the big white sticks without a miss.

Mirboo North closed a 10-point quarter-time deficit and led by four points midway through the second term.

Then, from the 17-minute mark onwards, the visitors kicked three consecutive goals to take a 12-point lead into the half-time break.

With unquestioned skill and endeavour, Harry Moore, Aaron Fawcett, Amburupa Uliando and Callum Paul had begun to stamp their authority on the contest for Hill End.

As paradoxical as it may sound, Hill End suddenly found a bold foothold on proceedings, through its reliable overhead contested marking.

Even more importantly, the Hillsmen hunted the ball

harder and gathered it more cleanly and more often than the Tigers.

Although Mirboo North added three goals in the third quarter, it was unable to prevent the Hillsmen recording 5.6, that gave them a 30-point advantage at the last change.

It was here that Hill End proved beyond any reasonable doubt that effective disposals are priceless in a game of football.

Even the most argumentative footy fans in the land – and there are plenty of them – can't disagree with that.

All around the ground, Hill End's sure ball handling and accurate disposals, plus its fierce tackling, were first class.

The Hillsmen's impressive play had many Mirboo North spectators wondering why – that prior to their visit to Tigerland – they had won only one match for the season.

Mirboo North was unable to make any headway in the final term, where Hill End's Chad Owen ran into an open goal to kick the only major for either side.

Best performers for Mirboo North in its disappointing defeat in the damp conditions included skipper Hudson Kerr, Harry Mahoney, Ethan Woodall, Riley Oddy, Beau Peters and Hayden Barnes.

Mirboo North heads to Stony Creek this Saturday for a must win against the Lions, in order to stay in the top six.



The Tigers' Beau Peters contests the ball. ns22_3025



It's a tight tussle for possession. ns23_3025

Tigers maul Magpies, as finals bid takes a hit

By Rob Popplestone

TOORA having clawed their way into finals contention were now forced to face perhaps their biggest challenge of the season in order to secure a firmer grip on an unlikely finals position.

The top of the table Tigers came to town however with the intention of both continuing their winning streak and in doing so, also putting an end to the feel good story of the league. Foster 15.15.105 far

too strong for Toora 6.6.42.

"Hot start down at Toora putting the game to bed very quickly," Sam Davies, Foster coach said.

"We battled away and had some really good moments mixed in with some scrappy patches for the rest of the game. We won every quarter which was pleasing and our work rate was good for a lot of

the day."

The Tigers, as good as they are, did what they needed to do, applied pressure early, assumed control and cruised to the finish line.

The loss hasn't halted the Magpie's shot at finals, but it did showcase just how good the top of the table Foster side is.

"Foster certainly came to play and unfortunately we were well off the pace early

and we got shown what good sides do to you when you are not up for the challenge. To the boys credit we didn't shy away from the challenge and had a real crack in the second half," Jay Accardi, Toora coach said.

Like a few others, Toora remain just one game behind the sixth placed Mirboo North, and Toora's upcoming round sixteen clash against Boolarra looms as a defining moment of both teams' seasons.

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Demons dismantle Yinnar

WITH just four weeks to go of the MGFNL home and away season, the final scenario looks likely to play out like any of the best thrillers anybody has ever seen.

Amazingly, ten of the league's thirteen clubs were still capable of making a coveted top six spot prior to round fifteen, but as in any good thriller, some of the good guys are likely to be killed off over the next month.

MDU started the day fourth on the league ladder, but just a game clear of ninth-placed Newborough, the problem for the Demons was having to host a Yinnar side who sat third but were on the rebound from a loss the week prior.

The Magpies were in the game at the first break but were beaten from there on in.

MDU 14.10.94 defeating Yinnar 10.5.65

The Demons win, possibly their best of the season and has them back into premier-ship discussions.

"It was great to get back on the winning list. I was really proud of how the lads responded after a couple of challenging weeks," Rhett Kelly, MDU coach said.

"We identified a few areas of our game that needed quick attention. Those areas were a big focus for us during the week and Saturday's game, and to the guys' credit, they got it done, playing a solid four-quarter game. Yinnar is a quality team, and we knew that we had to be at our best to beat them.

By Rob Popplestone

"We have a bye next week, which we'll use to refresh physically and mentally before our final two home and away games of the season."

The win was one of the better ones for the Demons this season, the loss for the Magpies, on the other hand, has them working on some problems they have identified.

"MDU certainly came to play and were out to redeem themselves after a loss last week," Sam McCulloch, Yinnar coach said.

"We struggled to get our game going and were out-worked for a large portion of the game. Credit to MDU for the way they applied themselves and their attitude for four quarters.

"With the bye coming next week, it is a real opportunity for us to regroup and have a good look at some areas of our game that are letting us down. We will get to work over the next few weeks at training and set ourselves up for a big game against Newborough."

The upcoming Bulldogs clash is anticipated to be a crucial one also, with the Bulldogs just percentage from sixth spot and believing that they can be part of the real stuff come finals time.

RIGHT: Sam Wilson looks for the opening as he prepares for a handball.
Photos: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Dean Thorson attempts to control the ball as pressure is applied from his Yinnar opponents.



Sharks miss the mark as blues snatch crucial win

AS WITH every clash in round fifteen, seasons were on the line at the home ground of the Sharks. Thorpdale, fifth on the league ladder, made the trek to take on Tarwin, who sat seventh and just a game behind the Blues, knowing that a win could all but secure their finals aspirations whilst killing off those of the opposition.

The clash was a one-point thriller, with Thorpdale's accuracy the difference.

The Blues 8.8.56 to the Sharks 7.13.55.

"Wrapt to get the win in what was an important game for both clubs," Daniel Taylor,

By Rob Popplestone

Thorpdale coach said.

"Tarwin had some ascendancy in different stages of the game but let us off the hook with some inaccurate kicking. To the boy's credit, we embraced the contest, we hung in there all day and found a way to win in the end, which was very pleasing. We had contributors right across the board but I thought our back seven were fantastic against a pretty potent forward line. We've now put ourselves in a pretty good position leading into the bye, on a personal note I'm looking

forward to a stress-free Saturday, but the main thing is it gives the boys a great opportunity to freshen up before the back end of the season."

Deep into the season and with finals just weeks away, the opportunity for a deep breath and freshen up is like gold for some sides, while for others, such as the Sharks, there is no time to rest and no room for error as they find themselves in eighth position and just a game from a coveted top six spot.

"It was a really tough loss to swallow. Credit to Thorpdale, they just played with great determination all game,"

Lachie Jones, Tarwin coach said.

"We missed opportunities to build scoreboard pressure and didn't take our chances in front of goal when it counted. Again we couldn't question our effort and endeavour but just lacked some composure and polish and that was the difference."

The Sharks may well rue the inaccuracy of the weekend, the congestion around the sixth position remains and Tarwin are still very much in the mix, but one more result such as they had in round fifteen and it will be all over.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 15

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB



MDU		YINNAR		
MDU	1.4	7.6	13.7	14.10 (94)
Yinnar	1.2	4.4	7.5	10.5 (65)
GOALS, MDU: N Nagel 5, H Fennell 2, B Tomada, W Stewart, D Thorson, B VanderZalm, S Walsh, B Perry, T McRae 1 each				
BEST: T Corry, T McRae, B VanderZalm, D Thorson, S Wilson, J Kennedy				
GOALS, Yinnar: K Grinstead-Jones 3, N Hall, H McKay 2, A Bailey, J Notman, W Robertson 1 each				
BEST: J Notman, B Chapman, A Bailey, B Cheffers, C Mills, L Linton				
RESERVES				
MDU	4.2	5.4	6.5	9.6 (60)
Yinnar	2.0	4.3	6.4	6.5 (41)
GOALS, MDU: L Wright 5, T Harris 3, B Fennell 1				
BEST: T Harris, E O'Loughlin, C Krohn, L Wright, S Murphy, S Bright				
GOALS, Yinnar: S Patten, C Hutchison, M Renwick, T Russell, N McCafferty, J Garlick 1 each				
BEST: T Renwick, C Hutchison, M Renwick, R Mayo, J Chessum, G Oliver				
THIRDS				
MDU	7.1	12.2	15.9	16.14 (110)
Yinnar	0.1	2.2	3.3	5.5 (35)
GOALS, MDU: A McInnes 7, L Hamilton 5, A Hulshof 2, J Lambert, A Casey 1 each				
BEST: L Duvoisin, L Hamilton, J Lambert, C Harrison, B Taylor, A McInnes				
GOALS, Yinnar: T Hibberson, J Carew, X McCafferty, H Bugeja, H McCulloch 1 each				
BEST: H McCulloch, H Bugeja, X McCafferty, G Ryan, H Berechree, G Bennett				

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB



55



56

TARWIN

THORPDALE

Tarwin2.54.106.127.13 (55)

Thorpdale3.35.47.78.8 (56)

GOALS, Tarwin: K McCarthy 2, M Williams, B Ellen, D Brosnan, J Staley, T Vanderkolk 1 each

BEST: B Chalmers, B Cowell, K McCarthy, T Francis, F Brosnan, M McCall

GOALS, Thorpdale: S Pickering 4, H Britten, J Jones, S Falla, B Melbourne 1 each

BEST: J Patullo, S Pickering, D Holt, G Low, B Britten, M Gorman

RESERVES

Tarwin09.118.423.1128.16 (184)

Thorpdale1.01.02.03.0 (18)

GOALS, Tarwin: B Senior-Gibson 9, L Anderson 8, L Keily 3, E Senior, J Chalmers, T Cameron 2, D Cardy, R Waddell 1 each

BEST: B Senior-Gibson, L Anderson, L Keily, E Senior, J Chalmers, R Waddell

GOALS, Thorpdale: T O'Loughlin 2, S Clark 1

BEST: C Westbury, D McMahon, W Allan, J Hecker, K Dhollande, T Bramwell

THIRDS

Tarwin4.55.67.711.8 (74)

Fish Creek1.34.37.48.4 (52)

GOALS, Tarwin: B Trevena 4, H Guymer 3, E Langstaff, J Andronaco, J Commadeur, A Francis 1 each

BEST: I Cameron, C Mallia, A Francis, H Guymer, C Gerretzen, F Finlay

GOALS, Fish Creek: O Bright 5, H Cocksedge, L Moon, J Gale 1 each

BEST: A Hamlett, J Gale, B Thomson, M Thomson, H Cocksedge, O Bright

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS									
SENIORS					RESERVES				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts
Foster	12	1	241.45	56	Yinnar	13	1	419.63	56
Fish Creek	12	1	201.04	56	MDU	11	3	338.61	48
Yinnar	10	4	157.19	44	Morwell East	11	3	316.08	48
MDU	9	5	128.85	40	Tarwin	10	4	212.18	44
Thorpdale	8	6	101.52	36	Stony Creek	9	4	136.64	44
Mirboo Nth	6	7	79.64	32	Toora	9	5	204.85	40
Newborough	6	7	74.40	32	Fish Creek	8	5	107.60	40
Tarwin	6	8	91.60	28	Hill End	4	9	57.44	24
Toora	6	8	85.94	28	Newborough	4	9	54.07	24
Boolarra	6	8	85.42	28	Mirboo Nth	3	10	55.41	20
Stony Creek	3	10	81.96	20	Foster	2	10	40.19	18
Hill End	2	11	57.23	16	Thorpdale	3	11	22.58	16
Morwell East	2	12	53.85	12	Boolarra	0	13	20.53	6
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Jake Best (Foster)				68	Jarryd Garlick (Yinnar)				55
Nick Nagel (MDU)				63	Adam Bright (Fish Creek)				43
Kane Grinstead-Jones (Yinnar)				57	James Maurilli-Pullin (Toora)				43
THIRDS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
MDU	10	2	317.44	52	Angus McInnes (MDU)				61
Newborough	9	2	162.48	52	Oscar Hanson (Newborough)				45
Hill End	8	4	120.18	44	Tobias McDuffie (Mirboo North)				38
Yinnar	7	5	119.06	40					
Tarwin	3	8	76.66	28					
Mirboo Nth	4	8	74.44	28					
Fish Creek	0	12	25.24	12					
Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0					
Toora	0	0	0.00	0					
Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0					
Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0					
Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0					
Foster	0	0	0.00	0					

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There was no fairytale finish to Sam Docherty’s storied career but a widely celebrated goal, several goal assists, 16 possessions, 282 metres gained, and being chaired off by Carlton captain Patrick Cripps, former teammate Kade Simpson, together with 200-gamer Jacob Weitering will have to do.

Doc calls it a day on his AFL journey

LAST Thursday night at the MCG, it was all about Phillip Island’s Sam Docherty.

As much as the former Bulldog shared the occasion with Carlton teammate Jacob Weitering, who became the 40th player to reach 200 games in the Navy Blue, there was universal acclaim across the sporting landscape for someone whose triumphs against adversity have transcended the game.

Supporters on both sides stood as one when Docherty kicked an eagerly anticipated goal in the third quarter and they stayed around in their thousands as he was chaired off at the end of a storied career by Carlton captain Patrick Cripps and former teammate Kade Simpson, now a Hawthorn assistant coach.

Everyone knows what he has been through, what he has survived to come back time and time again.

But he has shone out like a beacon to all those who’ve had their own struggles with adversity, and will no doubt continue to do so in whatever follows in the next stage of his life.

Even in the rooms after the game, the high regard for Sam Docherty was palpable.

Having thanked his own family and the players, Weitering reserved his most heartfelt remarks for ‘Doc’.

“It has been an absolute privilege to play alongside you, I’m just sorry to see you go,” he said.

Sam’s own comments were brief, thanking supporters, the footy club, players, family and friends, but also noting he was all talked out after a big week.

“I know I have put you through a lot. Thank you so much.”

Speaking after the game, he said his feelings were hard to quantify.

“It’s a strange feeling right now. It’s all I’ve done for 14 years, but amazing to be able to have all my family and friends here and to come back in with Weiters. It’s as good as it could be without winning.

“But I’ve had a long career that I’m proud of and I’m happy to go out and do something else for a while.

“I’ve not had the easiest cards, but dealing with that and coming back hasn’t just been about me. A lot of people have had a hand in it as well from the doctors, physios, psychologists and coaches to teammates, family and friends; it takes an army of people to make that happen.”

Coach Michael Voss also paid a final tribute to Doc, noting that while it had all been said during the week, on a personal note, he said he was fortunate to be able to spend time with Sam behind the scenes, and was well aware of his motivations for the footy club and the fact that he would have liked to be leaving it in a better state.

“We came in wanting to create a special memory tonight for two players that we hold in the highest regard, who’ve had a huge impact on

our footy club,” he said, but it wasn’t to be.

Doc also had a moment for the Sentinel-Times in the rooms afterwards.

So, how was that tonight? How did you go?

“Wonderful. Good, but we didn’t win.”

How would you describe your career?

“Long,” said Sam with a wry smile.

Moderately long in terms of 184 games, 13 with the Brisbane Lions and 171 with Carlton, but heroically long in terms of returning after three ACL injuries in 2017, 2018 and 2024, completing the recovery in six months so he could play finals that year, and of course, two bouts of cancer in 2020 and 2021.

Along the way captaining Carlton for three seasons, being named All Australian in 2017, claiming the John Nicholls Medal in 2016, David Parkin Medal in 2017 and 2022 and the prestigious Jim Stynes Community Leadership Award in 2023, using his illness as a platform to raise awareness and much-needed funds for cancer research.

A proud mum, Anabelle Docherty, with her hands full of grandchildren, watched it all from the sidelines.

What are you feeling?

“Just looking forward to what comes next,” she said.

“But very proud of him. Very much so.”

And brother Josh, what are you thinking?

“There’s been lots of ups and downs. Yeah, it’s been quite a journey.”

There have been plenty of well-wishers on the home front too, including from former Richmond, Sydney and local football legend, Daryl Vernon, whose own boys Beau and Zac were contemporaries of Josh and Sam.

“Eddie, their dad, was very good at passing on the skills of the game to his boys, and they were both very good kicks with an excellent understanding of the game from early on,” said Daryl.

“They all played for the seniors (Phillip Island) as teenagers. I’m not sure if all four played together, they may have. Josh is the same age as Zac, Beau a bit older and Sam, a year and a half younger than Zac.

“But Sam always had a very mature approach, a terrific attitude. Between the skills Eddie taught them and his attitude, you could see Sam had something special. He’s been an absolute standout across the competition, and I really hope the AFL acknowledges that tonight,” he said last week.

You couldn’t have missed what the general public, the media and the AFL thinks about Sam Docherty; and we’re all entitled to bask in a little of that well-deserved glory.



One of Leongatha’s best, Luke Bowman prepares to tackle. A30_3025

Parrots down Tigers with blistering final term in dreary conditions

A TORRENT of last-quarter goals led Leongatha to a 55-point win over Morwell in what had been a tight and tough game until the final change, the Parrots earlier toil rewarded with eight majors to one in the concluding term.

Morwell’s set shot goal just prior to the final siren was the Tigers’ only major of the second half, the Parrots asserting their authority despite a second quarter hamstring injury to experienced backman Sean Westaway, and Dyson Heppell on the sidelines after the long break.

Leongatha coach Trent McMicking was thrilled with his team’s commitment throughout the contest, albeit urging them early on to cut down on the handballing in the damp conditions and take a more direct approach.

While praising Morwell’s tenacity, he commended the Parrots’ ability and willingness to do the sustained work required in challenging conditions.

“That’s exactly what a really good team does in conditions like that; you just have to hang on, and then your systems and structure, work rate and skill level and ability to work for each other comes to the top,” he said.

Although Leongatha responded to McMicking’s call to go more direct and put Morwell’s defence under greater pressure, the rewards didn’t come until the last term.

Popular ruckman Ben Willis won the admiration of teammates by playing the entire second half, no small feat when one is slugging through patches of mud, albeit the ground wasn’t too bad considering the substantial recent rain.

Leongatha gained much of its drive from a powerful on-ball display, Luke Bowman and Ben Harding again outstanding, racking up contested possessions and feeding the footy to teammates, Kim



The Parrots’ Jack Hume sends it down the field. ns18_3025

Drew and Aaron Heppell also winning the hard ball, the club naming the latter as its top performer.

He was listed ahead of Bowman and the versatile and hard-at-it Jack Hume, Harding, Willis and Drew rounding out the best players list.

McMicking remarked on the last quarter efforts of Xavier Lamers, who finished his strong work with a couple of goals during that period, and Jay Walker whose final term he labelled “huge”.

Having the bustling presence of Tallin Brill and Justin Pellicano back in action was a boost for the Parrots.

Patrick Ireland and Drew matched Lamers’ scoring output with a couple of goals each, with six Parrots booting a major apiece.

Tigers skipper Aidan Quigley set the standard for his team, named Morwell’s best ahead of Stephen Mills.

Josh Galea kicked half of the beaten team’s four goals, his pair of majors coming in quick succession, the

second putting the Tigers ahead briefly as quarter time approached.

While that threatened to give Morwell the momentum, Ireland responded to restore the Parrots’ lead.

That lead edged out to 14 points by the final change before Leongatha’s commanding last stanza.

The Parrots are ready for a challenge when they host Warragul, McMicking describing the Gulls as a “good side” and knowing Leongatha needs to be at its best.

He spoke of the importance of managing players and how many minutes they play, conceding a number of blokes are sore, and explaining that Dyson Heppell would have come back on in the last quarter had the Parrots not broken away early in the term.

Morwell’s loss proved costly as Wonthaggi powered past the Tigers into fifth place, Morwell hoping to bounce back when it hosts Maffra.

Power back on but a big month of footy looms

WONTHAGGI Power kept its finals hopes alive on Saturday with a confidence-boosting, 47-point win over a visiting Sale side in wet and slippery conditions that demanded resolve and commitment at the contest.

Energy levels were up across the board from the Power players from the outset, and they needed to be to snuff out Sale's hopes of a cheeky away win against a team that had lost to Drouin and Morwell in consecutive weeks.

The vultures were circling, but with a snap-shot for a point from the coach Jarryd Blair in the opening seconds, followed by a well-worked goal by Cooper McInnes, initiated by Brodie Mabilia in the ruck and Hunter Tiziani on the move, they were on their way.

And Wonthaggi never looked back despite some early pressure from the Pies.

Mabilia put his stamp on the game from the first bounce, at least breaking even with big Jack Leslie in the ruck, but constantly following up in a ruck-rover role to get the ball moving Wonthaggi's way. And together with other on-ballers Kaj Patterson, Ryan Sparkes and Josh Bates, he had a big say in the clearance stats that set up the comprehensive win.

There was good competition from Cooper Whitehall, closely checking Power playmaker Sparkes at the stoppages, Jack Johnstone and Bates facing off and Kaj Patterson working off the prolific Shannen Lange to have a real impact on the game.

But Wonthaggi's defenders, especially Jye Gilmour, set the tone early with some hard tackling and hard running. Gilmour combining with Bates and Jack Blair early, starting to run into some good form at half forward, in a move that provided a pattern out of the back half for Power.

A stinging tackle on Lange by Patterson proved there was a bit of feeling in the wet-weather contest and despite a clearing punch by Jarvis Harvey, Sale's Tom Campbell had their first shot for a point, followed by a goal from the kick out.

Power fans needn't have been concerned though. Patterson engineered the next forward move, and it was Jack Blair, in typically courageous fashion, who

capped it off with a goal after a 50-metre penalty.

Harry Dawson was having a run through the centre and as more Power players got involved, they started to take control, especially coming off half back, where Isaac Chugg, Reeve Moresco and Gilmour were showing the way, getting plenty of help from willing on-ballers.

Jack Blair was creative up forward and McInnes might have kicked an easy one before Sale's ruckman Leslie returned fire up the other end after a free kick with a straight shot for goal.

Ethan Dickison took a fine contested mark, between two Sale players on the coach's box wing, which ultimately finished in a goal to Cooper McInnes, followed in quick succession by one from the coach.

Josh Bates gave Mabilia a chop out in the ruck and Patterson was continuing to get first hands on the ball in one of his best games for Wonthaggi.

Sale pulled one back late through Harry Ronchi, but Wonthaggi had all the answers. Aiden Lindsay slotted a beauty from a tight angle, in front of the grandstand, and after the quarter-time siren, Harry Dawson stretched the lead to three – how important it is to make those chances count.

The Power was leading six goals to three in what shaped as a low-scoring, dour contest, but it was Cooper McInnes who got the first right after the restart and the four-goal lead already looked decisive.

They outscored Sale five goals to two in the second half as the Wonthaggi team defence took complete control.

The return to the winner's circle by Wonthaggi, featuring a balanced effort across the ground and players finding form after coming back from injury, sets up a very interesting last four weeks of the season for the Power, starting at Bairnsdale next Saturday, followed by Traralgon and Leongatha at home and Moe away in the last round.

It won't just be enough for Wonthaggi to beat Bairnsdale and Traralgon over the next fortnight; they'll almost certainly have to win against one of the flag favourites, Leongatha or Moe, to secure their place in the 'final five'.



It was 'silver service' all day away from the stoppages for Brodie Mabilia and his on-ball mates as they comprehensively won the contested ball and turned it into a good win against Sale.



Reeve Moresco was named among the best for Wonthaggi in a 'team effort' win over Sale on Saturday.



Eyes on the ball! Ryan Sparkes makes a contest of it as Sale's helmeted Cooper Rand looks to get the ball going his team's way in the opening quarter.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 14

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB



84



29

LEONGATHA	MORWELL
Leongatha 2.3 4.6 4.12 12.12 (84)	Morwell 2.2 3.2 3.4 4.5 (29)

GOALS, Leongatha: Z Lamers, P Ireland, K Drew 2, T Brill, F Donohue, N Argento, J Walker, T Nash, B Harding 1 each
BEST: A Heppell, L Bowman, J Hume, B Harding, B Willis, K Drew
GOALS, Morwell: J Galea 2, J Burr, C Campbell 1 each
BEST: A Quigley, S Mills, M Linton, M McInnes, Z Anderson, S Walsh

RESERVES
Leongatha 3.2 5.3 6.6 8.9 (57)
Morwell 0.2 3.3 4.4 4.4 (28)

GOALS, Leongatha: F Materia 3, J Stewart 2, M De Kleuver, B Fort, M Sheahan 1 each
BEST: J Warne, N Skewes, J Stewart, I Fox, T Hall, M De Kleuver
GOALS, Morwell: L Patterson 2, T Gray, B Bailey 1 each
BEST: L Patterson, B Reid, D Makepeace, Z Cheffers, C Blewett, E Porigneaux

THIRDS
Leongatha 6.2 8.5 13.8 15.11 (101)
Morwell 0.1 2.4 3.5 4.8 (32)

GOALS, Leongatha: M Croatto 6, J Brown, M Carter 2, A Williams, E Berryman, A Fixter, N Bradley, K Berryman 1 each
BEST: K Berryman, S Bradley, R Hume, A Williams, N Bradley, S Hogarth
GOALS, Morwell: R O'Neill 2, H Gaunt, C Ruach 1 each
BEST: J Mooney, T James, K Humphrey, O Kalan, L Ainsworth, R O'Neill

FOURTHS
Leongatha 0.1 1.2 3.4 5.7 (37)
Morwell 0.2 1.4 2.5 2.7 (19)

BEST, Leongatha: N Cameron, S Kreutzberger, N Bradley, L Chila, J Hosking, C Bickerton
BEST, Morwell: A Murdoch, F Granger, S Makepeace, J Roscoe, C Mackay, H Gaunt

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB



84



37

WONTHAGGI	SALE
Wonthaggi 6.4 7.7 10.10 12.12 (84)	Sale 3.2 3.4 4.6 5.7 (37)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: C McInnes 4, H Tiziani 2, A Lindsay, J Blair, J Blair, J Lewis, O Dawson, H Dawson 1 each
BEST: B Mabilia, K Patterson, J Bates, R Moresco, C McInnes, J Williams
GOALS, Sale: J Leslie 2, T Campbell, H Ronchi, T Wrigglesworth 1 each
BEST: C Whitehill, T Wrigglesworth, D Eggmolesse-Smith, J McLaren, T Glenn, H Ronchi

RESERVES
Wonthaggi 1.2 2.2 2.4 3.7 (25)
Sale 2.0 5.1 5.2 6.3 (39)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: J Williamson, A Busana 1 each
BEST: C Brown, A Pugh, A McNeel, C Dawson, J Williamson, S O'Halloran
GOALS, Sale: S Runciman 2, B Jones, Z Hurley, L Davine, Z Waixel 1 each
BEST: No players selected

THIRDS
Wonthaggi 3.6 7.8 8.12 10.13 (73)
Sale 0.1 0.1 1.2 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: M Ori, J Brouwers, C Macmillan 2, N Patch, J Burns, T Prasad-Taylor, J Joske 1 each
BEST: O Feather, M Ori, J Burns, S McBean, H Smith, N Patch
GOALS, Sale: M Mayman 1
BEST: W Moon, F Wilson, H Davine, A Gerrand, D Davidson, C Cantwell

FOURTHS
Wonthaggi 2.2 4.4 6.7 7.11 (53)
Sale 1.1 3.2 4.5 5.7 (37)

BEST, Wonthaggi: W Hullick, B Wyhoon, W Simmons, A Luke, J Tack, A Jobe
BEST, Sale: P Centra, B Mason, T Maxfield, R Berton, C Johns, J Henry

IN OTHER GAMES.

SENIORS
Maffra 13.10.88 d Bairnsdale 10.14.74
Moe 24.7.151 d Drouin 8.9.57
Warragul 13.9.87 d Traralgon 13.8.86

RESERVES
Traralgon 17.14.116 d Warragul 1.4.10
Maffra 15.5.95 d Bairnsdale 3.7.25
Moe 22.11.143 d Drouin 2.3.15

THIRDS
Traralgon 10.4.64 d Warragul 7.7.49
Maffra 8.12.60 d Bairnsdale 3.2.20
Moe 6.9.45 d Drouin 6.4.40

FOURTHS
Traralgon 17.13.115 d Warragul 3.2.20
Maffra 11.11.77 d Bairnsdale 2.6.18
Moe 21.9.135 d Drouin 2.10.22

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS														ROUND 14					
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	12	2	185.09	48	Traralgon	13	1	391.78	52	Leongatha	12	2	147.21	48	Traralgon	14	0	921.32	56
Moe	11	3	182.54	44	Leongatha	12	2	313.53	48	Maffra	10	3	240.40	42	Maffra	12	2	182.04	48
Traralgon	9	5	138.89	36	Moe	10	4	209.37	40	Warragul	9	4	175.51	38	Warragul	10	4	146.63	40
Warragul	9	5	112.65	36	Maffra	10	4	201.30	40	Moe	9	5	156.46	36	Moe	9	5	136.47	36
Wonthaggi	8	6	103.39	32	Wonthaggi	7	7	110.10	28	Traralgon	8	5	173.33	34	Leongatha	6	8	72.61	24
Morwell	7	7	111.87	28	Sale	6	8	88.42	24	Bairnsdale	8	5	111.14	34	Bairnsdale	6	8	68.98	24
Maffra	5	9	75.18	20	Warragul	5	9	48.10	20	Drouin	5	9	99.47	20	Wonthaggi	4	9	49.06	18
Bairnsdale	4	10	84.29	16	Morwell	4	10	74.41	16	Sale	4	10	43.46	16	Morwell	4	10	44.93	16
Sale	4	10	70.88	16	Bairnsdale	3	11	64.27	12	Wonthaggi	3	11	56.29	12	Sale	3	11	48.75	12
Drouin	1	13	43.96	4	Drouin	0	14	9.58	0	Morwell	0	14	25.58	0	Drouin	1	12	52.79	6
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Ben Crocker (Moe) 73					Brendan Holt (Moe) 28					Rylie Baker (Drouin) 53					Brody Stevenson (Traralgon) 68				
Patrick Ireland (Leongatha) 41					Damien Hough (Traralgon) 27					Cameron Thompson (Warragul) 32					Fraser Aubrey (Warragul) 53				
Brandon McDonald (Morwell) 34					Oliver Haberl (Traralgon) 26					Mitchell Croatto (Leongatha) 29					Bill De Araugo (Warragul) 45				

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 15

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB



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127

POOWONG	NEERIM SOUTH
Poowong	0.2 1.3 3.3 4.6 (30)
Neerim Sth	6.3 11.7 16.8 19.13 (127)

GOALS Poowong: Z Gray 2, A Henshall, A Orsini 1 each
BEST: F Staunton, M van't Hof, J Blackwood, D O'Neill, A Orsini, J Bisognin
GOALS Neerim Sth: L Bambridge 5, K Mounsey 4, M McGarrity 3, W Papley, K Wilson 2, A Ramm, H Notman, A Lockett 1 each
BEST: K Wilson, L Bambridge, T Morrow, A Lockett, D Stringer, A Ramm

RESERVES

Poowong	0.0 0.2 0.3 0.3 (3)
Neerim Sth	8.6 14.9 18.12 25.16 (166)

BEST Poowong: T Nieuwerth, R Verma, M Gowland, T Smethurst, S Aschenbrenner, D McDonald
GOALS Neerim Sth: K Salerno 7, D Norton 5, J White 3, K Withers, A White, P Sheehan, J Williams, J Hamilton, C Charles, B Lockett, S Heath, D Bagot 1 each
BEST: A White, D Norton, K Salerno, J White, D Bagot, R Clarke

THIRDS

Poowong	5.3 5.5 8.9 11.14 (80)
Neerim Sth	1.0 3.0 4.1 4.1 (25)

GOALS Poowong: G Monson, C Deal 2, J Blackwood, M Cook, K Mandemaker, T Nieuwerth, W Dixon, B Camp, L Nieuwerth 1 each
BEST: G Monson, W Dixon, B Camp, W Dourley, N Halliday, K Mandemaker
GOALS Neerim Sth: D Strating 2, O Bain, B Macdonald 1 each
BEST: A Mounsey, J Muir, J Franz, B Macdonald, O Bain, B Loft

FOURTHS

Poowong	1.3 3.4 6.5 8.8 (56)
Neerim Sth	1.2 4.4 5.6 9.6 (60)

GOALS Poowong: C Deal 4, D Waide, T Dowel, K Zealley, L Nieuwerth 1 each
BEST: K Gilliatte, L Moriarty, C Deal, D Watson, R Van Venrooy, D Waide
GOALS Neerim Sth: T Cornwall 5, O Muir 2, D Strating, K Bertone 1 each
BEST: D Strating, T Cornwall, O Bain, O Muir, K Bertone, J Marsden

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB



14



187

NYORA	TRAFALGAR
Nyora	0.1 0.2 1.2 2.2 (14)
Trafalgar	5.5 15.7 24.15 28.19 (187)

GOALS Nyora: T Hotckin, C Crestani 1 each
BEST: A Coggins, L Lee, L Simpson, J Anderson, S Dixon, C Crestani
GOALS Trafalgar: B Slater 8, I Caroleo 6, K Beveridge 3, M Swenson, S Brewster, C Minichiello 2, D Brewster, B Bosman, W Claridge, M Devon, D Gauci 1 each
BEST: I Caroleo, B Slater, K Beveridge, M Devon, D Farrell, M Ablett

RESERVES

Nyora	0.2 2.3 3.4 3.4 (22)
Trafalgar	3.4 9.7 13.12 16.14 (110)

GOALS Nyora: R Lazaros, J Browne, R Coles 1 each
BEST: R Lazaros, L Brock, L Forscutt, J Waixel, T Dagleish, D Norton
GOALS Trafalgar: H Brock 4, J Moore 3, B Cameron 2, M Smart, J Hines, J Dwyer, B Tonkin, R King, K Noonan, Z Mills 1 each
BEST: J Moore, B Cameron, J Hines, J Noonan, M Smart, B Zimora

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Nilma Darn	9.7.61	d	Yarragon	5.13.43
Catani	12.10.82	d	Bunyip	5.11.41
Longwarry	10.10.70	d	Ellinbank	7.8.50
Buln Buln	13.11.89	d	Lang Lang	6.6.42

RESERVES

Bunyip	18.6.114	d	Catani	5.2.32
Yarragon	16.7.103	d	Nilma-Darn	3.5.23
Longwarry	14.6.90	d	Ellinbank	5.6.36
Lang Lang	11.6.72	d	Buln Buln	3.10.28

THIRDS

Trafalgar	19.13.127	d	Bunyip	0.9.9
Nilma Darn	15.8.98	d	Yarragon	4.3.27
Ellinbank	11.7.73	d	Longwarry	4.6.30
Lang Lang	7.7.49	d	Buln Buln	6.7.43

FOURTHS

Bunyip	14.10.94	d	Catani	3.7.25
Yarragon	6.10.46	d	Nilma Darn	5.5.35
Buln Buln	11.7.73	d	Lang Lang	4.7.31
Ellinbank	8.9.57	d	Longwarry	8.4.52

Young talent shines in tough game

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG welcomed Neerim-Neerim South in all grades in football and netball in cool overcast conditions with the ground in good condition. Poowong seniors made three changes out – Jarvis Brown to a leg injury, good to see him there Saturday supporting the boys, Jacob Graue and Matt Roberts concussion replaced by Tyran Lord, Josh Hall and Anthony Orsini.

Would be tough going against the undefeated Neerim boys, especially after losing a couple of our more consistent players to injury. Poowong kicked to the Drouin Road end and were first on the board with two points, Neerim lifted and dominated the quarter with Poowong unable to find anyone up forward in contests, Neerim added six goals, three to Poowong's two points.

The second quarter Neerim added five goals, three to Poowong's single goal, Zac Gray kicking a goal on the siren.

Not looking good at halftime for Poowong, fortunately, the boys lifted their performance and showed the improvement in the young players from early in the season, the extra games lifting their experience. Poowong added two goals Zac Gray kicking his second and Anthony Orsini his first, with Poowong keeping Neerim to five goals.

The last quarter was tight with Poowong's defence battling hard. Neerim- Neerim South added three goals, Poowong's Alex Henshall adding a good goal from the boundary.

Final scores Neerim Neerim South 19.13.127 to Poowong 4.6.30 a big improvement from the game at Neerim early in the season.

Best players were Fiachra Staunton who played his second last game for the club as he is returning to Ireland, a great club man all the best "Fig"; Mitch van't Hof, a great effort in defence all day; Jett Blackwood from the Under 18's another great game; Dave O'Neill another first year player having a good season; Anthony Orsini also from the U18s showed a lot of ability; and Joseph Bisognin who has had a great season.

The talent is there just need a couple of tall players next season to be competitive.

The Reserves had a tough day losing 25.16.166 to Poowong 0.3.3, the Under 18s had a good win 11.14.80 to Neerim 4.1.25, and the Under 16s went down by four points 8.8.56 to Neerim 9.6.60.

In netball, Poowong won the Under 13s, U15s and under 17s, going down in A, B and C grades. Good to see the juniors playing well.

Next week we welcome Buln Buln in all grades, remember Cozzies Lotto Thursday night.



David Miller lines up the mark for Poowong in their seniors clash against Neerim South. Photo: Jeff Tull.

Nyora demolished by Trafalgar in 173-point loss

IT WAS a tough day at the Nyora Recreation Reserve as the Saints endured a 173-point loss to Trafalgar.

Sitting third on the ladder, Trafalgar made the most of its opportunities against Nyora.

Trafalgar kicked its first goal within the first five minutes of the game and continued to put the pressure on until it had a 34-point lead at quarter time.

William McIndle put Nyora on the scoreboard with a behind nine minutes through the first quarter.

Trafalgar's dominance continued into the second quarter.

The away side's goal-kicking efforts were led by Blake Slater, who kicked eight for the day.

Six more goals were put on the board by Isaac Caroleo throughout the game.

Nyora didn't see the scoreboard again until Dylan Heylen managed another behind heading into halftime.

Nyora showed it still had

some fight in it during the third quarter when Caleb Crestani snapped the second goal of the quarter.

However, Trafalgar continued its onslaught and headed into the final quarter of the game with a 151-point lead.

The last quarter was a defensive battle.

Tyler Hotckin kicked Nyora's last goal at the eight-minute mark, which turned out to be the last score of the day.

Trafalgar kicked just four goals in the final quarter, but the work was more than done by this point.

The Bloods walked away with the points.

For Nyora, the best players for the day were Aaron Coggins, Lucas Lee, Liam Simpson, Jordan Anderson, Sam Dixon and Crestani.

Nyora will do battle with Neerim South in round 16.

This will be another tough ask, as Nyora braces itself to take on the ladder leader.



Nyora's Lucas Lee was on the move and ready to lay off a handpass.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 15

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Neerim South	15	0	344.25	60
Longwarry	13	2	236.35	52
Trafalgar	11	4	268.09	44
Buln Buln	11	4	167.77	44
Lang Lang	8	7	126.55	32
Ellinbank	7	8	135.81	28
Yarragon	6	9	80.64	24
Nilma Darnum	6	9	58.65	24
Catani	5	10	74.40	20
Nyora	4	11	41.39	16
Bunyip	2	13	44.45	8
Poowong	2	13	31.67	8

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Jason Wells (Longwarry)	116
Mason McGarrit (Neerim South)	95
Blake Slater (Trafalgar)	56

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Lang Lang	14	1	707.03	56
Longwarry	14	1	539.36	56
Trafalgar	13	2	323.67	52
Neerim South	10	5	335.31	40
Ellinbank	10	5	214.99	40
Bunyip	6	8	92.68	26
Buln Buln	6	8	71.39	26
Yarragon	6	9	72.24	24
Catani	5	10	58.97	20
Nyora	2	13	25.79	8
Poowong	2	13	8.98	8
Nilma Darnum	1	14	21.33	4

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Kurt Batt (Lang Lang)	50
Hayden Brock (Trafalgar)	46
Bradley Blazevic (Longwarry)	46

THIRDS	W	L	%	MR
Ellinbank	14	0	452.58	100.0
Buln Buln	10	4	238.50	71.43
Longwarry	9	4	169.76	69.23
Nilma Darnum	9	5	150.15	64.29
Neerim South	8	6	115.44	57.14
Poowong	7	6	111.98	53.85
Lang Lang	6	7	129.85	46.15
Trafalgar	3	10	54.59	23.08
Yarragon	1	12	30.48	7.69
Bunyip	0	13	9.14	0.00
Catani	0	0	0.00	0.00
Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.00

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Charlie Armour (Ellinbank)	36
James Patterson (Nilma Darnum)	36
Hugh Cunningham (Ellinbank)	31

FOURTHS	W	L	%	MR
Bunyip	12	0	360.50	96.15
Trafalgar	11	2	281.84	84.62
Ellinbank	10	4	131.03	71.43
Poowong	9	4	170.02	69.23
Yarragon	8	5	138.46	61.54
Catani	7	7	85.55	50.00
Buln Buln	4	9	74.45	32.14
Lang Lang	4	9	54.32	30.77
Neerim South	4	11	55.34	26.67
Longwarry	2	11	59.73	17.86
Nilma Darnum	2	11	37.72	17.86
Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.00

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Hudson Grujic (Trafalgar)	39
Cruze Deal (Poowong)	36
Dylan Strating (Neerim South)	29



Gaby Hynes proudly wore the number zero jersey on Saturday in the Breakers clash.



Dalyston's Dean Wylie, Campbell Bell and all their teammates wore blue armbands to honour all lives impacted by road trauma.

Road safety at the heart of Dalyston FNC

DALYSTON Football Netball Club is committed to road safety and takes the chance each year to support and promote the annual TAC AFL Victoria Road Safety Round which took place last weekend.

In recent years, two young Dalyston footballers have lost their lives in separate incidents while travelling to and from football games. The impact of these accidents on their families, friends and the club was and continues to be devastating, and the club is committed to doing everything possible to promote and encourage road safety.

This year, the TAC Road Safety Round saw the entire club band together and wear blue armbands to honour all lives impacted by road trauma and to promote road safety in our community. As a club that has been significantly impacted by road trauma, they will continue to raise safety awareness all year round and do their best to ensure they are not affected again.

Club president Dave Bell has focused over the last few weeks on making a point of the risks associated with speeding while driving. Highlighting the consequences of an accident or serious injury far outweighs the little amount of time saved.

As part of the club's commitment to the round and road safety in general, it proudly displays the Road Safety Round promotions around the club. In the lead-up to last weekend's match, senior netballers and footballers participated in a road safety quiz after training on Thursday night. The questions focused on amplifying the TAC's target areas of speeding, drink driving, distractions and vehicle safety. Along with this, they also partnered with sponsor Wonthaggi Toyota to provide a free courtesy bus for the annual ball.

The club has worked closely with the Wonthaggi Police throughout the year to educate and deliver road safety

messages to the young drivers within the club.

In Round 10, the Dalyston under 18's team will be participating in the annual Campbell Ion Cup to remember Campbell, who was tragically killed while travelling to Koo Wee Rup to play football. His family has strong connections to the Koo Wee Rup Football Netball Club, and that club was also significantly impacted by the accident.

In the lead-up to this match, Dalyston will be hosting a Road Trauma presentation for their young people and their parents. "Young people are most at risk on our roads, so we want to ensure we educate our young people about the risks and consequences," said Dave.

Breakers as much a part of the awareness

The Breakers use the @tacvictoria Road Safety Round each year to remember Luke Bolding.

They wear the zero jumper to recognise that we are all

working towards zero serious accidents on our roads.

Luke's family are a big part of the team, and with Jess, who usually wears the jumper on maternity leave this year, Alan chose Gaby Hynes to wear the jumper. Gaby's dad taught Luke at school.

Luke's accident took a devastating toll on his family, the Dalyston Football Netball Club, his former school and the broader community.

So let's #Bandtogether and #bethedifference by slowing down, putting phones away and always driving to the conditions.

Police join in TAC Round awareness

On Wednesday night, the local police attended the Dalyston Recreation Reserve, where they joined with our team and Dalyston Under 14 girls to help raise awareness about the TAC Road Safety Round, emphasising the risks of speeding. #showupforyourteamslowdownontheroad

Drouin a step closer to joining West Gippsland competition

WEST Gippsland Football Netball Competition made a step towards expanding its league on Wednesday, July 23.

The competition voted to approve Drouin Football Netball Club's presentation to join the league in 2026.

Presentations from Pakenham and Officer-ROC clubs were not approved.

"Each club had their reasons for voting the way they did. It was decided that Pakenham and Officer were not the right fit at this time," West Gippsland Football Netball Competition (WGFNC) operations manager Brett Tessari said.

"We have requested a meeting with the Gippsland league to discuss bringing Drouin over to us, and we are waiting for a response. If Gippsland refuse, the decision can be appealed with AFL Victoria.

"We are expecting a robust conversation on the subject."

The inclusion of Drouin would expand WGFNC to a 12-team competition next season.

It is viewed as a step towards a divisional competition.

"We are still focused on getting a divisional competition off the ground. We need all clubs to be comfortable and know 100 per cent that it would not be detrimental to them," Tessari said.

"We adopted a strategic plan some time ago and this is a good step down the right path to divisional football."

Tessari said the league would ideally feature 16 teams before a divisional competition could be considered.

Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club said it is open to the league expanding.

"There is a gap between the bottom and top, and divisional football is a priority for us," Korumburra-Bena club president Ken Myers said.

"A divisional competition would help us to develop our players, both on the field and on the netball court. We would be playing sides of a similar skill level more regularly, rather than having to front teams that are dominating.

"It'd be good for morale and recruitment. We've been having a really good season, but to continue to grow, you need to show that you are winning.

"We support all the clubs in the WGFNC, and we are conscious these decisions cannot be made lightly. Everything has been discussed thoroughly and respectfully, with all points of view taken into consideration."

Kilcunda-Bass Football Netball Club is also focused on a divisional competition to futureproof the club.

"We believe we need the competition to be divisional to remain sustainable. Kilcunda-Bass currently has a 34 per cent win rate," Kilcunda-Bass club president Shea Eden said.

"So many voluntary hours of work go into keeping the club going and putting a senior side on the ground, so divisional football needs to happen to maintain interest."

WGFNC entered discussions with the potential clubs over the past few months and ensured full compliance with AFL Victoria transfer rules.

The WGFNC board thanked the applicants for their time and honesty during the process and will continue to work in the best interest of community sport.

Tessari said it was encouraging to see three teams interested in joining WGFNC in the one year.

"It shows that the league is an attractive competition. We still have a way to go, but the standard of our football and netball competition is fantastic, which is proven in the success in the interleague competitions.

"Most recently, our juniors secured a back-to-back win, and their third win in four years,

"We don't need to go a million miles an hour – we just need to get everything in order and make sure all clubs are going to be viable moving forward."

Bass Coast Breakers band together for TAC round

THE home team came out firing scoring an early goal but the Breakers tackle pressure was great and it didn't take long for them to respond.

Despite good defensive work Edi-Asp got their second midway through the quarter and then goaled again following a silly 50 metre penalty opening up their lead going into quarter time.

The Breakers regrouped in the second with Ellen Williams having a great battle in the ruck. Molly Conway was winning the ball out of the contests with Tess Wingfield and Cloe Booth locking the ball in when it went Edi-Asp's way.

The Breakers scored the first two goals of the quarter with a lovely set shot banana from the boundary to Immy Bradford and set shot to Tayla Stahl shortly after.

Edi-Asp were able to get one back bringing the margin back to the same as quarter time.

Lily Jack in her 50th match brought the intensity through the middle with Annie Dempsey doing well to get the ball off un-

der pressure and provide a link down the wing.

Two goals to Edi-Asp stretched their lead out going into the last but the Breakers were creating lots of opportunities so were still in it.

Sophie McCracken-Evans had a great first game back – playing out of position she contested well and made great decisions on the last line of defence.

Finishing with a dominant last quarter scoring two goals and keeping Edi-Asp scoreless the Breakers will take some confidence into finals.

Final score: Edi-Asp 7.3.55 def Breakers 5.5.45

Best: Lily Jack, Sophie McCracken-Evan's, Ellen Williams, Annie Dempsey, Molly Conroy

Goals: Tayla Stahl 2, Immy Bradford 2, Ella Cargill

Finishing the home and away season in fourth place the Breakers will face Tyabb this week in an elimination final on Sunday, 4pm at John Coburn Oval, Frankston.

With both regular season clashes close and a win a piece it is set to be a great match.



Molly Conroy clears the ball with support from team mates

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Warragul Industrials	12.7.79 d Garfield 9.4.58
Cora Lynn	21.14.140 d Dalyston 11.4.70
Phillip Island	15.15.105 d Kilcunda Bass 7.4.46
Inverloch-Kongwak	12.13.85 d Korumburra Bena 4.9.33

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RND 16

KILCUNDA BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

 46

 105

KILCUNDA BASS	PHILLIP ISLAND
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Kilcunda Bass 1.2 3.4 4.4 7.4 (46)
Phillip Island 4.4 8.9 12.12 15.15 (105)
GOALS, K-Bass: T Gunn 3, D McRae, D Gawley, L Scott, O Thomas 1 each
BEST: N Foote, S Scott, L Scott, T Gunn, D Gawley, L Cartmel
GOALS, Phillip Island: C Pedersen, N Anderson 3, M Walton, B Taylor 2, J Taylor, J Youle, B Kimber, M Collison, J Ladson 1 each
BEST: H Bruce, J Youle, J Ladson, C Thompson, T Kleverkamp, M Walton

RESERVES

Kilcunda Bass 0.0 2.1 3.1 3.2 (20)
Phillip Island 4.4 5.7 10.8 14.11 (95)
GOALS, K-Bass: D Susic, J Jose, K Lane 1 each
BEST: D Susic, N Bradley, B Simpson, F Russell, J Jose, J Rocotas
GOALS, Phillip Island: B Ross 4, J Huther 3, J Patullo, T Woodfield 2, B Pewtress, H Anderson, L Chihotski 1 each
BEST: B Hindhaugh, J Patullo, B Ross, J Keating, F Cousins, E Michaelides

FOURTHS

Kilcunda Bass 0.0 0.4 1.4 1.5 (11)
Phillip Island 4.2 6.2 11.5 13.6 (84)
GOALS, K-Bass: C Bettles 1
BEST: C Burgess, A Oats, P McKay, T Amato, C Brown, H Fenwick
GOALS, Phillip Island: F Bathgate 5, L Addison 3, C Cantwell, S O'Garey 2, C Fischer 1
BEST: L De Fazio, F Bathgate, J Mascaros, C Fischer, L Addison, C Cantwell

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

ELLINBANK ROUND 16

Poowong v Buln Buln
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Nyora v Neerim South
Longwarry v Nilma Darnum
Lang Lang v Trafalgar
Yarragon v Bunyip

GIPPSLAND ROUND 15

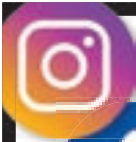
Leongatha v Warragul
Sale v Moe
Bairnsdale v Wonthaggi
Morwell v Maffra
Traralgon v Drouin

MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 16

Boolarra v Toora
Foster v Morwell East
Hill End v Tarwin
Newborough v Fish Creek
Stony Creek v Mirboo North
MDU, Thorpdale and Yinnar - BYES

WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 17

Nar Nar Goon v Inverloch-Kongwak
Dalyston v Phillip Island
Korumburra-Bena v Cora Lynn
Tooradin-Dalmore v Garfield
Koo Wee Rup v Kilcunda Bass
Warragul Industrials - BYE



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Lachlan Scott and Billy Taylor battle for possession in the wet and slippery conditions at Bass. Photo: Anna Carson



Cam Pedersen and Mark Griffin chair off Jaymie Youle as he celebrated his 250th game on Saturday. Photo: Carol Ratcliff

Bulldogs too strong for Panthers in clinical display

PHILLIP ISLAND seniors backed up the Reserves' win with an equally commanding display, running out 59-point winners over a determined Kilcunda-Bass outfit.

Cameron Pedersen was a focal point up forward with three goals, consistently clunking marks and leading with intent. Nick Anderson matched him with a classy three-goal performance of his own, while Max Walton and Billy Taylor chipped in with two each to keep the scoreboard pressure on.

Nine individual goal kickers again highlighted the side's versatility and depth.

The midfield brigade got on top early, with Connor Thompson and Tyce Kleverkamp working hard at the coalface and delivering clean entries inside 50. Jaymie Youle, Jay Ladson, and Hayden Bruce were standouts across half-back and through the middle, disrupting Kilcunda's forward movement and driving transition play.

Max Walton's work rate and polish were on full display, earning him a spot among the best as the Bulldogs tightened their grip on a top ladder position.

Dean McRae placed Kilcunda-Bass on the scoreboard at the end of the first quarter with a goal, whilst Timothy Gunn opened the second quarter with a goal for the Panthers.

Gunn added two more before the end of the match with Lochlan Scott, Dale Gawley, and Owen Thomas all adding one a piece in the one-sided affair.

The Bulldogs now look ahead to Round 17 as they continue to push toward a strong finish to the home-and-away season. With both squads firing and strong individual performances across the board, Phillip Island is shaping up as a genuine contender across both grades.

Kilcunda-Bass head to Koo Wee Rup for a matchup against ninth on the ladder this Saturday.



Lachlan Burns and Nathan Foote apply the pressure as they close in on Phillip Island's Hayden Bruce. Photo: Anna Carson



Jaymie Youle and Mark Griffin tackle Timothy Gunn. Photo: Carol Ratcliff

Giants undone by late Sea Eagle surge

KORUMBURRA-BENA and Inverloch-Kongwak participated in Be The Difference - TAC Round.

The Korumburra-Bena Giants with friends from the Inverloch-Kongwak (IK) teams #Band Together to promote Slow down on the Roads.

Show up for your team. Both the A grade and senior coaches talked to the players prior to their game and blue TAC arm bands were worn in support of this important round.

The umpires also supported the round by wearing TAC arm-bands.

The Victorian Police talked to the thirds players regarding road safety, and president Ken Myers spoke to both clubs and supporters in the social rooms afterwards.

Reading the road signs on the highway – be the difference.

The wet and slippery conditions made it a struggle for both teams in the first half, requiring both to adjust quickly.

IK scored the first goal, but the Giants weren't far behind, with Nick Besley kicking their first goal.

Great connecting kicks down the boundary went into the Giants' forward line.

Good entry kick by Jayden Deas, went into Tyler Newton and ultimately Ryan Gillis.

Gillis got the spillage out the back and scored an uncontested goal.

IK played well through the first quarter but was unable to capitalise on its first use of the ball.

Korumburra-Bena defended well and kept IK within reach.

A struggle from both sides during the wet and scrappy conditions in the first half saw the Giants only two points down at half time.

Lachie Smith had great

one-on-one pressure at full back the whole game, spoiling lots of the incoming footy.

Newton took courageous running back with the flight marks.

Gillis took a screamer on top of a pack, finishing off with a great goal and taking it back to nine points.

Gillis subsequently kicked another goal from a set shot from 50 metres, and the Giants were 10 points down near the end of the third.

A disappointing last quarter from the Giants saw them lose by 52 points. IK was too good to keep up with.

The Sea Eagles worked hard to open up the game in an intense last-quarter effort.

The midfield got on top of everything and connected well into the forward line.

For Inverloch-Kongwak, Callan O'Flynn had another great day in the ruck, and Paul Pattison and Ethan Park were instrumental through the middle.

For the Giants, Gillis kicked three for the game to be their most constructive forward.

Next week, the Giants take on Cora Lynn at home. Last time, they played the Giants only lost by six points. This time, they will be looking to win.

This win for Inverloch-Kongwak has put the Sea Eagles back in the top six on percentage.

The Sea Eagles anticipate it will be an arm wrestle between them and Kilcunda-Bass for sixth, as Inverloch-Kongwak faces a major challenge this weekend.

Inverloch-Kongwak will be travelling away to take on cream-of-the-crop Nar Nar Goon.

Inverloch-Kongwak will be taking this as an opportunity to try a few things out on the field and come away with a competitive scoreline.



Xavier Hughes attempts to juggle the mark. ns15_3025



Jarvis Pryor spoils Korumburra-Bena's Ryan Gillis. ns17_3025

Magpies surrender to Cora Lynn despite strong defensive efforts

DALYSTON gave Cora Lynn a run for its money early but ultimately suffered a 70-point loss at the mercy of the Cobras.

Dalyston travelled to the Cora Lynn Recreation Reserve on Saturday where the match was played in perfect conditions for high-flying action.

In another good start for the Magpies Hayden Wallis was instrumental kicking each of their three first quarter goals.

Cora Lynn's forward line was clogged in the first quarter, which made it easier for Dalyston to deny leading goalkicker Nathan Gardiner.

Ben Lewis kept the pressure on Gardiner throughout the

game and won the points in the first term.

Cora Lynn made a few positional changes in the second quarter, but Dalyston managed to keep up the pace.

Mitch Hallahan played well for Dalyston on ball and while resting in the forward line.

When he was up forward, he created a great target for the Magpies, and as an onballer provided strong presence and leadership for the young side.

Michael Marotta was back in Dalyston's lineup after injury and played one of his best games in the midfield.

Kyle Kirk and Dino Karamoshos again showed consistency

with silky skills, true grit and determination.

In defence Tyson Andrighetto was a strong physical presence across the half-back line working well with Louis Armstrong.

Young gun Harry Howell has developed with the experience gained in his first senior season and really held his own on Saturday in a defensive role.

Dalyston fought hard and was just four points down going into halftime.

However, it was through the second half that Cora Lynn started to wear Dalyston down.

Gardiner found his groove and became unstoppable and ended up kicking 11 for the day.

The writing was well and truly on the wall for Dalyston before the last quarter.

Cora Lynn continued to capitalise on the tiring Magpies' errors kicking eight majors while Dalyston added four to maintain some respect.

Once again, Dalyston's opposing team was stronger for longer.

It doesn't get any easier for Dalyston, as it braces itself to face Phillip Island on the weekend.

The Magpies will be focusing on playing a full four quarters.

It will be a big day at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve with Ladies' Day also taking place.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 16

KORUMBURRA BENA FOOTBALL CLUB

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

33 85

KORUMBURRA BENA INVERLOCH-K

Kor-Bena 1.3 2.4 4.7 4.9 (33)
Inverloch-K 2.2 2.6 5.10 12.13 (85)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: R Gillis 3, N Besley 1

BEST: K Benson, J Ceppi, T Newton, K Walker,

B Walker, R Gillis

GOALS, IK: D Clark 4, N Baltas 3, J Tomas,

T Short 2, A Finsterer 1

BEST: C O'Flynn, H Butcher, P Pattison, D Clark,

E Park, J Tomas

RESERVES

Kor-Bena 2.1 3.1 4.2 4.3 (27)
Inverloch-K 2.2 3.6 4.8 4.8 (32)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: C Anderson 2, Z Barrett,

B Walker 1 each

BEST: J Grabham, C Anderson, J Macri, J Harris,

B Walker, Z Barrett

GOALS, IK: W Tiesdell-Smith, D Taylor, J Williams,

S Hawking 1 each

BEST: J Bertacco, M McCaughan, A Cross,

J Scott, S Hawking, C McCaughan

THIRDS

Kor-Bena 0.0 1.1 1.1 2.2 (14)
Inverloch-K 4.3 10.4 12.11 14.15 (99)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: J Douglas, B Brown 1 each

BEST: B Riddell, T Walker, C Quaife, B Brown

GOALS, IK: J Cousins 4, J Dugard 3, H Gleeson 2,

C Bird, J Harman, M Ward, P Dwyer,

L Allen 1 each

BEST: L Allen, M Ward, F Anderson, J Cousins,

J Dugard, A Mankhong

FOURTHS

Kor-Bena 0.0 0.1 0.3 0.3 (3)
Inverloch-K 3.4 6.6 10.8 13.10 (88)

BEST, Kor-Bena: C Boulter, E Belvedere,

R Skeen, O Maskell, J Douglas, R Wyhoon

GOALS, IK: M Tonkin 4, L Aungier 3, J Bowring,

J Brown, C Newman, F O'Halloran, O Close,

J Douglas 1 each

BEST: A Rayner, T Debono, J Bowring, J Martin,

M Tonkin, L Aungier

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

140 70

CORA LYNN DALYSTON

Cora Lynn 3.3 6.7 13.8 21.14 (140)
Dalyston 3.1 6.3 7.4 11.4 (70)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: N Gardiner 11, J Briggs,

M Ryan, J Munro 2, H Briggs, J Boccari, M Butera,

M McDermott 1 each.

BEST: M Banham, J Butera, M Ryan, N Gardiner,

J Briggs, H Briggs

GOALS, Dalyston: M Hallahan 4, H Wallis 3,

B Carew, D Karamoshos, K Hutchison,

M Marotta 1 each

BEST: M Hallahan, M Marotta, K Kirk,

D Karamoshos, T Andrighetto, H Howell

RESERVES

Cora Lynn 3.2 3.5 5.9 5.12 (42)
Dalyston 1.1 1.3 2.4 4.5 (29)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: J Black, C Cotton, L Taylor,

C Power, J Wilson 1 each

BEST: K Williams, J Black, T Arnett, J Percy,

J Ross, L Peluso,

GOALS, Dalyston: W Luke 2, B O'Toole,

B Sungalis 1 each

BEST: A Chetland, B McRae, B Sungalis,

J Ray-Angarane, O Luff, S Silver,

THIRDS

Cora Lynn 1.2 1.3 1.6 1.8 (14)
Dalyston 1.5 1.12 2.13 4.14 (38)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: M Jaay 1

BEST: T Handley, D Edwards, A Mitchell, M Jaay,

Z Taylor, T Maika

GOALS, Dalyston: C Bell, L Franks, M Toler,

J Hughes 1 each

BEST: B Anderson, R Brinkman, L Harris,

J Hughes, C Shepherd, C Bell

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS
Warragul Ind 12.7.79 d Garfield 9.4.58

RESERVES
Garfield 10.6.66 d Warragul Ind 3.6.24

THIRDS
Warragul Ind 7.7.48 d Garfield 6.6.42

FOURTHS
Warrgul Ind d Garfield (Forfeit)

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SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS				
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Nar Nar Goon	14	0	300.35	56	Tooradin-Dal	12	2	429.32	48	Phillip Island	11	1	255.73	3.67
Tooradin-Dal	12	2	149.66	48	Nar Nar Goon	11	3	304.46	44	Nar Nar Goon	11	2	229.29	3.38
Phillip Island	10	4	154.01	40	Inverloch-K	11	3	241.78	44	Inverloch-K	9	2	296.73	3.17
Cora Lynn	10	4	138.02	40	Cora Lynn	11	3	164.04	44	Koo Wee Rup	8	4	160.69	2.62
Warragul Ind	9	6	83.60	36	Phillip Island	10	4	240.05	40	Tooradin-Dal	8	5	124.58	2.46
Inverloch-K	6	8	91.21	24	Koo Wee Rup	7	7	88.27	28	Warragul Ind	7	7	111.52	2.00
Kilcunda Bass	6	9	86.00	24	Garfield	6	8	76.27	24	Dalyston	5	8	62.86	1.54
Garfield	4	10	65.63	16	Kor-Bena	6	9	67.46	24	Garfield	3	10	70.36	0.92
Koo Wee Rup	3	11	76.69	12	Kilcunda Bass	2	13	34.36	8	Kor-Bena	1	12	21.92	0.31
Kor-Bena	3	12	59.46	12	Dalyston	2	13	30.69	8	Cora Lynn	0	12	22.29	0.00
Dalyston	2	13	52.42	8	Warragul Ind	1	14	23.11	4	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Nathan Gardiner (Cora Lynn)				88	Anthony Mirauta (Tooradin-Dal)				37	Tarrant Millar (Nar Nar Goon)				32
Dermott Yawney (Nar Nar Goon)				59	Lauchlan Gregson (Tooradin-Dal)				26	Chayse Campbell (Tooradin-Dal)				26
Billy Taylor (Phillip Island)				33	Rem Dal Pozzo (Inverloch-K)				24	Oliver Duggan (Phillip Island)				26
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Ky Bannister (Warragul Ind)				28						Sam O'Garey (Phillip Island)				23
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Terry Prendergast secured a gold at the 2025 Sharkskin Australian IRB Championships last week.

Photo: Jim Prendergast.

Cape Paterson celebrates first gold medallist at IRB Championships

CAPE Paterson Surf Life Saving Club is celebrating Terence "Terry" Prendergast and his team taking home gold at the 2025 Sharkskin Australian Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) Championships held last week at South West Rocks, NSW.

IRB racing takes place over the winter months and plays a vital role in maintaining and refining lifesaving skills for both patrol and competition. In Victoria, the racing carnival spans across Victoria's west coast and Port Phillip Bay beaches, where crews contend with everything from calm bays to challenging surf conditions.

Terry and his crew claimed gold in the Under 23 Male Teams Rescue event up against clubs from NSW and Queensland, delivering what he described as a "flawless

race."

"I couldn't be happier or prouder of my team. It's incredibly rewarding to see all the hard work, training, and racing in the Victorian carnivals pay off. Competing in the Australian U23 Male Teams Rescue event and racing in the Cape Paterson club's boat, Arthur Phillips, we delivered what I can only describe as a flawless performance," said Terry.

Terry's passion for lifesaving began early, growing up in a family heavily involved in the club; his father is a Life Member, his mother has been a dedicated member for many years, and his sister, Sarah, is actively involved and participated in the Australian IRB Championships.

At the age of six, Terry joined Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club's Nippers program. Over the

years, he progressed through the age groups and qualifications to become a lifesaver and later Club Vice Captain. He only began IRB driving two years ago and entered competitive racing this year under Hampton Life Saving Club.

Terry's inspiring journey is supported by many at the club, particularly long-time mentor Mark "Doogs" Legg, a 47-year Life Member of the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club.

Doogs played a key role in training Terry in both crew and driving skills over the past three years.

"He's positive, absolutely loves it, and can't get enough of it," said Doogs.

"His dedication is commendable, not just to racing, but also to patrolling. I'm incredibly proud of him, not only for reaching the Australian Championships, but

for coming away with a gold medal!"

Terry raced aboard Arthur Phillips, Cape Paterson's racing IRB, which has gained a reputation as one of the fastest boats in Victoria this season.

Fellow Cape Paterson Life Saving Club members Aly Schapper and Sarah Prendergast were also part of the action at the Australian Championships, running boats for Williamstown LSV.

Terry's achievement is already inspiring fresh interest in racing within the club.

"This is just the beginning," added Terry.

"I'm already planning how we can grow the team and get more Cape members racing in 2026. Watch this space!"

At the recent AGM of Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club,

newly appointed President Paul MacNeill commended Terry and the team on their success.

"Terry's outstanding achievement in taking Gold at the Nationals has enlivened the competitive spirit that surrounds surf lifesaving at Cape Paterson. Seeing our talented club members and equipment represented on the national stage is nothing short of amazing.

"Every part of this achievement shows the dedication of every aspect of the club, from the team that maintains the equipment to those on the ground supporting the team's effort, recognised by those who shine when it matters most. As the incoming President of this wonderful club, I'm excited to see how Terry, as the newly appointed Club Competition Manager, can harness this competitive spirit in many seasons to come."



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