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COAL MINE STRIKES GOLD

- \$1.5M to restore tours and bring site back to life

THERE were rounds of applause and high emotions after Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt announced a \$1.5M lifeline to finally restore tours at the State Coal Mine in Wonthaggi.

Minister Stitt visited the coal mine's café last week surrounded by Friends of the State Coal Mine volunteers as well as former miners and Parks Victoria staff.

The funding will pay for vital maintenance and upgrade works on the track and carts that take visitors inside the mine, as well as support training for volunteers and Parks Victoria staff to safely operate the system.

After tours at the site were shut down during the pandemic, and with the café also closing up earlier this year when its previous lessee moved on, there has been a strong push by volunteers and the community to

bring everything back to life.

During March this year, more than 200 locals turned out to show their support for the coal mine, calling for tours to resume and the café to be leased.

In attendance was Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, who then went through an extraordinary effort to open up talks with Parks Victoria and volunteers, as well as organising the Minister to visit the site.

And to make it even more promising, Parks Victoria had begun the process to seek a new operator for the café, with the expression of interest period closing just last week and confirmation there had been numerous applicants.

While the final details of getting the cart back up and running are still underway, Friends of the State Coal Mine

Steve Harrop was delighted by the funding commitment.

"A lot of people come here and say it's amazing what you get for the price," he said when explaining how significant getting the site up and running again was.

He highlighted the funding was crucial to also keep volunteers motivated.

"The longer this dragged on the more disheartened they've become, so this will really give it a boost," he said.

During the announcement, it was also highlighted to the Minister the need for ongoing funding so the mine wouldn't be reliant on significant boosts every few years.

There were also plenty of thanks for Ms Crugnale's efforts in helping make the funding a reality.

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Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale (far right) and Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt (middle) were joined by thrilled Friends of the State Coal Mine volunteers including former coal miners following the funding announcement. Ns043123

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It is hoped the State Coal Mine will be brought back to life in the near future. Ns063123

Coal mine strikes gold

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"The State Coal Mine is a much-loved destination which transports visitors back to a unique period in the region's history. These upgrades will help to further drive Gippsland's already fantastic tourism offering," she said.

The site is the only underground coal mine attraction of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere and is also home to a museum, which recounts stories from when mine was operating along with a 3D model of the mine and settlement town for visitors to explore.

Operating from 1909 until

1968, the State Coal Mine produced almost 17 million tonnes of coal for Victoria's industries and railways.

Walking tours at the mine began in 1982, welcoming over 10,000 visitors per year, until equipment failures halted underground access in 2020.

Danny O'Brien criticises government gas ban

THE DECISION to ban gas connections to new Victorian homes from the start of next year is a response to inner-city politics and not the result of good energy policy, Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien argues.

His electorate is the source of 90 percent of Victoria's gas, with Mr O'Brien describing the government's move as "illogical and premature".

"As the local MP who represents our hard-working oil and gas industry workers who help keep Victorians warm and increasingly help keep the lights on, this decision is another slap for our Gippsland region," he said.

"There is no question that gas will continue to be part of our energy mix for some time and specifically prohibiting it from new home builds takes away the choice of Victorian families and further narrows our energy options.

"With electricity prices going through the roof at the moment thanks to Labor's mismanagement, the Government's claims of bill savings by forcing people onto electricity alone just cannot be believed."

Mr O'Brien says he considers the decision premature given



Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien on a Bass Strait oil and gas platform, has expressed dismay at the Victorian Government's plans to lock new homes out of connecting to gas.

uncertainty over gas reticulation and the prospect of a longer-term switch to hydrogen.

"We know the gas in Bass Strait is running down and new gas is getting harder to find and is often more expensive, but we also know there are potential future opportunities in hydrogen, including producing it here in Gippsland," he said.

He added that he is aware of other countries trialling switching from natural gas to hydrogen for heating and domestic use.

"It would be foolish for any government to start winding back

the use of gas or forcing people off it when we may need the reticulation system for a future hydrogen economy," Mr O'Brien said.

He noted that Bass Strait gas workers will be supplying the state and the east coast for some time.

"It's extraordinarily hypocritical of the government to claim that gas is running out and the price going up when that is the result, at least in part, of this same government's prohibitions on gas exploration and production," Mr O'Brien said.

Pair takes off on stolen scooter

AT approximately 3:30 pm on Thursday, July 27 a male and female attended an address at Hunter Street Wonthaggi to enquire about a motor scooter that was for sale on the nature strip of the property.

The pair had a brief conversation with the owner of the vehicle, who then showed them another motor scooter which the owner allowed to test ride.

The owner waited for 30 minutes but the pair did not return and notified police.

The offenders were last seen heading east on Hunter Street towards Billson Street on a grey 4WD scooter with the brand name of Pride, with a basket on the front and flying a Hawthorn flag.

The scooter is valued at \$2000.

The male is described as tall and thin, and the female is described as short and unkempt in appearance, and both appear to be in their early 20s.

Home break in and vehicle theft

BETWEEN 11pm on Thursday, July 20 and 7am on Friday, July 21 unknown offenders entered a home on Evergreen Avenue in Inverloch, through the back door.

They located keys to a vehicle in the kitchen and took them to steal a vehicle, a 2012 Nissan Navara Utility that was parked at the address.

It is understood that \$10,000 worth of power tools in a trailer with the ute were also stolen. Police are investigating the theft.

Arson destroys car

A MAN was driving to work at 10pm on Monday, July 24, when his silver Mazda Protégé stopped on Buffalo - Tarwin Road, Buffalo near Meeniyian Promontory Road.

The man called his wife to collect him and left his vehicle on the side of the road.

The police received several calls and attended to check the vehicle at which time they put police tape on the car.

The owner drove past his vehicle on Tuesday, July 25, noticed the police tape and intended to retrieve his car the following day.

The vehicle, however, was set alight on Wednesday July 26, completely destroying the car and burning roadside vegetation.

The CFA attended the scene and soon after declared it safe.

The Wonthaggi CIU are treating the incident as arson and are investigating.

CCTV alerts man to bike thief

ON Monday, July 24 at about 4:45 pm a man was inside his home on White Road, Wonthaggi, when he received an alert on his phone from his home CCTV system.

The man checked the camera and was able to identify a person known to him, open an unlocked, sliding garage door and enter the garage.

The offender left on a bike and the owner called the police.

The thief was arrested and charged by police and the bike was recovered.

Drink driver charged with possession of drugs

WONTHAGGI Police observed a stationary vehicle at McKenzie Road, Bass with the interior lights on at about 4:16am, on Saturday, July 22.

The occupants of the vehicle were from Melbourne and were acting suspiciously.

The driver was found to be unlicensed, having had it previously cancelled.

The car was searched and cannabis was located and seized by the police.

The driver was taken to the police station where he underwent a breath test and returned a positive result - over the legal limit.

The driver was charged with drink driving and possession of drugs and was bailed.

He will be required to appear in the Korumburra Magistrates Court in October.

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THUR | Aug 3
Sunny. Late shower.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: N 15-25km/h
8° 18°



FRI | Aug 4
Showers easing.
Wind AM: N-NW 15-20km/h
Wind PM: N-NW 15-20km/h
10° 16°



SAT | Aug 5
Shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: W 15-20km/h
10° 15°



SUN | Aug 6
Possible shower.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light
8° 14°

IN BRIEF

4G comes to Poowong, Loch and Nyora

By South Gippsland Water

YOU may see us out and about in Nyora next week as we roll out 4G to our wastewater customers.

Each customer connected to our sewer system in Poowong, Loch and Nyora all have their own onsite components including modems that communicate back to South Gippsland Water. These modems assist us to monitor each system to ensure any problems are fixed as quickly as possible.

Rolling out 4G means we can keep this important system running as telephone companies have announced they are shutting down their 3G networks in 2024.

About 400 properties will be affected in this changeover. We will need to access those properties to make the changeover, so we ask that homeowners secure their pets while we access the system. Homeowners should not be affected in anyway by this change from 3G to 4G. We will notify you if there are any issues as we roll this out.

Once we have completed Nyora, we will repeat the process in Loch and then Poowong.

We're looking to complete 15 sites per day, with the roll out complete by November.

For further information please call Miranda Schooneveldt on 0429 218 303.

Keeping fees low for families

VICTORIA'S highest-fee non-government schools will be subject to new payroll tax provisions that will bring them into line with government schools from next year.

Non-government schools with income per student of more than \$15,000 – less than 10 per cent of non-government schools – will be subject to payroll tax under laws that come into effect on 1 July 2024.

Independent schools across Bass Coast will not be affected by this new obligation.

Newhaven College Principal Tony Corr said Newhaven College is a school proud of the fact it keeps its fees low to remain accessible to all members of the community.

"While the costs of running a school continue to grow, we have worked hard to ensure any fee increases are kept to a bare minimum for families."

"Due to our low fees, the College is below the current government threshold for the removal of the exemption of payroll tax in independent schools."

"We are pleased that the removal of this exemption will not impact our school, at least in the short term," said Tony.

Democracy going strong

THE Australian Electoral Commission has announced a number of significant enrolment

milestones after the publication of enrolment statistics as at, June 30, 2023.

The estimated national enrolment rate is 97.5%.

- Up from 97.1% since the end of 2022.
- Continual yearly increases - up from 89.7% in 2010.
- The 2023 referendum will have the best base for democratic participation than any federal electoral event in Australia's history.
- The estimated national rate of Indigenous enrolment is 94.1%.
- It is above 90% for the first time ever.
- It is up from 84.5% since the end of 2022.
- 60,000 more Indigenous Australians enrolled since the end of 2022.
- It is up from 74.7% since 2017, with year-on-year growth.
- Every state and territory has improved significantly.

All electric for new homes

FROM January 1, 2024, planning permits for new homes and residential subdivisions will only connect to all electric networks.

These changes will apply to all new homes requiring a planning permit, including new public and social housing delivered by Homes Victoria.

Commencing immediately, all new public buildings that haven't reached design stage will also be all-electric. This includes new schools, hospitals, police stations and other government-owned buildings.

Victoria has the highest use of residential gas in Australia, with around 80 per cent of homes connected.

To ensure homeowners can maximise the benefits of household renewable energy, the Government is investing \$10 million in a new Residential Electrification Grants program.

Grants will be available to volume home builders, developers and others to provide bulk rebates for solar panels, solar hot water and heat pumps to new home buyers up front.

To make it easier to go all-electric, eligible new home builders, as well as existing homeowners and renters, can access the Solar Homes program – offering \$1,400 solar panel rebates and interest free loans of \$8,800 for household batteries.

All Victorian households and businesses are also eligible for the VEU gas to electric rebates to upgrade heating and cooling and hot water heaters.

Freemasons enjoy social outings

A GREAT night in Freemasonry was had when the Duke of Connaught and Outtrim lodges gathered with friends and family to celebrate Christmas in July.

The event was held at the Austral Hotel in Korumburra with more than 60 in attendance and some coming from Wonthaggi, Phillip Island and Mirboo North.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a 50-year jewel in the chapter degree, presented to Hugh Hendry by Calvin Wyatt.

These two lodges have now taken a further step towards strengthening Freemasonry in the area and are actively seeking new members.

If you are a good man and want to become a better one, then perhaps Freemasonry is for you. Enquiries can be made to Brian Brown on 0427 599 193.

You can also join them for chess every Monday at 2pm in Mitchell House Wonthaggi.

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Strategy to boost biosecurity

COMMUNITY and industry feedback is invited on Victoria's new biosecurity strategy.

The strategy is designed to help strengthen the existing system against increased pest and disease risks.

Biosecurity is the actions to prevent and manage the harms caused by pests and diseases, and the impact they have on what is valued most.

The draft strategy was developed with people who have a role in biosecurity, including farmers, agriculture industry bodies, supply chain and transport businesses, community and emergency management organisations, Traditional Owners and government agencies.

Community consultation included a series of statewide workshops earlier this year and builds on Victoria's biosecurity statement endorsed by the State Government in 2022.

The strategy has also been shaped with input by Victoria's Biosecurity Reference Group, a collective representing industry and community views.

The draft strategy is the next step in a four-year change program working with government, industry and community to strengthen different aspects of the biosecurity system.

Community members can complete a survey or make a submission on Victoria's biosecurity strategy by 12am, Wednesday, August 16, via engage.vic.gov.au/Victorian-biosecurity-strategy-consultation.

Investigation ongoing into sudden horse deaths

THIRTEEN sudden horse deaths have been confirmed on five Victorian properties, as of July 20.

Locations included Mornington Peninsula, south-east Melbourne, Ballarat and Colac.

The cause of these deaths is currently unknown, and an extensive investigation remains ongoing with no indication of major infectious disease to date.

No movement restrictions are in place and events can proceed as scheduled.

Agriculture Victoria appreciates reports from concerned

horse owners and cooperation is invaluable.

Rapid reporting of sudden horse deaths or onset of illness is crucial to help understand the situation.

If you have any information, please call 1800 675 888.

Agriculture Victoria encourages horse owners to stay informed with regular updates via the website <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au>.

Planting day in Outtrim

THE Gippsland Threatened Species Action Group would like to invite you to a planting day at the Outtrim Cemetery Nature Conservation Reserve.

Following the control of invasive Sweet Pittosporum in the reserve, 500 indigenous plant species from the Damp Heath Woodland EVC will be planted and guarded.

The planting day will be held on Sunday, August 27, from 9.30am until 11.30am.

The Outtrim Cemetery Reserve is located on Leongatha South-Outtrim Road, opposite Ryeburn Road in Outtrim.

Please dress to suit the weather conditions, including wet weather gear if required, boots, hats, insect repellent.

Gloves and a mallet are also recommended if participants have them.

Bring water and snacks, and a barbecue lunch will follow at the Outtrim Hall.

To get involved, contact Alison Oates by emailing aotes@dcs.vic.gov.au by August 20.

Got a reason for not voting?

A SOUTH Gippsland man, who told the Australian Electoral Commission that he didn't vote in the 2022 Federal Election because "there were no suitable candidates in my area", faced the Korumburra Magistrates Court last Thursday, July 27.

He was one of five people brought before the courts for failing to vote, for not providing a valid and sufficient reason and for failing to pay the \$20 administrative penalty.

By then the fine had escalated to \$222, plus costs.

The man acknowledged that he got the \$20 fine notice, and that he hadn't paid it but claimed the AEC didn't give him an opportunity to explain himself.

The AEC also pursued a South Gippsland woman, who they said was a repeat offender, for not voting.

She was placed on a good behaviour bond for 12 months with Korumburra Magistrate Dootjes noting that it was an important part of the democratic process in Australia that all eligible and able people voted.

Three other offenders remain to face the court.

An officer of the AEC said the authority didn't prosecute everyone but followed up on repeat offenders or those who challenged the system.



Minister for Environment, Ingrid Stitt and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale were proud to announce more than \$8M in funding towards the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park. Ns013123

Huge extension for famous coastal walk and more lookouts

THE State Government has announced a massive injection of \$8.33 million for the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park.

Minister for Environment, Ingrid Stitt announced details of the more than \$8M project which will extend the George Bass Coastal Walk creating a 32-kilometre journey along the park's rugged coastline, beaches and dunes.

With construction expected to begin in 2024, it will deliver three new lookouts for visitors to witness spectacular views at popular coastal sites of Punchbowl, The Arch and Eagles Nest.

Trail links will be added to connect the existing network so people can walk all the way from The Punchbowl in San Remo to Cape Paterson, while car parking, signage and visitor information will also be upgraded.

The Government is working in partnership with Parks

Victoria, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and Bass Coast Shire Council to create the trail.

The new trail is being funded through the Victoria's Great Outdoors program.

The Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park was declared in June 2021, and is created by the amalgamation of various existing coastal, foreshore reserves and marine parks from San Remo to Inverloch, managed by state or local governments.

As part of the park's access and infrastructure plan, key initiatives included:

- San Remo: Improve viewing and interpretation at Griffith Point, initiate trail at Lions carpark with trailhead, and trail connection from Potters Hill to Punchbowl via existing road network.

- Kilcunda: Proposed lookout at The Arch, maintain existing surface and shared trail coming into Kilcunda,

improve interface between Kilcunda township and the existing rail trail through improved information, seating etc.

- Powlett River: Primary walking trail through wetland and dune area with a mix of boardwalk and existing surfaces, improve connection from Tea Tree car park to beach.

- Wonthaggi West: New walking trail connection to desalination plant trail network, connect existing trail networks to main beach trail and upgrade beach access to Williamson's Beach car park.

- Harmers Haven: Maintain beach access as primary route between Harmers Haven and Cape Paterson, utilise where possible existing trails for connection between primary and secondary routes near Harmers Haven.

- Cape Paterson: Maintain beach access for walking, upgrade beach connection to

Cape Paterson by consolidating natural surface.

- Cape Paterson- Inverloch Road: Formalise and upgrade existing carpark at The Oaks, Twin Reefs, Shack Bay and The Caves, upgrade Eagles Nest with day use facilities and amenities including lookout.

- Inverloch: Link section of beach walking trail into Surf Parade.

"This trail is one of those 'get out and immerse yourself in nature experiences, learn the earth history, value cultural heritage going back thousands of years, star gaze at night, ride a bike by day," said Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale.

"Can't wait for our local and visitor community to come and explore and marvel this beautiful rich coastline and expansive ocean."

To find out more about the project go to parks.vic.gov.au/projects.

Prom camping chaos continues with data breach, say Nationals

THE private details of campers booking at Wilson's Promontory's Tidal River campground have had their user details compromised by the State Government's new website.

The government website states, "Parks Victoria has temporarily paused camping and accommodation bookings for the 2023-24 season as we work with our booking system."

Parks Victoria campsite booking system which crashed on its first day of operation, remains closed as a result.

The booking system remains unavailable for phone or online bookings.

Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Public Land Use and The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath has criticised the botched launch of the online system.

"The leaking of campers' personal details and potentially financial information is totally unacceptable."

"The Andrews Government



Parks Victoria have responded to criticism of their booking system.

must confirm exactly what data breaches have occurred, contact affected citizens and publicly apologise."

"It is hugely disappointing that Victorian, interstate, and international tourists are being denied the ability to book a camp site at our jewel in the south, Wilson's Prom at this time.

"July is traditionally the time when many locals are trying to secure a booking for their summer holiday to coordinate with their annual leave."

Ms Bath said it is evident that the Andrews Government testing of the new system for Wilson's Promontory was seriously flawed.

A Parks Victoria spokesperson said they have 'temporarily paused camping and accommodation bookings for the 2023-24 season as we work with our booking system supplier to ensure system issues are managed.'

"Following a thorough investigation made by the booking system supplier, we are

aware that a very small number of users were able to see other people's booking details – there has been no evidence that sensitive information such as credit card details and drivers licence numbers were shared," the spokesperson said.

"We apologise for the inconvenience and ask you to be patient as we work with our supplier on a solution for the future to enable the release of bookings as soon as possible."

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Mayor's message



Cr Rochelle
Halstead
Deputy Mayor



THIS newspaper has run stories in the last couple weeks on the emotional debate over the BMX track built illegally on the fragile Cape Woolamai foreshore.

I think we all can understand that children just want to have fun on their bikes and their parents want to "let kids be kids" and off their screens and out in nature.

Council absolutely acknowledges and shares those sentiments, but we have wider community responsibilities, including protecting our beautiful Bass Coast natural environment which we cherish so much.

We simply can't ignore when trees are being illegally removed and vandalism is taking place. We also must ensure public safety on public land. This was the reason the council had to act on this illegal BMX track and shut it down.

I admire the hugely passionate community of people fighting for more BMX, pump tracks and mountain biking in Bass Coast which is why I am determined to help lead the fight.

Council recently set up the BMX/Pump Tracks/Mountain Bike Reference to assist Council to determine suitable and safe locations and undertake strategy development for BMX, Pump Tracks and Mountain Bike trails across the Shire.

I chaired the first meeting on Wednesday 28 June which brought together 11 eager community representatives from across the Shire to discuss all things Mountain Bike/BMX and Pump.

Council officers from the recreation team explained how the design consultants brief is currently being finalised and we will have a consultant engaged by early August to oversee the delivery of the strategy.

From there, the reference group will work with Council officers and the consultant to create a draft strategy that will be shared with the community for feedback.

Key components of the strategy are ensuring the construction of jumps and skills tracks are built on land that is suitable, without contravening any planning or land management requirements, environmental impacts or public safety concerns.

Also vital will be establishing safe facilities for all ages and abilities that works with our fragile coastal ecosystems, not damaging much-needed native vegetation.

I am hoping the draft strategy will be available for community consultation before the end of this year.



Bass Coast Shire deputy mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead (from left), Vicki Dobson, executive manager children's services Y Ballarat, Minister Ingrid Stitt and MP Jordan Crugnale enjoying the new facilities at Drysdale Street Kindergarten. Ns023123

All your childcare needs in one place

IT WAS smiles all round at Drysdale Street Kindergarten last week as staff showed off their amazing new facilities.

Minister for Early Childhood and Pre-Prep Ingrid Stitt and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale officially opened the new kindergarten room and maternal and child health facilities at the kindergarten – both co-located with Wonthaggi Primary School.

The new kindergarten room creates 33 extra places for three and four-year-old kinder, with new outdoor learning space, and new parking facilities as well as a dedicated space for teachers.

Delivered in partnership with Bass Coast Shire Council, the expansion was built off-site using modular construction – minimising disruption to the local school and community and bringing the new kinder space to

life more quickly.

Vicki Dobson, executive manager children's services Y Ballarat, was thrilled to give the minister a tour of the site highlighting how it is being utilised.

Ms Dobson was also keen to discuss the ongoing challenges in finding staff and how demand continues to soar for their services.

She also described that many children had vastly different needs compared to previous years due to the effects of the pandemic.

However, she positively noted they had hired three new staff members.

The Drysdale Street Kindergarten expansion is one of more than 31 kindergartens on or near school sites delivered since 2021.

An extra 10 kindergartens on or near school sites will be delivered in 2024.



Drysdale Street Kindergarten has had a much needed revamp with an incredible new outdoor learning space built. Ns033123

Disability support worker fined for COVID breach

A PHILLIP Island disability support worker, who failed to provide documents about her COVID vaccination status, to officers of the Department of Health in 2022, was found guilty, without conviction, and fined \$250 in the Korumburra Magistrate's Court on Thursday, July 27.

The disability worker was also ordered to pay the department's legal costs of \$280.

The charge of failing to provide the requested documents under pandemic legislation can attract an infringement notice of \$940.

The accused support worker appeared in court and made an application for the charge to be dismissed, given her unblemished record, but magistrate Suzette Dootjes said she would hear the summary and the accused's explanation before making a decision.

A representative of the DOH told the court that the accused had been asked on several occasions, between March and May 2022, to provide the relevant documents, but despite engaging with

department officials by email, continued to fail to comply.

The DOH officer said the department took their public health responsibilities very seriously and had no alternative but to pursue the disability support worker under the Act.

Asked to make a presentation to the court, the accused person said she had never been in court before, that she wasn't in a financial position to pay a fine, and that she still had unanswered questions about the incident.

Magistrate Dootjes said

there was good reason why the government had passed the pandemic legislation at the time, to protect the community, and agreed a fine as appropriate. She found the charges proven and applied a \$250 fine but without conviction.

The vaccination status of the accused disability worker was not revealed.

She continues to work as a disability support provider and is no longer required to have COVID vaccinations in her role.

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Loch's heritage and culture shortlisted for award

SOUTH Gippsland's beautiful town of Loch has been shortlisted for the 2023 Tidy Towns and Cities - Sustainability Awards.

Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria announced the shortlist last week.

The awards are now in its 41st year which recognise, celebrate and share environmental achievements and strong community spirit right across Victoria.

With a total of 132 entries, 70 exceptional projects have been shortlisted across 10 categories, highlighting the remarkable efforts of communities, organisations, individuals, and councils in creating a more sustainable, resilient, and beautiful Victoria.

The Loch Village Beautification was nominated under the Heritage and Culture category, which recognises outstanding commitment to the conservation and celebration of a community's heritage and culture.

As part of the Loch's nomination, it was highlighted that heritage buildings that line Victoria Road, a strong landscape character and tourist related businesses create a village character, making Loch a popular tourist destination.

For this reason, the town is branded as the 'garden village' and has a very strong and active local community that takes great pride in the appearance



Loch Village has been shortlisted in the 2023 Tidy Towns and Cities - Sustainability Awards.

and presentation of the town and strives to improve the range of the public facilities and services available for local residents and visitors.'

A remarkable display of community spirit and environmental stewardship has led to an impressive array of beautification efforts by residents, local business owners, community groups, South Gippsland Shire Council, Melbourne Water, Public Transport Victoria, and Regional Roads Victoria.

'More than 70 deciduous trees have been thoughtfully planted along village streets and parks, providing much-needed shade in summer and a stunning display of colours in Autumn, all while contributing to climate

change management. Two charming heritage green bus shelters now protect commuters and bus users from the elements, adding to the village's historical charm. In the shopping precinct, a magnificent bluestone garden bed has become a focal point, enhancing the area's natural beauty.'

Shortlisted entries include initiatives that have tackled waste reduction, energy efficiency, wellbeing, positive Indigenous outcomes, and community engagement, exemplifying the innovative and impactful approaches taken to promote sustainability across the state.

The shortlisting process was conducted by a panel of 10 expert independent judges who meticulously reviewed

each entry in their assigned category, considering environmental impact, innovation, and community involvement.

Shortlisted participants will now be invited to present their projects to an expert panel of judges at a judging interview.

These interviews allow shortlisted candidates to showcase their accomplishments, share insights and engage in enlightening discussions.

Finalists in each category will be revealed on September 13, 2023, and the winners announced at the prestigious Tidy Towns and Cities Awards Ceremony, to be held at ZINC at Federation Square, Melbourne on October 23, 2023.

The event promises to be an evening of celebration and recognition, honouring the outstanding contributions made by these remarkable individuals and organisations.

Tickets to the ceremony go on sale September 13.

The Winner of the Victorian Tidy Towns Award will automatically be entered into the National Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns - Sustainability Awards held in Western Australia in May 2024.

Further information regarding ticket sales, the event program, and the finalists will be available on the Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria website and through its social media channels.

New scientific study reveals likely origins of Strzelecki Koala

A NEW scientific study by Biolink Ecological Consultants and funded by the Myer Foundation has revealed that Morwell National Park and surrounds are likely to be the source population of the highly significant Strzelecki koala, the only genetically diverse koala population remaining in Victoria and South Australia.

The study shows for the first time that both genetic and records analysis point to the same area.

The Strzelecki koala is the only relic koala population remaining in Victoria and South Australia, meaning that the population is crucial in terms of ensuring the survival of the species in Victoria and South Australia.

All other koala populations are the result of translocations from genetically 'compromised' island populations.

Friends of the Earth estimates that the population of the Strzelecki koala may be as few as 2500 animals.

The Biolink study initially started with a research project concerning koalas and habitat within the Brataualung Forest Park.

Biolink used Areas of Regional Koala Significance (ARKS) mapping for the first time in Victoria. ARKS is the basis of the NSW Government's Koala Conservation Strategy, but is not used by the Victorian Government.

Sightings were partitioned into 6 year koala generations which revealed a progressive radiation from core areas.

Recommendations from the report include:

- Extending the planting of Mountain Grey Gums and Blue Gums in the Brataualung Forest Park.
- The need to link Morwell National Park to the Brataualung Forest Park (a distance of 8km. Much of this land is privately owned by Hancock Victorian Plantations and is rapidly being converted to pine plantations).
- More monitoring to include C3 genetic cluster first published by Wedrowicz.

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Drug-affected youth reoffended after release

A 17-year-old Bass Coast youth was back in court last Thursday, little more than a week after being released from custody on a range of offences, after he assaulted one of social workers who came to pick him up the week before.

It was alleged that the youth was "coming down on substances" and while he apologised for his actions, he was picked up again by police, on aggravated burglary counts, after he entered a garage in a local town and stole a bicycle.

Bizarrely it was the same bike he had been charged with stealing on the earlier occasion.

Korumburra Magistrate Suzette Dootjes expressed serious concerns about the youth's behaviour, placed further conditions on his bail and ordered that he come back before her on August 28 to assess his progress.

Police noted the accused would soon turn 18 years of age which would be a whole new ball game where possible penalties were concerned if the behaviour continued.

Fatal collision on French Island

POLICE are investigating the circumstances surrounding a two-car fatal collision which occurred on French Island.

Investigators have been told two cars were travelling along Tankerton Road about 7.50pm when they were involved in a collision.

The driver of one of the vehicles, believed to be a man in his 60s, sadly died at the scene.

The other persons involved, believed to be a man in his 60s, a woman in her 40s and a woman in her 50s, were all taken to hospital for treatment.

The exact circumstances surrounding the collision are yet to be established and the investigation is ongoing.

Diabetes education service transforms lives

BASS Coast Health (BCH's) Diabetes Education service offers support for a range of diabetes and pre-diabetes related conditions.

These include:

- Management of type 1, type 2, gestational diabetes and pre-diabetes
- Lifestyle changes
- Blood glucose monitoring and interpretation of blood glucose levels in relation to food, physical activity and medication
- Management of unstable blood glucose levels
- Changes in medications and/or beginning insulin or other injectable diabetes medications
- Use of new glucose monitoring technologies
- Prevention and management of diabetes complications
- Travel advice.

The Diabetes Education service provides education and support for adults and children with diabetes.

The aim is to assist clients to self-manage their diabetes by providing support, knowledge, skills and motivation.

Our team comprises ADEA (Australian Diabetes Educators Association) credentialed diabetes educators who have a nationally recognised qualification, enabling them to provide quality-assured diabetes care, education and



self-management support.

The service accepts referrals from general practitioners and other health care professionals. Self-referrals are also accepted.

The service involves a small fee. This will be discussed with you when the referral coordinator contacts you by phone to obtain your details to admit you to the service.

The service is available at:

- Wonthaggi Hospital from Monday to Friday (alternate Wednesdays) from 9am to 5pm. Phone 5671 3290.
- Phillip Island Health Hub,

Monday to Thursday and alternate Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9am to 5pm. Phone 5951 2100.

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

BCH also provides this service for people aged over 65.

To make an appointment, contact BCH's Access team: Access@basscoasthealth.org.au or phone 5671 3175.

Diabetes Education clients
Anthony Mardling and Lisa Hevern with Bass Coast Health Diabetes Educators Vivienne Prestidge and Claire Gatto during a group education session.



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

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

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

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

Our services include:

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

How we can help you:

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

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

Environmentally friendly build for cultural centre

THE Cowes Cultural Centre is expected to provide service for the council and community and improve access for the wider region and is on track for completion at the end of the year.

Senior project manager, architect, and interior designer Hannah Eisen told the Sentinel Times that things were really taking shape on site.

"Not only will it be an exemplar building for the region and one that will be used for a range of purposes and accessible to all. It will be the second public building in Australia to be Passive House Designed and Certified," said Hannah.

"I don't think we have been giving this aspect of the project enough credit!"

Hannah said she is proud to be working on a building that has been designed in a way to empower council to lead the way in terms of building environmentally friendly buildings and creating healthier spaces.

"This building is going to be a resilient and ecofriendly building - being Passive House, the energy used for heating and cooling is greatly reduced as much as 85%."

"The reduction in energy consumption also reduces the carbon emissions of the building and ongoing operational costs," Hannah said.

There are five key principals to a Passive House Building:

- 1) Super insulated envelopes
- 2) Airtight construction
- 3) High-performance glazing
- 4) Thermal-bridge-free detailing, and
- 5) Heat recovery ventilation.

"The only other Passive House Pub-

lic Building is a Community Centre in Moreland."

The Cowes site is on track to be completed by the end of 2023, with the theatre area wall panels to be installed soon.

The theatre ceiling panel installation is nearing completion and services works continue above theatre stage.

Hannah confirmed plaster works are nearing completion in the theatre, the door frames are installed, and painting has commenced.

Remaining capping/flashings to the roof will be installed shortly. The function room, amenities and grand hall ceiling pelmets and framing ongoing, as well as tiling to the amenities is also ongoing.

"The back of house rough in is complete, with sheeting ongoing. The mechanical equipment lifted into plant room and fit off commenced. Window frame installation is complete, and external glazing will be ongoing, plus internal glazing is still to commence.

"The brickwork is also ongoing to western elevation. The library and office services rough in is complete, with ground floor ceilings and walls being sheeted," said Hannah.

The level one ceilings and walls are being sheeted, the brickwork is complete to northern elevation, and window frame installation is nearing completion, with floor grinding to commence in the coming weeks.

For more information on the Cowes Culture and Community centre visit Cowes Cultural and Community Centre | Engage Bass Coast.



Cowes Cultural and Community Centre on track for a 2023 opening.

Regional areas to benefit from online health platform

REGIONAL and remote Australians will benefit from an upgraded online platform connecting people to medical services through a simple search engine, helping those outside metro areas access and navigate the complex health care system.

The Healthdirect Service Finder helps almost 800,000 people a month find and book care providers, with information on more than 300,000 health services including 8,000 Covid-19 vaccine and 7,900 flu vaccination clinics.

The refreshed digital tool is now available in 16 languages and incorporates the retired 'Vaccine Clinic Finder' which was used more than 52 million times in 18 months.

Funded by state and federal governments, the free healthcare advisory service has also broadened its geographical coverage, making it easier for those living outside major cities to find healthcare options, giving 50 providers for any healthcare service - from dentists to orthopaedic surgeons - in order of proximity to a suburb or postcode.

Healthdirect Digital Portfolio Director Vanessa Halter said the upgraded platform aimed to improve the health literacy of all Australians by giving equal access to reliable information.

The Service Finder provides an unbiased directory with no favourable positioning based on commercial partnerships and does not require people to 'sign up' or 'create an account'.

Other improvements include online bookings, fuzzy search (incorrect spelling) and synonym search (type 'eye doctor' instead of 'ophthalmologist') to remove barriers to finding the right service.

It offers 'guided searches' that step people through a questionnaire to find the best match for their needs, integration with Google Maps to easily see travel times, and filters allowing people to specify details such as bulk-billing or opening hours.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Hard Waste Collection Bookings Open

Bookings are now open for South Gippsland Shire Council's annual hard waste collection service.

The service provides residents with a convenient way to dispose of hard rubbish at home, particularly if they are unable to attend a transfer station themselves. All South Gippsland residential properties are eligible to receive one collection at a fee of \$150 per property. A reduced rate of \$53 applies for pension card holders.

The hard waste collection in South Gippsland is a 'user pays' service, which means only those using the service pay for it. In some areas, the cost of the hard waste collection service is passed on to all residents through higher fees and charges, regardless of whether or not

they use the collection. The 'user pays' system also helps to encourage waste reduction and recycling.

Bookings for the hard waste collection service can be made during July and August. The collections themselves take place during October and November. A maximum of two cubic metres of waste can be placed out for collection and all waste should be located within the property boundary if possible.

Bookings can be made online at:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

Draft Coastal Strategy Engagement



A draft Coastal Strategy has been developed and is out now for engagement.

The first round of consultation, which ran between December 2022 and February 2023, attracted feedback from 770 people through online and face-to-face opportunities.

Now, we look to our community once again to let us know if the draft Strategy reflects the feedback we've heard so far, and their expectations.

To read the draft Strategy and provide your feedback before Sunday 6 August 2023, please visit: yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 16 August 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates

To watch the 'open' part of the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:

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Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

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MEET THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR SESSIONS

The Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor sessions are back again in August.

Held on Tuesday 15 August between 10.00am and 2.00pm, these sessions are 20-minutes long and provide an opportunity for the community to chat directly with Mayor Nathan Hersey and Deputy Mayor Clare Williams.

To book, please contact:

OfficeoftheCEO@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Preference will be given to those who have not had an opportunity before.

NEWSLETTERS

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STRZELECKI WARD COUNCILLOR CATCH UPS

On site 'Councillor Catch Ups' are back!

Mayor Hersey along with Councillors Felton and Keerie are providing opportunities for locals in their Ward to come and have a chat about what might be affecting them.

So far, there have been opportunities in Loch, Meeniyian and Kongwak, with two more scheduled. These are:

- Friday 11 August 12.00pm to 1.30pm: Poowong Hall.
- Friday 11 August 2.00pm to 3.00pm: Nyora General Store.

No need to book, just come along and say 'hello'!

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Survey results for Shire show upward trend in key areas

RESULTS from South Gippsland Shire Council's annual Community Satisfaction Survey have been released and show an upward trend in a number of key areas.

Council's best result was in the overall council direction category where a score of 61 was achieved.

This is 10 points higher than last year's result, 17 points higher than the average for rural councils of a similar size and 15 points higher than the state-wide average.

Community decisions were also ranked highly, with South Gippsland achieving a score of 54 which is six points higher than councils of a similar size and three points higher than the state-wide average.

Improved scores from last year were also evident in overall direction and lobbying, while areas that decreased from last year were local sealed roads, waste and customer service.

Local sealed roads were rated from 'very poor' to 'average' by 75% of the community, an

improvement by 20% across these ranges from 2022, while 25% rated sealed local roads as 'good' to 'very good'.

Waste management was rated as 'very poor' to 'average' by 39% and 51% were happy with the service rating it as 'good' to 'very good'.

Over half of Council residents (55%) have had contact with Council in the last 12 months, and 56% rate the service as 'good' or 'very good' and 19% rated it as 'poor' or 'very poor'.

Value for money perceptions (index score 44) are in line with 2022 ratings and the Large Rural group average (45), however significantly lower than the State-wide group average (index score of 49).

One in four residents (25%) rate the value for money they receive from Council in infrastructure and services provided to their community as 'very good' or 'good'. However, almost two in five rate Council as 'very poor' or 'poor' (38%) and a further 33% rate Council as 'average' in terms of providing value for money.



South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Nathan Hersey says the results of the survey show council is moving in the right direction but that there is more to be done.

Foster school proposed for Farm Zone

A NEW South Gippsland independent secondary school is proposed for 625 Fullers Road Foster, with the intended 'Corner Inlet College' site zoned as farmland, but South Gippsland Shire Council will not determine the Planning Permit outcome.

That decision will be made at a State Government level, with planning decisions for schools, both public and private, not coming before council if they meet specified size and cost criteria, but rather going to the Minister for Planning, currently Sonya Kilkenny.

The intention is to build the school in three stages, the relevant Planning Report states.

Stage 1 of the development is to include one classroom building, a toilet amenities block, and a shed with associated water storage.

A carpark and crossover are also planned for that stage, with an initial student population of 30 across Years 7 and 8 and four staff.

Stage 2 is to consist of an additional classroom and two covered learning areas between the buildings, as well as further amenities.



The proposed school site at 625 Fullers Road Foster.

The covered areas are to feature timber decking with curved Colorbond roof.

By the completion of Stage 2 there would be 45 students and six staff.

Two further classrooms would be added at Stage 3, again with a covered area between the buildings and construction of a further toilet amenity block, with plans to then have 90 students and 12 staff.

It is argued the buildings will be single storey and suited to the area and its vistas over Wilsons Promontory and Corner Inlet.

The planning documentation acknowledges that the proposed school is not located in a designated education precinct but states that there is demand in the local area for education alternatives to faith-based and State schooling options.

The proponents intend to continue living on the property, with the school located in a separate paddock with its own access.

While it is stated that the site is not currently used for agricultural production and that the use of one paddock for the purpose of a school doesn't exclude the overall land from

future agricultural production, it is also mentioned that the property is small in area being only four hectares and "not overly capable of sustaining a viable agricultural use".

The intention is to provide 18 parking spaces, including one 'disabled space'.

Parking is argued to be adequate for staff requirements, with traffic said to be limited outside morning drop off and afternoon pickup times.

South Gippsland Shire Council has made a submission on the proposed development and will comment further in due course.

Sandy Point development knocked back

A PROJECT consisting of a 14-lot subdivision and associated removal of vegetation in Sandy Point was knocked back at Wednesday's council meeting, with councillors voting in favour of the recommendation before them to issue a Notice of Refusal for the development.

The planning application for 89 Beach Parade, Sandy Point, currently the site of the Sandy Point Caravan Park, prompted 43 objectors to have their say.

While council officers raised multiple areas of concern in

advising councillors not to support the development, councillors speaking at the meeting expressed uneasiness with potential safety issues when outlining why they would vote against the proposed project.

Cr Sarah Gilligan said that her passion for pursuing ways to ensure emergency service preparedness and resilience in coastal communities made the decision straight forward for her.

"The fire authority has said that the proposal fails to meet the core premise of protecting

human life," she said.

The Delegation Report prepared by council staff in relation to the planning application states that in order to achieve that objective by meeting 'defendable space' requirements, vegetation in the adjoining road reserve would need to be largely removed.

It is stated that the required level of safety therefore can't be practically achieved.

"An overriding requirement of the Planning Scheme is to ensure protection of human life is prioritised over all other planning considerations," the

report emphasises.

Cr Gilligan highlighted a further safety issue raised in the Delegation Report.

"The West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority does not support the creation of new lots that do not have safe vehicle access, and that the (potential) flood depth over the Waratah Fish Creek Sandy Point Road is classified as an extreme risk," she said.

The Authority expressed concern flooding has the potential to jeopardise emergency service access to the site of the proposed development.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



Community Engagement

THANK you to those who participated in the engagement opportunities for the Venus Bay and Sandy Point Paths & Trails, and also for the Leongatha Railway Precinct Mural. It is terrific to see people showing up and shaping South Gippsland.

A reminder that the draft Coastal Strategy is out for engagement until Sunday 6 August. This draft Strategy has been put together based on the feedback received during the initial round of consultation and details the work to mitigate coastal hazards to protect our communities and environment. It also details how we can work with our community and key stakeholders along the way.

To provide your feedback, please visit Your Say South Gippsland at: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

One Gippsland Meeting with Minister Shing

Last week, along with our Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis, I joined other One Gippsland representatives in a meeting with Minister Harriet Shing to discuss potential opportunities for our region following the recent cancellation of the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

While South Gippsland was not going to be directly involved in hosting the competitions, it was expected that we would see significant visitor investment and attraction opportunities. Council has shared the disappointment at the loss of this major regional opportunity.

In saying that, we are optimistic that South Gippsland will be included in the Victorian Government's promised \$2 billion regional support package. We are particularly looking for support for tourism and housing, as they would be in line with our Council Plan.

This meeting is further evidence of the positive relationships that have been built with the State Government and highlights why they are so important.

We also took the opportunity to extend an invitation to Minister Shing to meet with Councillors regarding the potential funding and other matters that are important to our region.

Strzelecki Ward Councillor Catch Ups

Three Councillor Catch Ups were held on Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23. Thank you to those who came along and spoke with Cr Felton and Cr Keerie.

Just a reminder that there are two opportunities coming up on 11 August in Poowong and Nyora. These will be from 12 noon to 1.30pm at Poowong Hall and 2pm to 3pm at the Nyora General Store.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Sessions for August

The Meet the Mayor sessions are back again on Tuesday 15 August.

Available time slots are between 10am and 2pm, and will be 20-minutes long. They provide an opportunity for the community to chat with myself and Deputy Mayor Williams.

To book, please contact: OfficeoftheCEO@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Preference will be given to those who have not had an opportunity prior.

More resources for dementia patients

NEW resources designed to support people who have been diagnosed with dementia have been released by Gippsland Primary Health Network.

Created as part of a collaboration between five Victorian Primary Health Networks (PHNs) – Gippsland, Western Victoria, North Western Melbourne, Eastern Melbourne and Murray – and the Tasmanian PHN, the resources were funded by the Federal Government and detail information and supports available in local communities for people living with dementia, their carers and families.

Gippsland PHN Acting Chief Executive, Angela Jacob, said the resources were developed as part of the Federal Government's response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

Mrs Jacob said there was estimated to be nearly half a million Australians who were living with dementia, while around 1.6 million Australians were involved in the care of someone with dementia. A Priority Issues Paper on dementia, released last year by Gippsland PHN, revealed more than 7,488 people in Gippsland had dementia with this number expected to increase to 13,783 by 2058.

An estimated 438 people experienced younger onset dementia (under 65 years).

The paper named dementia as the second cause of death among females in Gippsland and the sixth cause of death among males.

The resources include a brochure – Dementia: Resources and support to help you live well – for people who are in the process of being diagnosed with dementia and their families or carers. The brochure is designed for people who may be experiencing some cognitive decline. It outlines the process of getting a dementia diagnosis and includes suggestions for important questions to ask your GP.

VCE commencing at Chairo Leongatha

CHAIRO Christian School is poised to commence delivering an onsite VCE program in Leongatha, with their first Year 11 classes being held next year, followed by Year 12 in 2025.

The Principal at Chairo's Leongatha campus in Horn Street, Christine Hibma, outlined the significance of the news.

"This is an exciting development for our school families, as well as for the wider community; while we have been delivering Years 11 and 12 for senior secondary students with great success by providing a bus service to our Drouin campus since 2014, our students will now be able to complete their schooling without having to leave town," Christine said.

An important step towards launching the new program has been the appointment of Nick McLean as Head of VCE.

Having served as Head of Senior School at Chairo's largest campus near Pakenham for more than 10 years, and overseeing development of the facilities, program and culture there, he is well-equipped for the task.

"I am excited to be part of the talented team in Leongatha as we commence onsite delivery of VCE to this great community in South Gippsland," Nick said.

"I'm passionate about providing opportunities for students to reach their potential and access the future career paths they desire and our senior secondary program



Having served as head of senior school at Chairo Pakenham for over 10 years Nick McLean is excited to have now been appointed as head of VCE at Chairo Leongatha.

will help make those career dreams achievable."

Committed to being a long-term provider of quality Christian education from kindergarten through to Year 12 in the region, Chairo has also submitted a funding application to help enable the construction of the first stage of a purpose-built Senior School Centre, with the aim that this will be ready for 2025.

"The enthusiasm of the school community, the hard

work and planning of our staff members and the appointment of Nick McLean and other new teachers, together with confirmation of government approval to commence Years 11 and 12 at Leongatha, are all wonderful blessings," Chairo's Executive Principal Simon Matthews said.

"Students and staff members at Leongatha will continue to benefit from being part of a large, multi-campus independent school whilst having

all the advantages that come with small class sizes, experienced teachers and excellent facilities."

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Wonthaggi's Army Cadet unit offers a great environment for young people to build confidence and skills.

Wonthaggi cadets build purpose in young lives

YOUNG people from Wonthaggi and surrounding areas can build confidence, discipline and impress potential employers by joining the town's Army Cadet unit.

While an information night on Tuesday helped lead to five potential new recruits, more are welcome, with the current recruiting period running until July 30.

Surprisingly, the Wonthaggi unit was established only last August.

Capt (AAC) Steve Dedrick is its new commanding officer, with the unit currently having 25 cadets.

"It's a youth organisation based on the army structure,"

he said of cadets, outlining the transformation he sees in young people through their involvement with the organisation.

"Seeing kids start off at 12 or 13 years of age, very meek, they evolve and take over leadership responsibilities and it promotes teamwork, initiative and respect for others," Capt Dedrick said.

He stressed the high regard many employers place on the fact young people have held a position of responsibility with the cadets, adding that Wonthaggi traders often provide positive feedback about the benefits they observe for the town's young people.

The Wonthaggi unit is sponsored by the Phillip Island RSL and participates in its commemorative ceremonies, with responsibilities such as holding banners and flags.

While some cadet units are school based, Wonthaggi's is community based.

At the information evening, senior cadets ran potential recruits through drills such as learning how to 'stand to attention', 'stand at ease' and 'stand easy'.

Steve was a cadet in his youth but didn't elect to join the military during the turbulent times of the Vietnam War.

He became reacquainted with cadets in the 1990s

through his role as a computer technician at Melbourne High School where he was soon appointed to run the school's cadet unit.

Those aged 13 to 16 can join cadets, with potential for 12-year-olds to do so if they are turning 13 during the current school term, provided they demonstrate sufficient maturity.

The Wonthaggi Cadets train on Tuesday nights between 6.30pm and 9.30pm at Wonthaggi North Primary School on the corner of White and Wentworth Roads, Wonthaggi.

Contact 317ACU@cadetnet.gov.au if interested in joining or learning more.

Red Cross awards selfless members

WE WERE delighted to welcome Sandy Ridge (local Red Cross Zone secretary) and her husband Les Ridge (local zone chairman) to our Leongatha Branch Annual General Meeting on Thursday, July 27. Les chaired our meeting and Sandy entertained us about her 10 years as a Junior Red Cross member in England, community work she has been involved in, her donations to the local blood bank, Emergency Services and fundraising efforts at Woodleigh Vale.

Both Sandy and Les presented awards to our award winners for their selfless service; Elaine Gardner and Noreen Williams.

Elaine Gardiner was presented with her 30-year ribbon while Noreen Williams was presented with a Service Award.

Noreen's citation read: Noreen has been a tireless worker for Red Cross having joined the Woorayl Unit in 1988. She assisted at the Blood Bank in Leongatha for some time before it was taken over by support from Melbourne.

For many years Noreen was also very involved with Emergency catering with both Woorayl and Leongatha Units in conjunction with the Leongatha CFA and Shire.

Noreen has also helped at the Inverloch Red Cross Shop and has supported the delivery of Meals on Wheels for many years.

Other areas of her service were with Emergency Services and Personal support.

She has held the position of Treasurer of Leongatha Branch since 2022 and is meticulous in looking after funds raised in forwarding them to whichever appeals are current.

She is meticulous in her annual financial returns and reports.

After the awards we celebrated with a delicious luncheon at the Leongatha RSL.

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Cellar door coming to Leongatha vineyard

FLEET have been short-listed in the nationally recognised James Halliday Wine Companion for Best New Winery.

The award is given to the winery deemed the best new entrant for the wine guide.

Since launching their brand Fleet in 2016 and having their wine served in some of the top 50 restaurants around the world, Lisa and Justin Jenkins remain humble yet ambitious as they prepare the opening of their cellar door.

Designed to effortlessly blend into the rural landscape, the Fleet cellar door will sit amongst the vineyard in the cool-climate wine region in the hills of South Gippsland.

A place for the local community and visitors abroad to experience a sustainably sourced menu and local fine wine.

Justin and Lisa began establishing the 55-acre property three years ago, designing and developing their very own vineyard.

"For us this site was so interesting," said Justin.

"It has different aspects, which means different expressions – there is a cooler hillside and a warmer hillside, which creates variance in what we can grow – which builds palette and complexity."

The couple have already planted 10 acres; grapes that will be ready for their first harvest in 2025.

The Jenkins have nearly a decade of experience producing wine in a cool-climate region; currently farming an 8.5 acre vineyard on the other side of Leongatha, that was planted in the early 90's.

Their renowned range of Rose', Syrah, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Gris comes from their extensive experience in the hospitality industry.

Their background knowledge gave them the skillset to develop and sell their own brand, but their long connections to the region is what brought the Jenkins back to South Gippsland.

This spring Justin and Lisa Jenkins of Fleet will launch their cellar door in Leongatha and share their passion of winemaking with the local community.

With plans for half of their 55-acre property to be planted to vineyard, Justin and Lisa have already begun the planning procedures, working with a viticulturalist to undergo soil testing and solar radiation mapping to ensure they understand what is best suited to grow on each site.

"Now that we have a presence in our own winery, we thought it was time to begin engaging locally," said Lisa, and what better way than to invite the community to the remarkable property with sweeping views.

The property will not only produce sustainably grown grapes but plans to grow fresh produce to be served from paddock to plate at the cellar door.

Justin and Lisa are also working tirelessly to establish dense shelterbelts along the borders of the property.

"All tube stock has come from Wonthaggi seedbank, and we've seen success in seeding trials with South Gippsland seedbank in Leongatha. We will also be working with our wine club to host planting days," Justin said.

Each bottle produced by Fleet Wines tells a story, and the winemakers themselves are opening their doors to share their craft with the aim to be leaders in the community for how they practice agriculture.

"In South Gippsland if you can grow good grapes, you have a good chance of making great wine."

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Arms wide open for distinguished guest at Vietnam Veterans Museum

THE National Vietnam Veterans Museum (NVVM) welcomed General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK, AC (Mil), CVO, MC (Retd) and Lady Lynne Cosgrove to Newhaven on Sunday, July 30 to honour and embrace those who put on the nation's uniform.

Kingsley Mundine officially opened the welcoming speaking of the boards commitment to build a new museum to better present stories, of those who served in and after Vietnam.

"We're resilient and we don't give up. There is always an option, and we will get a new Museum."

The NVVM fundraising target includes \$40 million for the land and purpose designed museum building and \$5 million for the fit-out and \$5 million for the NVVM Foundation corpus.

In attendance were volunteers, veterans and board members who then heard from General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove.

General Cosgrove rose to speak, firstly stating "I am honoured that you would receive me here, this is such a special place," before sharing that he is the ambassador this year to publicise 50 years since Australia's announcement that it was ceasing 11 years of combat operations from 1962 through to January 11, 1973.

"All around Australia on August 3, a vigil will take place with someone visiting every grave, to say a prayer. It's a moment in time, but for all of us, it was a life changing event.

General Cosgrove was born in Sydney in 1947. The son of



The National Vietnam Veterans Museum board members with Patron General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK, AC (Mil), CVO, MC (Retd) and Lady Lynne Cosgrove. Z39_3123

a soldier, he attended Waverley College in Sydney and graduated in 1968 from the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

Early in his military career, he fought in Vietnam, commanding a rifle platoon. He was awarded the Military Cross in 1971 for his performance and leadership during an assault on enemy positions.

In 1972, he served as Aide de Camp to Governor-General Sir Paul Hasluck.

He returned to regimental life as second in command of a Company, rising to Adjutant then Company Commander in the Army's 5th Battalion Royal

Australian Regiment (5 RAR), then 5/7 RAR in Holsworthy, Sydney.

Subsequent appointments included a period as a tactic's instructor at the Army's Infantry Centre in Singleton, New South Wales; a year's study at the United States Marine Corps Staff College in Quantico, USA; extended periods of duty in the United Kingdom and India; and command of 1 RAR. He was appointed a Member in the Military Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service in command in 1983-84.

Peter Cosgrove came to

national attention in 1999 when, as Commander of the International Task Force East Timor (INTERFET), he was responsible for overseeing that country's transition to independence. For his leadership in this role, he was promoted to Companion in the Military Division of the Order of Australia (AC).

Promoted to Lieutenant General, he was appointed Chief of Army in 2000. After further promotion to General, he served as Chief of the Defence Force from 2002-2005. He retired from the Australian Defence Force in 2005.

RSL stalwart recognised

IT WAS a special night at the Inverloch RSL on Saturday at their 'winterfest' dinner.

Sub branch stalwart, and past president Trevor Scott was awarded the RSL highest award the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding service to the RSL.

Dr Robert Webster State President of the Victorian Branch of RSL Australia presented the award. Trevor has given over 67 years service to the RSL and has always been a consistent contributor.

Inverloch RSL sub branch values the support they get

from the community and local State MP Jordan Crugnale was also in attendance to provide her consistent support to the sub branch, and to honour Trevor on his award.

The sub branch has been fortunate to receive State Government grants to improve the sustainability of the site and provide more comfort for the members.

The RSL will hold a Vietnam Veteran's Day service at the Inverloch Cenotaph at 1200 on Friday, August 18, followed by a Veteran's Lunch.



Inverloch RSL secretary Lindsay Guerin, president Ross Gabb, sub branch stalwart Trevor Scott, Bass MP Jordan Crugnale and president Victorian branch RSL Dr Robert Webster.

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Local muso backs Triple J Unearthed artist

SINGER, songwriter and Foster local Kate Spacey will be bringing her sweet, folky tunes to the stage as a support act for Darcy Spiller at Sandy Point.

Having recently returned to Foster after living in Ballarat for a few years, Kate has been creating new music and is excited about exploring the local music scene once again.

With an indie rock sound reminiscent of The Waifs, Kate describes her music as 'my own personal journal entries in some form.'

"I'm a chronic over sharer, so that's pretty much what songs are all about," she explains.

Kate is thrilled to be playing to audiences at Sandy Point including family and friends and people she used to play music with.

"I've been to a couple of Sandy Point music nights before and the crowd is always very invested in the performances, and they will sit and listen, and it's just a really good environment and vibe to be playing to," Kate said.

Kate will play to audiences at The Sandy Point Community Centre on Saturday, August 5 at 7:15pm, with Darcy Spiller, described by Triple J as spine-chilling, goosebump-inducing, breathtaking indie pop.

Enjoy the scenery and help the environment!

*"The best time to plant a tree
is twenty years ago.
The second best time is now."*

— Chinese proverb

AFTER the great success of last year's event South Gippsland Landcare Network (SGLN) along with Loch-Nyora Landcare Group and South Gippsland Shire Council is hosting Pedal and Plant 2023.

This is a free community event where everyone is invited to come together and spend time along the beautiful Great Southern Rail Trail and plant 1500 native plants.

This free event will be held on the Great Southern Rail Trail at Jeetho, Sunday 6 August between 10am-3pm. Members of the community are invited to plant as many plants as they would like and enjoy delicious and free morning tea and lunch including hot scones and baked potatoes with all the trimmings.

Members of SGLN, Loch-Nyora Landcare Group and South Gippsland Shire Council will be available for participants to ask questions, learn about local native species and provide information about how community members can get involved in Landcare.

Registrations are essential, please register online at <https://pedalplant.eventbrite.com.au>

For further information contact Jane at jane@sgln.net.au or 0419 761 531

This project is funded by Tree X Trees Services and South Gippsland Seed Bank.



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The committee of the KernArt Prize, Adam McLeod, Emmy Van Nimegan, Mandy Taylor, Rob Parsons and Janice Orchard with the 2023 donation for Bass Coast Health.

KernArt Prize calls it a day

THE KernArt Prize is now sadly hanging up its boots.

The following was announced by organisers earlier this week.

The KernArt Prize Art Show began in 2016 and has celebrated six art shows over seven years, providing a space for artists of all abilities to share and show their work.

We couldn't have achieved what we did without the artists who trusted us to promote their careers and sell their amazing creations, and the public who came to each exhibition to support the artists and the cause of raising funds through art to help our community.

In seven years, The KernArt Prize has awarded more than \$13,000 in prizes and paid out over \$26,000 to artists through sales of their work.

Through commissions on sales, as well as entry fees and door charges, and over amazingly popular Opening Nights, KernArt was able to donate \$24,000 to Bass Coast Health and the Kernot CFA.

We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our committee members; Past committee members include Paul and Julie Johnston (inaugural committee members until 2019), and current committee members; Adam McLeod (Chairman), Rob Parsons (Vice-Chair), Janice Orchard (Secretary), Mandy

Taylor (Treasurer) and Emmy Van Nimegan (Webmaster).

We would also like to acknowledge the plethora of volunteers

assisting our opening night events over the years! With special thanks to the Wilkinson, Taylor and McLeod families.

Most importantly, we would like to acknowledge the amazing support from our sponsors over the years.

Things to know about The KernArt Prize:

The KernArt Prize leaves a legacy; the new lighting established in the Kernart Community Hall will shine for years to come.

In January 2021, The KernArt Prize facilitated an online pastel workshop cofacilitated by a prominent artist and Clinical Psychologist promoting mental health, supporting our communities impacted by the 2020 bushfires, and promoting psychological recovery.

In 2021, The KernArt Prize was able to donate funds to Kernot CFA to purchase additional mobile spotlighting, a practical and needed donation to acknowledge the efforts of our CFA volunteers.

Temporarily paused in 2020, in 2021 The KernArt Prize went online with a virtual exhibition, providing artists with the opportunity to sell their work to a wider audience, connecting through art even while communities were isolated due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We returned to live exhibitions once again in 2022 and the community came together again to celebrate and embrace the enjoyment of great art.

Ready, steady, shot!

HEY! Did you know you can now get a Shingles shot at your local pharmacy?

In fact, as of late last year, Community pharmacies can now vaccinate a broadened range of vaccinations in-store.

This means you could be able to get certain vaccinations that you previously couldn't have done so in the pharmacy, done in the comfort of our clinic room now!

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tain walk-ins and will only be taking bookings (online or in-store) for the new range of vaccinations.

This will give us time to plan and order the necessary stock.

It is also important to note that certain eligibility outlined by the Department of Health would need to be met to be able to get vaccinated in-store.

As always, we are always here to answer your questions, whether in-store or over the phone. At Terry-White Chemmart, we are constantly working to bring accessibility of health services to our beautiful community.

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Artist Stacey Shine exhibits her art on the walls of the San Remo Library for the next three months as part of the PICES and Myli collaboration. Z20_3123

PICES launch Myli Art Exhibition in San Remo

THE My Community Library in San Remo and Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space launched their collaborative Art Exhibition on Saturday afternoon, officially opened by Cr Rochelle Haldane.

The artworks of Gabriele Jenkins, Iveta Nagyova, Karen Preston and Stacey Shine will exhibit in the library space over the next three months to help stimulate public interest in creativity and originality.

Artist Stacey Shine recently became a member of PICES and shared that she rarely exhibits her work. "I paint because I love the creative result, and I enjoy teaching the technique of art through her studio on Phillip Island, but it is nice having my pieces displayed - it is encouraging."

"To develop such texture in my paintings, I have actually recycled face masks - because it is better for them to be used



Jessica Berry, Sandra Peeters with Diana, and Paul Bannister at the PICES Myli Art Exhibition launch. Z21_3123

in a painting of the ocean rather than washed up in the sea," said Stacey.

Stacey's work showcases colour and texture that is inspiring for every person visiting the library, including the children that can share in the work thanks to the Myli and PICES collaboration.

Branch Manager Jessica Berry and PICES President Sandra Peeters have been talking of this Art Exhibition since 2019 and on Saturday afternoon their vision came to

fruition.

"I am so happy we can share the work of local artists within the library space, inspire the children's creativity and inspire emerging artists within Bass Coast."

The library will provide an exhibition of new artwork every three months, allowing space for more PICES members to showcase their talent.

For more information about Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space, visit pices.com.au



Students put together a 'Cathy Freeman' Exhibit as part of NAIDOC week recently.

NAIDOC week at Inverloch and Kongwak Primary

TO CELEBRATE NAIDOC Week, Inverloch and Kongwak Primary School have spent the last two weeks participating in a schoolwide inquiry project.

The school learnt about a famous rap artist named Adam Briggs.

He wrote a song called 'The Children Came Back' as a tribute to Archie Roach (an Elder).

Archie Roach was a member of the stolen generations.

At the age of 2, he was placed in foster care and told he was an orphan. He wrote a song called, 'Took the Children Away' about his

personal experiences. The last verse is about returning to his land, and Briggs took this as inspiration for his song, 'The Children Came Back'. Briggs' song is a celebration of the strength and talent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

After learning Briggs' song, each class selected one famous person to research in detail and created an exhibition in their classroom.

Grade 5 students explored the history of NAIDOC Week and decorated the hall with a timeline of themes across the years.

On Friday, July 21, the school opened a Pop Up Museum at Inverloch Primary School to showcase their learning.

Uncle Josh West performed a Welcome to Country to officially open the event. Josh is a proud Bunurong Elder.

The children were captivated by Josh's welcome.

After assembly, the children had the opportunity to explore our Pop-up Museum in their multi-age groups.

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Helping locals become disaster ready

EARLY this year, South Gippsland Shire Council was successful in securing funding through Emergency Victoria's community-led Recovery Support grants program.

The program helps to support recovery and build resilience in communities that were affected by the June 2021 storm event.

Council used the funding to facilitate Red Cross RediCommunities workshops in Foster and Mirboo North with a focus on improving community disaster resilience planning.

The workshops included representatives from community associations and a wide range of emergency services such as Victoria Police, SES and Ambulance Victoria.

Council was represented by Councillors Mohya Davies, Scott Rae and Clare Williams and the Emergency Management team.

Actions from the Foster workshop were to:

- Undertake a project that would bring Emergency Services together to develop an integrated response to large-scale emergencies in Foster and surrounds.

- Focus on Communications and Engagement planning before, during and after a disaster by drawing on information and processes from Emergency Services and community networks and by embracing local knowledge to identify engagement opportunities.

An action from the Mirboo North workshop was to:

- Form three groups to consider activities around emergency planning, the sharing of information (for example phone trees) and the concept of a community hub that could support resilience and recovery activities.

If you would like to learn more about emergency planning or the outcomes from the RediCommunities workshops, please contact Council on 5662 9200.

Funding for Mirboo North Early Learning Centre

PRE-CONSTRUCTION planning for the future development of Mirboo North Early Learning Centre will go ahead, following a \$150,000 grant to the South Gippsland Shire Council to support the development.

Council is contributing \$40,000 to the planning project, with a spokesperson from Council saying, "The planning will include the development of a scope, facility design and costings."

"The facility design will consider an increased amount of kindergarten and pre-prep places, a modern maternal child health service, and other ancillary services."

The funding is part of the State Government plan to bring 19 more kinders to life in growing areas of Victoria, with a new round of grants supporting planning for vital kindergarten building projects.

Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh MP announced that the South Gippsland Shire Council will share in \$2.5 million of Building Blocks Planning grants.

The funding aims to provide more licensed kindergarten places, Maternal Child Health Services, playgroup, toy library, and better parking.



Jordan Crugnale MP with committee president Nikole Schellekens, educator Di, kinder teacher Sarah and 3-year-old kinder dolphins' group at San Remo Pre-School.

San Remo Pre-School gets slice of \$2.5M pie

MEMBER for Bass Jordan Crugnale MP announced San Remo Pre-School will share in \$2.5 million of Building Blocks Planning grants, with \$150,000 of funding allocated to look at options for expansion within and adjacent to the existing site to double the size of the centre.

San Remo Pre-School has been a community owned and volunteer led pre-school for 50 years, delivering quality kindergarten services to the Bass Coast community.

The project includes feasibility,

liaison with local Council, DEECA for project site, preparation of design and construction documentation ready for future tender/construction.

The Pre-School was once a single room and after a short move to the current location, the community run centre was able to expand their pre-school services over two rooms, but the centre needs to plan for future growth.

Committee President Nikole Schellekens said 'we share our centre with Bass Coast Health Maternal and Child Health ser-

vice which connects and builds relationships with our local families from birth to 4-year-old kinder, and we greatly value this relationship with the maternal and child health service'.

The planned San Remo Pre-School feasibility - Growing the site is proactively moving San Remo Pre-School towards meeting the current and future demand for more local kindergarten provision.

As the demand for 30 hours of 3-year-old kindergarten and transition from 4-year-old kinder

to pre-prep is planned for Bass Coast in 2028, San Remo Pre-School will need to explore how they can increase their services and be ready to meet the needs and expectations of the local community and families.

Planning funding supports a wide range of essential pre-construction activity like project management, architecture and design planning, soil testing, environmental sustainability assessments and feasibility studies to ensure the best for the local community.



Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale visited the proposed site of the new kindergarten at Newhaven College, pictured with Principal Mr Tony Corr and prep students, Levi Thomas, Arki Blondel, Frankie Janson, Avana Zonneveld, Avery Johns, and Delilah Schellekens.

Newhaven College to expand into early years

NEWHAVEN College was thrilled recently to be the recipient of a Victorian School Building Authority Early Years Planning Grant.

The planning grant enables the College to do the preparatory work for an early years facility at Newhaven College.

The school has contracted architects Mihaly Slocombe to provide the initial design concepts.

The proposed centre would

be a four room 88-place integrated kindergarten within a long day care service catering for 3- to 5-year-olds.

Principal Tony Corr says, "There is currently a shortage of kindergarten places for families right across the Bass Coast. Projected population growth indicates kindergarten places will become even more limited into the future. Newhaven College is pleased to be taking steps to

provide additional kindergarten places for the families of this region.

"As an existing Prep to Year 12 school we believe the extension into early years will only enhance what the College offers to our families. The Centre will be designed on school site to take advantage of our wonderful natural resources and complement our existing facilities."

The College is pleased to be

working alongside the State Government and Bass Coast Council on this project.

The next steps will be to provide sufficient planning detail to apply for the State Government's New Early Years Centre Building Grant later in the year.

If successful with this application, the college will be able to progress to construction, with the plan to open the early years centre in 2026.

All aboard! 30 years since last passenger train

ROLLING into Leongatha on Saturday July 24, 1993, was P18, the last passenger steam train that would arrive and leave the station.

The train was decorated with farewell messages to mark the withdrawal of passenger rail services on the South Gippsland Line, which was first opened in 1892.

The train, comprising four H type carriages, arrived 43 minutes late, but the residents of South Gippsland and railway enthusiasts were happy to wait and braved the elements with tunes from The Woorayl Municipal Band echoing in the station.

Robert Newton, local historian and author of recently released book, *From Train Tracks to Rail Trail*, remembers how the community felt when the last train left town.

"It was pretty sad. They (the community) didn't want to see the railway line stop. They wanted it to keep going, but it was just not viable at the time. The cost of maintaining it was just too expensive. It was cheaper to put buses on, and that's why they did it."

Robert has a family connection



Robert Newton, author of book, *From Train Tracks to Rail Trail*, remembers when the last passenger train rolled into Leongatha station.

to the old trains and used to drive one himself at Coal Creek.

This ignited his interest in researching and writing about the history of the railway lines.

"My dad put 27 years on the rail, on duty. He came back from the First World War and joined the railways. He was a steam engine driver and he retired in 1946."



Last week marked the 30th anniversary of the last passenger train to roll into Leongatha, with the line first opening in 1892.
Photo: Wailing Chang

Robert has documented the entire history of the line, from Princess Bridge in Melbourne through to Wonthaggi and Port Albert, including who first surveyed the line in Leongatha – Peter Whitelaw to who built it - Andrew O'Keefe.

"There's so much history on that rail trail. It's unbelievable. I've got eleven pages of accidents

on the railway line from Woodside right through Yarram, right through to Dandenong."

The Leongatha station sits on 11 acres of surrounding unused land and is owned by VicTrack.

Only non-profit organisations can apply to use the building, but likely due to costs and lack of funding the train station remains empty and dilapidated.

"I believe the historical society should've been in there and the rotary art gallery, for meeting rooms and aspects like that. I don't think it'll actually get used though," Robert said.

While the Korumburra historian would be thrilled to see a steam train run on the line once again, he acknowledged the limitations and thinks the rail trail is a great way to use the old tracks.

"I'd love to see a steam train going there again. Even from Loch or Nyora or to Leongatha, but they have to build new bridges, they are just not strong enough to take a railway engine."

"I love the rail trail. I just think it's fantastic. I'd love to see it go through and join up eventually to Woolamai, from Nyora to Woolamai, and I'd love to see it go to Melbourne. If it did that, it would be one of the best rail trails in the world," said Robert.

Robert would also like to see signage placed along the rail trail, explaining the history of the railway and celebrating the important milestones, such as, the last passenger train to leave the station 30 years ago.



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COMMENT

How we'll welcome and control our visitors

LAST Thursday, July 27 was a great day for Bass Coast.

Not only was there an announcement of \$1.5 million to restore Wonthaggi's State Coal Mine and reopen underground tours there, plus an official opening for the expanded Drysdale Street Kindergarten in Wonthaggi but there was also the release of \$8.33 million to get on with the extension of the coastal trail between Punchbowl at San Remo, Cape Paterson and Inverloch.

It's all part of a \$105.6 million commitment by the State Government to the Victorian Great Outdoors' initiative of which the \$19.6 million creation of the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park, with its complete walking and cycling trail connecting the 40km of coastal landscapes, is the single biggest project.

According to the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park Access and Infrastructure Plan, the core objective of the project is to invite a wide variety of different visitors to spend time in the region, enjoy its produce and experiences and contribute to the local economies.

The project is clearly pitched towards our city cousins: "The Bass Coast is located a 90-minute drive from Melbourne and offers some of Victoria's most visited and internationally recognised tourism destinations, including Phillip Island and its Penguin Parade. The coast continues east with another natural highlight, the inspiring wilderness of the Wilsons Promontory National Park with South Gippsland on its doorstep."

Here, on the coastal strip between Phillip Island and Inverloch, is the chance for Melbourne metro visitors to walk or ride along a network of trails, stopping to enjoy the magnificent ocean vistas, beaches and natural features along the way, while taking advantage of improved infrastructure and visitor amenities.

The environment is not forgotten in this scenario. In fact by creating a new marine and coastal park, and adding more land to connect, enhance and control this unique area, authorities will be better placed in protecting the very natural and cultural values that visitors come to enjoy.

But, make no mistake, this whole initiative is about providing opportunities for all-ability users and visitors to engage with the natural and cultural values, stories, and features of our coast. It's not about locking it up.

It's people initiative, first and foremost, offering locals and visitors alike a place to come and breathe in the sea air, while at the same time enhancing and protecting its natural features, and controlling the impact of increasing numbers, who were going to be coming here anyway from a rapidly expanding city on our doorstep.

Talking about the hub and the shire

I would like to draw your attention to a community meeting to discuss the new Korumburra hub, that will be held for the whole community and not just a selected few that believe they speak for everyone.

The meeting is to discuss how the community, as a whole, has been misled about the hub from day one.

The location was wrong, and the shire were advised of this by members of the community, yet they still went ahead.

The design has only thoughts of a select group of users and has excluded others to the point that these vital community groups no longer feel part of the community and have sold their assets as they are unable to use this facility.



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Vox Pop

What are your tips for saving money during the current cost of living crisis?



Peter McCaughan
"Spend on what you need, not what you want and put on an extra layer of clothing, also buy a warm blanket to reduce the cost of electricity."



Zane Bannister
"You should learn how to cook, preferably beans and cheaper foods, and limit meat intake to once or twice a week."



Viv Roche
"Look at specials and sales in supermarkets and have a financial plan on what you will buy and spend your money on."



Jeannie Slocombe
"Buying frozen veg over fresh produce when it's expensive. Buy fresh fruit and veg when it's on sale and store them in the freezer."

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.

Doctor's legacy won't be forgotten in Korumburra

DR DONGSHENG (DONG) XU,

7 December 1956 - 13 July 2023

Dr Dongsheng (Dong) Xu has left a lasting impression in Korumburra, admired as a person and as a doctor.



POPULAR long-term Korumburra doctor and medical clinic partner Dongsheng (Dong) Xu was farewelled in East Kew, Melbourne, with wife Pek paying a moving tribute.

Born in China and growing up during the Cultural Revolution, Dong and his sisters were raised by their maternal grandmother when their parents were sent away.

Dong was eventually sent to the countryside as a labourer, but he was a talented student and proved adept at his medical studies when the opportunity arose after the Revolution, obtaining a Master's Degree in Neurology.

After a few years working as a doctor in China, he found his way to New Zealand's Dunedin with just a couple of hundred dollars in his pocket.

There he studied a PhD and despite the hard work required, he found time for socialising, leading to meeting Malaysian-born Pek.

"He swept me off my feet; we laughed, we joked, we clicked, and the rest is history," Pek said of the whirlwind romance, with the couple married in under a year.

"We stuck together no matter what's happening for the next 31 years," she said, adding that

marrying Dong was a gift.

After shifting to Australia, Dong worked in a Canberra hospital, then Mildura Hospital.

Daughter Rachel was born in 1996, living in Melbourne with Pek while Dong continued working in Mildura and making the arduous drive to visit.

Dong went on to work in Melbourne hospitals, the Austin and St Vincent's.

However, he and Pek felt the country would be a great environment to raise children and jumped at the opportunity to move to Korumburra, arriving there in the late 1990s, with Dong working at the medical clinic.

He clearly made a favourable impression, becoming a partner in the business a year later.

One of the then clinic partners, Dr Phil Huguenin spoke at the funeral, saying it was an honour to deliver the eulogy for Dong.

Phil remarked on Dong's tendency for quiet achieving and minimal ability to brag despite his impressive accomplishments.

He offered the example of having discovered Dong completed his PhD in just 18 months, something Dong had modestly never mentioned.

Phil said Dong's committed

work ethic combined with compassion made him popular with patients and colleagues alike and that he was always bustling about the clinic being productive.

"By working so thoroughly and quickly he was making me look bad," Phil said, despite the high regard in which he is also viewed by the Korumburra community.

Dong and Pek's son Adrian was born in Korumburra.

Despite Dong's work and their parental responsibilities, the couple found time to indulge in their passion for gardening, which they enthusiastically pursued while living in Korumburra, growing a variety of exotic fruits and a selection of vegetables and tending nine garden beds.

While Dong wasn't one to say too much, he was always social.

"A wise man doesn't have to talk a lot, just a few words," he said.

He was a man of diverse interests, with a love for watching Seinfeld but equally happy listening to classical music.

Dong played Chinese violin and flute and was a versatile athlete in his youth competing in decathlon and other events.

Son Adrian inherited Dong's taste for music, being an

accomplished pianist and cello player who sometimes also composes music, with Rachel following in her father's footsteps studying medicine.

Korumburra community pays tribute to admired doctor Dong Xu

THE PASSING of much-loved former Korumburra doctor Dongsheng (Dong) Xu prompted an outpouring of tributes from community members.

Local identity Andrea 'Pee-Wee' Lewis expressed her sadness at the loss in a Facebook post, with many quick to reply.

Dong's caring nature, sense of humour and commitment to his work were mentioned in the comments, with the immense respect for him and his family evident.

Sarina Ward posted that she loved working with Dong, also offering praise for his treatment of her parents.

"Your kindness to mum and dad will never be forgotten," she said.

Elisabeth Fleming touched on Dong's outdoor passions.

"I so enjoyed our chats about his fruit trees and veggie garden he tended at Korumburra," she said, also noting Dong was a wonderful doctor with so much energy.

Help Sue Moore raise money for wildlife by rocking n' rolling to old time tunes in Tarwin Lower.

Rock for wildlife

DANCE the night away in Tarwin Lower with an old-time rock n' roll band for a great local cause on Saturday, August 5.

A selection of great rock n' roll cover songs will be performed by a live band, which will no doubt get everyone up and grooving to the tunes.

A range of various eclectic items donated from locals and local artists will also be up for grabs with an auction taking place on the night.

Paintings, photographs, quilts and furnishing might see some bidding wars, with all proceeds will go to Sue Moore's local wildlife shelter.

Money raised will go towards installing a new six-foot fence at the back of the property for privacy and protection, as only a wire one exists there now.

If there is enough raised, it will also cover the costs of materials for an enclosure on the grounds for an Eagle and other birds of prey.

Sue would also be grateful to anyone willing to donate their time and expertise to install the fence or the enclosure to help with costs.

So far Sue has raised \$6,000 and requires \$9,000 in total to cover the cost of both the fence and the enclosure.

Doors will open at the Tarwin Lower Hall at 6:30pm and the music will start at 7:30pm. Bring your own nibbles and drinks.

Tickets are \$30 and bookings and payment for the evening can be made by calling Michelle on 0487 120 041.

LIFE Moments



MICAH Timothy Hamilton was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on June 27, 2023, weighing 3.86kg. Micah is the second child for Danielle Peters and Alex Hamilton of North Wonthaggi, and a brother for Elijah, 4.

Send your photos to
news@sgst.com.au

Protecting Wilson Promontory's precious islands

USING helicopters and highly skilled professionals, Parks Victoria and Pennicott Wilderness Journeys are protecting native wildlife on the islands surrounding Wilsons Promontory National Park.

The islands are home to significant seabird species such as the Short-Tailed Shearwater, Fairy Prion and Little Penguin, along with colonies of Australian Fur Seal.

The natural environment is under threat from exotic, invasive weeds crowding out native vegetation and nesting habitat for seabirds.

This year, two visits in April and May saw staff from Parks Victoria and environmental tourism operator, Pennicott Wilderness Journeys, treat invasive weed species and survey native and invasive plant species.

Simply getting weed removal crews to the islands is a challenge, as their remote location



Parks Victoria Team Leader Cassie Nolan, with Anser Island in the background. Credit Parks Victoria.

Have a say on South Gippsland's draft coastal strategy

SOUTH Gippsland Shire is seeking feedback on a draft Coastal Strategy for South Gippsland which has been developed following extensive community engagement earlier this year.

The Coastal Strategy aims to provide strategic direction for the planning of South Gippsland's coastal areas.

It considers the impacts and opportunities for growth and development on the natural and built environment.

The community engagement attracted feedback from 770 people.

Of the respondents who provided feedback, 64 per cent stated their main place of residence was South Gippsland and just

under 60 per cent were resident home owners.

Feedback from the community engagement helped to expand the Coastal Strategy discussion paper, and has led to the development of a number of short, medium and long-term actions.

Now that the draft strategy is complete, Council is once again seeking community feedback

to ensure that the strategy and its associated actions, reflect the needs of the wider South Gippsland community.

The exhibition period for the strategy is open until Sunday, August 6.

To view the draft Coastal Strategy and provide feedback, please visit: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Expanded support

APPLICATIONS have opened for an expanded support scheme to help Victorians whose builder collapsed without having taken out insurance on their behalf.

The expanded scheme now covers Porter Davis Homes customers who paid 3 per cent amounts under pre-deposit "tender agreements".

It also covers eligible customers of the collapsed Hallbury Homes and Snowdon Developments who made a payment of up to 5 per cent of the value of their building contract, including amounts for plans and specifications, where their builder did not take out DBI.

The scheme covers clients of builders that have gone into liquidation in the 2022/23 financial year where the customers have made deposits but been left without DBI.

Payment of up to \$50,000 are available.

Applications under the expanded scheme can be lodged at vic.gov.au/liquidated-builders-customer-support-scheme. More information is available on the website or by calling 1300 579 089.

Any customer affected by the liquidation of a building company other than Porter Davis, Hallbury Homes and Snowdon Developments during the last financial year, and meets the above criteria, is encouraged to provide their details at vic.gov.au/liquidated-builders-customer-support so this can be followed up.

• FAITH FACTOR

Odd socks

By Captain Amanda Hart,
Corps Officer –
South Coast Gippsland Salvos

SOMETIMES I like to wear odd socks. Most of the time it's a choice and I'll put two socks together that aren't actually a pair, but kind of go together anyway.

However, other times, in the rush of getting ready, I just don't manage to grab two socks that are exactly the same.

Do the socks match? No! They are different. However, both of those socks will still do their job which is to provide your feet with protection, moisture control, temperature regulation, and comfort, and prevent blisters from your feet rubbing on your shoes.

My odd socks will still accomplish that purpose! They don't look the same and might even feel slightly different, but they will still do their job!

As people, we're like that, too. Paul writes in the book of 1 Corinthians about the church as compared to a body...there are different parts, but all work for the same thing:

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many [...] 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27)

Some people might not seem to "match" others - some are older, some are younger. We may approach tasks in different ways and each of us is unique, but we are all God's people and our aim is to help others know Him while we worship as well.

Each and every person is created by God and we can all work together to serve the same purpose...just like my odd socks!

Winterfest is coming... AGAIN!

The Mirboo North Winterfest is sure to dazzle crowds once again.

WINTERFEST is making its grand comeback to the picturesque hilltop village of Mirboo North.

Following the immense success and overwhelming support received in 2022, Winterfest is set to take place once again on the weekend of August 5-6.

Renowned for its enchanting fusion of fire and ice, captivating light displays, artistic showcases, and delectable culinary offerings, Winterfest will continue to be a vibrant celebration of the arts.

Despite the Mirboo North Primary School Art Show taking a gap year, follow the Arts through the town by visiting the Mirboo North Primary School students' Quilt Exhibition at the Co-Space, Woven by The Everyday Makers at 66 Ridgway and the show-stopping ArtCubes and artists in Baromi Park.

The Mirboo North Winterfest kicks off at 2pm on

Saturday, August 5, with Baromi Park hosting eclectic pop-up Tipis, serving as the central hub of the festivities.

Enter through The Grain-store and have some fun in the Winterfest Photo Booth with photographer Heath Warwick.

Then, meander through the park and soak in the festival vibes, join in with the Free African Drumming and Dance Workshops in the Tipi and the Interactive Mural painting in one of the ArtCubes with Cheri Rose.

Saturday night begins with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony at dusk, followed by the Ridgway Lantern Parade where the main street will transform into a mesmerising trail of light, adorned with stunning handmade lanterns crafted by both locals and visitors.

Straight after the parade you'll find captivating fire-twirling to mesmerise both

young and old alike. Attendees can expect live music, roving entertainers, delectable food trucks, and a well-stocked Sailors Grave Winterfest Bar, which is open from 2pm until late in the evening.

Music will feature in the Tipi with Celtic rock band The Reel Deal from 6.15pm, followed by DJ Danny Silver on the decks from 8pm - 10pm.

On Sunday, the focus shifts to the pièce de résistance; an ice-rink that will be sure to keep the kids busy as you stroll through the Artisans Market.

These will be complimented by creative and performative workshops and ArtCube browsing.

Bookings are now open, and spots are limited. Visit www.mirboonorthwinterfest.com.au to book.

Ticketed events include:

Saturday

- Intuitive abstract art workshop with Kate Biggs

• Weaving workshop with The Everyday Makers

Sunday

- Modern stitching embroidery workshop with Amy Kalissa
- Dance workshop with Gilbert Douglas
- Shadow puppet making with Margie Mackay (ages 7+)
- Sunday lunch with Trulli
- Carve & Create wood block carving workshop with Olivia O'Connor

Visit www.mirboonorthwinterfest.com.au to find out more and book for these events.

Places are limited.

Winterfest takes great pride in ensuring a COVID-safe environment for all attendees.

About Winterfest: Winterfest is an annual not-for-profit event held in the scenic village of Mirboo North, showcasing a unique blend of fire and ice, light and art, culinary delights, and family-friendly entertainment.

Going above and beyond for her patients



Dr. Sewellyn has treated countless patients with expertise in general practice, emergency medicine, obstetrics and anaesthetics and was nominated for an award.

DR SEWELLYN Gale has provided exceptional specialist care to the regional community for almost two decades and was recently nominated for a Victorian Rural Health Award.

With expertise in general practice, emergency medicine, obstetrics and anaesthetics, Dr. Sewellyn has treated countless patients over countless paid and unpaid hours at Leongatha Healthcare.

The award recognises and honours the outstanding contributions rural health professionals make to rural communities; and is hosted by the Rural Workforce Agency Victoria (RWAV).

Dr. Sewellyn regularly works on call three to five nights a week and is also one of the few local proceduralists in town, and steps up to support her team when they need assistance.

"The diversity of practicing in a rural setting, and to be able to use the skills I have acquired has been a fabulous career. Not to mention the short commute, breathing fresh air and the proximity to an array of recreational activities," Dr.

Sewellyn says of her work in Leongatha.

While she trains local medical and nursing staff in obstetric emergency management and is involved in the examination of new GP obstetricians, Dr. Sewellyn also teaches nationwide on the management of obstetric emergencies.

A mum to three, she said it's a great privilege to be involved in journeying with families in events that are truly significant and life changing.

"The birth of babies and the start of families is a process that continues to amaze me; and to then be able to be involved as those babies grow up through childhood and into adulthood is one of the joys of general practice. I am yet to care for the pregnancy of one of the babies that I have delivered, but it can't be too far away."

Graduating from the University of Tasmania, and having worked in the UK, rural Tasmania and NSW before deciding to settle in Leongatha, Dr. Sewellyn comments that she's been blessed to work with a

team of outstanding doctors, nurses and midwives.

"Our team has repeatedly worked well together to care for our community in a range of different circumstances. Recent years have seen some challenges, and like everywhere else, we are short staffed. But time and time again the staff have gone above and beyond to keep services running."

Her colleague, Dr. Elise Ly from Leongatha Healthcare who made the nomination said,

"Her pregnant patients can't speak highly enough of her, as well as her colleagues. She unconditionally mentors and supports the staff at the general practice clinic and at Leongatha hospital. Dr. Sewellyn does all of this and more, with the utmost humility."

This humility shines through as Dr. Sewellyn talks about her nomination for the award.

"Our country towns are stacked with talented health care workers. I would not like to have been the one to choose among them. Congratulations to Dr. Suresh Jain from Kilmore on receiving the award."

Photographic exhibition on this month

Vicky Jesty, Rhyll - East Gippsland Photographic Society.

GIPPSLAND Interclub Photographic Exhibition at East Gippsland Art Gallery Bairnsdale.

The Gippsland Interclub Photographic Exhibition marks a collaboration between six Gippsland photography clubs. Now in its 13th year, the interclub

collaboration continues to flourish.

The hosting of this exhibition rotates among six prominent clubs including Phillip Island Camera Club and South Gippsland Camera Club.

This exhibition serves as a vibrant celebration of

the region's photographers, each capturing and creating their images right here in Gippsland.

Join the East Gippsland Art Gallery for a special opening event on Friday, August 4, at 5.30 pm as they present the Gippsland Interclub Photographic

Exhibition.

Admission is free, and everyone is welcome. Don't miss this unique opportunity to witness Gippsland through the lens of these photographers.

The exhibition will run from August 4 to September 2, 2023.



Genesis Baroque will be joined by guest violinist Sophie Gent.

Secure your tickets to Genesis Baroque's performance

TICKETS are selling fast to Genesis Baroque's 'Birth of a Golden Age' performance in South Gippsland.

The chamber orchestra will be performing in Fish Creek on August 12, with an impressive line-up set to grace the stage, with guest violinist Sophie Gent to perform alongside Lucinda Moon on violin, Jennifer Kirsner – violin/viola, Laura Vaughan – viola da gamba and Donald Nicolson – harpsichord.

Genesis Baroque was founded in 2017 by artistic director and violinist, Jennifer Kirsner, and directed by baroque violinist Lucinda Moon. The program includes:

- Heinrich Ignaz Franz von Biber – Pars I from Mensa Sonora.
- Dietrich Buxtehude – Sonata in A minor Bux 272.
- Dietrich Becker – Sonata in C major, from Erster Theil Zwey-stim-miger Sonata und Suiten, 1674.
- Johann Rosenmüller – Sonata Ottava à 4.
- Heinrich Ignaz Franz von Biber – Pars VI from Mensa Sonora.
- Georg Muffat – Fifth Concerto in D major, Saeculum, from Auserlesene Instrumentalmusik.

Series

The Fish Creek performance is part of the Genesis Baroque Series, presenting a program featuring some of Melbourne's finest historically-informed musicians in chamber works from the Baroque through to the early 20th century – performed on period instruments.

For the inaugural program in the series, Kammermusik, guest violinist Sophie Gent will join the ensemble in a program of instrumental music from the second half of the 17th century.

Featuring composers from Bohemia, Germany and Austria, this highly varied music was written for the entertainment at feasts, serenades and the gathering of music-lovers, setting the ideal scene for a Saturday afternoon in the South Gippsland town of Fish Creek.

The Fish Creek Memorial Hall will play host to the chamber orchestra on August 12 thanks to Prom Recitals, a group of South Gippsland locals who are sharing their love of music and the Prom Country region through the presentation of classical music recitals.

Tickets to the Fish Creek performance are available at trybooking.com/events/landing/1077480

Prom Recitals is also set to bring the Melbourne String Ensemble to Foster on September 30, followed by Slava and Leonard Grigoryan performing in Wonthaggi on December 3.

Those Pretty Wrongs to play Meeniyian Town Hall

JODY Stephens is the sole surviving member of iconic early '70s power pop legends BIG STAR, and the only man other than Alex Chilton to play on all three of their peerless original albums.

He was also a member of pioneering alt-country supergroup Golden Smog, alongside members of Wilco and the Jayhawks.

Luther Russell is an acclaimed singer/songwriter and producer (Richmond Fontaine amongst others) who formed his first band as a teenager with Jacob Dylan (before the

son of Bob formed the Wallflowers).

Together, Jody Stephens and Luther Russell are Those Pretty Wrongs, who combine the lyrical and soulful harmony and jangle of both Big Star and classic '90s alt-country with the sort of folky, summery feeling that will warm anyone.

Touring Australia on the back of their new album Holiday Camp, Those Pretty Wrongs will be joined by Alex Hamilton and friends and perform their own gorgeous material as well as some a full band set of classic BIG STAR songs.

Big Star were of course a musical enigma. Working with classic British and West Coast '60s influences in the South in the early '70s, they were a band out of place and time.

Those Pretty Wrongs will be heading to Australia on the back of their third album, Holiday Camp.

The album features contributions from Wilco's Pat Sansone and first-generation Big Star acolytes Chris Stamey and Mitch Easter. The album's title is a nod to both wistful summers at bygone British institutions, the favored gig fodder for

their '60s heroes, and the more sinister implications of Tommy's Holiday Camp.

The music is Cosmic Americana-cum-home-grown Memphis power pop, with nods to Apple Records albums and an appeal that will reach fans of open-hearted pop from Emitt Rhodes to The Go-Betweens to The Elephant 6 to Girlatones.

Do not miss this show at Meeniyian Town Hall on Saturday, August 5.

Tickets available at the door or via www.lyrebirdarts council.com.au



WONTHAGGI BINGO

WEDNESDAY 1pm - 3pm
THURSDAY 8pm - 10pm

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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

CLIMATE CHANGE TRIVIA

- [\$100] What is the main greenhouse gas responsible for climate change? A. Oxygen. B. Nitrogen. C. Carbon dioxide. D. Helium.
- [\$200] What is the process of capturing and storing carbon dioxide underground called? A. Carbon cycling. B. Carbon offsetting. C. Carbon sequestration. D. Carbon footprinting.
- [\$300] What is the leading cause of deforestation worldwide? A. Logging. B. Urbanisation. C. Agricultural expansion. D. Forest fires.
- [\$500] Which renewable energy source produces the most electricity globally? A. Solar power. B. Wind energy. C. Hydropower. D. Biomass energy.
- [\$1000] Which international agreement aims to combat climate change by limiting global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius? A. Paris Agreement. B. Kyoto Protocol. C. Montreal Protocol. D. Copenhagen Accord.
- [\$2000] Who is the Australian Minister for the Environment? A. Ed Husic. B. Tanya Plibersek. C. Chris Bowen. D. Mark Butler.
- [\$4000] What temperature rise is considered the 'tipping point' for ice sheet collapse, coral reef die off and permafrost thaw? A. 1 Celsius. B. 1.5 Celsius. C. 2 Celsius. D. 2.5 Celsius.
- [\$8000] What is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions globally? A. Transportation. B. Deforestation. C. Industrial processes. D. Electricity generation.
- [\$16,000] How old was Greta Thunberg when she became an activist? A. 13. B. 14. C. 15. D. 16.
- [\$32,000] Australia has the highest per capita roll out of roof-top solar in the world. Which country is second? A. Germany. B. Sweden. C. Netherlands. D. Japan.
- [\$64,000] Which country is the largest producer of wind energy? A. China. B. United States. C. Germany. D. India.
- [\$125,000] When has Energy Australia nominated as the closure date for Yallourn's 'Big W' Power Station? A. 2028. B. 2030. C. 2032. D. 2034.
- [\$250,000] How many of the OECD's 38 member countries generate at least some of their electricity via Nuclear? A. 10. B. 16. C. 21. D. 26.
- [\$500,000] Renewable energy accounted for 35.9 per cent of Australia's total electricity generation by 2021 but what is the 2030 target? A. 68%. B. 73%. C. 82%. D. 91%.
- [\$1,000,000] Which country has the highest consumption of nuclear-generated electricity per capita? A. Sweden. B. France. C. Belgium. D. Finland.

8. A. Transportation. 9. C. 15. D. 10. C. Net-zero emissions. 11. A. China. 12. A. 2028. 13. B. 16. 14. C. 82%. 15. A. Sweden.

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8. A. Transportation. 9. C. 15. D. 10. C. Net-zero emissions. 11. A.

1. C. Carbon dioxide. 2. C. Carbon sequestration.



Our Lady Star of the Sea students Harvey and Ben were keen to embrace PJ Day.



Jamie, Cordelia and Ella loved wearing their PJs to school.



Sandra Peeters of Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space collaborated with Jessica Berry of San Remo Myli Library at the launch of the Art Exhibition. Z18_3123



Paul and Diana Bannister at the launch of the PICES Art Exhibition at San Remo Library. Z19_3123



Kongwak Primary School PFA president Virginia Branton-Hunt and Chair of Kongwak Hills Landcare Grace Couchman collaborated as part of the Sustainable Kongwak program. Z07_3123



Lincon, Charlotte and Vicki happily spending the day planting trees in Kongwak. Z08_3123



Samu and Warren plant trees in Kongwak Pioneer Reserve. Z09_3123



John and Hayden smiling as they help the environment planting trees as part of their Sustainable Kongwak program. Z10_3123



Eva, Lilly-Ann and Trisha looking happy as they support Landcare's planting efforts. Z11_3123

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Our Lady Star of the Sea PJ Day, Tree planting day at Kongwak Pioneer Reserve, PICES Art Exhibition launch at Myli Library and at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum



Andie, Hugo, Cass, and Norah make a big effort to support planting trees for Kongwak's sustainability program. Z13_3123

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Sally and Liz from Bunnings Wonthaggi came out to help Kongwak Primary Schools planting day. Z12_3123



Letty-Brooke and Isobel help in planting over 900 trees at the Kongwak Pioneer reserve. Z15_3123



Australian Vietnamese Women's Association President Cam Nguyen and CEO Ngoc (Nicky) Chung attended the National Vietnam Veterans Museum to welcome General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove. Z35_3123



Jennifer and Don Paproth visited the National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Sunday afternoon to welcome Patron General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove. Z36_3123



Vietnam Veterans Education and Interpretation Officer Wendy Anderson with acting General Manager Julie Waters at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum. Z37_3123



Volunteer Tony and Lynore Mercer were invited to the National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Sunday to meet and honour General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove. Z38_3123



Luhanna, Lilly, Violet and April smile for their photo after planting countless trees to help Kongwak's Pioneer Reserve to flourish. Z14_3123



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Bright and charming home

THIS delightful three-bedroom brick veneer home is situated just a short stroll to the beautiful McIndoe Park, and an easy walk to the shops, schools, and sporting precinct of Leongatha.

Neat and charming the home features modern updates with a bright kitchen and meals area leading out to the rear north facing deck and spacious back yard.

Features of the home include:

- Modern kitchen with mirrored splash back, gas cook top/electric oven and dishwasher
- Formal dining space that can easily convert to further living or study space
- The family living room enjoys views of the front yard and street
- Three bedrooms all with built in robes, ceiling fans and modern blinds
- Neat family bathroom with shower and bath /vanity and separate toilet
- Great storage and bench space in the laundry
- Ducted natural gas heating throughout the home and a reverse cycle air conditioner

Externally on this enviable 1060m² flat block you have the perfect 9m x 6m (approx.) shed, with space for another car and room to tinker and build with concrete floor, power, and work bench. Front entrance carport and the rear deck that could easily be extended or enjoyed as is.

The garden is low maintenance with established shade trees for summer, citrus and neat vegetable beds with plenty of space to kick the footy or grow your garden.

This delightful home, in a fabulous street is most worthy of your consideration.

To discuss further or arrange a personal inspection, please call Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate

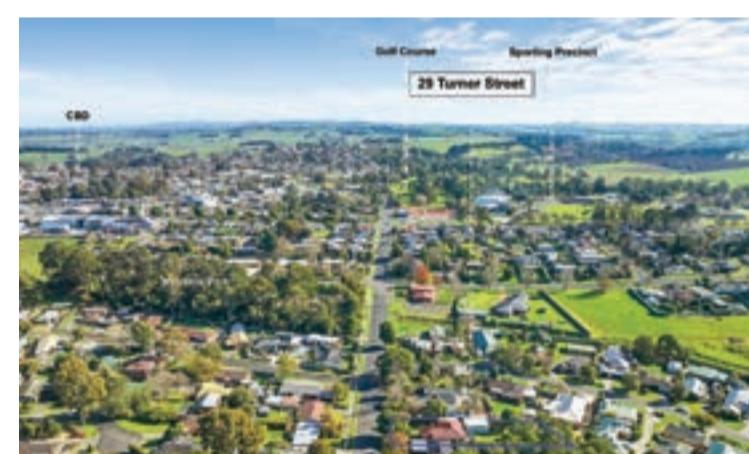
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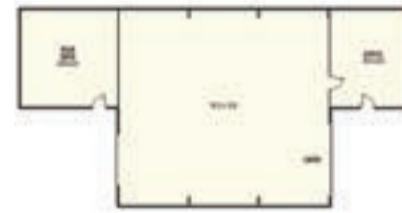
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Rare commercial investment



Commercial

34 Inverloch Road, **Wonthaggi**
For Sale \$850,000
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 Phil Hanley 0417 140 508

THIS exceptional commercial/industrial premises boasting a prime location, a fantastic tenant, and a range of features that make it a standout investment opportunity in the bustling industrial landscape.

This property spans an impressive 780m², with approximately 300m² dedicated to versatile and functional floor space. The layout includes well-appointed office area for administrative needs, a convenient storeroom for inventory management, and essential amenities for the comfort of employees.

Designed to accommodate a diverse range of business operations, the premises features high clearance roller doors, facilitating easy access for large vehicles and efficient logistics. Its steel construction and Colorbond cladding ensure durability and low maintenance, making it an excellent long-term investment.

One of the key highlights of this property is its rarity, hard-to-get industrial investments of this caliber are in high demand, making it a unique opportunity for savvy investors seeking stable returns.

Strategically positioned at the entrance to Wonthaggi from Inverloch, the premises enjoys maximum exposure to passing traffic, enhancing the visibility of any business operating here. The area is renowned for its commercial activity, offering an ideal environment for businesses to flourish.

This property offers ample parking facilities, providing convenience for both employees and customers. This accessibility is a valuable asset in attracting clients and ensuring a smooth flow of operations.

Double block development opportunity

IF YOU'RE looking for a charming cottage by the seaside then this is it.

74 Scenorama boasts soaring high ceilings complete with ornate cornices and mouldings, typical of its original Californian Bungalow style.

The original timber floorboards take you back in time to an era when houses were built to last and interior detail was treasured.

The home has a central hallway which leads to two bedrooms and the formal lounge area with a wood heater.

At the rear of the home is the kitchen and dining area featuring original timber panelling and timber kitchen.

This is adjoined by the north facing deck, perfect for entertaining guests or enjoying your morning coffee.

Set on 535m², the property has a lock up garage with carport and ample space for parking a boat or caravan.

Just a 450m walk to the end of the road is the golden sandy shoreline of Coronet Bay and the walking path which leads all the way to Corinella.

Enjoy this peaceful corner of Westernport Bay which is famed as the gateway to Bass Coast.

Have all the luxury of world class tourist destinations right on your doorstep.

The adjoining vacant allotment at 72 Scenorama Rd is also for sale for \$350,000-\$380,000. Bringing the combined area to over 1,000m², a great opportunity for developers or land bankers looking for a potential unit site.

2 2 **1** 2 535m²

74 Scenorama Rd, **Coronet Bay**

For Sale \$450,000

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- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, double garage
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WONTHAGGI



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- 3 dams and stockyards

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CORONET BAY



12 Ensign Street

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- Fully fenced
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2/13 Kirrak Street

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Luke, Joel and Billie from Kongwak hills Landcare group were assisting Jerri, Mikayla and Jai planting 2000 trees at Pioneer Reserve in Kongwak. Z16_3123

Kongwak Primary plant 2000 trees

THE Kongwak hills Landcare Group collaborated with Kongwak Primary School on Friday afternoon to celebrate National Tree Day participating in a school planting day – 'Love your Reserve'.

The afternoon saw the community come together, bringing in the children from Kongwak Primary School, members of Kongwak hills Landcare and volunteers from Bunnings Wonthaggi to revegetate Pioneer Reserve in Kongwak.

Part of the National Tree Day project was planting 2,000 plants in an area that had become baron and vulnerable to deterioration if left the way it is.

Grace Couchman, the Chair of Kongwak hills Landcare Group thinks that acting now with planting trees and other plants will prevent more loss

from occurring and bring the forest back to the point where it can sustain itself.

Luke from Kongwak hills Landcare said all the trees being planted will be guarded and protected.

The Pioneer Reserve is 41 hectares of beautiful remnant forest, overlooking Kongwak and is just a short trek from Kongwak Primary School.

It stretches all the way down to Foster Creek and has a magnificent stand of Mountain Ash.

The vast woodland has lots of wildlife such as Koalas, Wallabies, Wombats and Owls and a host of other birds and reptiles.

Grace encourages people to walk through the Pioneer Reserve anytime to enjoy the wonderful flora and fauna.

With another part of the project involving the Sus-

tainable Kongwak Program at Kongwak Primary School.

A grant from South Gippsland Shire Council means the teachers at the Primary School can educate the students about how to propagate native species, and about forest health and biodiversity.

Twenty-eight school children alongside parent helpers, teachers and a few assistants from Bunnings Wonthaggi aimed to plant over 1,200 trees on Friday, July 28: a huge effort and a positive day planting for National Schools Tree Day.

The 'Love your Reserve' event continued into Saturday afternoon with over 40 volunteers planting the additional 800 trees to the Pioneer Reserve in Kongwak as part of National Tree Day.

MARKET REPORT

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Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, July 26, 2023

	Bullocks	
10 Sellwood K & J Hallston	665.5	323.6 2,153
3 Mt Osborne Unknown Dist	573.3	310.0 1,777
7 Truro Angus Glenmaggie	608.6	303.6 1,847
1 Webb JWG & NE Unknown Dist	735.0	300.0 2,205
1 Smith Suzy Strzelecki	720.0	300.0 2,160
4 Fulford J P Tinamba	585.0	290.0 1,696

Steers

1 Peterson N Woodleigh	365.0	340.0 1,241
3 Pocklington SG&DL Dumbalk	338.3	320.0 1,082
1 Strathbrae Equity PL Inverloch	385.0	320.0 1,232
6 Mt Osborne Unknown Dist	513.3	310.0 1,591
1 Sunnygen Park	395.0	307.6 1,215
1 Crawford T & B Binginwarri	325.0	299.6 973

Heifers

1 Derix G & M	390.0	359.6 1,402
1 Verboon D & J1 Maffra	390.0	353.6 1,379
1 Mt Osborne Unknown Dist	500.0	350.0 1,750
7 Couper G & S Dumbalk	417.1	329.6 1,374
2 Lomagno RP & J	497.5	320.0 1,592
Jumbunna East	408.3	320.0 1,306

Cows

2 Belcher DD & KL Woodside	687.5	274.6 1,887
10 Greenwald Past Co Pty Ltd	559.5	270.0 1,510
Nambrok	650.0	265.0 1,722
6 Maxray Nominess P/L Buffalo	695.0	265.0 1,841
1 Truro Angus Glenmaggie	555.0	262.6 1,457
5 Mitterer E3 Stradbroke	590.0	262.0 1,545

Bulls

1 Rieniets K Moe	975.0	280.0 2,730
1 Irvin R & S Nerrena	870.0	277.6 2,415
1 Hartz Agrihort Pty Ltd	1,200.0	272.0 3,264
San Remo	559.5	270.0 1,510
1 Pilkington D & Toohey F	860.0	270.6 2,327
Waratah Nth	1,035.0	269.6 2,790

Calves

1 Moon GC Airly	965.0	266.0 2,566
1 Thomas KJ & Schwab AK	975.0	280.0 2,730
Mirboo	870.0	277.6 2,415
1 Pilkington D & Toohey F	1,200.0	272.0 3,264
Waratah Nth	860.0	270.6 2,327
1 Moon GC Airly	1,035.0	269.6 2,790

Heifer Bulls

1 Cannon R & M Unknown Dist	480.0	224.6 1,078
1 Cormack K Stradford	330.0	200.0 660
1 Douch B Alberton	355.0	187.6 665
4 Douch B Alberton	191.3	80.0 153

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, July 24, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x	\$18 to \$60
Friesian Bulls	\$25 to \$104
Friesian Heifers	\$90 to \$190
Beef Bulls	\$45 to \$190
Beef Heifers	\$32 to \$140
Number of Calves: 362		
Number purchased to rear: 112		

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Burnt Store Road, Lardner

Friday 11th August at 11am

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Caldermeade

80 rising 2yo Jersey Heifers
Oct–Dec calving, PTIC Jersey Bulls

120 Unjoined Jersey Heifers

Breakdown inc. Autumn & Spring drop 2022

heifers plus Autumn drop 2023 heifers.

2 Angus Bulls, 2 - 5yo

3 Jersey Bulls, 2 - 5yo

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Maree Malloy 0408 316 715

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A 50m x 27m x 5m calving shed with 5 metre canopy built by Action Steel. Canopies are cost-effective additions to calving sheds for extra coverage and shelter.

Best-practice calving shed designs

CALVING sheds are more popular than ever!

One of the most popular Action Steel calving shed designs has been the calving shed with canopy. This has been used as the blueprint for effective calving sheds for many dairies across Victoria.

This calving shed design delivers improved animal comfort and performance by creating a low-stress environment, makes your job easier and guarantees a long-lasting asset.

What makes this design so popular?

There are several details incorporated in the design that means it ticks all the boxes.

One of these is the two-sided configuration. This is considered the best option for a calving shed. It delivers on weather protection, while also ensuring that there is effective ventilation to reduce ammonia.

Concrete panels on the enclosed walls protect the cladding from rust in a highly corrosive environment.

Concrete panels will also protect the cladding from machinery damage and make cleaning and maintaining the shed easier, making them a must-have inclusion for calving sheds. Action Steel manufacture pre-cast



Concrete panels are manufactured in-house at Action Steel and are a recommended inclusion on a calving shed design to provide corrosion protection.

concrete panels in-house so they can be a cost-effective inclusion too.

The advantage of including a canopy in the shed design is that it gains additional coverage and shelter.

A canopy is a much more cost-effective way to achieve this compared to upsizing the whole shed.

A canopy over feed lanes and feed troughs is also a great way to reduce feed wastage.

Having effective ventilation through the shed is incredibly important and this design achieves this with a number of features.

As well as having two-open sides, this shed has a ridge vent

to ensure ventilation is consistent through the shed.

A sliding door in the closed gable end can also be opened for additional airflow.

A custom Action Steel gutter system can be installed to direct rainwater away from the shed to help keep the bedding and site as dry as possible.

A well-planned and prepared site with good drainage will also keep the site dry and accessible in wet weather.

For more calving shed design advice and to learn more about the Action Steel farm shed range visit www.actionsteel.com.au. Or call the Action team on 1800 687 888 to discuss your project.



Rehabilitation of the saltmarsh would provide flood mitigation for surrounding land and protection from high tidal flows.

Saltmarsh project vital for the environment and community

THE RECENT announcement of \$80,000 in funding to go towards the Venus Bay Saltmarsh Project is a huge step forward for the area and the environment.

The grant, from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to the South Gippsland Shire Council, will be used to look at the viability of rehabilitating 800Ha of privately-owned, farm zoned land on the intertidal mud flats in Venus Bay.

One of the initial issues will be identifying how the land can be zoned to align more appropriately with ongoing environmental changes and challenges.

"Is this actually just another sort of crop that the farmer is managing on that land, or is it a compulsory acquisition and this land gets turned into PCR, which is the Public Conservation Reserve, which is what the saltmarsh is zoned on?" Sarah Gilligan, Venus Bay local and councillor for the South Gippsland Shire Council said.

Rehabilitation would see a fire safe wildlife corridor and carbon sink created through revegetation of the area.

Sarah has been researching and discussing the project with industry professionals for years and explained the benefit of saltmarsh on the environment.

"Saltmarsh suppresses more carbon than rainforest, it's an incredible carbon sink and incredibly biodiverse. It is one of the most diverse ecosystems on the planet."

Rehabilitation of the land would also provide flood mitigation and protection for surrounding agricultural and residential land from high

tidal flows.

"Saltmarsh offers more flood mitigation than levy walls. Tarwin Lower is under threat from flooding from the river when it's high tide. Water is coming down from the Strzelecki Ranges, and if the water coming up from the high tide has all of this saltmarsh to go into, it acts like a massive 800-acre sponge. Then it doesn't get channelled to this point where it will burst the riverbanks at Tarwin Lower, which is what's going on at the moment," Sarah explained.

The project has full support from council, with all nine councillors on board, and as part of Council's upcoming Coastal Strategy, community members were asked if they supported the project, with 78% saying yes.

"The community is really keen to turn it back into saltmarsh. It just makes perfect sense for this land to be returned to what it was meant to be," Sarah explained.

"As the world's changed and time has gone on, it's really clear that this land will never be appropriate to be built up because it's got high acid sulphate soils. It's going to be permanently inundated by 2100. This is just part of a very soggy future."

Along with funding part of the project, DEECA will partner with the Council and work together with local groups and other agencies such as Parks Victoria, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, the Marine Department of CSIRO, Water Technology and Traditional Land Owners to cross share information and map out project steps.

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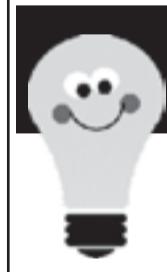
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Buffalo man can finally be laid to rest

THE latest advances in the forensic identification of human remains have been brought to bear on the mystery of a Sandy Point skeleton, discovered by a snorkeler on the ocean floor at Shallow Inlet on Christmas Day, 2017.

The human remains, remarkably intact after 95 years, are that of Buffalo man, Christopher Luke Moore, who got into difficulty and drowned while swimming near The Gap on December 30, 1928. Despite a concerted effort by his distraught father, Cornelius Ignatius Moore, the body was never found.

Tragically, Mr Moore was visiting Waratah Bay with his parents Cornelius and Charlotte, brother Francis, wife Elizabeth and toddler Mary when he disappeared under the waves never to be seen again.

A fortnight later, on January 15, 1929, a lower jawbone, identified by dental records as belonging to Mr Moore, washed up on the beach about 6km from where he drowned.

The remains were buried in the Moore family plot at Meeniyian, later to be joined by his parents in 1939 and 1946 and ultimately by his



The scant remains of Buffalo man, Christopher Luke Moore, were buried at Meeniyian Cemetery in 1928, ahead of his wife and parents, but it was only in the past week that the mystery surrounding his drowning was solved.

wife, Elizabeth Agnes in 1985.

Now Mr Moore's properly identified body can be laid to rest there as well.

Speaking on Gippsland ABC this week, Fiona Leahy, a member of the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine team who identified the man, said the efforts to solve the almost century-old mystery had been exhaustive.

Ms Leahy said she recalled that at the time when the remains first came into the laboratory, that they had been unable to identify the person, except to say that the skeleton appeared to be quite old, that it was an adult male, and

a person of about 170cm in height.

"From the DNA analysis we could tell that that his ancestry was Northern European, that he was likely to have blue eyes and dark hair and from the odontology we knew that he had gold fillings, four teeth with amalgam restoration and older restorations and a partial root canal.

"So, all that information helps frame who you are looking for when you do look at historical research about who drowned in the bay.

"As you probably know, a lot of people drowned in Waratah Bay over the years because it

was part of the major shipping route between Melbourne to Sydney and of course you had the kilns operating at Walker-ville and a lot of comings and goings at Waratah Bay so I had a fairly lengthy list of men around that age but one of the things with the dental work is that the individual must have lived in the latter half of the 1800s because he would have had access to that sort of treatment."

Ultimately, they settled on a shortlist and assisted by a pilot program using Forensic investigative genetic genealogy (FIGG), they made the breakthrough they were looking for, partly as a result of the increasing practice of people submitting their DNA to genealogy platforms like ancestry.com.

The finding was confirmed with related DNA from both sides and the case of the missing Buffalo man was solved, in time to provide answers for living relatives, but sadly not for Mr Moore's immediate family.

"It was quite a moment, but I want to emphasise that it was very much a team effort," said Ms Leahy of the culmination of years of forensic work and painstaking research.

Koonwarra Recreation Reserve

Notice is given of a

PUBLIC MEETING

to be held at Koonwarra CFA

(Koala Drive, Koonwarra) on

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

commencing at 7pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Koonwarra Recreation Reserve for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on 2nd September 2023. All positions will be declared open, and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action office or at the meeting. For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Vivien Engassner on 0418 108 177.

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HOW TO APPLY

Review online information and complete documents available at <https://gphn.org.au/about-us/expression-of-interest-for-new-directors/>

For more information please contact Steve Morgan (Company Secretary) by email at company.secretary@gphn.org.au or by phone on 0417 937 982.

Applications close 11.59 pm on Sunday, August 6, 2023.



Nathan Castle of Inverloch completed his 400th parkrun on Saturday and is now pushing on to the ultimate parkrun milestone of 500 runs.

The A to Z of Nathan's 400 parkruns

THE day that the Inverloch parkrun started, on Saturday, September 13, 2014, Nathan Castle of Inverloch, was there.

Last Saturday, July 29, 2023, it was the event's 407th running and Nathan was passing the unofficial milestone of 400 parkruns... an amazing feat of consistency, especially when you consider that he missed most of those Saturday runs in the first year, not completing his 50th parkrun until Inverloch's 59th event, on Saturday, October 18, 2015.

But there are occasional "bonus" parkrun dates, like on New Year's Day, and Nathan has got most of those lost dates back, and then some, as he aims

to become one of a select group in Australia, those to complete 500 parkruns, the holy grail of the movement.

He's already notched up a number of parkrun goals, including the "parkrun alphabet" challenge which he completed in March 2018 with a morning run at Zilimere in the suburbs of Brisbane.

An avid "parkrun tourist", he included a couple of overseas destinations in his alphabet including Kraków in Poland and Fælledparken (Copenhagen) in Denmark, having also completed runs in Yorkshire England, Malmö in Sweden, Munich Germany and the Mole Valley run through the Denbies

Wine Estate in Surrey, among others.

"It's just a great idea, great for fun and fitness and it's free. Parkrun is for anyone who can complete 5km by foot either walking, jogging or running."

Nathan is on track to hit the 500 mark in June 2025.

The day featured a 100-run milestone by Derek Cooper and a first across the line result for 12-year-old Ben Bellairs of Inverloch, in his second-best time of 19.20 minutes. He set a PB the week before of 19.09.

Inverloch parkrun starts at 8am sharp every Saturday, in Rotary Centenary Park, Ramsey Street, just follow the coastal pathway.

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Rhyll residents take their preferred path to design stage

THE Rhyll Community Association, Rhyll Coast Action and the Rhyll Park and Hall Committee urged the Bass Coast Shire Council to reconsider their proposed path back in March.

And after three months of community consultation the path from the top of McIlwraith Road, continue the path around the headland was preferred.

Thanks to the strong voice of the community, the shire took action taking the Cowes to Rhyll Path Project to the engage website with three options.

Option 1: Travel south down McIlwraith and through Rhyll Park

Option 2: Similar to Option 1, but rather than going through Rhyll Park, the alignment will be along the eastern boundary of the reserve along Walton St

Option 3: From the top of McIlwraith Road, continue the path around the headland.

After three months of community consultation the public voted – ultimately agreeing with the residents of Rhyll with the preferred option coming back as Option 3, the top of McIlwraith Road and continuing the path around the headland.

Jim Kiley from the Rhyll Community Association was informed of the decision last week with a letter stating that, 'Council will now commence the feasibility and design process for this path alignment, with funding in the 2023/24 budget to undertake this work.'

Rock Leongatha to bring roar back to town

AS Biketoberfest gets set to roar back into Leongatha, preparations are building and community members are encouraged to help on August 19 by listening to the classic rock tunes of 'The Mound of Sound', raising funds for the upcoming motorcycle event.

The evening of fun will shake Leongatha Memorial Hall, with tickets just \$25 each.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Biketoberfest is run by an enthusiastic committee of the Leongatha Business Association, and while it is a not-for-profit event, expenses need to be covered.

Cherie Pritchett, one of the organisers, said funds raised through the music evening are intended to pay for traffic management during Biketoberfest, a crucial part of such a large public festival that ensures people can move about safely.

Biketoberfest will rev into town on October 14 from 9am until 3pm, with further details to be provided as the occasion approaches.

The Mound of Sound evening kicks off at 7pm Saturday August 19, running until 11pm.

Bookings are essential and can be made through Trybooking.com.



Emergency works were completed east view to protect the Cowes Yacht Club.

Emergency erosion works saved the Cowes Yacht Club

EROSION has been affecting the beach on the buffer of land in front of the Cowes Yacht Club since 2016, causing a threat to the club's boat yard, but council stepped into action with emergency works to respond.

Works were completed to protect the west and the east of the club this month after significant erosion was caused by extreme high tides and strong winds.

On the weekend of July 7 and 8, 2023 the strong winds from the northeast increased the height of the already high tide and was coupled with strong wave action causing extensive erosion.

Grants co-ordinator of the Cowes Yacht Club David Arnold spoke with the Sentinel Times explaining that the club notified council on the Sunday evening of July 8, and the site was inspected by Council early Monday morning with an excavator then on site by Tuesday at 9 am to undertake emergency works.

Council have confirmed with the club that they will tend to any future emergency works



Bass Coast Shire Council is working closely with the Cowes Yacht Club to protect the club and boat yard. z05_3123

efficiently, but if over time these treatments are unsuccessful then more permanent options will need to be considered.

Tim Modra, commodore said Cowes Yacht Club has been working closely with Bass Coast Shire Council for many years to deal with the current erosion challenges that impact the foreshore in front of the club, and impacts for the public on the eastern end of West Cowes Beach.

"Our club is very grateful for

the support council is providing and we are keen to continue to work with them to deal with this very significant challenge".

The CYC applied for and was successful in obtaining grant funding in 2020 to mostly fund the cost of an expert to undertake a review of the local coast processes, coastal hazards notably erosion and the potential long-term management options in response to the erosion.

This assessment of options was also required to consider

impacts on the public access and beach amenity.

The first draft of the report was delivered in March 2021 and was revised in June 2022. The report has several recommendations, and the first proactive responses are to implement sand scraping or nourishment – meaning sand will be bought in from elsewhere.

David said council is in favour of this approach and is currently organising the permits required for this to occur to create a sand berm which may be sufficient to protect from future events.

"As part of this permit task Council has had to engage, at their cost, an Environmental Impact Assessment which will address many aspects including the significant seagrass beds just offshore," said David.

"It is our understanding that this is also advocated by the relevant State Government Department being DEECA and it also makes sense to try to do as little as possible to affect the environment in finding a solution."

How Bass Coast will be the boating Mecca



According to principal contractor Rohan Joyce of Bridgewater Marine and Katherine Grech of Better Boating Victoria, the \$2.8 million Cowes Boat Ramp upgrade is on track for completion in spring 2023.

we'll pump the water out and get started on the concrete footings."

It's a major undertaking, extending and raising the ramp to obviate the problem of the ramp continually getting covered with beach sand.

"We're not going to completely eliminate the problem of the sand build-up, but we will reduce the need for regular clearing," said Katherine Grech, a director of Better Boating Victoria.

"That's been the main issue, the constant sand clearing.

"It's not going to be an all-tide ramp. It's simply too flat here. But the ramp will get a lot more

use because of the reduction in the build up of sand."

Ms Grech acknowledged that the work at Cowes was part of an overall upgrade of boat launching facilities in Bass Coast, to meet the rising demand from boat owners.

"We know boating registrations are going up, year-on-year, by 2.5% so there are a lot more people wanting to get out on the water. And who wouldn't want to get out into Western Port and local coastal waters from here at Phillip Island."

As well as Rhyll (\$4.5m) and Cowes (\$2.8m), work on the all-new boat ramp at Mahers

Landing was just about ready to start (\$4.2m) and design work was almost complete on Inverloch's new boat ramp (\$2m).

"We've also putting a concept plan together for upgrading Newhaven as well, hopefully making it deeper with increased capacity."

But, Ms Grech insisted that Mahers Landing would become the pick of the local boat ramps, providing sheltered launching and retrieval on all tides.

So, will Bass Coast be the coastal boating capital of Victoria? It certainly looks that way where launching facilities and the best fishing are concerned.



Pictured is the beach and sand dunes along Tarwin Lower. Photo: Kate Dickenson

South Gippsland's reserves, farms and residential areas under threat

BY 2100, the impacts of sea level rise and storm surge are predicted to result in a \$442 billion economic loss with South Gippsland to be especially impacted, according to a study led by the University of Melbourne and commissioned by the Victorian Marine & Coastal Council and Life Saving Victoria.

The University of Melbourne research shows that by 2100, almost every community along Victoria's coastline will be affected.

The Kompas report highlights in 2100, the dollar damages to reserves, arising from sea level rise and storm surge, amount to approximately 40% of the total.

Reserves west of Melbourne, near Geelong, and in South Gippsland will be especially impacted. Economic losses in residential areas, including damages to land and vacant residential sites, will mostly occur around Port Phillip Bay and east

of Melbourne.

The report also includes modelling by Climate Risk Pty Ltd focusing on the built environment. It suggests that by 2100, 151,000 Victorian properties (residential, commercial, and key infrastructure) could be at high risk of damage from sea level rise and storm surge.

While a series of case studies by Climate Risk Pty Ltd, focussing on Phillip Island, the Bellarine Peninsula, Wyndham, Williamstown and Hastings illustrate the local impact and the potential to reduce the impact through appropriate adaptation.

The impacts from sea level rise and storm surge on wetlands were modelled separately, and potentially add between \$46.05 billion and \$104.92 billion to the losses in 2100.

Under the UoM model the top 40 are ranked with respect to cost to

the local economy.

This model estimates that in 2100 the top 40 local regions will account for about 78% of the total bill. There is great variability in the contribution of various categories of land use to the cost.

At the top of the list is the Werribee - Point Cook subregion where a major cost is due to inundation of parks and reserves.

Next comes Docklands where the major contributor is damage to commercial interests and then Foster in South Gippsland where reserves also figure, along with farming and residential areas.

In response to the report, VMaCC and Life Saving Victoria have called for the establishment of an independent taskforce to develop and promote a vision and operational blueprint to guide Victoria's response to rising sea levels and related storm surge.



Around the Bay

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

"WHY hasn't there been a regular report in the papers" a question I have been asked in the shop a bit lately, the answer is simple, wind and rain.

The conditions have kept all but the very keen in front of the TV with the heater going over the last few months, the cost of living and the fear the press put in everyone doesn't help either.

The conditions have kept all but the very keen in front of the TV with the heater going over the last few months, the cost of living and the fear the press put in everyone doesn't help either.

I had a customer in during the week that summed it up perfectly, if you want to go fishing you can, there is nothing to say you need to spend a fortune doing it.

He said for his mental health being outside standing on a jetty or beach is just what he needs after a long week at work.

He has a boat but can't afford the fuel at the moment so grabbed his gear out, purchased a couple of cheap longer rods, using his boat reels and in between the showers doesn't head far from home and goes fishing.

He said he has found a lot of spots he didn't know existed and while he isn't feeding the whole street with what he catches, he is managing a feed.

He said that apart from the fuel he only spends a max of \$10 per week but can supplement the weekly shopping bill to the tune of two or three meals a week.

The rumours of catches have started already with the odd secret text between mates of a good catch getting around.

I have seen a few reasonable reports over the last month with many from the land, but a couple of promising signs from those in boats as well.

Salmon have been the best for some years, probably a little to do with more people standing on the beaches for many years as well.

Lures have been a bit easier if there is a lot of weed because you are carrying a lot less gear and tend to walk further along the beach to find the weedless area.

I have had some very good reports from Anzacs and the Phillip Island beaches but the most promising has

come from Williamsons where we have seen, gummies, flathead and of course salmon.

Most of the reports I am seeing are coming from Cleeland Bight but I am hearing of reports from Ventnor as well.

I was getting a few from the jetties but as the rain continued to wash the mud and weed/grass out of the rivers the jetty reports slowed up, almost impossible to keep your jig clean.

The Tidal Seafood Festival, formerly known as the San Remo Fishing Festival, will now be held over three days, September 15-17 on the San Remo foreshore.

There is a large all-weather marquee where it all kicks off Friday night with a 5-course seafood gala dinner prepared by local chefs as well as entertainment and live music, a handful of tickets still available - www.trybooking.com/CJDLZ

Saturday program will then start at around 9.45am with cooking and preparing seafood demonstrations, information stalls a licensed food court to purchase some of the best local seafood for lunch with a dozen choices both inside and out.

The deckie race is a modified version of what the commercial fleets deckie would take part in at the festival many years ago, now it's open to anybody and with a prize pool of \$1000 it will be hotly contested; numbers are limited

but maybe a couple of places left - www.trybooking.com/BDHWR

Sunday starts with a clean-up San Remo event in the morning from 10am to 12pm where we will be concentrating on the local beaches and surrounds. 12pm the marquees will open with all your fresh produce needs in our produce market.

The afternoon program will then kick off on the stage in the main marquee where a selection of bands to keep you entertained all afternoon.

For the latest information head to Festival web site, www.tidalseafoodfest.com.au or find us on Facebook.



Fisheries officer Lachlan Chapman presenting at a Fishing and Boating Forum.

Free forums to dive into local fishing and boating

RECREATIONAL fishers and boaters from South Gippsland and statewide will again have the chance to discuss their much-loved pastimes and share ideas to make fishing even better at a series of free Fishing and Boating Forums.

These forums, hosted by local fishing clubs, have become an annual tradition, with this year marking the third consecutive instalment.

The forums will feature presentations from Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) and Better Boating Victoria (BBV) staff on the latest in fishing and boating, including updates on the positive impact the Victorian Government's \$96 million package to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture is making in each local area.

The forums, all of which will be held on weeknights from 7 - 9pm, will feature a comprehensive hour-long presentation before the audience gets the chance to engage with VFA and BBV representatives directly, providing an opportunity to ask questions and exchange ideas.

Topics will be tailored to each region, including local initiatives from the Go Fishing Victoria plan, upgrades as part of the state's biggest ever boat ramp construction program being led by BBV, the vital work of Fisheries Officers and research insights from fisheries scientists into iconic fish like Murray cod and yellowtail kingfish.

VFA CEO Travis Dowling said this year's run of forums was the biggest yet and presented an opportunity for fishers and boaters to learn something new, share an idea or ask that burning question that has long been the source of debate with family and friends.

The Leongatha session will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 7-9pm, at Leongatha - South Gippsland Game Fishing Club, 21A Watson Road, Leongatha.

For enthusiasts eager to enhance their fishing and boating experiences, the Fishing and Boating Forums promise to be a must-attend event.

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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, Stoney Point +40

TUESDAY
August 1
3.26am 0.38m
11.16am 1.52m
4.17pm 1.02m
10.25pm 1.37m

WEDNESDAY
August 2
4.41am 0.35m
12.20pm 1.59m
5.30pm 0.94m
11.45pm 1.41m

THURSDAY
August 3
5.51am 0.31m
1.15pm 1.65m
6.35pm 0.82m

FRIDAY
August 4
12.54am 1.49m
6.53am 0.29m
2.06pm 1.70m
7.33pm 0.68m

SATURDAY
August 5
1.55am 1.56m
7.48am 0.31m
2.51pm 1.74m
8.28pm 0.68m

SUNDAY
August 6
2.52am 1.62m
8.41am 0.36m
3.33pm 1.74m
9.18pm 0.44m

MONDAY
August 7
3.48am 1.64m
9.30am 0.43m
4.14pm 1.72m
10.07pm 0.36m

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FOSTER**Ladies**

ONCE again it was a small field, but it was good to see a few playing the nine-hole competition.

The winner was Beth Curram (22) 32 points.

Beth was also the raffle winner. NTP on the sixth to Barb Warren. BDTL went to Barb Warren (11) 28.

The nine-hole competition was won by Helen Fulton 11 points.

It appears it was hard work on the course again this week.

Next week, August 2, is Stabford.

KORUMBURRA**RESULTS:**

Tuesday, July 25: Stableford: eight players.

Winner: Greg Wilson (16) 35 points.

NTPs: first Roland Rees, seventh Jake Cochrane 10th Greg Wilson and 13th Peter Van Agtmaal.

Thursday, July 27: Stableford: seven players. Winner: Jake Cochrane (17) 38 points.

NTPs: first Roland Rees.

Saturday, July 29: Sponsor: Ian Morris. Stableford: 38 players.

A Grade: Brian Pope (15) 35 points.

B Grade: Ross Crawford (17) 34 points.

NTPs: first Brian Pope, seventh Iain Riddell, 10th Billie Wrigley and 13th Billie Wrigley.

Ladies

SHELLEY Snooks (17) won Wednesday's competition with 34 points.

Heather Grist (19) was runner up 26 points and Lynette McIvor won a BDTL.

NTPs went to Heather on the first and Shelley on the 13th green.

Last Saturday, Aliesha Wrigley (24) was the winner with 30 points after a c/b with Shelley Snooks (17).

BDTL went to Kerri Besley (17) 26 points and Shelley was the recipient of the Kelly's Bakery voucher with her NTP on the first.

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TUESDAY, July 25: Stableford. Division 1:

Winner: Ev Allaway with 42 points. runner up: Alec Hamilton with 36 points.

Division 2:

Winner: Lionel Mahoney with 35 points by countback. Runner up: Patrick Farrell.

Ball rundown to 34 points.

Nearest the pins: fifth Dave Austin, ninth Trevor Robinson, 12th Nik Hock and 15th Nik Hock.

Wednesday, July 26: Ladies Stableford.

Winner: Leah Barker with 33 points. runner up: Lee Andrews with 32 points.

Ball rundown to 31 points.

Nearest the pin: fifth Kerrie Davey and 12th Cheryl Stockdale.

Thursday, July 27: Midweek Medal/Stableford.

Division 1:

Winner: Casey Farquharson with 37 points. runner up: Col Maclean with 36 points.

Division 2:

Winner: Mark Ando with 41 points. runner up: Peter Moore with 37 points.

Ball rundown to 33 points.

Nearest the pins: fifth Rob Volk, ninth Dave Austin, 12th Rod Cameron and 15th Guy Jones.



Heather Wintle and Merryn Dear were the winners at the Wonthaggi Golf Club on Wednesday.

Saturday, July 29: Stableford competition.

Division 1:

Winner: Troy Harrison with 40 points. runner up: Paul Christensen with 36 points. Third: Brenton Adams with 35 points.

Division 2:

Winner: Mark Owen with 38 points by countback. runner up: David Marotta. Third: Chris Pearce with 37 points.

Division 3:

Winner: Peter Barber with 41 points. runner up: Randell Smith with 39 points. Third: Dennis Barnett with 37 points.

Ball rundown to 31 points.

Nearest the pins: fifth Chris Pearce, ninth Shaun Mays, 12th Jackson McInnes and 15th Richard Briggs.

Third hole second shot: Trevor Robinson (Div 1) and Mitchell Adderley (Div 2).

Upcoming this week will be a Stableford/2BBB competition on Thursday and the Monthly Medal, to be played on Saturday, plus the usual weekly competitions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The course is in great order considering the time of year and the recent weather.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, July 25: Stableford. Forty-four players competed in the Stableford event off the yellow tees.

A Grade winner: Peter Read (16) with a score of 38 points.

A Grade runner up: John McInnes (12) with a score of 37 points.

B Grade winner: Steven Smith (21) with a score of 39 points.

B Grade runner up: Donald Smith (18) with a score of 34 points.

NTP 14th: Steven Smith at 4.76m.

NTP 16th: Ken Smirk at 4.31m.

Thursday, July 27: Stableford. Sixty-two players competed in the Stableford event under blue skies.

A Grade winner: Daniel Jolley (15) with a score of 37 points.

A Grade runner up: Josh De Groot (13) with a score of 34 points.

B Grade winner: Peter Read (19) with a score of 35 points.

B Grade runner up: Trevor Steer (23) with a score of 34 points.

C Grade winner: Peter Riddle (28) with a score of 33 points.

C Grade runner up: Neil Mackenzie (29) with a score of 30 points.

NTP 14th: Daniel Jolley at .74m.

NTP 16th: Chris Leaver at 1.45m.

Saturday, July 29: Stableford.

The improving course and



Peter Barber putting out on the ninth went on to win Division 3 with a great score of 41 points on Saturday.

Saturday, July 29: Mulligans Day Stableford.

A Grade: T. Bradshaw (11) 41 points.

B Grade: S. Hill-Smith (19) 40 points.

DTL: T. Whitelaw 40, J. Robbins, T. Baker and B. Bradshaw, 39.

NTP: fourth W. Turner, sixth R. Jenkins 13th B. Wells and 16th T. Whitelaw.

Birdies: fourth D. Winning and W. Turner, sixth R. Jenkins and 16th T. Whitelaw and S. Beitz.

PHILLIP ISLAND

TUESDAY, July 25, Mens 18 hole Stableford

A grade winner was Rob Davison (14) with 38 points from Peter Cartwright (4) 37 points

B Grade winner was Warren Hahnel (21) with 38 points from Geoff Daff (17) 37 points c/b

C Grade winner was Carl Russo (26) with 37 points from Tom Jacobson (39) 36 points c/b

BDL to 35 points c/b

NTP 5th Chris Vanderhayden 7th Tony Sheehan 10th Christian Zderski 17th Brett Saunderson Mens 9 hole Stableford

Rob Pascoe (15) was the winner with 19 points c/b from Peter Lawrence (38) 18

BDL to 16 points c/b

Wednesday, July 26, Ladies 4BBB Stableford

The winners were Vicki Ramage and Liz O'Neill c/b to Jan Daff and Mary

BDL to 39 points

NTP 5th Liz O'Neill 7th Jan Daff 10th Vicki Ramage 17th Tracey Cooksey 12th Tracy Cooksey

9 Hole winner was Joan Nicholson and Sandra Barker with 20 points from Liz Fincher and Joanne Westthorp 19 points

Thursday, July 27, Open Par The winner of A Grade was Chris Saunderson (15) with square from Ron Young (12) with -2

B Grade winner was Glenn Botterill (20) with +5 from Geoff Daff (17) +2

C Grade Winner was John Sava (25) with +1 from Gerard Taylor (23) square

BDL to -2

NTP: 5TH David K Taylor 7th Paul Cashman 10th Garry Birch 17th Christian Lloyd

Open 9 hole Stableford

Winner was Brian Carvell (29) with 19 points from John Rokakis (36) 18 points

BDL to 15 points c/b

Saturday, July 29, results Men's Stableford

A Grade winner was Jack Ross (11) with 37 Points from Anthony Shannon (10) 35 Points c/b

B Grade Winner was Andrew Hewett (13) with 38 Points c/b from John McKechnie (18)

C Grade Winner was tony Hornsby (22) with 42 Points from

Nigel Firth (24) with 39 points BDL to 33 points c/b

NTP: 5th Alex Andrews 7th Matt Voce 10th Anthony Shannon (hole in 1) 17th Craig O'Neill Ladies winners:

Stacey Meder (27) won with 34 Points from Emma Hall (7) 32 Points c/b

BDL to 30 points

NTP 5th Lesley Meadowcroft 7th Emma Hall 10th Emma Hall 17th Emma Hall

9 hole Open Stableford winner was Steve Rieger (26) with 19 points from Ron Hateley (34) 18 points

BDL to 13

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: July 27, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18 hole.

Winner: Rod Walker 35.

BDL to 31.

Ball sweep: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 34, Craig Charles 32, Peter Thomson 32, Ian Murrells 31, Stephen Judd 31 and Gary Youlten 31.

Results: July 27, SR. 34.5.

Competition: Stableford front nine hole.

Winner: Paul Cornelis 18.

BDL to 17.

Ball sweep: Bill Howard 17, Andrew Hooton-Shandley 17, Paul Cornelis 17 and Dave Trotter 16.

Results: July 29, S.R 71.

Competition: Par.

Winners:

A Grade: Jason Sartori -1.

B Grade: Aaron Yann 0.

C Grade: Paul Cornelis -2.

Ball sweep BDTL to -3: Brad Andrew -1, Ian Baker -1, Julian Wintle -2, Mat Johnson -2, Sam Dennis -3, Scott Williams -3, Gerald Mitchell -3 and Norm Burne -3.

NTP: Luke Borne second, Sam Dennis fourth, Scott Williams (propin) eighth, Sam Dennis 13th and Julian Wintle (money) 17th.

Ladies

A SMALL group of ladies played Stableford on a dry calm day.

The course is playing winter long.

The 18-hole winner was Merryn Dear (15) 32 points with BDL to Marg Johnson 30 points.

Heather Wintle (38) was the nine-hole winner with 13 points from Chris Hamilton 12 points.

No NTPs were claimed.



Tony Heppleston (S), Frank D'Univerville (L) and Laurie Bell (3) were the South West Midweek Bowls Group winners.



Pauline McWilliams (2), Robin Coulson (3), Vern Elliott (S) and Vicki Barnes (L) were the best one games winners at Lang Lang Golf Club.



Jos Kemper, Fred Demenech, Dot Harland and Jim Wilson were Friday's winners at Wonthaggi Indoor Bowls.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday winners were Charlie Wright, Veronica Griffiths and Rob Allan

INVERLOCH

IT is with sadness that the Inverloch Bowling Club shares the news that Mal Scott has passed away.

Mal was a well-respected club member for years.

Sympathies are extended to his family and friends.

A reminder that Thursday Social Bowls starts at 11am with names in by 9.30am.

Last Thursday saw 29 bowlers roll up for social bowls.

Players were split into teams of fours and triples.

Two games of 10 ends were played on a sunny day with a slight breeze.

Four teams finished with a win and a loss.

These teams were only separated by one point.

The team of Mal Marshall (skip), Rob Howard and Richard Huntriss as well as the team of Bill Selby (skip), Jon Justin and Christine Corrigan finished with one win on 16 points.

With one win and 17 points was the team of Garry Scott (skip), Keith Cousens and Laurel Lee as well as the team of Jeff Gilbert (skip), Joyce Arnold, Peter Gentsch and Bob Plowright.

The runners up for the day with two wins and 32 points was the team of Geoff Coleman (skip), Graham Turton, Jenny Haydon and Jill Bateyman.

The winners on the day with two wins and 34 points was the team of Bruce Corrigan (skip), Dianne Selby, Bryan Hensley and Judy Parker.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

WHAT a day.

It felt like an early summer's day as 34 of the family of bowlers took to the green.

There was not even a hint of wind; what a marvellous day for this time of year.

The great weather certainly brought out some great bowling.

Not quite as much laughter as those windy days produced, but still a lot of friendly banter and laughter around.

There wasn't too much activity in the Royal Children's Hospital tin this week, but all in all a great day of bowls all around.

As usual, one team rose to the top and this week's lucky players with a score of 38 were Tony Heppleston (S), Laurie Bell (3) and Frank D'Univerville (L).

Runners up, with an excellent score of 37 were Mark Andreatta (S), Chris Brooks (3) and Margaret McConville (L).

This week's best one game winners on a score of 26 were Vern Elliott (S), Robin Coulson (3), Pauline McWilliams (2) and Vicki Barnes (L).

A great big thank you to Maryanne for opening up the club, to Gillian for her hard work behind the bar, as well as the two Michaels, Vern and Laurie for setting up and cleaning up the green. T

Thank you to Peter, Pauline and John for running the day and also to all the girls.

The club looks forward

to seeing everyone who can make it next week at Corinella.

Please be on site by 10am.

WONTHAGGI

THIS week's bowls started off on Wednesday.

On an overcast cold day, 30 hardy bowlers took to the greens.

The format for the day was three bowl triples over two games of 10 ends.

There were three teams that were two game winners, with the unlucky team being Frank Tagell, Lorraine Stanes and John Kappler with a good score of two wins and 33 points.

The runners up were Caroline Donohue, Bev Stephenson and Frank Seaton with a score of two wins and 34 points.

The winners on the day were Ray Hin, Synden Bontono and Ken Webb with a score of two wins and 35 points.

Saturday was a perfect day for bowls with a good turnout of 39 bowlers to enjoy the conditions.

With a good number of visitors, teams of three and four were sent out for two games over 10 ends.

There were three two game winners with the unlucky team being Lorraine Day, Aldo Sartori and Keith Cousins a visitor from Inverloch, with a score of two wins and 32 points.

The runners up were a team of four and they were

Lyn Tagell, Darran Rowe, a visitor from Tarwin, John Hill and John Kappler with a score of two wins and 34 points.

The winners had a fine score of two wins and 34 points also 21 shots up.

They were Charlie Wright, Veronica Griffiths and Rob Allan.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

Don't forget Friday night for a catch up with bowlers and friends. Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THERE was another good turnout this week, with a total of 48 players.

It was nice to be able to play indoors out of that cold wind.

Both days saw amazing wins of plus 20 and 21.

Tuesday's winners with a plus 20 were Sylvia Mattock, Jeannie Slocombe and Jim Rodhi.

Equal runners up on plus 15 were Thelma Kavanagh, Fred Demenech, John Stewart, Jim Wilson, Pat Novak, Rhonda Rattenbury and Chris Rose.

Friday's winners on plus 21, winning both games, were Jos Kemper, Fred Demenech, Dot Harland and Jim Wilson.

Runners up on plus three with a win and a draw were Jan Milkins, Rhonda Rattenbury, Jeannie Slocombe and Chris Rose.

Nicolette to represent Victoria

LEONGATHA Secondary College student Nicolette Wight will be representing Victoria at the School Sport Australia Swimming Championships in Sydney mid August.

Named as vice-captain of team Victoria, she is looking forward to the challenging week against swimmers from all over Australia.

Nicolette swims for Traralgon Swimming Club and trains at Leongatha Splash.

Nicolette has a busy few months ahead, with short course countries, states and nationals, all whilst juggling her VCE studies.

Grand Ridge Parkrun

A MILD morning saw 39 keen parkrunners hit the Grand Ridge Rail Trail. The promise of goodies from the market was too good to miss!

On Saturday morning we welcomed tourists from Gardiner's Creek, Frankston, Newborough and Traralgon.

A few kidlets completed their first parkrun - congratulations!

It was great to hear lots of pacing on the trail, people encouraging others to stay ahead of them and celebrating everyone's efforts.

Well done everyone and hope you enjoyed your hard-earned coffee, donuts, breakfast - whatever you found at the market!

Find the Facebook page "Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun, Mirboo North" to see more photos and see updates each week.

Phillip Island & Districts Dart League

PHILLIP Island & District Darts League semi-finals last week saw a great turnout of members to support the teams striving to make the grand finals.

Results: The Vikings def That's All 4-1 & Storm def Newbies 4-3.

Next week is the Grand Final.

Board 1 Riverboys VS The Vikings (GF) & Board 3 Joe's Hornets VS Storm (gumboot GF)

We wish all Darters the best of luck for the Grand Final next week and look forward to seeing lots of support from friends and fellow league players.

New players are always welcome, so if you are interested in being involved and enjoy a friendly environment with young and old alike, male and female.

Please contact Scott Lethbridge 0407 543 154 OR scott@glpc.com.au

South Gippsland Bridge

IN THE master points:

July 25, at Wonthaggi:

1st Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles with 60.71

2nd Clive Hope and Hannah Martin 54.76

3rd Alan Johnston and John Sutton 52.38

4th Neville and Philip Chapman 48.21

July 28, at Inverloch:

1st Julie Perriam and Lev Lazarou 60.75 and Handicap winners as well

2nd John Quale and Matt Shub 60.08

3rd Philip and Neville Chapman 59.23

4th John Currier and John Sutton 58.42

5th Deb Anglim and Alan Johnston 57.33

Phillip Island Bridge

BRIDGE numbers are currently down with many members heading off for warmer climes.

Monday, July 24, we had 4 half tables with Marnie Myall and Michael Dooley overall winners on 67.36%.

Second on 61.81 were Diane Coleman and Anne Hodgson followed in 3rd place by Paul Waylen and Leng Haggith on 55.56%

Wednesday, July 26, over two tables winners were Jill Short and Shirley Stewart on 60% with Paul Waylen and new member Janice Thompson-Eycken runners up on 53.33%.

Congratulations go to Cathie Beenie on being awarded the Richard Mears Encouragement Trophy in recognition of her advancement as a player over the past year.

Social Bridge is also back on Thursdays. Beginners and new members warmly welcomed. To register your interest please call Wendy on 0459 200 265.

Open series headed for Phillip Island

DATES for the 2023/24 Victorian Open Series have been announced with the 3-event series to kick off at Bells Beach on October 7, 2023.

The series will then head to Phillip Island on February 17, 2024 before finishing on the Mornington Peninsula on March 16, 2024.

The series is the pathway event to the Rip Curl Pro Victorian Trials, giving one Victorian a spot in the main event at the Rip Curl Pro.

Former open champions include Nikki van Dijk (Phillip Island), Xavier Huxtable (Jan Juc), India Robinson (Jan Juc), Glyndyn Ringrose (Phillip Island), Bella Wilson (Jan Juc), Troy Brooks (Jan Juc), Mark Phipps (Pt Lonsdale), Georgia Fish (Flinders) and Sophie Fletcher (Phillip Island).

2023/24 Victorian Open Series

Round 1 – Bells Beach – October 7, 2023

Round 2 – Phillip Island – February 17, 2024

Round 3 – Mornington Peninsula – March 16, 2024

Entries are now open at

www.surfingvic.com/events

The Victorian Open Series is supported by Danny Green's Coward Punch campaign, Surf Better Now and Surfing Victoria.

Bass Coast Aquatic & Leisure Centre wins 2023 AUSTSWIM award

BASS Coast Aquatic & Leisure Centre has been named the '2023 AUSTSWIM Victorian Centre of the Year' in the Small Category.

The award recognises the team's exceptional work and innovative strategies within the aquatic industry—a testament to the passionate team.

Aquatics Coordinator, Khy Blizzard said, "It was fantastic for the teachers to be recognised for all their effort and passion they've put into our program."

Applications for the Youth Aquatic Accreditation Program have been extended until 31 May 2024.

This allows for more free opportunities for aspiring swim instructors and more young people making waves in the aquatics industry.

The program provides assistance to young people undertaking accreditation to ensure they are qualified to teach swimming and water safety.

Additionally, 16-year-olds are now also eligible to participate in the program and it will now offer the opportunity to learn to teach people with a disability how to swim.

Contact Aquatics Coordinator, Khy Blizzard to find out how they can assist in getting more people accredited to become swim instructors on the Bass Coast.

Finals contention in Breakers sights

THE sun was out and the ground was dry setting the scene for a good contest.

Seaford were fast out of the blocks scoring within the first 30 seconds.

However, the Breakers were quick to take over the attacking... peppering the goals before Kate Thompson finally got the visitors first goal on the board with a nice snap from the pocket.

The Breakers kept up the work rate in the second quarter and a mark in the goal square gave Grace (Stretch) Matser her first goal.

Seaford responded with a goal before Stretch again found the scoreboard with a banana from the pocket.

Immy Bradford found Tayla Stahl straight in front for an easy goal after a great tackle and holding the ball call and the Breakers were starting to get on top.

Siena Lane was rewarded for her attack on the footy with a free kick and goal giving the Breakers their fourth for the quarter and a handy leading going into the main Break.

Half time: Breakers 5.5-35 to Seaford 2.1-13

Seaford came out with a quick goal, but the Breakers responded well with Ella Cargill finding some space in front of goal and finishing truly.

Great forward pressure from the Breakers kept the ball in their forward line with a holding the ball call giving Tayla Stahl the opportunity to add her second for the match.

The fourth quarter got off to a great start for the Breakers



Tayla Stahl gets good support from Jenna Russo.

with Chelsea Connell streaming through the middle and kicking a long goal.

The opportunities slowed down after that with Seaford having some more of the play. However, Kelly O'Neill continued to get in the right spot to mark and cut off their advances with Jac Van Rooy winning the one-on-ones any time it did sneak

through.

Overall, a great team effort from the Breakers who take on the ladder leaders Mornington next week.

Final Score: Breakers 8.12-60 def Seaford 4.3-27

Goals: G.Matser 2, K.Thompson, T.Stahl, T.Tatterson, C.Connell, E.Cargill, S.Lane

Best: K.O'Neill, C.Connell, S.Bolding, K.Thompson, S.McCracken-Evans, J.Van Rooy

The Breakers travel to Mornington for the last game of the home and away season playing Saturday at 2pm.

With the two sides set to face each other in the first week of finals, it's sure to be a good contest.

Warragul swim meet shows off local talent



SMILES were plentiful in the pool at Warragul as the South Gippsland Bass (SGB) swimmers raced in one of the last local swim meets of the season.

For the younger swimmers, they could see their progression over the last few months and they were so proud of their new times.

As the meet was a twilight event, swimmers could play another sport in the morning and then come and race.

For many of the more experienced swimmers, it was a chance to try and get one more qualifying time and swim for the Victorian Country Short Course Championships and Victorian State Short Course Championships coming up in August, and you could tell by the excited cheers when a time

was achieved.

For some they achieved their first ever country time, which is a very exciting event.

For older swimmers, some were trying to get the few milliseconds off to qualify them for these prestigious events. SGB is sending one of their largest teams ever to the championships.

It is a real team effort to get the swimmers to the championships, with fellow teammates cheering them on, pushing them to swim their best in races and keeping them relaxed in-between.

It was also a chance for the under 8s who take part in the development squad to try their hand at racing, with them able to compete in 25m races, so they could get used to starting and racing.

'Udderly' bizarre visitors at Leongatha Golf Club



The bovine visitors didn't even ask to 'play through', taking over this hole.

POTENTIAL new members of Leongatha Golf Club did themselves no favours during a Tuesday visit, with the 100-strong herd of cows conducting themselves in a fashion that doesn't match the sport's expected etiquette.

Misdemeanours noted were not paying green fees, playing in bunkers without raking, failure to repair divots even on the greens, and unsolicited manure deposits in the middle of fairways.

"Special thanks to members, staff, volunteers, and neighbours who got our friends back home safely, with the least amount of damage to the course as possible," the club stated.

Ground staff were praised for their great work in quickly repairing the two affected greens.

Visitors and members note the new local rule, nearest point of relief may be taken if your ball lands in a hoof print or cow patty!



Gippsland FC U15s in action over the weekend.

United take on Collingwood City

State League 1 South-East Men's Seniors

OFF the back of an impressive win against a strong Mornington outfit, Gippsland United's senior men's team had the opportunity to make it two wins in a row at home when they met Collingwood City on the weekend. After defeating them 3-1 earlier in the season, United were faced with a much more difficult task this time, as Collingwood are fighting to escape relegation.

At this pointy end of the season, it was clear to see the desperation the visitors had to win and that they did, defeating United 1-0.

Collingwood's game plan was clear, as they then sat deep, defended compactly and absorbed a lot of pressure, preserving the lead they gained with an early goal. Just before Collingwood went ahead, United were so close to having that early goal themselves

when Nickolas Modaffari connected with the first corner of the game and headed the ball into the post.

Collingwood's blushes were spared but United would soon rue this missed chance. The visitors won their first corner of the game, which was delivered into the six yard box.

One of Collingwood's players lost his marker and had a free header from point blank range. He couldn't miss and just like that Collingwood were in the lead.

After this point, it was one way traffic as United piled on the pressure, needing to get back into the game.

Bryson Tanti was so close to equalizing for United when he hit the post too. Coming off the left wing, Tanti whipped a great cross into the box that deceived Collingwood's keeper and almost crept in at the far post.

Sammi Gatpan then had a

great opening to score as he dribbled past a couple defenders and tried to curl his shot into the left side of the goal. But his shot was central and the keeper was grateful to gather.

Collingwood reached half time still leading and unfortunately for United it would remain the same at the full time whistle.

The home side dominated the second half, pinning their opponents back. But their ascendancy wouldn't materialize on the score sheet as United struggled to create any clear cut chances in the second half. Debatably, their best chance in the second period was again from a corner.

Mitch Jones rising highest to head the ball, but his effort flew over the bar.

Collingwood were victorious, by sticking to their game plan which paid dividends.

For United, it was a mostly

frustrating afternoon where on another day if their big chances went the right side of the post, the result may have read differently.

Results:

- PRE-NPL U12s: GUFC (3) d Casey Panthers (0)
- PRE-NPL U13s: Dandenong City (5) d GUFC (1)
- JBNPL U14s: GUFC (1) d Bentleigh Greens (0)
- JBNPL U15s: GUFC (3) d Dandenong Thunder (1)
- JBNPL U18s: GUFC (0) draw Dandenong Thunder (0)
- State League 3 Women's: GUFC (5) d Chisholm United FC (0)
- State League 4 Women's: GUFC (5) d Pakenham United FC (0)
- State League 1 Men's Seniors: Collingwood City (1) d GUFC (0)
- State League 1 Men's Reserves: GUFC (3) d Collingwood City (0)

Newhaven College mountain bikers triumph

THEY did it! Year 6 students Isabella Lynch and Lucy Thompson, the dynamic duo from Newhaven College's MTB team, showcased their natural fitness as they secured first and second place in round two of the Alpinestars MTB Schools series held at the picturesque Lysterfield MTB Park last Sunday.

With their unwavering determination, Isabella and Lucy emerged as formidable contenders early on in the race, with Isabella clinching the first-place title and team mate Lucy securing the second spot, after an intense neck-and-neck race that had onlookers on tender hooks throughout.

From the start, Isabella powered off the line with sheer determination, quickly establishing herself as a frontrunner in the U13 girls category.

Representing Newhaven College with pride, Isabella dominated throughout the race leading from start to finish.

This has surpassed her previous best result in last year's

series at You Yangs MTB Park where she placed third.

"I had so much fun riding along the rocky and challenging terrain at Lysterfield Park. I was so proud to represent the Newhaven College MTB team and to ride alongside Lucy Thompson throughout the race. Crossing the finish line with my best mate was the highlight of the day! I really hope to see more girls out on the tracks racing and giving Mountain Biking a go", Isabella said after the race.

Other notable performances were Hugo Wright who crossed the line in fifth place in the U13s Boys, Austin Mitchell and Austin Lynch who placed sixth and seventh respectively in the U9 Boys, Thomas Courtney who placed seventh in the U17 Boys, and Miller Micallef who placed tenth in the U13 Boys.

With round two of the Alpinestars MTB Schools series now wrapped up, the Newhaven College MTB team is already focusing on the next event which is to be held at the You Yangs in two weeks' time.



Year 6 students Isabella Lynch (left) and Lucy Thompson (right) brought home the silverware in the highly competitive U13 novice category.

GSL Round 14 Results – Sunday, July 30

Senior Mens: Leongatha Knights 2 d Drouin Dragons 1, Phillip Island 5 d Korumburra City 2, Trafalgar Victory 4 d Inverloch Stars 2

Senior Womens: Wonthaggi United 9 d Mirboo North United 0, Leongatha Knights 7 d Drouin Dragons 1

Mens Reserves: Drouin Dragons 3 d Leongatha Knights 1, Korumburra City 5 d Phillip Island 0, Trafalgar Victory 3 d Inverloch Stars 1, Lang Lang United 4 d Wonthaggi United 1

Under 17 Mixed: Leongatha Knights 3 drew Drouin Dragons Maroon 3

Under 14 Mixed: Wonthaggi United 4 d Mirboo North United 3, Drouin Dragons Maroon 5 d Leongatha Knights Blue 4, Korumburra City 6 d Phillip Island 1, Drouin Dragons White 7 d Leongatha Knights White 1

Under 12a Mixed: Wonthaggi United 6 d Mirboo North United 3, Leongatha Knights 4 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 3, Korumburra City 1 drew Phillip Island 1

Under 12b Mixed: Phillip Island Blue 3 d Drouin Dragons Maroon/Yellow 1, Trafalgar Victory 1 drew Inverloch Stars 1, Phillip Island Red 7 d Korumburra City 1, Lang Lang United 5 d Drouin Dragons Yellow 2

GSL Round 15 Fixture – Sunday, August 6

Senior Mens - 3pm
Mirboo North United v Inverloch Stars, Phillip Island v Trafalgar Victory, Drouin Dragons v Korumburra City

Senior Womens - 1pm
Lang Lang United v Wonthaggi United, Mirboo North United v Inverloch Stars

Mens Reserves - 1pm
Phillip Island v Trafalgar Victory, Drouin Dragons v Korumburra City, Leongatha Knights v Wonthaggi United, Inverloch Stars v Lang Lang United

Under 17 Mixed - 9:30am
Drouin Dragons White v Leongatha Knights

Under 14 Mixed - 11:20am
Leongatha Knights White v Wonthaggi United, Mirboo North United v Inverloch Stars, Drouin Dragons Maroon v Korumburra City, Drouin Dragons White v Leongatha Knights Blue

Under 12a Mixed - 10am
Mirboo North United v Inverloch Stars, Drouin Dragons Maroon v Korumburra City

Under 12b Mixed - 11:30am
Phillip Island Red v Trafalgar Victory, Drouin Dragons Yellow v Phillip Island Blue, Drouin Dragons Maroon/Yellow v Korumburra City

MiniRoos – Saturday, August 5
South West/Bass Coast Hub are playing at Wonthaggi

North East/South Gippsland Hub are playing at Mirboo North

Gippsland Soccer League – female football celebration

Come along to Newhaven Recreation Reserve on Saturday, August 12 for a fun afternoon of social, non-competitive football.

This event is for females of all abilities who want to have fun while kicking a ball.

Chat to your friends, come along and give it a try.

No experience necessary.
Who: Females aged 8yo plus
When: Saturday, August 12

Time: 3:30pm arrival, Football 4pm-6pm, followed by supper

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RESULTS

A GRADE

Toora 64 d Hill End 22
 Boolarra 45 d MDU 36
 Foster 26 lt Tarwin 75
 Fish Creek 50 d Stony Creek 21

B GRADE

Toora d Hill End forfeit
 Boolarra 57 lt MDU 64
 Foster 40 lt Tarwin 47
 Fish Creek 51 d Stony Creek 41
 Yinnar 73 d Thorpdale 13

C GRADE

Toora 32 d Hill End 21
 Boolarra 25 lt MDU 45
 Foster 15 lt Tarwin 58
 Fish Creek 34 d Stony Creek 24
 Yinnar 70 d Thorpdale 6

D GRADE

Toora 14 lt Hill End 32
 Boolarra 22 lt MDU 29
 Foster 16 lt Tarwin 58
 Fish Creek 40 d Stony Creek 9
 Yinnar 73 d Thorpdale 10

17 & UNDER

Boolarra 18 lt MDU 48
 Fish Creek 18 lt Stony Creek 20

15 & UNDER

Toora 21 lt Hill End 28
 Boolarra 51 d MDU 32
 Foster 29 d Tarwin 9
 Fish Creek 39 d Stony Creek 21

13 & UNDER

Toora 17 d Hill End 11
 Boolarra 43 d MDU 5
 Foster 27 d Tarwin 16

LADDERS

	%	pts
Yinnar	178.24	60
Toora	166.06	54
Morwell East	165.78	54
Boolarra	146.62	48
Tarwin	125.71	44
Fish Creek	118.22	40
Mirboo North	83.90	28
Newborough	80.42	28
MDU	81.64	24
Stony Creek	56.92	20
Hill End	53.22	12
Foster	47.74	12

B GRADE

	%	pts
Fish Creek	168.69	56
Yinnar	181.89	52
Toora	151.36	52
Morwell East	152.94	48
Boolarra	140.23	48
MDU	115.78	36
Stony Creek	132.16	32
Newborough	104.05	32
Tarwin	89.86	24
Foster	84.98	20
Hill End	60.15	16
Hill End	53.45	8
Thorpdale	17.56	4

C GRADE

	%	pts
MDU	196.30	56
Yinnar	217.53	54
Tarwin	217.53	44
Boolarra	135.89	44
Morwell East	139.23	36
Toora	115.26	36
Mirboo North	98.82	36
Hill End	117.38	34
Newborough	107.88	28
Fish Creek	97.54	28
Stony Creek	67.42	16
Foster	25.22	12
Thorpdale	17.86	4

D GRADE

	%	pts
Fish Creek	230.23	56
Yinnar	207.64	56
Mirboo North	236.33	52
Newborough	164.16	44
Morwell East	140.25	40
Tarwin	137.37	40
Hill End	97.97	32
MDU	102.09	28
Boolarra	78.66	24
Stony Creek	63.45	20
Toora	60.95	20
Thorpdale	23.73	8
Foster	22.29	8

17 & UNDER

	%	pts
MDU	323.08	60
Yinnar	179.17	56
Toora	240.35	52
Fish Creek	160.58	42
Morwell East	99.64	42
Boolarra	68.97	40
Stony Creek	61.01	32
Newborough	51.67	28
Tarwin	44.58	28
Mirboo North	26.27	20

15 & UNDER

	%	pts
Boolarra	365.46	60
Mirboo North	327.59	56
MDU	251.30	48
Yinnar	196.36	44
Hill End	138.51	44
Toora	112.91	36
Fish Creek	90.58	36
Morwell East	63.01	28
Stony Creek	42.89	24
Foster	36.34	24
Newborough	27.98	16
Tarwin	12.94	8

13 & UNDER

	%	pts
Boolarra	280.18	56
Toora	149.25	56
Mirboo North	177.60	48
Yinnar	163.89	44
Hill End	114.38	44
Newborough	94.05	36
Foster	74.38	32
MDU	48.95	28
Fish Creek	24.52	28
Tarwin	45.42	24

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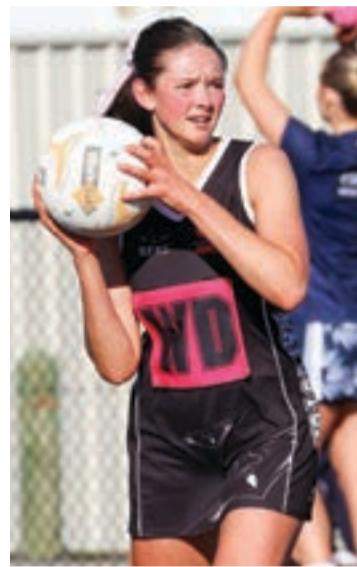
The two creeks do battle. Photo: Gerard Bruning



Sienna Tiziani looks for an opening in a fast-paced quarter. Z30_3123



Chloe Cengia applies good pressure playing a strong third quarter. Z32_3123



Kathryn Scott has possession aiming to tighten the score against Nar Nar Goon in the third quarter. Z31_3123



Chloe Cengia shoots for goal in the third quarter against Nar Nar Goon. Z34_3123



Kilcunda-Bass' Kiara Brusamarello looks into the attacking third for options during the B grade match against Koo Wee Rup.



Kilcunda-Bass' Isabella Santorini was forced to fight for everything in the goal circle in the A grade match against Koo Wee Rup.



Caitlin Stephens works to move the ball through the centre third for Kilcunda-Bass in a fast paced and physical A grade match.



Kylie Wooley lines up a shot at goal for Kilcunda-Bass in the B grade match on Saturday.

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

	%	pts
Bunyip	8 lt	Inverloch-K 68
Garfield	54 d	Cora Lynn 30
Kilcunda-Bass	29 lt	KWR 39
Tooradin-D	61 d	Kor-Bena 45
Warragul Ind.	31 lt	P-Island 81
Dalyston	40 drew	NNG 40

B GRADE

	%	pts
Bunyip	49 d	Inverloch-K 42
Garfield	52 d	Cora Lynn 36
Kilcunda-Bass	45 d	KWR 24
Tooradin-D	65 d	Kor-Bena 40
Warragul Ind.	46 d	P-Island 30
Dalyston	39 lt	NNG 56

C GRADE

	%	pts
Bunyip	22 lt	Inverloch-K 53
Garfield	24 lt	Cora Lynn 37
Kilcunda-Bass	24 lt	KWR 25
Tooradin-D	50 d	Kor-Bena 20
Warragul Ind.	15 lt	P-Island 33
Dalyston	21 lt	NNG 31

D GRADE

	%	pts

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Leongatha's Kate Browne had plenty of support when she ran out for her 250th club game on Saturday.

Oh, so close in Kate's 250th

MORWELL have been the benchmark team in Gippsland League A Grade Netball for a number of years, but in a result that still bodes well for the finals, third-placed Leongatha went within an ace of knocking them off.

It would have been the perfect response to club stalwart Kate Browne's 250th club game, but it wasn't to be, Leongatha down in a thrilling, hard-fought, often fiercely defensive contest, 42-41.

Kate's was however named in the 'best' players afterwards, along with Lauren Redpath and Nicola Marriott, with Kate demonstrating her versatility by spending much of the match in goals.

Over the journey, Kate has enjoyed a pleasing amount of success including back-to-back A Grade premierships in 2003-2004, an Under 17s flag in 2002 and a B Grade premiership in 2012.

LEONGATHA

Under 13: A great win on Saturday. Consistent play all over the court with great defence and accurate shooting. The week off has come at the right time and then we focus on three wins before finals. Score: Leongatha 38 def Morwell 13

Under 15: A bit of a slow start to the game making the score close for the first three quarters. Confidence in each other in the last quarter allowed us to start playing our game and come away with the win. Score: Leongatha 29 def Morwell 21

Under 17: A great game by all players. Lots of different combos played and everyone played their role amazingly. Bring on the last few weeks of the season. Score: Leongatha 32 def Morwell 23

C Grade: A fantastic game from the girls today! We all adapted to the changes made during the game which helped us build a great lead. Really good game to win heading into the pointy end of the season. Score: Leongatha 32 def Morwell 16

B Grade: Great win girls! A strong four quarters of netball. Accurate shooting, great passing and strong defence. Congratulations to Alicia Marshman on 50 senior games. Score: Leongatha 58 def Morwell 41

A Grade: A massive 250 games for our superstar Kate Browne. She is our versatile attacker that can play consistent four quarters at an incredibly high intensity. Great game against Morwell, everyone brought their A game! Score: Leongatha 41 def by Morwell 42



Bairnsdale's Brielle Malady lunges to cut off this pass to Wonthaggi's Bella Anderson.



Poowong's Mia Blackwood looks for a pass. Photo: Jeff Tull



Poowong's Grace Green flies high for the ball. Photo: Jeff Tull



Wonthaggi centre Mia Plenkovich works into the front position to take this pass in the midcourt against Bairnsdale on Saturday.



Sarah Blundell aims to get the ball down the court against Nar Nar Goon. Z33_3123



150-game milestone for Captain Courtney

Wonthaggi Power A Grade Netball Captain, Courtney Brann, passed the 150-game milestone on Saturday, before playing a leading role in the team's hard-fought victory, 48-42, over Bairnsdale.

ELLINBANK

RESULTS

A GRADE

Neerim Sth d Ellinbank
Poowong 35 It Longwarry 53
Catani 35 d Yarragon 29
Buln Buln 39 It Lang Lang 42

B GRADE

Neerim Sth 26 It Ellinbank 45
Poowong 46 d Longwarry 41
Catani 46 d Yarragon 35
Buln Buln 56 d Lang Lang 45

C GRADE

Neerim Sth 24 It Ellinbank 33
Poowong 13 It Longwarry 22
Catani 43 d Yarragon 9
Buln Buln 26 d Lang Lang 18

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	285.48		Catani	170.34	46
Nilma Darnum	155.13	56	Trafalgar	200.36	44
Ellinbank	144.02	48	Ellinbank	177.32	44
Trafalgar	124.09	44	Longwarry	150.14	42
Lang Lang	90.58	34	Buln Buln	114.87	32
Buln Buln	104.15	32	Poowong	141.16	28
Longwarry	84.76	24	Nilma Darnum	90.67	20
Catani	107.25	22	Yarragon	44.54	8
Poowong	47.89	8	Lang Lang	44.44	8
Yarragon	62.71	4	Neerim South	16.01	0
Nyora	53.96	4	Nyora	0.00	0

B GRADE

Ellinbank	261.97	56	Buln Buln	241.51	60
Trafalgar	180.04	56	Yarragon	229.96	52
Buln Buln	166.54	52	Poowong	149.15	44
Neerim South	145.85	40	Longwarry	169.38	36
Nilma Darnum	115.99	36	Nilma Darnum	122.00	36
Catani	99.85	36	Trafalgar	109.73	34
Yarragon	72.61	20	Catani	107.17	30
Lang Lang	79.71	16	Lang Lang	69.47	16
Longwarry	75.67	12	Ellinbank	51.67	16
Poowong	48.46	12	Neerim South	41.29	12
Nyora	30.23	0	Nyora	9.92	0

C GRADE

Ellinbank	247.60	56	Buln Buln	258.70	65
Longwarry	144.72	46	Catani	261.69	60
Nilma Darnum	150.14	44	Poowong	222.30	50
Catani	136.89	44	Longwarry	134.38	42
Neerim South	167.42	42	Yarragon	89.72	32
Buln Buln	133.96	42	Neerim South	90.16	28
Trafalgar	110.00	26	Lang Lang	55.59	18
Lang Lang	75.50	12	Trala	58.43	12
Poowong	65.81	12	Ellinbank	46.31	12
Yarragon	49.14	12	Nilma Darnum	53.40	10
Nyora	10.67	0	Nyora	41.61	8

15 & UNDER

15 & UNDER	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Wonthaggi	46	24	Buln Buln	241.51	60
Leongatha	32	23	Catani	261.69	60
Maffra	24	38	Poowong	222.30	50
Traralgon	39	64	Longwarry	134.38	42
Sale	36	40	Yarragon	89.72	32
Drouin	40	40	Neerim South	90.16	28
Lang Lang	55	18	Lang Lang	55.59	18
Trala	52	10	Trala	58.43	12
Sale	61	27	Ellinbank	46.31	12
Drouin	65	15	Nilma Darnum	53.40	10
Nyora	65	15	Nyora	41.61	8

13 & UNDER

13 & UNDER	%	pts	GIPPSLAND	%	pts
Wonthaggi	46	24	Wonthaggi	46	24
Leongatha	32	23	Leongatha	32	23
Maffra	24	12	Maffra	24	12
Traralgon	51	12	Traralgon	51	12
Sale	37	25	Sale	37	25
Drouin	40	40	Drouin	40	40
Lang Lang	69	16	Lang Lang	69	16
Ellinbank	51	16	Ellinbank	51	16
Nilma Darnum	53	10	Nilma Darnum	53	10
Nyora	9	0	Nyora	9	0

A GRADE

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Wonthaggi	48	42	Buln Buln	241.51	60
Leongatha	41	42	Catani	261.69	60
Maffra	24	38	Poowong	222.30	50
Traralgon	39	64	Longwarry	134.38	42
Sale	36	40	Yarragon	89.72	32
Drouin	40	40	Neerim South	90.16	28
Lang Lang	55	18	Lang Lang	55.59	18
Trala	52	10	Trala	58.43	12
Sale	61	27	Ellinbank	46.31	12
Drouin	65	15	Nilma Darnum	53.40	10
Nyora	65	15	Nyora	41.61	8

15 & UNDER

15 & UNDER	%	pts	13 &
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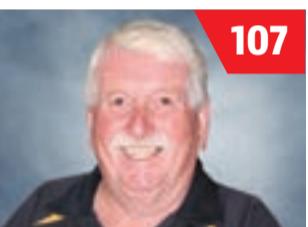
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Foster 2.1 4.4 7.6 9.7 (61)
 Tarwin 1.1 4.3 7.4 9.6 (60)

GOALS, Tarwin: Daniel Houston, Matthew Williams 2, Jamie Cann, Ben Ellen, Todd Lomax, Jarrod Matheson, Marty Snooks 1 each

BEST: Matthew Williams, Ben Ellen, Daniel Houston, Fergus Warren, Nathan McRae, Matt Zagni

GOALS, Foster: Michael Cooke 3, Mitchell Green, Jack Rathjen 2, Jonathan Segat, Troy Van Dyke 1 each

BEST: Oliver Callcott, Mitchell Allott, Michael Cooke, Mitchell Green, Michael Howell, Troy Van Dyke

RESERVES

Foster 1.0 1.1 2.1 2.1 (13)
 Tarwin 3.6 7.7 13.10 17.16 (118)

GOALS, Foster: Mikey House, Dylan La Casa 1 each

BEST: Ollie Cox, Jason Smith, Ben Tillack, Dylan La Casa, Bryce Judd, Nathan Gundrill

GOALS, Tarwin: Oliver Maclean 6, Sam Burns, Cooper Scott 2, Jayden Best, Joshua Carmody, Daniel Hales, Troy Hemming, Peter Houston, Robert Houston, Tom Rycks 1 each

BEST: Joshua Carmody, Shea Griffin, Oliver Maclean, Kye McMillan, Cooper Scott, Sam Burns

THIRDS

Foster 2.2 3.4 5.7 6.14 (50)
 MDU 1.2 4.5 5.10 8.12 (60)

GOALS, Foster: Nathan Gundrill 2, Jedd Davy, Toby Delaney, Reghan Lewis, Leevi Lidstone 1 each

BEST: Reghan Lewis, Jake Matheson, Angus Lomax, Cooper Butinar, Zayne Lewis, Toby Delaney

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

	102		34
TOORA	HILL END		

Toora 5.4 7.6 12.9 15.12 (102)
 Hill End 1.1 3.6 3.8 4.10 (34)

GOALS, Toora: Josh Toner 4, Jonathan Pintus 3, Lukas Jenkins, Ayden Walker, Jack Weston 2, Harley Hoppner, Majok Puok 1 each

BEST: Harley Hoppner, Jack Weston, Christopher Gardiner, Jonathan Pintus, Jackson Moore, Leigh de Boer

GOALS, Hill End: Harley Lacunes, Harry Moore, Jamie Somers, Ambu Uliando 1 each

BEST: Ambu Uliando, Seth Calway, Robert Fiddelaers, Joshua Hammond, Matthew van Tilburg, Jamie Somers

RESERVES

Toora 3.5 10.10 15.13 19.16 (130)

Hill End 0.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 (6)

GOALS, Toora: James Maurilli-Pullin 8, Jarryd Guganovic, Aron Rhodes 4, Ashley Hewson 3

BEST: Ashley Hewson, Aron Rhodes, Tristan Koolen, Shawn Vening, Wellesley Jenkins, Jarryd Guganovic

GOALS, Hill End: Ariki Matwijkwi 1

BEST: Rohan Sword, Nick Heley, Brodie McLachlan, Xavier Worth, Ryan Broberg, Rikki Caldwell

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Thorpdale 16.16.112 d Yinnar 7.5.47

RESERVES

Yinnar 15.4.94 d Thorpdale 7.9.51

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

ELLINBANK ROUND 18

Poowong v Lang Lang
 Neerim South v Trafalgar
 Ellinbank v Longwarry

Nyora v Yarragon

Buln Buln v Nilma Darnum
 Catani - BYE

MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 16

Morwell East v Toora
 Foster v Fish Creek

MDU v Mirboo North

Newborough v Boolarra

Thorpdale v Stony Creek

Hill End, Tarwin and Yinnar - BYES

All or nothing clash for Magpies



Toora's Bill Jenkins fights on to clear the ball from Hill End. Photos : Tarley Maurilli-Pullin



Magpies' Peter Grant and Majok Puok fly for the ball.

IT REALLY was a all or nothing game for this bottom of the ladder clash between Toora and Hill End.

The Magpies second to bottom with just the one win, hosting the winless Rovers in a match that would surely determine the winners of the wooden spoon for 2023.

The Hillsmen had primed themselves for this contest, desperate to do whatever it took to walk away with a win, but the Magpies were more than prepared for what was coming, walking away with a comfortable 68 point win.

Jack Weston, Toora coach highlighted, "I could really get used to the winning feeling! Fantastic that the boys were able to get the reward for effort today.

"Felt we were able to really control the game with our work from the stoppages and our pressure around the ball allowed us to turn the ball over in our half and kick a winning score."

The satisfaction felt by Toora was reflected in frustration by their opponents Hill End, the Rovers had readied themselves for a first time victory, only to come up significantly short.

"Toora wanted it more than us, credit to Jack and the boys they deserved the four points," said Mike Santo, Hill End.

"Unfortunately, we aren't working hard enough for each other, a very disappointing result for us."

Hill End just a few years ago were odds on to claim a premiership before Covid hit, now a wooden spoon is inevitable.

It's a cruel game sometimes.

One point sees Foster on top

A MONTH ago you would not have entertained that either one of these two sides would be under pressure to be a part of finals action in just a month's time.

But sitting sixth and seventh respectively on the MGFNL ladder prior to the weekend game, both the Tigers and the Sharks were acutely aware of the value of victory.

The game lived up to the hype, the result a mixture of ecstasy and agony.

"Really important win for us, showed so much grit to get back the lead with a minute or so left," said Sam Davies, Foster coach.

"The character of the group can never be questioned in a really high intensity, quality game of footy. "Tarwin brought everything in a must win game for them and to stand up makes me immensely proud of the group. We wouldn't mind not losing players through injury in the first few minutes of games for the rest of the year though."

A one point margin, might as well have been ten goals, the pressure towards the top of the MGFNL ladder is all about premiership points.

And the Sharks were after four more to have them placed within striking distance to do some real damage towards the end of August, something that appears to be slipping away from Tarwin.

"Foster just hit the front at the right time. We should have won the game," said Sharks coach, Troy Hemming.

"We have the bye then Boolarra at Boolarra for their last game of the year the next week will be tough!"

Unusually short and to the point, coach Hemming understands how much one point means in the scheme of the Shark's season, as finals hopes are now slim to none and that is always a bitter pill to swallow when seasons are defined by the smallest of margins.

Fish Creek primed for finals assault

STONY Creek may not have been in the position to make a run at finals, but they had already signalled they were capable of throwing opposition side's plans to do so into disarray.

The Lions travelled to the home of Fish Creek with every intention of taking the game right up to one of the league leaders, but it proved to be a bridge too far.

"A solid performance from us, a bit of an arm wrestle for the first half but then was able to start playing the game on our terms in the second half. All the boys really starting to click together which is great to see," said Jarred Walker, Fish Creek coach.

The Kangaroos have received little fanfare despite their impressive season that has them well placed for a final assault.

"Fish Creek came out strong in the first quarter but missed early opportunities. They set up well behind the footy which made it hard to get forward entries. Our second quarter was our best for the game but couldn't sustain it. With injuries during the game and blokes injured from previous weeks it was always going to be tough to stay with them," said Chris Verboon, Stony Creek coach.

The Lions you feel are on the brink of bigger and better things, but we may have to wait until season 2024 to see them.



Fish Creek's Matt McGannon was a dominant force again against Stony Creek this week.

Rejuvenated MDU boots Boolarra down to hades

IN THE clash of the Demons there was room for just one team to play the role of devil.

And that would be MDU, who while winning yet another important match away from home also killed off any chances Boolarra had of being a part of finals in season 2023.

"On what was a perfect day for footy and a great deck at

Boolarra, we got the job done. We got off to a great start and got an early lead, but to their credit they were strong at the contest and fought hard all game," MDU coach, Nathan Allen said.

"Next week we host Mirboo North. They out worked and out played us early in the season, so we have an opportunity to get one back on them."

MDU have set themselves to be a top three side, and in such an even competition that "double chance" is worth its weight in gold, but for their weekend opponents, it was another one that got away, in a season that promised a bit early, but has delivered little late.

"Again a slow start then the boys got themselves back in the game being competitive

against a top side scoreboard didn't reflect the way we played in the last three quarters with an undermanned side," said Tony Giardina, Boolarra coach.

Make no mistake, Boolarra could quite conceivably have been a player in the weeks ahead, but opportunities lost, cannot be found now, with just a few weeks to go.

Another big test for the Tigers as finals become mathematical

by Rover

FOLLOWING its round 15 bye, ninth-placed Mirboo North travels to Meeniyan this Saturday to play 2023 finals certainty, MDU.

MDU, which hasn't featured in any finals since 2015, currently sits third on the Mid Gippsland ladder with nine wins from its 14 games this season.

After Meeniyan and Dumbalk merged to become Meeniyan Dumbalk United in 1964, the club moved to the now-defunct Alberton League

when the South Gippsland League folded in 1968.

The Demons won five Altona senior football premierships between 1975 and 1990, before joining Mid Gippsland in 2021.

For Mirboo North to participate in this year's MG-FNL finals it must win its three remaining matches and hope Foster, currently sixth, loses to Fish Creek, Yinnar and Stony Creek in

its remaining fixtures.

As well, if Mirboo North is to sneak into the finals, Morwell East, seventh, and Tarwin, eighth, would both need to lose two of their three respective clashes.

With just two victories this season, Mirboo North's reserves are 11th on the ladder and hoping to secure another win for morale-boosting purposes.

However, MNFC's thirds lead the competition on percentage from MDU.

Thirds

Whilst Mirboo North's seniors and reserves had the bye, the mighty Tigers' thirds secured a 45-point victory over Yinnar at Yinnar.

Leading comfortably at every change, Mirboo North's best players were Noah Bradley with five goals, Oliver Budd, Jack Jagusch and Ollie Mahoney.

This Saturday Mirboo North meets second-placed MDU at Meeniyan. MN 14 - 9 - 93 d Yinnar 8 - 0 - 48

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
											ROUND 15			
Newborough	12	0	174.87	50	Tarwin	12	2	293.09	48	Mirboo North	9	4	182.06	36
Fish Creek	10	3	150.33	40	MDU	11	3	359.69	44	MDU	9	4	125.20	36
MDU	9	5	145.45	36	Newborough	11	2	269.66	44	Foster	8	5	136.07	32
Thorpdale	9	5	138.63	36	Toora	11	3	264.03	44	Fish Creek/Tarwin	7	6	158.73	28
Yinnar	9	5	107.67	36	Yinnar	9	5	146.54	36	Yinnar	6	7	108.45	24
Foster	8	4	157.43	34	Fish Creek	7	6	140.96	28	Newborough	0	13	15.79	0
Morwell East	7	6	114.57	28	Morwell East	7	6	119.06	28	Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Tarwin	7	7	114.52	28	Stony Creek	7	6	91.98	28	Hill End	0	0	0.00	0
Mirboo North	6	7	95.13	24	Thorpdale	6	8	85.88	24	Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra	5	9	78.53	20	Hill End	4	10	41.11	16	Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Stony Creek	3	10	70.83	12	Mirboo North	2	11	46.44	8	Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	2	12	38.66	8	Boolarra	1	13	21.01	4	Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End	0	14	45.22	0	Foster	0	13	22.81	0					

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

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FISH CREEK

STONY CREEK

Fish Creek 2.5 4.8 9.11 15.12 (102)
Stony Creek 0.1 3.1 4.1 5.2 (32)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Sam McGannon, Jake Staley 3, Adam Bright, Jack Hayes, Stewart McCoole, Damien Scully 2, Blaine Coates 1

BEST: Mathew Watkins, Cameron Walker, Roland De Biase, Willem Voorham, Pat Pekin, Matthew McGannon

GOALS, Stony Creek: Jacob Byrnes, Anthony Dyke, Hayden Funnell, Matthew Portelli, Chris Verboon 1 each

BEST: Dylan Zuidema, Hayden Funnell, Ash Zuidema, Jack Stuart, Matt Brown, Anthony Dyke

RESERVES

Fish Creek 2.2 2.2 3.4 5.4 (34)
Stony Creek 1.2 5.7 7.10 9.10 (64)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Brad Pulham 2, Josh Segar, Brock Stefani, Owen Straw 1 each

BEST: Owen Straw, Brent Cooper, Ned Vasey, Patrick Holian, Brad Pulham, Aaron Farrell

GOALS, Stony Creek: Brett McKnight, Nick Svenson 2, Shawn Brett, Jarrad Byrnes, Lucas Byrnes, Shaun Cope, Thomas Horsburgh 1 each

BEST: Brett McKnight, Nick Svenson, Lucas Byrnes, Ryan McKnight, Shaun Cope, Rohan Baudinette

THIRDS

Fish Crk/Tarwin 5.2 8.10 17.15 20.20 (140)
Newborough 2.1 3.1 3.1 3.2 (20)

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Zak Bright 5, Thomas Vuillermi 3, Tige Brewer, Alby Edgeland, Shea Griffin, Jackson Morgan 2, Lane Bowman, Asher Hamlett, Zac McRae, Archie Moore 1 each

BEST: Jackson Morgan, Ryan Gwin, Tom Millton, Zak Bright, Tige Brewer, Kye McMillan

GOALS, Newborough: Anthony Daley, Harrison Gallagher, Tristin McGrath 1 each

BEST: Joe Varsaci, Brody Young, William Cuthbertson, Harrison Gallagher, Cooper Coulthard, Tristin McGrath

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

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BOOLARRA

MDU

Boolarra 1.3 2.4 4.10 4.10 (34)
MDU 5.8 6.8 9.13 9.13 (67)

GOALS, Boolarra: Kyle Hearn 2, Tom Reiske, Glen Richards 1 each

BEST: Shaun Falla, Brendan Mason, Nathan Giardina, Daniel Wilson, Marcus Twomey, Matthew Windsor

GOALS, MDU: Jayden Deas, Angus McInnes 2, Ashleigh Allen, Timothy Harris, Ben Perry, Benjamin Schroen, Joel Sinclair 1 each

BEST: Joel Leeden, Jye Celebrine, Thomas Corry, Ben Perry, Samuel Wilson, Jayden Deas

RESERVES

Boolarra 0.0 0.0 0.2 0.2 (2)
MDU 5.6 9.11 13.17 18.20 (128)

BEST, Boolarra: Brendan Brownscombe, Ben McCormack, Thomas Holley, Eddy Stanton, Thomas Beamish, Kyle Alexander

GOALS, MDU: Jess Hickey 4, Rhys Weaver 3, Jake Brydon, Ben Cantwell, Toby Goss, Neil Matheson 2, Brenton Arnup, Marty Beacham, Jack Dunn 1 each

BEST: Jess Hickey, Matt Harris, Jacob Whiteside, Rhys Weaver, Kayden Scrimshaw, Ben Cantwell

THIRDS

Foster 2.2 3.4 5.7 6.14 (50)
MDU 1.2 4.5 5.10 8.12 (60)

GOALS, MDU: Jordan Cleator 3, Rylan Bell, Hunter Fennell, Kyra Helms, Ryan Marshman, Burke VanderZalm 1 each

BEST: Kyra Helms, Ryan Marshman, Jordan Cleator, Lachlan Hibberson, Rylie Checkley, Benjamin Hibberson

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

THIRDS

Yinnar 1.0 4.0 6.0 8.0 (48)

Mirboo Nth 5.3 8.4 11.8 14.9 (93)

GOALS, Yinnar: Dylan Hobbs, Mack Rieniets 2, Noah McCafferty, Hudson McCulloch, Harvey McKay, Grady Ryan 1 each

BEST: Harvey McKay, Parker Mason, Presley Podmore, Luke Douch, Isaac Krizanac, Ryder Makepeace

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Noah Bradley 5, Harrison Austin, Blake Peters 2, Thomas Heislars, Jack Jagusch, Ollie Mahoney, Beau Melbourne, Lachlan Poljak 1 each

BEST: Noah Bradley, Oliver Budd, Jack Jagusch, Ollie Mahoney, Cody Vivian, Billy Jennings



Wonthaggi Power senior player Brodie Mabilia buddies up with Archie Foon in the Under 10 experience day at the footy last Saturday.

Power juniors see footy future

THE whole Wonthaggi Power Football Netball Club came together last Saturday, top to bottom, when the seniors took the youngest Power players under their wing for a footy experience day.

All of the senior players were paired up with a senior player, received a new footy, had the opportunity of a "kick to kick" with their heroes and role models and also ran out with the boys at game time.

They also got the opportunity to hear some words of wisdom,

seated together in the players match-day meeting room from senior coach and former Collingwood premiership player, Jarryd Blair, who stressed the importance of skills training and attending the footy basics on game day.

But most of all he stressed the importance of attitude and having fun playing with your mates.

The day was altogether a big success and has been slotted in as one of the most eagerly anticipated events on the footy calendar at Power.



Wonthaggi Power reserves player Ryan Cornell shows his Bairnsdale opponent a clear pair of heels as the Power put on a clinic on Saturday.

Power reserves hunting 'double chance'

WONTHAGGI Power's reserves have set themselves up for a shot at a top three finish to the season after a percentage boosting victory over Bairnsdale at Wonthaggi on Saturday, a team they inexplicably lost to earlier in the season.

Despite the windy conditions, Wonthaggi piled on 15.15 to Bairnsdale's 3.9 in a convincing display.

With winnable games against Warragul and Morwell to come, the Power has the chance to move ahead of Traralgon and take a "double chance" into the finals if they can beat the Maroons in a couple of weeks time.

The Power Reserves set the scene for a big result when they piled on six goals to nil in the first quarter with most of the play in the front half with the likes of Kane McCarthy a driving force, and Ollie

Dawson one of a number of players active on the forward line.

Dawson kept the score coming with a nice snap for goal at the start of the last quarter while the likes of Ryan Cornell was having a good tussle in the ruck with Bairnsdale's Stephenson but with Ethan Dickison, Nathan Jones and Kyle Yann among those dictating terms at the stoppages.

Wonthaggi was working hard at the possession game, lowering the eyes and trying to hit up teammates, and while it didn't always come off, their efforts will hold them in good stead for the coming weeks.

Good defence by Blake Cornelis and a tackle by Josh Waters led to a late goal by Charlie Dawson as the seconds capped off a good day's work.



Key transition player, Josh Schulz, was at his very best for Wonthaggi Power on Saturday.

Bairnsdale held goalless at Wonthaggi

IT'S not often that one football team holds their opponent goalless, across 120 minutes of play but that's exactly what happened on Saturday at Wonthaggi.

At least until half time, however, the scoreboard didn't tell the whole story of the contest between Wonthaggi Power and Bairnsdale.

In fact, the first thing Wonthaggi Power coach Jarryd Blair said to his players at the quarter time huddle was "they've come to play".

They had. Partly as a result of the Power's own inaccuracy after numerous entries into the forward 50 and partly due to a fluky wind but also the defensive efforts of the visiting Bairnsdale side, Wonthaggi managed only one goal in the first quarter to Bairnsdale's one solitary point.

Bairnsdale's vice captain Kieran Vickery had won the toss, and kicked with the breeze to the swimming pool end of the ground and while they had their chances, including a snap from Nathan Dennison halfway through the quarter, it was Wonthaggi which had most of the possession and looked the one most likely to score.

Straight out of the centre, after the first bounce, Ryan Sparkes combined with Jack Blair, Jack Hutchinson and Noah Anderson for the first shot on goal, for a point.

Moments later Isaac Chugg, Aiden Lindsay and Tom Davey linked up but again, a snap shot for a point was the result.

An excellent passage of play, working the ball from defence to attack, through the hands of Reid, Blair, Jones, Sparkes, Hayes and Jones again with Hutchinson marking on the lead, looked certain to be the

opener.

But Hutchinson's kick towards the right-hand goal post, swerved wickedly away and barely hit the point post way across to the left.

Both Davey and Brodie Mabilia took shots next, with Mabilia eking out another point but there were still no goals either way by half-way through the quarter.

It took the Power captain Lindsay to show his team the way home, on the end of more good work by Josh Bates, Jack Blair, Sparkes and Hutchinson.

Lindsay might have had another soon afterwards when he led up well to a pass from Cooper McInnes, however, while he allowed for the wind, it didn't blow and his shot from 30 metres sailed through the points.

Despite the lack of goals, Jarryd Blair, said he didn't describe it as a "bad start" at quarter time, noting the number of good passages of play, but he was looking for a lift in enthusiasm in the second quarter.

And that's what he got, kicking with the wind this time, despite a concerted effort by Bairnsdale to play the scoreboard or defensive side of the ground.

More points followed after the restart but finally, at the 7-minute mark, Hunter Tiziani accepted a pass from Lachie Jones, to get the goals rolling.

Noah Anderson was lively up forward again this week and ran clear to kick the next after good defensive pressure by Davey. The same pressure moments later, featuring a perfect tackle by Davey near goal, brought up the next.

Bairnsdale's defenders including Byron Vickery on

Hutchinson, Logan Austin on Davey and others tight on McInnes were limiting their effectiveness with Vickery saving what looked to be a certain goal by Hutchinson.

But there was a bit of feeling in the contest too, and after a heavy tackle by a Bairnsdale player brought a response from Wonthaggi, things got out of hand for a while until the umpires restored order with a free kick and 50-metre penalty to Harry Dawson, resulting in the easiest of goals.

Wonthaggi had kicked into gear with six goals to nil for the quarter and there was no coming back from there for Bairnsdale.

Certainly, the hallmark of Wonthaggi's play this year has been their team defence and that was again on show at Wonthaggi on Saturday but their score of 16.21 indicates how potent they have become up forward as well, not only from the likes of Cooper McInnes who kicked 4 on Saturday, Jack Hutchinson, 2, and Troy Harley (missing this week) but also with Noah Anderson, 2, developing his forward craft and a number of others ready to chip in including Chugg, Davey, Sparkes and others.

One of the highlights of the match on Saturday was a running goal by Jaxon Williams, coming off a wing, and slotting through a beauty, much to the delight of his teammates.

Wonthaggi now have their sights firmly set on finishing top, with a path straight through to the second semi-final, should Leongatha slip up against Moe on August 12 with three winnable games against Warragul, Traralgon (at Wonthaggi) and Morwell remaining.

High-flying Parrots aim to stay on top

PARROTS' premiership hero, Sean Westaway, had played a slashing game in defence for Leongatha against Morwell on Saturday. He always does.

But well into the last quarter, with the game and the result well and truly done and dusted, he flew high over the back of teammate Jackson Harry at half back, to take a spectacular mark, only to be flipped backwards and land heavily, straight down, on his head and neck.

It didn't look good.

Team mates frantically waved first aid personnel on to the ground and all the correct protocols were observed, and thankfully, in the rooms afterwards, Westaway reported having a sore neck, but was otherwise OK.

He went to hospital as a precaution, where his good health was confirmed. Thank goodness. It had been a big day, with the emphasis on the return to health of Under 18s player, Xavier Bolge, the main focus.

Only seconds after Westaway was carried off, the siren sounded to signal a 48-point win by the Parrots which featured a dominating performance in the opening quarter, when Leongatha did everything right to kick 6.4 to nil, effectively icing the game at that early stage.

Jenson Garnham, Tallin Brill and Jacob Lamers were on the end of plenty of excellent ball movement straight out of the centre, and away from the stoppages to kick the goals with the likes of Luke Bowman, Aaron Heppell, Tom Marriott, Kim Drew and Ben Willis, along with the younger brigade including Noah Fixter, Tallin Brill and Jacob Lamers prominent.

As well as Westaway down back, Jackson Harry, Will Littlejohn, Sam Forrester and Cade Maskell all played their roles, with Maskell demonstrating his versatility later when moved forward.

The fact that Morwell kicked 7.2 to Leongatha's 7.10 after quarter time, including a late, speculative shot by Tiger Brandon McDonald, which pitched and rolled, end-over-end, before going through for a goal, wasn't of great concern.

Leongatha played the game out well, often against a stacked forward line with as many as 16 Morwell players in the Parrots' attacking 50.

It did prompt one Morwell official, however, to accentuate the positive in the rooms afterwards: "If you take out the first quarter, it wasn't too bad."

Parrots' coach Trent McMicking was pleased with the skill and intent he saw in the first half in particular.

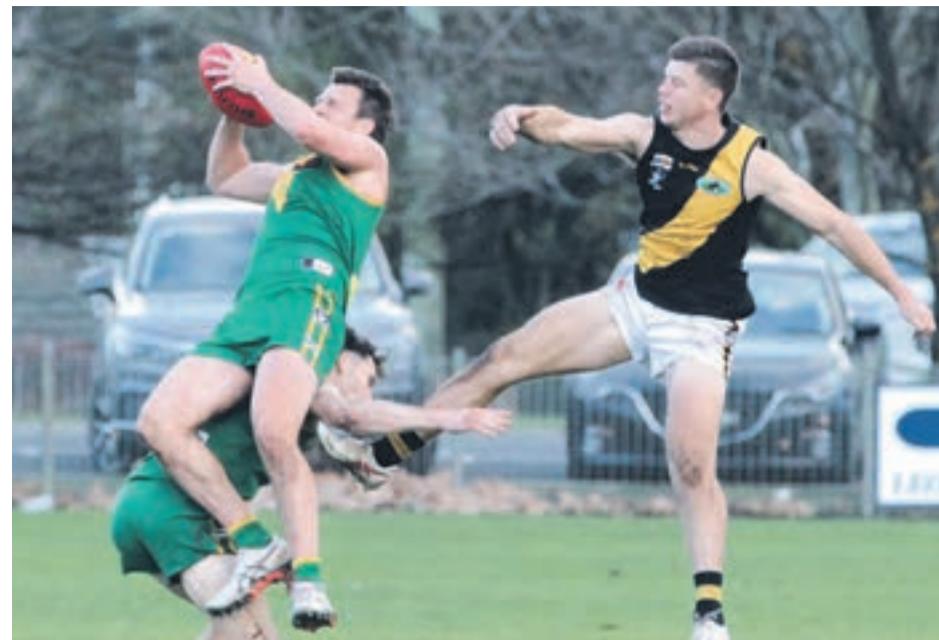
"We moved the ball well, everyone got involved. I thought we set it up pretty well, especially given Morwell's defensive focus. Happy with that," he said afterwards.

McMicking said there were a number of players who could still come back into the side, noting that he liked the work of Josh Hopkins, making his way back through the Reserves on Saturday, kicking four goals and being involved in several others.

"He won't be far away," said McMicking.

The coach also noted the club had an important three-week block ahead of them, if they were to retain top place on the ladder, with sights set firmly on Moe at Ted Summerton Reserve, as part of the split round, on Saturday, August 12.

With games against Drouin and Maffra to follow, the Moe game looms as something of a qualifying final for the Parrots who are yet to settle on their starting 22.



Leongatha defender Sean Westaway flies high over his teammate Jackson Harry, to take this spectacular mark late in the game against Morwell before falling awkwardly on his head and neck.



Leongatha's Mason McGannon gets into the clear during a strong showing by him against Morwell.



Sean Westaway handballs clear of the pack.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS						RESERVES						THIRDS						FOURTHS						ROUND 15					
W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	pts						
Leongatha	13	2	226.90	52	Leongatha	13	2	286.21	52	Traralgon	12	2	270.58	48	Traralgon	15	0	347.15	60	Traralgon	15	0	347.15	60	Wonthaggi	1.4	7.11	12.15	16.21 (117)
Wonthaggi	13	2	216.26	52	Maffra	11	4	176.80	44	Warragul	10	4	156.91	40	Maffra	12	3	241.41	48	Maffra	12	3	241.41	48	Bairnsdale	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.8 (8)
Moe	13	2	165.99	52	Traralgon	10	5	193.47	40	Leongatha	10	3	152.17	40	Bairnsdale	12	3	193.87	48	Bairnsdale	12	3	193.87	48	Moe	11	4	171.24	44
Traralgon	11	4	130.74	44	Sale	10	5	149.53	40	Moe	9	6	144.86	36	Moe	11	4	171.24	44	Drouin	9	6	115.35	36	Drouin	9	6	115.35	36
Sale	7	8	102.69	28	Wonthaggi	10	5	149.51	40	Warragul	10	4	133.68	34	Warragul	7	8	138.67	28	Leongatha	7	8	138.67	28	Leongatha	7	8	138.67	28
Morwell	6	9	83.56	24	Maffra	9	6	144.86	36	Sale	3	9	77.30	14	Sale	3	9	48.39	16	Morwell	2	12	44.99	8	Warragul	3	12	58.99	12
Maffra	4	10	66.82	18	Morwell	5	10	86.76	20	Moe	4	9	48.39	16	Moe	4	9	48.39	16	Moe	4	9	48.39	16	Sale	3	12	49.42	12
Bairnsdale	3	11	61.30	14	Bairnsdale	5	10	83.57	20	Warragul	5	10	83.57	20	Warragul	2	12	44.99	8	Warragul	2	12	44.99	8	Warragul	3	12	38.92	12
Warragul	3	12	44.02	12	Drouin	1	14	30.76	4	Drouin	1	14	30.76	4	Drouin	1	14	46.20	4	Drouin	1	14	46.20	4	Drouin	0	15	16.31	0
Drouin	1	14	68.00	4	Warragul	1	13	12.61	4	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

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LEONGATHA

MORWELL

Leongatha	6.4	8.9	11.11	13.14 (92)
Morwell	0.0	2.1	5.2	7.2 (44)

GOALS, Leongatha: Jenson Garnham 4, Jacob Lamers 2, Tallin Brill, Kim Drew, Aaron Heppell, Thomas Marriott, Cade Maskell, Mason McGannon, Cameron Olden 1 each

BEST: Aaron Heppell, Cade Maskell, Kim Drew, Noah Fixter, Tallin Brill, Sean Westaway

GOALS, Morwell: Tom Gray, Brandon McDonald 2, Boyd Bailey, Cohen Campbell, Judah Leak 1 each

BEST: Blake Couling, Sam Walsh, Boyd Bailey, Tyler Hillier, Cohen Campbell, Zachary Anderson

RESERVES

Leongatha	6.2	6.4	10.6	17.7 (109)
Morwell	0.0	1.1	2.2	3.5 (23)

GOALS, Leongatha: Josh Hopkins 4, Lachie Wright 3, Ben Fort, Darcy Hume 2, Grant Fleming, Ty Hall, Oakley Kerr, Ethan Lamers, Flynn Matera, Joshua Schelling 1 each

BEST: Ty Hall, Josh Hopkins, Luke Marshman, Darcy Hume, Noah Clark, Oakley Kerr

GOALS, Morwell: Zac Cheffers, Mitchell Lovison, Hayden Maximu 1 each

BEST: Mitchell Lovison, Will Clare, Alex Lovison, Levi Dalziel, Mason Porykali, Sam Linton

THIRDS

Leongatha	3.0	3.3	7.6	10.11 (71)
Morwell	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4 (16)

BEST, Leongatha: Xavier Bolge, Zavier Lamers, Tyler Richards, Ben Fort, Finn Donohue, Nathan Skewes

BEST, Morwell: Zac Cheffers, Chocho Mohammad, Charlie Lappin, Alex Lovison, Cooper Millar

FOURTHS

Leongatha	7.7	13.9	16.15	19.19 (133)
Morwell	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1 (1)

BEST, Leongatha: Eli Pitts, Fletcher McLennan, Archie Gannon, Campbell Reid, Timothy Hibberson, Hamish Gill

BEST, Morwell: Tane Kirk, Zac Arnold, Oscar Kalan, Jerremi Beath, Lachlan Ainsworth, Robert Gray

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

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WONTHAGGI

BAIRNSDALE

Wonthaggi	1.4	7.11	12.15	16.21 (117)
Bairnsdale	0.1	1.3	2.3	3.9 (27)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Cooper McInnes 4, Noah Anderson, Tom Davey, Jack Hutchinson, Aiden Lindsay 2, Harry Dawson, Ryan Sparkes, Hunter Tiziani, Jaxon Williams 1 each

BEST: Mitch Hayes, Ryan Sparkes, Toma Huther, Jack Blair, Jake Thomas, Jaxon Williams

BEST, Bairnsdale: Will Mitchell, Ethan East, Logan Austin, Lachlan Byrne-Jones, Kieran Vickery, Emmett Carroll

RESERVES

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POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB



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POOWONG

LONGWARRY

Poowong	3.4	6.9	9.12	14.14 (98)
Longwarry	2.4	4.6	8.7	12.8 (80)

GOALS, Poowong: Jack Hazendonk, William

Robertson 3, Alex Henshall 2, Zac Gray, Jarvis Brown, Damon Hansen, Luke Close, Matthew Cozzio, Tommy Burgess 1 each

BEST: Jack Hazendonk, Steven McInnes, William Robertson, Zac Gray, Kurt Newton, Alex Henshall**GOALS, Longwarry:** Kurt Newton, William Robertson 1 each**BEST:** Darren Granger, Troy Lehman, Brad Martin, Liam Kirkman, Cooper Brown, Luke Clarkson**RESERVES**

Poowong	0.1	1.1	1.3	1.4 (10)
Longwarry	5.4	6.6	7.10	10.13 (73)

GOALS, Poowong: Fiachra Staunton 1**BEST:** Tyran Lord, Fiachra Staunton, Lachlan De Kleuver, Joshua Hutton, Aaron Cole, Daniel McDonald**GOALS, Longwarry:** Mitch Brown, Peter Harrison 3, Patrick Henwood 2, Dermott Berkout, Paul Williams 1 each**BEST:** Zach Murphy, Mitch Brown, Cody Coad, Patrick Henwood, Brock Stanfield, Kameron Sullivan**THIRDS**

Poowong	0.2	0.3	0.6	1.8 (14)
Longwarry	3.4	9.6	12.6	13.10 (88)

GOALS, Poowong: Joshua Hall 1**BEST:** Benjamin Fowler, Rory Nettle, Patrick Dorian, Calvin Langford, Sterling Holman, Jack Silcock**GOALS, Longwarry:** Cooper Brown 4, Liam Kirkman 3, Kai Withers, Aidan Weekes, Billy Jones, Josh Downes, Mitchell Grant, Seth Knights 1 each**BEST:** Kai Withers, David Forbes, Aidan Weekes, Jeremy Comley, Jack Gilbert, Cooper Brown**FOURTHS**

Poowong	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0 (18)
Longwarry	2.2	4.4	6.6	9.9 (63)

GOALS, Poowong: Lochie Wilson,**BEST:** Rory Nettle, Marty Cook, Christian Dorian, Aaron Damon, Kohen Mandemaker, Bryce Broadmore**GOALS, Longwarry:** Harrison Mills 3, Mitchell Grant 2, Connor Bennett, Tyler Hickford, Joshua Cantwell, Jarvis Law 1 each**BEST:** Mitchell Grant, Tyler Hickford, Hamish Colvin, Joshua Cantwell, Connor Bennett, Blake White**IN OTHER GAMES...****SENIORS**

Buln Buln	17.15.117	d	Lang Lang	2.10.22
Catani	10.10.70	d	Yarragon	10.5.65
Neerim Sth	12.18.90	d	Ellinbank	8.8.56

RESERVES

Buln Buln	9.5.59	d	Lang Lang	8.4.52
Catani	7.8.50	d	Yarragon	3.2.20
Neerim Sth	9.11.65	d	Ellinbank	1.4.10

THIRDS

Neerim Sth	12.10.82	d	Ellinbank	1.8.14
Buln Buln	22.14.146	d	Lang Lang	3.1.19

Trafalgar	7.7.49	d	Yarragon	4.4.28
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FOURTHS

Neerim Sth	7.5.47	d	Ellinbank	5.7.37
Buln Buln	6.6.42	d	Lang Lang	4.6.30

Trafalgar	16.16.112	d	Yarragon	0.7.7
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Magpies go all out to keep finals contention alive



The ball slips just through the fingertips for Poowong's Andrew Logan. Photos: Jeff Tull

POOWONG welcomed Longwarry on Saturday in what was a very important game for the seniors firstly in trying to make the finals.

And secondly to acknowledge two senior players Matt Cozzio 200 games and Jack Hazendonk 100 games, two players who are Poowong through and through coaching the U/18s and are great contributors for the senior side.

Jack is captain, has won three senior league best and fairests and many club awards while Matt is vice captain and is involved in all aspects of the club's social and match committees.

The seniors welcomed under 18 player, Tommy Burgess in for his first senior game as a replacement for the ill Rory Pattinson.

Tommy handled the step up to seniors kicking a goal, worked well on the forward line and could have had a couple more goals, he has a bright future in football.

The breeze was favouring the Drouin Road end where Poowong kicked first but teams were able to score at both ends.

Poowong were first on the board with goals to Zac Gray and Alex Henshall, Longwarry were working hard and came back with two goals as both sides battled to get a break. Will Robertson marked a kick across goal and ran around to kick the major to give

Poowong a six point lead at quarter time.

The second quarter opened with a goal to Will Robertson, Longwarry's long kick forward was touched on the line.

Poowong managed two points before Jack Hazendonk, who was having a big influence around the ground went forward and kicked a goal from a mark at CHF and when Luke Close kicked a late goal on the run the

margin was fifteen points at half time.

The standard of the game was good and both sides were striving to get on top and the third quarter would be vital for both teams as they chased for the four points.

Poowong opened with a point to Alex Henshall, Jack Hazendonk had a chance but his kick was wide, Longwarry lifted for two goals and a kick out of bounds and the game

was up for grabs.

Poowong's Damon Hansen goaled from a mark to steady things before Longwarry kicked another goal.

Both teams missed opportunities kicking points until Jack Hazendonk goaled from a push in the back then Longwarry goaled from a mark and a 50-metre penalty.

Poowong were down to one rotation with Zac Gray and Micah Williams both ruled out, they moved Alex Henshall up forward and managed to find him some space, this proved a winning move.

The Magpies win allowed them to return to fifth place with Lang suffering a heavy loss at the hands of Buln Buln.

Best players: Jack Hazendonk was best on ground with his three goals and strong play at both ends of the ground.

Steve McInnes worked hard, Will Robertson with three goals, Zac Gray until injured, Kurt Newton worked hard in his tagging role and Alex Henshall was dangerous up forward with two goals and Matt Cozzio had a good game for his 200th.

Next week at home against Lang Lang with fifth spot on the line for both teams, three games to go, hopefully the injuries for Poowong are minor. We will regain Rory Pattinson who was playing well before missing Saturday.

AFL mistakes to provide valuable funds for young Bulls

POOWONG-LOCH Junior Football Club is set to benefit from mistakes at the top level over the next couple of AFL rounds, with the Bulls selected as one of the eight winning football clubs in the 'AAMI Clangers for Good' competition currently running through the AFL and Channel 7.

For every clanger recorded in the AFL rounds 21 and 22, Poowong-Loch will receive \$10 up to \$15,000 in total.

Club secretary Charelle Mackin was delighted to hear the Bulls were selected, saying that on average winning clubs have so far received around \$9,000 each.

"Fundraising is really hard when you are a standalone junior club," Charelle said.

There is no shortage of projects on the agenda.

Poowong-Loch is the only club in the competition that still relies on an old-school hand-

operated scoreboard, with Charelle saying many complain it is difficult to see from the other side of the ground and the Bulls are keen to upgrade to an electronic version.

The club also suffered a significant setback when a car became bogged on its Loch Memorial Reserve ground earlier this season, with extensive damage done when the unidentified culprits had it towed by four-wheel-drive.

Charelle said it's more of a paddock at the best of times, in need of drainage and often impacted by marauding cows.

The Bulls ground currently has only temporary lighting.

Having raised \$6,500 earlier this year, the club should be in a good position to realise its electronic scoreboard dream with the money it receives through AFL clangers added, given the estimated cost is in the vicinity of \$20,000.



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ROUND 17

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	15	1	256.96	60	Neerim South	15	0	554.90	60	Buln Buln	13	2	258.24	86.6	Neerim South	13	2	309.30	86.7
Ellinbank	12	3	180.95	48	Ellinbank	11	4	313.00	44	Ellinbank	9	4	205.75	69.2	Trafalgar	11	4	202.00	71.9
Neerim South	11	3	270.67	46	Lang Lang	11	4	274.01	44	Longwarry	6	8	87.86	42.8	Lang Lang	9	6	144.10	60.0
Trafalgar	11	4	124.42	44	Catani	10	6	144.00	40	Yarragon	5	8	65.48	38.5	Longwarry</td				

Magpies outclassed by the Goon

FOURTH placed Nar Nar Goon coming off the high of defeating top team Inverloch-Kongwak the previous week, didn't stumble, maintaining their excellent form to easily account for Dalyston in their round 15 clash.

When it comes to the crunch you're only as good as the cattle you have available and Dalyston missing several key pieces to their best 22 found the task well beyond them from the first bounce.

The strong wind favouring the southern end was no obstacle to a fast-starting Goon. Showing plenty of pace around the contests they moved the ball quickly into dangerous territory allowing McDermott and Jarrod Smith to post the first two majors.

Their third goal to the clever Deon Boavida was a sign of things to come. With great presence of mind, he marked adjacent to the behind post and boomeranged through his first of six for the match.

Dalyston's 100 gamer, Jack Legione found Brad Monson forward of centre, who with the benefit of a 50-metre penalty put the Magpies on the board however two goals late to Yawney presented the visitors with a tidy 25-point buffer.

Continuing on their merry way, Boavida slotted his second and Jed Smith another to kickstart the Goons second term.

Deep in red time a snapped goal from Hamilton undid the Magpies' diligent defensive work, stretching the half time margin to 45.

The premiership quarter was a scrappy affair and Dalyston's hopes for scoreboard nourishment were few and far between.

Finally full-back Michael Harris drifted forward, belting one through from outside 50, to temporarily lift his team's spirits.

With the result already a foregone conclusion, man of the match Boavida nailed three in succession to begin the final term and the Goon ticked off another win as they progress towards the upcoming finals.



Dalyston's Ben Lewis taken by strong tackle from Trent Armour. Z25_3123



Dalyston's Brad Monson sends the ball forward to chase the lead against Nar Nar Goon. Z24_3123

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 15

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

BUNYIP 25 **INVERLOCH-K** 139

BUNYIP INVERLOCH-K

Bunyip 1.1 1.1 4.1 4.1 (25)
Inverloch-K 2.5 8.10 10.13 20.19 (139)

GOALS, Bunyip: Chase Saunders 2, Darby Craven, Jason Williams 1 each

BEST: Chase Saunders, Darby Craven, Seth Ashton, Jason Williams, Reid Jenkins, Robert Hughes

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Taite Cumming, Will Hams 4, Bailey Patterson 3, Andrew Soumilas, William Turner, Thomas Wyatt 2, Jordan Bertacco, Clinton McCaughan, Oscar Toussaint 1 each

BEST: Bailey Patterson, Jordan Tomas, Andrew Soumilas, William Turner, Taite Cumming, Thomas Wyatt

RESERVES

Bunyip 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)
Inverloch-K 2.8 8.13 13.17 24.23 (167)

GOALS, Bunyip: Jamie Hallpike, Zaren Koesmans, Riley Simpson, Mitchell McKenzie, James Pryor, Nick Roberts Roberts

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Campbell Scott, James Scott, Dylan Taylor 3, Corey Casey, Santo Joma, Harry McInnes, Callan O'Flynn, Jordan Teakle 2, Lachlan Crook, Ashton Hewitson, Callum McKenzie, Malachy O'Flynn 1 each

BEST: Santo Joma, Emmet Taranto, Lachlan Crook, James Scott, Joshua Clout, Campbell Scott

FOURTHS

Bunyip 1.0 1.0 1.2 1.2 (8)
Inverloch-K 2.0 5.3 7.4 12.11 (83)

GOALS, Bunyip: Callum Kennedy 1

BEST: Toby Ronaldson, Noah Pintaudi, Ryan Cooke, Cody Welch, Callum Kennedy, Jaylen Grace

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jasper Cousins, Augustus Finsterer 3, Maxwell Scott 2, Jack Aeschlimann, James O'Neill, Jobe Scapin, Mitchell Ward 1 each

BEST: Jasper Cousins, David Newman, Andot Mankhong, Mitchell Ward, Lucas Allen, Maxwell Scott

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

DALYSTON 20 **NAR NAR GOON** 93

Dalyston 1.0 1.2 3.2 3.2 (20)
Nar Nar Goon 5.1 8.5 9.10 13.15 (93)

GOALS, Dalyston: Michael Harris, Brad Monson, Hayden Wallis 1 each

BEST: Michael Harris, Shaun Silver, Curtis Murett, Brayden Duve, William Clarke, Tyson Andrigutto

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Deon Boavida 6, Dermott Yawney 3, Jai Hamilton, Troy McDermott, Jarrod Smith, Jed Smith 1 each

BEST: Jake Smith, Deon Boavida, Jeconiah Peni, Sam Blackwood, Jake Blackwood, Flynn Parker

RESERVES

Dalyston 0.0 1.0 1.0 3.1 (19)
Nar Nar Goon 4.3 7.4 11.9 11.12 (78)

GOALS, Dalyston: Matrix Chisholm 2, Luke Speed 1

BEST: Tyler Woolan, Matrix Chisholm, Keyva Kay-Darts, Jake Woolan, John Jones, Ben McRae

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Nicholas Bransgrove, Cooper Pursell, Nathan Purton, Darcy Taylor 2, Bailey Beet, Lachlan Graham, Mitchell Homfray 1 each

BEST: Chris Power, Cooper Pursell, Tyler Jacobs, Jarrod Hamling, Mitchell Homfray, Lachlan Graham

THIRDS

Dalyston 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.4 (4)
Nar Nar Goon 4.0 7.4 13.4 17.10 (112)

BEST, Dalyston: Ryan Cargill, Levi Jones, Harrison Ferguson, Matrix Chisholm, Chase Krause, Joseph Wylie

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Harrison Waters 5, Mitch Moresco 4, Campbell Sheedy 3, Noah Airdrie, Benjamin Cole, Lachlan Pryor, Wil Taylor, Jack Tyler 1 each

BEST: Jack Murphy, Chace Parker, Lachlan Pryor, Billy Williams, Mitch Moresco, Harrison Waters

FOURTHS

Dalyston 2.0 2.0 5.0 6.0 (36)
Nar Nar Goon 0.3 2.7 3.7 5.9 (39)

GOALS, Dalyston: No players named.

BEST: Finniss Gibson, Jesse Dugard, Malachi Ori, Bailey Anderson, Max Toler, Campbell Bell

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: No players named.

BEST: Tarrant Millar, Matthew Cross, Oscar Henwood, Bailey Hill, Oliver Ratten, Xavier Ladbrook

Sea Eagles bounce back with the addition of youth

INVERLOCH KONGWAK for the first time in 2023 came off a loss when they debuted young guns Harry Butcher and Cade Brown against the winless Bunyip at the Bunyip Recreation Reserve on Saturday.

Butcher and Brown took their places in a different looking Sea Eagles side, alongside three other under 18s in Jordan Bertacco, Will Turner and Archie Terlich and a number of other inexperienced players.

The game started out quite scrappy as there was a strong wind advantage towards one end of the ground and IK dominated the opening quarter into such wind, peppering the ball inside forward 50 but were unable to put the score on the board.

The Bulldogs defenders were quite physical and were

able to cause some turnovers but Inverloch Kongwak were set up well behind the ball so that Bunyip didn't really threaten going the other way.

In the end, the hosts were able to get the ball over the top for two scores with what was predicted to be a four to six goal wind.

Will Hams was having an impact; Bailey Patterson was influencing the play and Tom Wyatt was working overtime to present a forward option for the visitors as they went into the first break with a 10-point lead.

Bertacco scored early in the second term with a great set shot before Wyatt took a classy contested mark in front of goal after a miss kick from Patterson.

Though, it was Turner who really got the Sea Eagles fired up with a powerful highlight,

bumping his opponent off the ball running away from goal before gathering cleanly and turning on a dime to snap a goal over his left shoulder.

IK were humming and looked as though they were sharing the workload with high rotations off the bench, they booted six goals to none in the quarter, building on their lead which stood at 51-points at the main break.

The Bulldogs were up against it, looking to claim their first win of the season, they burst out of the blocks in the second half, kicking two goals within the first two minutes.

Unfortunately, the quarter didn't provide too many other highlights for the home side as the Sea Eagles again had the ball in their possession for most of the quarter without much reward on the scoreboard for their

hard work.

Wyatt continued to dominate up forward by providing a mobile target and creating many opportunities while Will Hams continued to influence with hand ball receives and lots of drive forward.

The visitors had contributors across the board as they extended their lead once again and at the final change of ends it stood at 48-points.

Inverloch Kongwak had the wind in the final term and the game finally opened up with the visitors piling on 10 goals.

Wyatt continued his consistent game with his high work rate and mobility while Patterson afield, gathering many possessions, booting three goals and also setting up plenty of opportunities his teammates as their side ran out winners to the tune of 114-points.

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COMPETITION
RESULTS** RND 15

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

WIFNC 93 **61**

WARRAGUL IND. PHILLIP ISLAND

Warragul Ind. 1.4 9.5 10.6 14.9 (93)

Phillip Island 2.3 4.6 6.12 8.13 (61)

GOALS, Warragul Ind.: Mason McGarry 6, Todd Beck, Kyle Staples 2, Adrian De Sando, Michael Debenham, Cody Templeton, Nic Visser 1 each

BEST: Bailey Beck, Travis Ogden, Mason McGarry, Michael Debenham, Thomas Commandeur, Todd Beck

GOALS, Phillip Island: Jack Taylor 2, Hayden Bruce, Tully Dickie, Jai Jordan, Tarquin McMillan, Jordy Patullo, Travis Woodfield 1 each

BEST: Max Walton, Damien Holmes, Jesse Patullo, Hayden Bruce, Daniel Pearce, Jack Taylor

RESERVES

Warragul Ind. 0.1 2.5 2.6 2.8 (20)

Phillip Island 2.3 2.4 5.7 5.7 (37)

BEST, Warragul Ind.: Jack Commandeur, Kyan Willis, Tyler Irving, Russ Ware, Nelson Minichiello, Zac O'Hara

GOALS, Phillip Island: Harry Anderson, Cameron Brown, James Nicolaci, Coby Olarenshaw, Ben Taylor 1 each

BEST: Cameron Brown, Coby Olarenshaw, Tom Aylett, Hunter Clarke, Darcy Saw, Samuel McRae

THIRDS

Warragul Ind. 1.2 3.4 4.4 4.5 (29)

Phillip Island 3.1 3.4 7.5 7.5 (47)

GOALS, Warragul Ind.: Wil Grummisch 2, Harrison Radcliffe, Noah Rogers 1 each

BEST: Lachy Braybon, Noah Rogers, Campbell Gibbons, Arli Fleming, William Brewer, Benjamin Allsop

GOALS, Phillip Island: James Lewis 3, Finn Cashman, Sonny Merryfull, Noah Muller, Leo Savona 1 each

BEST: James Lewis, Darcy Thompson, Kohen Beaumont, Brayden Kleverkamp, Finn Cashman, Beau Davies

FOURTHS

Warragul Ind. 1.0 2.0 3.1 4.2 (26)

Phillip Island 2.0 3.2 5.4 6.4 (40)

GOALS, Warragul Ind.: Rylan Butler 2, Tom Logan, Cody Templeton 1 each

BEST: Cody Templeton, Thomas Cornwall, Jarrod West, Joshua Bradley, Zack Reid, Benjamin Allsop

GOALS, Phillip Island: Charles Martus 2, Benjamin Chihotski, George McCausland, Charlie O'Garey, Isaac Savona 1 each

BEST: Benjamin Chihotski, Finn O'Brien, Oliver Duggan, Charles Martus, Charlie O'Garey, Xavier Williams

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Cora Lynn 20.12.132 d Garfield 8.11.59

RESERVES

Cora Lynn 6.18.54 d Garfield 3.4.22

THIRDS

Garfield 11.11.77 d Cora Lynn 4.1.25

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

GIPPSLAND ROUND 16 - Split Round

Warragul v Wonthaggi
 Morwell v Sale

WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 16

Cora Lynn v Phillip Island
 Dalyston v Warragul Industrials
 Garfield v Kilcunda-Bass
 Inverloch-Kongwak v Tooradin-Dalmore
 Koo Wee Rup v Bunyip
 Nar Nar Goon v Korumburra-Bena

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Inverloch-Kongwak 20.19.139 d Bunyip 4.1.25

Nar Nar Goon 13.15.93 d Dalyston 3.2.20

Cora Lynn 20.12.132 d Garfield 8.11.59

Kilcunda-Bass 10.12.72 d Koo Wee Rup 8.5.53

Tooradin-Dalmore 23.13.151 d Korumburra-Bena 2.8.20

Warragul Industrials 14.9.93 d Phillip Island 8.13.61

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Bulldogs bite the dust



The Bulldog's Max Walton attempts to stay clear of his opponent's tackle. Photos: Carol Ratcliff



Hayden Bruce keeps up the pace.

tremendous run down with a holding the ball stopping a certain goal.

The defence were under immense stress but a down the field free kick to Jordy Patullo eased the pressure with a 40-metre kick finding the mark.

Some costly errors in front of the goals by the Doggies cost three goals to the Dusties, pushing the margin out to 17 points.

Dusties are now running rampant from the middle, the Islands forwards not prepared to work hard enough.

At half time Dusties 9.5.59 to Island 4.6.30.

Phillip Island start the third quarter full of running with some positional changes proving the difference.

Walker plays on from a missed shot from Phillip Island, superbly tackled by Jai Jordan for the Islands first goal for the quarter. Unfortunately, the Island had many chances but continued to be inaccurate. McLellan now playing forward gets his first for the day and looks dangerous up forward. The Dusties are defending stoutly and burning up valuable time on the clock. The Island had their chance to get back into the game kicking 2.6 to 1.1. Three quarter time score:

10.6.66 to the Island 6.12.48.

Eighteen points down and the Dogs still believe they're a chance. Jesse Patullo has moved forward and looked dangerous, unfortunately for the Island a kick from the boundary from 70 metres dribbles through for a goal for the Dusties.

With the Dusties well on top, unfortunate friendly fire saw the Island's Hayden Bruce go down with a horrific head injury.

Significantly, from here the Dusties went away with it, kicking a further four goals to have a convincing win against the Island.

Panthers outclass Demons at home

KILCUNDA BASS got themselves back on the winner's list on Saturday, getting the better of the travelling Koo Wee Rup to kick off their three-peat reunion celebrations at the Bass Recreation Reserve.

The Panthers welcomed back spearhead Taylor Gibson and started fast out of the blocks, bringing pressure that was sparked by some great in and under work from Nathan Foote and Kye Benson.

Dale Gawley dominated from the outset in the ruck and it was Gibson getting on the board first with a snap on goal.

Eventually the Demons got themselves on the board through livewire small forward and former Panthers premiership player Jason Wells.

Killy' Bass young gun Owen Thomas was also outstanding in the opening term, booting two goals of his own to see his side take a 21-point lead into the first change of ends.

The Dees' were able to do more scoring in the second and began to up their pressure around the contest and even though their ball movement was as precise, they were able to win the term thanks to some great play from Matthew Voss and an injury to Gawley.

The Panthers still held the lead at the main break though, by 15-points.

It was that man Voss who was inspiring his team again in the third quarter, opening scoring with an absolute



Bradley Aldwell clears the pack and looks forward for options.

beauty of a running goal inside 50.

The Demons had all the momentum though and were able to draw all the way back within one straight kick, but unfortunately had spent a few too many tickets getting there and gave up another three goals to the home side after their good work.

Wells was able to match his effort in the second and kick

a major for the third straight quarter to see the lead down to a manageable 17-points at the final change of ends.

Wells then broke through in the fourth and it looked as though it was truly anyone's game but the Panthers ball movement and control proved too good as Anthony Daraio punched back with his third goal and all but sealed it for his side.

Kilcunda Bass playing themselves back into form beautifully, much to the delight of head coach Lee Rowe, his side will head to Garfield this Saturday on the hunt for their seventh win of the year.

As for the 'Ruppers, they were gallant in defeat but will look to improve their play this weekend when they host the winless Bunyip.

Seagulls soar over Giants in brutal reality check

KORUMBURRA BENA were in best form on Saturday, coming off back-to-back wins when they travelled up the highway to the Tooradin Recreation Reserve to face the reigning premiers.

With a wind advantage to the highway end of the ground Brad Butler got things underway for the hosts early, before Jay Walker laid a smother, igniting his team and the Giants faithful.

The Seagulls were dominant in the opening term though, putting the visiting defence under pressure time and time again.

This led to the Giants coach Paul Fermanis inserting himself into the midfield to try and gain possession and control of the ball for his side and it worked with immediate effect.

Fermanis found the lead of Joel Cuman for the visitors first scoring opportunity,

although it didn't end in a major and the hosts were proving hard to stop on the rebound.

The Giants kept pushing though and Jack Spencer was playing well in the ruck, finding his coach ad seeing his side into attack but they were again inaccurate despite some good pressure from Walker and Fermanis.

The visitors pressure was high but was unable to break down the Seagulls defensive structure, seeing a lot of turnovers as the home side took a 37 point lead into the first break, keeping the Giants goalless.

Korumburra Bena kept the pressure up to start the second, and were able to find repeat inside 50s, leading to a great goal from the boundary from Cuman.

The inaccuracy bug plagued the Giants once again though, as they missed five shots for

the quarter, failing to capitalize on their good work forward.

Jasper Macri was leading the Giants defence beautifully, holding up the ever-potent Seagulls forwards tremendously, allowing just three goals in the term, after letting through five in the first.

Tooradin Dalmore led the contest by 45-points at the main break.

The visiting defence was once again under pressure in the third term, with the hosts looking dominant when given any chance of a score, although Kodie Walker, Nicholas Besley and Zach Walker were very busy repelling all they could, laying tackles, smothering and big spoils.

Despite their great efforts though, the game started to slip away from the Giants as the ball spent the majority of the premiership quarter in the

Seagulls forward half.

The final quarter began as the third had finished, with the 'Gulls dominating possession and thrusting the ball into their attacking half, putting the Giants under pressure.

To the young Korumburra Bena side's credit though, they never gave in and continued to mount attacking drives which were continuously repelled by a strong Tooradin Dalmore defence.

Finally, though, the visitors got themselves on the board as Codie Anderson got out the back and found Besley who snapped a great goal.

In the end, the reigning premiers were far too good though, with a mismatch in personnel having so many big bodies, including that of Brent Macaffer who was best afield, his side getting the four points to the tune of 131-points.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 15

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

KILCUNDA-BASS 72 **KOO WEE RUP** 53

Kilcunda-Bass 4.2 6.6 9.8 10.12 (72)
Koo Wee Rup 1.1 4.3 7.3 8.5 (53)

GOALS, Kilcunda-Bass: Anthony Daraio 3, Taylor Gibson, Owen Thomas 2, Dale Gawley, Jack Soroczyński, William Speed 1 each

BEST: Dale Gawley, Benjamin Eddy, Dean McRae, Owen Thomas, Daniel Mock, William Speed

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Jason Wells 4, Adam Amin, Bailey Galante, Nathan Muratore, Matthew Voss 1 each

BEST: Matthew Voss, Timothy Miller, Jason Wells, Zak Banks, Mitchell Cammarano, Seth Lawler

RESERVES

Kilcunda-Bass 1.0 1.0 1.0 2.0 (12)
Koo Wee Rup 2.6 7.10 14.12 22.16 (148)

GOALS, Kilcunda-Bass: Adam Banks, Christopher Lacey 1 each

BEST: Robert Taylor, Harry Maclean, William Campbell, Myles Owens

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Shoib Akbar 7, Benjamin Miller, Tyson Twite 3, Samuel Cox, Brannon Harrison, John Ramos 2, Riley Battams, Zacary La'brooy, Adam Machnikowski 1 each

BEST: Kyle Van der Pluym, Riley Battams, Benjamin Miller, Shoib Akbar, David Ramos, Leigh Tannahill

THIRDS

Kilcunda-Bass 0.3 0.5 1.7 2.8 (20)
Koo Wee Rup 0.0 2.3 3.4 7.6 (48)

GOALS, Kilcunda-Bass: Ben Wemyss 2

BEST: Ben Wemyss, Trent Cartmel, George Blum, William Campbell, Matthew Dakin, Caden De Alwis

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Nick Booth, Kynen Dore-Wilson 2, Mack Brown, Hunter Cairns, Robbie McMahan 1 each

BEST: Declan McFarlane, Zane Stanton, Austin Craven, Brody Allen, Luke Briganti, Lachlan Bertone

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

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TOORADIN-DAL **KORUMBURRA-BENA**

Tooradin-Dal 6.3 9.4 16.10 23.13 (151)
Kor-Bena 0.2 1.7 1.7 2.8 (20)

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Julian Suarez 5, Liam Adams, Brad Butler, Stewart Scanlon 3, Hayden Bertoli-Simmonds, Andrew Proctor, Charlie Shinners 2, Cooper Bassett, Kristopher Sabbatucci, Cooper Shipp 1 each

BEST: Brent Macaffer, Cooper Shipp, Trent Adams, Connor O'Riordan, Hayden Bertoli-Simmonds, Brad Butler

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Nicholas Besley, Joel Cuman 1 each

BEST: Jay Walker, Jack Spencer, Blake Webb, Evan Allaway, Byron Walker, Paul Fermanis

RESERVES

Tooradin-Dal 7.10 13.12 16.21 21.25 (151)
Kor-Bena 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Shannon Campbell, Brett Coffey, Ned Harrison, Max Kendell, Timothy Lenders, Alexander Sabbatucci, Justin Smaluch 2, Jake Genoni, Jordan Jones, Tadhg O'Riordan, Corey Provan, Blair Robinson, Ben Sellings, Jason Siegel 1 each

BEST: Ben Sellings, Timothy Lenders, Joshua Trezise, Mitch Forgiarini, Justin Smaluch, Jordan Jones

BEST, Kor-Bena: Austin Gurnett, Lachlan Smith, Jed Harris, Isaak Fox, Mitchell Sawyers, Paul Gollop

THIRDS

Tooradin-Dal 6.5 10.11 14.15 23.18 (156)
Kor-Bena 0.0 0.0 0.2 0.2 (2)

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Jack Grist 4, Jack Hamilton, Anthony Mirauta, Panos Papas 3, Logan Downe, Tyler Kirkbride 2, Chayse Campbell, Joshua Cope, Ryan Gates-Crewes, Brodie Matthews, Jayden Worrall, Darcy Wright 1 each

BEST: Jack Grist, Brody Campbell, Jack Hamilton, Aaron Knight, Panos Papas, Logan Downe

BEST, Kor-Bena: Taryn Walker, William Croatto, Zac Grabham, Harvey Webb, Hamish Withall, Bryce Riddell

FOURTHS

Tooradin-Dal 2.6 2.10 5.13 6.14 (50)
Kor-Bena 0.0 0.0 0.1 1.3 (9)

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Jayden Worrall 3, Daniel Ahern, Chayse Campbell, Joel Cochrane 1 each

BEST: Kasy Deren, Riley Sherwood, Harrison Hetherington, Lenny Goldberg, Harrison Hardy, Adam Zoobi

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Mitchell Hobbs 1

BEST: Dylan Parry, Thomas Walker, Lincoln Hamilton, Jake Kelly, Jack Crocker, Jesse Gollop

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Inverloch-K	14	1	313.52	56
Phillip Island	12	2	235.20	50
Tooradin-Dal	12	3	180.10	48
Nar Nar Goon	10	4	183.21	42
Cora Lynn	10	5	141.13	40
Warragul Ind	8	7	121.59	32
Kilcunda-Bass	6	9	82.99	24
Dalyston	6	9	66.76	24
Koo Wee Rup	4	11	77.75	16
Garfield	4	11	62.89	16
Kor-Bena	3	12	37.29	12
Bunyip	0	15	26.01	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Tooradin-Dal	14	0	672.46	58
Nar Nar Goon	13	1	412.78	54
Inverloch-K	13	2	409.06	52
Phillip Island	11	4	183.31	44
Koo Wee Rup	9	6	170.66	36
Cora Lynn	8	7	171.11	32
Warragul Ind	6	9	99.38	24
Garfield	6	9	75.85	24
Kilcunda-Bass	3	12	25.09	12
Dalyston	2	13	49.57	8
Kor-Bena	2	13	19.25	8
Bunyip	2	13	15.27	8

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av
Phillip Island	12	2	308.50	3.43
Inverloch-K	11	2	290.15	3.38
Garfield	11	2	279.77	3.38
Tooradin-Dal	10	4	210.20	2.86
Warragul Ind	9	5	180.73	2.57
Nar Nar Goon	7	7	110.85	2.00
Cora Lynn	5	9	105.22	1.43
Kilcunda-Bass	4	9	77.89	1.23
Koo Wee Rup	4	10	60.59	1.14
Kor-Bena	1	12	12.71	0.31
Dalyston	1	13	10.63	0.29
Bunyip	0	0	0.00	0.00

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BIGGER THAN SPORT

- Parrots celebrate Xavier Bolge's return to footy

AFTER four months of chemotherapy, and other equally nasty treatments for cancer, Leongatha Under 18s footballer Xavier Bolge received the all-clear from his medicos at the Monash Children's Hospital in June this year.

On Saturday, when he ran out to join his teammates for the first time this season, in their match against Morwell, it was a survival celebration of the highest order, embraced by everyone, the club and the whole community.

"Yeah, pretty good, a bit sore in the legs, but good, yeah," said an elated Bolge in the Leongatha rooms after the seniors' game, still surrounded by some of his Thirds' teammates, as they listened to the after-match remarks by Parrots' head coach Trent McMicking.

"I just want to acknowledge Xavier Bolge as well and thank him for the way he has brought the whole club together with his journey and getting back out on the ground here again today," said McMicking.

The applause rang out from a packed green and gold rooms after a day to remember, one that transcended footy but also underscored the community of sport as well.

But there have been some dark days too.

Seventeen-year-old Xavier was diagnosed with a relatively rare form of cancer in February this year, Hodgkin Lymphoma, affecting an estimated 700 people nationwide each year, typically at a much older age.

Bad news travelled fast, with murmurs of concern throughout the community earlier in the year.

From a well-known local sporting family, including parents Tim 'Yakka' and Kirsty Bolge, Xavier has played all his footy with the Parrots, Under 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s right through to the Under 18s, so there was always going to be a role for the

Parrots to play.

"If you're going to get cancer, Hodgkin Lymphoma, as opposed to Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, is probably the one to get. Very treatable with good long-term prospects," said Xavier's father Tim, watching on at the footy on Saturday.

But it's still cancer, right, and the diagnosis in one so young still came as a shock.

"He's continued going to school, but the week of the chemo not so much, but the steroids that went with it were worse if anything," said Tim.

"But the Monash Children's has been excellent. Couldn't have been in better hands.

"He's never missed a training though, and everyone at the club has been fantastic, but today was his first game back. Just good to get out there but to kick a goal and have everyone get around him was great."

The seniors and reserves formed a guard of honour when Xavier and his teammates came off after their nine-goal win and South Gippsland Umpires Association panel member, Jesse Boyd, himself a former Leongatha junior footballer, presented Xavier with the game ball afterwards.

It was an important day for the club, for Xavier and Xavier's family but the Under 18s will now be looking forward to three winnable games ahead of the finals and the prospect, especially if they get some of their Gippsland Power players back, a genuine tilt at the premiership in 2023.



It was a celebration for the whole club as Xavier Bolge runs out with his Leongatha Under 18s teammates after getting the all clear from his doctors. Photos courtesy of Skewesme Photography.

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