

LET THE GAMES BEGIN



Eleanor Patterson and Linden Hall begin their third Olympics in Paris! Cheer on our athletes as they jump, shoot, skate, rumble and run in France. More on page 43.

Turbine trouble

THE glorious, green rolling hills around Korumburra, and equally picturesque vantage points overlooking Wilsons Promontory near Foster and Fish Creek have three things in common...

...breathtaking beauty, highly productive farming land and consistent wind.

They may soon have a fourth thing in common – hundreds of massive wind turbines.

Ignoring the first two attributes of these locations, the State Government's renewable energy planning authority, VicGrid, has just designated both these sites "Tier 1" as having the highest potential in the state for hosting future renewable energy generation and transmission infrastructure.

It's all part of the state government's increasingly desperate drive to replace almost 5000mW of electricity production from Latrobe Valley, due to commence shutting down from 2028, when the 1450mW Yallourn W power station closes, taking with it 22 per cent of the Victoria's capacity.

The two areas were colour-coded in the deepest blue on a new study map of Victoria, released last Tuesday, July 23, ahead of investigations into 'Developing the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan'.

But there's a sense of urgency about the community response.

The State Government has only allowed one month for feedback on the "guiding principles" it will use for its investigation into the best locations for wind turbines, solar farms and transmission towers, closing on Sunday, August 25.

And there's only two months for the community "to help identify any sites within the study area you believe should be protected, avoided, or prioritised for investigation", closing September 30.

Gippsland South MLA Danny O'Brien has already made up his mind.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times this week, Mr O'Brien said the closely settled, highly productive hills above Foster and Fish Creek and around Korumburra and Leongatha are "not the place for industrial energy facilities."

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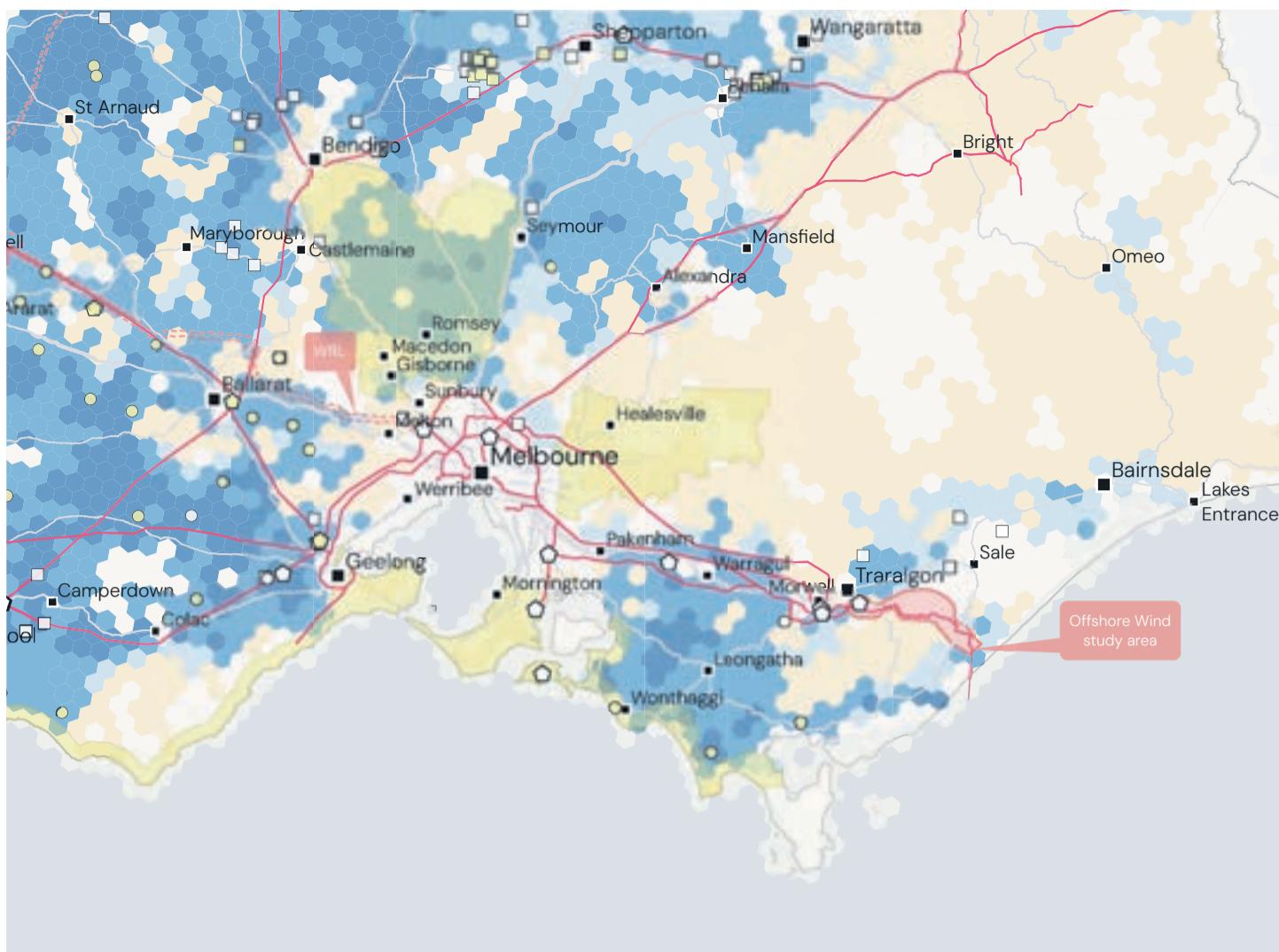
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Most of the state's renewable infrastructure is to be developed in the west and north of the state but an area in the middle of South Gippsland stands out as the main area for investigation and likely development in the state's east.

Turbine trouble

- South Gippsland highest priority for renewables

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"This latest brain snap from the Labor Government yet again shows how divisive and out-of-touch the Government is when it comes to energy developments and regional Victoria," Mr O'Brien said.

"The area shown as a top priority for renewable energy facilities and transmission lines in the western half of the South Gippsland Shire is an area of outstanding natural beauty, is highly productive farmland and has a burgeoning tourism sector."

"That the Government thinks the rolling green, productive hills running north from Kongwak through Loch and Korumburra to Strzelecki, as well as a zone near Fish Creek and Foster, are good spots for wind and solar farms just shows how little it cares for country

people.

"These are very closely settled locations and highly productive and picturesque farmland and they are not the place for industrial energy facilities."

"At the same time the Government restates its blanket ban on wind farms in city playgrounds like the Yarra Valley, Mornington and Bellarine Peninsulas, highlighting just how hypocritical this Government is. It seems to think these developments are fine for the country but not the city."

Asked for a comment about the state government's renewable energy rollout, the South Gippsland Shire Council said it was reviewing the documents but at this stage had no comment beyond encouraging the community to stay informed and "to participate

in the engagement".

As well as the opportunity to make submissions and complete feedback forms on the Engage Vic website, Vic-Grid is giving the community the opportunity to attend two Gippsland drop-in sessions and to attend community webinars online. Drop-in information sessions will be held at:

- The Korumburra Community Hub, Little Commercial Street on Wednesday, August 14 from 4pm – 7pm and Thursday, August 15 from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

- Port of Sale, Wellington Centre (Level 2), 70 Foster Street, Sale on Wednesday, August 7 at 4pm – 7pm and Thursday, August 8 from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

According to the State Government, "the study area will be narrowed down to smaller

areas for investigation and eventually, proposed Renewable Energy Zones through further engagement and analysis".

"While we're starting our investigations broad, ultimately only a portion of the study area will be needed to host new energy infrastructure."

So, now's the time to make your mark if you don't want these highly productive, closely settled, picturesque locations to host wind turbines and transmission towers now and increasingly in the future.

While this first Victorian Transmission Plan (2025) will take a 15-year view of transmission and renewable energy zone development in Victoria, a second plan will be published in 2027 taking a 25-year view, with further plans published every four years.

Shire savaged in community survey

THE South Gippsland Shire Council has been savaged by the public in the independent annual Community Satisfaction Survey.

Where the community rated the shire's overall performance at 53 out of 100 last year, it slipped to 49 in 2024, a significant decline locally but still around the average of Large Rural Councils at 50/100.

But the community also marked the shire down on value for money, overall council direction, consultation and engagement and community involvement in decision making.

The response on 'Overall Council Direction' fell from 61/100 to just 51 in 2024, but still well ahead of the rating given Large Rural Municipalities by their residents, at an average of 42/100.

The shire council received the lowest scores from 35 to 64 year olds.

Speaking about the satisfaction report, Mayor Cr Clare Williams said there were clearly opportunities for improvement.

"The decline in some key areas is, of course, disappointing but perhaps not unexpected following last year's scores which were the highest in many years. We will review the provided comments and look at opportunities for improvement. There is always work to be done in local government and Council is committed to working in partnership with our community to ensure South Gippsland remains a great place to live, work and invest."

Vox Pop

What do you think of the Victorian Government putting wind turbines on Korumburra hills?



Peter Ketalaar

"No, I don't think it is the right place for it. I'm not against it but there are far better places for them."



Sam Anderson

"Please don't. They'd just be too noisy, they make a lot of noise."



Jodie Dowling

"If they're truly sustainable and provide a decent amount of electricity and people could still farm under them then I think it's fine. They're not clearing land and it's just a different use of the land."

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IN BRIEF

No legal conflict of interest

THE Bass Coast Council's proposed new Environment Fund attracted several questions at last week's council meeting. Melissa Dagg, wanting to know if council was setting up a conflict for its preferred legal firm Maddocks.

According to Ms Dagg, Biodiversity Legacy Ltd is supported by Rendere Environmental Trust and legal firm Maddocks.

However, according to council, a different legal firm, Russell Kennedy Lawyers, was being engaged to develop the legal documents for the establishment of the Environment Fund.

Council committed to EVs

DESPITE concerns about unethical cobalt mining practices, the Bass Coast Shire Council remains committed to its electric vehicle strategy.

Council presently has eight EVs in its fleet, valued (at March 31, 2024) at \$364,818.

Local resident, Gina Rosamilia, noted the worldwide concern about "the alarming method of mining Cobalt in Africa by thousands of very young children" and, in a question to last week's meeting, wondered whether council remained committed to EVs.

"Council, in recognising the concerns about cobalt mining practices, understands that research at a global level is being undertaken to minimise the dependence on cobalt by the lithium-ion battery industry. The transition to EVs is a major contributor to our transition to net zero emissions," said council.

No Bass Coast guarantee

IT HAS been confirmed by the Bass Coast Shire Council, in answer to a public question from council watcher John Trigt of Phillip Island, that the proposed new Environment

Fund, being set up by the shire, will not necessarily focus attention on Bass Coast.

"Will the Environment Fund established by council in conjunction with Biodiversity Legacy Ltd, be used only in Bass Coast or will they be used in other areas as well after all this is a philanthropic NFP fund as outlined in the Council meeting of the 16th of June?" asked Mr Trigt.

The answer from council was that there's no guarantee any works will happen in Bass Coast.

"Council's vision for the Environment Fund is to preserve and restore the region's natural landscapes, while combatting climate change and species extinction. The Fund's activities will centre on Bass Coast, but not necessarily be restricted to the municipal boundary."

Online session for hiring overseas workers

AUSTRALIA's migration program allows employers to address skill gaps by employing overseas workers when Australian workers are not available.

You are invited to attend an online information session today Tuesday (July 30) at 3pm.

The information session will offer prospective and current employers of overseas workers a practical, informative overview of common considerations and important matters to be aware of when using the migration program.

You will be shown how to submit a decision-ready application, request amendments to applications and what to do in the event of a refusal.

Workplace relations tools and resources to assist with hiring overseas workers will be explained along with the exploitation of migrant workers and obligations of sponsors.

Bookings can be made online at trybooking.com/events/landing/1262216.

Trafalgar hit and run

MAJOR Collision Investigation Unit detectives are appealing for community help with what they believe was a hit and run death at Trafalgar on Sunday morning, July 28.

Investigators believe the dead man in his 60s was hit by a vehicle on Waterloo Road, east of Davey Drive, sometime overnight or earlier Sunday morning.

He was wearing a black tracksuit top, a white chequered shirt, black trackpants with two white stripes down the sides, and no shoes.

Anyone who witnessed the incident, has CCTV, dashcam footage or any other information that could assist police is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Drugs and weapons seized in search

LEONGATHA Police executed a search warrant on July 24 in Leongatha where drugs and weapons were seized. As a result a female was arrested and charged accordingly.

Suspicious fires in Leongatha

THREE people are assisting police with inquiries in relation to spate of small suspicious fires in the Leongatha CBD.

Police are encouraging community members to keep reporting any suspicious activity in their local communities.

Mine stops whistling

THE landmark signal at noon has stopped whistling.

According to Bass Coast Shire Council the Wonthaggi & District Historical Society have had someone look at the base of the whistle and determined that the pressure is still in tact.

The next stage requires suitable weather to head up to the top in the Council's Elevated

Platform to safely look at the higher components to work out why it is not working.

The lift was originally scheduled for Friday, however, due to weather conditions was postponed.

South Gippsland Highway pressure

THERE was significant disruption on the South Gippsland Highway, outbound at the Koo Wee Rup roundabout, last Friday evening after a B Double stockfeed truck tipped over on the eastern side of the intersection.

Importantly, there were reports that the driver escaped without injury.

Posted on the Lang Lang Community Noticeboard, a picture of the crash prompted discussion about the increase in number and speed of truck traffic on the highway, including sand truck movements.

This is expected to increase with the Leongatha Saleyards becoming the busiest cattle selling complex in Australia following the closure of Pakenham.

No Catholic School projects here

THE State Government announced this week that 65 Catholic schools across Victoria will share in more than \$243 million to expand and modernise existing facilities or build new schools.

None of the projects are in the electorates of Bass or Gippsland South.

There was however \$15.6 million for the new Oscar Romero Catholic Primary School at Drouin.

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\$1.65M for island bridge investigation

AS DETAILED by the Sentinel-Times on July 9, the condition of the 50-year-old San Remo Bridge is set to undergo extensive investigation.

The Department of Transport has issued a contract valued at \$1,656,715 to SMEC Australia Pty Ltd for 'a Level 3 Detailed Bridge Investigation including materials testing and underwater inspection for San Remo Bridge over Westernport Bay, Phillip Island Road'.

The investigation works are to start soon and be completed by the end of October.

The department said recently they regularly undertake inspections on assets and structures across Victoria as part of its planned maintenance program, but it is understood that the condition of the concrete and steel bridge foundations will be a particular focus.

"Specialised crews will inspect the surface, sides and underneath of the bridge with minimal disruption to traffic, and expert divers will also be used for underwater structural inspections," according to a department spokesperson.

"These inspections will happen concurrently with Westernport Water's project to refurbish the main drinking water and sewage infrastructure connected to the underside of the San Remo Bridge.

"A 40km/h speed limit and lane closures will be in place at times to protect everyone's safety when the team needs to work close to traffic.

"Lane closures on the bridge will be limited to Mondays to Thursdays between 9.30am and 3pm to avoid the daily peak hours and will not occur during school holidays or weekends."

The department spokesperson said there would be no disruption to traffic on Fridays during the inspection work to avoid delays for people traveling to Phillip Island for the weekend.

Meanwhile, B-double and double decker cattle trucks which exceed 42.5 tonne are not able to cross the bridge (effective July 1, 2024) until the Pipeline Bracket Renewal project is complete.

SMEC, which had its origins in the iconic Snowy Mountains Hydroelectric Scheme, is recognised as a world authority on the assessment of roads, bridges and other engineering works.

Mayoral chains saga over, they say

AFTER months of probing the Bass Coast Council about the lost or stolen mayoral chains, the council tapped the mat at last week's council meeting declaring the inquisition over.

Local resident, Fred Morris, raised one last question at last week's meeting:

"What currently is council doing to resolve the problem of this very serious matter?"

It's over, according to the council.

"Allegations that Council has not investigated the loss of the Mayoral chains are untrue. There have been separate investigations in 2013, 2017, 2018 and 2020.

"There was insufficient evidence to determine whether the chains had been lost or stolen. The last known sighting of the Borough of Wonthaggi Mayoral Chains was in 2010.

"Mr Duscher is the last confirmed person to have worn the Mayoral chains. A police report was lodged in 2018 but unable to be pursued due to a lack of information. An insurance claim was investigated in 2018 but unable to be pursued due to time elapsed since the loss.

"Councillors were briefed on this matter in February 2024. Unless new evidence is produced, Council is unable to progress this matter further."

Inverloch's Kevin Griffin also queried council's efforts at finding the chains.

Car warning after more aggravated burglaries

GIPPSLAND is experiencing a spate of car thefts after aggravated burglaries in the past week, including at Leongatha last Monday when the alleged offender was caught and charged.

Other offences were reported at Wonthaggi and Inverloch.

Speaking to Gippsland ABC Radio last week, Inspector Peter Fusinato of the Baw Baw police district, followed up his report of a worrying escalation in these types of incidents with a warning about the need for increased security at home and around cars.

"I've got a printout here of last week's crime, and aggravated burglaries are a very common occurrence across all of Gippsland unfortunately.

"So, starting at one o'clock last Monday morning (July 22), there was an aggravated burglary in Ogilvy Street in Leongatha where offenders gained access by cutting the flywire screen on the bathroom window which was obviously open. They've stolen keys to two cars and then stolen one of the victim's cars, a Mazda 3 sedan that was later located in Kilcunda."

A youth offender was processed by Leongatha Police in relation to that incident.

He also detailed similar incidents at Morwell, Traralgon, Inverloch and Wonthaggi.

"Seven in the past week across Gippsland. And, again, in every one of these

cases someone has been home either asleep or unaware and have woken up to hear a noise or see their car leaving."

Gippsland South MLA Danny O'Brien says the State Government needs to better resource local police, but also urged the community to play their role in tackling local crime.

Mr O'Brien said he was concerned at recent reports of an upsurge in crime and antisocial behaviour in Leongatha in particular, as well as other towns around the Gippsland South electorate.

"I've been campaigning for better police resources from the State Government for some time now and was pleased that nearly 2500 South Gippslanders signed my petition that was recently tabled in Parliament," said Mr O'Brien.

"Our local police do a great job, but they are significantly under resourced and need more support from the government.

"However, in talking to Leongatha police in the past week, they've highlighted that many of the thefts from homes and vehicles have been opportunistic with people leaving their homes and cars unlocked and even with keys clearly visible."

Mr O'Brien said it remains a concern that there is a revolving door of criminals being arrested by police but immediately released by the courts.

"The Allan Labor Government likes to blame the

courts, but this is a direct result of their changes to bail laws earlier this year, including removing the crime of 'commit offence while on bail'."

Mr O'Brien said South Gippsland remains a relatively low crime area, but noted crime is up nearly two thirds since the Labor Government came to power.

In Victoria there were 37,001 offences of burglary/break and enter recorded between March 2023 and March 2024 according to figures released in June by the Crime Statistics Agency. In Bass Coast there were 205 recorded incidences with 16 of those residential aggravated burglaries, while in South Gippsland that figure dropped to 165 incidences of burglary/break and enter with only one residential aggravated burglary.

Additionally, there were 164 recorded motor vehicle thefts in Bass Coast and South Gippsland whilst police recorded 263 'steal from a motor vehicle' and 15 aggravated robberies.

Recent data (year ending March 2024) shows that there were 10 fewer incidents of residential aggravated burglary compared to the previous twelve months, and seven fewer incidents compared to 2022 but both above 2018-2021 figures (2024: 17, 2023: 27, 2022: 24, 2021: 14, 2020: 13, 2019: 12, 2018: 10).

Premier's VCE award honour for Kira

BASS Coast College recently congratulated Kira Mascaros for receiving a Premier's VCE Award for her efforts in Sport and Recreation.

Kira earned a 50 in the subject when she was in Year 11 and was presented with the award at a ceremony in Melbourne held on July 17, alongside 310 students from across the state.

"To get a 50 when you're in Year 11 is an amazing achievement. It's a wonderful achievement at any time, but to do it in Year 11 is truly amazing," McKenzie campus principal Ross Bramley said.

"The fact that she's done it in a VET subject, which gives her an extra qualification when she gets her VCE, is a fantastic set up for her future. We're excited to see how she goes in VCE this year."

Kira's high achievement was earned in the subject Sport and Recreation.

This subject instructs students about teaching sport classes and what jobs could be open to them in the future.

During the course, Kira ran a camp for the Year 10 students at Wilsons Promontory and helped to run a basketball program for the Bass Coast Specialist School.

Kira has been coaching gymnastics at the Phillip Island YMCA for the last three years, which helped her



Bass Coast College student Kira Mascaros was presented with a Premier's VCE Award in Sport and Recreation.

through the subject.

"I'm studying Outdoor Ed now, which is more about the environmental side of things. It's a lot of fun," Kira said.

"I want to continue coaching gymnastics at uni, but I'm still considering career options."

A lot of time and effort went into Kira's outstanding result.

She put plenty of energy into redoing practice exams and tests and studying flashcards at home with her mum.

"It was tricky at times, but it paid off," Kira said.

Mr Bramley said the school was incredibly proud of Kira's achievements.

"What is pleasing to see is that she's carried that level

of energy, effort and commitment into her Year 12 studies this year," he said.

"I'd also like to congratulate the staff in that area, in particular Travis Osmond who was her teacher last year, because it takes both people to make it work. It takes a teacher to make sure they are providing the best possible learning opportunities and opportunities to succeed for students, and it's also about those students taking the opportunities and applying the necessary time and effort to achieve those goals."

The Year 12 students are now in term three and preparing for their final exams scheduled through October and November.

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Cr Clare
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As your Mayor, I am thrilled to see this initiative come to life, especially as we have just celebrated National Tree Day on July 28, 2024. Trees hold a special place in our hearts and our environment. Whether it's a tree with ecological importance, cultural significance, or historical value, every tree has a story to tell. Now, you have the opportunity to ensure these trees and their stories are protected for future generations.

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Whilst we are talking about stories, we are very proud to again be sponsoring the Festival of Stories this week which I personally can't wait to attend.

This festival demonstrates the commitment to arts and culture throughout our community which comes in all forms bringing people together. Tickets are available for the whole festival or for specific days.

The Festival kicks off Friday evening with a special screening of 'The Dressmaker.' On Saturday you can enjoy sessions with Sue Maslin and Rosalie Ham discussing the making of the film, Veronica Gorrill sharing insights from her powerful memoir 'Black and Blue,' and more. Engage with celebrated figures like Hannie Rayson, Kerry O'Brien, and Rosie Batty throughout the day. Sunday promises thought-provoking panels on journalism, storytelling, and self-perception with speakers like Jacinta Parsons, Robyn Davidson, and Wendy Harmer.

Explore the book market in the grand foyer to pick up the perfect read and discover new favourites.

I'm very proud that we have such beautiful spaces all over our region for people to come together and celebrate the environment, sports, recreation, arts, and so much more. Enjoy your week!

Have your say on the future of Bass Coast



Bass Coast Shire Council Community Engagement Advisor Austin Cram and coordinator of governance Chelsea Wilson at the 'Our Bass Coast. Our Future' engagement session at Berninnett, Cowes Library. Z03_3124

together to create a thriving and sustainable Bass Coast," said Mayor Clare Le Serve.

"It is important that community feel heard, understood and that their input is reflected in the final documents. We want our community to feel proud of Bass Coast and this work allows them to help shape the future of our region."

The Bass Coast Shire Council have created an online platform for those unable to attend an engagement session, and this online survey will close on August 31.

The community panel process will take place from March until May 2025. Together the panel will review the key strategic documents including the Council plan by October 2025 – a review due one year out from the local government election.

The council plan review in October 2025 will include the community vision and financial plan assessment.

There are a range of key topics for community members to have their say on, including:

- What aspect(s) of Bass Coast do you feel are most important to protect and preserve?
- What does your ideal future Bass Coast look like?
- What is one thing you love most about Bass Coast?

The interactive engagement sessions welcome the community to write their opinion on each of the three boards, view the Community Vision 2041 handbook, review the Deliberating on the Bass Coast Community Vision – Panel Process Report 2021, and read through the 2021-2025 Council Plan.

These documents were created following the last local government election and are exactly why these engagement sessions are being held now – ahead of the October election.

"We've got four key documents that we've brought

back out to the community," said Austin.

"Under the Local Government Act we do have to review the council plan 2025-2029 by October the year after the election – that's October 2025, and with that comes the long-term financial plan, the asset plan, and the community vision plan – the focus is on the council plan. But if the feedback that we received from the community is incredibly at odds with that community vision, then it signals to us that perhaps we need to review that community vision and potentially reopen up that process for developing it."

In questioning the communities concerns on inappropriate development, with comments including: "Avoid further residential subdivision" and "no more new housing estates", Austin shared that there are a number of ways that council can manage an appropriate development and one of those ways is looking at provisions of the planning scheme and strategic planning.

To have these planning documents reflect the voice of the community visit one of the engagement sessions held until the end of August:

Thursday, August 1: 10am until 1.30pm – Wonthaggi Library

Saturday, August 3: 8am until 1pm – Churchill Island Farmers Market

Tuesday, August 13: 11am until 2pm – Inverloch Community Hub

Friday, August 23: 10am until 12 noon – San Remo Fore-shore

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Dogs, children and watermelon wine for Cape Paterson

A SURPRISINGLY large number of Cape Paterson residents have identified trees, vegetation and the protection of wildlife as their most serious neighbourhood concerns.

Cape Paterson with a relatively small population of just over one thousand permanent residents generated eighty responses to a recent Bass Coast Housing and Neighbourhood Character Study representing twenty percent of the local population. A total of four hundred and thirty-six responses were received across all of Bass Coast.

Of the survey responses received over just on seventy per cent strongly supported the preferred character statement for their area, with the remainder either supportive or somewhat supportive of the character of their neighbourhood.

Landscaping, vegetation, built environment, history and character all contribute to how a neighbourhood looks and feels according to the Neighbourhood Character Study.

Common themes in the responses from Cape Paterson included the need for

landscaping requirements for aesthetic, environmental and wildlife benefits.

The impact of plot ratio, visual bulk, building heights and building materials on new developments was also important for Cape Paterson residents.

The top four concerns about housing across Bass Coast were the impact on the environment, the impact on neighbourhood character, the increased density of housing and the loss of trees and vegetation.

Feedback from respondents was generally supportive of

species selection and the preservation of existing trees over replacement trees.

The Bass Coast community also strongly agreed that improved footpaths, improved public transport and improved traffic conditions were all important for larger towns to accommodate further growth.

Missed opportunities identified in the study included a lack of canopy trees within medium-density developments through inconsistent landscaping requirements in planning applications.

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No world record for motorised scooters (yet)

DOES Wonthaggi hold the record for the most motorised scooters per head of population over world record holder Hamilton in Canada? Not yet according to Wonthaggi mobility aids retailer Brent Davis.

"We would sell between forty and sixty mobility scooters a year."

The world record for motorised scooters sold in one city in a single year is one hundred and fifty-nine.

Parking of mobility scooters end-to-end on a footpath in Wonthaggi recently begs the question of just how many motorised scooters could there be.

It is estimated that for every one thousand Australians aged eighteen and over, thirteen own a mobility scooter which amounts to over a quarter of a million (270,000) users nationwide.

Surprisingly over half of all mobility scooter users are aged under sixty.

Just over a decade ago a mobility scooter user was typically aged between seventy-five and eighty-one, suffering a modest walking impairment and living in their own home.

Scooters offer freedom and independence for their owners, but they can be a nuisance according to one resident in Wonthaggi, who posed the question of what rules and regulations apply at Friday's Cuppa with a Cop.

"Come around the corner and you can get taken out by one of those scooters," they stated. "I think they should have rego like bikes. They come down the street so fast."

Wonthaggi police are also concerned over the growing number of mobility scooters on local footpaths, zooming past.

"We were almost run over ourselves just the other week."

Police advise mobility scooter users are allowed on the footpath, but they must do so in a safe manner.

"If they hit someone, they can be charged with recklessly causing injury."

"They need to be careful and be aware that they are sharing the footpath with pedestrians."

RACV offers 24/7 Emergency Wheelchair and Scooter Assist much like the well-known vehicle roadside emergency assistance service.

Head of Policy, James Williams, said, "RACV recognises that motorised scooters are a great solution for people who have trouble walking or who are unable to walk."

Mobility scooters are only permitted for those who have difficulty walking, have a disability that impacts their movement, or have an injury that impairs mobility.

The RACV Emergency Wheelchair and Scooter Assist service provides minor repairs both at home and away and technicians can organise an accessible taxi to get members on their way if the device can't be repaired on the spot.

"While mobility scooters are a great option for the walking-impaired to maintain accessibility, users should be aware of associated road rules and safety risks," said Mr Williams.

Mobility scooters must not exceed a speed of 10 kilometres per hour

and should follow the same road rules as pedestrians."

Users should also consider the combined weight of the scooter and belongings, as driving a weighed-down scooter can drain the battery.

Unevenly distributed weight on a mobility scooter can also risk the scooter tipping.

Given mobility scooters are therapeutic devices to assist in mobility the RACV recommends seeking the advice of a health professional before you buy.

"It is important to ensure the scooter meets your individual needs and that you are able to use it safely."

One thousand Australians are hospitalised each year with mobility scooter-related injuries.

The RACV recommends making sure you know how to share a footpath with other people and how to cross the road safely before venturing out on a mobility scooter for the first time. Put simply, the only people who should be using mobility scooters are those who need them.

Much like owning and operating a car, mobility scooter users must have the eyesight as well as the physical and mental capacity to use the device.

NDIS funding aged care has made mobility devices a much more affordable option according to Coastal Independence and Mobility's Brent Davis.

"After a stroke when a person suffering ongoing paralysis surrenders their motor vehicle licence a mobility scooter can be a life-changer," said Mr Davis.



Michael Imlach, Manager Can Collect Wonthaggi, and Callan Flynn.

Can collect kicks early goals

CAN Collect Wonthaggi has made it into the big three for Can Collect depots across Gippsland collecting eight million containers since it opened eight months ago.

Zone Operator for Can Collect in Wonthaggi and Phillip Island former Essendon and Gippsland Power footballer Will Hams says Wonthaggi is now the third biggest collection site in the region.

"We've returned \$800,000 back to the local community," said the tough midfielder noting that they "see all types" returning containers.

"Sporting clubs returning containers from weekend matches. Kids saving for a PlayStation, or a new bike helped by grandparents".

Can Collect accept aluminium cans, glass bottles, plastics and liquid paperboard.

"We take damaged containers as long as they are legible," said Hams.

"We don't take wine bottles, milk bottles or Tetra Paks."

People enjoy the experience according to Wonthaggi Depot Manager Michael Imlach.

"It is a lot cleaner than you would expect and a lot quieter," said Imlach.

Cash is provided on site while the returned containers are sorted into bigger bins.

"We accept commercial loads as well," added Hams.

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Can we live without Inverloch?

LOCAL people are invited to a fundraising hypothetical event being held on Saturday, August 17 at the Wonthaggi Town Hall as part of National Science Week.

Held in a similar style to Geoffrey Robertson's Hypothetical, the event will pose the hypothetical question "Can we live without Inverloch?" and guide panellists through a light-hearted conversation by posing various scenarios and interrogative questions.

Foundation Executive Officer Deb Watson said the event is an opportunity to explore a very challenging issue in our local region in a fun and light-hearted way.

"Given its National Science Week, we really just want people to think about all aspects of the issue and have an interesting conversation that considers all perspectives in a hypothetical and imaginative way," she said.

All are welcome. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at trybooking.com/CTEJD.

Following the event, a science fair is being held between Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st August 2024 at Wonthaggi Town Hall showcasing local primary, secondary, tertiary, and adult learning students as well as citizen scientists' display or demonstration of their interpretation of the theme "Sustainable science in the everyday".

All displays will be in-situ for the whole event between Monday and Wednesday, with local people encouraged to come and have a look at the submissions.

To find out more about the events email Deb at info@bccf.org.au.

Deputy Opposition Leader champions South Gippsland's priorities

DEPUTY Leader of the Federal Opposition and Shadow Minister for Small and Family Business, and Industry and Skills the Hon Sussan Ley MP was in Leongatha this week.

Ms Ley spoke at a community roundtable discussion hosted by the Liberal Candidate for Monash Mary Aldred, with representatives from local sporting clubs, childcare, TAFE and community aged care attending.

The purpose of the roundtable discussion was to highlight some of South Gippsland's challenges and priorities across population growth, infrastructure, and support for small business.

"It was terrific to have the Deputy Leader of the Federal Opposition Sussan Ley in town to hear directly from community organisations about what areas of support our region needs most. Identifying some of the most critical issues – from improving access to childcare, support for our sporting clubs, driving skills and higher education and better resourcing community aged care are the areas I'm committed to fighting for on behalf of the Monash electorate," said Ms Aldred.

Liberals visit Mirboo North

Deputy Leader of the Federal Opposition the Hon Sussan Ley MP met with Mirboo North residents at Jimmy Jambs Cafe last week to discuss disaster recovery.

Joined by Liberal Candidate for Monash, Mary Aldred, Ms Ley



Deputy Federal Opposition Leader Sussan Ley (right) and Liberal Candidate for Monash, Mary Aldred (left), discuss disaster recovery with Mirboo North residents at Jimmy Jambs Cafe.

connected with local residents discussing how Mirboo North was recovering five months on from the catastrophic storm event that ripped through the area in February.

Residents reported some insurance companies had been slow with their claims processes and several residents were still living in homes with significant damages.

"Over the last five months since the storm event I have had a number of discussions with Mirboo North residents

about their frustration at the lack of adequate response by some insurance companies, as well as broader areas of support community members are keen to highlight," said Ms Aldred.

"That's why I have asked the Deputy Leader of the Federal Opposition Sussan Ley to meet local residents and community groups with me to ensure the issues they are facing can be highlighted at a federal government level."

The Deputy Leader said she

valued the opportunity to hear from the Mirboo North residents.

"As a rural Liberal I understand the ongoing impact natural disasters have on communities like Mirboo North, and hearing from the community was invaluable," said Ms Ley.

"Whether it is the government in Melbourne or in Canberra, leaders and bureaucrats need to listen to the needs of this community and I want to thank Mary Aldred for convening this important meeting."



You're invited to join us for a Bass Coast HYPOTHETICAL

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Social media 'yes' to Bronwyn Beach's bid

LEADING light in early childhood education and the performing arts in South Gippsland, Korumburra's Bronwyn Beach has announced a tilt at the South Gippsland Shire Council.

And if the way her simple announcement on social media last Friday was greeted is any indication, she's a shoe in!

Elections are due to be held by postal ballot in October.

"So excited to give this a crack," said the former communications consultant on Facebook and in no time there were 170 supportive comments posted and well over 300 'likes'.

It's hardly surprising given Bronwyn Beach's community involvement.

A former president of the Board of Management of Karmai Community Children's Centre and as a representative of the former Korumburra Kindergarten Committee, Bronwyn was a member of the original steering committee that drove the development of this key piece of community infrastructure.

Many say the centre changed the course of Korumburra.

She has also been a leading figure in the local performing arts scene, presently in her third term as president of Leongatha Lyric Theatre and secretary of the South Gippsland Dance Eisteddfod.

As an extension of these roles,



Local arts and early childhood education leader, Bronwyn Beach has announced her intention to nominate for the election in the Strzelecki Ward of the South Gippsland Shire Council.

Bronwyn is a member of the South Gippsland Shire Council's Arts Advisory Committee.

She works at the Gippsland Southern Health Service as an addiction counsellor, having previously worked for GippsTafe and the Latrobe Community Health Service.

"I guess it follows on from the experience I had with the Karmai Community Children's Centre project, the Korumburra kinder before that and with the arts advisory group," said Bronwyn this week.

"Having been involved in those

areas, it was a no brainer really to want to extend that and to continue working for the community.

"I'm passionate about South Gippsland and I care about the community, and I feel like I've got something to offer.

"I won't be across everything, I don't think anyone is, but I've had plenty of life experience and I feel like I know the issues families have to face.

"I was raised in a housing commission house by a single mum, and I know what it's like not to have a voice which is what drove me to get involved in the

kinder originally.

"I'm a good communicator, and I'm very interested in good governance too, and would love the opportunity to step up in that space as well."

Bronwyn is chuffed with the response so far.

"I've been encouraged over the years to have a go at local government but you're always a bit nervous when you take the first step. But yes, absolutely thrilled with the support."

As well the support on social media, Bronwyn already has the endorsement of the South Gippsland Mayor Cr Clare Williams: "Bloody amazing, you're a superstar," said the mayor on Facebook.

However, you can't have a say if you're not enrolled to vote. The voting rolls close at 4pm on Wednesday, August 7.

Key election dates

- Wednesday, August 7, 2024 – Roll closes at 4pm
- Monday, September 9, 2024 – Nominations open at 9am
- Tuesday, September 17, 2024 – Nominations, candidate statements, photographs, and questionnaires close at 12noon
- Wednesday, September 18, 2024 – Ballot draw
- Monday, October 7, 2024 – Ballot pack mail out begins
- Friday, October 25, 2024 – Voting closes at 6pm

Fire training heads to Berninneit

TONIGHT, July 30th, the CFA will conduct an evening training exercise at Berninneit, involving three to four local CFA brigades and key council staff. This collaborative effort will focus on alarm activation responses and emergency procedures within the building.

The training will cover essential skills such as search and rescue, the use of breathing apparatus, alarms and sprinkler systems, hose lay practices, and building entry techniques. This exercise is not only a vital training opportunity but also a chance to strengthen relationships between the CFA, centre staff, and fire wardens according to Bass Coast Shire Council.

A council representative emphasised the value of such exercises, stating, "This is a fantastic opportunity for CFA to train and build relationships with the staff at Berninneit."

For the Phillip Island Fire Brigade, this exercise holds particular significance. Although experienced in handling large structure fires, this will be their first training session in the new cultural centre on Phillip Island.

The training exercise will see multiple emergency service appliances on site, and members of the public may see flashing lights.

Overall, the exercise at Berninneit will see a fantastic collaboration between local fire brigades and key stakeholders.

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The ArtCubes in Toora

The ArtCube's have been on the move yet again. This time, the travelling creative spaces have landed in the town of Toora.

Toora will be hosting the ArtCubes for the next four months (until Monday 28 October) and will be situated at the Toora Community Hall car park along Dutton Street.

A variety of local creatives are scheduled to breathe their own creative life into the ArtCubes with works ranging from interpretive installation, collage, photography, printmaking and so much more.

In addition to the number of exhibitions happening in the Cubes, there will also be a variety of workshops for the community to come along and try out a new creative practice.

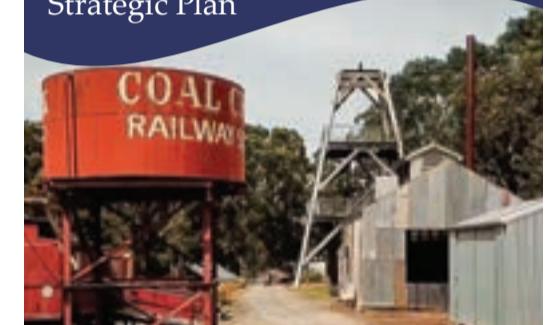
Artists and collectives showcasing their talents from within the ArtCubes include the Corner Inlet Landcare Group, Ellen Taylor, Lisa Kennedy, Monika Kucewiz, Lee Grenfell, Anne Miller, Megan Williams, Toora and District Family History Group, Sally Wilcox, Helen S. Tiernan, Honey Tripper, The Little Toora Press, Sue Gilford, Sean Cowen, Cameron Hayes and Deborah Read, Asriel Encel and Hilary Skelton, Bridget Nicholson and Kim McDonald.

To see a schedule of who will be presenting in the ArtCube's over the coming months, please visit:

www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/artcubes

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to thank the exhibitors in Tarwin Lower and the previous host towns for setting the standard so high when it comes to how the ArtCubes have been used.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
Have Your Say on the
Coal Creek
Strategic Plan



A Draft Coal Creek Strategic Plan is now available for community feedback. This Plan has been created based on the thoughts of more than 400 people through an online survey, pop-ups at community events, written submissions, and the input of a Community Assembly. It proposes a new direction for the Park. We now look to our community once more to read the draft Plan and provide their feedback on this document. You can read the draft Plan and provide your feedback here: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/> Feedback closes Thursday 1 August 2024.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 21 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: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings

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IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLE

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

Vehicle: Grey 2002 Ford sedan

Registration Number: 1VB1ZZ

Engine Number: 6FPAAAJGSW2A20481

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

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

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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

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

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 20 August 2024

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Arawata take roads into their own hands

FOR THE second year running the Arawata Community Hall Association Committee are taking the matter of local roads into their own hands.

Last year, the group initiated a community road survey following concerns raised by a number of community members about local routes.

Particularly in light of population increases across these areas, and the region more broadly over the past few years, which has led to more traffic on these once quiet country roads.

To gather data, gain a good understanding of locals concerns and canvas drivers views of the road conditions in Arawata and the surrounding areas of Fairbank, Ruby, Kardella, and Wild Dog Valley, the local roads survey was born.

With the results from last year's survey in hand, the committee took their findings to the South Gippsland Shire Council, where they engaged in discussions about what improvements could be made.

Over the subsequent months a number of significant works were undertaken resulting in creating safer roads for all who travel along them.

Improvements included an upgrade of the Fairbank-Kardella Road intersection, bus route signs installed, vegetation clearing on dangerous bends, road signs installed for sharp bends, new stop and give-way signs installed and additional maintenance such as roadside vegetation and drainage.

The Arawata Community Hall Association Committee invites all local road users in these areas to contribute to bettering these routes by accessing and completing the survey, which takes a few minutes and is completely anonymous.

The survey will be open and available for completion until the closing date of today (Tuesday, July 30) and can be accessed directly at surveymonkey.com/r/QWSSCMT

For more information email: arawatahall@gmail.com.

Flood preparation study for Foster adopted

A SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council study, formally adopted at the July council meeting, is intended to guide future growth planning in the Foster area, having identified areas susceptible to flooding.

The Flood and Drainage Study for Foster and Surrounding Catchments' makes a series of recommendations, including the introduction of flood overlay mapping into the South Gippsland Planning Scheme.

The Study was prepared in response to a flooding event in 2016, which impacted the Boundary Road area.

Data gathered and the absence of a flood mapping overlay point to the current risk of development occurring without appropriate flood mitigation actions having been considered.

To assist with the implementation of the flood study into the South Gippsland Planning Scheme, council has resolved to apply to the Victorian Government's 'Regional Flood-related Amendments Program'.

This program provides funding support for local governments to prepare for likely future flooding, and to raise community awareness of potential flooding risk.

If the application is successful, council will work with the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) to prepare the required planning scheme amendment, which would then be released for community engagement.

The 'Flood and Drainage Study for Foster and Surrounding Catchments' can be viewed via the flood portal on the WGCMA website, wgcma.vic.gov.au/planning-and-advice/my-flood-risk

"Although we all hope that flooding events won't occur, it is important that we are prepared for them just the same, and the Flood and Drainage Study provides valuable information that will inform council's next steps and help with future planning for Foster and surrounds," South Gippsland Shire Mayor Clare Williams said.

Renewable energy study to guide South Gippsland's future

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council feels its community is better positioned to benefit from the arrival of nationally significant renewable energy projects set to be established off the Gippsland Coast in coming years, following the completion of a study on the subject and a resultant report.

At their July meeting, South Gippsland councillors unanimously endorsed the South Gippsland and Latrobe City Renewable Energy Impact and Readiness Study 2024, developed in partnership with Latrobe City Council and Regional Development Australia, with support from consultants Urban Enterprise.

The study examines the readiness of key towns that may be required to service and support renewable energy projects, business and employment opportunities, skills development, supply chain requirements, housing and accommodation, infrastructure (including ports), and community readiness.

It was implemented to enable the council to plan for the impacts of the Federal Government's 2022 announcement of the Gippsland Offshore Energy Area.

"This Study demonstrates Council's ongoing commitment to ensuring South Gippsland is ready to benefit from the Renewable Energy Zone, and that risks and



South Gippsland Shire Council mayor Clare Williams feels a recent report on renewable energy will be a valuable tool in council's ongoing advocacy to the Victorian and Federal Governments. A08_3024

concerns are mitigated," council stated in a press release.

It is noted that multiple advocacy meetings have occurred, at which South Gippsland Shire Council has reiterated its position and that of its community to Victorian and Federal Government representatives, and that council's advocacy along with that of others resulted in significant changes to the initial energy zones.

Mayor Clare Williams stressed that South Gippsland Shire Council has a positive reputation with government representatives at all levels of government.

"We have been a strong partner from day one, clearly articulating the challenges and opportunities for our region, and I am excited to see this continue alongside this Renewable Energy Impact and Readiness Study," Cr Williams said, expressing her appreciation to all involved in completing the study.

She added that it will be a useful tool for council to continue its strong advocacy concerning renewable energy.

Visit southgippsland.vic.gov.au/impact-readiness-study to read the study report.

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams

HELLO South Gippsland.

Last Monday night I attended the Parma for a South Gippsland Farmer event in Mirboo North. Organised by Agriculture Victoria, GippsDairy and South Gippsland Shire Council, it was an amazing night to make connections, share knowledge and talk about the issues facing our farming community. Warren Davies, known as The Unbreakable Farmer, was an inspiring speaker talking openly about his personal challenges, including mental health. It was fantastic to see people stick around well into the night to talk to each other and support services in attendance.

Thank you to everyone who came along and shared their experiences so candidly. It really helped me better understand the challenges our farmers face, particularly after the February 13 storm event.

The Parma for a South Gippsland Farmer event prompted me to think more about mental health. While you may not be recovering from a storm event, you might be facing other challenges that are impacting you. Please seek support if you feel you aren't quite yourself. Talk to your GP, a support service like BeyondBlue (1300 22 4636) or Lifeline (13 11 14), or a trusted friend. You are loved.

National Tree Day – July 28

In South Gippsland, we all love our beautiful rolling hills and our pristine scenery. We enjoy our open green spaces and getting out in nature. So, it is only natural that we celebrated National Tree Day in style across our region.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in or helped organise a planting day to celebrate National Tree Day and well done to everyone who braved the cold on Sunday to attend the South Gippsland Landcare Network's Pedal and Plant event in Kardella.

Engagement Opportunities

The Draft Coal Creek Community Park and Museum Strategic Plan is out for feedback now until Thursday August 1. If you haven't already, please make sure you submit your honest feedback so we know if the draft Plan has hit the mark.

There is also an opportunity to provide feedback on a draft Integrated Water Management Plan. In simple terms, Integrated Water Management is a new way of looking at water management and this Plan is a first for South Gippsland. Have a read of the draft and provide your feedback before Sunday, August 11, 2024.

To provide feedback on either or both draft Plans, please visit: your-say.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Community Training

After some amazing training sessions in the first six months of 2024, I am excited to let you know that the Training Calendar has been updated to the end of the year.

With topics ranging from social media use to food waste and support with navigating Smarty Grants, you'll be sure to find something for you!

To check out the upcoming sessions and register, please visit: southgippsland.vic.gov.au/community-training

Corner Inlet College showcases innovative learning

CORNER Inlet College hosted a successful Hybrid Information Event on Sunday, July 21, welcoming guests both in person at Mana Gums in Foster, and virtually via Zoom. The event saw a mix of new faces and returning students and families eager to learn more about the new college's offerings.

Board members introduced themselves to all, giving guests the opportunity to meet the team behind the planning. College founder, Jen Young delved into the philosophy of Corner Inlet College, curriculum and academics; highlighting their innovative approach to learning and teaching. She also provided essential updates on the enrolment process and forthcoming building developments.

One of the event's highlights was interactivity and guests shared what they believe a school should look and feel like. Guests posed questions, fostering a great exchange of ideas and information.

Jen expressed her satisfaction with the turnout and the level of engagement observed during the event.

"It was wonderful to see such keen interest from our community and to interact with both prospective and current members of our educational family," she remarked.

The Hybrid Information Event not only served as a platform for prospective families to gain insights into the College's ethos but also underscored the college's commitment to fostering a collaborative and inclusive learning environment.

Corner Inlet College is planning to commence with year 7s and year 8s in 2025, growing to years 7 – 12 by 2029. The board is working with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) to meet the required minimum standards and complete their registration application. Opening and operation of the college is pending VRQA accreditation. For further details on enrolment and upcoming events at Corner Inlet College, visit cornerinletcollege.org or contact the college directly. 0456 821 095, admin@cornerinletcollege.org

Mirboo's renewable advocate

MIRBOO North author and renewable energy campaigner Andy McCarthy is not only proving himself an emerging writing talent but a major detractor of nuclear energy.

Founder of Gippsland Solar McCarthy describes the proposal to site a nuclear power station in the Latrobe Valley as "really sad".

"Replacing existing coal-fired power stations with nuclear reactors is deliberately playing on doubts in the Valley about the region's energy future".

"Nuclear doesn't stand up to scrutiny," McCarthy says.

McCarthy's debut novel 'Here Comes the Sun' traces the once troubled schoolboy's painful journey from a Year 10 dropout to one of Australia's biggest employers in green energy.

Diagnosed with ADHD and relentlessly bullied at high school to the point where major panic attacks saw him hospitalised, McCarthy struggled to find his niche.

"I never really fitted in as a teenager," says McCarthy.

"I felt like I was on the outer."

"Misunderstood and not sure where my place was."

"When I dropped out of school my prospects were not good. I had an energy burning inside but no idea what to do."

After three years drifting, aged nineteen, McCarthy discovered his passion for solar.

"It kept me out of trouble,"



Renewable energy champion and Mirboo North author Andy McCarthy.

says McCarthy.

Andy McCarthy's solar energy story began simply enough in his own garage.

When McCarthy founded Gippsland Solar, renewable energy accounted for just point one per cent of the grid.

Within ten years solar energy had grown to thirty to forty per cent of the grid but the journey to renewables was not without its challenges.

"Renewable energy gave me purpose," remembers McCarthy.

Surviving the hurly-burly of establishing a new business McCarthy eventually sold Gippsland Solar to RACV Solar staying on as Chief Executive for a three-year term.

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"I was playing cricket in Moe when I started coughing," McCarthy recalls.

"I ended up coughing for weeks."

Was McCarthy well ahead of his time?

"It took a long time to take people on the journey," McCarthy answers diplomatically.

"I admit I was belligerent and arrogant."

"Single-minded then but now I have learned to stop and listen."

Grilled further over his stand against nuclear power for the Latrobe Valley.

"Nuclear energy sells false hope to the people of the Valley," says McCarthy.

"The transition from coal to renewables was always going to be difficult in the Valley".

'Here Comes the Sun' will appeal not just to those interested in renewable energy.

"The transition to renewables began after the Morwell Open Cut fire," claims McCarthy.

The concept of neurodivergence is also explored in 'Here Comes the Sun'.

Neurodivergence is a commonly used term used to describe people who may experience the world differently than others and is often associated with those on the autism spectrum or young people diagnosed with ADHD.

'Here Comes the Sun' is published through affirm-press.com.au



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SENIOR PROGRAMS INFORMATION SESSIONS

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

Year 9 into Year 10 Information Sessions

Monday, August 5 at 6.30pm

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

Wednesday, August 7 at 6.30pm

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

Year 10 into Year 11 (Senior Programs) Information Session

Wednesday, July 31 at 6.30pm

@ Wonthaggi Arts Centre (Graham St)

These sessions are open to current BCC students and prospective students for the 2025 school year. Please note that students who attend an information session may be given preference to access programs and subjects.



The Community Bank Mirboo North & District will be celebrating reaching their \$2 million milestone by giving \$1000 prize money to the most original lantern at this year's Winterfest.

\$2 million milestone for Mirboo North

WHEN the Community Bank Mirboo North & District opened their doors in 2010, they never thought they'd reach the significant milestone of returning two million dollars back to the district in less than 15 years.

This is one of the healthiest returns of a Community Bank, and one that the staff and directors are immensely proud of.

Being a Community Bank under a Bendigo Bank franchise means that Community Bank Mirboo North & District can strengthen their surrounding communities by

returning 80 per cent of profits to the district through grants, scholarships, sponsorships and donations.

The remaining 20 per cent enables a healthy return to local shareholders and they primarily operate as a social enterprise that exists to help the district prosper.

There are 126 community groups that have received funding from the bank over the years, who are proud to have played a part in many facility upgrades, equipment purchases, event sponsorships, scholarships for local

youth, and much more.

As the Community Bank continues to prosper, more and more funding will flow back to community projects, with the sky literally the limit.

The bank will be celebrating reaching the \$2 million milestone and all the groups that have received funding will become part of the \$2 million club.

To kick off the \$2 million club celebrations the bank is sponsoring the Winterfest Ridgeway Lantern Parade and donating prize money of \$1000 to the Community Group with the most original

lantern for this year's theme of Forest and Friends.

To be in the running for this generous \$1000 prize, get together with your community, school or sporting group in Mirboo North and District and create a wonderful and unique lantern for the parade.

The Ridgeway Lantern Parade will be held on Saturday, August 3, at dusk, with the Community Bank leading the way with their pig lantern from last year, which has been turned into a wombat to fit with this year's Forest and Friends theme.

New vehicle for the Wednesday Warriors

THE FRIENDS of the Lyrebird Forest Walk have gratefully received a new vehicle through a range of community donations so they can continue their tireless efforts maintaining local trails.

The volunteer group of about 25 retirees, otherwise known as the Wednesday Warriors, regularly get together in Mirboo North to ensure the Grand Ridge Rail Trail and the Lyrebird Forest Walk are well maintained for the hundreds of walkers, riders, joggers and horse riders that travel on the trails each week.

The group spends time clearing fallen trees and collecting the logs which are then brought back to their shed and cut into useable firewood. The firewood then gets donated for raffles, sold or given to community members in need, as they are a non-profit.

"We look after people in need," said President Jim O'Brien.

With over 15 kilometres of trails to be maintained, the group cover a large area and has been getting around in an aging, two-seater vehicle that needed replacing. They approached the Mirboo North and District Community Bank seeking funding to help purchase a replacement vehicle, and the Bank was pleased to be able to support the volunteers in part with their purchase with a grant of \$7500.

"We're very reliant on donations, grants and funding to keep us going," explained Jim. "With the generous support of the Bendigo Bank we were able to get a new vehicle, because of the amount of members, and we look after 15 kilometres of rail trail, so we need to get around."

After also having received a \$5000 donation from the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation, \$1000 from the South Gippsland Shire Council and \$7500 from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal, they were able to purchase a second-hand, five-seater vehicle.



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Date: Monday 9 September – 6pm-8pm **Venue:** The Criterion Hotel – 90 Macalister Street

Virtual Boarding Information Session

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

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

Representatives from local VET providers will also be in attendance.

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History comes to life in South Gippsland

THE ROYAL Historical Society of Victoria's (RHSV) regional seminar will be hosted by the Leongatha & District Historical Society, and the South Gippsland Historical Network on Saturday August 17 at Leongatha Memorial Hall, with historically themed tours the following morning of a couple of Leongatha buildings and Coal Creek.

Seminar attendees will learn how local research and collections can lead to valuable publications and uncover wider themes and stories, the event being the second regional seminar this year of RHSV's 'Historical Societies Support Committee' (HSSC).

Wonthaggi & District Historical Society will play a significant part in discussions, with Saturday morning's seminar program including a talk by Rees Quilford on the ongoing legacy of the Wonthaggi Miners' Women's Auxiliary. He'll be followed by Sam Gatto detailing how shortly after the establishment of the State Coal Mine in November 1909, the mining community set out to build a social welfare system based on solidarity and cooperation.

Dr Rosalie Triolo, vice president of RHSV will prompt discussion of the historical sources and resources that attendees regularly use in their work then recommend a variety of less commonly considered options.

Other seminar presentations include the impact of new tax laws on historical societies, the stories of pioneer women, and a rediscovery of the original road network into the Western Strzelecki Ranges.

After dinner at the Leongatha RSL, local historian and secretary of Leongatha & District Historical Society, Lyn Skillern, will provide background on items on display at the RSL as well as on significant local identities.

Sunday morning activities get underway at Leongatha Mechanics Institute before heading to Coal Creek. The seminar costs \$35 for financial members and \$55 for non-members, with tickets available through the RHSV.

Unearth family secrets this August

By Peter Brown

MOST of us are aware of the TV series "Who Do You Think You Are", where Ancestry.com highlights the life and family history of selected celebrities.

Perhaps you don't know that since 1996 we have had our own, not for profit, family history centre, Wonthaggi Genealogy Inc (WGI). We are in the Wonthaggi Library.

We are a group of volunteers who help curious people search their own family stories. We have a bank of up-to-date computers and subscribe to several family history research sites. We also have less known local resources, many of which are not available to the commercial groups.

Membership of less than a dollar a week opens a veritable Pandora's Box of discovery. Since I have been connected to WGI, I have unearthed much exciting gossip – stuff my relatives didn't mention.

My infant sister died during experimental brain surgery. Why did my very 'pucka' grandmother have no wedding photos? - her father was in jail. A publican relative drowned in the stables with his head in a water barrel. A sailor, whose ship left port without him, was in jail. He later persuaded many of his extended family to migrate to NZ. An RN Officer was court-martialed for his need of tobacco. Two young girls of the same name died when their nighties caught fire. I have discovered many more stories of intrigue, including mutiny, adultery and murder, and famous relatives, naughty and nice, rich and poor. The incredible range includes convicts and free settlers and those in search of gold and adventure. As a young man, I knew none of this. I have had the pleasure of reuniting family and friends (known and unknown).

Help from others of like interest, and their disparate stories, of fact and fiction, all make an interesting hobby.

WGI is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (10am-1pm) for research and at other times for coffee and chatter, movies and special interest sessions.

The more people we get on board, the more we can do. Why not come in and see if family history is a hobby for you? We will be 'strutting our stuff' at the library on August 5 and 10. Come and meet us.

Bob Newton calls for help with local street history

KORUMBURRA'S Bob Newton is working diligently on a new book on the history of streets, roads and lanes in the former Shire of Woorayl, and will later produce an updated and expanded version of his book 'Korumburra & District Road Names and Places History'.

While these projects are a labour of love for the president of the Korumburra & District Historical Society, he needs help from community members.

"I'm looking for information on any streets, roads and lanes that are named after families in the former Shire of Woorayl," he said.

That shire included towns such as Leongatha, Inverloch, Tarwin Lower, Venus Bay and Meenyan.

While Bob is currently working on Leongatha and district, he is happy to hear from anyone who has information on any of the streets, roads and lanes in Korumburra and district.

Those who believe they have found a mistake in the original version of his Korumburra book are encouraged to get in touch so he can make any necessary changes for the new edition, and information on streets, roads and lanes with family connections in the



Korumburra history enthusiast Bob Newton, pictured with Cr Jenni Keerie unveiling a plaque recently, is calling for information on the history of streets, roads and lanes as he works on a new book. A21_3124

Mirboo North and Foster areas is also welcome.

As far as his Shire of Woorayl book, Bob still has plenty of work to do on Venus Bay, with Atherton Drive, Cricheton Crescent, Gary Court and Jenkins Street among the 20 or so streets and lanes in the town he is still to gather information on.

Franklin Circuit is another challenge Bob is looking to solve and he describes the street as "a fairly late subdivision".

Leongatha's Carty Lane is an example of the kind of

information he is finding, with Bob noting that Vincent Thomas Carty Junior, known as Tom, was born in Leongatha in 1902 and married wife May in 1923.

"He was one of the first pupils at St Laurence's Primary School and his parents Thomas and Marryanne came out from Ireland and settled on what is known as Carty Hill," Bob said.

Old copies of the Sentinel-Times have proved a useful resource for the local historian during his current project as

have local cemetery records, and he will soon be embarking on reading editions of The Great Southern Star.

While acknowledging the street project requires an enormous amount of work, Bob finds it provides a great sense of fulfillment.

"I believe I'm meant to do this sort of job," he said.

Those keen to provide Bob with street name history for his book can send him an email at inverburra@yahoo.com.au or phone him on 0408 515 923.

A piece of history demolished in Poowong



A piece of Poowong history is now a pile of rubble. ob01_3124



Since the 1930's, the site at the Poowong intersection had been a service station for the town.

was open, the corner office was also used as an agency for various banks, which locals worked at.

The business closed some years ago and the premises was sold to the current owner.

Last year, it was reported to Council that the building was deteriorating and had the potential to collapse onto the road or footpath and cause injury or damage.

In May 2023, officers inspected the building and hired a structural engineer to assess its safety. The engineer's report concluded that the structure had deteriorated beyond

its design lifespan and that the building was in a stage of progressive collapse.

Based on the findings, Council determined that the building posed a danger to the occupants and the community and subsequently issued a Building Order on Friday 26 March 2024, mandating the building's demolition.

After several extensions to

allow the owner to clear the sheds, a follow-up inspection in June 2024 revealed that the east-facing brick wall was significantly less stable and leaning into the road reserve.

In early July the Council

issued an emergency order for temporary fencing to secure the site for the safety of the public. A final extension for demolition was granted until Wednesday, July 31, 2024, to give the property owners time to clear the property.

Some of the townspeople are dismayed about the loss of history and failure to preserve ageing local buildings commenting.

• Knock down old buildings at your peril, lose the atmosphere of the town and why would anyone want to visit?

While other locals see it as a positive opportunity for the town.

• A lot of people have memories in the building that has been demolished but I think it was definitely for the best that the structure is now gone. Leaves a space for hopefully one day a new building to become another business in the town.

According to a local source, the owner commented that at this stage nothing new would be going on the site and it could be used as a carpark for nearby businesses.

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South east brigades rewarded for black summer service

FOUR South East CFA brigades have been rewarded for their service in the Black Summer fires, following a generous donation from the Essendon and District Football League (EDFL).

A large \$20,000 donation has been divided between the Erica & District, Heyfield, Cann Valley and Mirboo North Fire Brigade's for their direct support in the 2019/20 fire season.

Having played a large role in assisting their communities while neighbouring brigades were responding and deployed on strike teams, the four brigades were deemed worthy recipients.

CFA Acting Assistant Chief Officer District 10 Simon Bloink alongside District Business Manager Amanda Rigoni welcomed the generous donors from the EDFL to a small morning tea at Heyfield Fire Station on Thursday, June 27.

Mirboo North firefighter Allan Schafer said the brigade is incredibly thankful for the league's kindness and feel extremely special that the sentiment remains strong years after the event.

"We're hoping to put the money towards equipment and items at the fire station. It will be of such help," Allan said.

"I like the idea of having a small circular brass plaque on one of the items that we buy so people will be aware in the future where the money has come from and how grateful we are."

Funds were raised off the back of an initiative put forward by Roxburgh Park Football Club Coach Michael Farrelly, who suggested an All Stars match for the league should take place to raise money for Black Summer affected community organisations.

The February 16, 2020 match saw funds generated through entry fees of a well-attended game, merchandise, food and beverages. The event was also to become even more a momentous occasion as it was the only league game played that year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cann Valley 1st Lieutenant Frank Herbert said due to their location at the far end of Gippsland and a small population, any help and support they get is greatly appreciated.

"While we haven't firmed our plans yet, we do hope to use the money to buy more equipment, specifically a fixed monitor to distribute more water," Frank said.

"We had a major fire in the centre of town a couple of months ago that took out our main café restaurant, and if we didn't have our neighbouring brigades assisting during that we would've struggled to pump enough water on the job. It would go to great use."

Representatives from the EDFL, including Board Chair Bernie Shinners, CEO Andrew Johnson and Board Member Ian Price were pleased they got to meet volunteers from the four brigades to deliver them the individual cheques.

"Having the opportunity to meet and hear from the EDFL men really made me realise there are some great people out there, particularly in the city who do recognise what people in the country do and recognise that from time to time we do it tough," Frank said.

CFA Life Membership for valued peer

DUMBALK Fire Brigade's Rob Auchterlonie was awarded a CFA Life Membership at the recent South Gippsland Group of brigades' annual dinner in Meeniyian on Saturday night, July 20.

In the 40 plus years of service to CFA, Rob has held many positions over the years, first with his former brigades Driffield and Yinnar and Dumbalk where he is currently 2nd Lieutenant. However, most in District 9 know Rob has a valued peer, and peer coordinator.

The CFA peer program links members to volunteers and their families who may need mental health and wellbeing support. Peers will often be dispatched to support brigades after traumatic events as an initial pillar of support to volunteers.

During his very brief speech of thanks, Rob commented that his role as peer coordinator and peer was some of his most rewarding work.

During Rob's time at Dumbalk, he has also served as the Brigade Health and Safety Officer, Training Officer, Volunteer Fire Brigade Victoria delegate, and Deputy Group Officer with the former Mirboo Group.

In front of friends, family and colleagues, brigades congratulated their members for many years of service to CFA.

Other award recipients were: Dumbalk: Sharon Fisher (10 year), Adrian Coulter (30 year), Greg Trease (55 year); Fish Creek & District: Alan Wright



Dumbalk award recipients congratulated by District 9 ACFO John Jugum (far left), and Captain Dallas Campbell (far right) included: Walter Aich (outgoing South Gippsland Group Officer), Rob Auchterlonie (CFA Life Membership and 40-year medal), Adrian Coulter (30 year medal), Greg Trease (55 year medal) and Sharon Fisher (10 year medal).

(20 year), Robert Latham (25 year), Craig Buckland (30 year), Mike O'Mara (30 year), Doug Latham (55 year); Foster: Kelly Liddell (5 year), Monica Midwinter (5 year), Ken Dobrich (10 year), David Pollard (10 year), Kaylene Jones (45 year); Meeniyian-Stony Creek: Geoff Cooling (10 year), Hayley Young (10 year); Toora: Fiona Argento (10 year), Ken Roche (20 year), Geoff Turner (25 year); Welshpool: Ron Leach (15 year), Jo Darvill (25 year), Mark Parry (25 year), Jim Parry (60 year); Yanakie: Ashely Zuidema (20 year).



District 9 ACFO John Jugum presented awards to, from left, Ken Roche (20-year medal), Fiona Argento (10-year medal) and Geoff Turner (25-year medal).

Wonthaggi Fire Brigade celebrates at Clubhouse



WONTHAGGI Fire Brigade recently celebrated the achievements of firefighters and members at their annual fire brigade awards dinner.

Master of Ceremonies Damien O'Connor keep the crowd of firefighters, members, family and local delegates entertained as formal proceedings saw three years of service awards and three annual brigade awards presented.

Ian Hendry was presented with Firefighter of the Year. His many years of service were recognised particularly his dedication to the satellite station at Cape Paterson.

Ian Parker (absent) was named for the Training Award of the Year, whilst John Simmons (absent) took out the Captains Encouragement Award.

Three members were also presented with service awards: 2nd Lieutenant Kevin Else (20 years), Joel Pendlington (10 years) and Ismet Hasanoglu (5 years).

LEFT: Firefighter of the Year Ian Hendry, Joel Pendlington (10 years Service), Captain Arnaud Marion, Ismet Hasanoglu (5 year Service) and 2nd Lieutenant Kevin Else (20 years Service). C02_3124



Wonthaggi dominates for second year in a row

THE Wonthaggi Fire Brigade and Phillip Island Fire Brigade came together for their annual Ten Pin Bowling Challenge Night on Sunday at Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling and Entertainment Centre. This much-anticipated event saw firefighters from both brigades swap their

fire hoses for bowling balls, aiming to outscore each other in a friendly yet fierce competition.

For the second year in a row, Wonthaggi Fire Brigade emerged victorious, edging out their rivals with a narrow but decisive win. Wonthaggi's team showcased impressive

consistency and skill, achieving an average score of 199.6, which was just enough to surpass Phillip Island's average of 195.8. Whilst competition was intense at times, the evening is a chance for members and their families to mingle outside of the fire grounds.

A highlight of the evening was Alistair Lowe from the Wonthaggi Fire Brigade, who took home the accolade for the highest single game score, 168.

While Wonthaggi took home the trophy this year, Phillip Island vowed to come back stronger next year.

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Dani Calafiore of Mirboo North Pony Club accepts \$7500 to assist with a safe horse yards project, with Mayor Clare Williams and Cr Jenni Keerie. A08_3124



Alex Monacello and Sandra Panagiris of Gippsland Southern Health Service are pleased with \$5000 towards the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, with Cr Sarah Gilligan. A09_3124



Steve McTaggart receives \$1600 on behalf of Bena Public Hall Inc. towards a kitchen air conditioner, with Mayor Clare Williams and Cr Nathan Hersey. A04_3124



Bill Karambatso and Alyson Skinner of Venus Bay Community Centre receive \$3000 towards promoting 'Sunny', the electric minibus, with Cr Mohya Davies. A13_3124



Craig Panagiris and Noelene Cossen collect \$5000 on behalf of Korumburra Staying Strong to help with a volunteer thank you and advancing the Korumburra Emergency Plan or the Community Plan, with Cr Sarah Gilligan. A12_3124



Peter Pryce-Lewis and Mark Leeworthy of Port Welshpool Flotilla - Australian Volunteer Coastguard Association pick up \$2000 towards the cost of a remote controlled lifebuoy, with Cr Sarah Gilligan. A11_3124



Steve Mooney and Matt Thompson of Korumburra Men's Shed are pleased with \$7650 funding to help with the cost of a crossover and accessible parking, with Cr Jenni Keerie. A07_3124



Beth Arnold and Sue Millett of Prom Coast Centres for Children Inc. receive \$3750 towards 'A Welcoming Space', scoping project, with Cr Scott Rae. A19_3124



Samara Cunningham and Steve Canning of (it's no) drama Ltd collect \$2000 to assist with the cost of arts-specific disability awareness training, with Cr Scott Rae. A18_3124



Jodie Arnup accepts \$7500 on behalf of Koonwarra/Leongatha RSL Cricket Club to help with its irrigation project, with Cr Mohya Davies. A15_3124



Sean Fraser of the Walter J Tuck Reserve Committee of Management collects \$7500 to help with the purchase of a small tractor and mower, with Cr Mohya Davies. A16_3123



Sean Taylor is delighted with South Gippsland Shire Council's \$7500 contribution towards essential remedial works to Yanakie Hall, with Cr Jenni Keerie. A05_3124



Beth Arnold of Manna Gum Community House welcomes an \$8800 contribution towards a (Foster community hygiene station feasibility study), with Cr Jenni Keerie. A06_3124



Representatives of the Korumburra Italian Social Club, Maria Condoluci, Sarina Olsen, and Sally and Arc Gammaldi receive \$10,000 towards the repair of the upstairs floor and kitchen, the group flanked by Mayor Clare Williams and Cr Nathan Hersey. A01_3124

Community Grants support appreciated

AN ARRAY of local organisations and those they benefit received funding towards projects and equipment in the latest round of South Gippsland Shire Community Grants, announced at a Leongatha ceremony on Wednesday night, with 23 grants awarded.

\$119,500 was handed out in the second round of Community Grants for 2023/2024 across four major categories, being 'Developing Community Assets' (\$51,050), 'Building Community Capacity' (\$27,500),

'Strengthening Community Sport' (\$22,500), and 'Creating Community Culture' (\$18,450).

Leongatha's historic grandstand needs extensive work, fixing its three staircases expected to cost \$55,979, with the \$7500 Community Grant towards that cost greatly appreciated by those on the Leongatha Recreation Reserve Committee of Management.

Port Welshpool Flotilla - Australian Volunteer Coastguard Association can now avoid the risk

of bringing its vessel too close to a boat in distress needing to be towed, thanks to the purchase of a remote controlled life-buoy that will take a tow rope to those in need, with a community grant of \$2000 towards the \$7920 cost.

For those who missed out or have a new community project or initiative needing funding assistance, applications for Round 1 of the 2024/2025 Community Grants Program are open until the end of August.



Marge Arnup and Trish Steele of Fish Creek Memorial Hall Association accept \$5000 towards chairs and two mobile trolley storage racks, with Mayor Clare Williams and Cr Nathan Hersey. A02_3124



Olivia Skillern and Kellie Smith are pleased to accept \$2000 towards the Leongatha & District Historical Society's kitchen project, with Mayor Clare Williams and Cr Nathan Hersey. A03_3124



Scott Cameron, Marty Reidy and John Burke of the Leongatha Business Association get \$3500 towards Biketoberfest, with Cr Scott Rae. A17_3124



Nick Dudley and Jo Sapir of Arawata Landcare Group receive \$5000 to assist with the 2024 Pedal and Plant event at Kardella, with Mayor Clare Williams and Cr Sarah Gilligan. A10_3124



Graeme Winkler and Glenn Wright of the Leongatha Recreation Reserve Committee of Management are pleased with \$7500 to assist with the cost of grandstand stair replacement, with Mayor Clare Williams and Cr Mohya Davies. A14_3124



Trees are the key to connecting catchments.

Remnants and reveg

FROM Swamp Paperbarks to majestic River Red Gums and towering Mountain Ash, trees are the building blocks of catchments

This National Tree Day West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (CMA) celebrated trees young and old – those in the precious patches of remnant bush we strive to protect and enhance and those planted today to play a part in our dream of restoring rivers and catchments.

"From San Remo to Sale, West Gippsland is a diverse environment with a mind-boggling array of tree species and vegetation communities," said Matt Bowler, Team Leader – Project Delivery for West Gippsland CMA.

"Every tree plays its part in healthy waterways by securing banks and making them more resilient, filtering water and providing shelter for stock and homes for wildlife.

"Remnant patches of vegetation exist across the catchment and are those that have never been cleared. Each is precious and provides the richest habitat and a virtual 'encyclopedia' of the complexity of plants that grow in Gippsland."

Matt and his team look to these remnants to inform their projects.

"They are the 'time capsules' and reflect what we are trying to recreate across our restoration projects that will ultimately become the 'remnant vegetation' of the future."

Farmers often tell Matt that shelter belts are 'better than hay' out in the paddocks with cattle resting in their shelter over winter and keeping on weight and condition. Farmers are also key in supporting habitat by fencing off patches of remnant vegetation on their properties.

Along rivers, Matt and team works with landholders to create habitat to fence off riverbanks, protect vegetation and enhance the different habitats that once dominated the landscape.

Across 2023-24, Matt and his Project Delivery team put in 150,000 carefully sourced and selected plants to enhance and link wetlands and restore rivers. This number is complemented by many more planted by the amazing partners the CMA works with – including Traditional Owners, Landcare, Trust for Nature, Greening Australia and private landholders.

"Revegetated rivers become corridors for animals to move along and find refuge in times of drought. I've been involved with the CMA for 15 plus years, and one of the best parts of my job is driving around, seeing the patches of habitat we have helped to create doing their job, full of birds, koalas, possums and gliders."

Inverloch kids plant for the future



Knox, Jack, Caidence, William from Inverloch Childcare planted grass trees with teacher Millie Marriner. B06_3124



Inverloch smoking ceremony with Sonia Weston for National Schools Tree Day. B02_3124



Smoking ceremony at Inverloch Recreation Reserve for National Schools Tree Day. B04_3124

NATIONAL Schools Tree Planting Day began in Inverloch last week with a combined school and childcare centre smoking ceremony at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve.

Hundreds of children from the Inverloch Kongwak Primary School, Inverloch and District Preschool and Inverloch Childcare watched transfixed as Boon Wurrung woman Sonia Weston conducted a traditional 'Caring for Country' smoking ceremony.

After waiting for the children to pass through a ballooning haze of smoke Project Convenor John Cuttriss from the South Gippsland Conservation Society led each of the three groups of children on separate tree planting exercises. Inverloch Childcare began the day by planting grass trees in a small nature reserve in Beacon Street, Inverloch.

Inverloch Primary School students walked to Wallace Avenue in Inverloch to plant two hundred and fifty trees provided by Inverloch Community House.

Inverloch kindergarten kids finished the day with a demonstration of banksia planting.

A total of one thousand trees were planted on the day including ground hugging banksias and lomandras.

Baths Road Reserve looks a little greener



Ruth Harper, Chris Lobb, Ruth Rogan and Ruth Kelly were happy to be volunteering to plant and protect Baths Road Reserve on Sunday morning. ob48_3124

LAST Sunday morning the Friends of Baths Road Reserve ran a community planting day at the Reserve in Mirboo North.

Over 30 volunteers braved the wild weather to help plant out two thousand natives in a section of the reserve that is considered safe to work in.

The friends group received grant funding prior to the storm to plant native ground cover species to improve biodiversity and reduce the impact of invasive weeds.

The most invasive weeds in the reserve include blackberries, ivy, holly and asparagus weed.

This is even more important post-storm damage when invasive weeds can thrive and take

over native species due to less tree canopy.

The friends group propagated the plants from seed and also received some donations from the local nursery.

Renee Simpson from the friends group believes the storm has created more interest in protecting the reserve.

"I think probably if we hadn't had the storm we wouldn't have the group of people we've had here today," said Renee.

The Friends of Bath Reserve normally meet on the last Sunday of the month and will continue to provide input into planning that will support the recovery of the remnant forest in the nature reserve.

Less pedalling but more planting a rail trail success



Nick Stephens from South Gippsland Landcare Network with Jo Savir Secretary of the Arawata Landcare group worked together to make the Pedal and Plant Day a great success. ob55_3124

mental health and awareness and was designed to encourage the community to get outdoors and improve their mental health by cycling or walking on the Rail Trail and planting trees.

"We partner with one of our fifteen groups each year, so the last two were with Loch-Nyora and this year we're doing it with Arawata," said Nick.

The Pedal and Plant Day was originally linked to

of rail trail to choose from and the idea is we try and encourage (weather dependent of course) people to ride," explained Nick.

Although there wasn't too much pedalling due to the early morning stormy weather,

many volunteers braved the conditions to help plant out the site; and there was even a pony express who came along the rail trail to make a plant delivery.

"As you can see, we've got a pretty bloody good turnout anyway, even though the weather's terrible," said Nick Dudley, President of the Arawata Landcare group.

"But it's actually really good for planting today because the ground is so soft, it's easy to work and there's moisture in there, so the trees aren't going to dry out for another month."

The South Gippsland Shire Council provided a \$5000 community grant for the day and the Leongatha Seed Bank generously contributed \$2000, while the rest is funded by a Landcare grant.

The Rotary Club of Leongatha and Leongatha Lions Club also partnered up on the day to provide snacks, a BBQ and hot drinks for all the volunteers.

Sale, sale, sale all surplus stock must sell

A TINY baby native grass tree for just three dollars is just one of the bargains you can expect at the Wonthaggi Seed Bank and Nursery end of season stock sale on Sunday, August 4.

Anyone with their heart set on one of the one hundred grass trees for sale will need to be quick, and patient as grass trees take fifty years to reach shoulder high maturity.

Most plants at the Group's plant nursery will sell for one dollar a tube.

South Gippsland Conservation Society President Ed Thexton is quick to praise the work of the fifty WSBN volunteers who collect seed and propagate indigenous plant species for South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires.

"Come and join us," exclaimed Thexton.

Wonthaggi Seed Bank and Nursery volunteers are divided into two groups – seed collectors and plant propagators, although some volunteers do both.

WSBN Secretary Margaret Barnard says they can fill large orders for revegetation projects or provide plants to satisfy planning permits.

"The end of year clearance sale in August is an opportunity for anyone to purchase indigenous plant stock," said Margaret.

Committee member Susan Peel is equally as enthusiastic.

"We have canopy trees to attract koalas," boasted Susan.

"You can also buy bird and insect attracting ground



WSBN volunteers Peter McKenzie and John Sexton preparing plants for sale. B12_3124

covers," added Margaret.

Daisies and Olearias will be popular at one dollar a tube and specialist stock such as the tiny grass trees grown from seed will also be on sale for three dollars.

"Bring a carry basket," said Margaret.

Expect to find a selection of indigenous wattles, grasses, sheoaks, banksia, blackwood, salt bush, sedges, gums, tea tree, paperbarks, pigface and daisies.

For something different try Bidgee Widgee, Old Man's Beard, Hound's-Tongue,

Kidney-Weed, Noon-Flower, Gippsland Bog Gum, Hemp Bush, Running Postman, Weeping Grass, Muttonwood or Kangaroo Apple.

The Wonthaggi Seed Bank and Nursery can be found at the rear of the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine.

Surplus stock will be on sale from 10am to 12 noon Sunday August 4.

You can park in the State Coal Mine Cafe carpark and follow the signs to the nursery.

More information is available at wsbn.org.au/sale.



Aileen Vening volunteering at the Wonthaggi Seed Bank and Nursery. B10_3124

Foster local launches petition for universal access at Agnes Falls

AGNES Falls is the highest single-span waterfall in Victoria and sees 35,000 visitors each year, yet it fails to have all-abilities access and Foster man, Matthew Sherry is looking to change that.

Matthew has started a petition called Demand All-Ability Access at Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve.

As someone affected by a disability himself, Matthew finds the current lack of accessibility at the reserve unjust and discriminatory and has been trying to change it for eight years.

He has been a member of the volunteer group, Friends of Agnes Falls (FOAF) for that time and over the years, FOAF has made many concerted efforts for upgrades to be implemented.

This included raising money through their own endeavours, seeking grants, holding meetings, organising working groups and advocating to Parks Victoria.

However, Parks Victoria – Foster, who is responsible for the area has informed FOAF they don't have the manpower, funding or resources to make any upgrades.

"We weren't able to get any improvements done at the grounds or any safety concerns upgrades, especially for the disability access," said Matthew.

"We tried working with them, saying volunteers are happy to do the work, volunteers have

secured funding, but the answer was always no, we don't want to do it."

In answer to questions about the failure to complete any works at Agnes Falls the departments stated,

- Parks Victoria has investigated options for improving access to Agnes Falls. These options included an all abilities boardwalk from the carpark to the top of the falls, and the removal of unsafe steps. These will be progressed when resources allow.

- Infrastructure projects are subject to funding, approvals and contractor availability.'

In a bid to try and get some work happening at the falls, Matthew has been forced to resign from FOAF to begin the petition, as volunteers are bound by the Parks Victoria Volunteer Charter, which means they are not allowed to speak publicly about Parks Victoria.

The changes and upgrades Matthew is petitioning for are relatively minor and would make the falls accessible to the visually impaired, those bound to wheelchairs, the elderly and those on crutches.

He is proposing that a wheelchair-accessible path go to the picnic tables which have allowed space for a wheelchair but are currently inaccessible.

He is proposing an upgrade to the paths which are lined with fine stones, making it

slippery and dangerous underfoot, particularly for the elderly and those on crutches.

There are steps, that could be upgraded, as they too are currently dangerous and he would like to see a ramp added for greater accessibility.

"Nothing really has been done in the eight years that I've been there because we keep getting stonewalled," Matthew explained.

This is despite the department recently updating its Disability Action Plan which states that:

- Parks Victoria recognises that inclusion of people with a disability in all aspects of community life is a human right that also brings many social, cultural and economic benefits for the wider community.

- Parks Victoria is committed to providing parks that are inclusive for all Victorians.

- Parks Victoria's updated Disability Action Plan 2022-2026 outlines our ongoing commitment to actively reduce barriers, promote inclusion, change attitudes and practices, and improve outcomes for our employees, volunteers and visitors with a disability.

When Matthew wrote to Parks Victoria about Agnes Falls' lack of accessibility in relation to their own Disability Plan, he received an email response that was ultimately a falsehood, stating that the Disability Action Plan 2022-2026 was a draft

plan written by Parks Victoria and will not be progressed.

When questioned about the response Parks Victoria stated,

"The comment about the draft plan not being progressed referred to the options for Agnes Falls, not the Parks Victoria Disability Action Plan 2022-26."

Around one in six, or 18 per cent of people in Australia have a disability and 2.1 per cent are elderly, aged 85 or over, potentially making up about five million people who are unable to access the natural wonder.

Ultimately, Matthew would like to see Parks Victoria be supported to ensure Agnes Falls is adapted to become an all-abilities access facility, so every single person who wants to enjoy Agnes Falls, can.

The petition has received over 900 signatures at the time of writing. To sign the petition in support of fairness, equality and for all to have access to Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve go to: change.org/p/demand-all-ability-access-at-agnes-falls-scenic-reserve.



New project underway on Giant Gippsland Earthworm

AN EXCITING step forward in further understanding the Giant Gippsland Earthworm and its habitat requirements is underway with the successful funding of a new 18-month project.

The project aims to improve the conservation status of the GGE and on-ground works to map and protect GGE colonies on four properties in South Gippsland has begun.

Groundwater probes have been installed in a pilot project to study and capture data on soil moisture, temperature and oxygen levels around the colonies across the seasons.

The project is titled 'Threat Mitigation and Soil Hydrology for the Giant Gippsland Earthworm' and is a collaboration between the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Landcare Networks, the Gippsland Threatened Species Action Group (GTSAG), Oates Environmental Consulting, Drift Media, Invert-Eco Terrestrial Invertebrate Consulting and Water Technology.

"I would see this exciting and somewhat novel pilot project as the 'Canary in the Coal mine' that will not only provide vital information on the hydrology of GGE habitat but will also determine and inform future management and stewardship of the land in times of ongoing climate change," said Dave Sutton, Chair of GTSAG.

Dr Beverley Van Praagh from Invert-Eco Terrestrial Invertebrate Consulting has been studying the Giant Gippsland Earthworm for the past 30 years and is expecting the research to provide some valuable insights.

"This is an exciting opportunity to work collaboratively with fantastic organisations. The more information we collect about these amazing creatures, the better equipped we will be to manage and protect their habitat and ensure they survive into the future."

A public field day will be held in 2025 to help share what is learnt from this project and videos and case studies will also be created and added to giantearthworm.org.au and the GGE interactive tool created during previous work.

These same groups helped to carry out work in 2022 on the GGE, to enhance knowledge and protection of the species, as the majority of the GGE habitat in the Strzelecki Ranges has been cleared for agriculture.

While the GGE can survive well under pasture, it is threatened by changes in the soil moisture, soil compaction and pugging by cattle; revegetation of dense, high water-usage species can also dry out GGE habitat.

This previous project led to the development of new resources that provide landowners advice on how to identify and manage colonies throughout the landscape.

In South Gippsland, colonies are most often found on steep slopes and along stream banks, where revegetation often occurs and can be identified by listening for a gurgling sound that worms sometimes make when moving through their moist burrows.

Three different planting regimes based on common landforms including gullies and creek banks, major stream terraces and steep slopes were developed to protect GGE colonies and include planting lists to grow either wet/damp forest, swampy riparian woodland or warm temperate rainforest.

The current project being undertaken received grant funding from the Australian Government's Saving Native Species Program.

Live4Life selected for international grant

THE Live4Life program which operates throughout country Victoria including South Gippsland has been selected for a grant from the worldwide Kindness in Community Fund.

Launched by Born This Way Foundation and made global with support from Cotton On and Cotton On Foundation the grant furthers the work Live4Life undertakes in rural and regional communities supporting youth mental health and reducing suicide.

Live4Life CEO Bernard Galbally said, "Live4Life is very proud to be announced as one of sixty-five recipients worldwide to bring young mental health ambassadors together from all over the state for a three-day Crew Camp."

The Live4Life Crew Camp will run from September 23 to 25 providing a unique opportunity for crew members to meet and make friends with Crew from Live4Life communities around Victoria.

Live4Life is an award-winning prevention model centred on young people themselves.

The innovative mental health program brings together rural and regional communities to deliver evidence-based mental health education in schools and the wider community, creates local partnerships to lead conversations that reduce stigma, and also promotes young leaders as Mental Health Ambassadors.

In 2023 over six thousand young people received evidence-based mental health education. Seventy-five per cent of people with mental ill health have their first episode during adolescence.

The Live4Life model has proven its effectiveness in growing mental health awareness and a help-seeking culture across thirteen Victorian rural communities including Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

There is currently a waitlist of over twenty rural and regional communities throughout Australia.

New men's shed for Korumburra from Friends donation

CONSTRUCTION is about to start on a new Men's Shed in Korumburra at Gippsland Southern Health Service's (GSHS) Hillside Lodge. The new Men's Shed has been made possible through a donation of two hundred and sixty thousand dollars from the Friends of Hillside Lodge Op Shop. The donation is the largest in the Friends of Hillside Lodge's twenty-year history and will leave a permanent reminder of the group's work.

While the Friends group donates up to \$50,000 a year to Hillside Lodge, founder Anne Millar said she wanted a big one-off contribution to make a difference in the lives of residents.

"We wanted to do something permanent that would have lasting benefits," Mrs Millar said.

GSHS Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services Jason O'Reilly said the Men's Shed would be a great project providing a valuable outlet for the aged care residents.

"We will be getting Hillside Lodge residents to help with the fit-out of the site and working out how best to use the facility," Mr O'Reilly said.

The shed project has council approval and contracts have been let.

"We're ready to start digging the foundations as soon as the weather is right."

The shed itself will cost about \$160,000.

The entire project will include new fencing, sliding gates and paving work in the rotunda and barbecue areas.

"We are very thankful to the Friends of Hillside Lodge for their donation to make this very worthwhile project a reality," Mr O'Reilly said.

Anne Millar launched the Friends of Hillside Lodge group about twenty years ago and continues to lead a core group of about ten volunteers in running the op-shop.

The group's first big project was the establishment of the Hillside Leisure Centre which was partly funded by a bequest but also supported by a donation of \$120,000 from the Friends for furniture and fittings.

"We continue to seek support from the community to make the op-shop a success," said Anne.

Youth invited to volunteer with SES

LEONGATHA SES are holding a Youth Night for those interested between the ages of 15 and 18 who want to make a difference volunteering with SESVIC.

There are a huge range of invaluable and lifelong skills young adults can learn with SES, including first aid and CPR, flood and storm operations, map and navigation, general rescue, accredited training, leadership opportunities, and community engagement to name just a few.

At the moment Leongatha SES have four youth members who volunteer and the group would like to see this number grow and welcome any young people to come along to the night to find out more.

Volunteering with SES allows local youths opportunities for growth, leadership, friendship, and opportunities for nationally recognised qualifications.

"The youth are the future of SES and it's important to provide those sorts of opportunities," said Kristen Muir, Deputy Controller – Community Engagement for Leongatha SES.

Youth members can undertake both operational and



Volunteering with the SES can give you qualifications, life experience, friendships, career and community opportunities and growth within yourself.

support roles, which can be anything from assisting operationally during flood and storm events, to supporting the team behind the scenes with navigation, administration, radio, or whatever skills pique their interest.

"As someone who started out as a junior and has progressed into a leadership role, ultimately you can get as much or as little as you want out of it. It can give you qualifications, life experience,

friendships, career opportunities, community opportunities and growth within yourself," explained Kristen.

"My time at SES has given me growth in my career, leadership, and personal development which anyone can get out of it."

SES Leongatha has seen member growth recently, with about 30 active members currently and they're hoping to see more as time goes on.

"SES is good for anyone,"

said Kristen.

"Whether you're in your youth, middle aged, or retired, there's a place for everyone at the unit – my best advice is come give us a try, whether you have a lot or a little time to give, it all matters."

The Leongatha SES Youth Night will be held on Tuesday, July 30, at 7pm, 12 Watson Road, Leongatha. For more information contact: leongatha@ses.vic.gov.au or 0429 343 199.

Calling women night owls, more than craft and cake



CWA Owls Heidi Vanzet and Caroline Grainger.

CWA WONTAGGI Owl Women are deservedly proud of the work they have done assisting disadvantaged students at local schools and young people sleeping rough.

"We do what we can," said Wonthaggi CWA Owl President Heidi Vanzet.

CWA Owls brings together women aged between thirty-five and eighty for craft and movie nights.

You don't have to be able to cook or knit to join the CWA Owls.

Heidi Vanzet, daughter of a former CWA member, and Owls Secretary, Caroline Grainger niece of a Geelong CWA stalwart, admit they can't cook scones but are very good with tea and popcorn.

Caroline and Heidi are both natural night owls and have a passion for fundraising.

"We've raised money for the

YES Youth Hub," said Heidi Vanzet.

As many as thirty to forty young people aged between twelve and twenty-five regularly sleep rough in Bass Coast according to the CWA Owls and the money raised by the Owls goes towards essential items such as sleeping bags and swags.

Caroline noted, "We also support the Steve Plumb Memorial to help disadvantaged schoolkids with uniforms, laptops and textbooks."

Wonthaggi Owl Women meet on the third Thursday of the month at the Wonthaggi RSL Hall in Graham Street and can be found on Facebook or contacted by email at ewaofvic.wonthaggi@gmail.com

"We are not just scones and crafts," Heidi smiled.

Wonthaggi Owl Women are trying to break down social isolation.

Wonderful connections over community lunch in Leongatha



Stacey Williamson, Zoe Hopwood, Shirley Seabrook and Virginia Pace are part of a greater team of volunteers for the Community Lunch held by the St. Peters Anglican Church in Leongatha.

need a bit of a chat.

"Over the years it has been lovely to see friendships develop across generations. All ages and all types of people attend the community lunch, including mums with preschool children, single

people, older people and people from different cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds," said Belinda, from St Peters Anglican Church.

"Bringing diverse groups of people together over good food is at the core of "this

ministry."

This initiative is solely run by dedicated volunteers and is supported by local community organisations including Namarook Farm, Bakers Delight Leongatha, Gatha Rock and the Leongatha Anglican Parish.

"We are so grateful for the financial support and we welcome other supporters as we head towards the milestone of providing over 300 community lunches," said Belinda.

The Wednesday Community Lunch begins at 11.45am every week. There is no need to book in or RSVP anyone is welcome to just walk in off the street and join in; the team looks forward to seeing new and familiar faces each week.

Tea, coffee and desserts are also available for those who don't feel like a full meal.

Respite care in the South Gippsland hills

FOXY House is a disability service provider in regional Victoria that has recently opened its new respite accommodation in the picturesque hills of South Gippsland, providing group support and in-home support for a range of NDIS participants.

Owner and Director of Foxy House, Teena Ferguson and her team of highly qualified and experienced staff have designed day activities and respite care to provide a tailored and personal service to give their participants the best level of support and care.

The new respite accommodation in Kongwak opened in May 2023, welcoming those 18 years and over to the tranquil home-stead set in the hills of South Gippsland featuring four private rooms, an indoor conservatory, a fully equipped kitchen and acreage of serene gardens.

"Inviting our participants and their families to the new property has been uplifting, they have warmly embraced the new accommodation and we strongly assure parents and family members that their loved ones are receiving the best of care," said Teena.

"I am passionate about respite care as it not only creates opportunities to learn new skills and build new friendships for those with a disability and most importantly have a great time, but also provides their family members a much-needed break."

"Here in Kongwak, we are building strong connections and friendships."



At Foxy House participants build bonds with one another and form invaluable friendships.

Foxy House is currently seeking EOI for an all-abilities disco to be held at Wonthaggi Golf Club monthly, dependent on interest.

The highly qualified team of disability support workers, and managers all have extensive experience in all direct services, including respite, day activities, in-home support, 1:1 community inclusion support and residential support. Foxy House provides ongoing support to set and reach specific goals for the people they support.

"Our services are inclusive and beneficial for every participant during each visit; they are learning new skills, building bonds with one another and forming friendships that are invaluable," said Teena.

"Our programs are designed to always put our participants first, to give them the best possible experience and the best possible

care and support."

The respite care available in Kongwak is accessible to encourage family support and is inclusive of day-to-day activities including, painting, cooking and gardening, focusing on the interests and strengths of the participants and encouraging independence and social interaction.

"Our care is built around the trust of families, and we operate to support their loved ones in the best possible way, to assist those who are most vulnerable and need specialised care," said Teena.

"Our focus is on each individual and their experience and about keeping families together."

To find out more about NDIS funding and planning or to enquire about how Foxy House can support your loved one call 0408 132 617 or email contact@foxyhouse.com.au



Participants enjoy one of the many capacity building excursions.

Embracing diversity in Bass Coast

BCAL (Bass Coast Adult Learning) is well known for its inclusive approach for individuals with disabilities, it also warmly welcomes all community members interested in adult education opportunities.

BCAL's mission is that education is a lifelong journey accessible to everyone. The Capacity Building Program exemplifies this by providing specialised support, resources tailored to individuals with disabilities and a diverse range of sessions.

Whether you're looking to enhance your digital literacy through IT courses, explore art, or gain essential skills in the kitchen, BCAL ensures that every participant has the opportunity to pursue their passions and achieve their goals. This holistic approach not only enhances skill development but also nurtures personal growth and self-confidence. The inclusive nature of BCAL's learning environment promotes diversity, fosters mutual respect, and celebrates the unique talents and contributions of each learner.

"I appreciate the welcoming, safe and sociable atmosphere. Over the years, there have been participants with different levels of ability in sessions," said participant, Josh.

BCAL's commitment to inclusivity extends beyond the classroom, creating a supportive community where learners feel empowered to thrive. Participants are involved with activities, celebrations and exhibitions alongside students in other courses. Students and participants are encouraged to showcase their talents, share their knowledge and interact with the wider BCAL and Bass Coast community.

By embracing diversity and providing accessible education opportunities, BCAL prepares individuals for success in both personal and professional endeavours. Join BCAL today and discover how our inclusive adult learning environment can empower you to unlock your full potential. For more information on BCAL's course offerings and enrolment details, visit bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115.



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Crazy to be putting useless turbines here

THE State Government has given its first clear indication of where it intends to locate the renewable energy infrastructure it needs to replace almost 5000MW of electricity generating capacity we lose when they close the Latrobe Valley down, starting in 2028.

And make no mistake, their map of the geographic areas to be considered for the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan, released last Tuesday, clearly identifies a large chunk of South Gippsland and Bass Coast as being the most suitable area in the state for hosting wind turbines and transmission towers.

Initially, the state government's renewable energy planning authority, VicGrid, is looking at what the state will need in the next 15 years, but in 2027 it will publish a second plan with a 25-year view, to be revised every four years.

In other words, if they do designate the Tier 1 site they've prioritised for investigation between Kongwak, Elginbank, Nyora and Korumburra as the best place to put turbines, they'll come back time and time again to meet future needs.

If you take the 52 turbines that are spinning down at Bald Hills near Tarwin Lower as an example, with a capacity of just 106.6 Mw but typically generating only 24 per cent of that annually, so 22.5Mw, you'll need 100 such wind farms just to cover the loss of Loy Yang A (2215Mw), set to close in 2035.

So, if you don't want the highly productive, closely-settled, glorious green rolling hills of South Gippsland and Bass Coast to be covered with massive wind turbines and high-voltage transmission towers, as far as the eye can see, you'll need to act now.

And, outrageously, you've been given only a month to do it!

What you need to do is search for Vic Transmission Plan on the Engage Vic website and complete the 'Guiding Principles Feedback' form, the 'Study Area Feedback' form and consider uploading a submission.

The principles feedback closes on Sunday, August 25 and the study area feedback closes on Monday, September 30.

How disgraceful is that, to be giving the community just one month to have their say on the most important decision in a century? Or maybe that is the government's plan.

That's not democracy

JUST over an hour for an entire council meeting? (No comment allowed on Newhaven Jetty 22/7).

Oh, for the "good old days" when Neville Goodwin was mayor.

Meetings began with questions from the public gallery. That could last an hour in itself, giving those who wanted a say to have one.

It wasn't unusual to finally trail out of the council chamber at 11pm - or later, but members of the press invariably had plenty of colourful copy for the following week's newspapers.

Who, now, has the inclination to trawl through boring minutes online?

It may not have been the most efficient way of conducting business, but it was government of the people, by the people, for the people.

It's called democracy.

Jane Ross, San Remo

Vox Pop

Will you be binge watching the Olympics? What are you looking forward to most?



Austin Cram

Bass Coast

"I don't particularly watch the Olympics, but this year I'll probably only be watching the hammer throwing. I find it's the most interesting to watch in the field events."



Chelsea Wilson

Bass Coast

"Yes, I will be. I love watching the canoe slalom - I find it fascinating, as well as the diving. I'm also interested in watching the Paralympics to watch Beau Vernon in the wheelchair rugby."



Sue Renahan

Wonthaggi

"Yes, I love watching the Olympics. I always look forward to watching the swimming, diving and the gymnastics and I'm looking forward to watching the skateboarding as well."



Craig Alford

Wonthaggi

"Yes, will definitely be watching. I'm always a fan of the swimming and I've been following along with the BMX too, so I'm looking forward to watching Saya Sakakibara compete."

One job councillors, represent us

FROM last week's article 'Big brother oversteps the mark' I am grateful we have one South Gippsland councillor, Nathan Hersey, who has taken a position against further surveillance in our community under the Electronic Surveillance Data Usage Policy.

The naivety shown by other councillors is amazing with one quoted as saying she'd happily lived in China. Did she not encounter China's social credit system, or does she think living under such a system is a good thing?

On another, but not unrelated, matter is your editorial exposing Bass Coast Shire's giving \$50,000 of ratepayers' money to a private organisation, as your final paragraph sums up, "ratepayers funds are to be spent here doing what the council's vision says we should be doing..." or as another recently said "councillors only have one job, to represent the community".

Steve Finlay, Leongatha

Why all roads lead to South Gippsland

I HAVE read with interest the articles in your paper regarding the closing down of the VLE Saleyards in Pakenham, and the relocation of those operations to Koonwarra.

The articles stressed the positive benefits to South Gippsland in this move.

However, nowhere did I see any acknowledgement of the impacts of this move on the local population.

I refer in particular to the conservatively estimated additional 1000 B-double truck movements per week along the South Gippsland Highway, thereby exacerbating the traffic issues in Korumburra, Leongatha and elsewhere.

But wait, there's more!

The commencement of works on the several offshore wind farms off the coast of both South Gippsland and Wellington shires will create an enormous amount of extra heavy traffic, which will continue for a decade or more.

Then there is the Marinus project, the undersea and underground electricity cable to sell Tasmanian electricity to the mainland. Much of the heavy traffic for this project will also use the South Gippsland Highway.

And then there is the de-commissioning of many of the offshore oil and gas platforms in Bass Strait. This work will continue for decades, again creating much heavy traffic along the South Gippsland Highway.

And then there is the likely decommissioning of the Toora wind farm - also creating heavy vehicle traffic on the highway.

Note: Each one of the potentially hundreds of offshore turbines will on its own generate more electricity than all 11 of the Toora turbines combined!

I hope that someone somewhere is planning for the combined impacts of all these projects on the South Gippsland Highway.

I presume each of these projects is required to carry out a Traffic Impact Assessment as part of the permit process, but who is looking at the big picture?

The State Government must take responsibility for all these matters, and not leave it to the South Gippsland and Wellington shires to pick up the pieces of the dislocation that could occur.

I trust that the South Gippsland Sentinel Times will monitor these issues.

Nigel Hutchinson-Brooks, Korumburra

Editor's note: The Sentinel-Times carried an article recently titled 'Saleyards expansion puts more pressure on Kamikaze Corner' highlighting the long-running campaign by Gippsland South MP Danny O'Brien to get funding for Stage 2 of the Leongatha bypass.

Go public with Coal Creek, he says

COUNCIL'S fourth revival strategy for Coal Creek in 20 years can't fly. The rehash of previous ideas doesn't make a realistic strategy.

It is encouraging that there is a recognition of the widespread support for Coal Creek and the importance of its role in the community over 50 years protecting our heritage.

Platitudes are however cheap, but real commitment with real dollars backing a reinvestment in a sustainable Coal Creek is needed.

It is encouraging that a clear majority of the councillors supported the new directions strategy. But it is simply kicking the can down the road without proper financial plans, clear performance targets and business strategy.

Business turnarounds are driven by good business plans with clear targets and real resources to reinvest. The estimated cost of any closure in 2017 was \$3.5m or \$4m in today's dollars. Surely even blind Freedy can see each year of the lack of financial commitment seriously cost ratepayers. The fumbling of council over the past four years with closure would cost us \$8m.

Council has wasted at least \$2m on

expensive, unimplemented, grandiose plans and three years of neglect that have increased losses to \$1m per annum. Even blind Freedy could see if you are unwilling to reinvest you must accept that losses will accumulate.

Making strategic capital investments like Wonthaggi State Coal Mine and Sovereign Hill is the only way to succeed. Without a commitment to reinvestment which has been avoided now for 20 years, the proposed strategy is a plan for failure, an avoidance that has cost council and the community over \$10m.

It's time to get serious about turning Coal Creek around and to stop the haemorrhaging of money by establishing, like Campaspe Shire has for the Port of Echuca, a not-for-profit company run by competent people with a commitment of resources and to turn it around.

Council has proven one thing that it is incompetent in managing businesses be they caravan parks, Splash or Coal Creek. Council's plan is a plan without substance and a plan for failure. PR strategies may confuse some people, deflecting their immediate concerns but they delay the inevitable. Council through its inaction and lack of commitment has already cost \$3m dollars in the past three years. Council has allowed it to deteriorate as a strategy probably on the part of some to justify closure.

The proposed asset management review like two previous reviews with the lack of maintenance would lead to a further loss of buildings, our heritage and the story line of the museum.

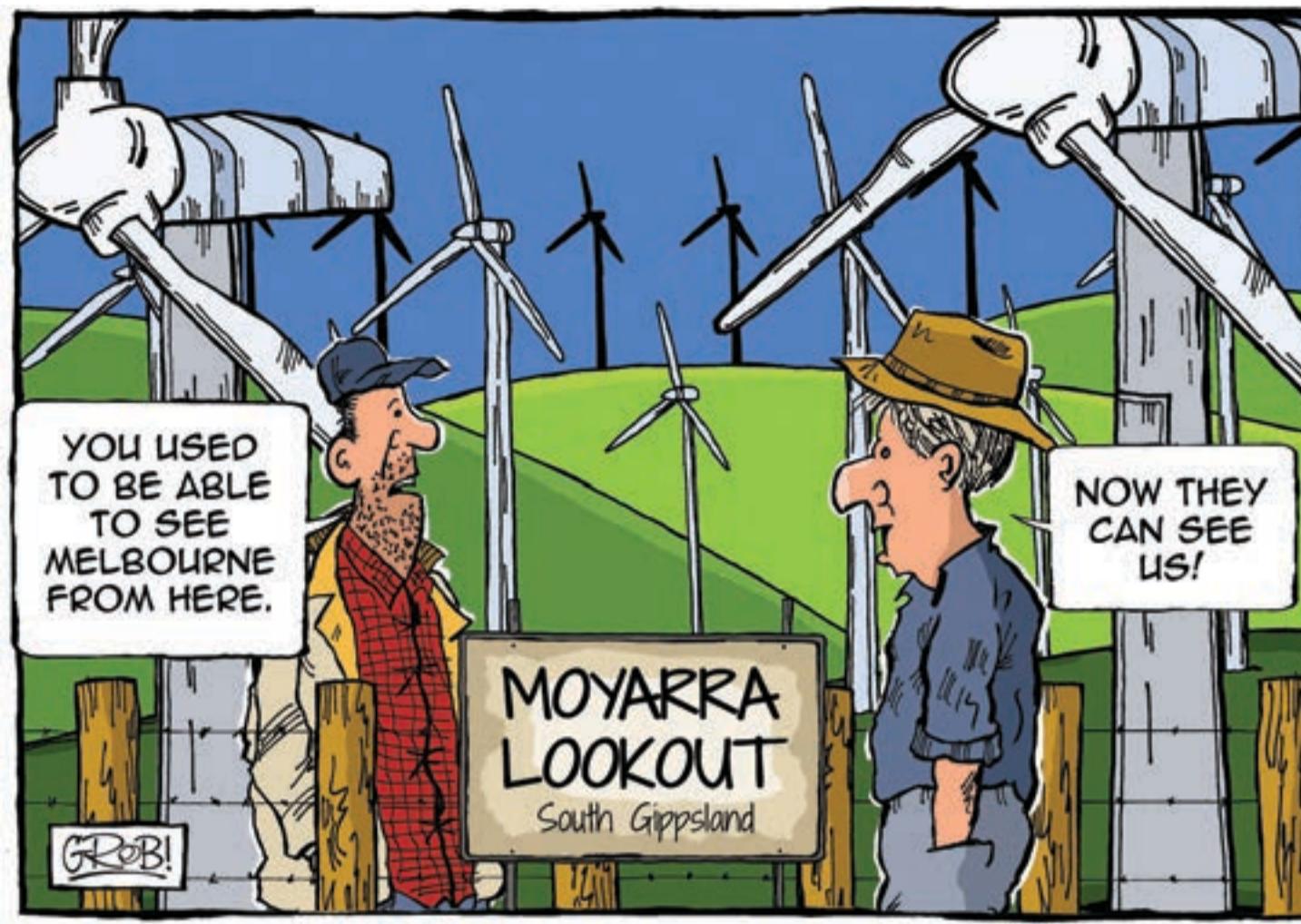
Council's pathetic solution is to turn volunteers into toilet cleaners and staff replacements is a ruse and clearly against the Victorian Volunteer Strategy and Act that prohibits using volunteers to replace staff.

Stopping kicking of the can down the road and the haemorrhaging of money requires real leadership by all Councillors. Doing nothing destroys our heritage through neglect and will cost us dearly. It's time for our timid councillors to show some spine and not just accept council staff reports as Gospel.

If council is serious and wants to stop the haemorrhaging of monies, management needs to be transferred to a not-for-profit company with a real partnership with business people, council reps and community reps, with a real strategic business plan, real targets, and reinvestment funds.

If our councillors don't bite the bullet and make these changes we will be looking back in 10 years on further losses over \$10m.

Andrew McEwen, Korumburra



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Champions of workers' rights and safety

I LIVE in Mirboo North in South Gippsland and I'm a delegate and a long-term member of the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU).

I don't condone the actions of the leadership of the Victorian branch of CFMEU and support actions taken against the leadership of the Victorian branch. But I wanted to show my support for my fellow union delegates and members within the Victorian branch of the CFMEU.

I have no doubt that the vast majority of delegates in the CFMEU, as all the delegates I have ever worked with, only ever act in the interests of the members, and never receive any personal gain and never want any personal gain. We volunteer our time to be delegates and I'm proud to be a union delegate and member.

It is easy to bash unions but remember many of the things, workers in Australia take for granted, were fought and obtained by unions. When you are enjoying your weekend, or living off your superannuation in retirement, remember who got the weekend and superannuation for all workers, Unions.

If you are a member of a union, be proud to say you are a member as I do. Unions are not your enemy; we are your friends, and we want the best for workers and to keep them safe.

Stephen Koci, Mirboo North

Which groups get 'advisory' status?

A REQUEST was put forward at the recent Council Meeting from the LGBTQI+ community wanting their group's interests to have a formal voice to Council.

It is not Council's job to represent or advocate for any minority group.

It is their job to responsibly manage the budget by putting money back into the necessary infrastructure and services that benefit the community as a whole.

If Council starts pandering to the wishes and perceived rights of minority groups, where do they draw the line in regards to how many minority groups they choose to give a voice to?

It's time for the woke left sympathisers to wake up to the reality of majority rule.

Regardless of our gender, race or religion the fact remains, we are all citizens of this country, and we must all abide by the same laws and rules that apply to everyone else.

Giving minority groups special treatment or special consideration is in fact divisive and discriminatory. Who gets to decide which minority groups are to be cherry picked for special treatment and is it the job of Council to make such decisions. I think not.

We are very lucky to live in a democratic country that recognises the freedoms and rights of every individual and not just the rights of the vociferous minorities.

Helen Zervopoulos, Grantville

Farm Safety saves lives

JULY 14-20 marked Farm Safety Week as well as the annual release of the annual Safer Farms Report from Farmsafe.

I was saddened to read in this year's report that there have already been 10 fatalities on Victorian farms in the first six months of 2024 – a worrying jump from the seven fatalities that occurred on Victorian farms through 2023.

To be clear, there is no number other than zero that would be acceptable.

For many residents of Gippsland South, farms are not just our workplace but also our homes. They are where our families live and play and we must ensure safety is a priority.

I am encouraging everyone who lives or works on a farming property to take the time to read the report and consider what changes might be able to be implemented on your farm to prevent unnecessary loss of lives.

To read the Safer Farms Report visit farmsafe.org.au.

Danny O'Brien MP, The Nationals State Member for Gippsland South

Acknowledgement of Country

I WOULD like to comment on C. Nagle's letter in your paper on June 23, 2024.

I admit that the acknowledgement of Aboriginal Country can be somewhat

wearing at times, but it is a reminder of the countless massacres throughout Australia.

Early English settlers were encouraged to squat on large tracts of Aboriginal land and their women made pregnant by Europeans and their white employees. Aboriginals from other areas were employed as native police to hunt and kill local Aboriginals. Tribes lived in their own areas and only mixed occasionally.

Marcia Langton describes the stolen generation era and the shameful employment of mixed-race children.

Ralph Widmer, Inverloch

Acknowledging who we are

IN RESPONSE to Christopher Nagle's letter regarding Acknowledgements of Country (ST 23/7/24), I offer first the gracious words of Noel Pearson, eminent lawyer, intellectual and First Nations activist, who has written that Australia's history is based on three great narratives.

The first is that we have the longest living culture on earth, a culture that sustained and shaped this land for 60,000 years, and whose people still have much to offer us in generously sharing the wisdom of the land.

The second narrative starts with colonial settlement and describes the achievements of 235 years, the prosperity created through the development and diversification of industry, the building of fine institutions through education and hard work, and the creation of solid governance structures that provide us with stability and security.

The third narrative is our becoming the most successful multi-cultural country on earth. We have abundant evidence of this success in our own community.

Australia is all of these narratives. Too often we privilege the second and third of them, keeping in the shadows the dispossession of our First People and ignoring the gifts of a culture they are only too happy to share with us. Those times at which Acknowledgements of Country are given draw our attention to that first narrative.

First Nations people deserve our respect. Importantly, they deserve the right to be centre stage in decision-making about their own affairs. That's what the

referendum's loss cost them.

I don't expect that this letter will stop the state of high agitation and teeth-gritting that Christopher Nagle experiences when he is asked to contemplate, for him, the unimaginable.

First Nations people had a highly complex and sophisticated system of law and culture that we substantially destroyed in South-Eastern Australia but which survives to the extent that it still defines the lives of all First Nations Australians. In paying respect through the Acknowledgement of Country, we attempt to bridge the gap we have created between First and Second Australians.

It is a fact that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people were here for at least 60,000 years. How can we dismiss as ideology an intention to acknowledge their presence, their culture and their wisdom, whilst also recognising, implicitly or explicitly, that of course we have become a modern, prosperous, innovative country.

We should also recognise that we have more than enough resources, drawn from this country, to give back to First Nations people so that they can determine their future for themselves, within and alongside this great nation of Australia.

Marg Lynn, Secretary, Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group

Parking and all that jazz

BETWEEN August 2-4 is the jazz festival in Inverloch. With parking being so limited especially when more people come into town to get within walking distance of venues, I hope the Council will not be a killjoy by making a special effort to come down and book people that are illegally parked making their job of collecting revenue easy.

If they got out of their offices on any normal day and truly made the effort for safety, there are heaps of opportunities to book people with too many cars to fit into their minimal driveways and park unsafely.

Cut the community some slack because it is very rare (to have these events) and we want to be supportive of organisers and surely, we expect the same thing from Council or don't organise events like these regionally.

I also hope that those that can walk to venues because they stay close enough will do so to allow those that need to take cars, because they are taking along someone that is not able to drive, the opportunity to park.

This is one for community.

Dilene Hinton, Inverloch

With us or against us?

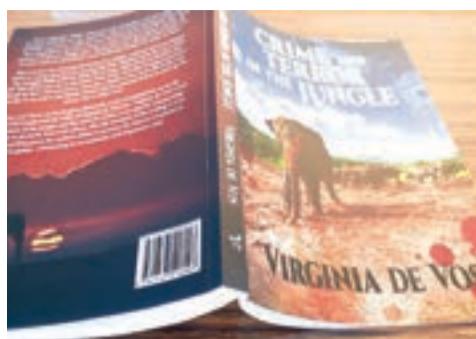
THE Save Newhaven Jetty campaign organisers have been left so disappointed to hear that Councillor Rochelle Halstead was stopped from speaking out on the community's behalf.

The Newhaven Jetty is vitally important to our community, to the tune of 2300 signatures on a paper petition and another 1000 electronically. This deems the issue important enough to now be heard in State Parliament.

The Bass Coast Council should reflect and hear the communities' concerns and wishes, not fob them off.

Amanda Keilar, San Remo

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.



An enthralling new novel has a South Gippsland man chasing down poachers in the Sri Lankan jungle, written by previous local resident and psychiatrist, Virginia de Vos.

Novel has a main character from South Gippsland

VIRGINIA de Vos, a previous resident of South Gippsland has written a debut novel that begins with the main character living in South Gippsland and is called *Crime and Terror in the Jungle*.

"I thought, well, let's make the protagonist, the main character, a character who lives in South Gippsland. He's a country boy, and he lives in South Gippsland and then he moves to Melbourne for work," explains Virginia.

They say to write about what you know and Virginia has done just that.

Combining her knowledge of having grown up in Sri Lanka and of elephant poachers there, together with her experience living and working in South Gippsland and Melbourne and developing characters from her work as a psychiatrist.

Virginia moved to Melbourne from Sri Lanka when she was in her twenties, in the 1970s.

In the late 1990s, she began working with the South Gippsland Psychiatric Service out of Korumburra and opened her own practice in 2001 in Leongatha, where she stayed until 2014.

Virginia later returned to Melbourne after her husband passed away and when she retired from her medical practice in 2018, she began writing.

The main character in *Crime and Terror in the Jungle* is Digby Trott. When he was a child visiting his grandparents on their tea estate in Sri Lanka, he cared for a baby elephant. Until one day poachers stole it.

Digby develops a deep hatred of poachers and wants to seek revenge and retribution, and he has the opportunity when he takes up a position to lead a team of conservationists into the jungles of Sri Lanka to apprehend poachers killing elephants.

However, in an expected turn of events Digby and his team are attacked causing brain trauma and a changed personality.

He needs help from his doctors, family, friends and loyal girlfriend, with her own demons, to overcome the mental and physical damage he has sustained.

"I used my psychiatric knowledge to fine-tune his personality features, from mild-mannered to some obnoxious traits. He had to go in for treatment and the doctor said he must go back to where this all happened, to the place where he was attacked. So, he went back," explains Virginia.

Once Digby returns to the scene of his injury, he finds himself once again in danger, only surviving in the nick of time. The trauma provides him with the path he needs to recover. And finally, he can set his sights on the poachers and masterminds.

Crime and Terror in the Jungle is a tale of survival in an exotic land, with descriptive skyscapes and culture shocks vividly described.

To find out what happens to Digby and the poachers, get a copy of the book from Amazon in both print form and digitally at books2read.com/u/mY17Vo.

What's on at Winterfest this year

THERE will be something for everyone to enjoy at this weekend's Winterfest in Mirboo North, with a range of workshops, wood carving, an artisan market, live music, a special ceremony, the lantern parade and much more.

Saturday August 4

Workshops at the Tipi's

The tipi's are where it's all happening this year, with a number of workshops taking place and kicking off with Asanti Dance Theatre taking participants on an interactive musical journey with a drumming and dance workshop.

4.30pm – 5pm Drumming Workshop (djembes are provided)

5.15pm – 5.45pm Dance Workshop

Lantern Parade

Starting at dusk spectators will line the length of Ridgway to watch the spectacularly lit lanterns made by groups and individuals to the theme of Forest and Friends parade down the street.

Pyromancer Sculpture

The team at Winterfest love changing things up each year and bringing new, unforgettable experiences to the people. Pyromancer & Co have this year been commissioned to design a beautiful seed pod sculpture. Experience the moment where this sculpture erupts in a vibrant tapestry of fire and theatre. The raw power of the flame will ignite the senses, warm the soul, and leave you breathless with wonder.

Saturday at 6.30pm

Live Music

Straight after the parade, indie pop-folk, rock duo Ally Row will be rocking out in the tipi.

These two musicians are breaking the barriers of genres with toe-tapping yet



A specially commissioned seed pod sculpture from Pyromancer & Co will erupt in a vibrant tapestry of fire and theatre following the Lantern Parade at this years Winterfest in Mirboo North.

emotive music. In 2023, they were the winners of the Triple J Unearthed NYE on the Hill Fest Competition, Port Fairy Folk Festival Busking Competition and Semi-Finalists in the Listen Up Music Songwriting Prize for their single 'Bare feet.' Grab a drink from the Winterfest Bar and boogie to these beats.

Saturday at 6.30pm

Skazz in the Shire Hall

Skazz is a double barrel mix of two blistering musical styles, Ska and Jazz, played by eight of the sharpest shooters in Australia. It's a tempting and infectious beat, with an urgency that propels people onto the dance floor. There will be limited tables, because this gig is for dancing. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 at mirboonorthwinterfest.com.au/program-details/skazz

Saturday, 8.30pm – 10.30pm

Sunday August 4

Artisan Market

This year's Artisan Market is looking bigger and better than ever with an incredible amount of artisans braving the winter to show off their wares, including Gurney's Cider, The Foundry, Maddie Gatehouse Ceramics, Glen Patrick, Leversha Design, Riahna Blomeley Jeweller, Penny Louise Artist, Kate Billingsley and many more.

@burratones and Kindred will also keep the atmosphere vibrant and lively by playing their tunes throughout the day.

Sunday, 9am – 2pm

Powerful Owl chainsaw carving

Local Jess Graffe has picked out a perfect log of fallen cypress salvaged from the storm along with Paul Stafford, a chainsaw sculptor.

From the log Paul will be sculpting out a powerful owl, which will go on to a special location in town.

Sunday, 9am – 2pm

Forest & Friends Ceremony

This ceremony honours the forest and its friends: furry, feathered and human. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the losses that occurred, release these and look towards the future. A traditional smoking ceremony, music, poetry, fire, stories, art and a clootie burning will take place.

Clootie, an ancient Celtic tradition, where one writes or draws something that they want to release or heal, on cloth, is a private process and involves tying the clootie to a branch or piece of string. During the ceremony all the clooties will be burnt.

There are opportunities to write clooties in advance of and during Winterfest at the tipi, and there are clooties and a clootie branch at Co-space (96 Ridgway) weekdays from 9am – 3pm. The ceremony will be held in the native garden space on the edge of Baromi Park beside the playground.

Sunday at Midday

Workshops at the Tipi's

Make a native bee hotel workshop

Clancy is a passionate native bee researcher and nature enthusiast, he will lead kids and adults alike in making their very own native bee hotel in walk up workshops on Sunday.

Sunday at 10am – 2pm

Floral Crown Workshop

Learn the art of crafting flower crowns inspired by the idea of the renewal and regrowth that comes after winter. Children are welcome with parental supervision.

Sunday at 10am – 2pm

Entries open for the 2024 Fishy Stories Writing Challenge

NOW in its third year, the 2024 Fishy Stories Writing Challenge, is officially open for submissions. The 2023 Writing Challenge showcased young talent, attracting over 700 entries. This exciting challenge welcomes either written or picture stories from students year one to year eight.

Your imagination is the only limitation.

Participants are free to choose any story topic they desire. The choice is only limited to the artist, author (or in some cases, schools), imagination. To help get you started, we have provided a variety of resources for kids, parents, carers, and teachers. These include videos from authors and teachers, ideas for story development and tips on how to start and finish a story.

Previous stories have explored personal experience, adventure, science fiction, fantasy, description, places,

heroes, sporting champions, people you admire, relatives, holidays, pets, romance, friends, emotions and more. Visit the Fishy Stories Writing Challenge Resources page for a treasure trove of inspiration.

For all information, including terms, conditions, and the submission form head to our website fishystories.org/writing-challenge

Key dates and opportunities

Writing Challenge entries close September 14, and twenty stories will be selected to be performed at the Fish Creek Festival of Stories on November 17, 2024. Additionally, picture stories will be displayed at the festival, and all entries will be published in our 2024 E-Book, the past years are available on the Fishy Stories website.

Keep an eye out for our bookmarks! Our team has

been busy, visiting schools, libraries, cafes and shops, spreading the word about the 2024 Fishy Stories Writing Challenge. We extend our thanks to all the businesses that are supporting the challenge and the Fishy Stories Festival of Stories.

Save the date.

Mark your Calendar for November 17, 2024. The Fishy Stories Festival of Stories promises free author workshops, performances of twenty Writing Challenge stories, a special Box Wars event, the Bendigo Bank Village Green, ticketed performances at the Fish Creek Memorial Hall, food and drinks, and more!

Be sure to join us for a day of events dedicated to celebrating children's storytelling and storytellers of all ages. This year will once again solidify Fish Creek's reputation as a unique destination for children's literature.



Toora Primary School has embraced the Writing Challenge and participating as class activities. Pictured: Toora Primary School Principal, Luke Haustorfer.

Everyone has a story worth sharing

FROM August 2 to 4, Berninnett Cowes Cultural Centre, Phillip Island, will host the highly anticipated Phillip Island Festival of Stories. This unique event promises an immersive exploration into the art of storytelling across various mediums, featuring an impressive lineup of renowned authors, filmmakers, journalists, and advocates.

Friday, August 2 will kick off the festival with a special screening of the acclaimed film *The Dressmaker* at 7pm. This cinematic experience sets the stage for a deeper dive into the film's creation the following day, bringing together two of its key contributors, Sue Maslin and Rosalie Ham.

The festival continues on Saturday, August 3, starting with a traditional Smoking Ceremony at 9.15am in the forecourt. At 10.30am, the focus shifts to *The Dressmaker* again, but this time in a more interactive format. Sue Maslin and Rosalie Ham will delve into the behind-the-scenes aspects of the film, from fashion to film-making mishaps, offering an insider's



Storytelling in all its forms, Phillip Island Festival of Stories is not to be missed this weekend.

look at the production process.

At noon, Veronica Gorrie will present her memoir *Black and Blue*, a powerful reflection on racism and resilience, joined by barrister Patrick Coleridge for a compelling discussion. The afternoon sessions will feature Hannie Rayson and Michael Cathcart exploring themes of extinction and history, and Kerry O'Brien reflecting on his illustrious journalism career.

Later, at 4pm, Jacinta Parsons and Hannie Rayson will engage in a conversation about ageing in their session titled *A Question of Age*. The evening

will conclude with Rosie Batty and Jacinta Parsons discussing domestic violence and resilience from 6.30pm, offering a poignant end to a day of thought-provoking discussions.

On Sunday, August 4, the festival will kick off at 10am with a panel on *Truth in Journalism*, featuring Kerry O'Brien and Margaret Simons, chaired by Jacinta Parsons. This discussion will delve into the challenges and responsibilities of modern journalism. Following this, Robyn Davidson and Rachelle Unreich will share their insights on travel and writing during the

Unfinished Woman session at 11am.

Wendy Harmer and Hannie Rayson take to the stage in the afternoon and engage in a dialogue about self-perception and identity in *Lies My Mirror Told Me*. The festival will wrap up with an informal After Party.

This year's festival promises to be a rich tapestry of storytelling, offering something for everyone – from cinema enthusiasts to lovers of memoirs and journalism. Don't miss the chance to be part of this celebration of narrative arts at the Phillip Island Festival of Stories!

Wallace and Gromit, with a live brass band, in Wonthaggi?

WONTHAGGI Citizens' Band is proud to host the Darebin City Brass for a Sunday afternoon concert at the Wonthaggi Community Arts Centre on Sunday, August 11. The concert will include a bracket by the Citizens' Band, before the 30-piece Darebin City Brass take to the stage to play along with the film. The band have played the soundtrack for 'The Wrong Trousers' across Victoria, including performances in Shepparton and Ringwood, and an upcoming one at the Melbourne Recital Centre.

DCB President Jared Moore said that 'There's a high level of excitement from the members of Darebin City Brass Preston Band to perform alongside the Wonthaggi Citizens' band to the local community. Being able to perform Wallace and Gromit The Wrong Trousers LIVE has been the highlight of our organisations' year, with audiences young and old finding great enjoyment from the highly immersive experience.'

Tickets to 'Wallace and Gromit' are available on Trybooking.

For more information about any performances by the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band, or learning an instrument at our band hall or in the primary schools program, please email wonnicitizensband@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/WoniCitzBand

Dan Sultan to play Toora and Phillip Island this September

OCEAN Sounds, South Gippsland Shire Council and Berninnett Cultural Centre are excited to announce two intimate shows by Dan Sultan this September supported by Gippsland's own Janie Gordon.

Dan Sultan is one of Australia's most loved singer-songwriters boasting numerous accolades to his name, including seven ARIA Awards, NIMA Awards, Top Five ARIA-charting albums, and an ARIA-certified gold record.

2023's self-titled album 'Dan Sultan' won the ARIA for 'Best Adult Contemporary Album' and was also nominated for 'Best Solo Artist' and 'Best Independent Release'.

Sultan has toured countless times playing headline shows to sold-out crowds, as well as supporting the likes of Bruce Springsteen, Midnight Oil, and Vance Joy and billed on some of Australia's biggest festivals, including Splendour in the Grass, Blues Festival and Falls Festival, to name a few.

Show dates:

Saturday, September 21. Toora Community Hall, Toora

Sunday, September 22. Berninnett, Cowes.

Tickets are strictly limited so get in quick if you'd like to attend these very special shows.

Feel the rhythm by the sea

DON'T miss out on your musical journey this weekend as Inverloch celebrates 30 years of jazz by the sea.

It all kicks off on Friday, August 2 at 7.30pm when Streeton Court Big Band takes to the stage at The Hub.

Firetail and Black Notes will be performing at The Warrawee Club and Inlet Hotel respectively.

From traditional jazz to big band, contemporary, Latin, and funk, there's something for every jazz lover with over 45 bands and 150 artists in the line up over the three-day event.

For the full program and to purchase tickets, visit inverlochjazzfestival.com.

The ArtCubes in Toora grand opening celebrations



Artist Lisa Kennedy with son Jasper Kennedy-Watterson is one of the first exhibitors in the ArtCubes while they are in Toora. ob50_3124

"Most of these are from a body of work that was pretty big and it's all based around work that I've done here, that I've created here (in Toora)," explained Lisa.

"And a lot of them are about regeneration and birth of my children, planting trees on the land and also connections to my own country in North East Tasmania."

"It's a really beautiful experience just being here and having

people constantly trickle in. Talking to people and sharing the art in this place has just been an absolute blessing."

"I've loved every minute of it," said Lisa.

The other two cubes have works currently on exhibit from local artist Ellen Taylor and an installation from the Corner Inlet Landcare Group.

This will be followed by work from, (in chronological order) Monkia Kucewicz, Lee

Grenfell, Anne Miller, Megan Williams, Toora and District Family History Group, Sally Wilcox, Helen S. Tiernan, Honey Tripper, The Little Toora Press (community cube), Cameron Hayes and Deborah Read, Sue Gilford, Sean Cowen, Bridget Nicholson, Asriel Encel and Hilary Skelton, and Kim McDonald. Others have also been involved in this project including Toora Primary School, Toora Lions, Toora Little Library, Toora Music Group, Toora Heritage Pear Orchard, Best Yarn Society, Sams Patch, The Panton Store, Gurneys Cidery, Deep Creek Nursery, Toora Foodworks, GLAWAC, TCAT, Toora Times, and many volunteer community members.

The ArtCubes are located in the Toora Community Hall car-park on Dutton St next to the Toora Kindergarten and will be there until October 28, 2024.

For more information follow ArtCubes Toora on Instagram or Facebook: @ArtCubesToora



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WSBN volunteers Peter McKenzie, Chris Owens, Ken Drennan, Joan Sexton and Susan Peel enjoy a morning out at the Seed Bank. B07_3124



Fish Creek and District Captain John Poletti congratulates father/son duo Doug and Robert Latham on their 55- and 25-Year Service Awards.



Enjoying the South Gippsland Group of Brigades Annual Award dinner at Meeniyan on Saturday, July 20 were Foster members Kaylene and David Jones with Reg Williams.



Yanakie member Ashley Zuidema is congratulated by Diedre Zuidema on receiving a 20 year service medal.



John Openshaw and Eric Neville from the South Gippsland Shire Council Biodiversity Team were planting alongside volunteers at Baths Road Reserve. ob37_3124



Edward and Lydia Richards were having a great time planting native grasses at Baths Road Reserve on Sunday. ob38_3124



Ruth Ruskin and Renee Simpson from Friends of the Baths Road Reserve group were organising volunteers and keeping things under control at the planting day on Sunday. ob39_3124



Noelle and Robyn from the Toora Lions Club were keeping people fed at the Opening of the Artcubes in Toora. ob41_3124



Michelle Dow from GLaWAC perform the Welcome to Country at the opening celebration of the ArtCubes in Toora, with family members Lisa Kennedy and Jasper Kennedy-Watterson. ob42_3124

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Wonthaggi Seed Bank & Nursery, Baths Road Reserve Planting Day, Pedal and Plant day at Kardella, South Gippsland Group of Brigades Annual Award dinner at Meeniyan and the Opening celebration of the ArtCubes in Toora.



WSBN volunteers Aileen Vening, Paula Horton, Dinah Drummond, Margaret Rowe and Claire Hocking. B08_3124

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Daniel from Foster with friend Jess from Toora were enjoying the celebrations of the ArtCubes in Toora on Sunday. ob43_3124



Catherine Williams and Page Williams with Hilary Skelton who will be exhibiting at the ArtCubes in Toora in September with her young son. ob44_3124



Chris McDonald, Mary Dortmans and David Leslie from Rotary Leongatha were preparing hot beverages and yummy snacks for all the tree planters at Kardella. ob30_3124



Carl Sorger and Neil Barrett from Arawata Landcare were preparing the plant guards that will protect the new shrubs going in the ground. ob31_3124



Kirby Leary from South Gippsland Landcare and Gordie Tillekeratne were happy to be getting their hands dirty to help the environment and beautify the landscape. ob33_3124



Jane McKenzie-Smith from South Gippsland Landcare and Archie braved the wintry weather to help with planting. ob35_3124



Jarvis Morgan from Gurneys Cidery was enjoying some banter with local patron Kerry Duroux at the ArtCubes in Toora on Sunday. ob45_3124

Tarwin Lower celebrates the Red Cross

THE latest meeting of the Tarwin Lower Red Cross on July 2 was a celebration of the combined anniversaries of Christmas in July, the 85th birthday of the Tarwin Lower branch and the 110th anniversary of the Red Cross in Australia.

A delicious cake was baked and decorated by Fiona Dixon for the occasion.

Red Cross/Red Crescent is a worldwide organisation – neutral, impartial and independent with the aim to prevent and relieve human suffering.

Many of its programs rely on the work and contributions of volunteers.

It came into formation after the Battle of Solferino (Northern Italy) when the suffering of wounded soldiers raised the compassion of Henry Dunant.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement was born of a desire to bring assistance without discrimination to wounded on the battlefield.

In 1863, the beginnings of the International Red Cross formed with a meeting in Geneva, Switzerland – the red cross on a white background pays homage to the Swiss origins, whose flag is a white cross with a red background.

The Australian branch of the British Red Cross Society was formed at the outbreak of World War I in 1914.

Australian Red Cross has a wide variety of programs, which include first aid training, blood collection, emergency services in disasters, assisting migrants and building resilient communities.

Locally, the Tarwin Lower branch was formed on November 15, 1939, when World War II broke out.

The first president was Mrs A. M. Black; however, many early records were destroyed in a fire.

Significant dates have been recognised over the years with trees planted in the primary school grounds – flowering gums first in 1959 in recognition of 100 years of Red Cross and 1989 to recognise 75 years of Australian Red Cross, and a gum tree was planted at Fishers Park in 2014 commemorating 100 years of Australian Red Cross.

Over the past 85 years, inclusive local community activities have seen Tarwin Lower Red Cross hold first aid and nursing courses, and start four emergency catering terms in 1982 to attend fire, accidents and floods.

Other work has included a mobile library service to patients in Woorayl Hospital, Leongatha, by Mrs Norma Leeming, who visited twice a week for 18 years.

Nancy McMicking organised a Blood Bank at Leongatha, travelling three times a week for five years.

In 2004, a Telecross network was convened by Terri Morris.

In 2007, the Maritime Safety Authority presented a Certificate of Appreciation for catering services to Victoria Police looking for a small plane lost at sea in Venus Bay.

Poor visibility was considered by the ASTB to be the cause of the crash, resulting in the deaths of four people onboard.

A Junior Red Cross has been formed at various times in the primary school.

A major project was raising money for 'Water for Life' for a water well in Rwanda, with a plaque recognising the work of Tarwin Lower.

Significant community dates in the calendar are Australia Day, Anzac Day, Red Cross Calling in March, regional meetings (Zone 8 to match the CFA) and other branch activities.

Fundraising includes collecting used postage stamps and postcards to be sent to headquarters, also by holding raffles, fashion parades, second-hand stalls and a trade table.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month – the next meeting is on August 6 – at the Tarwin Lower Medical Centre at 1.30pm.

The meeting concludes with a social afternoon tea.

All are welcome.



TWO small storm cells manifested quickly on Wednesday, July 17 with a funnel briefly forming approximately five kilometres out of Wonthaggi towards Inverloch. The sighting was witnessed by storm chaser Joshua Homan in his travels with this photograph snapped briefly afterwards. Follow Joshua Homan Storm Hunters Australia on Facebook or YouTube for more weather events.

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS

MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

TERM 3 is under way and Milpara Community House is as active as ever. Several courses have started, and we still have open books for enrolments for courses starting soon.

This is a final call out for participants in our French language and Easy steps to Computers courses. Visit the course booking page on our website – milparacommunityhouse.org.au/bookings-and-activity-page/

We have some great activities happening in August!

Our first Let's Share Lunch for the term is on Monday August 5. All are

welcome to bring a plate and join the conversation at this communal gathering

Also on August 5 is a free information session about how to manage your online legacy. This talk leads to Dying to Know Day on Thursday August 8 – Our Death Café is an opportunity to enter sensitive conversations about end of life in a safe space with like-minded others.

Wednesday, August 7 has the first of two workshops about the philosophy and meaning of colours in our lives – Living with Colour Workshops

Come to a weekend

workshop on Saturday, August 10 – Introduction to Canva is a great introductory course in easy online graphic design

Our Services Australia agency has increased the hours for our Centrelink agents –

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NEXT week, BCAL is booting up the computers and digital technology courses.

For the beginner, there is the Computer Basics course. These days, some people can feel shy about the fact they're not adept on computers but rest assured, you will be among friends. There are still people just starting out, and others who have been away from technology for a while and need a refresher.

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For the advanced user, there's Certificate III in Information Technology starting next week. This is ideal for people who want to formalise their skills in coding, database management, system administration, web design and cyber security.

Whatever your level of tech skills, there's a

course to suit.

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

■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

With a cold wind blowing and steady rain falling there was a brief gathering of volunteers at the garden last week.

Time enough though to plan the next plot rehabilitation projects.

Win Kyi and family will get a new half water tank plot, giving them more room to grow and a further two older, single-storey beds will be rebuilt from scratch to double height for easier access.

Most of the garden's timber plots are originals built more than 15 years ago, when the garden was established within the BCAL campus grounds.

All these lovely new plots need people! Enquiries are welcome at tgordon@westnet.com.au or you can drop in on a Thursday between 10am and 12pm to view what's

available. Contact BCAL on 5672 53115 for further info.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies have a monthly members' meeting on the second Monday of every month. The meetings usually have a guest speaker or demonstration, and a show and tell session for members to talk about what they have been working on. It's an opportunity for members to meet crafters from the different sessions. Plus, there's a raffle of small woodworking tools as well.

Every Woodies member is welcome to attend, which means right now there are 99 people eligible.

How would you like to be member 100?

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit wonthaggi-woodcrafters.com.au or visit workshop.



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Blueberry Pudding

By Meg Viney

WHO doesn't like blueberries, full of flavour and antioxidants.

Ingredients

- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 baking powder
- 1/2 teasp each salt and freshly grated nutmeg
- 90 gm butter
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 tablesp lemon juice
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups blueberries

Method

In a bowl, mix the blueberries with 2 tablespoon flour and 1/2 tsp baking powder.

In a food processor, beat the egg, then add and blend the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, nutmeg and butter (melted).

Add the honey, lemon juice, and milk and blend to a dough.

Add the blueberry mixture, mixing gently.

Butter a pudding basin and transfer the mixture into it. Cover with buttered foil and tuck in or tie securely with string.

Transfer to a rack in a pot of boiling water that comes 2/3 of the way up the pot. Return to the boil and simmer over a very low heat for 2 hours.

Remove and rest half an hour, then turn out onto a serving platter and serve with whipped cream, ice cream or both.

• FAITH FACTOR

God The Mountain Mover

By Ps Darren Evans,
Wonthaggi Christian Life Centre

ONE of the largest mountains in my life was not having the ability to communicate with people I've just met. It would always be a short and nervous conversation and something I would go to great lengths to avoid.

At a church I used to go to 20 years ago in Surrey Hills, my pastor, YC Goh, asked me to become a Greeter. That was the first point of communication for people coming to church on a Sunday morning. I reluctantly accepted the position. The Church comprised of 95 per cent Chinese Malaysian people. When I greeted them with a "Good morning" most of them smiled and walked past without a word. This was the first time that I greeted people and didn't have to engage in conversation, and this worked for me.

As a Christian we walk by faith and not by what we see. (In the Bible 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 7)

The key word here is 'walk' so that's what I did. I stepped out and positioned myself in front of them and said, "Good morning". Soon I started to get results and people said a few words. Over time we had conversations and relationships were formed.

Thank God for Pastor YC Goh asking me to do this. Talking with people isn't a fear for me at all now. It's actually something I love doing. That's what stepping out in faith can do. All I can offer my God is faith in Him, to walk after Him and trust Him.

I'm not sure what mountain is in your life, maybe it's a fear of going to Church, trusting God or believing there is another way to live. It's normal to experience fear if you are trying something for the first time. But I would like to encourage you to take that step of faith, trust God and He will move that mountain for you!

God bless.



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68 Whitworths Rd, **Korumburra Sth**

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Spectacular Hamptons-style home amidst manicured acreage

NESTLED amidst meticulously manicured grounds, 4 Gabriels Lane Toora offers an exquisite blend of luxury and tranquillity, making it the perfect sanctuary for those seeking a high-end rural retreat – just minutes from town via a sealed road.

This property enjoys a prime sheltered northerly aspect and breathtaking rural views.

The home, a testament to spectacular design and fastidious maintenance, sits majestically with a wide verandah on every side. Its expansive interior is bathed in natural light and features polished timber flooring, soaring ceilings, a state-of-the-art hydronic heating system and zoned reverse cycle air-conditioning.

Upon entering, you are greeted by a magnificent foyer and wide hall that sets the tone for the grandeur within.

The open-plan living room, with exposed trusses and extensive glazing, captures both light and delightful vistas. Doors from this space lead to a covered entertaining deck, where you can enjoy glimpses of the Inlet and Wilsons Prom. The superbly appointed kitchen, featuring a huge breakfast bar, integrated appliance cupboards and top-tier branded appliances, is a chef's dream.

For entertainment and relaxation, a separate theatre room offers a private haven, perfect for movie nights or entertaining guests. The home includes four fitted bedrooms, highlighted by a master suite with an ensuite bathroom. The main bathroom features a frameless shower, freestanding tub and adjoining powder room.

The practicality of the property extends beyond its beautiful interior. The under-home garage/studio/workshop, Aussie barn, hothouse and storage shed provide the perfect spaces for work, hobby or leisure. Chook pen, vegetable garden, orchard, dam and fenced paddock complemented by electric gates for easy access add the finishing touches to the ideal country lifestyle. Environmentally conscious features, including a 6.6kw solar and battery system, double glazing, triple insulation and ample water storage, underscore the home's commitment to sustainability and keep running costs to a minimum.

Listed at \$1.35 million, this home promises not just a dwelling but a cherished legacy for generations in one of the most picturesque regions.

To arrange an inspection contact Andrea Adams from SEJ Foster on 0429 822 801.



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The kitchen is a chef's dream, featuring a dishwasher, induction cooktop, electric under bench oven with large island bench providing plenty of storage. Whether you're hosting a dinner party or cooking for the family, this kitchen has everything you need.

The large master suite, complete with an office nook, has a walk-in robe and a luxurious ensuite. Stay comfortable all year round with the reverse cycle air conditioning. The two additional bedrooms also come with built-in robes, perfect for growing

families.

Additional features of this property include a wood heater, reverse cycle air conditioning, and ceiling fans for year-round comfort. There is also a second living area, providing extra space for the whole family to enjoy.

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The front lounge, adjacent to the master, is equipped with a ceiling fan for added comfort. The main lounge boasts a stunning bay window encapsulating the garden setting and a cosy wood fireplace with a heat duct that extends to several bedrooms. The dining room is fitted with a reverse cycle split system, while the adjacent rumpus room offers versatility as a home office with plenty of storage.

The well-appointed kitchen is in the heart of the home and includes a walk-in pantry, dishwasher, electric cooking, rangehood, and ample bench and cupboard space. Additional features of the property include a spacious laundry,

family bathroom with bath and shower, separate toilet, timber-look tile flooring, and underfloor heating (currently not in use). The real bonus is the den which is located to one end of the home and makes the ideal gym space, third living area and/or potential theatre room.

Step outside via the glass sliding doors to discover the outdoor undercover entertaining area, perfect for hosting gatherings. The verandah encircles the home, providing a charming touch. Also outside, you'll find a shed measuring 8m x 6m, a double carport (7m x 6m), a single carport, a woodshed, a chook shed, and adequate water by way of three large water tanks. The property also offers small grazing paddocks, perfect for those looking to keep animals.

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US 'grinding beef' a boon locally

By Andrew Paloczi

AMERICA'S demand for 'grinding beef', used for hamburgers, continues to be a positive for Aussie suppliers and is good news for Prime Sale results, including those at the Leongatha Saleyards, with South Gippsland Stock Agents Association president Simon Henderson explaining what is driving that demand.

"The US is coming out of a drought and entered a rebuild, which has created strong demand for their livestock similar to what happened in our neck of the woods in 2020 so that strong demand has set their prices soaring, which makes importing beef from Australia a good option," Simon said.

Cow slaughter numbers in the USA have declined as herd numbers are rebuilt, with the Weekly Times recently reporting that, "Compared to two years ago, the US cow beef kill has dropped by nearly a third."

Simon commented that our prices fell significantly last spring and were tracking sideways since the start of autumn, but now that the US market has picked up, we have seen some rain and spring is getting closer, and prices have lifted.

"We saw our best chopper cows around the \$2.80 mark there for some time but they've gone up now 50 cents to about \$3.30," he said.

"Chopper cows have been dragged along because that lean cow meat is what they want for that 90 CL grinding beef market," Simon explained, noting that it's the premium grinding beef grade, consisting of 90 per cent lean red meat and 10 per cent fat.



Simon Henderson in action at the Leongatha Saleyards. A20_3124

CL stands for 'chemical lean', describing in chemical percentage terms the ratio of lean red meat to fat.

Simon also pointed to a slight drop in the Australian Dollar over the last few weeks from 68 cents down to 66 against the US Dollar.

"Any drop in the dollar helps exports and it certainly helps beef prices locally," he said.

Recently, US-produced 90CL grinding beef was fetching 374 cents a kilo in US dollars, a rise of 28 per cent from a year ago, while imported grinding beef coming into the US was yet to average over 300 cents a kilo.

With the US grinding beef price so much higher than imported products, America is now the focus of all the major exporting nations, with countries that were targeting Asian markets diverting products to the US.

Simon spoke of the kind of animals in demand to supply ground beef.

"That's your Friesian, bulls, your beef cows, your chopper cows and your culled bulls, and what you'll see is that when cow prices go up, bull prices go up too because they use the bull beef as well," he said.

"At the end of spring, a lot of cows are very fat; you mix

the bull meat in because it's lean, to try to get that 90 grade, whereas at the moment we're in the middle of winter and there are not a lot of prime cows around, so they probably suit that grinding market in the condition they're in."

Simon observed that with the cost of living challenges around the world, people are less inclined to buy better cuts of meat, putting downward pressure on those premium cuts relative to lesser ones.

"There's more demand for those secondary cuts here because they're more affordable," he said.



Do you need help controlling pests? Get help from the experts. Photo: Victorian Rabbit Action Network.

Pest and weed control seminar

SOUTH Gippsland Landcare Network is holding a full day Pest and Weed Control Seminar on Thursday August 15.

Field experts, contractors and Landcare staff will come together to assist property owners with the ongoing battle of pest animal and weed management.

Presentations from field experts include Tim Bloomfield mentor for the Victorian Rabbit Action Network and Kelly Pardew leading biosecurity officer for Agriculture Victoria.

Tim Bloomfield has vast experience in land management and rehabilitation and will be discussing options for rabbit and fox control.

Kelly Pardew will be discussing options for weed control including where to find the best resources for weed control and how to get started with a weed management plan.

Bass Coast Parks Rangers Matt Khoury and Sophie McCracken-Evans will share stories of the positive role pest control plays in healthy native ecosystems.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Registrations are essential by email: kirby@sgln.net.au

Auctioneer Delaney upbeat about VLE saleyards transition and cattle prices

AUCTIONEER Anthony Delaney of Delaney Livestock & Property in Bunyip was in action at Leongatha Saleyards on Thursday, pleased with prices being paid and the smoothness of the transition from Pakenham Saleyards.

Anthony told the *Sentinel-Times* that everyone has been very understanding.

"We've just got to be smart and practical in how we conduct our business," he said, explaining some adjustments were needed due to the necessity of transporting cattle further, no longer having a local saleyard close to the office.

"We've got to be aware of producers' costs, and with a lot of our smaller lots we have to be mindful of piecing them together and keeping the cost of transport down," Anthony said.

While acknowledging the closure of the Pakenham Saleyards was a shock for the business, he is unflustered, pointing out that there are a number of areas from which people have to send cattle a couple of hundred kilometres to saleyards.

"We're lucky to have this," he said of the Leongatha Saleyards, expressing confidence the facility will handle extra numbers well, with a cooperative approach helping achieve that.

"Pakenham was a very small yard that held some big numbers, and the key to it is working together; if all the agents work together, along with the saleyards, it'll



Anthony Delaney auctions steers during Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale. A22_3124

work," Anthony declared.

He spoke of the positives of having healthy cattle numbers.

"Large numbers bring buyers and buyers bring large numbers," Anthony said.

His auctioneering style and pace suggested he would be right at home as a race caller, and he expressed delight with the outcome of steer sales.

"This is a very strong result; we've just seen an upward trend in the market, which has continued on from sales over in the western district last week, and with the cattle that we've yarded here today, we're very happy with the result," he reflected, saying prices met, and in some cases exceeded expectations.

Anthony credited rain, a shortage of cattle and positivity in the market for price rises.

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Feeder cattle lift again at Leongatha

By SGSA

SGSA agents yarded 4800 cattle at last Thursday's VLE Leongatha store sale in another impressive yarding.

There were again some excellent lines of medium and heavy-weighted Angus feeder steers on offer along with a good run of 600kg + store bullocks.

A big crowd attended with a good field of feedlot buyers operating strongly in a dearer market across the board.

Store bullocks 600kg + made up to \$4.00 or \$2500 and medium and heavy feeder steers making \$4.00 to \$4.50 in the 400kg to 550kg range.

Good Angus steer weaners lifted again with most making \$4.00 to \$4.80 and the better end of the heifers \$3.30 to \$3.90.

Xbred and dairy types for both the steers and heifers improved in price with feed lotters active on the better-shaped types and processors keen on any types with a bit of cover suitable for kill.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, July 25, 2024

Grown Steers

G & C Pantorno 10 Angus	678kg	\$3.67	\$2490
Boolarra Beef 22 Angus	641kg	\$3.90	\$2500
R & M LANE 16 Angus	627kg	\$3.68	\$2310
Broadland 14 Angus	616kg	\$3.78	\$2330
Boolarra Beef 24 Angus	610kg	\$4.01	\$2450
T & H MacLearn 22 Angus	606kg	\$4.04	\$2450
Mornington Park Trust 16 Ang	606kg	\$3.99	\$2420
Forest Hill 35 Angus /Hfd x	600 kg	\$4.01	\$2410
V Albanese 16 Angus	599kg	\$3.90	\$2340
V Albanese 16 Angus	598kg	\$3.97	\$2380
Boolarra Beef 20 Angus	576kg	\$4.05	\$2300
N&J Buxton 14 Angus	570kg	\$4.14	\$2360
C-Way Agriculture 62 Angus	570 kg	\$4.12	\$2350
Harris 10 AAngus	558kg	\$4.01	\$2240
Rothfield 14 Angus	553kg	\$4.19	\$2320
V Albanese 10 Angus	547kg	\$4.14	\$2270
J & A Keating 11 Angus	547kg	\$4.00	\$2190
V Albanese 14 Angus	544kg	\$4.13	\$2250
J & C Hyne 10 Angus	531kg	\$3.95	\$2100
C-Way Agriculture 56 Angus	527kg	\$4.38	\$2310
Parth Nominees 16 Hfd	523kg	\$4.30	\$2250
Minaminkah P/L 9 Angus	523kg	\$3.91	\$2050
Eddington Holdings 23 Angus	515kg	\$4.27	\$2200
DG Tomasetti 20 Angus	514kg	\$4.28	\$2200
Oaklands 18 Angus	514kg	\$4.18	\$2150
Wildwood 16 Angus	508kg	\$4.25	\$2160
J Carney 16 Angus	507kg	\$4.31	\$2190
R & M Lane 12 Angus	505kg	\$3.36	\$1700
Layton 17 Char	500kg	\$3.70	\$1850
Layton 16 Hereford	498kg	\$3.83	\$1910
Lindenbrook Pastoral 27 Angus	495kg	\$4.40	\$2180
Netherwood Pastoral 26 Angus	487kg	\$4.39	\$2140
PR Jackson 17 Angus	485kg	\$4.41	\$2140
Wildwood 16 Angus	480kg	\$4.41	\$2120
M & J Brady 12 Angus	475kg	\$4.21	\$2000
Melaleuca Pastoral 18 Angus	471kg	\$4.46	\$2100
DG Tomasetti 24 Angus	463kg	\$4.49	\$2080
Fogerty Grazing 16 Angus	463kg	\$4.19	\$1940
Kyle Custom Building 19 Angus	457kg	\$4.37	\$2000
J Gibson 19 Angus	454kg	\$4.22	\$1920
Fogerty Grazing 17 Angus	451kg	\$4.10	\$1850
DG Tomasetti 22 Angus	447kg	\$4.27	\$1910
Nethercote Trading 20 Angus	446kg	\$4.26	\$1900
Fogerty Grazing 17 Angus	442kg	\$4.27	\$1890
Doonagatha 14 Angus	432kg	\$4.28	\$1850
G & F Derham 15 Hereford	432kg	\$3.79	\$1640
DG Tomasetti 16 Angus	431kg	\$4.29	\$1850
Nethercote Trading 20 Angus	416kg	\$4.51	\$1880
Fogerty Grazing 17 Angus	416kg	\$4.30	\$1790

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C Wight 13 Hereford	411kg	\$3.52	\$1450
Fogerty Grazing 16 Angus	404kg	\$4.20	\$1700
J & R Mowat 20 Angus	382kg	\$4.30	\$1650
D & A Andrew 18 Hereford	379kg	\$3.90	\$1480

Weaner Steers

Watermill Pastoral 18 Angus	409kg	\$4.30	\$1760
Locke Scott P/Ship 22 Angus	407kg	\$4.59	\$1870
J & P Fleming 18 Angus	399kg	\$4.76	\$1900
Wallanbeen 24 Angus	396kg	\$4.64	\$1840
Locke Scott P/Ship 19 Angus	386kg	\$4.84	\$1870
Locke Scott P/Ship 24 Angus	384kg	\$4.84	\$1860
Dm & Ka Scott 19 Angus	372kg	\$4.00	\$1490
Locke Scott P/Ship 21 Angus	370kg	\$4.70	\$1740
Standfield 20 Angus	368kg	\$4.42	\$1630
J & V Garreto 17 Angus	363kg	\$4.13	\$1500
R & R Barnacle 22 Angus	358kg	\$3.91	\$1400
J & S Kelly 13 Angus	352kg	\$4.40	\$1550
Locke Scott P/Ship 16 Angus	348kg	\$4.45	\$1550
Wallenbeen 10 Angus	344kg	\$3.75	\$1290
Watermill Pastoral 12 Angus	342kg	\$3.97	\$1360
Calder 12 Angus	336kg	\$3.57	\$1200
Glenfinnan 24 Angus	336kg	\$4.55	\$1530
Dm & Ka Scott 21 Angus	335kg	\$4.53	\$1520
Pilgrim Cromb Family Trust			
24 Angus	326kg	\$4.14	\$1350
Lawson 23 Angus	312kg	\$4.61	\$1440
Glenfinnan 23 Angus	305kg	\$4.45	\$1360
Tullaree 20 Angus	293kg	\$4.30	\$1260
J & S Kelly 13 Angus	287kg	\$4.46	\$1280
SJ & JP Hunt 23 Angus	263kg	\$4.71	\$1240
J Lizza 21 Angus	248kg	\$4.39	\$1090

Heifers

Allnutt Family Trust 15 Angus	445kg	\$3.28	\$1460
S Fahey & Son 22 Angus	440kg	\$3.64	\$1600
M & M Cattle Co 12 Angus	430kg	\$3.62	\$1560
A & M Hoban 21 Angus	421kg	\$3.59	\$1510
Mount Angus Stud 26 Angus	397kg	\$3.85	\$1530
High Voltage Consultancy			
21 Angus	377kg	\$3.85	\$1450
Mount Angus Stud 25 Angus	357kg	\$3.58	\$1280
High Voltage Consultancy			
21 Angus	343kg	\$3.58	\$1230
Watermill Pastoral 16 Angus	334kg	\$3.77	\$1260
E & J Bennett 17 Angus	334kg	\$3.50	\$1170
Dk Bowman 14 Angus	332kg	\$3.41	\$1100
Argent 21 Angus	332kg	\$3.31	\$1100
T Beamish 24 Angus	331kg	\$3.56	\$1180
Calder 17 Angus	323kg	\$3.09	\$1000
Court 20 Angus	316kg	\$3.48	\$1100
MD P/L 22 Angus	313kg	\$3.48	\$1090
MD P/L 12 Angus	300kg	\$3.50	\$1050
MD P/L 19 Angus	283kg	\$3.57	\$1010
CT Ferguson 167 Angus	268kg	\$3.84	\$1030

Xbred & Dairy

I & C Haw 10 BB	625kg	\$3.20	\$2000
Jx & Cj Barwick 12 Angus X	566kg	\$3.37	\$1910
Ws & Ti Warren 30 Fresian	507kg	\$2.70	\$1370
R Auvisch 20 Fresian	406kg	\$2.46	\$1000
N & M Grumley 21 Fresian	389kg	\$2.37	\$920

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, July 22, 2024

Jersey & Jersey x	\$16 to \$38
Friesian Bulls	\$25 to \$98
Friesian Heifers	\$34 to \$64
Beef Bulls	\$29 to \$90
Beef Heifers	\$32 to \$80

Number of Calves: 274

Number purchased to rear: 28

Weed and Pest Control Seminar

Field Experts presenting on

- Fox and Rabbit control options
- Weed control responsibilities and management plans
- Positive impacts of pest control for native wildlife
- Local weed and pest control contractors will available to answer questions and discuss their services

When: Thursday, 15 August 2024

Register or more infomation

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Where: Leongatha Memorial



Conventional winners coincidentally all from Poowong were Scott Loughridge, Adrian Tilling and Dan Custance.

Poowong produces ploughing best

FOR the first time ever,

Western Australia hosted the National Ploughing Contest, marking a significant milestone in the state's ploughing history. While WA has held local matches for the past decade, it is not part of the National Association, which traditionally rotates the contest between Victoria, Tasmania, and New South Wales.

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Unbreakable Farmer visits Mirboo North

THE chance to hear from 'The Unbreakable Farmer' Warren Davies, enjoy a tasty free meal and catch up with others, ensured a big turnout at the Mirboo North Hotel on Monday, July 22 for 'Parma for a South Gippsland Farmer'.

South Gippsland Shire Council hosted the event with support from Agriculture Victoria, Dairy Australia, Gipps Dairy and the Unbreakable Farmer, with many of the local farmers in attendance affected by recent storm events.

'Parma for a South Gippsland Farmer', was an opportunity for the shire's farming community to come together to make connections, share knowledge and discuss farming issues while enjoying a pub classic, the chicken parmigiana.

Over 75 guests attended, including representatives of agricultural support agencies, councillors, council staff and more than 50 South Gippsland farmers.

Speaker Warren's inspiring talk provided an honest insight into his struggles with mental health and his farming challenges and allowed others to share their experiences.

Following his talk, Warren mingled with attendees, fostering connections and offering encouragement and support.

"In addition to a delicious meal and a chance for our farmers to connect, 'Parma for a South Gippsland Farmer' was an impactful evening designed to support mental well-being with the agricultural community," Mayor Clare Williams said.

"I would like to thank Warren Davies for taking the time to visit our region; his speech highlighted how important it is to prioritise mental health and to reach out for



Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien, South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor Clare Williams and Unbreakable Farmer Warren Davies at the 'Parma for a South Gippsland Farmer' event in Mirboo North.

emotional support during trying times."

With Mirboo North chosen as the location for the event due to the impacts of February's storm, Warren stopped on his way into town to observe the devastation.

"It's amazing the force that mother nature wants to unleash sometimes, and obviously that causes tragedy and destruction in some of these towns," he commented in a video posted to the 'Unbreakable Farmer' Facebook page.

Warren stressed that such places eventually drop off the news cycle and that it is an eye-opener to come and see the ongoing ramifications.

"Visiting impacted communities across Australia is at times visually and emotionally confronting,

like driving into Mirboo North last night," he wrote of his visit, adding that those not living in such communities can't fathom the impact.

"The thing that the news cycle misses, and that I get to witness, is the community coming together and their strength in recovery," Warren said, commenting the term 'resilience' is overused and people need to help find a better word to describe such amazing communities.

If you or someone you know would benefit from mental health support, please reach out to one of the many support services available, including Lifeline on 13 11 14 or TIACS, which offers mental health support to Australia's blue-collar community, on 0488 846 988.

Preventing cold stress on cows during winter months

REDUCING the impacts of cold weather on cattle is essential to both animal production and welfare.

During cold weather, the energy requirements of a cow can increase by up to 20 per cent, with lighter cows being more affected than those in adequate condition.

Agriculture Victoria Livestock Industry Development Officer Nick Linden said the impact of cold weather, particularly when combined with wet and windy conditions and low pasture availability, can severely affect cows that are already low in body condition.

"It is important to keep an eye on the forecast weather conditions and if possible, move cattle into sheltered paddocks or those with windbreaks. This

will reduce the impacts of chill by keeping animals out of the wind and give a better return on supplementary feeding.

"Poorer condition cows have a higher maintenance requirement through winter as they have to work harder to stay warm," Mr Linden said.

"Separating the lighter condition cows will enable producers to better manage these in-need cows with a specific feed and supplement plan and reduce competition for feed."

"Lighter cows will suffer more from cold stress than fatter cows – fat is an excellent source of insulation as well as being an important energy reserve. We really need to look out for the lighter cows."

Lighter cows can also result in weaker calves being born in the

spring, poor joining rates for autumn calvers or cow mortality.

Mr Linden said hungry cows can be cold cows and cattle will eat more in cold weather to generate body heat. Roughages like hay are broken down by microbial action, and this process generates heat. In addition to roughage, it's important to keep an eye on the protein and energy levels of the diet.

"While consuming roughages will help the cattle to stay warm, it is important to ensure adequate protein in the diet to feed the rumen bacteria."

"Without the rumen bacteria being well fed, cattle will struggle to consume the roughages needed to generate heat and stay productive."

Landmark study to reintroduce bush stone-curlew to Phillip Island

A DOZEN bush stone-curlews from Mt Rothwell Sanctuary will be reintroduced to Phillip Island (Millowl) in August, with hopes the new program will cast a lifeline to the critically endangered species.

Phillip Island Nature Parks is collaborating with the Odonata Foundation and The Australian National University (ANU) in a landmark study to improve the long-term viability of the bush stone-curlew in south-eastern Australia.

Dr Duncan Sutherland, Senior Scientist at Phillip Island Nature Parks, is leading the project, which begins with a pilot study involving 12 birds released – a few at a time – on Phillip Island next month. Researchers will monitor the birds using GPS trackers and individual identification bands to assess their survival, habitat use, movement patterns and reproductive success. Field health checks, acoustic recording, remote cameras, and observations by citizen scientists will also aid the research.

If the trial is successful, up to 60 birds may be released over the next three years in a bid to establish a self-sustaining population on Phillip Island.

Former Senior Research Officer at Phillip Island Nature Parks, Paula Wasiak, has started a PhD project with the ANU's Fenner School of Environment and Society in Canberra and will monitor and evaluate the reintroduction and the strategies that drive success.

The bush stone-curlew is a ground-dwelling, nocturnal bird with long legs, known for its resounding call. Phillip Island once supported a wild population of bush stone-curlews however

there have been no records of them since the 1970s.

Phillip Island Nature Parks General Manager Conservation Jessica McKelson said Phillip Island presents a rare opportunity for reintroduction of the species in a protected environment that is now fox-free.

"Bush stone-curlews are part of the natural biodiversity of Phillip Island and this program is a significant milestone in our efforts towards a sustainable population of the birds," Ms McKelson said.

"As conservationists, we are excited to play a part in what we hope will lead to the long-term recovery of the bush stone-curlew in Victoria."

Dr Sutherland said: "Reintroducing the bush stone-curlew is one step towards their long-term recovery and our efforts to move this species off the 'critically endangered' list. If successful, the reintroduction will demonstrate how we can work together to recover species from extinction and return them to their natural ecological roles."

"It will take time to establish a population of bush stone-curlews and we do expect challenges and setbacks along the way."

Ms McKelson said community support would be crucial to the success of the program.

"Importantly, we will need the help of the community to give us the best chance of success and are developing ways for the community to be involved in this project and be part of their recovery."

A wildlife permit has been issued by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, approving the translocation, release, and monitoring.

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DEATHS

De MERLO
(nee Turton),
Ivy May:
17.07.1944 - 27.07.2024.

Passed away after a short illness in Cobram Hospital.
You made your 80th Birthday.

Loved sister of Graham, fond sister-in-law of Shirley, and loved auntie of Michael, Paul, Andrea, and Narelle, and their families.

Dearly loved by us all, now at peace.

Treasured memories last forever.

DENNIS,
Beau Mathew:

Aged 45.

Passed away suddenly.

Dearly loved son of Robert and Carolyn.

Our big, beautiful boy Beau, you have gone from our lives but never from our hearts.

Beau, we will always remember the fun times we shared.

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Love Casey, Nardia, Asha, Flynn, Tameka, and Julian xoxo

Loved brother to Todd, brother-in-law to Danielle, and uncle to Alyssa, and Tayla.

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DENNIS,
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We were always there for each other through thick and thin.

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Dixon (Whelan),
Janette:

Sadly passed away 27.07.2024.

Aged 73.

Treasured lifelong friend of the Clement and Wardle families.

You've left us heartbroken but you are finally at peace, love you xx

-- Joan, Ken, Nathan, Bec, Shorty, and Zac.

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DEATHS

DIXON,
Janette Irene:

Passed away peacefully at Grossard Court Aged Care, aged 73 years.

Dearly loved wife of Ian for 57 years.

Loved and loving mother and mother-in-law to Karen and David, Paul and Maddie and Lindy and Anthony.

Daughter of Bill (dec.) and Maisie (dec.).

Cherished sister and sister-in-law of Daryl and Pam (dec.),

Brenda (dec.) and Leesa and Brendan.

Treasured Nan to Thomas, Ellen, Tenae and Maddie, and great grandmother to Hunter, Matilda, Logan, and Hudson.

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"Attendees will have the opportunity to meet like-minded farmers and discover information and tools for farming success," said Aimee.

"The workshops are relevant for farmers in horticulture, meat and wool and bee-keeping."

"We encourage farmers from various backgrounds and industries to attend, regardless of their knowledge level as there will be opportunities to learn new things and develop skills to take back to the farm."

The series of sessions will cover a range of topics, including action planning, risk identification and management, profitable decision making, managing people on the farm, farm safety and wellbeing and natural resource improvement including soil, water, crops and pastures.

The South Gippsland sessions will be delivered at Mirboo North over four days in August and September and the West Gippsland sessions will be delivered in Drouin over September and October.

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San Remo traders welcome's new committee for 2024

THE San Remo District Tourism and Business association held its AGM at the San Remo Hotel on July 25, 2024. It has been a very busy and successful year for the association with delivery and support of significant San Remo events including the Tidal Seafood Festival, Walk for the Kids and San Remo Christmas Carols 2023.

The association supports local businesses through advocacy, business networking and events. The committee values the importance of the local community and service organisations by including them in events and opportunities.

Returning President Craig Edmonds was recognised and thanked for his endless service and continuous leadership over the many years. Supporting executive committee members Leanne for her tireless work as Treasurer, and Paul and Anthony on the secretarial duties and other committee and members.

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Open invitation to Tuesday Ladies Tennis

THE local midweek ladies' tennis association welcomes any interested players to join the social play at 10am on Tuesdays for August and September at the following venues:

August 6 Cowes/Phillip Island Tennis Club; August 13 Inverloch Tennis Club; August 20 Westernport/San Remo Tennis Club; August 27 Wonthaggi Tennis Club; September 3 Korumburra Tennis Club; September 9 Cowes/Phillip Island Tennis Club; September 17 Inverloch Tennis Club.

Individual players of all levels are encouraged to join in for whatever week(s) suits you.

The co-ordinators arrange court allocation and balls at \$5 per person.

Any new players who would like join in as a permanent or

fill-in player for next season's competition, which runs from October to June, are welcome.

Clubs span the region from Cowes to Foster.

For further details contact Pam on 0439 461625

The 2023/2024 season grand-finals were held at Wonthaggi on June 25.

Section 1: Westernport 3-37 Lyndal Standish, Janine Milton, Cathy Felstead, Carol Slade, Ailsa Wines and Sharon Clements defeated Inverloch Diamonds 3-31 Lisa Butcher, Liza Burrows, Kate Edwards, Dawn Hughes and Jen Scott.

Section 2: Korumburra 6-48 Jen Cecil, Chris Kyle, Sue Van Sinderen, Pam Gardner and Judy Blogg defeated Foster 0-28 Kath Young, Alice Barden, Thelma Woods and Bev Cowan.



The Westernport winners of Section 1 were Lyndal Standish, Janine Milton, Cathy Felstead, Carol Slade and Ailsa Wines. Absent: Sharon Clements.

WorkSafe Tradies Surf Challenge on again

BASS Coast and South Gippsland Shire tradies who love hitting the waves in their spare time and fancy a bit of competition, can battle it out in the WorkSafe Tradies Surf Challenge this October at Tullamarine's URBNSURF.

There will also be WorkSafe Club Wellness sessions held in three locations across the State targeting key surfing clubs, run by Cooper Chapman from the 'Good Human Factory', including a surf with Chapman and a 45-minute training session.

Both the competition and the wellness sessions are delivered through a partnership between Surfing Victoria and WorkSafe Victoria.

The Tradies Challenge is a specialty surf event for tradesmen and tradeswomen in Victoria, with Open men's and women's sections, Over 35 Masters competition, and a Bodyboard division.

While tradies will no doubt

be striving for bragging rights, it is a fun and laid-back event.

"Engaging in healthy, stress-relieving activity like surfing not only enhances physical wellbeing but strengthens teamwork and communication skills, which are essential for safety in the workplace," WorkSafe CEO Joe Calafiore said.

Surfing Victoria CEO Adam Robertson is excited to continue a partnership with WorkSafe that has been running for seven years, saying both the Tradies Challenge and Club Wellness sessions involve surfers from across the State.

Limited entries are now open online at surfingvic.com by selecting 'upcoming events', then '2024 WorkSafe Tradies Challenge'.

Competition takes place on Sunday October 13 at URBNSURF, located at 309 Melrose Drive, Melbourne Airport.



Arthur McKenzie of Cowes pulled out a few tricks to impress the judges walking away with the Masters number one spot at the 2022 event. Photo: Noah Clifford / Surfing Victoria.

Mahers Landing Boat ramp and jetty takes shape



The new boat ramp at Mahers Landing near Inverloch is expected to open in spring.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
July 30	July 31	August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5
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MEMBER for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien is encouraging everyone to support their local champions and here is how you can do so.

Nyora's Keefer Wilson will kick off his Olympics in the prelims of men's skateboarding park on August 7 at 8.30pm, and all going well we will also be able to watch him in the finals at 1.30am August 8.

Off the back of her World Championship title in 2022, Leongatha's Eleanor Patterson will start her third Olympics on August 2 at 6.15pm in the women's high jump qualification with the finals being held on August 5 at 3.50am.

Leongatha's skeet shooter Aislin Jones will see her second Olympic appearance with qualification day one on August 3 at 5pm, with qualification day two starting August 4 at 5.30pm ahead of the skeet women's final at 11.30pm.

Aislin will take to the stage in a second event on August 5 at 5pm for the skeet mixed team qualification, with finals starting at 11pm.

Former Phillip Island and Leongatha premiership coach Beau Vernon will take to the floor for mixed wheelchair rugby in the Paralympics against Great Britain on August 29 at 7.30pm before taking on France on August 31 at 3.30 am and Denmark at 9.30pm. The mixed wheelchair rugby finals will then commence on September 1.

Arawata are throwing their support behind David and Robyn's daughter, Linden Hall. Round 1 of the Women's 1500m will take place on August 6 at 6.05pm, followed on August 7 at 8.45pm by the Repechage Round. August 9 will see the semi finals take place at 3.35am with finals on August 11 at 4.25am.

2300 signatures for jetty petition

MORE than 2300 signatures have been collected for the 'Save the Newhaven Jetty' petition and delivered to Eastern Victoria MP Melina Bath for submission in state parliament.

Expressing her admiration for the community's dedication, Ms Bath emphasised the significance of obtaining sufficient petition signatures to meet the threshold for debate in parliament.

"The commitment shown by locals is truly remarkable, and it signifies their will to see their jetty restored and reopened."

In addition to sponsoring the community's petition, Ms Bath has also filed a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to obtain critical information regarding the Jetty's closure, with a response expected by mid-August.

Email us your fishing photos
news@sgst.com.au

SPORT | CROQUET



Wonthaggi Croquet from left, Sam Morale, Marj Prendergast, Sue Cartwright, Virginia Wheeler, Gerry Kool, Neil Warburton, Sue Baker, Tom Lacey. Kneeling: Philip Bool.

Wonthaggi Croquet enjoys winter comps

CROQUET players are a hardy lot and despite winter being well and truly here, tournaments have been attended over the last couple of months as well as normal club play on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Marj Prendergast and Neil Warburton competed in Section 1 of the Traralgon Level play doubles on June 8 and 9 winning two out of their six games.

Sale doubles was next on the agenda with our Virginia Wheeler teaming up with Heather Bradbury from Bairnsdale in Section 1 and winning four games. Neil Warburton pairing with Peter Binks from Queenscliffe won two games also in Section 1.

The weekend of July 27 and 28 had a contingent of nine Wonthaggi players contest the handicap doubles event at Leongatha. Bitterly cold weather over the weekend did not deter great competition. Having played in the rain on many occasions, hail on Sunday morning was a first for many of us.

Three pairs, Neil Warburton/

Marj Prendergast, Tom Lacey/Sue Baker and Sue Cartwright/Gerry Kool, competed in Section 1 with Tom/Sue finishing fifth, Sue/Gerry fourth and Neil/Marj taking the honours by winning five of their games and pipping the runners-up, Goldstraw/Lebon from Sale by one hoop.

Virginia Wheeler, teaming up with Helen Checkley from Korumburra in Section 2, won three games as did Philip Bool and Sam Morale. This was Philip's and Sam's first external tournament and a good result for them.

Not only did we do rather well in the tournament but between us also grabbed quite a haul from the raffle table.

On July 24 the club held a Christmas in July lunch at the club rooms which was very well attended and a great deal of fun. Sue Cartwright is to be commended for the idea and much of the organising.

To remind us of our younger years Santa even paid us a visit. A remarkable resemblance to our own Neil Warburton. Thanks Santa.

Three pairs, Neil Warburton/



Neil Warburton and Marjorie Prendergast from Wonthaggi took home the Group a win over the weekend at Leongatha.



Bob Moir of Rosebud and Ian Fasham of Sorrento secured the Group B win.

Weather fails to deter keen players

CROQUET doubles were played in Leongatha on July 27 and 28 in winter conditions.

Contestants came from far afield as Shepparton, Terang, Sale, Rosebud, Sorrento, and five local clubs.

Even though it was hailing wet, windy with some sunshine there was great comrade between the contestants.

During game intervals homemade soup and toasted

sandwiches were enjoyed by an open fire.

Group A grand winners were Neil Warburton and Marjorie Prendergast from Wonthaggi. Runners up: Peter Goldstraw and Deirdre Lebon from Sale.

Group B winners were Bob Moir Rosebud and Ian Fasham Sorrento. Runners up: Mary Tabrah and Mark Vitlin from Sale.

SPORT | BOWLS



Raff Merante, Peter McWilliams and Tony Morris were the Midweek Bowls Group winners.



The winners at Friday's Breakaway Bowls were Graeme McAlpine, Helen Gladstone, Bruce Rodwell and Brian Newman.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

THE club continues to grow.

Another three new members joined on Friday and 20 bowlers turned out to enjoy some fun.

John Stewart enjoyed his 83rd birthday and Wilma Marshall had a birthday during the week – congratulations to both of you. The cakes were beautiful.

What a Monday we had, 16 bowlers and yet another new member welcome to Bruce. We were lucky to have had a new mat donated by Warrawee from Inverloch and we thank them for their fantastic gesture.

Winners on the day were Jan Clark, Linda Newman and Rhonda Rattenbury with +16 a great result.

Friday's winners were Graeme McAlpine, Helen Gladstone, Bruce Rodwell and Brian Newman with a score of +10 – well done to all concerned.

Don't forget to come along to bowls Monday and Friday at 1pm at the Cape Paterson Community Hall.

INVERLOCH

INCLEMENT weather in Inverloch on Thursday, July 25, saw the social bowls cancelled without a bowl being bowled.

The Friday evening membership draw on July 26 had the clubrooms packed to the rafters where \$260 was up for grabs, and yes, it had to happen at some stage, the jackpot was claimed when member number 185 was randomly drawn with the owner, Craig Selby, who by the way was at the time volunteering behind the bar with his mother, stepping up and taking the prize.

Next fortnight, the jackpot will revert back to \$100, which is still worth the effort of making an appearance at the club.

Jean Turner (#212) won the right to have first choice of the table while the Johns, Sutcliffe and Flett, took out the major prizes from the lucky envelopes.

A reminder, that the club will not be hosting the fortnightly roast dinner next Friday, due to the clubrooms being utilised as a venue for the annual Inverloch Jazz Festival.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

WHAT a special day Thursday was.

The group had painstakingly planned a "Christmas in July"



Jos Kemper and Max Sweetnam enjoyed a win on Friday at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Stan Noad, Aldo Sartori and John Migliorisi.

WONTHAGGI

WEDNESDAY was a fine cool day with sunshine and a cool breeze.

Being a good weather day, 36 bowlers graced the greens, in teams of triples, over two games of 10 ends.

Three teams were two game-winners.

The unlucky team was Lorraine Day, Michael Raman and Heather Blanch with a score of two wins, 31 points.

Runners up were Hans Bischofberger, Veronica Griffiths and Adrian Gray with a score of two wins, 32 points and eight shots up.

The winners were Stan Noad, Aldo Sartori and John Migliorisi with a score of two wins, 32 points and nine shots.

Saturday was a washout with the weather Gods having the final say after lunch.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

Friday night continues to get better each week, with the member's draw now standing at \$280.

The draw is at 6pm and you have to be there to win.

There is also the meat tray raffle.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

IT was another fun and enjoyable week of bowling – free of stress with a total of 43 players competing.

Tuesday's winners with an amazing plus 28 were Jean Wynde, Jim Rodhi and Allan Ireland.

Runners up also with a good score of plus 23 were Helen Rook, Jeannie Slocombe and Pam Russell.

On Friday, there was a very competitive round.

The winners on plus four, winning two games, were Max Sweetnam and Jos Kemper.

Coming second, winning one game only on plus eight, winning on a count back, were Judy Sweetnam, Fred Demenech and Bill Featherson.

The club would also like to welcome new member Carol Thorpe.

The club also had a fantastic lunch for Christmas in July at Taberners.

Thank you to all who made the day such a fun and enjoyable day.

FOSTER

WINTER continues to bite. It's unfortunate but the weather stopped the Thursday competition, other than that, a full week with depleted fields.

On Tuesday though, 13 players got out and played, Robin Smith (21) 36 points won what he said was for the second time in 18 months.

Larry Giddy (18) and Trevor (Kiwi) Jones (29) followed closely behind on 33 points each.

Graham Watkins found the green twice, sixth and 13th to take out both nearest to pin.

On Wednesday, seven ladies (five 18-hole, two nine-hole) played for a club donated trophy.

Kylie Collins (14) won the day with 36 points and was closely followed by captain Beth Currum (21) with 34 points.

Jenny Mountford took home nearest to pin on the sixth and Josie Parisi hit a lovely tee shot on the 17th to win.

Throughout the week, 23 players played the back nine holes for the weekly Chicken run.

Ian Eddy (10) took out the win late Friday afternoon with 21 points.

Two balls down the line went to Travis Manne (15) with scores of 19 and 18 points, also Jack Collins (15) and Robin Smith (19) won a ball down the line with 18 points, there was one birdie for the week, Jack Collins on the 17th.

On Saturday, 10 players or five teams played a Four Ball event with Rod Coughlan-Lane and Bernie Esser taking the win with 42 points.

Shaun Chaseling and Jake Pilkington were runners up with 40 points.

There were four nearest to pins that went off, Simon Barwick (fourth), Graham Watkins (13th), Mick Connellan (15th) and Jake Pilkington (17th).

This week coming, the club has its weekly Tuesday and Thursday open Stableford competitions as well as Stableford for ladies on Wednesday.

Saturday sees the men play their Monthly Medal (John Collins trophy) as well as the second round of the W E Tuer.

All members are reminded that their third round singles knockout matches is to be played by July 31.

As winter continues, the course is starting to get wet and in spots, muddy.

To help preserve the condition of the course, the club asks all cart users to please stay to the edge of the fairway/rough and avoid the righthand side of the second and 12th fairways as these spots are the wettest.

A reminder to fill all divots and if you're walking past and see an old one, please take the time to fill it.

Phil and his staff are doing a wonderful job of maintaining the course and anything golfers can do to help him would be greatly appreciated.

Happy golfing and keep swinging.

KORUMBURRA**Ladies**

THE Saturday, July 13, winner was Deb Wrigley (32), 1 down.

Johanna van den Heiligenberg (14) was runner-up, three down after a c/b with Kim Enbom (42).

On Wednesday, July 17, Kim Enbom (42) won with 35 points.

Lyn McIvor (23) was runner-up on a c/b from Kerri Besley (19) 34 points.

Johanna van den Heiligenberg

was NTP on the first (Kelly's Bakery voucher) and 13th, with Kerri the closest on the 10th green.

Lyn Leppin (48) was the winner last Wednesday, July 24, with 38 points.

Runner-up was Kerri Besley (19) 37 points and Johanna van den Heiligenberg (14) won a BDTL, 36 points.

The nine-hole comp was won by Barb Walker (34), 10 points following a c/b with Julie Cole (54).

NTPs were Johanna first and Kerri 10th.

Last Saturday, there was a small field out on the course.

Kerri Besley (19) won with 32 points and Gail Beer was NTP on the 10th.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, July 23: Stableford. Tuesday's Stableford round saw 48 members/guests take to the course.

A Grade winner: Jeffrey Brewster (15) with a score of 38 points. A Grade runner up: Peter Read (14) with a score of 37 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: David Forbes (17) with a score of 40 points on a countback. B Grade runner up: Warren Dummett (16) with a score of 40 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Winton Knop at .64m. NTP 14th: Craig Hutchinson at 3.97m. NTP 16th: David Forbes at 1.76m.

Thursday, July 25: Pairs Ambrose Stableford.

Thursday's wet and windy conditions saw a delayed start to the day with 34 members/guests tackling a pairs Ambrose Stableford event.

Winners on the day were a triple team of Andrew Smith, Bruce Christison and Simon Kaiserman.

Runners up were the team of Ross McRobert and Antony Gedy.

Saturday, July 27: Stableford.

A cool but clear day saw 47 members/guests take to the course for this Stableford event.

A Grade winner: Glenn Marsham (10) with a score of 37 points.

A Grade runner up: Alan Starkey (9) with a score of 36 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Geoffrey McDonald (18) with a score of 39 points on a countback.

B Grade runner up: Ian Blencowe (18) with a score of 39 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Trevor Bowler. NTP 14th: Warren Stewart. NTP 16th: Andrew Henley.

Ladies

BLISS of Inverloch, a women's clothing store, sponsored the Stableford event last week.

A lovely selection of apparel and accessories were on display.

All event winners and runners up were given very generous vouchers.

The top score of the day was B Grade winner Jill Moor with 44 points.

Viv French, also with a great score of 41 was the runner up.

A Grade was won by Alison Strong with 35 points just one point ahead of Kay Dumbleton on 34.

Balls down the line went to Shirley Welsford 35, Else Gedy, Teresa Bennett and Jill Steer 34, Maxine Eabry and Wendy Brown 33, and Deb Miller 30 points.

Kay Dumbleton won the nearest to the pin second shot on the fifth and Maryanne Gartner was the closest on the 14th.

BDL: 34 pts

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, July 25: Stableford.

A Grade: G. Renwick (12) 41 points. B Grade: W. Reynolds (20) 39 points.

DTL: S. McGrath, I. Duncan and S. Duff 36 points.

NTP: fourth T. Bradshaw, sixth S. McGrath and 16th J. Kus.

Birdies: fourth T. Bradshaw and 16th M. Payne.

Saturday, July 27: Stableford, Final President Trophy.

A Grade: S. Duff (9) 40 points.

B Grade: S. McKenzie (26) 41 points.

DTL: G. Dawson and S. Mills, 37, and B. Bradshaw and Tom Traill 36.

NTP: fourth S. Evison, sixth T. Bradshaw, 13th J. Robbins and 16th S. Duff.

Birdies: 16th S. Duff, G. Dawson, S. Mills and S. Evison.

President Trophy Final: B. Bradshaw defeated J. Robbins 3/2.

PHILLIP ISLAND

TUESDAY, July 23: Mens Comp Stableford 18H

Overall Winner: Greg Kane (13) 36 Points. A Grade winner: Greg Kane (13) 36 Points.

B Grade winner: Rowan Wales (15) 35 Points.

C Grade winner: Michael Coghlan (19) 35 Points c/b

BDL to 32 points c/b

NTP: fifth Rowan Wales, seventh Bob Purcell, 10th Garry Birch 17th Ron Davies.

Mens Nine-Hole Stableford

Overall Winner: Richie Nettleton (32) 23 pts from John Niven (24) 18 pts c/b

BDL 16 Points c/b

Wednesday, July 24: Womens Comp 4BBB 18H

Winners: Lynn McCole and Mel Naismith 47 points from Jillian Chandler and Megan Elbaz 44 points.

BDL to 40 Points

NTP: fifth Rhonda Boyd, seventh Rhonda Boyd, 10th Liz Gleeson, 17th Lesley Meadowcroft

Womens Comp Stableford 9H

Overall Winner: Margaret Frith (31) 18 pts from Kaye Johnston (42) 17 pts

BDL 13 - Thursday, July 25: Open Par 18H

Overall Winner: Danny Hibbert (16) +3 c/b from Brett Saunders (22)

BDL to -2 c/b

NTP: fifth Craig O'Neill, seventh Brady Ross, 10th Ray Matthews, 17th Danny Hibbert

Saturday, July 27: Mens Comp Stableford 9H

Front 9: A Grade winner: A-1 Daniel Hall (12) 21 Points

B Grade winner: B-1 Stephen Earl (15) 19 Points C/b

C Grade winner: C-1 Heath Koloc (26) 18 Points c/b

BDL to 18 Points c/b

Back 9: A Grade Winner: A-1 Anthony Shannon (10) 19 points

B Grade Winner: B-1 Stuart Crawford (18) 19 points

C Grade Winner: C-1 Rick Zolcinski (23) 22 points c/b

NTP: 17th Aarib Saric

Womens Comp Stableford

Winner: Jan Daff (27) 40 points from Lynn McCole (33) 38 points

BDL 32 points

NTP: fifth Ada Anglin, 10th Ada Anglin

Open Stableford 9H No Comp

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The Invy Espy Stableford round winners on July 18 were Antony Gedy, Garry Rotteveel, Alan Black and Fred de Bondt at the Leongatha Golf Club.



Winners of the Inverloch Bliss Stableford event Viv French and Jill Moor with sponsor Liz Chandler (centre) at the Leongatha Golf Club.



Linda Forrester was the winner at the Woorayl Golf Club, pictured with runner up Elly Berryman.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's daily winners Carole Sartori and Kaylene Hodgetts.

WONTHAGGI**Ladies**

THE Open has just been decided in Troon Scotland.

The 18 players on Wednesday got a taste of their own Wonthaggi Open when the wind started to blow and combined with the fast rolled greens some holes were diabolical.

As is usually the case, there were some clever ones who thumbed their nose at the wind with great rounds.

The A Grade winner was Kaylene Hodgetts (28) 37 points, with Merryn Dear runner up (19) 34 points.

B Grade winners was Carole Sartori, who was delighted to play the 18 holes with (43) 31 points from Layla Robertson (32) 25 points.

The only NTP claimed on the day was 17th Marg Johnson.

BDL went to Merryn Dear 34, Catherine Bolding 30, Marg Johnson 28 and Layla Robertson 25.

WOORAYL**Ladies**

EIGHT ladies competed in a Stableford event, Sponsored by Char & Co, on Wednesday.

The winner with 31 points was Linda Forrester, who also had two nearest to the pins on the 11th and 17th, and also won the raffle.

The runner up with 30 points was Elly Berryman and BDL went to Heather Sullivan and Ann Poole, both with 29 points. Inge Giliam got nearest to the pin on the eighth.



Nick, the lucky winner of the San Remo Butchers meat tray raffle.

Round 15 drama unfolds in darts

THE atmosphere was electric at the darts centre as round 15 of the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League delivered a series of thrilling matches.

The night kicked off with Joe's Hornets edging out Dart Vaders in a nail-biting clash that ended 4-3. The tension continued as the Storm narrowly triumphed over That's All, securing another 4-3 victory in a game that had spectators on the edge of their seats.

In other matches, the Riverboys showcased their prowess with a commanding 5-2 win against the Breakers. However, the most decisive match of the evening saw the top-of-the-ladder Vikings dominate the Mustangs, finishing with a flawless 7-0 victory.

A special mention and a thank you goes to Jamie and Mark from the Jammers, who stepped in for the Mustangs and displayed commendable sportsmanship. The league also sends best wishes to Tony for a speedy recovery and hopes to see him back in action soon.

Off the board, congratulations are in order for Nick, the lucky winner of the San Remo Butchers meat tray raffle. His win added a touch of delight to an already exhilarating evening.

As we look ahead to Round 16 next week, anticipation is building for some high-quality matchups, especially the top-of-the-table clash between the Vikings and That's All. Fans can expect another round of intense competition and unforgettable moments.

Stay tuned for more darting action and may the best team win!

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

2S COMPANY: 1st place on 5.5pts Tinabe, 2nd place on 4pts Palms, 3rd place on 3pts King Pins.

ABL: 1st place on 30pts Just Bowl Already, 2nd place on 28.5pts Fairlanes, 3rd place on 28pts Storm.

Business Early: 1st place on 6pts Old Timers, 2nd place on 4pts Balls Deep, 3rd place on 4pts Wooly Rollers, 4th place on 3pts Turkey Slappers.

Business Late: 1st place on 4pts City Lights, 2nd place on 4pts The Big D's, 3rd place on 4pts Holy Splits, 4th place on 3pts S&R Clarke Auto

Phantom: Waiting for all players to complete week 1.

Krystal Arnason set to represent Melbourne Tigers in Perth

KORUMBURRA Wildcat Krystal Arnason recently played in front of college basketball coaches in the United States, now back home and looking forward to representing Melbourne Tigers' Under 18 side in Perth at September's National Club Championships.

The event is part of Hoopfest, Arnason's Tigers having qualified by winning the National Junior Classic in Melbourne in the Under 18 competition, Arnason being best on court in the Grand Final.

It's her first season with the Tigers, having joined them when Korumburra was unable to get a team up for the Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) competition.

She trains a couple of times a week with the Under 18 side and plays Friday nights at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC), having a further training session each week with the Tigers' youth league side for those aged up to 23, for which Arnason also plays.

The 17-year-old expressed her

appreciation for her mum and chauffeur, Bec, who makes the demanding travel schedule possible.

"She's committed to drive me two hours each way most nights a week, so I thank her a lot," Arnason said.

While Arnason tends to play through the centre and forward for the Tigers, she explained defence is also an important focus.

"Our team is strong with defence, so we all have to be really good defensively," she said.

Korumburra basketball identity and coach Chloe Hogg has previously highlighted Arnason's defensive nous.

"Krystal's always a standout, crushes boards and protects our hoop, and saves our bums on the defensive end," Hogg said.

Arnason explained the experience she is gaining representing the Tigers is proving a real positive.

"It boosts my development because you get to play against some of the best of the state," she said, noting there are also some of the best in her team.

The Melbourne Tigers held a fundraising lunch in South Melbourne on Saturday, July 27, and are also fundraising online through the Australian Sports Foundation, with Arnason saying the aim is to reduce financial stress on players' families.

Visit ASF.org.au and search for Melbourne Tigers to donate, with the donations page headed 'Melbourne Tigers Under 18 National Club Championships'.

Arnason's recent American trip to Kentucky was organised through a tour group that takes kids across Australia to the US to put their basketball skills on show.

She can look forward to hearing from US colleges and hopes to play in one of the top couple of divisions when she eventually heads over to America to study.

Korumburra sides will be back in Country Basketball League action when the season gets underway in October, with Arnason looking forward to playing in the Wildcats' orange outfit again.



Krystal Arnason has enjoyed success in her first year with the Melbourne Tigers, being the MVP in the Under 18s winning Grand Final side, and is keen to build on that when she represents the club in Perth during September.



Social Sixes is a new cricket program designed just for women run by Cricket Victoria and hosted by Koonwarra Leongatha RSL Cricket Club.



Join other ladies to get fit, have fun and learn some cricket skills over six weeks.

Ladies have a bat and a bowl with new cricket program

THE KOONWARRA Leongatha RSL Cricket Club are hosting Social Sixes, an exciting new cricket program designed specifically for women.

It's a fun, fast and social mid-week activity open to any females aged 15 and over. No cricket skills are necessary and it caters to all levels of fitness.

The sessions focus on activities that are designed to get hearts pumping as well as teach the skills required to play cricket.

This is the first year a Gippsland club has run the Cricket Victoria program, which has been a popular program in metropolitan areas for the past couple of years.

"It's pretty exciting for us to be one of the first in Gippsland to

be running the program," said Facilitator Mel Buckley, who commented that Traralgon will also be starting the program this year as well.

Two people from Cricket Victoria will come to the club to run the sessions and teach skills to the group.

The program goes for six weeks with sixty-minute sessions, although these may extend out to 90 minutes, depending on the activity and the available light.

It's aimed at giving a group of females the opportunity to get together and learn some cricket skills while having fun and getting fit.

"The beauty of the program is that it runs alongside a variety of skills. From beginners to people

that have played cricket before, the program can be adjusted to suit skill level and fitness level," explained Mel.

At the end of each session, the group get to play an adjusted rules game of cricket to hone in on the skills they are developing throughout the sessions.

Mel is hoping that at the very last session, they will be able to play a game of cricket that is similar to how the women's cricket team usually play.

"It's just another new way of meeting new people and having some social fun," said Mel.

The sessions will be held at Koonwarra Rec Reserve starting on Wednesday, September 4 at 5.30pm and are open to any interested females from the Leongatha area.

All the equipment will be provided by Cricket Victoria.

The host club is Koonwarra Leongatha RSL Cricket Club, with support from the Leongatha Imperials Cricket Club and Leongatha Town Cricket Club.

The clubs hope the program will generate more interest among women and young adults who would like to keep playing cricket and join the Leongatha and District Cricket Club Association for the upcoming season.

The Open Women's Cricket Competition through the Association starts in October, and it will be the third year the competition has been going.

For more information or questions contact Mel Buckley on koonycougarscc@gmail.com.

Knights to celebrate 20 years

TWENTY years of the Leongatha Knights Football Club will be celebrated at Leongatha's Memorial Hall this Saturday night, August 3.

The event will be an opportunity for all members – past and present – to celebrate the achievements of the soccer club and reminisce about past successes.

Tool Shed – a band headed by one of the premiership coaches – will provide the entertainment and there will be games for the whole family to enjoy.

There is plenty for the club to celebrate as it reaches its 20th year.

Membership has grown by 20 per cent in the last year, bouncing back exceptionally from a numbers dive during the pandemic.

When the club first began in 2004, the teams included a mixed gender Senior side, a mixed gender U16 side and a few junior teams.

The club now fields a team in every competition from Seniors to U6s, including Reserve men's, women's and the newly formed U13 girls.

The club will be looking back on its first premiership win in 2009, where the women's team claimed the title, creating a



The Leongatha Knights' men's side are currently sitting in top four. The Knights will celebrate their 20th anniversary this Saturday night.

legacy of success for the Knights' women's sides.

Individual achievements such as milestone games will be highlighted on the night and there will be a strong focus on celebrating the families who have been involved in growing the club.

The club will take the opportunity to thank Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College, which has provided a venue for the soccer players since the club's inception.

The school and the club have worked together to accommodate the growth in soccer, keeping the pitch well maintained and adding

a portable as a clubroom in 2010.

More plans to upgrade the facility are in the works to continue to support the growing club.

Players will also be able to reflect on the current season, where the women's team are on top of the ladder, the men's side is in the top four and the juniors have been extremely competitive.

"It's going to be a wonderful night, a lot of fun," Leongatha Knights' Bethany Milkins said.

"The growth of our club is a credit to the local people who have been involved and the club members who put in tireless hours to keep the club going."

Some of the guests will include

Eastern Victorian Region MLC Melina Bath and those who were instrumental in the early years, who will be coming back to see their legacy.

"It's pretty incredible that you can start something and not realise the profound effect it's going to have," Bethany said.

Around 250 people are set to attend the event and tickets are still available.

Tickets cost \$20 per individual and \$60 per family.

The event will kick off at 6.30pm.

To secure your ticket, head to eventcreate.com/e/knightsfc-20thanniversary.

Gippsland United enter the business end of the season

By Solomon Nash

second half.

They took the game to Brandon Park in a controlled manner, dictating possession and managing their opponents counter attacks well.

United searched and searched for an equaliser knowing a draw would suffice given the circumstances of being a player down.

However, a third concession via a penalty kick hampered their momentum and gave Brandon Park a two-goal buffer.

Gippsland United's keeper, Aiden Riley, had a terrific game, making save after save to stop Brandon Park from being out of sight.

Riley also saved the penalty in the second half but parried the ball into the path of a Brandon Park player who scored with ease.

Cooper Coleman and Harry Bettridge came off the bench for United to give the team a renewed and different form of a threat upfront.

The youthful pairing gave Brandon Park's backline plenty of trouble, creating a handful of chances late in the game.

But neither Coleman nor Bettridge were able to convert, leaving the game to finish 3-1 in favour of Brandon Park.

United's senior men now enter the business end of the season where they will have to pick up points from their remaining five games to maintain their status in State League 1 for next year.

Eltham, Mornington, Malvern, Springvale and Casey are the fixtures that lay ahead for United.

With no games this coming weekend, the league resumes on Saturday, August 10.

United will prepare to face top-of-the-table Eltham Redbacks at home.

Last time the sides met at Baxter Park in 2023, the end score

was 0-0, a possible good omen for United as they definitely will aim to at least draw if not win this fixture.

Reserves

After drawing a week before against Collingwood, Gippsland United's reserves returned to the winner's list, defeating Brandon Park 1-2.

It was a crucial result for United who are edging closer and closer to a second consecutive reserves league title.

This win extended their lead at the top of the table to five points, as Eltham Redbacks lost to Malvern.

United had extra incentive to win after Brandon Park handed them their first defeat of the season earlier in the year.

It was a tight contest, as the teams seemed evenly matched in almost every department.

The first half was nip and tuck, as both sides created ample chances to score, but neither team managed to convert.

Nonda Lazaris who was United's starting striker had a couple of presentable chances to put his team in the lead, but both his efforts went astray.

The players entered the dressing rooms at half-time with the score locked at nil all, but it wouldn't take long for this to change in the second term.

Within 10 minutes, Alexandru Popp bagged the opener, running through on goal, and chipping the keeper from the edge of the box.

United were first on the scoresheet, but Brandon Park didn't take long to join the league leaders.

After United cleared the ball to the edge of the box from a corner, Brandon Park was quick to react as the player who latched onto the ball struck a sweet low driven effort from outside the area.

Liam Anderson could do very little in the United net as the strike nestled in the bottom left corner of the goal.

The game was tense and tetchy, as United wanted nothing less than a win to take a step closer to the title, whilst Brandon Park craved a league double over the top side.

It was a slice of luck that separated the sides after 90 minutes, as United took the lead again.

Daniel Edey was the catalyst for a lot of the good play United conjured over 90 minutes.

So dangerous when shooting from outside the box, Edey took on a long-range attempt.

The ball flew into the goal via a deflection as his strike hit teammate Beau Finlayson, leaving Brandon Park's keeper wrong-footed.

A definite stroke of luck for United, but they didn't care, mind or show concerns, as it mattered little how, but rather a lot that they did score.

With little time remaining, United protected their lead and gave everything they had to keep out Brandon Park.

Harry Tosch made a late, last stitch, goal-saving, sliding tackle, a moment that his teammates celebrated as if he scored a goal.

Their next fixture is a huge game in the context of the title race.

United will face Eltham Redbacks, who have been hot on their tail all season.

A win would see their lead over Eltham extend to eight points, a divisive points gap this late in the campaign.

Come down and catch all the action in just under two weeks when United hosts Eltham at Baxter Park on Saturday, August 10, with the reserves commencing at 12.45pm before the seniors kick off at 3pm.

Gippsland Soccer League

GSL Round 13 Results – Sunday, July 28

SENIOR Mens: Korumburra City 6 d Inverloch Stars 1, Drouin Dragons Maroon 9 d Wonthaggi United 0, Leongatha Knights match abandoned v Trafalgar Victory

Senior Womens: Wonthaggi United 4 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0, Phillip Island Breakers 7 d Mirboo North United 0, Leongatha Knights match abandoned v Trafalgar Victory

Mens Reserves: Inverloch Stars 5 d Korumburra City 2, Leongatha Knights match abandoned v Trafalgar Victory

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 5 d Wonthaggi United 3, Leongatha Knights match abandoned v Drouin Dragons White

Under 14 Mixed: Korumburra City 6 d Inverloch Stars 0, Phillip Island Penguins 6 d Mirboo North United 1, Drouin Dragons Maroon 5 d Wonthaggi United 2

Under 13 Girls: Wonthaggi United 4 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0

Under 12a Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 5 d Wonthaggi United 3, Leongatha Knights match abandoned v Trafalgar Victory

Under 12b Mixed: Inverloch Stars 6 d Korumburra City 0, Drouin Dragons Yellow 6 d Wonthaggi United 0, Mirboo North United 4 drew Phillip Island Sharks 4, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 5 d Lang Lang United 0

GSL Round 14 Fixture – Sunday, August 4

SENIOR Mens – 3pm

Leongatha Knights V Lang Lang United, Wonthaggi United V Phillip Island Breakers, Trafalgar Victory V Inverloch Stars

Senior Womens – 1pm

Trafalgar Victory V Inverloch Stars, Wonthaggi United V Phillip Island Breakers, Leongatha Knights V Lang Lang United

Mens Reserves – 1pm

Trafalgar Victory V Inverloch Stars

2pm – Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Drouin Dragons Maroon

Under 17 Mixed – 9.30am

Wonthaggi United V Phillip Island Penguins, Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons White

12pm – Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Drouin Dragons Maroon

Under 14 Mixed – 11.20am

Mirboo North United V Korumburra City, Wonthaggi United V Phillip Island Penguins, Phillip Island Stingrays V Drouin Dragons Maroon

Under 13 Girls – 8.30am

Wonthaggi United V Phillip Island Breakers, Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Maroon

Under 12a Mixed – 10am

Wonthaggi United V Phillip Island Penguins, Phillip Island Stingrays V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Leongatha Knights V Trafalgar Victory

Under 12b Mixed – 11.30am

Mirboo North United V Korumburra City, Wonthaggi United V Phillip Island Sharks, Leongatha Knights V Lang Lang United

8.30am – Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Drouin Dragons Yellow 8:30am

MiniRoos –

Saturday, August 3

Bass Coast Hub are playing at Newhaven from 9am

South Gippsland Hub are playing at Trafalgar from 9.15am

Yinnar 61 d Newborough 39
Tarwin 27 lt MDU 42
Stony Creek 47 d T'dale 23
Foster 49 d Mirboo North 41

Yinnar 41 lt Newborough 47
Tarwin 28 lt MDU 47
Stony Creek 61 d T'dale 26
Foster 45 d Mirboo North 44
Boolarra 57 d Hill End 39

Yinnar 41 d Newborough 38
Tarwin 26 lt MDU 37
Stony Creek 52 d T'dale 5
Foster 18 lt Mirboo North 35
Boolarra 39 d Hill End 24

Yinnar 27 lt Newborough 28
Tarwin 25 lt MDU 32
Stony Creek 56 d T'dale 7
Foster 13 lt Mirboo North 58
Boolarra 27 lt Hill End 37

Yinnar 65 d Newborough 14
Stony Creek 17 lt MDU 52
Boolarra 66 d Hill End 21

Yinnar 54 d Newborough 9
Tarwin 10 lt MDU 51
Foster 18 lt Mirboo North 34
Boolarra 38 d Hill End 25

Yinnar 34 d Newborough 11
Tarwin 14 lt MDU 32
Foster 4 lt Mirboo North 35
Boolarra 19 lt Hill End 30

A GRADE	%	pts
Fish Creek	152.87	54
Morwell East	147.88	54
Yinnar	177.64	52
MDU	123.47	44
Mirboo North	108.84	40
Foster	103.27	40
Toora	92.55	32
Newborough	101.33	28
Boolarra	81.35	28
Stony Creek	72.92	24
Tarwin	65.38	16
Thordale	44.49	8

Foster	157.98	56
Boolarra	138.39	52
Fish Creek	150.62	48
Morwell East	120.77	44
Mirboo North	126.93	40
Stony Creek	115.70	32
MDU	98.50	32
Hill End	104.91	28
Newborough	98.42	28
Yinnar	98.15	28
Toora	86.01	24
Tarwin	41.87	10
Thordale	41.64	6

Yinnar	165.93	56
MDU	137.56	48
Morwell East	131.89	48
Toora	123.42	44
Mirboo North	135.26	40
Newborough	124.18	40
Boolarra	104.76	32
Tarwin	128.12	30
Hill End	107.11	30
Fish Creek	88.50	24
Stony Creek	80.10	20
Foster	72.09	12
Thordale	15.09	4

Fish Creek	179.03	60
Stony Creek	159.28	52
Yinnar	132.70	44
MDU	132.42	40
Morwell East	131.08	38
Toora	107.57	38
Tarwin	119.04	36
Newborough	121.24	32
Mirboo North	124.11	30
Hill End	98.31	30
Boolarra	77.66	16
Foster	56.04	8
Thordale	14.91	4

Boolarra	229.24	60
Toora	189.11	56
MDU	167.89	48
Yinnar	164.56	44

Fish Creek	144.21	44
Hill End	68.38	38
Mirboo North	63.12	24
Newborough	48.74	24
Stony Creek	49.79	20
Morwell East	34.52	12

Toora	225.12	60
Boolarra	192.16	56
MDU	192.23	48

Mirboo North	156.60	42
Hill End	154.64	42
Yinnar	156.64	40

Stony Creek	98.22	36
Foster	50.43	26
Newborough	52.86	22

Fish Creek	46.65	20
Morwell East	40.73	16
Tarwin	32.24	16

13 & UNDER	434.44	60
MDU	149.46	52
Hill End	196.27	48

Mirboo North	131.79	40
Newborough	126.42	40
Boolarra	115.25	40

Fish Creek	103.49	40
Tarwin	77.63	28
Toora	58.55	24

Stony Creek	34.47	24
Foster	12.62	16

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Stony Creek netballers gathered to celebrate Hayley Phillips' 100th netball game.
Photo: Gerard Bruning.



Hayley Phillips (WD) played her 100th game on Saturday for Stony Creek. Photo: Gerard Bruning.



Kira Hamilton prepares to launch another Panther attack in B Grade.



Caitlan Egan & Caity Stephens pressure their Koo Wee Rup opponent in the A Grade game.

Sophie Walker leaps to take possession.

Charlee Walker (GD) and Claire Brown (GK) double up in defence.

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Dalyston	55	d	Bunyip	37	
Cora Lynn	21	lt	I-Kongwak	33	
K-Bass	47	d	KWR	34	
NNG	45	d	T-Dalmore	44	
Warragul	1.	66	d	Phillip I.	48

B GRADE

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Mackenzie Fort (A Grade) deters her Nilma Darnum opponent. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Jayla Morcom (B Grade) passes the ball. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Leongatha's Kate McCarthy has possession early in her 300th senior game, the Parrots making it a memorable match for her with a 34-goal win over Morwell in B Grade. A31_3124



Elly Egan seizes the ball for Leongatha in defence early in the Parrots' C Grade triumph over Morwell. A30_3124



Kate Browne has the ball early in her 200th A Grade game for Leongatha, the Parrots marking the milestone by defeating Morwell. A34_3124

Madeline Caddy has possession for Leongatha early in the Parrots' C Grade win over Morwell. A27_3124



Emma Allman of Leongatha and Morwell's Seisha Boyd-Thomas race for possession early in the Parrots' A Grade win. A36_3124

ELLINBANK

RESULTS

A GRADE

Ellinbank 78 d Longwarry 33
Poowong 18 lt N-Darnum 50
Yarragon 35 lt Trafalgar 41

B GRADE

Ellinbank 68 d Longwarry 37
Poowong 21 lt N-Darnum 34
Yarragon 33 lt Trafalgar 43
Buln Buln 50 d Nyora 27

C GRADE

Ellinbank 53 d Longwarry 17
Poowong 18 lt N-Darnum 37
Yarragon 32 lt Trafalgar 34
Buln Buln 64 d Nyora 10

13 & UNDER

Ellinbank 14 lt Longwarry 19
Poowong 21 d N-Darnum 5

Yarragon 22 lt Trafalgar 30
Buln Buln 71 d Nyora 0

Neerim Sth 23 d Catani 2

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	170.98	52	Catani	247.06	56
Nilma-Darnum	175.77	48	Yarragon	187.88	50
Ellinbank	142.68	36	Trafalgar	159.09	50
Trafalgar	108.21	32	Poowong	162.14	44
Buln Buln	90.76	24	Nilma-Darnum	150.76	36
Yarragon	89.30	20	Longwarry	125.58	36
Lang Lang	86.68	20	Ellinbank	77.16	24
Poowong	79.12	16	Lang Lang	77.33	16
Longwarry	66.05	12	Buln Buln	68.10	16
Catani	62.32	8	Neerim South	35.83	8
Nyora	0.00	0	Nyora	14.76	0

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Ellinbank	174.39	56	Buln Buln	197.81	58
Buln Buln	137.81	48	Poowong	197.81	48
Neerim South	136.43	44	Catani	197.81	46
Nilma-Darnum	118.88	44	Lang Lang	164.11	44
Trafalgar	107.87	38	Trafalgar	107.07	36
Lang Lang	118.96	32	Neerim South	117.90	32
Catani	101.95	32	Yarragon	102.73	24
Poowong	80.42	18	Nilma-Darnum	90.93	24
Nyora	72.07	14	Ellinbank	79.95	16
Longwarry	56.23	8	Longwarry	59.11	4
Yarragon	64.76	2	Nyora	4.39	0

C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Ellinbank	224.32	56	Poowong	280.82	56
Neerim South	185.79	56	Buln Buln	541.74	52
Lang Lang	164.96	52	Lang Lang	301.88	52
Nilma-Darnum	138.54	40	Yarragon	174.43	52
Catani	138.37	40	Trafalgar	114.71	28
Trafalgar	79.72	28	Longwarry	106.30	28
Yarragon	101.21	24	Ellinbank	106.14	24
Buln Buln	94.88	20	Nilma-Darnum	94.24	20
Poowong	75.09	12	Neerim South	83.94	20
Longwarry	67.39	8	Catani	13.07	4
Nyora	16.26	0	Nyora	2.63	0

GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Leongatha 46 d Morwell 34
Drouin 42 lt Moe 54
Maffra 35 lt Wonthaggi 59
Traralgon 32 drew Sale 32
Bairnsdale 32 lt Warragul 62

B GRADE

Leongatha 62 d Morwell 28
Drouin 45 lt Moe 53
Maffra 34 lt Wonthaggi 65
Traralgon 55 d Sale 28
Bairnsdale 50 lt Warragul 61

C GRADE

Leongatha 31 d Morwell 27
Drouin 43 d Moe 25
Maffra 35 d Wonthaggi 25
Traralgon 41 d Sale 25
Bairnsdale 36 d Warragul 25

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Moe	163.57	58	Traralgon	215.61	60
Drouin	136.53	48	Leongatha	188.83	52
Warragul	124.85	44	Bairnsdale	148.12	48
Traralgon	104.72	36	Sale	126.64	40
Wonthaggi	106.36	32	Drouin	117.18	38
Bairnsdale	98.69	30	Wonthaggi	94.75	28
Leongatha	99.45	24	Maffra	90.18	20
Morwell	96.79	18	Moe	55.66	12
Sale	64.93	8	Morwell	55.82	4
Maffra	46.80	2	Warragul	33.86	0

B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Drouin	129.95	52	Bairnsdale	207.06	58
Leongatha	155.85	50	Sale	159.86	54
Moe	122.67	46	Traralgon	175.19	48
Traralgon	124.36	44	Moe	113.33	32
Wonthaggi	106.98	30	Maffra	88.27	24
Sale	89.00	26	Wonthaggi	77.98	24
Warragul	96.11	24	Drouin	80.78	20
Morwell	87.06	18	Morwell	74.21	20
Maffra	54.90	6	Leongatha	73.31	20
Bairnsdale	72.40	4	Warragul	48.10	0

C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Drouin	144.80	54	Leongatha	251.16	56
Morwell	130.27	50	Maffra	200.68	48
Maffra	112.42	44	Sale	229.10	44
Traralgon	109.13	40	Traralgon	188.38	44
Leongatha	109.71	32	Moe	174.70	40
Wonthaggi	108.87	28	Bairnsdale	131.05	28
Bairnsdale	88.60	20	Drouin	73.06	20
Moe	86.16	12	Wonthaggi	26.51	16
Warragul	68.17	8	Morwell	25.68	4
Sale	64.58	8	Warragul	12.16	0

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Heppell returns to Leongatha for clinic

DYSON Heppell is returning to the region where his football dream began, conducting a free juniors clinic in Leongatha, thanks to Red Energy.

Dyson will be hosted by the Leongatha Junior Football Club and deliver a Born and Bred Junior Football Clinic on Thursday, August 1 at 5pm. The skills and drills clinic will be held at the Velodrome.

After the clinic concludes, the young participants will have the exciting opportunity to engage with the star player firsthand. Dyson will lead a lively Q&A session, distribute prizes, and treat everyone to a Hot-dog meal to close out the evening.

"We're committed to supporting grassroots sporting clubs at Red Energy and giving back to the communities we do business in. Sport plays such an important role in Australia and regional Victoria," said David Holman, General Manager Business Development.

In the spirit of their Born and Bred campaign, Red Energy will contribute \$1000 to the football club to support their junior player development program.

The clinic is a free event and registrations can be made via leongathafnc@gmail.com

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 15

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

	73		27
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FOSTER 6.2 8.4 10.4 11.7 (73)

Mirboo North 3.0 4.1 4.2 4.3 (27)

GOALS, Foster: Cody Banbury, Michael Green, James Morris 2, Matthew Clark,

Brendan Neville, Jonathan Segat, Eddie Smith, Dylan Williams 1 each

BEST: Todd Bastion, Dylan Williams, Jonathan Segat, Jack Rathjen, Craig Wray, Cody Banbury

GOALS, Mirboo North: Shane Peters, Mitchell Richardson, Damien Turner, Ethan Woodall 1 each

BEST: Harrison Mahoney, Beau Peters, Joe Brooks, Dominic Pinneri, Ethan Woodall, Patrick Lewis

RESERVES

Foster 2.4 3.8 4.11 5.14 (44)

Mirboo Nth 1.0 1.0 1.1 2.2 (14)

GOALS, Foster: Mitchell Gregson, Riley McDonald 2, Jason Midwinter 1

BEST: Mikey House, Nathan Van Dyke, Alej Lacaania, Riley McDonald, Zach House, Simon Gibson

GOALS, Mirboo North: Archie Mahoney, Angus O'Loughlin 1 each

BEST: Jake Peters, Cameron Young, Archie Mahoney, Tom McGrath, Xavier Spaul, Michael Aveling

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

ELLINBANK

ROUND 18

Catani v Ellinbank
Nilma Darnum v Neerim South
Lang Lang v Poowong
Longwarry v Buln Buln
Nyora v Yarragon
Trafalgar - BYE

GIPPSLAND

ROUND 16

Wonthaggi v Bairnsdale
Sale v Leongatha
Moe v Maffra
Warragul v Morwell
Traralgon v Drouin

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 16

Tarwin v Stony Creek
Thorpdale v Toora
Fish Creek v Boolarra
Morwell East v Yinnar
Mirboo North v Hill End
Foster, MDU and Newborough - BYES

WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 16

Kilcunda-Bass v Inverloch-Kongwak
Phillip Island v Dalyston
Nar Nar Goon v Cora Lynn
Bunyip v Korumburra-Bena
Koo Wee Rup v Warragul Industrials
Tooradin-Dalmore v Garfield

Wet weather clash of the Tigers

by Rover

IN A show of skill and strength at the Foster Showgrounds on Saturday, the Foster Tigers recorded a solid 46-point wet-weather win against the Mirboo North Tigers.

Foster has now won 11 of its 14 matches this season and sits in fourth spot on the Mid Gippsland ladder, two games and plenty of percentage points clear of Newborough and MDU.

In the absence of injured skipper, Hudson Kerr, and with raindrops falling on the visiting Tigers' heads, Joe Brooks led Mirboo North into battle, where the celsius dropped to a low of six degrees, just before half-time.

Here was a day when free kicks were earned the hard way and easy possessions quickly became a scarce commodity.

Despite Foster booting 6.2 in the opening quarter, Mirboo North displayed plenty of mettle by finding innovative pathways into its forward line and kicking three goals without a miss.

As the rain became heavier and more constant, Foster's authority increased and helped it take a 27-point lead into the main break.

Stand-in full-forward, Mitch Richardson, was Mirboo North's lone scorer during the second quarter, with a major off the deck from close range and a near miss via a set shot a bit further away from the big white sticks.

Also in the second term, several pinpoint 45-metre in-board passes from the Geoff McCraw Stand wing by Foster, launched productive forward 50 entries directly down the corridor.

Unfortunately, Foster's pressure forced Mirboo North into becoming the victim of its own choices, many of which involved wayward passes into opposition hands or no man's land.

All afternoon, Foster had great contributors in Todd Bastion, Dylan Williams and Jonathan Segat, with Williams and Segat also recording a goal each for the locals.

Scoring slowed for Foster



Foster's Josh Toner bangs the ball forward despite the looming pressure. Photo: David Bradsworth.

in the third quarter with two majors straight, whilst Mirboo North could only manage a single behind, as the rain kept tumbling down on the last Saturday in July.

Harry Mahoney, Beau Peters, Brooks and Dom Pinneri were Mirboo North's best performers where their heavy lifting helped boost the team's morale and lighten its load.

Ethan Woodall and Patrick Lewis were other solid contributors, who displayed courage and perseverance for the mighty Mirboo North Tigers.

The umpires wisely chose frequent ball-ups in preference to picking out free kicks inside ugly packs, created by players desperately trying to win the contested ball for their respective teams.

Although the Sherrin was slipperier than an eel, Foster's well-drained oval remained firm, without a skerrick of mud anywhere on its surface.

The end of the match couldn't come quickly enough for everyone, with Foster managing a goal in the last quarter and Beau Peters hitting the post for Mirboo North, just as the final siren sounded.

This Saturday, Mirboo North hosts Hill End at Tigerland, before its round 17 bye on 10 August.



There were no holds barred in Saturday's contest at Foster. Photo: David Bradsworth.

Looking at the weekend ahead for Mid Gippsland

By Rob Popplestone

The Demons will need to be at their best, but the Kangaroos know what they're capable of.

Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach: "Looking forward to a good test against Boolarra, they played really well against us last time and tested our defense all day. It's time for us to put in a good four-quarter effort and build momentum into finals."

Mirboo North v Hill End

In a long, tough season when wins are rare, both sides will be keen to seize this opportunity.

Damian Turner, Mirboo North coach: "We play Hill End at home this week. I'm

sure they will be looking to bounce back hard. We need to do the same. Excited by the maturity our young players are showing. Need to remain consistent in this area!"

Tarwin v Stony Creek

Two sides capable of playing finals have seen their chances slip away, but a win is still on the cards for both.

Jason Kennedy, Tarwin coach: "It was a solid effort from all but we didn't maximize our chances as well as Meenyan did. This week is at home against Stony Creek, which I'm sure will be another close contest."

Chris Verboon, Stony Creek coach: "We have been good at starting well, but Thorpdale

jumped us early last week. We now take on Tarwin this week at home. Should be a great contest."

Both coaches will be eager to claim as many wins as possible in the remaining weeks, which can help attract new talent for 2025.

Thorpdale v Toora

Thorpdale needs to win and hope MDU drops a game, which would open the door for them to enter finals contention. Thorpdale could compete with the best if given the chance, but it starts with Toora this weekend.

The Blues on their home deck are tough to beat, so the Magpies will need to be ready to start strong and have the talent to do so.

Finals hopes fade for Tarwin

By Rob Popplestone

A FINAL a month before the finals, the Sharks v Demons clash had so much more riding on it than the four premiership points.

A win would keep Tarwin's faint finals hopes alive, a victory by MDU would maintain their grip inside the top six, the Demons taking it one week at a time and doing the job that needed to be done, winning by ten points.

Nathan Allen, MDU coach said: "Great win again on the weekend from the guys. Trying conditions and a hard, tough Tarwin team spurred on by their crowd (they had a premiership reunion) made things tough. My guys have had a really good month and now we get a week off to recover before hopefully a big run to the end of the year."

The Demons are well placed to keep their top six spot, their destiny very much in their own hands, while for the Sharks, the chances of taking part in the business end of the season slipped away on the weekend, but there remains plenty to like about their year.

RIGHT: Nothing was stopping Tarwin's Travis Krause getting to the ball. ob07_3124



Thorpdale secures now or never win over Stony

By Rob Popplestone

IT WAS now or never for some, and the end of the line for others, round 15 of the MGFNL league was destined to separate the contenders from the also-rans and although there remain a couple of pieces from the puzzle, we can now start to make out pretty much all but one of the final six spots; or can we?

Thorpdale made the trip to Stony Creek under no illusions as to what was required given their precarious position on the MGFNL ladder, one game behind the sixth-placed MDU, it was win or face the reality of the season being close enough to over, the Lions, at least pre-game, giving themselves a genuine chance of an upset.

"Thorpdale needed to win to stay in touch with finals so we knew they would come out strong, something we have been good at all year is starting well, but Thorpdale jumped us early kicking eight goals in the first quarter," Chris VerBoon, Stony Creek coach said.

"As the rain set in, the game became a hard slog."

Stony Creek might not have reached the heights they wanted in 2024, but lessons have been learned and it can be expected that they will climb a few rungs up the ladder in 2025.

"From there the game

never reached great heights due to the weather but I was really happy to come away with the four points. All we can do is keep winning to give ourselves a chance."

That chance is sure to present itself, and if the Blues are ready to take it, they will no doubt be a tough side to meet come the high pressure and physicality of finals football, and in some ways that's how they treated their weekend clash with the Lions.

"Thorpdale's Gavin Low wins the tap. Photo: Gerard Bruning."



Thorpdale's Gavin Low wins the tap. Photo: Gerard Bruning.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Morwell East.....	11	2	198.81	52
Fish Creek.....	11	2	182.32	52
Yinnar.....	12	2	177.51	52
Foster.....	11	3	155.05	48
Newborough.....	9	5	136.77	40
MDU.....	9	5	124.59	40
Thorpdale.....	8	6	110.84	36
Tarwin.....	5	8	81.91	28
Stony Creek.....	3	10	93.14	20
Boolarra.....	4	10	87.03	20
Toora.....	2	11	65.41	16
Mirboo North.....	2	12	38.90	12
Hill End.....	1	12	32.42	12

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Newborough.....	13	1	431.58	56
Morwell East.....	11	2	297.62	52
Yinnar.....	11	3	321.26	48
MDU.....	11	3	240.95	48
Stony Creek.....	9	4	202.40	44
Fish Creek.....	7	6	172.93	36
Boolarra.....	6	8	62.88	28
Hill End.....	5	8	54.85	28
Tarwin.....	4	8	65.53	24
Toora.....	4	9	60.96	24
Thorpdale.....	4	10	54.59	20
Mirboo North.....	2	12	18.24	12
Foster.....	1	13	18.90	8

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
MDU.....	11	1	285.42	54
Newborough.....	7	5	83.69	40
Yinnar.....	4	7	111.25	32
Fish Creek/Tarwin.....	4	7	97.79	30
Mirboo North.....	3	9	36.40	24
Stony Creek.....	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End.....	0	0	0.00	0
Toora.....	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra.....	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale.....	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East.....	0	0	0.00	0
Foster.....	0	0	0.00	0

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

TARWIN	34	MDU	44
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Tarwin 0.2 4.4 4.4 5.4 (34)

MDU 1.7 3.8 5.9 5.14 (44)

GOALS: Tarwin: Nick Browne, Josh Chalmers, Ben Ellen, Ricky O'Loughlin, Matthew Williams 1 each

BEST: Ben Ellen, Fergus Warren, Stuart Kilsby, Harrison Cumming, Matthew Williams, Travis Krause

GOALS, MDU: Darren Sheen 2, Jess Hickey, Blake Moscript, Shaye Walsh 1 each

BEST: Jess Hickey, Nathan Allen, Thomas Corry, Samuel Wilson, Mitchell Hooper, Jarrod Hoy

RESERVES

Tarwin 1.1 1.1 2.3 2.3 (15)

MDU 3.5 7.11 12.16 15.19 (109)

GOALS, Tarwin: Brodie Senior-Gibson, Vaughan Van Dillen 1 each

BEST: Brenton Taber, Vaughan Van Dillen, Travis Bergmeier, Adam Bell, David Leggo, Peter Houston

GOALS, MDU: Rhys Weaver 3, Rylie Checkley, Brendan Tomada 2, Jack Ballagh, Ben Cantwell, Luke Harris, Matt Harris, Tyson Harris, Angus Kemper, Benjamin Maxwell, Michael Smith 1 each

BEST: Brendan Tomada, Rylie Checkley, Michael Smith, Rhys Weaver, Benjamin Maxwell, Ben Cantwell

THIRDS

Fish Crk/Tarwin 3.2 5.5 8.5 10.5 (65)

MDU 2.1 4.4 5.6 7.10 (52)

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Zak Bright 3, Oscar Bright, Archie Moore 2, Shea Griffin, Tom Millton, Harrison Watt 1 each

BEST: Joseph Rysko, Kye McMillan, Zak Bright, Aiden Bradley, Lucas Buckland, Asher Hamlett

GOALS, MDU: Lincoln Hamilton 2, Cameron Bruce, Finn Dunn, Hunter Fennell, Angus McInnes, Billy Trotman 1 each

BEST: Cohen Harrison, Hunter Fennell, Raph Jefferis, Lincoln Hamilton, Finn Dunn, Kyra Helms

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

STONY CREEK	54	THORPDALE	79
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Stony Creek 4.0 6.4 7.5 8.6 (54)

Thorpdale 8.1 11.3 12.6 12.7 (79)

GOALS, Stony Creek: Chris Verboon 3,

Cody Loughridge 2, Tully Bernaldo, Hayden Bull, Cameron Stone 1 each

BEST: Cody Loughridge, Tom Stone, Hayden Bull, Tully Bernaldo, Aidan Simmons, Sam Marriott

GOALS, Thorpdale: Joel Monger 3,

James Holland-Burch, Cougar Millsom, Matt Ravenall 2, Gavin Low, Michael McMahon, Travis Patten 1 each

BEST: Kayne O'Connell, Michael McMahon, Jordan Ceppi, Jarrah Burgess, James Holland-Burch, Anthony Rosato

RESERVES

Stony Creek 3.1 5.4 7.4 9.16 (70)

Thorpdale 0.2 0.3 1.3 1.3 (9)

GOALS, Stony Creek: Lachlan Park 3,

James Monaghan 2, Brad Renden, Nick Svenson, Nathan Trotto, Angus Wright 1 each

BEST: Adam Atkins, James Monaghan, Lucas Byrnes, Nathan Trotto, Tom Jenkin, Jarrad Byrnes

GOALS, Thorpdale: Haydn Edwards 1

BEST: Haydn Edwards, Michael Rosato, Trent Gibson, Robbie Kerrison, Lachlan Swain, Lachie Ray

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Boolarra 11.14.80 d Hill End 1.3.9

Yinnar 8.9.57 d Newborough 5.6.36

RESERVES

Boolarra 13.5.83 d Hill End 7.9.51

Newborough 11.5.71 d Yinnar 4.3.27

THIRDS

Newborough 10.7.67 d Yinnar 5.8.38

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Bunyip working towards move to EDFNL

FINANCIAL considerations and the desire to compete close to home are driving Bunyip Football Netball Club's goal of returning next year to the Ellinbank & District Football Netball League (EDFNL) from the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition (WGFNC).

The Bulldogs have been busy visiting EDFNL clubs to present their reasons for wanting to move, with Bunyip's footy president Steve Sheppard saying about 90 percent of clubs have opened their doors.

Bunyip was moved out of the EDFNL ahead of the 2016 season as part of a reshuffle to recreate the West Gippsland League, along with some other teams from the EDFNL and the Alberton Football League.

Sheppard outlined the Bulldogs' initial expectations should they succeed in returning to the EDFNL.

"We're not coming to the Ellinbank League expecting to win a grand final next year, and don't think we'll be competitive enough to make finals for the next two or three years," he said of the rebuilding process required.

Sheppard highlighted salary cap differences between the WGFNC and EDFNL as a significant financial factor.

"The salary cap in West Gippsland is up there, and it's a lot of money to find every year," he said, noting the cap is "heaps lower" in the EDFNL.

The president added that it is particularly hard to find money when you're not winning, with locals the only ones generally willing to provide financial support.

Travel distance is another challenge. "We just want to get back to being close; right now we're driving an hour and 10 minutes to play a game of football," Sheppard said, contrasting that with the Bulldogs' average travel time to all of the EDFNL clubs of only about 25 minutes.

He explained that nearness offers social benefits.

"We can have half a dozen people that potentially live at Neerim that have played at Bunyip, we can go there and people will know each other; at the moment we travel to Inverloch and Phillip Island, and we don't know anyone," Sheppard said.

Many supporters are keen for the club to rejoin the EDFNL.

"Our supporter base at Bunyip, they're pushing for this because they want to go to Neerim South, they want to go to Ellinbank, spend the day there and support their club, because it's too far to go to Phillip Island," Sheppard said, adding that wanting to be part of the local community is a big factor.

Reducing travel distance is also important in attracting juniors and their families, with parents having to be on the road very early to make it to the further away WGFNC clubs in time for morning footy and netball games.

Having completed presentations to clubs, the Bulldogs hope to meet with EDFNL representatives in the coming weeks to present their reasons for wanting to join the competition.

Former footy club president and Bunyip Life Member Alan Wright and current netball president Lisa Proctor have taken on the responsibility of delivering the Bulldogs' presentations, ensuring football and netball are both well covered.

Sheppard said the WGFNC is supportive of Bunyip's intended move.

While Bunyip's 2025 outlook is yet to be determined, the club has a significant aim remaining this season, being yet to win at senior level, with a Round 16 home game against Korumburra-Bena the Bulldogs' best bet for a breakthrough victory.

Points boost but Power still on the outer



Youngsters Connor Macmillan (57) and Tom Macmillan (60) both continued to add pace and commitment to the contest in their second senior games for the Wonthaggi Power seniors at Maffra on Saturday.

in a defence necessarily reshuffled due to injuries.

Maffra had plenty of chances to open their account, but it wasn't until halfway through the quarter that Noah Christy kicked their first with the outside of the boot on the run.

But Wonthaggi was pressing, and it was a very popular outcome when 16-year-old Tom Macmillan kicked his first goal in senior football, in his second game for the Power. They didn't look back.

Straight out of the centre it was Josh Bates to Jack Blair and on to Mitch Hayes before Connor McInnes made a good contest up forward and ever-the-opportunist, Jarryd Blair swooped to bounce through their third with a snap.

There were to be three more as Wonthaggi took full control.

Bates, Lindsay and Hayes combined again out of the cen-

tre to McInnes on the lead for the next.

Thomas roved his own tap seconds later and barrelled one forward to Jaxon Williams who made no mistake from 40. Power looked unstoppable going into the first break, 30 points clear after Cooper McInnes ran on to the loose ball and slotted the team's sixth.

O'Connor and Isaac Chugg, with a long, speculative kick out of the back half, did the good work prior.

Kaj Patterson might have capped off the perfect quarter with a long shot after the siren, but his point made it an even 30 points at the first break.

But the home team was able to give Wonthaggi plenty to think about in the second quarter when they put on four goals to nil to even up the contest by half time, the Eagles' Seth Smith getting them

started with two long shots for goals in the opening minutes.

The third quarter was an arm-wrestle until Chugg, Hayes and Hunter Tiziani combined for the first, and after a while Cooper McInnes added another.

Wonthaggi gradually reasserted its control and went on to a percentage boosting win.

Best players for Wonthaggi included Cooper McInnes with four goals, also providing a hard-working contest throughout, Andrew McNeil in and under on the ball, Aiden Lindsay and Jake Thomas as also part of a winning on-ball unit; Fergus O'Connor, Cade Brown and Isaac Chugg down back, Jaxon Williams front and back (great intercept option when switched to defence), and plenty of others in a good team effort away at Maffra.

No takers yet for new Gippsland league second tier proposal

HANDS up! Which football netball clubs in Gippsland would be interested in making up a second-tier competition to the region's major league?

Seems there are no takers.

At a meeting of the North Gippsland League clubs last Wednesday called to discuss proposals by Mid Gippsland clubs Newborough, Yinnar and Morwell East to enter that league next year, none of the existing clubs expressed any interest in the Gippsland League proposal.

Such a move would make North Gippsland an unwieldy 14-team comp and reduce Mid Gippsland to 10.

But, if the likes of Traralgon Tyers United, Yallourn Yallourn North, Heyfield and Churchill, clubs with major league experience won't come, where would the Gippsland League get the bare minimum of six they'd like to attract?

What about the leading Mid Gippsland League clubs including Newborough sitting fifth, Yinnar third, Morwell East top and Fish Creek second or Foster fourth forming the nucleus of the second-tier competition?

Or perhaps try to get Warra-gul Industrials to come across?

The idea, floated with Gippsland League clubs in a letter recently is alive with possibilities but not many takers.

Gippsland league president Andrew Livingstone told the Weekly Times last week that AFL Gippsland had been briefed on its plans and the league was committed to at least gauging the level of interest from clubs.

"There are some clubs that don't have juniors and are struggling," Mr Livingstone said.

"That is the reason why some clubs are looking to move.

"They want something a bit

different," he said.

But whether they want what Gippsland is offering seems unlikely at this stage but as demographics and circumstances change, the offer of a second-tier competition, under the management of the Gippsland League could prove to be a reasonable option.

The Gippsland League recently provided an update on commentary regarding the "internal expansion review" being undertaken by the league.

"Under the current Gippsland League strategic plan implemented in 2022, a key action area was to establish sub-committees to explore specific potential areas of growth for the Gippsland League including expansion of the current competitions offered by the Gippsland League.

"The Board of Management in June moved to create an internal working group to examine

ine possible actionable areas of concern, opportunity or growth and sustainability for the pathways and competitions offered by the Gippsland League.

"As part of this project, some key areas to review will include current Gippsland League football and netball competitions, female football and the potential of additional Gippsland League offered competitions.

"The review commenced in July 2024 and will be completed on or before October 31, 2024.

"Following the review, any recommendations will be assessed by the Board of Management. As this process is in the review phase, no formal decisions or proposals have been made for 2025 or beyond including around the current information circulating that Gippsland League will be creating a second division for season 2025."

Morwell outworks Leongatha

LEONGATHA was thoroughly outplayed by Morwell in the second half after failing to capitalise on its opportunities prior to then, the Tigers deserving their 22-point win.

While the Parrots booted 3.7(25) to 4.1(25) by the long break and should have enjoyed a lead, when action resumed Morwell played with greater purpose than Leongatha, being more direct and doing what was required to get the ball forward in the wet.

The Tigers were also marking the sodden footy better than the home side.

Brandon McDonald put Morwell in front with an accurate set shot early in the third term after a diving mark, and Leongatha squandered opportunities to reclaim the lead, and as it transpired the Parrots couldn't find a second-half goal until late in the last quarter.

Even as Morwell's lead built, Leongatha failed to change its game style and take a more direct approach and struggled to string passes together, but that was at least partly attributable to pressure from the Tigers.

After the match, Leongatha coach Trent McMicking left his players in no doubt as to the unsatisfactory nature of their performance.

"They had 18 players on the ground, the same as us," he told them emphatically after a frustrating spectacle in which the Parrots appeared outnumbered and were certainly outworked.

McMicking stressed Leongatha had by far the better of



Parrot Adam Trotto tries to escape Tiger clutches by can't do so on this occasion. A24_3124

the chances in the first half and that they missed an opportunity to seal top spot.

With his top-placed side 13 points down at the last change it shaped as a tough assignment in the slippery conditions.

"They out-hunted us, and we just didn't go at it hard enough," McMicking said, urging his forwards to make it more difficult for Morwell's

defenders to knock the ball forward.

He stressed that although the Tigers were up and about, his charges had the chance to turn the momentum with an early last-quarter goal.

However, Morwell didn't go into its shell and try to hold on in the wet, quickly going forward and adding a vital six-pointer through Tom Gray.

Leongatha's Jackson Harry

was the game's only multiple-goal scorer, booting a couple of majors, with singles to teammates Tom Marriott and Nick Argento, while Morwell shared the load with eight players goaling.

Argento's goal was the Parrots' first of the match, both he and returning VFL player Cam Olden working hard to create the opportunity. Olden eventually firing the ball out to Argento after winning it at ground level under pressure.

That demonstrated how much value Olden brings to the team, being just his second Senior hitout for Leongatha this season, and he bobbed up again in the first quarter delivering a perfect pass to Harry who marked and goaled.

Ty Hall was another Parrot working hard, showing willingness to compete and make second efforts, something that was crucial with the difficult ball handling.

On a day not resplendent with highlights, it was those who were prepared to put in the work who were acknowledged on the teams' best players lists.

Ben Willis always gives a committed effort, the ruckman acknowledged as the Parrots' best, ahead of backman Darcy Hume.

Brandon Bailey and Burkeley Macfarlane were named best for the triumphant Tigers, the latter adding a goal to his on-ball contribution.

Leongatha must lift its performance to get the better of fourth-placed Sale, with the Magpies hosting the Parrots.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 15

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB



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LEONGATHA

MORWELL

Leongatha 2.5 3.7 3.10 4.10 (34)
Morwell 2.0 4.1 6.5 8.8 (56)

GOALS, Leongatha: Jackson Harry 2, Nicholas Argento, Thomas Marriott 1 each

BEST: Benjamin Willis, Darcy Hume, Sam Forrester, Jay Walker, Jackson Harry, Travis Nash

GOALS, Morwell: Tyler Brown, Cohen Campbell, Tom Gray, Riley Loprese, Burkeley Macfarlane, Brandon McAuliffe, Brandon McDonald, Dan Musil 1 each

BEST: Brandon Bailey, Burkeley Macfarlane, Charlie Burr, Boyd Bailey, Tom Gray, Max Linton

RESERVES

Leongatha 4.4 8.8 12.9 14.11 (95)
Morwell 0.0 2.0 4.0 6.1 (37)

GOALS, Leongatha: Flynn Materia, Trent McRae, Nick Nagel 3, Levi Hickey 2, Noah Fixter, Rhett Kelly, Justin Pellicano 1 each

BEST: Justin Pellicano, Levi Hickey, Noah Fixter, Trent McRae, Ned Hanly, Rhett Kelly

GOALS, Morwell: Samuel Gissara, Gaylen Menth, Eric Porigneaux, Corey White, Ben Williams 1 each

BEST: Oakley Howe, Zac Cheffers, Ethan Smith, George Cheshire, Corey White, Brendan Briggs

THIRDS

Leongatha 8.2 11.9 14.14 18.17 (125)
Morwell 0.0 0.0 1.1 2.1 (13)

BEST, Leongatha: Mitchell Croatto, Nathan Skewes, Finn Donohue, Hayden Bowler, Hamish Gill, Julian Callahan

BEST, Morwell: Ryder Makepeace, Leigh Effenberg, Mackenzie Blewett, Lucas Carpino, Connor Seymour

FOURTHS

Leongatha 4.2 5.3 7.7 10.9 (69)
Morwell 0.1 1.2 2.3 3.3 (21)

GOALS, Leongatha: Noah Bradley, Ned Sheahan, Archie Gannon, Jed Matheson, Shem Hogarth, Eamon Berryman

BEST, Morwell: Riley Ades, Levi Kalan, Chiok Ruach, Tanner James, Zac Arnold, Alexander Korab

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB



37



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MAFFRA

WONTHAGGI

Maffra 1.2 5.5 5.6 5.7 (37)
Wonthaggi 6.2 6.3 9.7 13.8 (86)

GOALS, Maffra: Seth Smith 2, Daniel Bedgood, Noah Christy, Archer Watt 1 each

BEST: Brayden Monk, Seth Smith, Ashton Wright, Alex Carr, Thomas Scott, Zach Felsbourg

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Cooper McInnes 4, Jarryd Blair 2, Jack Blair, Mitch Hayes, Aiden Lindsay, Thomas Macmillan, Hunter Tiziani, Jaxon Williams 1 each

BEST: Cooper McInnes, Andrew McNeil, Aiden Lindsay, Jake Thomas, Jye Gilmour, Thomas Macmillan

RESERVES

Maffra 2.3 5.6 8.6 9.7 (61)
Wonthaggi 1.0 1.2 3.2 3.6 (24)

GOALS, Maffra: Jesse Oldham 3, Luke Dyer 2, Joel Bristow, Brent McKenzie, Andrew McKenzie, Lewis Robbins 1 each

BEST: Jack Kelly, Darcy Gray, Sam Tudor, Luke Dyer, Ryan Phelan

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Adam Busana 2, Wayne Luke 1

BEST: Jorin Joske, Jai Williamson, Kieran Mohen, Kyle Yann, Riley Lindsay, Cooper Lindsay

FOURTHS

Maffra 4.5 10.7 13.11 16.12 (108)
Wonthaggi 0.0 1.0 2.1 2.2 (14)

GOALS, Maffra: Judd Burgiel, Jaylen Henry, Leo Stephenson, Fabian Vera, Jy Higgins, Lachlan Harrington

BEST, Wonthaggi: Jasper Shone, Jaxon Brouwers, Robert Hullick, Sam Carter, William Simmons, Seth McBean

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Moe 5.6.36 d Drouin 3.7.25
Sale 10.6.66 d Traralgon 9.9.63
Bairnsdale 10.14.74 d Warragul 6.14.50

RESERVES

Moe 7.10.52 d Drouin 4.3.27
Traralgon 6.16.52 d Sale 7.8.50
Bairnsdale 22.12.144 d Warragul 2.5.17

THIRDS

Drouin 8.9.57 d Moe 2.1.13
Traralgon 20.10.130 d Sale 2.7.19
Warragul 21.16.142 d Bairnsdale 2.1.13

FOURTHS

Moe 18.12.120 d Drouin 3.4.22
Traralgon 13.13.91 d Sale 1.3.9
Bairnsdale 14.14.98 d Warragul 6.6.42



Visiting Parrots from Bridgenorth join a couple from the Leongatha flock, with Tex, Logan, Marcus, Tallin (Leongatha), Trevor (Leongatha), Steve, Patrick, Dillon, Jayden, Ray and Charlie. A41_3124

PARROTS of a different feather flew in to check out Leongatha against Morwell, a contingent from Bridgenorth taking advantage of a bye in the Northern Tasmanian Football Association competition to visit the nation's only other Aussie Rules Parrots.

The Tasmanian club sparked

that relationship four years ago, leading to representatives of the two Parrot flocks visiting each other since, around 10 people from Bridgenorth

enjoying the weekend in Leongatha this time.

While Leongatha's Senior

footy side was well off its best

on Saturday, comprehensively

outplayed by the Tigers, the Reserves won by almost 10

goals, and the Thirds and

Fourths also enjoyed success,

while the Parrots made a clean

sweep of the netball, winning all senior and junior games.

So, overall, the Bridgenorth group brought good fortune,

something a visiting trio from Leongatha did earlier this season when their time at the other Parrots' nest coincided with wins in all four footy grades.

Bridgenorth's Senior side currently sits fourth on the ladder, having won nine of its 13 games.

"It's fantastic, all the people are good and it's like going to

another home," Bridgenorth vice president Ray Brough said of coming to Leongatha, adding that, "Their hospitality is second to none."

He said that while it's previously generally been older blokes making the trips, some current players have now joined in, with one intending to take the field for Leongatha

during next season's visit, expressing the desire to become "the first two parrot".

Leongatha's Trevor Riseley spoke of his delight at the relationship between the two clubs.

"I'm glad that Bridgenorth instigated the whole thing and it's gone on from there," he said.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	12	3	164.79	48
Moe	10	5	110.92	40
Traralgon	9	5	118.94	38
Sale	9	6	102.24	36
Morwell	8	6	98.66	34
Bairnsdale	8	7	107.82	32
Wonthaggi	8	7	106.15	32
Drouin	4	11	81.91	16
Warragul	4	11	75.75	16
Maffra	2	13	68.33	8

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	15	0	447.84	60
Maffra	13	2	240.00	52
Traralgon	11	4	209.22	44
Bairnsdale	11	4	180.11	44
Sale	7	8	77.53	28
Wonthaggi	5	10	61.86	20
Morwell	4	11	63.52	16
Drouin	4	11	59.69	16
Moe	4	11	42.12	16
Warragul	1	14	25.51	4

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts

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ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

37 **50**

POOWONG **NILMA-DARNUM**

Poowong 0.3 1.7 1.10 4.13 (37)

Nilma-Darnum 2.1 3.3 6.7 7.8 (50)

GOALS, Poowong: Jack Hazendonk, Alex

Henshall, Mitch Molloy, Rory Pattison 1 each

BEST: Mitchell van't Hof, Conor Cunningham,

Joshua Chiavaroli, Jack Hazendonk,

Mitch De Kleuver, Matthew Cozzio

GOALS, Nilma-Darnum: Sage Tapner 3,

Jake Barnard 2, Nathan Campbell,

Patrick Oyee 1 each

BEST: Jeremy Jarred, Sage Tapner, Jake Barnard,

Liam Harman-Dorney, Adam Young, Patrick Oyee

RESERVES

Poowong 1.0 1.0 1.1 1.1 (7)

Nilma-Darnum 6.2 8.7 9.11 11.17 (83)

GOALS, Poowong: Mitchell Gowland 1

BEST: David O'Neill, Michael Robertson,

Benjamin Schulz, Jerome Cawcutt, Riley Lewis,

Mitchell Gowland

GOALS, Nilma-Darnum: Jack Jarred 3, Sam

Anderson, Korey Garrison 2, Blake Cann, Jamie

Graham, Dale O'Neill, Blake Roberts 1 each

BEST: Sam Anderson, Matthew Clynes, Blake

Roberts, Luke Galley, Rhonan Perry, Blake Cann

THIRDS

Poowong 4.1 7.7 13.8 19.10 (124)

Nilma-Darnum 2.1 2.2 3.3 3.4 (22)

GOALS, Poowong: Patrick Dorian 6, Rory Nettle

4, Bryce Riddell, Lachlan Wilson 2, Thomas

Burgess, Harry Cecil, Marty Cook, Noah Furness,

Angus Halliwell 1 each

BEST: Patrick Dorian, Jack Allchin, Tarkyn Taylor-

Wilton, Bailey Nettle, Marty Cook, Aaron Damon

GOALS, Nilma-Darnum: Darcy Britt, Jaxon Cook,

Kade Rossborough 1 each

BEST: Robert Arms, Connor Wettenhall,

Oliver Robley, Kade Rossborough,

Nate Young, Tyler Tobin

FOURTHS

Poowong 2.2 4.3 6.6 7.7 (49)

Nilma-Darnum 0.4 1.4 1.6 2.11 (23)

GOALS, Poowong: Cruze Deal, Troy Nieuwerth 2,

Henri Bottk William Dixon, Zade Zealley 1 each

BEST: Troy Nieuwerth, Christian Dorian,

Lochie Wilson, Kade Zealley, William Dixon,

Gavin Monson

GOALS, Nilma-Darnum: Brodie Brown,

Albert McAuley 1 each

BEST: Joshua Kelly, James Demicoli, Joshua

Taranto, Patrick Brown, Jacob Egan, Cody Ward

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

58 **7**

BULN BULN **NYORA**

Buln Buln 4.5 5.9 7.11 7.16 (58)

Nyora 0.0 1.0 1.1 1.1 (7)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Hayden Baker,

Patrick Ireland 2, Samuel Batson,

Matthew Gray, Sean Symes 1 each

BEST: Robert McCallum, Will Battley,

Brandon Allen, Lachlan Axford, Trent Baker,

Mitch Nobelius

GOALS, Nyora: Santos Joma 1

BEST: Jordan Anderson, Lincoln Brock,

William McGindle, Santo Joma, Trent Wheller,

Jesse Heylen

RESERVES

Buln Buln 7.4 14.8 21.12 27.14 (176)

Nyora 0.0 0.2 0.2 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Mitchell Boyd 1

BEST: Indiana Boswell, Shaun Lamb,

Luke Ferguson, Charlie Moller, Blake Boyd,

Tane White

GOALS, Nyora: Bryce Monahan 6, Ryan

Bradshaw 4, Jake Baker, Simon Dawson, Lex

Wright 3, Bradley Fusinato, Aaron Warner 2,

Dylan Cann, Dylan Kelly, Jaryd Kelly, Nathan

Thomson 1 each

BEST: Jaryd Kelly, Reece Campbell, Lex Wright,

Jacob Pickthall, Bryce Monahan, Dylan Cann

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Longwarry 7.12.54 d Ellinbank 7.7.49

Neerim St 13.19.97 d Catani 3.1.19

Trafalgar 9.15.69 d Yarragon 2.5.17

RESERVES

Ellinbank 22.9.141 d Longwarry 1.1.7

Neerim St 23.14.152 d Catani 0.1.1

Trafalgar 6.15.51 d Yarragon 0.3.3

THIRDS

Longwarry 6.5.41 d Ellinbank 4.11.35

Catani 9.6.60 d Neerim St 5.6.36

Trafalgar 10.8.68 d Buln Buln 4.3.27

FOURTHS

Ellinbank 7.7.49 d Longwarry 3.5.23

Buln Buln 16.12.108 d Neerim St 6.6.42

Trafalgar 9.12.66 d Yarragon 4.7.31

Poowong battle it out but the Bombers take home the win

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG welcomed Nilma Darnum in all four grades of football and six grades of netball – a great effort by both clubs to achieve this. It was a cold wintry day in July with a cold breeze and rain from about 1.30pm which was very heavy at times in the Seniors. Poowong made four changes, in, Jake Cochrane, Josh Chiavaroli, Rhys Schultz and Micah Williams. Out, Gavan Monson U/16's, Thomas Burgess and Pat Dorian U/18's and Lachie Waters ill.

Poowong were kicking to the Nyora end against the breeze and were first on the board with a point, Nilma added a goal with a kick from the point post, before a second goal from the boundary line as the rain became heavier, both sides added a late point.

Poowong would need a couple of goals with the breeze to be in the game at half time, Poowong had plenty of opportunities unfortunately they were off line adding one goal four points with four out of bounds, not what you need to win games the goal coming from Alex Henshall from the boundary. Nilma added one goal two as both sides battled it out in heavy rain with the ball difficult to handle.

Nilma appeared to be handling the ball better in the conditions. Poowong were asked to keep working the ball forward at every opportunity, the lights had been on for most of the game as the rain eased. Poowong had plenty of play, but it was Nilma adding a point and a goal from a free kick before coming back late in the quarter with two goals and a couple of points as Poowong added their tenth point.

Though Poowong had the breeze it would take a big effort to win from the three-



Josh Chiavaroli looks for an opening in the rain-soaked clash. Photo: Jeff Tull.

quarter time score. Conditions had not improved for the players or umpires who were doing a good job considering the conditions.

Poowong added the first goal

with Rory Pattinson, followed

by Jack Hazendonk kicking

a good goal, back to fifteen points. Poowong kept working hard with Mitch Molloy adding a goal together with another two points.

When the siren sounded

Poowong were down by thirteen points, Nilma Darnum

deserved their win as they were cleaner with the ball on the day though Poowong had plenty of play in the match.

Next week off to Lang Lang, followed by the bye, the season of home and away games is almost over.

Nyora test undefeated Buln Buln in miserable conditions

NYORA held its own against top of the ladder Buln Buln on Saturday.

The Buln Buln Recreation Reserve struggled to hold up in the miserable conditions, creating a difficult surface to play on.

The undefeated side took advantage of the drier conditions early and kicked four goals in the first quarter, leaving Nyora scoreless.

Play slowed down by the

second quarter as scoring opportunities became difficult to come by.

Santo Joma kicked Nyora's first and only goal for the game during the second term.

Buln Buln had plenty of entries into the forward 50, but Nyora's defensive pressure across the ground was outstanding.

Jordan Anderson played a solid game through the midfield, dominating in the wet

conditions, and Trent Wheller played his best game of the season on the wing.

The ground had become a mud pit by the second half.

Buln Buln managed to add

two more goals in the third quarter, but scoring opportunities were limited on both sides thereafter.

Conditions were slippery in the fourth quarter with Buln Buln only adding five more points to end the game.

Despite the outcome, the Nyora Seniors embraced the game for what it was and enjoyed the day.

Nyora will play Yarragon next Saturday.

When they last met in round seven, Yarragon won by 61-points.

This is expected to be a closely contested match and Nyora is hopeful it is in with a good chance to come away with a win.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 17

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Ellinbank	15	0	317.58	60	Ellinbank	15	0	605.26	60	Poowong	13	2	209.67	86.6	Ellinbank	14	1	408.42	93.3
Neerim South	11	4	220.88	44	Lang Lang	14	1	416.62	56	Catani	12	2	192.16	85.7	Buln Buln	13	2	340.43	86.6
Trafalgar	6.15.51	d Yarragon	0.3.3		Neerim South	13	2	390.89	52	Ellinbank	10	4	184.41	71.4	Neerim South	11	4	245.64	73.3
Longwarry	6.5.41	d Ellinbank	4.11.35		Buln Buln	10	5	31											

Giants overcome Garfield

KORUMBURRA-Bena triumphed over Garfield at home on Saturday.

Club president Ken Myors said it was a pleasure to watch the Seniors deliver four solid quarters of footy to come away with a well-deserved 15-point win.

The conditions at the Korumburra Showgrounds were wet after a bit of rain during the back end of the Reserves, but the ground remained in good nick.

There was a good atmosphere throughout the club as a decent crowd rallied around the Seniors.

The Giants started the game on the back foot, struggling to adapt to the windy conditions.

Tyler Newton and Zach Walker worked tirelessly down back to contain Garfield and ensured the score didn't blow out before the Giants got their bearings.

During the second quarter, the Giants kept Garfield to a point whilst adding three goals to their score.

Nicholas Besley kicked two goals for the day and singles were shared between five other goal kickers.

The Giants executed coach Josh Hopkins' game plan brilliantly.

Garfield kept pushing, but the Giants worked well together coming out of the defence.

Hugh Gordon gave a solid performance for the Giants and Tom Crocker took some excellent grabs in the forward line.

Paul Fermanis returned to the lineup as if he hadn't been away and Hopkins fought hard all day.

Garfield recognised Hopkins as someone it needed to negate, and the opposition played a heavy tagging role on him throughout the game.

Despite this, Hopkins battled through.

Joel Anthony played a great game down back and did what he needed to do to save a few goals.

Unfortunately, Anthony came off injured just before halftime.

Of late, the Giants have had trouble coming back with the same momentum



Tom Crocker boots it down the field. ob22_3124

after halftime.

With a few adjustments, Hopkins was able to sort out those niggles and the Giants delivered its strongest third quarter yet.

Garfield spent a bit of time with the ball in its forward line, but Newton and Joel Cuman were able to mop it up and clear the ball back out.

The Giants midfield stood up to the challenge, led by the consistent Kye Benson.

Benson moved the ball well and allowed the Giants more opportunities in the forward line.

The Giants kicked three goals in the third quarter to Garfield's one.

Both sides struggled to score in the fourth quarter.

Garfield was held scoreless by the Giants' defence, solidifying the win.

Coming off the back of a win, Korumburra-Bena will take on Bunyip next week.

Bunyip has worried Korumburra-Bena historically, but the Giants see it as a winnable game, provided they play the same brand of football as this week.

Korumburra-Bena defeated Bunyip earlier in the season and hopes to see improvement.



Jake Fowles contests the ball in a tight game. ob21_3124

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 15

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

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KORUMBURRA-BENA GARFIELD

Kor-Bena	1.2	4.3	7.3	7.4 (46)
Garfield	2.6	2.7	3.13	3.13 (31)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Nicholas Besley 2, Tom Crocker, Paul Fermanis, Jake Fowles, Jack Spencer, Kodie Walker 1 each

BEST: Josh Hopkins, Joel Cuman, Tom Crocker, Mitchell Wightman, Hugh Gordon, Zach Walker

GOALS, Garfield: Noah Rogers, Lachlan Schreurs, Zac Soutar 1 each

BEST: Callum Tyler, Luke Tynan, Jack Tenace-Greenall, Charlie Fitzpatrick, Angus Emery, Jahmain Harrison

RESERVES

Kor-Bena	0.1	1.2	1.3	1.4 (10)
Garfield	2.0	2.5	3.6	4.7 (31)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: William Croatto 1

BEST: Isaak Fox, Jack Donohue, Lachlan Smith, Blake Fisher, Jack Crocker, James Dunn

GOALS, Garfield: Jack Salan 3, Joshua Murphy 1

BEST: Ryan Smith, Matthew Bow, Jeremiah Whibley, Luke Wilson, Liam Bow, Jack Salan

THIRDS

Kor-Bena	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3 (9)
Garfield	3.0	5.6	8.10	15.12 (102)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Chase De Grandi 1

BEST: Hamish Withall, Max Fowles, Jack Crocker, Bailey Fowles, Tanner Walker, Sam Hill

GOALS, Garfield: Cody Miller, Jake VanDenberghe 5, Theo Zaccari 2, Ding Dieng, Lucas Dijkstra, Sean Marsh 1 each

BEST: Nathan King, Theo Zaccari, Jake VanDenberghe, Ding Dieng, Diesel Ashe, Cam Jenkins

FOURTHS

Kor-Bena	3.1	5.2	6.6	8.6 (54)
Garfield	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.4 (10)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Chase De Grandi 4, Evan Belvedere 2, Phoenix Lorkin,

BEST: Oliver Pearson, Chase De Grandi, Cody Amor, Kruz Tucker, Evan Belvedere, Sam Johnson

GOALS, Garfield: Chara Wangkaew 1

BEST: Chara Wangkaew, Samuel Grundy, Kaiden Carr, Ethan Densley, Kai Kelsey, Ethan Coote

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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DALYSTON BUNYIP

Dalyston	4.4	7.8	10.15	15.19 (109)
Bunyip	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.3 (9)

GOALS, Dalyston: Kyle Kirk 3, Mitchell Davey, Mitch Hallahan, Jesse Orchard-Moore, Curtis Murfett, Hayden Wallis 2, Stewart Beaumont, William Clarke 1 each

BEST: Mitch Hallahan, Kyle Kirk, Hayden Wallis, Joe Alexander, Kurt Thomas, Curtis Murfett

GOALS, Bunyip: Anthony Haddrick 1

BEST: Alex Dijkstra, Reid Jenkins, Ned Ashton, Seth Ashton, Timothy Henschel, Anthony Haddrick

RESERVES

Dalyston	3.0	3.0	4.2	5.5 (35)
Bunyip	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1 (13)

GOALS, Dalyston: Matrix Chisholm, Andrew Magro, Greg Magro, Cooper Shepherd, Harry West 1 each

BEST: Ben McRae, Billy Hasell, Alexander Geyer, John Armstrong, Cooper Shepherd, Jack Sheerin

GOALS, Bunyip: Thomas Cairns, Aaron Foot 1 each

BEST: Nick Roberts, Roberts, Mitchell Smith, Daniel Wright, Thomas Cairns, Josh Collins, James Keogh

THIRDS

Dalyston	2.5	4.9	8.12	11.17 (83)
Bunyip	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1 (1)

GOALS, Dalyston: Chase Krause 4, Jaxon Foon 3, Jesse Dugard 2, Bailey Anderson, Flynn Peters 1 each

BEST: Keyva Kay-Darts, Harry West, Levi Jones, Bailey Anderson, Chase Krause, Angus Rosenow

GOALS, Bunyip: Chevy Lacunes, Liam Merritt, Brendan Vandborg, Samuel Hughes, Cody Welch, Jack Sharpe

FOURTHS

Dalyston	1.1	2.5	4.5	6.6 (42)
Bunyip	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0 (24)

GOALS, Dalyston: Malachi Ori 3, Luke Franks, Tom Humphries, Joe Wylie 1 each

BEST: Malachi Ori, Jayke Woods, Heath Hender, Archie Donohue, Zack Hughes, Brodie Magro

GOALS, Bunyip: Rawson Vandborg 2, Hayden Cooke, Cody Welch 1 each

BEST: Rawson Vandborg, Dane Fowler, Hayden Cooke, Hamish Collett, Heath Sheppard, Lewis Demetrios

Magpies overpower Bunyip with team first attitude

CONSISTENCY shown by Dalyston over the last few weeks has paid off with a 100-point win over Bunyip on Saturday.

Spirits were high at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve as the club celebrated four footy wins for the day – a pleasing result for all coaches and players involved.

The Dalyston seniors were steady all day, chipping away at the scoreboard.

A bit of spite threatened to put a dampener on the game late in proceedings, but the Magpies kept cool and played on.

The teamwork and connection between the Magpies allowed consistent forays into attack and regular goals.

Kyle Kirk stood up as Dalyston's best player on the day.

Kirk kicked three goals for the day and his style of play suited the conditions.

He was in and under everything throughout the game and demonstrated skill while others struggled to manage the slippery ball.

Bunyip showed its tenacity by continuing to fight in the fourth quarter, with Anthony Haddrick scoring a goal.

Dalyston brought it home with five more goals before the final siren.

It was a day for celebration all around at the Dalyston Football Netball Club, as the members congratulated retiring reserves player Andy Magro.

Officially, Magro played 289 games for the club and was thrilled to record a win during his final game.

He played an excellent last game, kicking a goal to round out his career.

Magro has been a sensational club member – always reliable, easy going and a fantastic teammate.

Dalyston also held its Buddy Day for the U10s and the U18s, and it was excellent to see the future of the club showing their support.

Dalyston will play Phillip Island next week.

The Magpies have been in good form during the last four weeks and welcome the challenge of taking on the best of the best.

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Kilcunda-Bass **9.8.62** d Koo Wee Rup **4.6.30**
Phillip Island **10.17.77** d Warragul Industrials **4.5.29**
Tooradin-Dalmore **8.6.54** d Nar Nar Goon **4.7.31**
Dalyston **15.19.109** d Bunyip **1.3.9**
Cora Lynn **8.5.53** d Inverloch-Kongwak **3.4.22**
Korumburra-Bena **7.4.46** d Garfield **3.13.31**

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KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

62 **30**

KILCUNDA-BASS **KOO WEE RUP**
Kilcunda-Bass 4.3 7.4 8.7 9.8 (62)
Koo Wee Rup 2.1 3.3 4.5 4.6 (30)

GOALS, K-Bass: Travis Tuck 3, Anthony Daraio, Dale Gawley, Timothy Gunn, Cam McKenzie, Dean McRae, Jack Soroczynski 1 each

BEST: Lochlan Scott, Nathan Foote, Travis Tuck, Timothy Gunn, Benjamin Eddy, Bradley Aldwell

GOALS, KWR: Nathan Voss 2, Seth Lawler, Luke McMaster 1 each

BEST: Nathan Voss, Travis Bindley, Ethan McDonald, Nathan Muratore, Caleb Milojevic, Seth Ohehir

RESERVES

Kilcunda-Bass 0.5 2.5 3.8 4.10 (34)
Koo Wee Rup 1.1 5.2 6.4 6.5 (41)

GOALS, K-Bass: Mehdi Daoud, Zach Gorsuch, Scott Pugh, Jack Rosenow 1

BEST: Jake Joyce, Jack Rosenow, Scott Pugh, William Campbell, Mehdi Daoud, Clay Tharle

GOALS, KWR: John Ramos 2, Hunter Cairns, Matthew Drommel, Luke Edwards, Zane Stanton 1 each

BEST: Matthew Drommel, Ryan Wilby, Samuel Cox, Dante Di Pietro, Cooper Arthur, Brannon Harrison

FOURTHS

Kilcunda-Bass 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)
Koo Wee Rup 3.4 9.5 13.14 16.18 (114)

BEST, K-Bass: Taye Prasad-Taylor, Noahh Tuite, Perry McKay, Blake Eden, Henry Dean, Jasper Saunders

GOALS, KWR: Kynen Dore-Wilson 4, Jaxon Kelly 3, Kaiden Bertone, Charlie Hughes, Liam Pirotta, Jakeb Shuttleworth 2, Joshua Saunders 1

BEST: Liam Pirotta, Kynen Dore-Wilson, Cody Mannix, Lincoln Tannahill, Jakeb Shuttleworth, Charlie Hughes

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Panthers eye off the finals



Seth Ohehir slips through Jake Weightman's grasp. Photos: Anna Carson



Kilcunda-Bass onballer Cam McKenzie tackles Nathan Muratore during the first quarter of their home game against Koo Wee Rup.

KILCUNDA-Bass has cemented its place in the finals with a 32-point win over Koo Wee Rup on Saturday.

The win placed the Panthers firmly in sixth position, three games clear of seventh place with three games left to be played.

Barring disaster, the Panthers should see finals representation and are confident they have what it takes to retain their spot through the rest of the home and away season.

The Panthers enjoyed a good start to the game on Saturday, earning a 14-point lead before quarter time.

"That's been us of late – we start really well and get a break on the opposition. We were able to maintain that through the game on Saturday," coach Lee Rowe said.

The conditions were trying with rain falling intermittently throughout the day.

Despite this, the Panthers handled the ball well and demonstrated some excellent "dry weather" football.

"We played our best four-quarter game yet. We were able to pull everything together that we've been working on this season and it was really pleasing to see," Rowe said.

"We were always at least a goal in front at the end of each quarter and there were no real panic moments for us."

Courageously, Cam McKenzie put his body on the line during the first quarter and assisted a goal.

Unfortunately, this resulted in a cracked rib and McKenzie was pulled from the game.

The Panthers hope to see McKenzie back on the ground after a week to recover.

Two minutes before his injury, McKenzie also contributed a goal and was an asset to the game early.

The Panthers are currently missing three players to injury and are looking to slowly see them return before the end of the season, looking to be at full strength come finals time.

Koo Wee Rup came back strong after halftime but the Panthers were able to fend off the attack.

In what can be described as a "mature performance", the Panthers skilfully slowed the play and forced Koo Wee Rup to play on their terms.

It was a team effort from the Panthers, with Travis Tuck kicking three goals for the game and singles shared between six other goal-kickers.

Tuck gave a strong performance up forward, playing polished football.

Captain Nathan Foote was in and under everything through the midfield alongside Ben Eddy.

Lochlan Scott played an exceptional game down back, taking on the big job of putting the pressure on Koo Wee Rup's key forward.

A low-scoring second half saw both sides battle to the end, but the Panthers proved to have a stronger defence.

Next week, Kilcunda-Bass will take on Inverloch-Kongwak.

The Panthers have been in good form recently and are looking forward to seeing how they fare against another finals contender.



Dusties' 300 gamer Nic Visser throws himself into the contest. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

Island triumphs in rain-soaked clash against Industrials

PHILLIP Island journeyed to Warragul determined to execute a four-quarter performance. The Island had not beaten Warragul Industrials in their past two encounters away from home, adding extra significance to this match. Phillip Island was buoyed by the return of their key trio – Pearce, Patullo, and Pedersen – moving them closer to full strength.

Adding to the occasion, Warragul celebrated two club milestones, with players marking their 400th and 300th games. The stakes were high for Warragul, who needed a win to stay in the finals race.

As the game began, rain made its presence felt and stayed for the duration of the match, creating slippery conditions. Phillip Island adapted quickly to the weather and made an immediate impact on the scoreboard. By the end of the first quarter they had established a solid lead, kicking 3 goals and 4 behinds (22 points) to Warragul's solitary goal and 4 behinds (10 points). Billy Taylor and Orlando Kane-Gillard were instrumental in applying relentless forward pressure, effectively locking the ball in Phillip Island's half.

In the midfield, Walton, Bruce (x2), Youle, and Finn

O'Brien dominated the stoppages, moving the ball forward with precision and purpose. Zac Walker, continuing in the ruck, provided strong hit-outs that benefited the on-ballers. By halftime, Phillip Island had extended their lead to 22 points, with the scoreboard 39 to 17.

The third quarter, often dubbed the "premiership quarter," saw Phillip Island deliver a decisive blow. They kept Warragul scoreless while adding 3 more goals to their tally. Travis "Turbo" Woodfield was a standout performer, kicking four goals, while Captain Jack contributed three goals of

his own. This dominant performance effectively put the game out of reach for Warragul.

Phillip Island ran out 48-point winners, with a final score of 77 to 29. This victory not only secured their spot in the top two but also showcased their strong form as they head towards the finals. The team's well-rounded performance, with contributions across all lines, underscores their readiness for the challenges ahead.

As Phillip Island continues their push towards the finals, their balance and depth across the field make them a formidable contender.

Cobras strike early to stun Sea Eagles

WITH a six-goal lead at quarter time, Cora Lynn had done enough to secure its win against Inverloch-Kongwak on Saturday.

The Sea Eagles travelled out to the Cora Lynn Recreation Reserve to take on the premiership favourites in trying conditions.

Rain fell throughout the day, causing the ground to become muddier as the game progressed.

Cora Lynn showed its skill early, getting the jump on its opposition.

The Cobras left Inverloch-Kongwak shellshocked as it piled on six goals and left the Sea Eagles scoreless.

Cora Lynn smashed the Sea

Eagles through the middle and were competitive in the clearances, allowing plenty of entries into the forward line.

Inverloch-Kongwak regained its composure during the second and third quarters, holding Cora Lynn to just three points.

Coach Tom Hams spoke to his team during quarter time, encouraging them to chip away at the scoreboard to start to rebuild.

Unfortunately, the conditions made it difficult to score and the Sea Eagles battled to compete with Cora Lynn's opening quarter damage.

Xavier Hughes played a solid game for the Sea Eagles, putting the pressure on the

league's leading goal kicker Nathan Gardiner.

Hughes kept Gardiner to just one goal until Hams was called for a high tackle late in the fourth quarter, resulting in a second goal for Gardiner.

The third quarter was a battle of wills and became a very physical match.

Michael Eales played his first Senior game this season for Inverloch-Kongwak and was essential in the ruck against Billy Thomas.

Ethan Park also played a strong game against James Munro through the midfield.

Young players Jordan Bertacco and Joe Soumilas also impressed and earned a place in Inverloch-Kongwak's best.

The play was contested, and the ground was chopped up, increasing the level of difficulty.

Stoppage after stoppage was the order of the day as both sides struggled to enter their respective forward line.

Inverloch-Kongwak came within 20 points of Cora Lynn heading into the final quarter.

However, a few late goals to Cora Lynn widened the margin and cemented the win.

Inverloch-Kongwak will play Kilcunda-Bass next week.

Kilcunda-Bass is coming off a win, so Inverloch-Kongwak will be ready for the challenge and will aim to do what it can to secure three more wins before the end of the season.

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PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

 29 77

WARRAGUL IND PHILLIP ISLAND

Warragul Ind 1.4 2.5 2.5 4.5 (29)

Phillip Island 3.4 5.9 8.13 10.17 (77)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Mason McGarry 2,

Billy Bundle, Cody Templeton 1 each

BEST: Kyan Willis, Billy Bundle, Kyle Beveridge, Cody Templeton, Darcy Norton, Shane Brewster

GOALS, Phillip Island: Travis Woodfield 4,

Jack Taylor 3, Hayden Bruce, Jordy Patullo, Max Walton 1 each

BEST: Alex Duyker, Jaymie Youle, Max Walton, Travis Woodfield, Finn O'Brien, Marcus Wright

RESERVES

Warragul Ind 3.4 (22)

Phillip Island 20.17 (137)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Shane Ingham 2,

Cooper Vickery 1

BEST: Todd Watson, Shane Ingham, Tom Turner, Kiel Vann, Cooper Vickery, Terry Watson

GOALS, Phillip Island: Harry Anderson 5,

Nick Anderson 3, Lucas Chihotski, Jack Keating, Thomas Macrokanis, Brady Ross, Marvin

Sellars 2, Ben Taylor, Connor Thompson 1 each

BEST: Nick Anderson, Tyce Kleverkamp, Jack Keating, Kohen Beaumont, Harry Anderson, Marvin Sellars

THIRDS

Warragul Ind 2.3 3.5 3.5 3.6 (24)

Phillip Island 1.2 3.4 4.7 8.10 (58)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Tom Cornwall 2,

Cameron Thompson 1

BEST: Regan Awty, Jarrod West, Damian Leslie, Brody Turner, Harrison Radcliffe, Bailey Fallon

GOALS, Phillip Island: Oliver Duggan 3,

Max Taylor 2, Yianni Caffieri, Jasper Cashman, James Lewis 1 each

BEST: Yianni Caffieri, Darcy Thompson, Bailey Hennessy, James Lewis, Jack Huther, Oliver Duggan

FOURTHS

Warragul Ind 1.4 1.5 3.6 4.7 (31)

Phillip Island 0.1 3.3 3.3 5.4 (34)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Cohen Dent 2,

Ronnie Buck, Mathew Cornwall 1 each

BEST: Zachary Thompson, Jack Morgan, Rylan Butler, James Patterson, Cohen Dent, Brody Walsh

GOALS, Phillip Island: Felix Bathgate 2, Blake

Murphy, Archie Ross, Xavier Williams 1 each

BEST: Lachlan Eastwood, Xavier Williams, Harrison Carlon, Archie Ross, Dean Rizzo, Blake Murphy

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

 53 22

CORA LYNN INVERLOCH-K

Cora Lynn 6.2 6.4 6.5 8.5 (53)

Inverloch-K 0.0 2.2 3.3 3.4 (22)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Nathan Gardiner,

Cory Machaya 2, Lachlan Coverdale, Ryan Eaton, James Munro, Ryan Spierings 1 each

BEST: William Thomas, James Munro, Lachlyn

Peluso, Cory Machaya, Luke Ryan, Luke Black

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Tate Short, Marcus Toussaint 1 each

BEST: Ethan Park, Jordan Bertacco, Michael

Eales, Jarvis Pryor, Joe Soumilas, Luke Johnson

RESERVES

Cora Lynn 1.1 4.3 4.3 4.5 (29)

Inverloch-K 1.2 3.7 5.8 8.9 (57)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Jayden Frazer 2,

Thomas Arnett, Luke Foreman 1 each

BEST: Christopher Inverno, Jake Boccari, Thomas Stiglich, Corey Brook, Lachlan Cove, Jayden Frazer

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Liam O'Neill 3,

Dale Lawton 2, Owen Fitzpatrick, Reegan Kemp, Dylan Taylor 1 each

BEST: Trent Bacon, Dale Lawton, Adam Cross, Campbell Scott, Sasha Allen, Reegan Kemp

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Tooradin-Dal 8.6.54 d Nar Nar Goon 4.7.31

RESERVES

Nar Nar Goon 6.6.42 d Tooradin-Dal 2.3.15

THIRDS

Nar Nar Goon 6.14.50 d Tooradin-Dal 3.2.20

FOURTHS

Nar Nar Goon 4.3.27 d Tooradin-Dal 3.2.20

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SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Cora Lynn	13	1	263.97	54	Tooradin-Dal	13	2	556.80	52	Phillip Island	12	0	542.44	4.00	Phillip Island	14	0	661.54	4.00
Phillip Island	13	1	199.75	54	Nar Nar Goon	13	2	500.34	52	Warragul Ind	10	3	236.87	3.08	Nar Nar Goon	11	3	269.71	3.14
Nar Nar Goon	12	3	281.08	48	Inverloch-K	12	3	339.09	48	Nar Nar Goon	9	2	223.10	3.08	Inverloch-K	10	3	294.12	3.08
Inverloch-K	12	3	236.88	48	Phillip Island	11	4	322.22	44	Inverloch-K	8	4	191.22	2.67	Warragul Ind	10	4	232.25	2.86
Tooradin-Dal	10	5	182.27	40	Cora Lynn	11	4	205.94	44	Garfield	7	5	124.37	2.33	Tooradin-Dal	8	5	222.54	2.46
Kilcunda-Bass	9	6	105.57	36	Kilcunda-Bass	8	7	132.79	32	Dalyston	5	8	96.20	1.54	Kor-Bena	6	7	91.43	1.85
Warragul Ind	6	9	93.10	24	Koo Wee Rup	7	8	99.61	28	Koo Wee Rup	4	7	88.13	1.50	Garfield	5	8	73.18	1.54
Dalyston	4	11	72.09	16	Garfield	6	9	68.95	24	Tooradin-Dal	3	7	65.53	1.27	Koo Wee Rup	5	9	78.44	1.43
Koo Wee Rup	4	11	70.30	16	Dalyston	4	11	22.61	16	Kor-Bena	1	11	16.20	0.33	Bunyip	3	11</td		

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Kate Browne bursts through the banner with her kids, becoming just the fourth Parrot to hit the 200 A Grade game mark. Joining Kate McCarthy, Kasie Rump and Laura Higgins, Kate is in good company. Browne also played a significant role on Saturday, scoring 19 goals and named the Parrots' second-best behind Lauren Redpath. McCarthy joined teammate Kasie Rump, and footballer Joel Renden in reaching the 300-game milestone this year for the Parrots, something only eight people have achieved at the club. Leongatha's B Grade side charged to a 34-goal win, McCarthy having a major impact with 28 goals and being named the side's best, suggesting she still has plenty of good netball in her despite having featured in an A Grade premiership for the Parrots 20 years ago. A39_3124

Milestones celebrated



Born into Kilcunda-Bass Football Netball Club Courtney Shepherd (Eden) celebrated an incredible milestone of 450 games for the club over the weekend in front of family and friends. Photo: Anna Carson.



Kate McCarthy is overjoyed following victory in her 300th senior game, as she is chaired off the court by Alicia Marshman and Kasie Rump. A38_3124

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