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Preps celebrate 100 days of school...

Foundation students Oscar, Georgi and Isla celebrated 100 days of school at Wonthaggi P.S. More photos on page 27 or visit sgst.com.au to find out how the preps across the region celebrated last week.

OUR GREEN DROUGHT

SOUTH Gippsland is in the grips of a green drought despite above average rain in July and farm dams across the region starting to fill at last.

Wonthaggi rain gauges reached 119.4mm for the month compared to the July average of 97.6mm, but annual totals are well down.

While 94.7mm fell in June, the previous six months all struggled to top the 30mm mark, providing no autumn break for pastures.

Rhyll recorded 76.8mm last month compared to a July average of 67.6mm, Wilson's Promontory 161.8mm compared to an average of 122.5mm, Yarram 59mm compared to a July average of 46.8 mm and Pound Creek 87.8 compared to an average of 83.9.

By Bruce Wardley

But the rain came too late according to Kernot farmer Peter Brown.

"We're in a green drought because of the cold," he said.

"It's green, but there's not much grass there.

"Dams are starting to fill but they have a long way to go."

Peter said it could take another four weeks before there'll be enough feed for cattle.

"But there are signs spring is on the way," he said.

"We'll continue to feed out for at least another month until spring."

Local farmers say it could take until mid-

September before the pasture is growing strongly enough to sustain stock.

"Farm dams will be unlikely to fill this year," they said.

"Most dams are only a quarter full, we need more run-off."

Drought support was announced by the State Government over a month ago but according to Nationals MP Melina Bath local farmers are still trying to access it.

"They have either received no response or been told the government is taking Expressions of Interest only," said Ms Bath.

"It is unthinkable that the Labor government would announce support then leave our farmers waiting."

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'Here if you need me' says Aldred MP

IN HER first speech to the Australian Parliament on Tuesday last week, new Member for Monash, Mary Aldred, invoked a term popular in netball parlance: "Here if you need me".

It looks set to characterise what might turn out to be a long spell as the local Federal MP.

Having made her obligatory first speech before family, friends, local party members and a strong showing by representatives on both sides of the House, Ms Aldred wasted no time stretching her wings.

On Wednesday, she put a question to the Prime Minister, no less, ultimately answered by the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen, about the rise in power bills for Victorian families.

And on Thursday, she joined the Bendigo Bank pile-on with her first Statement by Members, applauding "the Korumburra roundtable's fine advocacy on behalf of our community" and calling on the Albanese government to respond to the Senate inquiry into bank closures in regional Australia.

During her four-day trip to Canberra, Ms Aldred also met with Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead and CEO Greg Box in Parliament House where a number of important local priorities were discussed, including coastal inundation at Inverloch and Silverleaves, Bass Coast College and local roads.

She hosted a visit by the Trafalgar Primary School and by the weekend she was at "the wonderful Trafalgar Farmers Market" taking the opportunity to meet and chat with locals.

It was a big week, but it's all part of the plan, according to the 3000-word text of her first speech, finishing with the following declaration:

"I recognise that each day I spend in this place is a day closer to when I will leave. I plan to make each day count by advancing the cause for which I am here, a passionate belief in the purpose and potential of the people of



New Member for Monash, Mary Aldred, right, is congratulated on her first speech to parliament on Tuesday this week by Liberal leader Sussan Ley.



Member for Monash Mary Aldred made an impressive debut in Federal Parliament last week, pictured being congratulated on her first speech by Opposition, Government and crossbench MPs.

Monash. To my electorate, I asked for your trust and confidence. You have given me the opportunity of a lifetime. I will work my heart out for you."

Many local organisations, places, causes and people got a mention in a speech that traditionally serves as a reference point for the performance of a local MP, revealing how they went by their own standards.

Ms Aldred has set the bar pretty high and her Leader, Sussan Ley, for one, believes she'll do an excellent job as a local member who is destined for higher office.

Asked at a reception in

the Opposition Party Room last Tuesday evening if she thought Ms Aldred would be a long-time local member, Ms Ley gave her strongest possible endorsement: "She'll be a lot more than that!"

In her speech, Ms Aldred said there were many local priorities but chose to focus on only four:

- * Delivering a new West Gippsland Regional Hospital.
- * Coastal erosion at Inverloch and Phillip Island, calling for a national framework to address coastal inundation across Australia.
- * Funding for infrastructure in regional areas as "the

critical enabler of productivity".

- A commitment to the proper care and support for veterans when they re-enter civilian life.

On those subjects she said:

"During the last few years, I've worked with local communities in Inverloch and Phillip Island who are staring down the barrel of coastal inundation. They cannot afford to wait years for mitigation; their homes will disappear. They face a problem which many other coastal communities are grappling with, which is why I believe we need a national framework to address coastal inundation across Australia."

"The Prime Minister was once a transport minister who said nearly a decade and a half ago that he believed that 'Infrastructure is the critical enabler of productivity.' I agree. But, in regions like mine, roads and infrastructure still lag generations behind. It's about levelling up opportunities for manufacturers and primary producers who depend on getting their products to market competitively. I'll work with anyone who's prepared to walk the talk on making that investment. But our regions are tired of inaction."

"I'm not a veteran, but I am passionately committed to improving the lives of those who are. We must properly address the care and sufficient repatriation to civilian life of those who sign up and are forever changed by that call to serve. I commit myself now, until the end of my time in this place, to that effort."

Ms Aldred has already been appointed to several roles in the parliament including the following:

- Member of the Standing Committee on Appropriations and Administration
- Member of the Standing Committee on Communications, the Arts and Sport
- Member of the Publications Committee
- Member of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Our green drought

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The Nationals are calling for fodder, agistment and water support. The Victorian Government's drought package includes \$144 million in direct support to help farmers and communities across the state with grants up to \$5000 for on-farm improvements to help manage the drought, and an additional \$5000 top-up in 11 local council areas where the drought has hit hardest.

Farm management advice and planning help is available, however service providers to support the delivery of the program have still not been finalised.

Farmer Clive Hollins said cattle prices are good now, but he had to unload stock when prices were down because they simply ran out of feed due to the lack of rain.

"I'm still feeding out despite the rain," said Clive.

"We bale hay and make our own silage but this year we had to buy in hay."

"We have 24 rolls left which might just be enough to get us through."

According to Ian Hitchings it's the worst season since 1975 when farmers had to start shooting cattle because they were worthless.

"Saleyard prices then slumped to \$10/head for cattle."

Fortunately, according to local producers the Americans are taking all the beef they can get at the moment particularly chopper cattle for grinding beef.

"All their cattle come from feedlots and they're too fat, they have to mix it up with Australian beef."

"China and Japan buy the better quality beef," said Graham Wood.

Agriculture Victoria has suggested farmers use urea to boost winter growth.

After a poor spring and summer and a late autumn break Agriculture Victoria Livestock Industry Development Officer Nick Linden said the need to grow more feed is now a top priority.

A number of local events might help:

* AgVic is holding a webinar on Monday, August 11 at 12pm for livestock farmers focused on using urea to boost pasture growth this winter and spring. Farmers can register for the AgVic urea webinar at <https://tinyurl.com/5286pf7x>

• South Gippsland Landcare Network is holding a 'Dry Season Preparing for Spring and Summer' event at the Buffalo Hall on Monday August 18 from 9.45am - 2.30pm presenters include Dale Grey (weather outlook), Fiona Baker (setting ourselves up for spring), James Paulet (on six new soil-moisture probes and weather stations and how farmers can use them), farmers Chris Nixon and Trevor Caithness on strategies they used to get through the three-year drought in East Gippsland. There'll also be a visit to Ross Batten and Madeline and Bernard Buckley's farm. Register on the landcare website at www.sgln.net.au

• South Gippsland Landcare Network is holding a 7-week Climate Smart Whole Farm Planning Course, at several South Gippsland farms, starting on Wednesday, August 13 from 10am-3pm. More information: cassie@sgln.net.au or 0448 739 559.

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Forecast

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TUE | Aug 5
Showers easing.
Wind AM: N 15-20km/h
Wind PM: NW 20-30km/h
9° 15°



WED | Aug 6
Showers.
Wind AM: NW 15-25km/h
Wind PM: SW 20-30km/h
8° 14°



THUR | Aug 7
Possible shower.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light
7° 14°



FRI | Aug 8
Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light
6° 15°



SAT | Aug 9
Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light
5° 16°



SUN | Aug 10
Mostly sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light
5° 17°

IN BRIEF

Charges laid for Venus Bay
Wombat deaths

A SOUTH Gippsland man has been charged with 20 offences under the Wildlife Act 1975 and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 for alleged conduct leading to the deaths of up to nine wombats in Venus Bay.

The charges follow an extensive investigation by the Conservation Regulator and Victoria Police into the deaths that occurred at Venus Bay in Gippsland on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, in what allegedly represents a senseless and deliberate act of animal cruelty.

Chief Conservation Regulator, Kate Gavens, said, "Wildlife cruelty is unacceptable. Conservation Regulator will investigate and seek prosecution for serious cases of wildlife cruelty."

All wildlife in Victoria is protected under the Wildlife Act 1975. The Conservation Regulator urges anyone with information about wildlife cruelty to report it to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000 or by visiting crimestoppersvic.com.au. Reports can be made anonymously.

Electrical fault sends
car up in flames

FIREFIGHTERS and police attended a car fire on July 28 at 10.30pm in Lance Creek after reports that a vehicle was on fire.

It's understood the black Jeep was left on the side of the road by the driver after the dash lights all came on. Opting to leave the vehicle and arrange a tow truck in the morning, the vehicle then proceeded to catch fire a short time later, after the driver had left. Fire investigators deemed the fire non-suspicious, with an electrical fault as the cause.

Car torched in
suspicious blaze

POLICE are investigating a suspicious car fire in Kardella on Wednesday, July 30, at 4.40pm along Fairbank Road. It's alleged the Holden VE Commodore Wagon was dumped off a car trailer towed by an older Patrol, possibly red in colour.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers.

Don't leave them
parked up

A HOLDEN Captiva was set alight in the early hours of July 30, around 4.30am on the South Gippsland Highway in Bena after suffering a mechanical fault the day before. The driver parked the vehicle off the road, set to collect it the following day during daylight hours, but offender/s subsequently set the vehicle alight. The fire has been deemed suspicious, with anyone who has information urged to contact Crime Stoppers.

Third car torched in
matter of nights

A THIRD vehicle, a white Toyota Hilux, was set alight on Whitelaws Track in Buffalo at 3.30am on Thursday, July 31. The fire has been deemed suspicious, with the vehicle displaying a stolen front number plate. Anyone with information, contact Crime Stoppers.

Car snaps power
pole in collision

A DRIVER was taken by road to Wonthaggi hospital with minor injuries on Friday, August 1, at 6.45am after colliding with a power pole on Lyndhurst Street in North Wonthaggi.

The accident is still under investigation by local police.

It's understood 20 homes in the vicinity of the accident were briefly without power at 9.30am as power to the pole was isolated by AusNet and the pole replaced. Power was restored by 1.45pm to affected customers.

Anyone with information, including dashcam and CCTV, are urged to contact Crime Stoppers or Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100.

Driver rescued after car
trapped by live power lines

EMERGENCY services were called to a collision between a car and a power pole on Back Beach Road, Ventnor, on July 28

at 3.30pm near Pyramid Rock Road.

A male driver in his 50s was stuck in his vehicle with live power lines impacting the vehicle. A passing SES volunteer was able to extract the driver before emergency services arrived.

Due to the fallen powerline, which was also smoking and sparking small blazes in nearby scrub/grass, AusNet was called to the scene and turned off power to the fault, which subsequently affected 4100 customers.

At 4.55pm, AusNet was able to restore power to 4014 customers, with an additional 27 customers restored at 5.18pm.

The remaining 59 homes were without power until 11.25pm when AusNet was able to complete a new pole installation and repair the line.

Meth driver gets marching
orders at Foster

AT ABOUT 9.55am on Sunday, August 3, local police from the Foster Police Station were patrolling the Foster shopping area when they conducted a routine intercept of a vehicle in Main Street.

It is alleged that the driver, a 52-year-old male from Foster, returned a positive result for Methyl-amphetamine.

"The driver (or soon to be walker) will next be off to the Koorumburra Magistrates' Court to explain themselves to the magistrate," according to a report on the Bass Coast Police Service Area Eyewitness page.

"The actions of those people who put others at risk by driving when impaired is not something that will be tolerated by your local police in Bass Coast and South Gippsland, and we are committed to removing them from our local roads."

Erin back in court

THE preliminary hearings, ahead of the sentencing of convicted Leongatha mushroom killer, Erin Patterson, are expected to commence in the Supreme Court in Melbourne this Friday, August 8.

The principal tasks at the mention hearing on Friday will be to determine whether the suppression order on certain pre-trial material can be lifted and also to set a date for the plea hearing.

The sentencing will follow the plea hearing at a date yet to be fixed.

Ms Patterson is required to attend in person or via video link.

Leongatha in search for
missing Tasmanian plane

THE Australian Maritime Safety Authority and Tasmanian Police issued a statement on Sunday afternoon, August 3, advising that areas of southern Victoria, around Morwell and Leongatha, had been included in a search for a missing light aircraft.

The light plane, with two people on board, was reported missing after taking off from George Town airport on Saturday afternoon.

The two people, from northern Tasmania, were travelling to Central Western NSW with a scheduled stop in Leongatha.

Family members raised the alarm on Saturday night after they failed to arrive as expected to Hillston Airport in NSW.

The male pilot is aged in his early 70s and his female passenger is aged in her 60s.

Tasmania Police helicopter and marine resources are conducting search activities near George Town and along Tasmania's northern coastline.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority and Victoria Police are conducting searches over Bass Strait and also in Gippsland.

AMSA and Tasmania Police urge anyone near George Town or transiting the waters in northern Tasmania and Bass Strait, or southern Victoria near Leongatha, to keep a lookout for any signs of the aircraft or its occupants, and if safe to do so, render assistance.

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Why textile wall might work for us

THE spring tides and stormy weather which stripped 100 years of sand off the good ship Amazon last August-September and wrecked the dunes in the process are coming.

The medium-term fix of an extension to the geotextile bag wall in front of the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club is still months away but according to a video which emerged at the weekend from the world famous Jeffreys Bay surf beach in South Africa, it might not be the way to go.

The YouTube video, entitled 'J Bay Sand Bag Suicide!', by long-time local surfer, fisherman and adventure seeker, Trevor Hansen, shows how the introduction of bag walls has sped up the process of erosion, not slowed it down, as waves rebound off the vertical structure and gouge the sand down to the bedrock.

"You can see the embankments are gone completely and those bags which were lying on sand have dropped down a long way and that whole section of beach embankment that was here is now gone," says Hansen as he walks the length of his beloved beach.

"And the first big swell, as I keep saying, once it starts hitting the bags and rebounding, it'll pull this down, so the level will drop and the bags will drop with it," he says indicating where metres of sand have already been lost.

"And what you'll end up with is the bags at this level, with no beach whatsoever. It will be



This isn't Inverloch, it's Jeffreys Bay in South Africa, which is struggling with the same sand-loss and beach erosion issues but as a long-time local surfer, fisherman and adventure seeker, Trevor Hansen, points out in his latest YouTube video, sandbags are compounding the problem.

horizontal rock and all of the remaining sand will disappear."

A link to the video, posted in recent days, was provided to the Sentinel-Times by a former local Parks Victoria officer who preferred to remain anonymous but still pointed out the similarities between Jeffreys Bay, admittedly with bigger swell and extenuating circumstances, and Inverloch.

So, will the same thing happen here if, according to the approved DEECA plan, an extended geotextile wall becomes part of the response at Inverloch?

Project officer for the South Gippsland Conservation Soci-

ety, Philip Heath, acknowledged that "while not ideal", the geotextile wall extension had been supported by the conservation society and other members of the Inverloch Coastal Action Network (ICAN) group in an effort to protect the surf club building.

"The extension to the wall will be shaped around in an effort to avoid the undercutting effect and the plan is to envelope the whole thing in the dune renourishment works and then to start the revegetation," said Mr Heath this week.

He said it was his understanding that tenders for the extension of the wall in front of the surf

club and the transportation of 150,000m3 of sand, from within Anderson Inlet, had closed in recent days and he expected the work to commence in October and be completed in time for the Christmas rush.

The conservation society has been consulting with DEECA over the plan and also their role in revegetation works. Will it be a success, only time will tell.

Last week, in State Parliament, Bass MP Jordan Crugnale called on the Environment Minister, Steve Dimopoulos, to keep the Inverloch community fully informed about developments.

Here in part is what Ms Crugnale had to say in Parliament last Wednesday, July 30

"My adjournment matter is for the Minister for Environment, and the action I seek is for the minister to provide an update on the timing of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's community engagement activities regarding the Inverloch surf beach erosion and dune reconstruction project and the release of the final cape-to-cape resilience plan report. The need for further engagement is clear.

"A recent public meeting organised and hosted by active local residents attracted over 350 attendees. This is strong evidence that the community is seeking information, transparency, meaningful involvement and practical ways to help best protect our beach and public assets."

Pre-loved books hospital patients can take home with them

A NEW partnership between My Community Library (Myli) and Bass Coast Health will allow patients to take home books that they've started to read in hospital.

Pre-loved books have been placed around Wonthaggi Hospital to give patients and their visitors, including day patients, the opportunity to enjoy and finish books they may have started in hospital.

Volunteers take a trolley stocked with books to the hospital wards to make the reading material easily accessible to all patients.

Each book has a sticker recognising Myli's donation.

Kerry Redmond, volunteer and fundraiser manager, at Bass Coast Health welcomed the initiative from My Community Library.



Allie Griffin (Myli), Kerry Redmond (Bass Coast Health), Sabine Aeschlimann (Myli) and Adam Dalzotto (Myli). B17_3125

"These books are now available throughout the hospital," said Ms Redmond.

"Patients can take the books home with them."

The take-home books are already proving successful,

according to Sabine Aeschlimann from Myli.

"Among the more popular books are crime fiction, romance and books from the current bestsellers list.

"We have quite a few copies of

new releases," said Ms Aeschlimann.

"No need to return them to the library."

Not having to worry about getting the books back to the library has been greatly appreciated.

"Myli has 16 libraries and two mobile libraries that contribute," said Adam Dalzotto.

"It's a pilot program we would like to expand further.

"Patients are encouraged to sign up to My Community Library," he said.

"We also take books to aged care facilities, it's very exciting."

Bass Coast is the first region in Victoria to offer take-home hospital books.

For more information on My Community Library go to myli.org.au or look for myli_library on Instagram.

A pear-dicament for duo arrested after old trainline escapade

A MALE and female have been released on bail after a motorist exploit through the back bush reserves of Wonthaggi on Wednesday morning at 8.21am.

According to local police, it is alleged that a 33-year-old male from North Wonthaggi and a 21-year-old female from Wonthaggi attempted to somewhat recreate the old railway line journey between the Historic Railway Line/Bushland Area and the Wonthaggi G243 Bushland Reserve of the mighty black steam locomotives, albeit in a white Toyota Hilux workmate.

It's alleged the modern-day engine driver and his female fire stoker were attempting to haul some suspected ill-gotten gains.

As the modern-day locomotive chugged its way from Billson Street along the former line, it made its way up into Loughran

Drive, where it avoided the bollards and kept going up the incline.

As it rounded the tracks, the vehicle somewhat derailed, and the soft ground was unforgiving, and the wheels became bogged.

The lack of traction, and some alleged drug impairment caused a quarrel amongst the driver and his stoker, drawing the attention of locals, who contacted triple zero.

After many attempts, they took off at speed, powering towards the Bass Highway.

Speeding across Inverloch Road without sounding its whistle, it went on the Fincher Street Reserve, where it is alleged the driver thought it was a good idea to do many doughnuts.

They then continued onto Wentworth Road and coming up to Brook Street, showcased the

vehicles capabilities in an unsafe manner, leaving a substantial indication of its presence.

At Dowling Street, the driver was presented with a simple choice, to go right or go left, but decided to go straight ahead, down a driveway.

The little Hilux came in fast and spun, the rear tray met the trunk of a large pear tree which softly buffeted the tray, then took a tight grasp, as the small spinning wheels dug into the soil.

The commotion alerted many a waking resident who also called triple zero.

It is alleged that the occupants of the now stuck and not so powerful locomotive thought they better get outta there.

With the two recent train devotees now on the run, a few local residents and workers were able

to point local police in the right direction, towards the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve.

After a poor attempt at hiding in the concrete chasm that the skateboard bowl is, the two alleged offenders decided to make a run for it.

With many local police units converging on the reserve, the female was caught, followed shortly after by the male driver. The male driver was charged with 14 offences and was bailed to appear at the Korumburra Magistrates' Court in December.

The female was found to be wanted by police due to having five warrants for her arrest, and was put before the Korumburra Magistrates' Court.

If you witnessed this incident or have any information, please contact Crime Stoppers.

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Mayor's Message



Cr Rochelle Halstead

AS Mayor, one of the most important parts of my role is to be a strong voice for our community—to advocate, to listen, and to ensure that Bass Coast is heard where it matters most.

This week, alongside our CEO Greg Box, I had the privilege of representing our region in Canberra. Over a day and a half, we met with nine Federal ministerial offices to put forward the priorities that matter most to our residents: from protecting our fragile coastlines and natural environment to delivering the infrastructure that will support a livable and thriving future.

We spoke about the very real and visible impacts of coastal erosion in Inverloch and Silverleaves—issues our community lives with every day—and the urgent need for long-term, federally supported solutions. We also highlighted our precious landscapes, like the Western Port Woodlands and Lang Lang’s unique habitat, and the balance we must strike between sustainable growth and environmental protection.

These were not just meetings—they were meaningful conversations about the future of our towns and the values that underpin them. Projects like the Wonthaggi Secondary College redevelopment, the Phillip Island Recreation Precinct, and improved aquatic facilities are more than just infrastructure—they are investments in community connection, health and wellbeing.

A particular highlight was the opportunity to meet the Hon Richard Marles MP, our Deputy Prime Minister.

We also welcomed the opportunity to meet with our new Federal Member for Monash, Mary Aldred, to congratulate her and begin what we hope will be a strong and collaborative working relationship.

I left Canberra feeling encouraged. We were heard, and our story resonated. We’ve extended an open invitation to our federal leaders to come and walk our coastline, meet our people, and see firsthand what makes Bass Coast special—and why it’s worth investing in.

We will continue to advocate for the future our community deserves.

Councils continue to fight back against State Government levy

LOCAL ratepayers will receive their annual rates notice from Council this August amidst much controversy and Council fears backlash.

The notice will include the State Government’s new and increased Emergency Services Volunteer Fund Levy – previously the Fire Services Levy.

Under the controversial re-vamped tax, amounts will double for homeowners, triple for farmers and more than triple for commercial and industrial properties.

Councils are furious at having to collect the hefty tax on behalf of the State Government, with no say over how the money – estimated to be \$3 billion over three years – will be spent.

A community alliance called Not In Our Name are opposed to the tax and coordinated a conference on Saturday, July 26, where 30 mayors and councillors representing 22 Victorian councils met in Melbourne.

Two major actions came out of the meeting.

“We’ve set up a working group of nine councils, three from rural, three from regional, three from metro, that’ll help to coordinate a unified campaign across councils,” explained Nathan



Bass Coast Councillor Meg Edwards with Bev McArthur and Councillors from across Victoria on Saturday, July 26, campaigning against the State Government’s Emergency Services Levy.

Murphy, Not in Our Name committee member and San Remo local.

“Firstly, calling for a moratorium on the tax, and secondly, to have a public inquiry on the tax.”

Bass Coast Shire Councillor Meg Edwards attended the event.

“It’s something I feel is important. It’s important to learn from other councilors in the state, and to show your support. I’m not for the tax obviously, so it’s putting into action my words,” said Cr Meg Edwards.

“The government will collect the rates in total, including the emergency services tax, from the

council, regardless of whether individuals pay it or not, the council is still liable for the tax. So, it’s not an option for us not to pay it.

“I will be raising a motion at the next council meeting. I will have a motion going to that council meeting for it to be taken to the MAV (Municipal Association of Victoria) conference, which I’m not a delegate for, but I would like our delegate, who is the mayor, to take this motion to MAV.”

Cr Edwards is also organising another rally against the ESVF to be held at the Wonthaggi Workmen’s Club on Tuesday, August 19 at 7pm.

Bev McArthur, the Shadow Minister for Local Government, will be speaking at the event, as well as Nathan Murphy from the United Firefighters Union. The Minister for Local Government will also be invited to attend.

Cr Edwards said that the event is for anyone who is upset about the ESVF, which will be itemised on their rates notice.

“Anybody who’s concerned about their rates notice and the impact of extra taxes, they would be very welcome to come along. They might like to attend, have their voices heard and learn what they can do about it.”

New face at the Corinella and District Community Centre

AFTER her first week as the new manager of the Corinella and District Community Centre (CDCC), Philippa Armstrong has been impressed by the warmth, expertise and dedication of the local volunteers who staff the centre.

“The centre genuinely seems to be the heart of the community,” said Philippa.

“I’ve already seen how people in the Waterline Community look out for each other.”

Bringing many years of experience working in community development and community arts to her new role, Philippa is committed to being approachable and responsive to the community and is looking forward to continuing the legacy of previous manager Kerry Ladell.

Next year, Corinella will celebrate its bicentenary.

Corinella was founded in 1826, nine years ahead of Melbourne.

“We’re already making plans for the 200-year anniversary with a bicentennial dinner to be held



Philippa Armstrong is the new manager of the Corinella and District Community Centre. B02_3125

in the Corinella Hall on Saturday, December 12, 2026,” said Philippa.

“There is an upcoming public meeting at CDCC on Monday, August 18 at 11am and all are welcome to bring their ideas for discussion; it’s never too early to

start planning.”

The Corinella and District Community Centre offers many activities.

“The annual and much-loved art show is a highlight,” said Philippa.

The centre is well known for

its popular art and craft classes with dozens of vibrant artworks hanging on the walls, testimony to the creative talents of the Waterline Community.

Other activities include strength training and meditation, a Waterline Community playgroup on Tuesdays, the ever-popular community lunch every Thursday, and a community pantry that is available for people in need.

“The pantry is well stocked thanks to community contributions, generous donations and a grant from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH),” acknowledged Philippa.

“Now is a great time to become a member of the centre.”

Opening hours are 10 am to 4pm Monday to Thursday.

For more information, or to see what activities are on offer call 5678 0777, go to corinellacomunitycentre.org.au or look for Corinella & District Community Centre on Facebook and Instagram.



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NAB Leongatha commits to locals for the long haul

THE RECENT upgrade of Leongatha's NAB branch demonstrates the bank's commitment to the town.

"We're here to support our customers and be part of the community for the long haul," branch manager Catherine Spradbury said.

New flooring and a fresh coat of paint have created a brighter environment that feels more spacious, and a discussion area has been added.

"The changes make it easier for us to sit down and have proper chats with our customers, whether it's about buying a home, starting a business or just sorting out everyday banking," Catherine said.

There is always someone to support customers with their banking needs.

As well as providing traditional banking services, staff are ready to offer advice on internet banking and its features that continue to evolve.

Education on avoiding scams and fraud is also available to ensure customers are protecting themselves, and they can be put in touch with NAB's fraud team if they have specific concerns they want addressed.

NAB Leongatha operates a Business Banking Centre, which houses its business banking team, led by local team leader Corinne Hodinott who is supported by bankers local to the area.



NAB Leongatha branch manager Catherine Spradbury stands between customer service advisors Lilly Wilkinson and Stefan Bancroft. A01_3125

The specialisations within the business banking team ensure it is ideally positioned to support small businesses as well as diversified and agri businesses.

The Leongatha branch has thrown its support behind the South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club and the

Leongatha & District Netball Association, further illustrating its commitment to the community.

Catherine said the improvements made to the branch show NAB's belief in Leongatha, noting that as well as customers, the staff are enjoying the more vibrant

atmosphere.

"Our team is loving the new setup; it's fresh, it's modern and it really reflects the energy we bring to work every day," she said, looking forward to more locals experiencing the new environment along with the ongoing friendly service.

Farmers again take fight to Melbourne

VICTORIAN farmers again took their battle with the State Government to the steps of parliament on Wednesday, the focus this time on fighting against planned legislation to force them to allow representatives of transmission companies and VicGrid onto their properties or face hefty fines.

State leader of The Nationals and Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien, was among the speakers, labelling it "another day, another protest on the steps of parliament by regional Victorians fed up with a Labor Government that has no respect for them".

That follows the much larger numbers that descended on Spring Street to protest against the State Government's Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund.

"To now have this Bill that says, 'We don't really respect you and if you get in our way, we will break down your gates and cut your locks and we will fine you \$12,000 for the privilege is just a disgrace,'" Mr O'Brien told attendees on Wednesday.

As tractors drove by and protesters displayed signs such as one saying "No farms, no food, no future", he declared that the only way for regional Victorians to be treated with respect is to vote the Coalition into government at the State election in November 2026.

"We will repeal this Bill, we will repeal the emergency services tax and fight for regional Victoria," Mr O'Brien declared.

State Opposition Leader Brad Battin labelled the government's approach to energy infrastructure delivery as being done in "dictatorship style", saying the planned legislation is "draconian" and intended to take away farmers' rights.

The Liberal Member for Berwick also committed to repealing the legislation if the Coalition is elected.

Should the legislation go through, landowners will face fines of up to \$12,210 for obstructing access to their land.

A resounding cheer rang out when Mr Battin spoke of farmers wanting the government to get out of their lives.



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Welshpool Hotel thanks the community amid ongoing challenges

THE Welshpool Hotel is making progress in the hospitality industry, despite still being on a long road to recovery from the storm that swept through South Gippsland in 2023.

Owner Skye Dubignon is very grateful that, after experiencing the floods and still having damage to the hotel, the Welshpool Hotel was named a finalist in the Australian Hotels Association (AHA) Victoria 2025 State Awards for Excellence: Excellence in Service, Heart of the Community, Local Legend Award, and Parma of the Year – Regional.

“Where do I begin? Our parma and menu scored 100 per cent in the judging for the Parma of the Year, but unfortunately, the venue let us down in achieving that perfect overall score,” said Skye.

“It was a great night. I took the team down to Crown Casino to celebrate our achievements.”

As the recovery efforts continue, despite the setback, Skye remains hopeful and thankful.

“We’re incredibly grateful for the community. Everyone’s been so patient, sticking by us and offering their support during such a tough time,” she said.

In the face of adversity, the town came together once again for its annual Good Friday Appeal fundraising event, setting an ambitious goal of \$10,000 – doubling last year’s target. Thanks to a series of popular events – including the 25 Days of Gifting Christmas Advent Calendar, the Wall of Wine, and Friday night raffles – the community not only reached but exceeded the goal, raising an impressive \$10,534.35.

“To beat our goal in a year like this just shows how incredible and supportive our community is.”

As flood recovery continues, Skye expresses gratitude to the community for sticking with her and the team as they manage repairs and hope to bring back the warmth to the Welshpool Hotel.



Volunteers Glenn Osborne and John Pendlington join long-time garden coordinator Marg McCulley and Cr Mat Morgan at the newly upgraded community garden at the State Coal Mine. W01_3125

A little funding goes a long way at the State Coal Mine

A \$2000 grant from Bass Coast Shire Council has gone a long way in helping volunteers at the State Coal Mine transform their community garden into a more sustainable and efficient space.

The Friends of the State Coal Mine applied for the grant to ease the workload of volunteers and improve the site’s composting and irrigation systems. The funding has already made a noticeable difference, with new compost bays built and an automated watering system now operating across the garden beds.

For garden coordinator Marg McCulley, the impact was more than just practical. A young boy visiting with his father stopped in front of the

newly installed composting sign and said, “I get it!” That small moment was enough to make the volunteers’ day.

Volunteers say the upgrades have brought fresh energy to the garden, which produces eggs and vegetables for locals in need. Waste from the on-site café and staff kitchen is now recycled through a closed-loop composting system, which turns scraps and clippings into nutrient-rich compost that feeds the veggie beds.

“The three compost bays allow us to manage organic waste more efficiently,” said Parks Victoria ranger Katherine.

“It breaks down into compost over time, which enhances the

soil and provides many benefits to the garden. There are also environmental benefits, like reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conserving water.”

With many school groups, families, and tourists visiting the site each year, the garden also plays a key educational role. The new sign above the compost bays, supplied by Thom Fox, helps explain the composting process in a way that’s simple and easy to understand. The artwork was generously donated, saving the project hundreds of dollars in design costs.

Thanks to the new irrigation system, volunteers no longer need to drag heavy hoses through the garden. A simple

timer keeps the beds watered and thriving, freeing up time and effort for the team.

The garden, which features a popular cottage display, was even included in this year’s Bass Coast Edible Gardens open weekend. Its success is a testament to what a small grant and a lot of community spirit can achieve.

The Friends of the State Coal Mine thanked Shirley Egan from the Shire office for her support with the application. Cr Mat Morgan also visited the garden on Wednesday, July 30, to see the improvements for himself.

The grant was delivered just before the end of the financial year, and every dollar has certainly been put to good use.

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Mouth of the Powlett River opened to clear inundation of farmland

By Bruce Wardley

THE mouth of the Powlett River has been opened to ease inundation of adjoining farmland after above-average rainfall across Bass Coast in July.

Rainfall in the Powlett River catchment exceeded the July average with Wonthaggi recording 119.4mm for the month compared to an average of 97.6mm.

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) said an artificial opening of the Powlett River estuary was approved earlier in June. This was done to reduce the impact of the estuary closure on surrounding farmland and in recognition of ongoing drought conditions over 12 months.

The estuary stayed open for five days in June and water levels dropped to 20 centimetres.

This is not something that is done often, according to WGCMA.

“It was driven by exceptional circumstances and WGCMA has been working with landholders and multiple partner organisations to manage the estuary closure.”

In recent days, it was determined that there were more risks associated with the Powlett River estuary remaining



Janine and Peter of Dalyston watch as dredging gets underway at the mouth of the Powlett River. B34_3125

closed than there were with an artificial opening. “Good freshwater flows and low swells allowed for optimal conditions for an artificial opening,” said WGCMA.

“A safe opening means good, dissolved oxygen levels reduce the risk of a fish kill.”

The Powlett River estuary on Bunurong Country is listed as a nationally important wetland due to its extensive saltmarsh and wetland communities and heritage values.

To reduce the impact of artificial openings on the

environment and farmland, WGCMA is working with partner agencies and landholders to explore alternative land management practices that reduce the need for artificial openings.

Options under consideration include land buybacks and land management agreements, with WGCMA proactively looking for funding opportunities to implement alternative land management measures in the Powlett River estuary.

The Department of Transport and Planning

has also asked Parks Victoria to open the Bourne Creek estuary to alleviate the risk of flooding on the Bass Highway.

WGCMA is monitoring the Bourne Creek estuary and has provided a permit to allow Parks Victoria to open it, provided it is safe and feasible for the estuary environment.

The Department of Transport and Planning is working with WGCMA to also explore options for raising the Bass Highway to reduce flooding in the future.



Lettering was stolen off the Korumburra Botanic Park recently, with locals speculating it was likely to be melted down for cash.

Korumburra Botanic Park sign stolen

DESPERATE thieves have stolen the lettering from the Korumburra Botanical Park sign from the front gates, only a year after the brass commemorative plaque was stolen.

Locals speculated that the letters may have been taken to be melted down for a few bucks, as was thought to be the case with the original commemorative plaque and two bronze plaques, which were stolen from Loch earlier in the year.

An observant resident noticed the missing letters mid-July and the South Gippsland Shire Council was notified.

“I think they’re all brass letters, so I think that’s why they’ve been taken. So, they’ll have to replace them with something, a cheap alloy,” said Ben Ellis, Secretary of Friends of Korumburra Botanical Park (FKBP).

“It’s a very disappointing situation, but they’re running out of things (to take).”

Council have stated that they will be replacing the

lettering and are investigating options that are less likely to be stolen.

About 12 months ago, the commemorative plaque that was on one of the posts was ripped off and presumably melted down.

The plaque was in memory of the park being gazetted by the Governor in Council in 1903, with the gates being erected for the centenary of the park in 2003.

“One of our members had a picture of the historic plaque, so we were able to send that to the shire, and they could recreate a new plaque, which is probably made out of some alloy, which isn’t worth stealing.”

Meanwhile, at the park, the FKPB have 2500 plants to get into the ground this winter, after already planting out half, which was funded by Landcare.

They’ve started down by the creek, where it was still damp in June, but dry everywhere else, and Ben is hoping the recent rain will mean they can plant out the rest in time for spring.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

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Council's Maternal and Child Health nurses are registered nurses and midwives, with additional qualifications in child and family health.

Our service can help with:

- Feeding support
- Recovery after birth
- Growth and development
- Immunisations
- Child safety and illness
- Family wellbeing

- Health checks
- Referrals to allied health services

There are multiple Maternal and Child Health Centres located across the Shire.

The Maternal and Child Health team also provide a Sleep and Settling Program, offering telephone and limited face-to-face consultations with evidence-based approaches to support sleep and settling for your child.

For more information on the Maternal and Child Health Service, including this Program, visit:

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Details will be available on Council's website:

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

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COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Council's Community Grants Program is open for round one applications. The program supports community initiatives that enhance the quality of life, heritage, recreation and cultural opportunities.

Pop in for a chat with our Grants Officer about the program at the final drop-in session:

Date: Thursday 7 August

Time: 10.00am to 3.00pm

Where: Mirboo North Library

For more information on the program, visit:

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Creativity flows from physical actions in Korumburra

WHILE Japanese artist Hiroyasu Tsuru, known as TWOONE (pronounced two-one), is in Leongatha working on a new look for South Gippsland Shire's trio of ArtCubes, mentoring a couple of young artists who are collaborating on the project, he recently ran two events in Korumburra.

His free Youth Art Workshop, held at Korumburra Community Hub, was for those aged 12 to 25, with the main concept being to promote thinking through physical action, the creative process triggered by movement.

"I just told them, 'Don't think too much about what you are going to paint; instead, just start moving bodies or hands to make a mark'," Hiroyasu said, that approach getting the creative young participants going as ideas sprang to mind in response to the marks they had made.

While he brought along red, white and blue paints, participants were given just one colour for each canvas, TWOONE believing that limiting colours enables one to focus easily on movement, shapes and tones, rather than thinking about what colour to use next.

The workshop was followed by an artist talk at the Coterie, with a mixed crowd hearing about Hiroyasu's shift into the art scene after his move from Japan to Melbourne at the age of 18, originally to learn English, and his



Hiroyasu Tsuru speaks at the Coterie in Korumburra about his background as an artist and creative process.

subsequent travels around the world creating art.

Early in his time in Melbourne, he met street artists through skateboarding and socialising, soon being invited to join them.

Having found joy in creativity as a child and seeing something in that field as a dream job, it had appeared unrealistic until he was surrounded

by people living that lifestyle.

"So, 10 months became 11 years," Hiroyasu said of his extended stay down under.

He then lived in Berlin for eight years with his Aussie wife, maintaining his connection with Australia, where he had permanent residency, by continuing to come back for artistic projects.

They now have a house in

Italy, a base from which to travel to many countries.

Attendees at the Korumburra artist talk also heard about the creative approach Hiroyasu shared with those at the earlier workshop.

Sentinel-Times plans to catch up with TWOONE and his young collaborators as the ArtCube mural project progresses.

Help support young learners get their driver's licence

GAINING a driver's licence is an exciting step to independence for young people, especially in country areas, but for some who don't have access to a supervising driver or a suitable car, it can be difficult.

This is where The Salvation Army's Drive for Life L2P Program comes in, with volunteer mentors who help young learners build up their driving hours and apply for their licence.

With four cars across the South Gippsland Shire, including in Loch, Leongatha, Mirboo North and Foster, learner drivers can gain access to both drivers and cars close to home.

But the program needs more volunteer mentors.

"First and foremost, we're

looking for people who've got calm and measured dispositions and demeanours. They're not going to get too anxious or panic themselves in the car," explained Stephen Harvy, Drive for Life/L2P Manager.

"Every young learner on the program will do half a dozen lessons with a proper driving instructor before they sit in the car with a supervisor."

Mentors complete a free, one-day training course that provides technical and behavioural information on how to guide a young person as they learn to drive, as well as ongoing support.

"We bring our mentors and volunteers together once every few months, and we have gatherings to try and help them

share their experiences and how they're going about it," said Stephen.

Mentors are paired with the same learner driver to build rapport and connection, and for consistency and continuity.

Arrangements can be made with the learner and booked in an online calendar.

"Mentors will book in a time, and they'll pick up the car and then meet the young person, go for a drive, put the car back," explained Stephen.

Mentors are asked to commit what time they can, ideally about one to two hours a week or fortnight, with other mentors available to fill in, in the event of holidays or illness, for example.

Steve added that all the

learner drivers have a lived experience with disadvantage and face some barriers in order to be eligible for the program and are very grateful for the support and help received.

"I've had young people that have reached back to us when they finished who say it's just absolutely lifesaving. It's getting a licence, but it's life-changing. It might mean the difference between them being able to get to certain employment or not, or to get to studies, or to just have independence," said Stephen.

To make a difference and support young people in our community, contact the Drive for Life Co-Ordinator on 0461 441 080 or email: driveforlifel2p-gipps@salvationarmy.org.au.

Coroner releases report into death of farmer during Mirboo North storm

THE report from an inquest into the death of Bruce Manintveld, a 50-year-old farmer from Darlimurla, who died during the major storm event that ravaged Mirboo North in 2024, has been released.

At the time of his death, Bruce lived with his wife of twenty years, Fiona Baker, on their farm, with Bruce working full time and Fiona helping out part time.

Fiona described Bruce as being "born to be a farmer."

According to the coroner's report, a typical day on the farm began at approximately 4.45am, milking the cows and whilst other chores were attended to during the day, the cows needed to be milked again

late in the afternoon before the day's work was complete.

On Wednesday, February 14 at about 4.30pm, Bruce and Fiona saw the storm coming on the weather radar.

Fiona had returned to the farm from her other external work early because of this extreme weather.

Bruce formed the view that if he started his end-of-day farm routine, bringing the cows in for their afternoon milking, immediately, he ought to be able to get the cows safely into the milking shed, and set off to do that riding his quadbike as usual.

At about 4.45 pm, a severe storm heralded a change in the weather pattern in the South Gippsland area.

Contemporaneous wind gusts at weather sites near Bruce's farm recorded gusts between 55 and 85km/h.

This equates to seven to nine on the Beaufort Wind Scale, which signals the potential for structural damage and dislodged roofing risks.

After the storm had passed, Fiona went out to give Bruce a hand at the milking shed but was surprised that he was not there.

She walked up the laneway looking for him and initially noticed some dead cattle and the farm quad bike stationary.

She then noticed that Bruce had been thrown clear of the bike onto the ground.

From retracing the path of

the debris whilst looking at the pattern of visible injuries, it appears a dislodged retractable roof was blown directly into Bruce's path, striking him and also killing several nearby cows.

Fiona called 000 and followed the 000 call taker's instructions, commencing resuscitation until paramedics and police arrived about 25 minutes later.

Bruce's death was reported to the coroner as it fell within the definition of a reportable death in the Coroners Act 2008. Reportable deaths include deaths that are unexpected, unnatural or violent or result from accident, or injury.

Sincere condolences to Fiona and Bruce's family.

Mayor's Message



Cr John Schelling

HELLO South Gippsland.

I would like to start by congratulating both Leongatha Lyric Theatre and South Gippsland Dance Eisteddfod on their recent, brilliant performances. Footloose and the Annual Eisteddfod both enjoyed fantastic turnouts and glowing feedback — a true testament to the high standard of performing arts in South Gippsland.

Parliamentary Inquiry

Last week, I was given the opportunity to represent South Gippsland alongside Manager Governance and Integrity, Rhys Matulis at the *Parliamentary Inquiry into Fraud and Corruption Control – Local Government*. Our attendance provided a great opportunity to join the ongoing discussion about transparency, accountability, and integrity in local government. We are appreciative of the chance to contribute to this conversation and would like to continue seeing stronger coordination between councils and agencies that can offer hands-on support to help us fulfil our responsibilities.

Attending events such as these are a great experience and I'm grateful to be given these platforms.

Dinner on the Mount 2025

I had the pleasure of attending Mount Eccles Hall annual Dinner on the Mount. This is a major fundraising event for the hall, with proceeds from this year going towards a new roof on the facility. The night was a great success, with approximately 80 people in attendance, delicious food and such generosity from the community. The committee should be extremely proud of what they achieved.

Rural Councils Victoria Annual Forum

Councillor Scott Rae represented South Gippsland at the Rural Councils Victoria *Annual Forum* in Yarrawonga last week. Rural Councils Victoria was established to coordinate the network of rural councils in their efforts to better understand, articulate and address the issues affecting them. South Gippsland is one of 34 member councils. The forum discussed managing the complex challenges of housing, childcare and financial sustainability – among a range of other topics. Thank you Councillor Rae for attending and ensuring our Council is aligned with those that face similar challenges.

New Exhibition at Coal Creek

A new exhibition has opened at Coal Creek; 'Finders Keepers' by Rachel Warren showcases mixed media and the joy of collecting. The pieces combine colour and texture and are truly unique. Pop down to Coal Creek and have a look if you get a chance.

Finally, you may have noticed the ArtCubes have moved to Leongatha and are receiving a fresh new design. International artist, TWOONE is painting a new mural on each of the cubes exterior walls, alongside local, young artist mentees until Friday 8 August. If you have a moment to check out this work, I'd love to hear your feedback.

Enjoy your week South Gippsland.

Age Pension

Getting it and Keeping

By David Caporale,
Chief Investment Officer of RELIcapital

For many Australians heading into retirement, the Age Pension plays an important role in helping cover day-to-day living costs. But working out whether you're eligible - and how much you'll get - can be confusing.

Here's a simple overview of how the Age Pension works and what to keep in mind if you're planning to apply or already receiving it.

How eligibility works

There are three basic requirements to qualify for the Age Pension:

1. **You must be over a certain age.** As of July 2025, the Age Pension age is 67.
2. **You must be an Australian resident,** usually for at least 10 years.
3. **You must meet income and asset test rules,** which look at what you earn and what you own.

The income test includes things like superannuation income, part-time work, or investment returns. The asset test looks at property (not including your home), investment assets, savings, vehicles, and other belongings of value.

Both tests have limits. If you're under those limits, you may receive a **full pension**. If you're above, you might still qualify for a **part pension**.

Current Age Pension Rates and Thresholds (as of July 2025)

- **Maximum fortnightly pension***
\$1,149.00 (\$29,874 per year) - Single
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- **Full pension asset test (homeowner)**
Less than \$321,500 - Single
Less than \$481,500 - Couple
- **Part pension asset cut-off (homeowner)**
Up to \$704,500 - Single
Up to \$1,059,000 - Couple
- **Full pension income test**
Less than \$5,668 per year - Single
Less than \$9,880 per year - Couple
- **Part pension income cut-off**
Up to \$65,416 per year - Single
Up to \$99,954 per year - Couple

**Includes supplements. Note these thresholds change slightly each year, so it's worth checking the latest figures online or with Services Australia.*

Don't qualify? You may still get help

If you're over Age Pension age but don't qualify due to your income or assets, you might be eligible for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

This card gives access to cheaper prescription medicines and may offer savings on medical services, electricity, gas, and rates — depending on where you live.

Keeping the Age Pension

Once you're on the pension, it's not set-and-forget. You'll need to keep Centrelink updated if your financial situation changes — for example, if you start a part-time job, receive an inheritance, or sell an asset.

Regular updates ensure you're getting the right amount. If not, you might be overpaid — and required to pay it back later.

Make it easier with online tools

There are free calculators and estimators available on the Services Australia website to help you work out what you're entitled to. If you'd rather speak to someone, the **Financial Information Service** is a free government service that can help explain your options.

The bottom line

The Age Pension provides a base level of income to help older Australians live with dignity in retirement. Knowing how it works - and keeping on top of any changes - helps you stay in control of your finances and avoid unnecessary stress.

Even if you don't qualify now, your situation might change - so it's always worth checking again down the track

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Concerns expressed over lack of progress at Coal Creek

By Andrew Paloczi

WHILE refurbishment of train carriages at Coal Creek is a bright sign of progress, Friends of Coal Creek (FOCC) are concerned with delays in planning for the Park's future financial stability, and with the loss of its team leader Kim O'Connell, who was integral in planning and running events.

Added to these concerns is council's decision not to continue financially supporting the park's annual Halloween event.

FOCC president Roger Powell expressed the group's disappointment that Kim's contribution has ended.

"He was a breath of fresh air and brought to Coal Creek a range of skills that weren't there previously, and we've lost that, and we are the poorer for it," Roger said, noting that, among other things, Kim specialises in running events and programs.

Council CEO Allison Jones said it is not yet determined whether Kim will be replaced.

"Council commits significant resources to Coal Creek operations and, as such, it is appropriate to responsibly review staffing resources when positions become vacant," she said.

The CEO noted that the Park is being managed by experienced members of the existing council team, who have strong knowledge of its operations.

The FOCC president spoke of council's decision not to fund the Coal Creek Halloween evening, suggesting that contrasts with the aims of the Coal Creek Strategic Plan.

"Within the Strategic Plan there are multiple references to events, both community and commercial, large and small, being supported and being critical to the long-term development of Coal Creek," Roger said.

He noted council said its decision not to continue supporting the Halloween event is based on cost, arguing that it is inconsistent with achieving the aims of the Strategic Plan.

"The Halloween event requires significant resourcing from council staff and volunteers, and after a review of activities planned, it was determined not to proceed in 2025," Ms Jones said.

Roger expressed concern about such a decision being made without any consultation, particularly given the strong involvement of community groups in running the Halloween event.

"Because we've had some of these events, the Park has benefited," he said, pointing out that aspects such as drainage and the internal road system have been improved as a result.

As for the Coal Creek Strategic Plan, Roger said that after all the effort and public consultation that



The extent of work that had to be done on train carriage restoration at Coal Creek is apparent.

went into its creation, it couldn't be quickly acted upon because council then began embarking on a Financial Plan for the Park.

That process has included engaging consultants to develop a business case for Coal Creek, with \$50,000 set aside in the council Budget to facilitate that.

"It has now taken nearly 10 months, and we haven't seen the first draft," Roger said, remarking that while the business case for the Park was originally expected to be presented to councillors at the August council meeting, that is now not expected to occur until November.

"The business case is still progressing and will be presented by the end of the year; the August date was approximate only," the council CEO responded.

A major aim of the Coal Creek Strategic Plan is to reduce the Park's financial reliance on council over time, with council acknowledging in the plan that it doesn't expect Coal Creek to be completely self-sufficient, certainly not in the short term.

"The goal is to ensure it covers a larger share of its operating costs and is able to fund improvements and maintenance as the Strategic Plan is implemented," it is stated.

One of the short-term actions outlined relates to the holding of marquee events throughout the year to draw crowds, with the aim of continuing "to build Coal Creek's reputation as a unique venue for events such as festivals and holiday celebrations".

That leads into a long-term goal to "position Coal

Creek as the key venue for major events and exhibitions in South Gippsland, leveraging its unique setting and facilities".

While an important short-term aim expressed in the Strategic Plan is to restore the operations of Coal Creek's bush tramway to attract train enthusiasts and young families and raise revenue, the track restoration is proceeding slowly, with Roger explaining that is due to the reliance on volunteers who have constraints on their time.

He argues that funding is needed to pay people to undertake that work in a timely fashion.

On the bright side, much has been achieved in the restoration of the separate large railway carriages.

The first class carriage roof, which was in far worse condition than imagined, is now repaired, with the other carriages requiring less work.

Once everything is right with the roofs, the next step is to repair the inside of the carriages, with further funding needing to be secured for that stage.

Roger highlighted a couple of other positive initiatives council is taking, saying it has committed to doing required work on the railway station platform and to buying materials to re-weatherboard the Jeetho school building.

"So, there are some positive things going on, just that we're perplexed we're not seeing events and other activities taking place," he said, adding that he has heard there are at least a couple of music gigs planned for summer.



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Fighting to keep the French Island barge service local

By Bruce Wardley

A SKIPPER for all seasons, long-time French Islander Terry Easy is determined to keep the Corinella to French Island barge locally owned and operated.

“The original farming families all put in to save the barge,” said Terry. “It’s the lifeblood of French Island.”

Parks Victoria has called for Expressions of Interest to operate a year-round barge transport service to French Island using the Point Leschenault Jetty landing site.

Many of the farming families on French Island can be traced back to the Soldier Settlement Scheme introduced for servicemen returning from the First World War.

Terry Easy was raised on French Island.

“We had free range then,” said Terry.

“Rabbits were a part of growing up, we worked the farm and hunted rabbits. The old man said he paid for our house by selling rabbit skins. I used to take the fresh rabbits on the school run with me.”

Working on scallop boats in Tasmania, Terry gained his Master 5 Certificate and took ownership of the Spirit of French Island seven years ago.

Crossing between French Island and Corinella up to six times a day, the barge carries vital supplies for the farmers such as steel, hay, fertiliser, fuel and bottled gas.

“A lot of cattle have been taken off the Island because of the



Spirit of French Island skipper and owner Terry Easy lived and went to school on French Island and worked with Parks Victoria for 30 years. B11_3125

drought.”

Emergency service vehicles and fire trucks also use the barge along with Parks Victoria.

Using high tide to navigate the treacherous sand banks and occasional thick sea fog, the Spirit of French Island cruises at a leisurely six knots, covering the two-kilometre crossing in around 20 minutes.

Measuring 19 metres in length with a displacement of 26 tonnes, the Spirit of French Island can carry as much weight again fully laden.

“Visitors can come by foot or bring their 4WDs and cars,” said Terry.

“Come over in the morning

(subject to the tide) and return in the afternoon. It’s surprising how many people visit French Island.”

Western Port Bay is very tidal, and a low tide early in the day can restrict operating hours, though weather is not usually a problem, according to Terry.

“We’ve never missed a crossing because of bad weather for six years.”

No stranger to early mornings, Terry said he needed to be at the Tankerton Jetty by 7.30am every morning as a student to catch the ferry to the High School at Hastings.

The ferry left Stony Point at 4.30pm, returning to the Island by 5pm.

“They were long days,” said Terry.

“Every now and then, the weather would get rough, and we’d have the day off school.

“Sometimes the fog was so thick you couldn’t see the bow of the ferry.”

Dolphins are a common sight on the crossing to French Island, and Sea Eagles nesting on The Point produce two or three fledglings every year.

French Island also has long-nosed potoroos, bandicoots, Australian water rats, koalas and Cape Barren geese, but no Kangaroos.

Kangaroos can’t swim, according to Terry.

French Island convert Janine Harrison said there is plenty to see and do on French Island, including the original chicory kilns, local wine tastings from the French Island Vineyards and a delicious all-day menu, freshly roasted coffee and good old-fashioned hospitality at the French Island General Store.

Employing four people, including a second skipper, Terry said the barge runs year-round.

“It’s a million-dollar investment in the local community.

“To keep it all running is a very extensive operation.”

After just seven years as the sole owner and operator of the business, Terry hopes commonsense will prevail.

“My family goes back to when the original five farmers got together and bought the barge, it’s the first open tender.”

Repairs underway for Smiths Beach Rescue Base

WOOLAMAI Beach Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC) began repairs and maintenance to the Smiths Beach Rescue Base yesterday, Monday, August 4.

WBSLSC are managing the project with works to repair corroded steel on the rescue base structure.

During the period of works, the stairs and landing (adjacent to rescue tower) will be closed. However the timber accessibility ramp is planned to remain open other than a one to three day closure in mid-August.

Access to Smith’s Beach will remain open at all times via the western access stairs.

Completion of this stage of the project is likely to be mid-September 2025.

Phillip Island Nature Parks will then begin separate upgrade work on the accessibility ramp (late 2025) and stairs and landing (2026).

Contractors will do their best to minimise inconvenience to beachgoers during the works.

The Club is very grateful for the support of members of the local community, the Smiths Beachcombers Association, Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary, the Victorian State Government’s Tiny Towns Grants Program, the Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program, our local member Jordan Crugnale MP and Phillip Island Nature Parks.

The Club is looking forward to the rescue base being ready for the summer life saving season and also to the improvements to the landing, staircase and ramp progressing.

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- ECSP: Wells Connection EP – for the connection of wells to our existing subsea pipeline.

All activities under these two EPs will be carried out in Commonwealth waters, over 9 km offshore from the coast.

This phase of relevant persons consultation is closing

We initially advertised the opportunity to consult on these two EPs in late April 2025, and are now finalising consultation to prepare these EPs. If you haven’t been in touch, please do so within the next week.

For more information about our proposed projects, please see our consultation page via the QR code, or at <https://amplitudeenergy.com.au/consultation>.

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Robin Smith is taking the plunge for the Cancer Council's Daffodil Day on August 21.

Robin's cold plunge for Cancer Council's Daffodil Day

ON AUGUST 21, it is the Cancer Council's Daffodil Day, and in support, Inverloch resident Robin Smith, a dedicated advocate for cancer awareness, will take her first cold plunge.

This unique fundraiser aims to raise vital funds for Cancer Council while encouraging participants to raise awareness. Robin enjoyed a cold plunge, not just for her mental health, but because she embraced this exhilarating and invigorating experience; an icy dip in the ocean that currently sits at a freezing 11 degrees.

"At least the water is warmer than the air temperature," Robin laughed. She will take the plunge in her bathers to help those affected by cancer.

"Everybody has been touched by cancer in some way or another. I've had a few friends who have lost their fight, and a few who have managed to fight their fight, and this dip is all for a worthy cause," said Robin.

"Some people thought I was crazy for going into the sea this time of year, I always swim in summer, but a cold-water swim is very good for you, in many ways – it's very addictive actually. I would normally hold off on swimming in winter when the real cold sets in, but this cause has pushed me to keep going."

Robin swims for around two to five minutes. She said the first dip is a little bit hard, but then everything tingles.

"I guess it's a bit of an adrenaline rush, then there's nothing like a warm shower when you get out," she said.

Robin's fundraiser has already made an impact with her funds so far, equipping 74 researchers with essential lab equipment needed to conduct life-saving research.

To help Robin make a difference this Daffodil Day, visit daffodilday.com.au/fundraisers/robinsmith/daffodil-day-dip-2025.



A render of the new learning centre that will fill the space of the old wooden building that was beyond repair.

Demolition of the old, ready for the new



The old wooden building is no longer, set to be replaced with a state-of-the-art learning building that will not only be warm but also functional moving into the future.

IN THE works for two years, things suddenly moved quickly at Wonthaggi Primary School in the final weeks of term two.

The old wooden building was scheduled to be demolished mid-August; however, the construction team was able to bring this forward and in the final week of the July school holidays, it was gone.

Students and teachers returned at the start of term three to the newly open space that will be the site of a new learning centre that will house Grades 3 and 4. The construction

has been designed to meet the educational, social, and emotional needs of students and will incorporate indoor and outdoor learning spaces.

A government grant of \$6.7 million, announced ahead of the November 2022 election, will cover the rebuild of the project, along with the upgrading of power and plumbing at the school and additional maintenance works.

A master plan for the school has also been developed that will assist in the future upgrades for the school over the next 10 years.



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Community Information Sessions

If you'd like to know more about decommissioning of platforms and pipelines in Bass Strait, the Esso Consultation Team will be hosting community information sessions at the following locations:

Monday 11 August 2025 – Lakes Entrance
On the Wharf Café
Bullock Island, Lakes Entrance

Tuesday 12 August 2025 – Yarram
The Yarram Country Club
322-340 Commercial Road, Yarram

Wednesday 13 August 2025 - Sale
The Criterion Hotel
90 Macalister Street, Sale

Monday 18 August 2025 - Yanakie
Yanakie Hall
Millar Road, Yanakie

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Foster War Memorial Arts Centre
79 Main Street, Foster

Wednesday 20 August 2025 - Leongatha
Leongatha RSL
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- Bass Strait Environment Plans
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Your feedback and our response will be included in the relevant regulatory application documentation and submitted to the regulator.

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All the above sessions will run from **5.00pm – 7.00pm** with a **presentation** about Esso's operations with a focus on decommissioning projects.

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Beyond Blue spokesperson Paul Milne, big wave surfing legend Ross Clarke-Jones, and performer Chris Pitman during the post-show panel discussion.

Shore Break crashing open the door to mental health

BERNINNEIT was a packed house last Wednesday night for 'Shore Break': a gripping solo theatre performance that not only succeeded in captivating the audience, but also sparked raw, honest conversations about men's mental health in the Bass Coast community and beyond.

The night opened with a speech by Cr Tim O'Brien, who didn't shy away from the confronting facts. Suicide rates in regional areas like Bass Coast are up to twice those of greater Melbourne. O'Brien spoke about the importance of simply asking the question – "Hey, you seem a bit out of whack, want to talk?" His words provided a great setup for the emotional punch that followed.

What came next was an extraordinary 75-minute monologue performed by acclaimed actor and writer Chris Pitman. His debut play 'Shore Break' is a poetic and haunting portrayal of an isolated man trying to make sense of his past while sitting by the ocean with nothing but his surfboard and his memories.

The show began quietly. The only sound was Pitman waxing his board as soft, reflective music played. He opened with a rhyming poem by Madge Morris Wagner, before switching into a completely different gear, speaking in gritty, authentic Australian vernacular. It set the tone for a performance that felt deeply personal and grounded in reality.

Pitman's character was foul-mouthed, yes, but also vulnerable and familiar. He meandered through stories of his life with honesty, humour, and pain, his natural style making it feel less like theatre and more like listening to a mate you haven't seen in years opening up. The minimal set, featuring just a chair, a crate, and a surfboard, helped keep the focus on his words, and his delivery never wavered. No sound effects. No lighting tricks. Just Pitman, alone, carrying the weight of the story on his shoulders.

Despite the intensity of the subject matter, Pitman found some space for humour. But when the mood did shift, it hit hard. Subtle changes in body language or a sudden rise in his voice were all it took to snap the audience back into silence.

And silent they were. Aside from occasional chuckles, the room was completely still, a sign of just how immersed everyone was.

Following the play, Beyond Blue's Paul Milne led a panel discussion with Pitman and big wave surfing legend Ross Clarke-Jones. Both men spoke openly about their own struggles.

"This play tonight smashed it. Amazing," he said.

The night didn't end when the curtain figuratively fell either. Viewers were invited to stay behind for pizza, drinks, and conversation with the panel. Private chill-out spaces and free counselling were made available, showing the organisers were just as committed to care as they were to art.

What Shore Break managed to do so well was start a conversation without preaching. It didn't offer solutions or lecture. Instead, it gave the audience space to reflect on themselves, on the men in their lives, and on what it means to struggle quietly. As Cr O'Brien said, "We each have a role." Sometimes that role is simply to listen.

For mental health support, contact Life-line on 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636.

New sub-group seeks to raise profile of First Nations

RAISING the profile of Aboriginal culture, people, their creativity, resilience and their issues in Mirboo North and surrounds is the Mirboo North Reconciliation sub-group (MNRSG). The group falls under the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group (BCSGRG) and was formed following last year's 'voice' referendum and the storm damage to country in Mirboo North.

President of the BCSGRG Dr Marg Lynn, alongside MNRSG coordinator, Gail Margaret, helped to coordinate the yes campaign in South Gippsland.

"We had a lot of connections through that, and we were hearing from people that they wanted to not to let things drop, that they had been made so much more aware of indigenous issues of the history and culture of First Nations people and their aspirations," said Dr Lynn, which was the first major impetus to form the subgroup.

"And the other one was the massive storm in February last year in Mirboo North and the impact of that on Country; and our awareness that Aboriginal people have been caring for Country for millennia, 60,000 years, and so we, at that time, made a connection with the Kurnai elders, and we've been working with them ever since."

Over the past year, the new group have been very active and celebrated a Kurnai Cultural Expo in May, attracting over 100 attendees to the event.

"That was highly successful, and that was a small part of an expo that the Kurnai community ran in Warragul a couple of weeks ago, and that raised quite a lot of interest in Mirboo North."

"We had lots of great conversations. The Kurnai elders who were there had great conversations, and we did too," said Dr Lynn.

The sub-group has also been meeting with local educators, from childcare through to the secondary school, who have joined the reconciliation group with plans to work together.

An exhibition during NAIDOC week featuring 50 Years of NAIDOC Week posters was also held by the group.

"They were on show at the Mirboo North Market in June and that raised quite a bit of interest, with a number of people joining the group, and we had lots of valuable conversations with people about all sorts of issues. It was a worthwhile exhibition," said Dr Lynn.

The Mirboo North Reconciliation sub-group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 10am (August is an exception and the next meeting will be in September).

The Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group has also been very active, most recently holding the Ngangga Community Festival on Milawul (Phillip Island) in honour of NAIDOC Week in July.

Coming up is a free screening of the documentary Murundak: Songs of Freedom, which will be shown at the State Coal Mine on Saturday, August 9 at 2pm.

The BCSGRG meets regularly on the third Thursday of the month at 1.30pm with two evening meetings per year. For more information contact marglynn@tpg.com.au.

ROADWORKS NOTICE



Bass Highway (M420), Grantville Traffic Signals Installation

New traffic signals will be installed at the Dandy Premix Quarries intersection to reduce truck traffic through Grantville and improve safety for pedestrians and motorists using the Bass Highway.

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COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF ROADWORKS

Stage 1 Roadworks confined to the existing quarry intersection commenced early July 2025.

Stage 2 Roadworks on the Bass Highway Northbound carriageway are scheduled to commence on 14 August and are expected to be completed by 19 September 2025.

The **Stage 2 Roadworks** require temporary closure of the Bass Highway Northbound carriageway and the introduction of contra-flow traffic to the Southbound carriageway.

The left lane of the Southbound carriageway will continue to be used for southbound traffic and the second lane for northbound traffic after diversion across the highway median to share the Southbound carriageway. During **Stage 2 Roadworks**, each of the two lanes of the Southbound carriageway will have traffic moving in the opposite direction.

During **Stage 2 Roadworks** there will be reduced speed limits through the Bass Highway construction zone with modified traffic layouts and traffic controls in place to assist motorists.

ROADWORK TIMES AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Stage 2 Roadworks will generally be undertaken Monday to Saturday (6 days/week) between 7.00am and 7.00pm. Some short-term roadworks may be carried out overnight.

Traffic controls including Variable Message Signs (VMSs), Safety Barriers, Portable Traffic Lights, Traffic Controllers and Truck Mounted Attenuators (TMAs) will be in operation.

ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

Deep Creek Street and the Bass Highway Service Road traffic will be temporarily impacted during Stage 2 roadworks.

Deep Creek Street: temporary use of Bonney Road for Bass Highway access and egress, including for Smith Street, Broome Court, Stewart Street, Malcolm Drive and Panoramic Drive traffic.

Bass Highway Service Road (northbound, western side of Bass Highway): temporary northbound egress to Bass Highway under traffic controller supervision. This will also impact on traffic from Blackwood Drive, Swan Street, Vision Lane and Lang Street using the



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Bass Highway Service Road for northbound entry to Bass Highway.

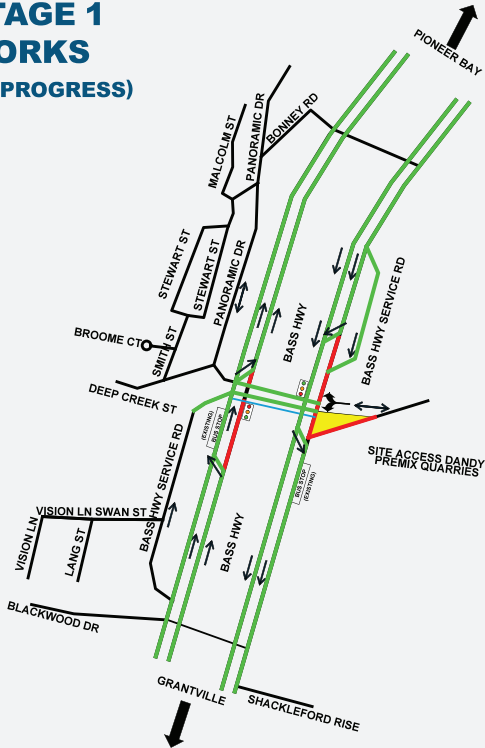
BUS STOP - NORTHBOUND

The Bass HWY northbound bus stop located in the Stage 2 Roadworks construction zone will be temporarily relocated further north (approx. 120m) with signage, waiting area provision and pedestrian protection provided.

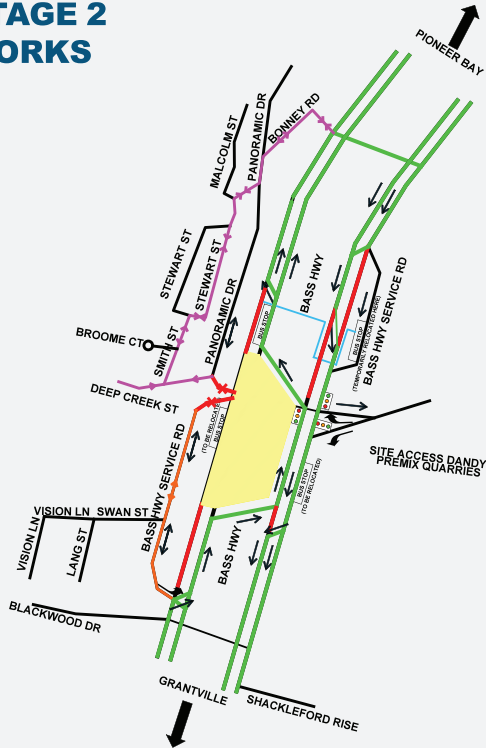
PROJECT OUTCOMES

Installation of the Traffic Signals will enable trucks to turn right, northbound onto Bass Highway, resulting in a major reduction in quarry trucks through Grantville. The Traffic Signals will also improve Bus Stop pedestrian safety and assist safer Deep Creek Street traffic flows onto Bass Highway.

STAGE 1 WORKS (IN PROGRESS)



STAGE 2 WORKS



Motorists are urged to obey speed limits and traffic controls during the roadworks. Your cooperation will greatly assist the safety of workers, pedestrians & other motorists.

Please contact us for further information or to share your feedback.

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New era as Southside Tax expands to Cowes

SOUTHSIDE Tax and Bookkeeping has long been a trusted name in Gippsland for reliable, friendly, and professional tax and accounting services. In April 2024, the firm entered an exciting new chapter when Melissa Cane took over ownership from Frank Pagano. With 13 years of accounting experience under her belt, Melissa brings fresh energy, deep expertise, and a genuine passion for helping people understand and take control of their financial affairs.

Melissa's journey in accounting has been driven by a love of working with individuals and small businesses. Over the years, she has developed a reputation for being approachable, knowledgeable, and thorough. She takes pride in demystifying the often-complex Australian tax system, guiding clients with care and clarity so they feel informed and empowered. Whether it's tax returns, business advice, or long-term business planning, Melissa is committed to building lasting relationships and delivering practical outcomes.

After purchasing Southside Tax and Bookkeeping in April 2024, Melissa continued to operate the well-established Traralgon office, ensuring clients experienced a smooth transition and the



As the new owner of Southside Tax and Booking, Melissa Cane is bringing her 13 years of experience, fresh energy and client-first focus expanding the trusted Gippsland firm to Cowes.

same quality service they had come to expect. With her strong leadership and client-first approach, the business has continued to grow – and now, an exciting expansion is just around the corner.

On June 30, 2025, Melissa opened a second Southside Tax location in Cowes, bringing her team's expertise to the heart of Phillip Island.

This new office offers the same personalised service and practical advice that has made Southside a trusted name in the Latrobe Valley. The Cowes office is set to become a valuable resource for local individuals and business owners looking for reliable and professional tax and accounting support.

Southside Tax is proud to

be supported by a talented and experienced team. Senior accountant Mick Mahoney brings extensive knowledge and a calm, problem-solving approach to his work. His years of experience make him a reliable asset for clients with more complex needs. Fellow senior accountant Jess Boys is known for her sharp attention to detail and friendly, down-to-earth nature. Clients often remark on how easy she makes even the trickiest tax matters seem. Rounding out the team is Karen Carruthers, who handles both bookkeeping and administration. Karen is often the first friendly face clients see when they visit the office, and she ensures everything runs smoothly behind the scenes.

Together, Melissa and her team at Southside Tax are committed to making tax and accounting easier and more accessible for everyone. With practices in Traralgon and now Cowes, their local knowledge and personal service make them a go-to choice for Gippslanders who want professional advice they can trust.

For individuals and businesses seeking clear guidance and a partner who genuinely cares about their financial success, Southside Tax is ready to help.

• FAITH FACTOR

Finding space for lament

By Janet Snashall-Woodhams,
Ministry Team: Uniting Church
Wonthaggi-Inverloch

IT IS hard to watch the news these days. The constant stories and pictures of war, starvation and famine have me crying out at the TV.

Lament isn't a word you hear often, but it is a very human experience. It is a deep and passionate expression of sorrow, grief, or regret.

It is a deep-felt groaning of pain or despair. It takes courage to sit with pain, name it, and give it a voice.

Yes, I know this is all sounding a bit down. Not quite what you were expecting. But, that is the point.

In those moments of loss, grief and pain, we often feel pressure to "look on the bright side" or think "she'll be right."

In the Christian tradition, even Jesus on the cross cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46), echoing words from ancient lament psalms. There is space in faith and in life to name what feels unfinished, broken, or unresolved.

Lament gives voice to our pain and sorrow. Opening a space for truth to be spoken in community. It is not weakness, but courage: an act of faith that trusts God can handle our rawest words.

When we speak our grief out loud, especially in community, we realise we're not the only ones sitting with hard feelings. Our stories weave together, building resilience and hope.

Lament is about bringing our sadness, confusion, and questions, not just the good stuff, into the open. In doing so, we know that God meets us there.

Keep calling out. Keep lamenting. Raise your voice to injustice, cruelty and hate.

Sit in the mismatch of what you see as broken and how things should be.

Cry out "WHY?"

And then, sit quietly for the heart-shaping work that follows the practice of lament.



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Graduate paramedic on the road in Korumburra

KORUMBURRA'S new graduate Ambulance Victoria (AV) paramedic, Simon Bendall, brings experience to the role, having established himself as an Ambulance Community Officer in Mirboo North, a big shift from his long-term career in IT.

After always wanting to be a paramedic, he started the transition through Non-Emergency Patient Transport.

Simon's interest in paramedicine was sparked through growing up loving the American television show 'Emergency', a medical drama about paramedics in Los Angeles, but he was also driven by his desire to help people.

While still working in IT, that desire saw him extensively involved in a couple of volunteer services, becoming a third Lieutenant at Mount Martha CFA, being a training officer there and for the Peninsula Group, and also being part of Southern Peninsula Rescue.

Diagnosed with dyslexia when he was in Grade 6, and having faced the challenges it presented from the outset of his education journey, Simon didn't have the confidence to pursue paramedicine when he finished school.

"I ended up working in IT, in project management, both locally and around the globe; it was exciting, but I was ready for a change," he said.

The fact he was helping companies rather than people drove his desire to pursue a different path.

When both his parents passed away within 18 months of each other, that prompted Simon to act on his desire for change, realising "life is too short."

While dyslexia sometimes makes learning more challenging, he has found that as technology has progressed, it has supported his learning style.

Since making the shift from IT, Simon has earned a series of qualifications that have led him to where he is.

They began with a Certificate III in Patient Transport, allowing him to become a Patient Transport Officer.

While working in that role, he commenced his Diploma of Paramedical Science, that allowing him to become an Ambulance Transport Attendant, involving more responsibility including cardiac monitoring and additional medications.

He then succeeded in applying for a position as an Ambulance Community Officer in Mirboo North, starting there after COVID lockdowns ended, then combining non-emergency and emergency work and gaining a good mix of experience.

Having enjoyed studying, it seemed logical to pursue a Paramedicine Degree, something he undertook by correspondence through the University of Tasmania, with theory and exams online but practical components of the course assessed at branch with someone suitably qualified.

He secured an Ambulance Victoria scholarship through the Pathway to Paramedicine, AV providing him with a mentor, and meaning that at the end of his degree he would go straight into the graduate program.

Simon has committed to working regionally for the next five years, delighted with that arrangement and having already started his position in Korumburra.

While his new role involves more responsibilities, his previous experience gives him a great platform, having learned to build patient rapport and trust, and developed his communication skills and ability to assess alternative treatment pathways.

He feels well supported by AV, his colleagues and mentors and his family, and will be under the direct supervision of a clinical instructor for at least the next six months as he carries out his responsibilities.

Simon is proud of his achievements.

"My advice to anyone thinking about a career change would be to have faith in yourself, trust your instincts and do it," he said.

There ain't no leniency anymore

BASS Coast Highway Patrol are enforcing the full law when it comes to e-scooters after a period of continual unsafe and illegal riding.

Operation Annoyance, as it's been deemed, is targeting e-scooter riders doing the wrong thing across Bass Coast and South Gippsland. Last week seven people were caught riding e-scooters illegally, a significant portion underage, with an additional three people fined for riding illegally or in an unsafe manner. One rider was caught riding on the footpath with no helmet on.

"The new laws were introduced on October 4, and since then we have worked through a phase of education and warning riders," Bass Coast Highway Patrol Sergeant Pearce explained.

"There has been sustained reminders in the news and on-line around riding e-scooters safely, however, we are continuously seeing illegal e-scooters on the road and unsafe behaviours. These behaviours have seen fatalities across Australia.

"It's simple, the warnings are over."

Police are warning e-scooter riders that they will be caught



Heads up – the warnings are over. If you're doing the wrong thing on an e-scooter, expect to get caught and face the consequences.C05_3125

if they are doing the wrong thing, and the fines are hefty, not to mention they can affect your vehicle driving licence.

Riding a non-compliant e-scooter will set you back five penalty units and a \$1018 fine, whilst riding without wearing an approved securely fitted helmet is two penalty units and \$407. Riding an e-scooter whilst using your mobile or a portable device \$611, and three penalty units. Exceeding 0.5BAC or zero for prescribed drugs and expect the same penalties as motorcyclists.

"There was a big campaign locally around education," Bass Coast Highway Patrol Leading Senior Constable Dengerink said.

"We've received numerous complaints about unsafe and illegal behaviour, and because of this we are specifically targeting this behaviour before someone is seriously injured or killed."

"The team will be out and about for a sustained period throughout August," Sergeant Pearce added noting investigations remain ongoing surrounding e-scooter activities in Cowes recently.

Doing the wrong thing, expect to get caught.

Know someone doing the wrong thing? Dob in an e-scooter rider at Crime Stoppers.

Bass Coast College hosts career conversations day

MORE than 240 Year 9 students from Bass Coast College stepped out of the classroom and into the world of work on Thursday for the annual Speed Career Conversations Event, held at the college's senior campus in Wonthaggi.

The day gave students from both the San Remo and Dudley campuses a chance to sit down with more than 30 local professionals and chat about different careers, study pathways and the real-world skills that employers are looking for.

The setup had 24 tables spread across the basketball courts of the college's senior campus, each with a professional ready to speak with a rotating group of curious students. Every ten minutes, the bell would ring, and speakers would move on to the next table to give a fresh perspective to a new group of students.

Executive officer of the South Gippsland Bass Coast LLEN, Sarah Lawless, said the event is all about opening students' eyes to the wide variety of opportunities and showing them that there's no single path to success.



Rhett McLennan, Molly Bloch, Logan Shepherd, Joe Brusamarello, Taj Babb, Nicole Milner, Sarah Lawless, Sian Hursey, Ella Riley-Parrott and Jayan Andrighetto at the Speed Career Conversations Event, held at Bass Coast College's senior campus in Wonthaggi. W09_3125

"This event is really the first taste students get with the wide variety of career opportunities that exist within our region and the different pathways they might take to get there," she said.

"Career progression isn't necessarily from A to B, and once you get there, that's it. It's more like a winding path with forks in the road that can lead to really meaningful things later on. It's about being open to opportunities and not closed off to what might come up."

Sarah also stressed the importance of soft skills like communication, teamwork and adaptability, especially in a job market that's rapidly shifting thanks to automation and AI.

Students asked plenty of questions and seemed genuinely interested in what the volunteers had to say. From hospitality and health to trades, business, and community services, the professionals covered a wide range of industries and were enthusiastic about sharing their journeys.

First female awarded life membership at Inverloch



Jan Millington has become the first female to be awarded a life membership at the Inverloch RSL sub branch. Pictured with Trevor Scott and president Ross Gabb.

IT WAS a memorable night at Inverloch RSL on Friday, July 25 with Jan Millington awarded Life Membership. Jan is the first female member of the subbranch to receive such an award.

Jan is a warrior for veteran welfare and has held many appointments such as secretary, welfare officer, membership officer, social committee, special events committee to name a few and held many of those concurrently. She approaches her duties with unwavering dedication, always ensuring that the needs

of members are met and that the RSL continues to be a pillar of support in the veteran and wider community.

In addition to her work at the RSL, Jan is actively involved with Legacy in South Gippsland and is president of Inverloch Legacy, a testament to her deep commitment to honouring the pledge made over a century ago to care for the families of veterans. Jan's efforts in this area demonstrate her compassion, empathy, and unwavering dedication to serving those who have served our country.



It was a fantastic year in 2024 as businesses across Bass Coast were recognised in the 2024 Bass Coast Business Awards and this year promises to be even bigger!

Celebrating local excellence with the Bass Coast Business Awards

BASS Coast's most innovative, dedicated, and community-loved businesses will take centre stage at the 2025 Bass Coast Business Awards on Friday, August 22.

Hosted by Bass Coast Shire Council, the annual awards recognise the vibrant diversity and success of the local business community. This year marks the 18th celebration of the awards, which honour businesses through two streams: the Judged Awards, assessed by a panel of independent experts, and the People's Choice Awards, voted on by the community.

The Judged Awards attracted 46 high-quality entries in categories Access, Equity and Inclusion, Business Innovation, Environmental Sustainability, Event Excellence, Marketing and Communications and New Business. Standout finalists include Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling – nominated in three categories, Trent Allen Building, Hycon Homes and Mates Gin Distillery.

Meanwhile, the People's Choice Awards saw an overwhelming community response, with nearly 2000 votes cast across seven categories, nominating 149

different businesses, a testament to just how well-loved and connected Bass Coast businesses are.

Unsurprisingly, Food and Beverage was the most hotly contested People's Choice category.

Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead praised the quality and passion behind the entries.

"I talk to business owners every day and I'm constantly blown away by their passion, adaptability and drive, whether they've been in the game for decades or just starting out," Cr Halstead said.

"I hope everyone who entered the awards takes a moment to

reflect on how far they've come. These awards are your night to celebrate your achievements, enjoy a well-earned night off, and connect with others who are building something special here in Bass Coast – especially in a year where nearly 150 businesses were nominated by the community itself."

The winners will be announced at a celebration night on Friday, August 22, at Silverwater Resort in San Remo, from 6pm to 11pm. Limited tickets remain and are available at 2025BassCoastBusinessAwards.eventbrite.com.au

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For the full list of finalists or more event information, visit: basscoast.vic.gov.au/business-awards



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Based in the Bass Coast, Trent offers a wide range of services for both homes and businesses. Whether it's general maintenance, custom carpentry, investment property upkeep and even caravan or holiday home renovations.

One area where his team really stands out is leak detection, which is a big deal when the coastal weather starts to creep in.

As a fully qualified and



Trent Halfyard from Bass Coast Carpentry & Maintenance offers trusted, quality workmanship backed by experience. W01_3025

insured carpenter, Trent prides himself on being reliable, competitively priced, and always focused on doing the job properly. That down-to-earth approach has earned him a strong reputation in the area, and a nomination for the People's Choice Award in the 2025 Bass Coast Business Awards.

"Being nominated is an incredible honour," Trent said.

"It means so much to know that our community

sees the value in what we do and has taken the time to support us. This nomination is a reflection of the relationships we've built and the trust we've earned, and for that, we're truly grateful."

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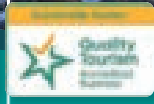


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Island Tenpin scores triple award nomination

PHILLIP Island Tenpin Bowling and Entertainment Centre is celebrating an incredible three nominations in the judged awards category for this year's Bass Coast Business Awards: Access, Equality and Inclusion, Environmental Sustainability, and Marketing and Communication.

For the team, inclusion and accessibility are not a feature of the business, but a core value, part of the foundation.

"Every part of our operation is shaped by the belief that fun and connection should be available to everyone, from physical infrastructure to customer service, we've worked tirelessly to remove barriers and welcome all," owners Jeremy Westaway and Craig Holmes said.

"It's not just a place to bowl, but a place to belong."

That belief has driven programs like their All Abilities Bowling League "Bowlopolis", now in its 13th year, and support for school groups, disability services and events that bring the whole community together.

They're also proud holders of Quality and Sustainable Tourism accreditations – with a firm



Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling and Entertainment Centre are thrilled to be a finalist in three judged categories this year.

commitment to reducing their carbon footprint.

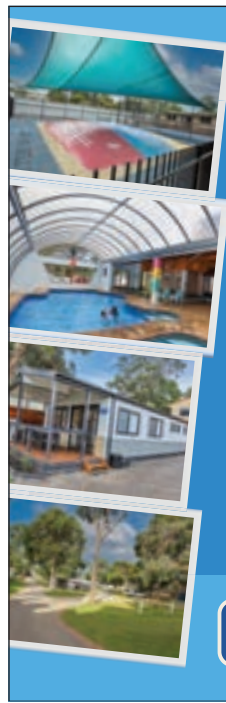
"We're really loving the community side, and the fact that we have been able to focus more on that part in recent times is really exciting. I'm quite lucky and privileged to be in a position where I can give back to the community that I grew up in," Jeremy added.

With their 20th birthday celebration just around the corner in September, the team is focused on continuing to create inclusive, meaningful and memorable experiences.

The recent installation of a DFIB machine outside, sponsorship of numerous sporting teams, and continuous upgrading to ensure everyone can participate with the latest technologies are just part of the behind-the-scenes work by the team.

The upcoming Trivia Sports night (tickets selling fast!) that combines trivia, bowling, and sporting food from across the globe – think hot dogs from Yankee Stadium and strawberries and cream from Wimbledon – is open to everyone, friends, groups, families and those running solo. Just give the team a call, and they'll add you to a team!

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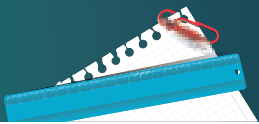


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Children at San Remo Preschool are getting involved in activities as part of Dental Health Week celebrations.

Early childhood services promote healthy dental habits

ESTABLISHING healthy habits from an early age gives children the best chance of good oral health in adulthood.

This Dental Health Week (August 4–10), local kindergartens, long-day care centres, and family day care services are focusing their efforts on promoting oral health through their involvement in Smiles 4 Miles.

Smiles 4 Miles is an initiative of Oral Health Victoria, which aims to improve the oral health of Victorian children and their families. The program is delivered in Bass Coast and South Gippsland by the South Coast Prevention Team (Health Promotion workforce of Bass Coast Health, Gippsland Southern Health Service and South Gippsland Hospital).

Unfortunately, tooth decay is an oral disease that affects half of all children and adolescents.

The percentage of children in Bass Coast and South Gippsland aged three to five years attending public dental services who have at least one decayed, missing or filled tooth is 30 per cent and 42 per cent, respectively, which is above the Victorian average. Children with tooth decay and poor oral health can have trouble eating, sleeping and paying attention in kindergarten.

As part of the Smiles 4 Miles Dental Health Week Challenge, services are supporting children and their families to establish positive oral health habits by promoting the three key messages of Smiles 4 Miles – Drink well, Eat well and Clean well.

San Remo Preschool was one of the 2024 Dental Health Week Challenge winners and is looking forward to participating again this year.

Early childhood teacher and educational leader Amy Andersen says, “Dental Health Week is a great opportunity to promote the importance of oral health to families and to educate children through a variety of fun learning experiences.

“We focus on the colours and textures of food to help children break out of their comfort zones and inspire them to try new vegetables. We also have a dental corner set up where children can practice brushing their teeth in gentle circles.”

As part of the challenge, early childhood services have the chance to win one of five oral health prizes. For more information about Smiles 4 Miles or the challenge, please contact the South Coast Prevention Team at prevention@basscoasthealth.org.au.



Eighteen Newhaven College Year 10 students embarked on the Borneo World Challenge program, assisting local environmental groups while enriching their own cultural experience.

Newhaven College students volunteer in Borneo

OVER the school holidays, an intrepid group of 18 Year 10 Newhaven College students volunteered their time by engaging in conservation work in the Kinabatangan River area of Borneo.

The group was accompanied by teachers, Fiona Smart and David Prideaux. The College partnered with World Challenge, an organisation that provides experiences for participants while making a positive impact in international communities.

World Challenge trips are student-led, where student teams are put in charge of the budget, decide where to eat, organise daily activities, run daily meetings and ensure everyone is safe and accounted for.

The trip began with the first five days in Kota Kinabalu, where the students became

familiar with the city and its landmarks, went stand-up paddleboarding, and spent a day snorkelling, experiencing coral reefs, sea turtles, and even saw a shark.

The project work was to help the local area of the Kinabatangan River to plant grasses and trees and clean up the river. The students worked extremely hard in the heat and humidity to make a real difference.

The trip ended with a visit to the Orangutan and Sun Bear Conservation areas, which was an incredible experience for the students. With the money raised, they have sponsored Agop, an orphaned orangutan and Fulong, a sun bear, for three years.

“It was so encouraging to see many of our young people take up the opportunity to travel to Borneo as volunteers during their holidays,” Principal Tony

Corr said.

“It is a testament to these students that they would make this commitment. The work they do whilst overseas is beneficial to the community they visit, but it was also a wonderful learning and life experience for the students who participated.”

The team included Piper O’Brien, Aisha Hibbert, Jemima Fraser, Milla Walker, Brian-na Turton, Jack McCrimmon, Evie McClimont, Lewis Sumaru, Ethan Rhee, Ashley Weisse, Harvey Kirk, Inez Parmington, Genevieve Titmarsh, Archer Cameron, Cormac Flynn, Maxwell Jess, Zoe Paterson and Sam Scott with teachers Fiona Smart and David Prideaux accompanying.

Student Maxwell Jess said of the experience, “I was sceptical about going, but I’m so glad I went. I made friends and

memories that will last a lifetime. We experienced so many cool things that you wouldn’t see or learn with your family.”

Fellow student, Harvey Kirk, reflected, “It was truly humbling to experience another culture. Seeing their strength and endurance under difficult circumstances opened our eyes to just how good we have it. The least we could do was lend a helping hand and bring home the invaluable lessons and values gained, like co-operation, curiosity and empathy.”

Accompanying teacher, David Prideaux, said, “Apparently, teenagers are meant to be hard work, but these kids made the trip so fun and entertaining. I am lucky to be part of a school where teachers, parents and students are mutually respected and respectful. I guess that was the idea!”



Sun shining outside as wild weather discussed inside

THE prep students at St Joseph’s Wonthaggi are learning about the weather this term and the Sentinel-Times was fortunate to be invited along to discuss both the wild and the beautiful weather that strikes South Gippsland.

From the aurora to devastating floods and supercell storms, to bushfires and even drought, it was a fun-filled discussion on Friday morning in the prep classroom.

Following a session indoors the students then headed

outside, cameras in hand and had a chance to shoot the shadows, and reflections, trees and few clouds in the sky. Some even opted to shoot the weather gauges outside.

Keen to learn about the weather – just ask one of the St Joseph preps they’re all over it!

LEFT: St Joseph’s prep students show off the clouds they had created as they learn about the weather. C06_3125

Stretcher seats and siren beats: learning about our everyday heroes



Paramedic Ellen Peters, with St Paul’s Early Learning Centre student, Samuel.

STUDENTS at St Paul’s Anglican Grammar School’s Dr-ouin Early Learning Centre received a special visit from a valued member of the local community – paramedic Ellen Peters.

Ellen spoke with the children about her important role in caring for people who are sick or injured and transporting them safely to hospital. The visit gave students a hands-on opportunity to explore the inside of an ambulance and learn about the equipment used to help patients in an emergency.

Excited little faces lit up

as they climbed aboard the ambulance, even getting the chance to sit on the stretcher bed just like a real patient. Experiences like this help to ease children’s fears around emergency vehicles, which can sometimes feel a little scary when seen speeding past with flashing lights and loud sirens.

To finish off the visit, the children waved goodbye as Ellen drove off – lights flashing to the beat of the siren, leaving behind a group of young ambulance fans with a new appreciation for our everyday heroes.

— PREPS CELEBRATE 100 DAYS —

Head to sgst.com.au to find out how the preps have settled in and how they celebrated last week.



Graham and Billy take a moment out of their 100 lunges in celebration of 100 days of prep at Powlett River for a photo. C02_3125



San Remo 2025 Prep students celebrated 100 Days of Prep on August 1.



Arlo and teacher Lucy celebrate 100 days of prep with activities adding to one hundred. C03_3125



Poowong Consolidated School's class of Preps have learnt so much in their first 100 days they are growing so wise and grey rather rapidly.



Flynn and Finn were excited to celebrate their 100th day at Inverloch Primary School on Tuesday. Tk01_3125



Lily proudly celebrates reaching 100 days of Prep.



Students at Wonthaggi North Primary School celebrated the first 100 days of their schooling journey last Wednesday.



Maddison Taber and her son Henry enjoy some hands-on fun at Wonthaggi North's 100 Days of Prep celebration. W05_3125



Heather and Mrs Slidders are also older and wiser after 100 days of Prep at Poowong.



Willow, Amelia, Hutch and Tanner with Wonthaggi P.S. foundation teacher Jo Ross celebrating 100 days of school. B19_3125



Inverloch Primary School's Crew and Lincoln were among the cohort of Preps reaching their 100-day milestone on Tuesday. Tk04_3125

Jag the Joker prize builds

THE stakes are getting high in the McCartin's Hotel Jag the Joker competition, with 22 slabs of Carlton Dry beer up for grabs, Hughey's Bar customers having the chance to win on Friday evenings between 5-7pm.

Patrons get a numbered ticket with each alcoholic drink purchased in that bar, the person whose ticket is drawn out at 7.15pm getting the chance to flip a playing card in the game's display cabinet in the hope of revealing the winning joker.

The prize increases by a slab a week until won.

Should the week's card flipper pick a King or Queen, the former wins them a slab of beer, and the latter a case of wine and much more, until the Joker is drawn.

Jag the Joker is a fun way to get more people out on a cold winter's night to enjoy McCartin's social atmosphere.

When someone takes out the major prize, it may be possible to arrange to collect it in instalments.

McCartin's Hotel venue manager Tammy Brown is looking forward to someone flipping the Joker, saying those who have had their ticket drawn have been excited and she hopes for a big celebration when the prize is claimed.

Students to let their imaginations run wild in 2025 Writing Challenge

THE much-loved Fishy Stories Writing Challenge is back for its fourth year.

Students from Year 1 to Year 8 are invited to unleash their creativity and bring their stories to life.

An annual highlight of the Fishy Stories Children's Festival of Stories, the Writing Challenge is open-ended – the only limit is imagination.

Students can create a written story of up to 350 words, or a picture story of up to eight panels over two pages.

Whether it's personal experiences, fantasy adventures, pets, sporting champions, people they admire, or even emotions like happiness, fear or confusion, every story is welcome.

It's the perfect creative outlet for the winter months.

Need a little help getting started?

Visit www.fishystories.org for tips, inspiration, full guidelines and the submission form.

Entries close on September 19.

Selected stories will take centre stage at the Fishy Stories Festival on November 15.

All entries will be published in the online E-book, with picture stories exhibited in Fish



Michael and Barb from the 2025 Fishy Stories Writing Challenge team getting inspiration in the Kongwak Primary School kitchen.

Creek Hall, and 20 written stories brought to life by the talented Foster Arts Music and Drama Association (FAMDA).

Keep an eye out for the book-marks and posters in schools, local libraries, cafes and shops,

and don't miss Michael and Barb, the Writing Challenge team, visiting schools in term three to run engaging Inspiration Workshops.

A huge thanks to South Gippsland Shire Council,

Destination Gippsland, the Toora and Foster Community Bank branches of Bendigo Bank, and the many local businesses who make this event possible.

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Grego from the Invy Baker will present the new cookbook, **Bring Home the Bakery** at Wonthaggi Library on Saturday, August 23, at 2pm.

Bring Home the Bakery at Wonthaggi Library

JOIN The Invy Baker at Wonthaggi Library on Saturday, August 23, at 2pm for a special appearance. Grego Montalbán Sánchez and Hanna Löfgren, the duo behind Inverloch's beloved micro bakery, will share the story of their journey from Granada and Sweden to the Bass Coast.

They'll talk about their baking traditions, the inspiration behind their business, and their new cookbook, **Bring Home the Bakery**.

The book features beautiful photography, approachable recipes and plenty of heart, including sourdough loaves, creative pastries and Swedish buns, all drawn from their own kitchen.

Books will be available to purchase and will be signed on the day. Everyone is welcome. Bookings are free. For more information, visit myli.au/won2308 or phone the library on 5672 1875.



Callum Stephens – March Hare, Ruby Barsony – Queen of Hearts, Zoe Carr – White Rabbit and Joe Wilkinson – Caterpillar are all preparing for **Wonderland: Alice's Rock & Roll Adventure**, which opens this weekend.

Alice's rock n' roll adventures hit Bass Coast

STUDENTS, staff, and family members of Bass Coast College are in final rehearsals for the 2025 production of 'Wonderland: Alice's Rock & Roll Adventure'. The talented cast is made up of students from year 7 to 12, who are supported by an orchestra consisting of past and present students, parents, and staff.

The search for one's authentic self is at the heart of **Wonderland:**

Alice's Rock & Roll Adventure.

Lewis Carroll's beloved tale of self-actualisation is brought to life by the actors and musicians creating an eclectic, live rock soundtrack. Along the way, Alice faces challenges and fears, but she meets the ultimate test in the form of the Jabberwocky, an insidious monster made up of the dark thoughts and self-doubt that lurks inside us all.

In learning to believe in the impossible, Alice learns to believe in herself. With music ranging from classic rock to punk to ska and even a little bit of Bollywood this show is rock concert meets live theatre and is not to be missed!

The show is on at The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi from August 7-9. Tickets are available online at trybooking.com/events/landing/1417144.



Lemon delicious Pudding

By Meg Viney

EVERYWHERE I look there are trees full of lemons left out for passers-by to take. Who doesn't like lemons? Well, babies, yes, but most folks do.

The trick with lemon peel is to peel the skin with a potato peeler – this way, the lemon oil, where the flavour resides, does not fly off into the air...

Then, grind it with the sugar. Have a sniff! Amazing. Another hint – roll the lemon on a board, pushing down to release the juice – gets lots of juice out.

Ingredients

- 60 gm butter
- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 eggs, separated
- 4 tbsp self-raising flour
- 1 lemon, grated rind and juice
- 1½ cups milk

Method

Peel the lemon with a potato peeler and put it into a food processor with the sugar. Grind well.

Add the butter and cream together, then add the egg yolks and beat well.

Add the sifted flour and lemon juice, stir well, then slowly add the milk.

Beat the egg whites until they hold stiff peaks, then fold in gently.

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Are we seeing the signs of energy panic?

THE decision by the would-be developer of a \$10 billion Victorian offshore wind farm, Blue Float Energy, to withdraw from its 2GW Gippsland project because its major shareholder, Quantum Capital, said it was no longer commercially viable, must have sent shivers down Chris Bowen's spine.

An article by the ABC quoted Bruce Mountain, director of Victoria University's Victoria Energy Policy Centre, saying the fact an operator was pulling out without trying to sell their assets was a sign that things were off track.

But, if the Minister for Climate Change and Energy was concerned, he didn't show it while being peppered with questions about the government's renewable energy targets and the cost of power in parliament last week.

In fact, he was happy to engage on the subject, quoting a report by the Australian Market Commission, which said "... residential electricity prices in the National Electricity Market (NEM) could be around 13% lower in 10 years' time if renewable energy and infrastructure development proceed as expected".

He went on to say that the Australian Energy Market Operator "confirms that renewable energy, connected by transmission and distribution, firmed with storage and backed up by gas-powered generation, is the lowest-cost way to supply electricity to homes and businesses as Australia transitions to a net zero economy", which is exactly the plan for Australia.

But there was a sneaky little 'IF' in there... "if renewable energy and infrastructure development proceed as expected".

So, how are we going, bearing in mind that 22% of Victoria's generating capacity, at Yallourn, will be turned off in mid-2028, a decision that was underscored recently by its owners EnergyAustralia and confirmed by the Victorian Minister for Energy and Resources, Lily D'Ambrosio, in a statement in March this year?

And a further 30% at Loy Yang A is due to be shut down in 2035, only 10 years from now.

How are we going? We don't know.

In the 2000-word statement to the party faithful last week, Premier Jacinta Allan made no mention of what must certainly be the most important structural shift in the state's and the nation's history. It was all about working from home and leading the nation in the treaty stakes.

But we started to see the first sign of the State Government being prepared to press the panic button last Thursday when it rammed through the 'National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Bill 2025' in an hour and a half, which among other things will see farming individuals fined \$12,000 and companies fined \$48,000 if they refuse government access to their properties for the transmission line rollout.

"In my 10 or 11 years in this place I have never seen a Bill 160 pages long with a shorter second-reading speech. It is just a disgrace," said Danny O'Brien MP.

So, the pressure is on, and we're going to see the fallout from governments at both the State and Federal level falling behind in the rollout of their new energy plan.

The drive to develop the Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal at the Port of Hastings, and the resulting dredging on Western Port, will be the next cab off the rank and don't expect the deferential response the project got from the Federal Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek last time.

Is it too much to ask for an honest progress report on the renewable energy rollout plan ahead of the next State election? I guess that would be a 'yes'.

Vox Pop

Do you think there's a disconnect between city people and where their food comes from?



Joan Sanders

"I think so, particularly for inner city people, because it is difficult for people living in high rises to picture where food is grown, and many are too busy working to grow any of their own food."



Tony Smith

"They wouldn't give farmers a thought and the only time they would see one is if they go for a long drive; they've got no idea the price farmers get for what they grow."



Emilie

"I think most people don't really pay attention to where their food comes from when they buy it at the supermarket."



Michael Johnson

"I don't think there is a good connection. They don't understand the process of how food gets to the table."

Where's the water discharge benefit?

IN THE two SCS's planned for The Esplanade extending from Batman Street to Zephyr Court, BCSC claims in its concept plans there are "Community Benefits of the project to people in the broader community."

One of the benefits of the project BCSC claims in its concept plans is "...improvements in surface and stormwater quality discharging to the existing drainage outfalls."

At present, all drainage from these sections of road flows unfiltered through outfall drains directly onto the beaches of Sunderland Bay and thus, eventually into the ocean. BCSC's concept plans state that drainage from these projects will continue unchanged via the "existing drainage outfalls."

So how can council claim a benefit if nothing is being changed to improve or filter the outfalls? In fact, studies show that bitumen and asphalt roads are responsible for their own unique pollutants. These pollutants are comprised of things such as tyre particles (theconversation.com/one-of-the-biggest-microplastic-pollution-sources-isnt-straws-or-grocery-bags-its-your-tires-259440), fuel and oil and other vehicle fluids leakage or spills, cleaning products, paint, road composition fragments, road material fluid/chemical contaminant leeching, as well as sediment and herbicide catchment which can contain heavy metals and toxic chemicals such as polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and mercury which have shown to be carcinogenic and hormone disrupting to aquatic life.

In their desperation to have road and drainage upgrades, I suspect BCSC and scheme proponents may choose to ignore and/or reject the suggestion that surfaced roads produce their own form of pollutants and contaminants. So be it.

However, the fact remains, that without upgrades to the existing outfall infrastructure there will be no change made to the function of outflows to reduce or improve the flow of waste and water-borne pollutants onto our beautiful beaches.

How then can BCSC make the claim that these two projects will be of any benefit to the community by improving the quality of water discharging to the beach outfalls?

Ross Bencraft, Surf Beach

Order a life saving test today

CANCER Council Victoria urges eligible 45-49-year-old Victorians to order a free bowel screening test kit and do it as soon as it comes in the mail.

It has been one year since changes to the Australian Government's National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) came into effect, which saw the program's age criteria changed to allow Australians aged 45-49 to opt-in to receive a free bowel screening test kit in the mail.

Bowel cancer is Victoria's second leading

cause of cancer-related death among men and the third among women. Doing the bowel screening test every two years when you're due can help find bowel cancer early and before symptoms appear.

While research from Cancer Council Victoria's Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer, funded by the Australian Government, shows high intentions from this cohort to participate in bowel screening, new data has revealed that less than five per cent of eligible Victorians in this age group have ordered the life-saving test in the first six months of it being available to them.

Data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) shows that within the first six months (July to December 2024) of the program being offered to 45-49 year-olds, 20,657 Victorians in this age group requested a bowel screening test kit.

This is a small fraction of the approximately 420,600 Victorians aged 45-49 who are now eligible for the life-saving test.

The test is free, quick, easy and done in the comfort of your own home. Bowel cancer can develop with no symptoms or family history. This is why doing regular screening from the age of 45 is so important, even if you feel well and live a healthy lifestyle.

This age change has allowed even more Victorians to access this life-saving test. We urge people aged 45 to 49 to order a test and do it as soon as it comes in the mail – it could save your life.

People aged 45-49 can request their first bowel screening kit through the National Cancer Screening Register, while people aged 50-74 receive the bowel screening kit in the mail every two years.

To learn more about bowel screening, head to cancervic.org.au/bowel. To order a bowel screening test kit, visit ncsr.gov.au/boweltest or call the National Cancer Screening Register on 1800 627 701.

Kate Broun, Cancer Council Victoria Head of Screening, Early Detection and Immunisation

No Community Bank for Burra

WE WISH to inform the community that the Bendigo Bank has officially ruled out the possibility of establishing a Community Bank in Korumburra. This decision will leave our town without a physical bank presence once the doors close on August 29. The ATM will no longer be available after this date.

The Bank has advised that their decision not to establish a Community Bank is based on several factors, including the close proximity to their corporate branch in Leongatha and the long term performance of the Korumburra branch, which they feel does not provide confidence in the sustainability of a Community Banking model. Additionally, the Community Bank model has changed significantly since it began and now requires up to ten times the level of community investment, which the Bendigo Bank believes would place an unreasonable financial risk on our

community.

In light of the closure, the Bank is contacting customers who do not currently operate an account with card access and is encouraging them to switch to accounts that will allow them to use banking services offered at the Post Office.

The Save the Bank group has successfully negotiated some funding for Milpara Community House, situated on the lower level of the Community Hub, to assist affected residents, particularly those receiving pensions, to have the details with Services Australia changed to their new account. This assistance will be on Tuesday's between 10am-4pm.

We have also secured a waiver of fees at Bank@Post for two years, which will help ease this change.

Community groups will need to apply for a card attached to their accounts in order to make deposits at the Post Office.

We did manage to retain a reduced-hours branch for the past four years, following the Bank's original decision to close in 2021. While we are grateful for the extra time this provided, we acknowledge this current outcome is far from ideal for our town and leaves us bitterly disappointed that a town our size is left without a bank.

Korumburra "Save our Bank" working group

Everyone deserves a safe, secure home

HOMELESSNESS Week (August 4-10) reminds us that a stable home is the foundation of a good life and impacts our health and wellbeing and ability to get ahead.

Up to 3.2 million people in Australia are at risk of homelessness, often just one life shock – like a rent increase, job loss or eviction – away from losing their home.

It is possible to end homelessness in Australia, but we need governments stepping up and a whole-of-community effort that includes services like Mission Australia.

We know secure housing and timely support is the key element.

The impact is life changing: 98 per cent of people who accessed our tenancy support services remained living in their homes and avoided homelessness.

If we don't intervene early, vulnerable people face the stress and trauma of homelessness and the challenge of rebuilding their lives from scratch.

We want more people to get help sooner to remain housed, so we call on the Albanese Government to set up a \$500 million Homelessness Prevention Transformation Fund, increase Commonwealth Rent Assistance by 60 per cent, and increase social and affordable housing to be one in every 10 new homes by 2040. Everyone in Australia should have a safe, secure home and the best chance at a good life.

Aileen Lacey, Mission Australia Regional Leader Victoria



Gina tackling a big colouring project with her 100 day crown on.



Danielle and Jayde learning their numbers.



Jayde shows off her fun and quirky style.



Nyora Primary School welcomed grandparents and special people into the classroom to celebrate 100 days of Prep.



Frank Middlin and Peter Brown at the Kernot Store for the fortnightly farmer's lunch. B23_3125



Clive Hollins and Rob Parsons joined local landholders and farmers for lunch at the Kernot Store. B24_3125



Janice Orchard and Cheryl Connolly enjoying the fortnightly farmer's lunch at the Kernot Store. B25_3125



Wayne, Lindsay, Tony and Chris from Brighton enjoyed the opening night of the Inverloch Jazz Festival at the Inverloch Hub. B47_3125



Marg and Tess from Inverloch enjoying the Streeton Court Big Band and Mark Morand's Great Composers tribute to Cole Porter at the opening night of the Inverloch Jazz Festival. B45_3125



Pictures of you and your friends at 100 days of prep at Nyora Primary School, Inverloch Jazz Festival and the fortnightly farmer's lunch at the Kernot Store.



Stan, Jo, Peter and Bozena travelled from Melbourne to attend the opening night of the Inverloch Jazz Festival at The Hub. B46_3125



Charlie from San Remo and David from Cape Paterson enjoying the Inverloch Jazz Festival. B38_3125



Alicia and Tim from the Streeton Court Big Band ready to open the Inverloch Jazz Festival. B39_3125



Glenys and Barbara at the opening night of the Inverloch Jazz Festival. B48_3125



Volunteers Graeme and Debra at the Inverloch Hub assisted with the opening night of the Inverloch Jazz Festival. B41_3125



Inverloch Jazz Festival volunteer Samantha at the opening night of the Inverloch Jazz Festival. B44_3125



Luke and Matt from Shark Bay Brewing Inverloch provided refreshments at The Hub for the opening night of the Inverloch Jazz Festival. B43_3125



Volunteers Gary, Sandi and Terence (Jazz Festival Treasurer) ready for opening night of the Inverloch Jazz Festival at the Inverloch Hub. B42_3125

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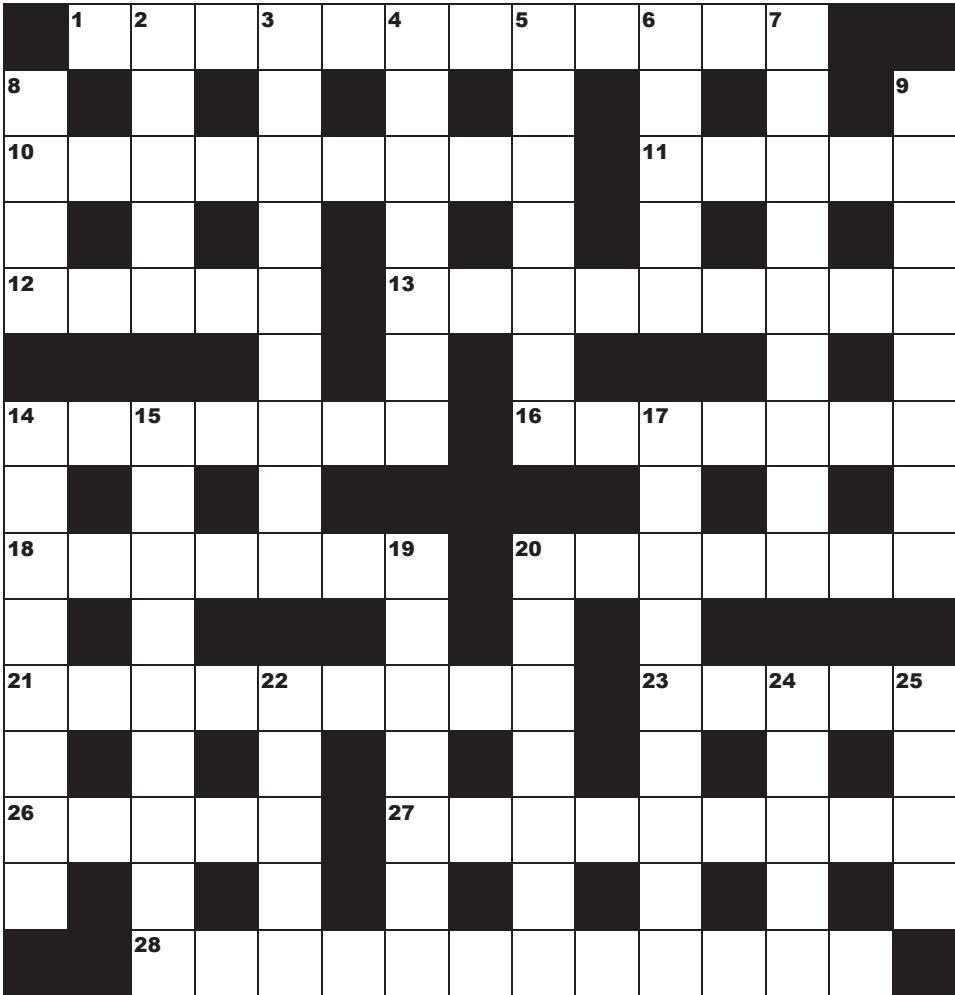
CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 'Brilliant!' say Yahuar Huacac to Viracocha and Viracocha to Pachacuti? (12)
- 10 In *saying* 'Victory!' a worker gets the upper hand (9)
- 11 Initial placing of hands in humility and surrender (5)
- 12 Sentry (that's 'Old Superduper', not 'Super') (5)
- 13 She might do experiments with bugs (insects with 'it') (9)
- 14 Very old little coin one's invested in, on a nice 75% cut (7)
- 16 Criticise OT's offering as added time (7)
- 18 Multiplex companies ignoring project office's management (7)
- 20 Allow iron sections to support top third and base of column (7)
- 21 Setting of creation of, inter alia, 2-down (a misplaced media term?) (9)
- 23 Responsibility, progressively given but quite badly monitored (5)
- 26 See 2-down
- 27 Replicate order in periodic drop in 'thaw gradient' (2,2,5)
- 28 Upset lads eyed cut of meat, in consequence of 14-down? (7,5)

DOWN

- 2, 26-across Credit to the Outback (5,5)
- 3 Surprisingly amuse with an ad, to a ridiculous degree (2,7)
- 4 Spooner's said, 'Bill, it's just certain...' (7)
- 5 ...niche places I play' (7)
- 6 Slight self-induced slice (5)
- 7 Wrap time near time warps (9)
- 8 Fault line in escarpment (4)
- 9 Way a short, instructive period finally results in laws (8)



- 14 Voided core in weight mishap (8)
- 15 Settled nervous novice by fourth tune in CD (9)
- 17 Focused work's a second on argon reversing pH (9)
- 19 Fragile Bond, as an example, skirts Kindle - no 'covers'! (7)
- 20 Nagged husband into curling device (7)
- 22 'Painting By Numerals', missing directions? Toss it! (5)
- 24 OT's son offering returns through US FICA, as insurance (5)
- 25 Care for X-down (4)

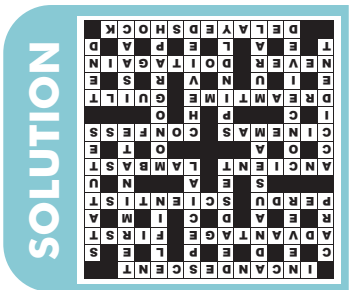
STRAIGHT CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Brilliant, glowing (12)
- 10 Upper hand, edge (9)
- 11 Initial, starting (5)
- 12 Archaic word for sentry (5)
- 13 Experimenter: chemist, physicist, etc. (9)
- 14 Very old (7)
- 16 Criticise harshly (7)
- 18 Multiplex, movie houses (7)
- 20 Allow, own up (7)
- 21 Setting of creation for Indigenous Australians (9)
- 23 Responsibility, bad conscience (5)
- 26 See 2-down
- 27 Replicate, repeat (it) (2,2,5)
- 28 Possible eventual consequence of 14-down (7,5)

DOWN

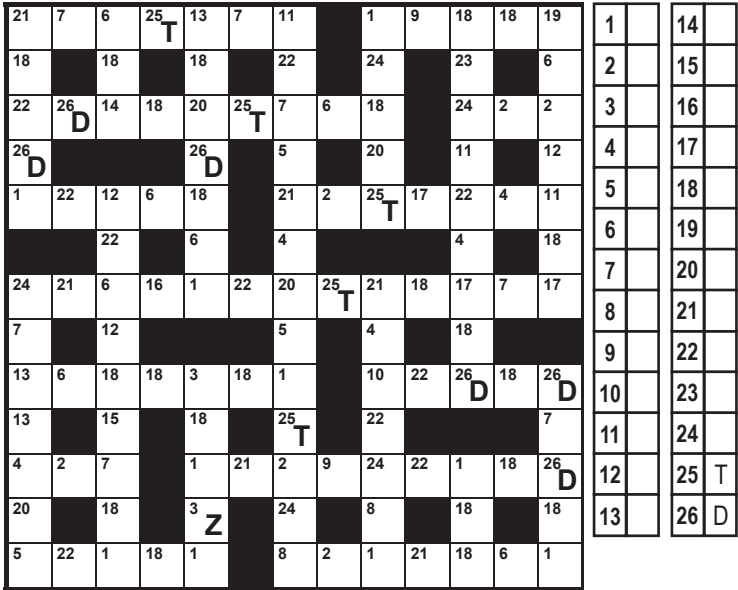
- 2, 26-across Credit plan (colloq.); also, the Outback (lit.) (5,5)
- 3 To a ridiculous degree (2,7)
- 4 Certain, absolutely (colloq.) (7)
- 5 Niche, distinctive (7)
- 6 Slight, and maybe mischievous (5)
- 7 Wrap, finish, end (9)
- 8 (Find) fault (with) (4)
- 9 Laws (8)
- 14 Mishap, including bad ones (8)
- 15 Settled, understood or imagined (9)
- 17 Focused written work (9)
- 19 Fragile, thin (7)
- 20 Nagged (7)
- 22 Painting, on a wall, usually (5)
- 24 Old Testament son offered as sacrifice (5)
- 25 Likely, lean (to) (4)



CODEWORD

No. 282

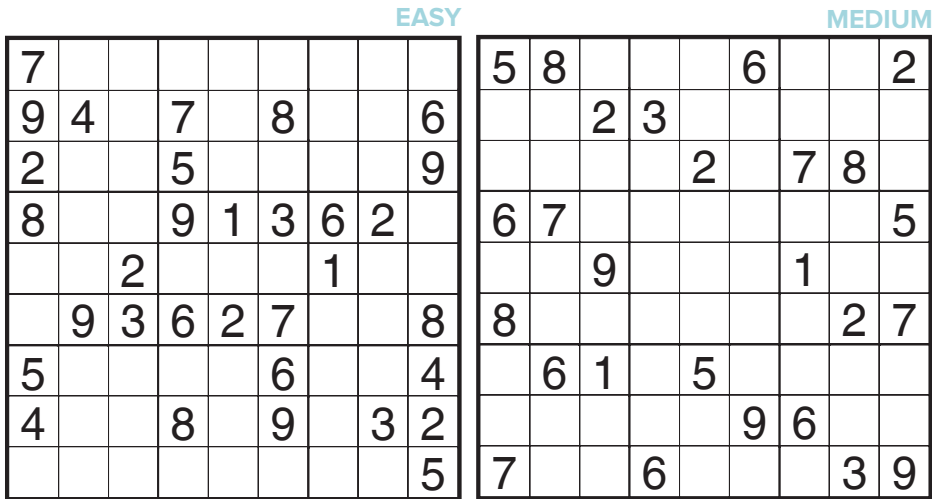
Each number corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Two have been filled in for you, can you work out the rest?



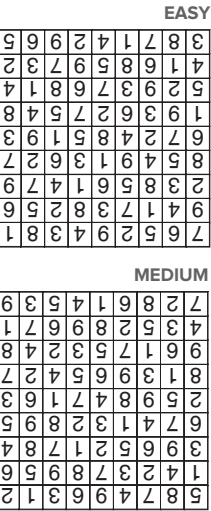
SUDOKU

No. 291

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



SOLUTIONS



QUICK QUIZ

1. What colour is Postman Pat's cat?
2. Which city had the world's first subway?
3. By what stage name was actor Joan de Beauvoir de Havilland better known?
4. Which character narrates *How I Met Your Mother*?
5. As of 2025, how many studio albums has pop singer Lily Allen (pictured) released?
6. Dhaka is the capital of which Asian country?
7. What does a garbologist study?
8. Is an ibex a type of a) goat, b) bull or c) spider?
9. Who is the lead singer of rock band Blondie?
10. To dine alfresco is to dine where?



ANSWERS: 1. Black and white 2. London 3. Joan Fontaine 4. Ted 5. Four 6. Bangladesh 7. Garbage 8. a) goat 9. Debbie Harry 10. Outside

WORD SEARCH

No. 202

Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.



- ARMENIA
- ARUBA
- BERMUDA
- BHUTAN
- BOSNIA
- BRUNEI
- CHAD
- COMOROS
- CONGO
- CUBA
- FIJI
- FRANCE
- GABON
- GAMBIA
- GHANA
- GUAM
- HAITI
- IRAN
- IRAQ
- ITALY
- JAMAICA
- JAPAN
- KENYA
- LAOS
- MACAU
- MONACO
- NAMIBIA
- NAURU
- NIGER
- NORWAY
- OMAN
- PARAGUAY
- PERU
- POLAND
- QATAR
- SPAIN
- SYRIA
- TOBAGO
- TOGO
- URUGUAY
- ZAIRE

SECRET MESSAGE: The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step

Idyllic country living on 28 acres

SET amidst rolling hills with sweeping countryside views, this stunning 28-acre lifestyle property offers the perfect blend of modern comfort and rural charm.

Built by a respected local builder, the home showcases quality craftsmanship throughout.

Features include:

- Stunning open plan living/kitchen/dining area with an additional second living room
- High nine-foot ceilings
- A flexible floor plan with three generous bedrooms (all with built-in robes)
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- The master bedroom boasts a recently renovated ensuite for your own private retreat
- A central bathroom and separate toilet provide added convenience for family living
- The heart of the home is a modern kitchen featuring stone benchtops, an electric oven, and sleek cabinetry – perfect for the home cook
- A spacious European laundry

- Ducted vacuum system and electric hot water service
 - Free-standing wood heater for cosy winter evenings
 - Some double-glazed windows for all year-round comfort
 - Undercover and fully enclosed alfresco area, perfect for entertaining
 - Double lock up garage
 - Excellent 14.4m x 7.36m lock-up shed with concrete, power and an additional studio/workroom
 - Vegetable garden
 - A 44,000 litre water tank
 - A large dam, shelter belts, and gently undulating land
 - 4.5 KW solar system
 - Electric fencing is already in place for livestock
 - A well-thought-out garden design that complements the natural surroundings and enhances the property's overall appeal
- Whether you're looking to live off the land or simply unwind in peaceful surroundings, this property ticks all the boxes. Call Barry Redmond on 0477 622 292 to arrange an inspection today.



4 2 4 28 Acres

975 Falls Road, **Fish Creek**
For Sale \$1,285,000-\$1,385,000
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MIRBOO NORTH 4 2 1

Neat as a Pin with Dual Occupancy!

- Fully renovated home on spacious 959m² block.
- Brand new kitchen with elec cooking, modern bathroom.
- Alfresco area, workshop and self-contained unit.

\$550,000



WOOREEN 2 1 1

Stunning Rural Outlook!

- Fully renovated cottage on flat 669m² block.
- Functional & Spacious kitchen.
- Lovely manicured gardens, single carport.

\$475,000



KORUMBURRA 4 2 2

Charming & Character!

- Stunning family home on approx. 688m² block.
- Beautiful spacious kitchen with butlers pantry.
- Double lock up garage.

\$750,000



Barry Redmond
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LEONGATHA 3 1 1

Excellent Opportunity!

- Solid brick home close to schools, shops & rec reserve.
- Lovely, spacious kitchen with elec. cooking.
- Single car garage with elec. roller door & LU garden shed.

\$529,000



BERRYS CREEK 4 3 2

Peaceful Rural Retreat on 4 Acres!

- Spacious brick home with stunning rural views.
- Kitchen boasting quality appliances & butlers pantry.
- Approx. 4 Acres, outdoor alfresco area.

\$950,000 - \$995,000



KARDELLA SOUTH 4 2 2

Lifestyle and Location on Acreage!

- Turnkey home on 871m² block in a quiet court.
- Executive kitchen, open plan living.
- Double lock up garage, access for trailer/boat/caravan.

\$1,100,000 - \$1,150,000



Kellie Thomas
Licensed Estate Agent
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Stunning Family Home!

- Turnkey home on 871m² block in a quiet court.
- Executive kitchen, open plan living.
- Double lock up garage, access for trailer/boat/caravan.

\$950,000



LEONGATHA 3 2 2

Immaculate Family Home!

- Lovely family on approx. 977m² in quiet street.
- Fully appointed kitchen, master with WIR and ensuite.
- Double lock up garage & shedding for caravan/boat.

\$699,000



MOUNT ECCLES 3 1 2

Premium Dairy Farm!

- Approx. 208 Acres with 42 paddocks in 3 titles.
- Solid brick veneer family home.
- Good farming amenities, stockyards & shedding.

\$2,600,000



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Quality home, 2.74 acres and massive workshop



2.74 acres

52 Kardella Road, **Korumburra**
For Sale \$1,490,000
OFI Sat, August 9 at 11-11.30am
Agent Christie Nelson
Real Estate @realty 0407 812 904

IT IS an absolute pleasure to be able to present such a high-quality home with many sought-after features.

Situated only minutes from the centre of town, this local builder's own home is set on approximately 2.74 acres and features town conveniences with the beauty of a rural outlook and setting.

This commanding home is sure to impress and exudes quality from the minute you enter the formal entry. Featuring high ceilings, solid Messmate flooring, solid doors, granite benchtops in the kitchen, marble bench tops and flooring to entry, bathroom and ensuite, plus large, double-glazed windows throughout to take in the garden views; nothing has been spared here.

The home is naturally lit by large windows and stacker doors that help bring the outdoors in, offering delightful outlooks over the feature dam from one aspect, and the hand-crafted stone wall, fishpond, water feature and pizza oven in the private entertainment area from another.

Those with a big family or who like to entertain will appreciate the spacious open plan living, kitchen and dining area with cosy wood fire, walk-in pantry, loads of storage, dishwasher, gas cooktop and electric oven. There's also a purpose-built wine room for storing your favourite tipples.

There are three sizeable bedrooms with BIRs and ceiling fans, plus a very generous home office with double doors and capacity to be a fourth bedroom if required.

The master bedroom overlooks the dam and garden and has a large WIR and ensuite.

An extremely attractive feature of this home is the 12m x 15m barn-style shed with three-phase power, studio with toilet and sink and mezzanine. This is a great space for someone with a trade, a car enthusiast or those looking for a studio to embrace their creativity.

There is an oversized double garage with direct access into the house for regular vehicle storage.

Ever dreamt of having a pony, some alpacas, chooks or other livestock on your own lifestyle property? Here is your chance to have it all in the one place.

- Fenced into four paddocks, each with stables.
- Tack room with access to the dam and walkway.
- Fully enclosed chook pen.
- Low-maintenance gardens.

Other key features:

- Ducted heating and cooling
- 7.5KW solar
- Solar HWS
- Town water
- Dam water for garden. Town water for paddock trough.
- Three-phase power to shed
- Cattle race and access from Witton Street
- Opposite The Great Southern Rail Trail and only a couple of minutes from town.

Korumburra and South Gippsland are truly a gem to be discovered, and I encourage you to come and explore all our region has to offer if you've never visited before. Only 20 minutes from picturesque beaches, 1.5 hours from Melbourne's CBD, this really is the best of coast and country living.

Open for inspection Saturday, August 9 at 11-11.30am.

One for the whole family, the pets and the toys!

SITUATED in an elevated position with rural views, this is a great opportunity for families to jump into a well-presented home featuring a lot of desired features.

One of the biggest requests on a buyer's wish-list is a quality kitchen, access to the backyard and a large shed. We can certainly tick each of those boxes off here.

Step into this four-bedroom home to appreciate the very functional and attractive open plan living, dining and kitchen area. The updated kitchen includes stone bench tops, dishwasher, breakfast bar, ample storage, electric cooking and updated floor coverings.

The living area is north-facing and has views of the rolling hills and boasts a cosy solid fuel heater. Direct access from the double-car garage into the home is ideal for ease of unpacking cars and kicking off the boots at the door.

The master bedroom is sizeable and boasts an attractive ensuite and WIR and each of the remaining rooms have BIRs and are well appointed to the master bathroom with separate bath and shower.

Entertain in style with the large, covered outdoor BBQ area whilst keeping an eye on the kids enjoying the secure yard and play spaces.

Side access to the yard and shed is a huge plus here. A double carport fronts the four-bay shed with concrete floor and power, providing a great hang-out spot, vehicle parking or workshop.

The home also has 4.5KW of solar, gas instant HWS, room for vans and boasts handy outdoor storage and pet-proof areas.



956.74m²

18 Norview Drive, **Leongatha**
For Sale \$769,000
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1160 MEENIYAN PROMONTORY, RD
BUFFALO



- Quality built home on 6.27 acres
 - Rural views • Great shedding
 - Ideal coast & country living
- \$1,150,000-\$1,265,000** 3 1 5

4 RITCHIE STREET
LEONGATHA



- Great location • Walk to shops
 - Open plan living area • RC air con
 - Neat kitchen with WI pantry
- \$549,000** 3 1 2

52 KARDELLA ROAD
KORUMBURRA



- Builder's own on 2.47 acres
 - High end build • Huge workshop
 - Close to town & rail trail
- \$1,490,000** 3-4 2 5

72 KARDELLA ROAD
KORUMBURRA



- Edge of town convenience
 - 2.47 acres, great shed
 - Opposite Rail Trail
- \$1,180,000** 4 2 6

39 SHINGLER STREET
LEONGATHA



- Spacious home in elevated position
 - Corner block • Dual access
 - Updated kitchen & bathroom
- \$595,000** 3 2 3

18 NORVIEW DRIVE
LEONGATHA



- Elevated location, rural views
 - Open plan living • New kitchen
 - 4 car LU shed
- \$769,000** 4 2 8

5/11 SHELLCOT ROAD
KORUMBURRA



- Neat unit, returning \$370 per week
 - R/C air con, spacious living & meals areas
 - Walk-through bathroom to master
- \$385,000** 2 1 1

385 RUBY FAIRBANK ROAD
FAIRBANK



- The most stunning views
 - Approx 9 acres, only mins from town
 - 16 x 14m workshop. School bus route.
- \$1,195,000** 5 2 6

9 VICTORIA STREET
KORUMBURRA



- Appealing home walking distance to CBD
 - Well maintained • Quality extension
 - LU garage & under-house storage
- \$810,000** 3 1 2

2 HUMPHREY'S ROAD
LOCH



- Renovated home on 12.5 acres
 - Close to rail Trail • Dam • Hay shed
 - Rural views
- \$950,000 - \$1,045,000** 3 1 1

1855 MEENIYAN PROMONTORY RD
FISH CREEK



- Sizeable home on 4.15 acres • Rural views
 - Huge shed • Horse arena
 - Edge of town convenience
- \$1,050,000** 3 2 6

14 BRIDGE STREET
KORUMBURRA



- Spacious family home on corner block
 - Walk to the shops • Period features
 - Large, level block
- \$795,000-\$849,000** 4 2 2

8 DANNOCK STREET
LEONGATHA



- Polished floor boards
 - SFH & R/C air con • New floor coverings
 - Good access to level yard.
- \$430,000-\$450,000** 3 1 1

17 ROYAL PLACE
LEONGATHA



- Quiet court location
 - Dual access to block for potential shedding
 - Beautiful rural outlook
- \$760,000** 3 2 2

55 LEONGATHA NORTH ROAD
LEONGATHA NORTH



- Approx 5 acres • Pool & spa
 - Sealed road • Views
 - Chook pens • Fruit trees
- \$1,495,000** 5 2 4

1 GRIGGS ROAD
HALLSTON



- 4 acres • Incredible rural outlook
 - Large deck • LU garage
 - School bus route • Genuine Vendor
- \$705,000** 3 1 3



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Red hot prices at Leongatha VLE

By Andrew Paloczi

THURSDAY'S Leongatha Store Sale was a spectacular success all around, following on from Tuesday's excellent Prime Sale results, Sentinel-Times being welcomed to the saleyards by Leongatha VLE managing director Brian Paynter, who declared, "The prices are red hot."

"It would be \$100 across the board, \$200 in places," Nutrien South Gippsland Livestock's Brian McCormack said of the price rises since that agency's last Store Sale a fortnight ago, adding there were some even bigger increases.

Feeder cattle were making into the low \$5 a kilo range, calves fetching in the \$5.30 to \$5.60 and beyond bracket, Mr McCormack giving the example of 250 kilo cattle jumping up to 50 cents a kilo, which would equate to \$125 a head increase.

A pen of 23 Angus steers from Mardan's Dallas and Heather Campbell, weighing an average of 258 kilos, made an excellent \$5.65 per kilo, Mr McCormack selling them for \$1460 a head, a pen of their slightly lighter steers fetching \$5.45 a kilo.

"They're impeccably bred cattle," Mr McCormack said, noting the Campbell's animals are renowned for their "good doing" and have mainly Innesdale bloodlines.

While Dallas would like to have got a little more weight on the cattle, he was unsurprisingly delighted with the prices achieved, Mr McCormack describing him as "over the moon".

SEJ's Jimmy Kyle sold a pen of 24 Angus steers, averaging 305 kilos, for \$1730 a head, making \$5.67 per kilo.

The heifer side of the sale also achieved tremendous prices, with Nutrien selling cattle from a business trading as High



Jack Ginnane, alongside dad Terry Ginnane, sells heifers for Nutrien South Gippsland Livestock. A03_3125



Donna Egan came to Thursday's Store Sale to see her brother's cattle sell, the separate lots of Angus, Black Baldy and Hereford achieving strong prices, and she was pleased to observe "The market's come up", that applying across the board. A04_3125

Voltage, weighing an average of 413 kilos, for \$1990 a head at \$4.81 per kilo.

A pen of lighter heifer calves from Debbie Kroger of Main Ridge made \$5.02 a kilo, weighing an average of 235 kilos and attracting \$1180 a head.

Sentinel-Times saw Nutrien's Jack Ginnane sell a pen of 18 Angus heifers from Leongatha South's N & A Botha for \$1990 each, the animals weighing an

average of 439 kilos, equating to \$4.53 a kilo.

As with all other categories, coloured cattle performed strongly on Thursday, Mr McCormack saying those with some Euro in their breeding were appealing to domestic fatteners, Euros being Limousin, Charolais and Simmental.

Nambrok's Willdarben Farm achieved \$5.39 a head for a pen of 14 Black Baldy steers,

weighing 486 kilos on average and making \$2620 a head.

Boolarra's N Kreun & G Bussuttil sold a pen of nine Hereford Red Angus cross steers through Nutrien, making \$5.54 per kilo, the animals weighing an average of 249 kilos and selling for \$1380 a head.

Mr McCormack thinks the excellent prices flowed on from a lack of numbers in Tuesday's fat sale, as people look to stock up.

He observed that while the market is still very much feeder-driven, the number of cattle going back out on grass is rising, accounting for perhaps 25 per cent of those sold on Thursday as opposed to somewhere around 10 per cent recently.

"There was a bit more competition from East Gippsland today," he said, saying buyers from Sale, Heyfield and Bairnsdale were all active, and that overall cattle numbers weren't that high.

Mr McCormack expects the market to rise a bit more yet due to limited cattle numbers, saying it's a matter of supply and demand.

MARKET REPORT

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Angus steer weaners lift again

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded another good offering of 2300 head at this week's VLE Leongatha store sale.

A large crowd attended again, with local buyer demand heating up on all grades, and in particular, good Angus yearling and weaner steers. Prices lifting another \$100+ with the tops of some feature lines making in the \$2000 to \$2150 range.

The heavy and medium weighted feeder steer and heifers were again mostly secured by feedlot orders with prices fully firm.

Other breeds of steers and weaner heifers and dairy Xbreds all sold to very strong demand to improve another \$50 and more in places.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, July 31, 2025			
Steers			
F Ventroni 12 Angus	612kg	\$4.83	\$2960
G Molino 10 Angus	613kg	\$4.81	\$2950
B & J Traill 9 Angus	578kg	\$5.01	\$2900
O Waller 11 Angus	556kg	\$5.02	\$2800
B Traill 19 Angus	529kg	\$5.17	\$2740
Willdarben Farm 19 Angus	527kg	\$5.42	\$2860
A Bressan 15 Angus	526kg	\$5.17	\$2720
Willdarben Farm 19 Angus	518kg	\$5.13	\$2660
O Waller 22 Angus	500kg	\$5.19	\$2600
B & J Traill 12 Angus	493kg	\$5.26	\$2600
Willdarben Farm 14 Angus	492kg	\$5.11	\$2520
D & D Cameron 18 Angus	441kg	\$5.47	\$2420
B & S Harris 13 Angus	428kg	\$4.95	\$2120
Behmer Past. 10 Angus	426kg	\$4.26	\$1980
G & S Egan 10 Angus	411kg	\$5.06	\$2080
D & P Burns 26 Angus	404kg	\$5.31	\$2150
G & S Egan 10 Hereford	381kg	\$4.85	\$1350
KD Opray 49 Angus	379kg	\$5.55	\$2107
C Stockdale 13 BB	376kg	\$4.82	\$1820
J & P Fleming 18 Angus	345kg	\$4.72	\$1630
Three Boots Farming 16 Angus	343kg	\$5.41	\$1860
P Mattern 14 Charo	318kg	\$4.86	\$1550
C Stockdale 18 Angus	299kg	\$5.54	\$1660
BJ Kuch 14 Angus	290kg	\$5.61	\$1630
M & A Van Berkel 18 Angus	283kg	\$5.65	\$1600
D Kroger 14 Angus	277kg	\$5.32	\$1480
D & H Campbell 23 Angus	258kg	\$5.65	\$1465
C Stockdale 17 Angus	269kg	\$5.19	\$1400
R Holt 12 Angus	265kg	\$5.32	\$1410
NP&JA Chandler 31 Angus	262kg	\$5.34	\$1400
D & W Rhodes 9 Angus	251kg	\$5.37	\$1350
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D Kroger 19 Angus	235kg	\$5.02	\$1180
M Van Berkel 13 Angus	230kg	\$4.86	\$1120
A, D&K Scott 28 Angus	218kg	\$4.22	\$922

Lardner Park Calf Market Report Monday, July 21, 2025

Jersey & Jersey x	\$14 to \$41
Friesian Bulls	\$23 to \$70
Beef Bulls	\$28 to \$155
Beef Heifers	\$28 to \$90
Friesian Heifers	\$23 to \$90
Number of Calves: 281	
Number purchased to rear: 72	

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Biggest Pedal & Plant yet helps koalas

SOUTH Gippsland Landcare Network's annual Pedal & Plant Day, held recently, was a resounding success with almost 80 people gathering to plant native species for koala habitat at Ruby.

After a guided rail trail walk with legendary local ecologist Alison Oates, participants planted 1500 trees and created an outdoor gallery using tree guards artistically decorated by primary school students from Poowong Consolidated School, Leongatha Primary School and San Remo Primary School.

This planting event works towards strengthening the future of the genetically significant Strzelecki koala, an important species within the South Gippsland region.

"This planting builds on previous and ongoing efforts associated with the Strzelecki Koala Project, instigated in 2014, which identified priority focus areas for the re-creation of koala habitat, particularly across the northern parts of the South Gippsland," said Jane McKenzie-Smith, Landcare Facilitator, South Gippsland Landcare Network.

This year's Pedal & Plant event was supported with generous donations from the South Gippsland Seed Bank and SGLN Koala Fund.

SGLN's partners, Arawata Landcare Group, South Gippsland Shire Council, Leongatha Lions



Volunteers and South Gippsland Shire Council staff gather after planting 1500 plants as part of Pedal & Plant 2025. Photo: Karli Duckett, The Good Side Photography.

Club, Leongatha Rotary Club, Korumburra Landcare Nursery and The Good Side Photography also helped to deliver the fun filled and productive event.

"I want to shout out and thank all the committee members and Arawata Landcare members who participated in the organisation and running of this event. We had 79 community members,

including 15 children, sign in and take part, resulting in 1500 indigenous plants being "rehomed" in one of the most iconic places along the South Gippsland Rail Trail," said Nick Dudley, Arawata Landcare Group President.

"I couldn't believe how quickly and effectively we got the plants in the ground and guarded, creating an outdoor art gallery."

Demand strong at Prime Sale

EXCELLENT prices were achieved at Tuesday's Leongatha Prime Sale, with the market rising 30 cents per kilo in places but a good 20 to 30 cents in general, according to Tim Gibson of Alex Scott & Staff.

"Last week probably had the bigger jump, but it went again, which is always good to see," he said.

"We had a very good couple of pens of Limousin and Charolais cross grain-fed finished calves, vealers, and they all made \$5.11 a kilo," Tim said, giving credit to colleague Glenn Barwick for auctioning them, those calves all being steers.

The high quality of those steers, which were in the 450 to 500 kilo range, prompted a couple of processors to go hammer and tongs on them.

Such was the demand on Tuesday that Tim is confident similar quality heifers would have made as much.

He remarked that a lot of well-finished grass-fed

cattle made it to the mid \$4 mark, with some going a bit higher.

Many cows achieved between \$4.20 and \$4.40 per kilo, with a few pens getting up to \$4.50.

It wasn't only the top cattle fetching strong prices.

"We didn't have any exceptional bullocks in our run, but there were some first cross bullocks that didn't have the best breeding and they still made \$4.60s and \$4.70s," Tim said.

He attributes the excellent prices to abattoir operators' concerns about ensuring they can meet their quotas, with the need to provide for strong export demand, Tim explaining there is a flow-on effect to feedlots.

With a bit of rain and resultant confidence, others are wanting to buy cattle before Springtime, having sold a lot and looking to restock.

With feedlots currently paying good prices, many farmers are selling their heavier cattle and going back into calves.



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A/c B&D Walpole (ELDERS)

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A/c Bingarra Park, Leongatha North (ELDERS)

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A/c Oaklands, Stradbroke (ELDERS)

20 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, VB, NE Accred

A/c JAD Farms, Bundalaguah (ELDERS)

20 Angus steers, weaned, 16-18 mths

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A/c A & K Gilbert, Maffra (ELDERS)

22 Angus steers, 13-14 mths, weaned, VB,

NE Accred, Quiet

20 Angus heifers, 13-14 mths, weaned, VB,

NE Accred, Quiet

A/c Pat Brand, Stradbroke (ELDERS)

40 Angus steers, 12-15 mths, weaned, very quiet

A/c Annsfield, Rosedale (ALEX SCOTT)

36 Angus steers, Millah Murrah, Lawson, Bowman and

Hazelden bloodlines, 10 mths

A/c Breeder, L. Read, Clematis (ALEX SCOTT)

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A/c Breeder, S Bugter, Woodend (ALEX SCOTT)

30 Angus heifers, Pure Lawson blood

A/c Leonie Shepherd, Rosedale (ELDERS)

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5 Angus heifers, 12-14 mths, weaned, VB, NE Accred

A/c Elite Farrier Services, Licola South (ELDERS)

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Community effort transforms Woodford Reserve with 4,000 native plants



Everyone is invited to a Community Plant Out at Woodford Reserve on Saturday August 23.

THE Friends of Woodford Reserve have come a long way since their first planting of 1400 plants in 2022 at Woodford Reserve, located in the heart of Korumburra.

The then newly formed Friends of Woodford Reserve group has since conducted over 30 working bees to weed, remove rubbish and plant out around 3000 more native plants on the reserve.

Working alongside the South Gippsland Shire Council's (SGSC) Open Spaces team, the reserve is now thriving, creating a beautiful natural environment for people of all ages to spend time in nature,

as well as providing vital wildlife habitat and improving water quality in Foster Creek, which runs through the reserve.

For the local community, it is a welcome local venue in which to walk, to sit and enjoy, and to relax and destress in a natural environment.

This year, the group was thrilled to successfully gain an SGSC Community Grant to support their work.

Coming up on Saturday, August 23, is a Community Plant Out at Woodford Reserve, and in September, there will be a Growing Together Plant Out with Korumburra and Leongatha Joey Scouts, so that more

community members of all ages can get hands-on in nature.

There's support from another local organisation too, with Korumburra Landcare Group's Plant Nursery supplying them with 1000 native plants to put in the ground this year.

Rosemary Lyne, secretary of the Friends group, encourages people of any age to come along to the Community Plant Out at Woodford.

"Come along and help us with planting these young plants along the banks of Foster Creek. Then stay on to relax and enjoy a catered lunch with other volunteers."

As well as these planting activities, the Friends group has just started offering, through the Milpara Community House's educational program, Walking Nature Tours on the Reserve. They have conducted one tour already and another is planned for early on in Term 4.

Many community members are not aware of the reserve, and Foster Creek's continuation down to Willow Court.

This tour opens up another option for people to explore and enjoy nature in their local community.

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Deeply missed by his beloved wife Barbara.

Loved and loving Dad and father-in-law of Alison and Andrew, Robyn and Lorraine, adored Grandpa of Jay and Jemma.

Loved son of Bert and Freda (both dec.) and brother and brother-in-law of Lin and John, Ann and Brian (both dec.).

Fred will be fondly remembered by the large Doll family in Alberta Canada, and his Australian niece and nephew, Joel and Will and their families.

Fred was a favourite teacher to many and an invaluable member of the local community, including Wonthaggi Citizens Band, Croquet Club, MG Car Club, St Joseph's Parish, Theatrical Group and Tennis Club.

He will be greatly missed by family and his wide circle of friends.

DEATHS

HEESH, Fred:

Past President and very much loved and respected member of the Wonthaggi Croquet Club who passed away on August 3, 2025.

An icon of the town who will truly be missed but never forgotten.

A real gentleman.

Our sincerest condolences to Barbara and family.

Keep running those hoops Fred.

R.I.P.

LEHMANN, Edith Joan:

4.7.1935 - 26.07.2025.

Loved wife of Ken (dec).

Loving mother and mother-in-law of David and Julie, Jenny and Stephen, Roger and Fiona, Andrew and Julianne.

Loving Nan to Melanie and Matthew, Tayla, Ashlee, Kyle and Eric, Jared, Corey and Nicole.

Loving Great Nan (Gran) to Abigail and Isla, Jacob and Malachi, Harvey and Samuel.

Grateful thanks to the staff and community of Abbey Gardens Warragul for their love and care given to Joan over the past three years.

In God's Care.

DEATHS

SALMONS, Kathryn Mary

19 July 2025 (aged 60). Late of Dumbalk. Passed away peacefully at Leongatha after a long illness, surrounded by her family.

Beloved partner of Robert Hutton. Loved and loving mother of Dean, Jesse and Conor. Adoring Granny of Islah, Kai, Mylo and Ruth. Dearly loved daughter of Jack and Kay Salmons (both dec.). Cherished sister of Anne, John, Tessa and Sarah. Fond aunty and great aunty to Fiona, Matt, Katie, Isaac, Natalia, Veronica, and James. Sister and mother-in-law to Jim, Jenny, Emma, Daya and Abby.

Kathryn was a talented artist who found joy in her family, friends, pets, and garden. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered. The family extends heartfelt thanks to her wonderful carer Louise, and all staff at GSHS for their compassionate care and support.

Thank you, Mum, for raising me. I will love and appreciate you forever. Love, Dean

Goodbye Kathy, my brave, gifted sister and friend. We shared so many wonderful times. You'll be greatly missed by me and your nieces Fiona and Katie, and Matt, Isaac, Natalia and James. Love, Anne. Xx

SALMONS, Kathryn Mary

Kathy my sister. So many memories. What words sum up a life well lived. Brave, strong, resilient, resourceful; devoted mum and supportive sister. Skilful, creative artist with an adventurous spirit. Gone too soon. You will be missed but not forgotten. You can rest now. Tessa x

Rest in peace, my beautiful and talented big sister. I will forever be in awe of the quiet dignity and stoicism with which you faced your illness. Thank you for your care and support over the years. Loved and remembered always. Sarah xo

SCHWARZ (nee Langeneke), Luise (Liesel):

Passed away peacefully at Latrobe Regional Hospital after a short illness on Sunday, July 27, 2025, aged 89 years.

Much loved wife of Frank (dec). Loved and loving mother of Anne and her partner Nick. Adored Oma of Charlie, Abby and Lucy.

Love you Mum. Miss you so much already. Together again with Dad, both forever in my heart.

-- Love Anne.

FUNERALS

ABBEY:

The Funeral Service for Michele Jannene Abbey (Williamson) will be held at the Graveside, Phillip Island Cemetery, Coghlan Road, Cowes. Wednesday, August 13, commencing at 11am.

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HEESH:

Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Mr. Frederick Charles Heesh will be offered at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi on TUESDAY (August 12, 2025) commencing at 10:30am.

At the conclusion of Mass, the funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

Fred's service will be live-streamed go to www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au

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LEHMANN:

A Thanksgiving Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs. Edith Joan Lehmann will be held at St Andrew's Uniting Church, 16 Peart Street, Leongatha on Friday, August 8, 2025 commencing at 2pm.

Joan's serviced will be livestreamed, to view the service please visit www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au

FUNERALS

SALMONS:

A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Kathryn Salmons will be held at the Dakers Centre 23 Smith St, Leongatha on Tuesday, August 12. The service will commence at 1.30pm, light refreshments will follow.

All welcome.

SCHWARZ:

A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Mrs Luise (Liesel) Schwarz will be held at the Leongatha Senior Citizens Centre, 23 Smith Street Leongatha on Thursday, August 14, 2025 commencing at 3pm.

Private cremation.

TAYLOR, June Lorraine:

Passed away July 18, 2025.

Funeral arrangements are yet to be announced due to unforeseen circumstances. Details of the funeral service will be published in due course.

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WADE, Shaun David.

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A KEY corner site in Leongatha's shopping centre, fully leased and returning around \$400,000 a year is being offered for sale for the first time in almost 80 years.

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"The fact that it's being offered for sale for the first time in 79 years speaks volumes, not only about its importance to the town, but also the commitment made to Leongatha by the Hodges family over many years.

"We feel honoured to be able to bring this property to market and have no reservations whatsoever about promoting this as an absolute cracker of an opportunity."

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Peter Reeves made his debut as Run Director.

Grand Ridge Rail Trail Parkrun

THE FOGGY morning didn't deter 32 eager participants from the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun last weekend.

With a few visitors and one first timer, Brigid who learnt about registering online and was welcomed to the Saturday morning ritual with her beautifully behaved pooch. Wonderful work to everyone who came to walk, run and connect over the 5km course. Check out the Facebook page to see more of the wonderful photos produced by Val Smith.

The volunteering crew this weekend was generous and supportive as Peter Reeves made his debut as a Run Director, he learnt all about the admin duties to publish results, and update volunteer rosters during the week. Peter is an experienced parkrun enthusiast who has been participating in events for a decade! Often found at Traralgon parkrun, Peter and his wife Helen venture up the hill to bask in the Mirboo North magic with Clancy, their wonderful dog. Thank you Peter for joining the Run Director team.

We are forever grateful to the volunteers who made this event happen, Julia Groves, Dave Knowles, Grew Lawrence, Alan Mc Kenzie, Carmel Quirk, Helen Reeves, Peter Reeves, Audrey Smith, Greg Smith and Val Smith. Everybody is most welcome to join us at future Saturday events, we meet at 7:45 for an 8am start.

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

First place on 5pts Pinpushers, second place on 4pts King Pins and third place on 3pts Jail.

ABL: First place on 32pts Just Bowl Already, second place on 31pts The Fireballs and third place on 27pts The Rollers.

Business Early: First place on 6pts Happy Hour, second place on 4pts Woolly Rollers, third place on 3pts The Redundants and fourth place on 3pts Old Timers.

Business Late: First place on 6pts S&R Clarke Auto, second place on 3pts The Squeezers, third place on 3pts 3 Blind Mice and fourth place on 3pts The Ex Men.

Top scores last week
Men: Scott Lynch and Chris Chivers on 208pins, Riley Weinzierl and Lindsay Becker on 188pins.
Women: Valma Peterson 188pins, Penny Wolswinkel 176pins and Mary Darroja 161pins.

Phillip Island Bridge

THE winners of this week's bridge games have been announced.

On Monday, Greg Nicholson and Jean Barbour emerged victorious with an impressive 67.86 per cent.

Wednesday's bridge was a Nationwide event, and it was dominated by Terry Sheafe and Julie Day, who achieved a remarkable 77.08 per cent.

Terry and Julie, who were holidaying at Venus Bay and usually play bridge at Berwick, decided to join the local game and showcased their exceptional skills.

Looking ahead, the Traralgon Congress is set to take place on Saturday, August 16 (pairs) and Sunday, August 17 (teams). Bridge enthusiasts should note this on their bridge calendar.

Shearing as the next Olympic sport

THE strength, stamina, speed and skill that shearers embody on a daily basis simply performing their job is being proposed as worthy of the Olympics.

Shearing and Wool Handling competitions are held locally, nationally and internationally with many countries competing, such as South Africa, Japan, USA, France, Germany, Ireland, South America, the UK, and New Zealand.

During competitions, shearers compete against the clock to shear as many sheep as possible with precision, avoiding nicks and cuts to the sheep, which impacts the quality of the wool.

It allows shearers to showcase their skills, speed, and efficiency, right across the industry.

A young shearer from WA, Kaylee Sander, has started a petition to include Shearing and Wool Handling as an Exhibition Sport in the Brisbane 2032 Olympics.

Chloe Dann is a small mob sheep shearer based in South Gippsland and has seen a few conversations about the topic over the years, but remains on the fence about shearing becoming an Olympic sport.

"It's a hard one because it's hard to know how shearing would be received by people who know nothing about the industry. For people that have a bit of an idea, it's such an incredible skill, and it's wonderful watching people, particularly really good shearers.

"And I think that's interesting for a lot of people, but I'm worried it would be sort of similar to the break



Chloe the Shearer believes world record shearers' athleticism and regimes rivals that of any other Olympic athlete. Photo: Karli Duckett

dancing situation."

Chloe is referring to the 2024 Olympics in which break dancing was debuted as a new sport and Australia's entrant, Rachel Gunn's (Raygun) unusual performance was mocked and ridiculed worldwide.

"Although I do believe that the world's best shearers are as good athletes as any other

sport, because they are true athletes."

The stereotypical idea of a shearer being big and burly with a cigarette dangling from their mouth does exist, but they are not the shearers competing in and winning shearing competitions, said Chloe.

"Those people are incredibly fit and very disciplined.

"Any shearer that has shorn world records is following a regime similar to that of any other Olympic athlete. There is a nutritionist involved, they're at the gym, morning and night, and then also shearing eight hours a day on top of that, which is incredibly physical as well. They do that preparation for months on end," explained Chloe.

"I think that there is a lack of understanding, particularly around world record shearers, what their unbelievable athleticism is, going into those world records."

Chloe concedes that bringing shearing into the Olympic field could have other positive implications for the industry.

"I think it would open up a lot more interest, because it is so hidden away and a lot of people don't know anything about it.

"I do shearing demonstrations regularly, and people are always so surprised about the process that it doesn't just fall off all that sort of stuff."

While the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will make the final decision on whether shearing is included in the 2032 Brisbane program, Kaylee is passionate about it.

"We should raise the profile of this thrilling and underrecognised sport that is founded on the honest work of everyday men and women, many of whom come from poor, rural and minority backgrounds," wrote Kaylee, as part of the petition.

To sign the petition for shearing to become an Olympic sport, go to: bit.ly/4l6FkmB.

New Season, New Energy at Phillip Island Boardriders Club AGM

THE Phillip Island Boardriders Club held its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, August 3, ushering in a new season with strong leadership and renewed focus on community, youth development, and core surfing values.

Jake Eisen was re-elected as President, continuing his commitment to the club he's been part of since childhood. "It's a great community, and I'm looking forward to building on the momentum we've created," Jake said.

A major announcement on the night was the appointment of Walter Hiatt as Club Captain. A four-time Open champion, Walter has been around the club since he was a baby. After a stint with Merewether Boardriders Club, where he was regarded as one of their best surfers, he's now back on the Island and ready to lead with professionalism and confidence.

"Walt's been the quiet achiever for years," said outgoing captain Ash Easton. "Handing the reins to him feels right — he's respected in the water and brings a lot of experience."

Ash was warmly thanked for his huge contribution over the past three seasons and remains an active leader in the captains' committee, which this year will also include Harry de Roth and Adrian Maier — both well-respected surfers and club champions, who bring experience, energy and



Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) welcome their new leadership team after their annual AGM. L-R Back: Eddie Maier and Adrian Maier. Middle: Alisha Hill, Jake Eisen, Melanie Wright, and Emily Scott. Front: Harry De Roth, Cruz De Roth, Ash Easton, Jo O'Reilly Stubbs, Jasmine Keogh, Walter Hiatt, and Nic Huigs.

support to Walt in the year ahead.

Emily Scott was also acknowledged with a big welcome as she stepped into the Vice President role. A long-time contributor to the club's operations, Emily brings passion, reliability, and a sharp eye for detail. Her move into this leadership position is a massive asset for the club's future.

Nala Taylor was appointed Mal Captain, and a big shout-out went to Eddie Maier, who put his hand up as the new Junior Representative. Both appointments reflect the club's

strong focus on building the next generation.

The broader general committee remains solid, with experienced hands backing the executive team and helping deliver events, programs, and community engagement throughout the year. Joanna Stubbs O'Reilly and outgoing Vice President Geoff Russell were also recognised for their continued dedication and work behind the scenes.

The club's mental health and wellbeing focus, including the yoga and wellness sessions now running out of

the renovated clubhouse, continues to be a valuable part of its offering — helping to create a safe, positive space for all members.

With a big season ahead, the club looks forward to welcoming new and returning members, more team-based events, and hopefully a strong showing at the Australian Boardriders Battle under Walt's leadership.

"We're proud of what the club stands for, and we're excited to keep things moving in a positive direction," Jake said.

Swimmers do well at School Championships in Brisbane

IT'S BEEN a big week for the ten Gippsland Swimmers who were a part of Team Vic at the School Sports Australia Championships in Brisbane last week.

The swimmers competed in a range of individual events in the morning, coming back in the afternoon for finals.

All the swimmers made finals with some outstanding results, including a new Vic Country and School Sports Australia record for Archie Smyth in the 50m Backstroke. Several swimmers swam together in the relays and have come home with medals.

The swimmers had a fantastic time racing as a team in the relays against others who are usually their competitors. They enjoyed the racing against the people from other states who they compete against at Nationals Age Championships.

The swimmers have a short week to recover before heading to Bendigo for the Country Championships next weekend.



Claudia was proud of her relay swim.

Results from finals:

Phoebe Balcombe (Tr) 5th 100m Freestyle, 9th 100m Breaststroke, 9th 50m Butterfly, 6th Medley Relay, 7th 4 x 100m Freestyle relay, 5th 4x50m free relay.

Zayden Burton (Tr) 6th 100m Backstroke, 10th 100m Butterfly, 9th 4 x 50m Freestyle relay, 7th Handicap Relay.

Claudia Croatto (SGB) 6th 100m Breaststroke, 7th 50m Breaststroke, 5th 200m

Breaststroke, 3rd 10 x 50m Mixed free relay, 5th 4x50m free relay, 8th Medley relay.

Mackenzie Gibbs (Sale) 10th 100m Butterfly, 8th 200m Freestyle, 8th Freestyle relay, 5th Medley Relay.

Xavier Gray (Sale) 5th 50m Butterfly, 9th 100m Backstroke, 9th 100m Butterfly, 3rd Freestyle Relay, 3rd Medley Relay, 2nd Mixed Freestyle relay.

Levi Jarrett, (SGB) MC 7th 100m Breaststroke, 9th 50m Butterfly, 9th 200m Freestyle, 7th 100m Backstroke, 9th 50m Breaststroke, 9th 100m Freestyle, 9th 50m Backstroke, 7th Medley relay, 8th Freestyle Relay.

Tara Jensen (Wgl) 7th 50m Butterfly, 6th Freestyle Relay, 8th 200m IM, 7th 50m Freestyle, 5th mixed Medley relay, 8th 50m Backstroke, 7th 100m

Freestyle, 5th Medley relay.

Miah Roberts (SGB) 7th 50m Backstroke, 6th 200m Backstroke, 4th 100m Backstroke, 8th Medley relay, 7th 4 x 100m Freestyle relay.

Kody Said (Tr) 7th 100m Breaststroke, 7th 200m Freestyle, 6th 400m IM, 4th 1500m Freestyle, 5th 800m Freestyle, 10th Freestyle relay.

Archie Smyth (SGB) 1st 50m Backstroke, 2nd 200m Backstroke, 2nd 100m Backstroke, 8th 50m Butterfly, 8th 50m Freestyle, 5th 100m Freestyle, 3rd Freestyle Relay, 3rd Medley Relay.

Country Championships coming up

234 swimmers from across Gippsland will head to Bendigo this weekend for the Country Championships. The event attracts all the best swimmers from regional swimming who have done a qualifying time, with 616 swimmers attending the event.

Gippsland will be represented by the East Gippsland Water Dragons, Moe, Sale, South Gippsland Bass, Traralgon and Warragul Swim clubs at the event.

The swimmers will compete in a number of individual events in distances ranging from 50m to 400m as well as relays. Competition is fierce between the Gippsland Clubs, several of which aim to finish in the top 10 overall places.

The two day event is held at Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre Bendigo and is keenly watched by family and friends.



Hundreds of dancers from across Victoria came to Leongatha to perform in the South Gippsland Dance Eisteddfod last week.

Dancers descend on Leongatha for annual dance eisteddfod

THE South Gippsland Dance Eisteddfod saw hundreds of performers from all over Victoria hit the stage at Leongatha Memorial Hall over four days last week.

Dancers between the ages of six and 18 showcased the best of their talent in solo, duos, trios and group performances in the competition, which featured hip hop, classical ballet to neo classical, song and dance, jazz, tap, contemporary and other styles.

"Hip hop's a big category now, with it being a solo in particular. It's always sort of been there, but it's grown over the years. Sometimes jazz is the big thing or classical, but it definitely changes throughout the years," explained president Carley Nelson.

Carley welcomed adjudicator Renee Mandanici-Baldwin from Canberra who judged and placed the performers.

With over 650 entries this year, Carley said the Eisteddfod just keeps growing and unfortunately, they have a cap on how many dancers and performances they can accept, with at least 200 to 300 people missing out.

The Eisteddfod also had a change of venue for the first time in 14 years and was held at the Leongatha Memorial Hall rather than the Mesley Hall.

"We work really well with the Leongatha Lyric Theatre Company and have been in conversations with them after they moved there for their productions – seeing how they set up the hall and everything like that," said Carley.

"We just love the fact that it's in town as well, so the whole town can see that we put on a big event like this, that dancers are coming from all over Victoria to come to the South Gippsland Dance Eisteddfod."

Carley mentioned that although the Mesley Hall has been a great venue in previous years, the Memorial Hall is now more suitable for the event.

"We use the Shire rooms for change rooms now, and it's set up quite beautifully thanks to the Lyric Theatre."

Carley said the support of Lyric Theatre has been exceptional, and together, both committees are pushing for a dedicated performing arts building.

"I suppose the performing arts and musical theatre isn't seen as a big priority to a lot of people, but it's really good to actually see how many people are willing to be involved. It's just a really happy thing to see how great committees are and how they support each other," said Carley.

Newhaven College mountain bikers claim podium glory

IN A fearless display of grit, gravity, and guts, Newhaven College's Mountain Bike Team carved their names into the podium at the King of Ballarat (KOB) Series – a premier, three-round downhill racing event hosted by Club MUD Ballarat.

Racing over a span of three months on three wildly different tracks, the KOB series isn't for the faint-hearted. With over 50 competitors charging down the treacherous courses each round, consistency, courage, and control are the name of the game. And Newhaven College teacher Steven Scott said the riders brought the lot.

Round one saw the team stamp their mark early. Maxen Mills blitzed the track to finish in a phenomenal second place, while teammate Miller Micallef powered into a solid 12th place – both outstanding results in a red-hot under-15



Newhaven College MTB riders Kody Lewis, Miller Micallef, and Maxen Mills. Maxen claimed second overall in the KOB Series.

men's field of over 50 riders.

Round two kept the adrenaline high as Hamish Dakers-Hock came heartbreakingly close to a podium, finishing in fourth place, proving Newhaven's got serious horsepower on the hill.

But it was Round three that tested every rider's mettle. Faced with wild weather, slick mud and slippery roots and rocks, it was an all-or-nothing battle against the elements. Undeterred, Kody Lewis, Miller Micallef and Maxen Mills

donned their race jerseys and pushed hard in the under-15 men's category, navigating the chaos with tenacity.

The result? Maxen Mills soared once again, claiming second overall in the KOB Series, a mighty achievement in one of Victoria's most hotly contested junior competitions.

Now with confidence high and legs dialled in, the Newhaven College squad shifts its focus to the fast-approaching Joyride Rookie Cup Series and the elite-level Victorian Downhill Series (VDHS).

"These rising stars are set to continue turning heads, taking on some of the gnarliest courses in the country," said Steven.

"Coach, parents and supporters alike couldn't be prouder. Watch this space – Newhaven's Mountain Bike team is on a roll, and there's no stopping them now!"

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 August 5	WEDNESDAY August 6	THURSDAY August 7	FRIDAY August 8	SATURDAY August 9	SUNDAY August 10	MONDAY August 11
▼ 12.54am 0.50m	▼ 1.38am 0.52m	▼ 2.32am 0.53m	▼ 3.38am 0.53m	▼ 4.45am 0.50m	▼ 5.45am 0.47m	▲ 12.35am 1.38m
▲ 8.08am 1.40m	▲ 9.06am 1.39m	▲ 10.09am 1.39m	▲ 11.13am 1.42m	▲ 12.10pm 1.48m	▲ 12.59pm 1.54m	▼ 6.34am 0.44m
▼ 1.08pm 0.95m	▼ 2.00pm 1.02m	▼ 3.05pm 1.05m	▼ 4.24pm 1.04m	▼ 5.38pm 0.97m	▼ 6.34pm 0.87m	▲ 1.41pm 1.61m
▲ 7.13pm 1.39m	▲ 8.03pm 1.34m	▲ 9.07pm 1.30m	▲ 10.19pm 1.29m	▲ 11.31pm 1.32m		▼ 7.19pm 0.75m

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BREAKAWAY BOWLS

IT was another cold and wet Monday, so what else is there to do? Let's go and indoor bowl.

The winners were Janet Elsworth, Marg Hender and Pam Russell.

They had a very respectable score of +4 – well done, ladies.

It was a bright sunny day for a change on Friday, but the bowlers decided to stay indoors and bowl.

Congratulations to the winners, who dominated.

The winning team was Brian Newman, Pat Novak and Ken Webb.

Well done, guys – a great win with plus 26.

FOSTER

THE last night for indoor bowls at the club was on Wednesday, July 30.

There was a great turnout of nine players.

The bowlers played three pairs and a triple team.

Some great bowling was had by all.

There were two teams with two wins, so there was a count back on shots up.

The winning team with +21 was Noleen McGlead and Carla Jenkins – very well done, ladies.

There was also a challenge on to record the number of 'touchers' you had for the night.

Outstandingly was Noleen McGlead with a total of 12 – more chockies for her win.

Thank you to all who turned out on some wintry nights.

It was warm and cosy in the clubrooms and everyone had lots of fun.

INVERLOCH

IT was another great day of bowling at Inverloch last Thursday.

Thirty-two players rolled up for a social bowls day, playing two games of 10 ends.

Three teams won both their games.

The hard luck story was the team of Bill Selby, Rob Howard and Arthur Moule with two wins and 31 points.

Runners up was the team of Reg Varty, John Duthie and Jill Kennedy with two wins and 32 points.

The winning team for the day was the team of Martin Hannaford, Joy Brown and Karen Orford with two wins and 34 points.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

WOW, what a day.

Fifty-five of the family of bowlers turned up to, once again, fight it out for team of the week.

John signed everyone in as Bev and Vern prepared the teams.

Once the teams were arranged, they all went out to the green to start the challenge.

It was immediately clear that it was going to be a hard day with such great teams on the green.

As usual, there was plenty of laughter and friendly banter between the players, and some brilliant bowls were played.

There were only or two wrong bias bowls, but it all helps to fill the Royal Children's Hospital tin.

The weather can only be described as perfect for this time of year, beautifully warm when the sun appeared but quite cool whenever the clouds covered the sun, with very little wind.

It seems a pity that everyone can't win the day, but, as always, there can only be one winning team.

That team on a score of 35 was Steve Edge (S), Frank Verco (L), Enid Johnston (2) and Neil Andreatta (3).

Runners up on 34 points were

Max Summers (3), Jim Nunan (L), Tammy Humphrey (S) and Tony Morris (2).

Best one game winner on a score of 18 were Peter Taylor (L), Tony Heppleston (S), Robyn Banks (2) and Mary Pagett (3).

A big thank you to those volunteers who help prepare and clean up both before and after the day's fun.

These include Phil, Amanda, Margaret, Robyn and Bev.

Next week, the bowlers will be meeting at San Remo to once again fight it out for team of the week.

Please be on site by 10am to allow Peter time to prepare the teams.

Please, be on site by 10am as the numbers are getting quite high and if you are in after the books are full then you may have to miss out.

Meanwhile till then, have fun and stay safe.

WONTHAGGI

IT was a good week with two days of social bowls.

Wednesday saw 31 bowlers grace the greens on a fine but cool day.

In a twist to the results, there were no teams that were two-game winners.

Instead, there were two teams that had one win and a draw.

The winners were the team of Ken Gage, Rob Aitken, and John Gilliland with a score of one win, one draw, and 28 points.

The runners up were the team of Aldo Sartori, Frank Cimino, and Rod Vawdon with a score of one win, one draw, and 26 points.

Friday night went off well, even with a number of people away on their break.

The members draw didn't go off, which means that next week it will be \$70.

Glenys was a happy meat tray winner, with John Duscher and Steve Babbs happy brekky pack winners.

Other prize winners were Teresa, Roger, Wayne, and Donna.

Saturday saw a fine day with a gentle breeze to greet 30 bowlers for two games of three-bowl triples over 10 ends.

There were two teams that were two-game winners, with the winners being Hans Bischofberger, Caroline Donohue, and Bruce Cameron with a score of two wins and 35 points.

The other team to win two games were Allan Ireland, Ken Webb, and Colin Binch with a score of two wins and 32 points.

Bowls this week:

Wednesday: Social bowls at 12.30pm.

Saturday: Social bowls at 12.30pm.

Don't forget Friday night, with the members draw this week being \$70, plus meat trays and lots of other prizes starting at 6pm.

Doors open at 4pm.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

IT was an amazing week with a total of 53 players competing.

Tuesday's winners on plus 16 were Maggie Scapin, Glenda Binch, John Ferguson and Ian Bice.

Runners up on plus three were Teresa Ireland, Jenny Bakker and Robert McLaren.

Friday saw only one team win two games.

They were Teresa Ireland, Max Sweetnam and John Ferguson.

Runners up on a win and a draw on plus three were Mary Spooner, Jos Kemper and Ray McCurry.



Brian Newman, Pat Novak and Ken Webb played some impressive bowls and had a dominant win at Breakaway Bowls on Friday.



Noleen McGlead won extra chocolates for her total of 12 on Wednesday night at the Foster Bowls Club.



Noleen McGlead and Carla Jenkins teamed up to win Foster Bowls Club's last indoor bowls session on Wednesday.



John Ferguson, Glenda Binch, Maggie Scapin and Ian Bice were the Tuesday winners at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls.



The winning team at Inverloch Bowling Club's social bowls days included Joy Brown, Martin Hannaford (skip) and Karen Orford.



The South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners on Thursday were Steve Edge (S), Frank Verco (L), Enid Johnston (2) and Neil Andreatta (3).



Peter Taylor (L), Tony Heppleston (S), Robyn Banks (2) and Mary Pagett (3) were the best one game winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group on Thursday.



The Saturday winners at the Wonthaggi Bowls Club were Hans Bischofberger, Caroline Donohue and Bruce Cameron.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Ken Gage, Rob Aitken and John Gilliland.



The winning team at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls on Friday included John Ferguson, Teresa Ireland and Max Sweetnam.

KORUMBURRA

Ladies

SIXTEEN women played a Stableford game on Wednesday.

It was great to see so many out playing and a big welcome back the ladies who have been away.

A Grade winner with 33 points was Jenny Blackmore (23) and runner up with 31 points was Trudi Mantell.

B Grade winner was Lyn Perks (31) scoring 31 points and runner up was Karen Sorrell (32) with 30 points.

BDTL went to Merrissa Cosson 30 points and Shelley Snooks 29 points.

NTPs on the first was Karen Sorrell (Kellys Bakery), closest on the 10th Trudi Mantell and on the 13th Merrissa Cosson.

Thirteen women played for the RB Monthly Medal last Saturday, kindly sponsored by Luscious Café.

The RB Medal and A Grade winner this month goes to Merrissa Cosson with 89(10)79net.

Merrissa also had the best scratch score.

Runner up was Jenny Blackmore with a score of 104(24)80net.

BDTL went to Aliessa Wrigley and Kim Enbom both with 82net.

NTPs on the first was Kerri Besley (Kelly's Bakery) and the 13th Jennie Loughnan.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, July 29: Stableford.

Tuesday was a Stableford event with a smaller field of 22 members/guests due to the restricted use of carts on the course.

A Grade winner: Alan Starkey (10) with 36 points on a countback.

A Grade runner up: Richard Dalton (6) from the Bannockburn Golf Club with 36 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Ray Matthews at 5.00m.

NTP 14th: Craig Hutchinson at 3.72m.

NTP 16th: Richard Dalton at 3.70m.

Thursday, July 31: Evans Petroleum Stableford Event.

Thursday's event was a Stableford event generously sponsored by Evans Petroleum with 67 members/guests enjoying more favourable playing conditions.

A Grade winner: Paul Kennedy (13) with the high score of the day with 41 points.

A Grade runner up: Ken Smirk (14) with 38 points.

B Grade winner: David Richards (17) with 37 points.

B Grade runner up: Andrew Seccull (19) with 33 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Gerald Freestone (29) with 36 points on a countback.

C Grade runner up: Patrick Bowd (24) with 36 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Christopher Buckland at .57m.

NTP 14th: Christopher Leaver at 1.80m.

NTP 16th: Neil MacKenzie at .80m.

Saturday, August 2: Monthly Medal Stroke Event.

Saturday was the Monthly Medal Stroke event off the black tees with a field of 69 members/guests playing in calm but cool winter conditions.

Overall winner: Michael O'Rafferty (15) with the low score of the day with a net score of 66.

A Grade winner: Richard Price (13) with a net score of 70.

A Grade runner up: Ray Matthews (13) with a net score of 71 on a countback.

B Grade winner: Michael O'Rafferty (15) with a net score of 66.

B Grade runner up: Nicholas Byrne (14) with a net score of 69.

C Grade winner: Geoffrey McDonald (21) with a net score 69.

C Grade runner up: Bryan Roylance (20) with a net score of 71.

NTP fifth second shot: Paul Deery at 2.48m.

NTP 14th: Alan Starkey at .81m.

NTP 16th: Nicholas Byrne at 1.75m.

Ladies

THE final round of the Mudrunners Plate was played in very tricky blustery weather on July 23.

Life member Pat Pease very generously sponsors this two-day event.

Dot Stubbs won A Grade with 36 points but was ineligible for the main event as she was unable to compete the previous week.

Anna de Bondt won B Grade with 29 points and Karen Orford cleaned up in C Grade with 35 points.

Karen's score of 28 last week combined with her 36 points earned her the honour of being the 2025 Mudrunners Plate winner.

Jenny Teasdale, the previous week's winner, was just one point behind followed by Jenny Fraser on 62.

Down the line balls went to 30: Jenny Fraser, Ashleigh Hutton, Kay Dumbleton, Trish Owen, Jill Moor and Marianne Leaver.

Janet Monk won the nearest the pin on the 14th, narrowly missing out on a hole in one. Dot Stubbs was closest with her second shot on the fifth and Kay Dumbleton was closest on the 16th.

Twenty-two pairs played a 4BBB in pleasant weather last week.

The top scorers on the day were Robin Smith and Jenny Teasdale leading the field on 41 points.

Karen Murchie and Bronwyn Debenham were runners up on a count back.

Down the line balls were awarded to Neryl Hopcraft and Maryanne Gartner with 40 points and Fran Kearney and Trish Owen on 39.

Robin Smith was closest with her second shot on the fifth, Trish Owen won the nearest the pin on the 14th, and Fran Kearney was extremely close on the 16th, nearly slam dunking the ball.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

WEDNESDAY play saw another fine but cool day for golf.

Jenny Cope was the winner with 30 points and Faye LePage again was the runner up with 25 points.

The club is holding a nine-hole event each Wednesday for those that find 18 holes in the damp conditions just a bit heavy. These will hit off at 10am so they finish around the 18-hole players.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, July 29: Stableford.

Winner: M. Payne (11) 37

points.

DTL: P. Cummaudu 35 and N. Whichello 32.

NTP: fourth T. Whitelaw, sixth T. Whitelaw, 13th M. Payne and 16th T. Whitelaw.

Saturday, August 2: Stroke.

A Grade: R. Felmingham 71 net c/b.

B Grade: P. Draper 73 net c/b.

C Grade: D. Taylor 67 net DTL: P. Smart 71, T. Whitelaw, G. Renwick 72, M. Thomas, M. Payne and D. Hubbert 73.

NTP: fourth G. Renwick, sixth D. Taylor, 13th T. Whitelaw and 16th T. Whitelaw.

Birdies: sixth P. Smart, G. Renwick, T. Whitelaw, L. Perkins and R. Felmingham, and 16th T. Whitelaw and D. Hubbert.

South Gippsland Country Week winner: M. Thomas 73 net.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: July 31, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Peter Ali 37.

Runner up: Peter Brewster 36.

BDTL to 33: Philip McCrimmon 35, Ian Baker 34, Tony Schipano 34 and Callum McCaughan 33.

Results: July 31, SR.36.

Competition: Stableford nine-hole 10 to 18.

Winner: Aiden Quilty 16.

BDTL to 16: Ray Hender 16.

Results: August 2, SR 72.

Competition: Monthly Medal Stroke and putting.

Monthly Medal: Doug Putt 67.

A Grade: Stephen Judd 72.

B Grade: Gerald Mitchell 73.

C Grade: Kevin Bayley 69.

BDTL to 75.

Ball sweep: Aiden Quilty 70, Peter Ali 72, Steven Brann 73, Alex Wilson 73, Joshua Kilgour 74, Dio Apostolopoulos 74, Peter Dell 75 and Shaun Stirton 75.

NTPs: Garry O'Connor second, not claimed fourth, Hamish Burns propin eighth, Jim Jordan 13th and Bruce Betts money hole 17th.

Putting: Stephen Judd 27 putts.

Ladies

ON Wednesday, there were 19 players for a round of Par. The day was fabulous with the sun shining all round.

There were two grades with A Grade winner Merryn Dear (20)-2 on countback from Geraldine Prentice (21)-2.

B Grade winner, also by countback, was Simone Lindsay (28)-4 from Layla Robertson.

NTP on second went to Catherine Bolding, eighth Layla Robertson and 17th Marg Johnson.

BDL went to Geraldine Prentice-2, Yvonne Everitt-4, Layla Robertson-4, Kaylene Hodgetts -5 and Chris Hamilton -5.

WOORAYL

Ladies

EIGHT brave ladies played in a Stableford event, sponsored by Woorayl Golf Club.

It was cool and overcast.

The winner with a score of 37 points was Ann Poole, who also had a NTP on the 11th.

BDL went to Jo Fennell 35 points and Lyn De'Laney 32 points.

NTP on eighth was Heather Sullivan and 17th Kath Davis.



Anne Poole was Woorayl Golf Club's winner with 37 points.



Korumburra's August RB Medal winner Merrissa Cosson.



Korumburra's Wednesday Grade winners were Lyn Perks and Jenny Blackmore.



Winners of the 4BBB at the Leongatha Golf Club were Jenny Teasdale and Robin Smith.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's B Grade winner Simone Lindsay with A Grade winner Merryn Dear.



Meeniyan Golf Club's runner up Faye LePage with winner Jenny Cope.

GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 14 RESULTS - WKND, AUG 2/3

SENIOR Mens:

Lang Lang United 2 d Wonthaggi United 1
Trafalgar Victory 2 d Drouin Maroon 0
P-Island Breakers 2 d Leongatha Knights 0
Korumburra City 5 d Inverloch Stars 0

Senior Womens:

Trafalgar Victory 2 d Drouin Maroon 0
P-Island Breakers 2 d Leongatha Knights 1
Inverloch Stars 3 d Korumburra City 2
Wonthaggi United 3 d Lang Lang United 0

Mens Reserves:

Trafalgar Victory 3 d Drouin Maroon 2
Inverloch Stars 10 d Korumburra City 1
P-Island Breakers 3 d Leongatha Knights 0

Under 17 Mixed:

Drouin Maroon Yellow 6 d Mirboo Nth United 0
Leongatha Blue 2 drew P-Island Breakers 2
Wonthaggi United 5 d Leongatha White 4
Korumburra City 6 d Inverloch Stars 2

Under 15 Girls:

P-Island Breakers 6 d Leongatha Knights 0
Drouin Yellow 2 d Wonthaggi United 0
Korumburra City 2 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1

Under 14 Mixed:

Wonthaggi United 7 d Lang Lang United 1
Korumburra City 5 d Inverloch Stars 3
Drouin Maroon 5 d Phillip Island Stingrays 0
Drouin Maroon Yellow 5 d Mirboo Nth United 3
P-Island Penguins 6 d Leongatha Knights 1

Under 12 Girls:

Wonthaggi United 3 d Lang Lang United 1
P-Island Breakers 6 d Leongatha Knights 0
Inverloch Stars 6 d Korumburra City 2

Under 12A Mixed:

Mirboo Nth United 5 d Drouin Maroon Yellow 2
P-Island Breakers 8 d Leongatha Blue 2
Wonthaggi United 6 d Lang Lang United 0
Inverloch Stars 2 d Korumburra City 1

Under 12B Mixed:

Drouin Dragons Yellow 3 d Trafalgar Victory 0
P-Island Penguins 4 d Leongatha White 3
Wonthaggi United 3 d Drouin Dragons White 2

ROUND 15 DRAW - SUNDAY, AUG 10

Senior Mens:

Inverloch Stars V Trafalgar Victory
Lang Lang United V Drouin Dragons Maroon
Phillip Island Breakers V Wonthaggi United

Senior Womens:

Inverloch Stars V Trafalgar Victory
Lang Lang United V Drouin Dragons Maroon
Phillip Island Breakers V Wonthaggi United
Mirboo North United V Leongatha Knights

Mens Reserves:

Inverloch Stars V Trafalgar Victoryn

Under 17 Mixed:

Leongatha White V Drouin Dragons Maroon
Phillip Island Breakers V Wonthaggi United
Mirboo Nth United V Leongatha Knights Blue
Drouin Maroon Yellow V Korumburra City

Under 15 Girls:

Phillip Island Breakers V Wonthaggi United
Drouin Dragons Yellow V Korumburra City

Under 14 Mixed:

Inverloch Stars V Phillip Island Stingrays
Lang Lang United V Drouin Dragons Maroon
Phillip Island Penguins V Wonthaggi United
Mirboo North United V Leongatha Knights
Drouin Maroon Yellow V Korumburra City

Under 12 Girls:

Lang Lang United V Drouin Dragons Maroon
Phillip Island Breakers V Wonthaggi United

Under 12A Mixed:

Lang Lang United V Drouin Dragons Maroon
Phillip Island Breakers V Wonthaggi United
Mirboo Nth United V Leongatha Knights Blue
Drouin Maroon Yellow V Korumburra City

Under 12B Mixed:

Inverloch Stars V Trafalgar Victory, Drouin
Dragons White V Drouin Dragons Yellow
Phillip Island Penguins V Wonthaggi United

Korumburra Women show grit in close contest against Inverloch

Korumburra City Soccer U12 girls

The Under 12 girls played out a great first half heading in 2-2 at halftime thanks to Alice's two goals. A better Inverloch side piled on the goals in the second half but not without many Korumburra chances in a very competitive and end to end game, a great game of skill and teamwork providing one the girls' best game, this year.

U14s

U14s played a spectacular game. They pulled out all the stops for a 5-3 win against a team who made them work hard. It was so encouraging to see all of their individual skills coming into play. Liam and his relentless speed and terrific ball skills saw him score four amazing goals. The brother duo Huxley and Rohan also using their skills to score a great goal from a beautiful assist. Ben is fast becoming a great asset on defence with a strong ability to boot the ball down the field. Chelsie also showing her fierceness in goals. Everyone should be proud of their game.

Under 12 mixed

Great first half by Korumburra kicking a goal to equalise, Inverloch then scoring another goal to go into half time with 2-1 lead. Second half was the hardest fought out for the year with neither team scoring. Korumburra had a lot of shots on goal but was unable to convert. A great team effort and showing a lot of improvement.

U15 girls

With the sun shining and spirits high, the Under 15 girls



In Senior Womens both Korumburra and the Inverloch Stars, brought passion and determination to the pitch.

took to the pitch against Drouin in a hard-fought match. Despite trailing 1-0 at half time, the team rallied in the second half with a fresh burst of energy. Determined and focused, they turned the game around with two impressive goals, sealing a well-deserved 2-1 victory.

U17s

Under 17s had a point to prove after going down to Inverloch 5-4 in the first half of the season. Burra came out firing on all cylinders Quinn with a hattrick Jonah, Japheth and Sandaru a force in the middle. Talon and Denzel superb in defence. A 6-2 victory keeps a slim finals hope alive.

Senior Womens

In a spirited showdown between Korumburra and the Inverloch Stars, both sides

brought passion and determination to the pitch, putting on an entertaining display for spectators.

From the opening whistle, Inverloch applied early pressure, testing Korumburra's defence with a string of attacking plays. But the home side responded with strength and resilience, creating several chances of their own and keeping the Inverloch keeper on her toes. Inverloch were the first to find the back of the net, but Korumburra hit back with a well-earned equaliser, showcasing their skill and teamwork. A late goal in the first half saw Inverloch take a narrow 2-1 lead into the break.

Korumburra returned to the field with renewed energy in the second half, determined to level the scores. Sharp passes and forward runs kept them in the contest, but Inverloch

managed to capitalise on an opportunity and extended their lead. An unfortunate injury left Korumburra with no subs, forcing the team to reshuffle. Despite this setback, the side showed incredible heart and unity.

Their perseverance paid off late in the match with a deserved second goal, closing the gap and keeping the pressure on right until the final whistle. While the 3-2 result went Inverloch's way, Korumburra walked away proud—having played with courage, skill, and an unshakable team spirit.

Senior men's

On a perfect day for football, Korumburra City welcomed Inverloch Stars to Richard Street Oval. Korumburra took a deserved lead midway through the first half, with Jake Allman heading in at the back post after some neat play and a cross by strike partner Smith.

Shortly after the break, Hayden Simmons doubled the home team's advantage linking up with Smith and stroking the ball past the visiting keeper. Hayden Smith blasted a spot kick into the top corner to make it 3-0, swiftly followed by Burra player/coach Podi scoring with a dipping shot from 25 yards out.

Smith finished off the scoring with a powerful strike from inside the box, 5-0. An excellent team performance to a man from Korumburra.

Burra Team - Dole, Clifford, Simmons, Rosse, Kearton, Kaitaake, Hettige, Olden, Jorgensen, Allman, Smith.

Subs: Bambu, Kuia, Tewa-roi, Sakala, Brady.



Leongatha's Naomi confidently moves the ball from the Knights defensive third.

Knights couldn't make up halftime deficit against Breakers

Round 14 of the Gippsland Soccer League saw top of the senior women's ladder Phillip Island Breakers face off against number two on the ladder, Leongatha Knights FC with the Knights having the home ground advantage.

Whilst the visiting Breakers started strong with a high press they were staunchly denied by

Leongatha's impeccable backline led by centre backs Mandy Bongers and Val Langlet. Despite several creative attacking attempts, Phillip Island were unable to find the back of the net. It was a quick breakthrough pass that ended in a 1v1 with the keeper that saw the Island take the lead followed shortly after by another 1v1 goal

sending the Breakers to half-time with a 2-0 advantage.

Not to be deterred, the Knights returned to the pitch in the second half with renewed vigour and pressed forward to create dominant play in their attacking half led by some impressive strength on the ball from midfielders Naomi Eaton, Bernie Fitzgerald and Lisse Bath. It was a

corner from Bath that the Island struggled to clear which was capitalised on by Eaton who sent the ball home to get one on the scoresheet for the Knights. Despite strong attacking play throughout the second half the Knights were unable to secure the equaliser but put on a spectacular game of local women's soccer.



Warragul GS Emma Ryde congratulated by teammates after shooting the first 1,000 goals in the Gippsland Netball League at Leongatha.

Emma Ryde reaches 1000 goal milestone at Leongatha

TOWERING Warragul GS Emma Ryde achieved her second 1,000 goal milestone at Leongatha today setting a new record for the Gippsland Netball League.

The first ever Gippsland League shooter to hit 1000 in a regular season Emma received standing applause from a big crowd of supporters and well-wishers.

No stranger to records Emma Ryde also shot 1000 goals in one season playing for the Somerville Football Netball Club in 2022.

Supporters were generous in their praise.

“Amazing, congratulations Em, incredible effort.”

The final score a convincing victory for Warragul 77 to Leongatha 41.



The Gull's Jade Finn takes a high pass against Mikaeli Hilliar, Jayde Hall and Audrey McGannon in an emotion charged match in Gippsland League A Grade at Leongatha. B70_3125



Leongatha's Mikaeli Hilliar takes control of the ball in Gippsland League A Grade played at Leongatha. B71_3125



Nicola Marriott looks to take back control soon after Emma Ryde's 1,000th season goal. B92_3125



Tiana Heylen (GA) puts it up for a goal for Nyora A Grade.



Yvette O'Brien (GD) puts up a good defence against Neerim South's shooter.



Defensive pressure shown by Bianca Monson. Poowong A Grade. Photo: Jeff Tull

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RESULTS

A GRADE

Lang Lang 35 lt Trafalgar 39
Yarragon 43 d Bunyip 18
Nyora 22 lt Neerim Sth 73
Longwarry 37 lt Nil-Darn 53
Catani 20 lt Ellinbank 58
Poowong 58 d Buln Buln 37

B GRADE

Lang Lang 50 d Trafalgar 37
Yarragon 26 lt Bunyip 48
Nyora 10 lt Neerim Sth 70
Longwarry 34 lt Nil-Darn 47
Catani 27 lt Ellinbank 41
Poowong 44 lt Buln Buln 45

C GRADE

Nyora 2 lt Neerim Sth 69
Longwarry 29 lt Nil-Darn 32
Lang Lang 28 lt Trafalgar 45
Poowong 23 lt Buln Buln 45
Catani 18 lt Ellinbank 47
Yarragon 27 d Bunyip 26

17 & UNDER

Nyora 14 lt Neerim Sth 35
Longwarry 31 d Nil-Darn 27
Poowong 46 d Buln Buln 24
Lang Lang 46 d Trafalgar 34
Catani 35 d Ellinbank 17
Yarragon 45 d Bunyip 27

15 & UNDER

Poowong 36 d Buln Buln 6
Nyora 9 lt Neerim Sth 42
Longwarry 18 lt Nil-Darn 21
Lang Lang 33 d Trafalgar 14
Yarragon 24 d Bunyip 21
Catani 52 d Ellinbank 12

13 & UNDER

Nyora 6 lt Neerim Sth 30
Poowong 12 lt Buln Buln 36
Lang Lang 33 d Trafalgar 16
Longwarry 17 lt Nil-Darn 26
Yarragon 11 lt Bunyip 26
Catani 18 lt Ellinbank 19

LADDERS

A GRADE

	%	pts
Neerim South	207.73	60
Nilma Darnum	150.96	64
Trafalgar	122.69	48
Ellinbank	145.66	44
Longwarry	118.10	40
Lang Lang	87.98	36
Poowong	88.11	24
Bunyip	81.63	24
Yarragon	85.38	20
Catani	77.04	16
Buln Buln	64.19	8
Nyora	51.88	0

B GRADE

Ellinbank	174.46	60
Bunyip	155.69	60
Neerim South	164.79	52
Nilma Darnum	121.66	44
Lang Lang	108.95	44
Catani	110.02	32
Buln Buln	94.79	32
Poowong	86.39	20
Yarragon	79.32	16
Longwarry	83.99	12
Trafalgar	81.92	12
Nyora	32.09	0

C GRADE

Ellinbank	187.76	60
Buln Buln	141.36	48
Neerim South	124.90	48
Trafalgar	136.69	44
Longwarry	119.79	40
Nilma Darnum	116.46	38
Yarragon	110.10	32
Catani	105.78	30
Bunyip	88.98	16
Poowong	80.88	16
Lang Lang	72.36	12
Nyora	12.44	0

17 & UNDER

	%	pts
Longwarry	169.02	64
Nilma Darnum	149.54	52
Lang Lang	146.25	46
Poowong	124.34	44
Trafalgar	120.76	40
Catani	117.59	40
Yarragon	118.61	34
Neerim South	94.61	24
Bunyip	74.33	18
Buln Buln	76.51	12
Ellinbank	57.94	10
Nyora	26.52	0

15 & UNDER

Catani	234.22	64
Poowong	207.76	60
Neerim South	171.12	48
Lang Lang	158.78	48
Bunyip	106.48	34
Nilma Darnum	104.37	28
Longwarry	95.68	28
Buln Buln	100.27	26
Yarragon	78.47	24
Ellinbank	65.54	16
Trafalgar	54.60	8
Nyora	15.93	0

13 & UNDER

Lang Lang	539.84	64
Trafalgar	302.87	60
Bunyip	235.03	48
Buln Buln	215.24	44
Nilma Darnum	113.44	40
Longwarry	79.84	30
Poowong	70.09	24
Yarragon	76.09	20
Neerim South	70.30	20
Ellinbank	54.15	20
Catani	50.44	14
Nyora	6.02	0

GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Leongatha 41 lt Warragul 77
Sale 37 lt Moe 59
Bairnsdale 71 d Wonthaggi 42
Morwell 73 d Maffra 27
Traralgon 50 lt Drouin 58

B GRADE

Leongatha 46 d Warragul 42
Sale 34 lt Moe 64
Bairnsdale 31 lt Wonthaggi 62
Morwell 69 d Maffra 34
Traralgon 46 lt Drouin 47

C GRADE

Leongatha 49 d Warragul 29
Sale 34 lt Moe 37
Bairnsdale 25 lt Wonthaggi 45
Morwell 61 d Maffra 27
Traralgon 30 lt Drouin 35

17 & UNDER

Leongatha 37 d Warragul 20
Sale 44 d Moe 32
Bairnsdale 59 d Wonthaggi 25
Morwell 31 drew Maffra 31
Traralgon 51 d Drouin 34

15 & UNDER

Leongatha 30 lt Warragul 49
Sale 46 d Moe 38
Bairnsdale 50 d Wonthaggi 16
Morwell 20 lt Maffra 25
Traralgon 61 d Drouin 26

13 & UNDER

Leongatha 55 d Warragul 5
Sale 26 d Moe 16
Bairnsdale 52 d Wonthaggi 20
Morwell 25 lt Maffra 49
Traralgon 37 d Drouin 23

LADDERS

A GRADE

	%	pts
Moe	187.46	60
Warragul	179.38	56
Morwell	124.85	48
Drouin	118.65	36
Bairnsdale	95.78	32
Leongatha	95.07	24
Traralgon	86.26	20
Wonthaggi	68.67	12
Sale	61.14	8
Maffra	49.52	4

B GRADE

Wonthaggi	168.55	56
Leongatha	165.96	56
Moe	135.68	48
Traralgon	116.64	36
Warragul	116.77	32
Drouin	90.50	28
Morwell	84.69	24
Maffra	65.98	16
Bairnsdale	66.71	2
Sale	58.24	2

C GRADE

Morwell	158.01	54
Wonthaggi	152.54	48
Leongatha	127.29	46
Drouin	106.89	40
Moe	98.14	32
Traralgon	110.71	28
Bairnsdale	102.72	28
Sale	81.17	12
Warragul	64.51	12
Maffra	50.29	0

17 & UNDER

	%	pts
Bairnsdale	207.47	60
Traralgon	228.65	56
Sale	127.63	52
Leongatha	88.74	28
Drouin	90.53	26
Maffra	83.55	26
Moe	79.82	22
Warragul	71.34	16
Wonthaggi	66.57	8
Morwell	55.78	6

15 & UNDER

Traralgon	240.63	60
Sale	157.76	56
Warragul	142.39	40
Moe	125.70	38
Bairnsdale	117.02	28
Drouin	96.19	28
Leongatha	98.02	24
Maffra	71.71	18
Morwell	49.08	8
Wonthaggi	11.85	0

13 & UNDER

Leongatha	284.06	60
Sale	182.47	46
Moe	135.11	42
Maffra	131.30	38
Bairnsdale	151.34	34
Traralgon	135.74	32
Morwell	73.43	20
Drouin	73.24	16
Wonthaggi	39.83	8
Warragul	16.40	4

PHILLIP ISLAND

A GRADE: Phillip Island started off strong, Ella Duggan was on fire in goals, moving well and shooting with confidence. Aisha also had a powerful impact on the game. Charli, Maya, Lexi and Hollie rotated through the midcourt and brought great energy, linking up well with strong passes and solid drives. Down back, Liv, Hollie and the great sister duo Charley and Hallie were tight in defence and came up with plenty of intercepts. Phillip Island fought hard all game putting pressure on Daly and played a solid game overall but just couldn't get over the line.

B Grade: The Island girls took on Dalyston in a tough contest, going down 40-60. The first quarter was tightly contested, with strong teamwork and communication helping the Island girls stay close. Dalyston found their rhythm in the second quarter and stretched their lead. The last quarter saw the shooters continue to shoot beautifully, making the most of their chances and finishing strongly. A solid team effort with lots of positives to take into the next game!

D Grade: A fantastic game played by the Philip Island D grade girls with an amazing team effort that brought another win for the season. The girls played very well together as they had hands over every ball and had fantastic pressure and movement down the court, with several phenomenal passes fed into the ring. Not once did they drop intensity. Overall, the team played very well together, the girl's structure and flow down the court was unreal. Awards: Sarah Pedersen and Jane Jinnette

17 & under: Phillip Island 17 and Unders brought strong energy from the first whistle and maintained their momentum right through to the final siren. Island shooters Aisha Hibbert and Ava Blake found their rhythm early, consistently converting under pressure. The midcourt Ellie Hennessy, Piper O'Brien Jasira Derham, and Kate McCausland provided slick ball movement and linked up well with the shooters. Defensively, Matilda Trew and Olivia Holmes were rock-solid, putting the Dalyston attack line under relentless pressure. Despite a tight first half, Phillip Island pulled away with a dominant fourth quarter, sealing a 34-32 win in a thrilling finish.

13 & under: Phillip Island took to the court with determination and teamwork, securing a strong win over Dalyston. Alice opened the game in goalkeeper, showing grit in defence before finishing the match with flair in goal shooter. Eden was consistent and accurate, holding the goals all game. Ella and Evie were a formidable duo in defence. In the midcourt, Frankie and Ivy demonstrated excellent control and composure in centre and wing defence. Ruby was dynamic in wing attack, feeding the circle with precision. Olive was a standout in goals.

11 & Under: Phillip Island put in a dominant performance against Dalyston, coming away with a well-earned 21 to 5 victory. From the first whistle, the team showed determination and focus, taking control of the game early and never looking back. Throughout the game, Phillip Island maintained their lead, showing impressive teamwork and communication across the court.



Nicole Eddy identifies a passing opportunity down-court in Mid-Gippsland League B Grade. B64_3125



Foster's Jade Storr applying the pressure as Morwell East's Isabelle Kennedy shoots for goal in Mid-Gippsland League C Grade. B58_3125



WA for Stony Creek looks to grab the pass in a tough competition. Photo: G.S.Bruning.



Foster's Ebony Best under pressure in the rain in Mid-Gippsland League B Grade. B67_3125



Chloe Hogg from Mirboo North fights it out for the ball. Photo: G.S.Bruning.



Stony Creek's Ashley Snell attempts to intercept from Mirboo North's Lynette Patten. Photo: G.S.Bruning.

MID GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE	B GRADE	C GRADE	D GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER
N-borough 36 lt Fish Crk 74	N-borough 41 lt Fish Crk 52	Stony Crk 35 d Mirboo Nth 25	Hill End 23 lt Tarwin 31	Stony Crk 13 lt Mirboo Nth 49	Stony Crk 23 lt Mirboo Nth 27	Stony Crk 26 d Mirboo Nth 10
Borough 47 lt Mirboo Nth 65	Stony Crk 38 lt Mirboo Nth 56	Hill End 35 lt Tarwin 39	Stony Crk 33 lt Mirboo Nth 43	Hill End 48 d Tarwin 24	Hill End 47 d Tarwin 13	N-borough 25 d Fish Crk 18
Hill End 26 lt Tarwin 66	Hill End 43 d Tarwin 29	N-borough 45 drew Fish Crk 45	N-borough 35 d Fish Crk 28	N-borough 20 lt Fish Crk 52	N-borough 42 d Fish Crk 13	Hill End 23 lt Tarwin 33
Foster 67 d Morwell-E 38	Foster 75 d Morwell-E 35	Boolarra 45 d Toora 43	Boolarra 22 lt Toora 52	Boolarra 58 d Toora 19	Foster 50 d Morwell-E 13	Boolarra 34 d Toora 11
Boolarra 28 lt Toora 53	Boolarra 26 lt Toora 62	Foster 29 d Morwell-E 17	Foster 24 lt Morwell-E 25	Foster 32 d Morwell-E 25	Boolarra 21 lt Toora 32	Foster 36 d Morwell-E 6

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	B GRADE	%	pts	C GRADE	%	pts	D GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Foster	196.75	64	Foster	172.14	64	Yinnar	146.88	56	Mirboo North	190.97	64	Boolarra	258.33	64	Yinnar	241.63	64	Newborough	271.23	60
Fish Creek	162.43	56	Fish Creek	158.47	56	Newborough	142.23	48	Yinnar	200.68	58	MDU	235.76	56	Toora	238.26	60	Yinnar	285.91	56
Yinnar	132.74	52	Yinnar	149.78	52	Foster	126.03	48	Toora	155.92	52	Mirboo North	213.15	54	Hill End	200.00	52	Boolarra	192.38	56
Mirboo North	144.41	48	Newborough	127.73	48	Boolarra	115.31	44	Tarwin	145.13	52	Yinnar	171.90	54	Boolarra	162.92	48	Tarwin	178.51	52
MDU	123.55	48	Mirboo North	123.08	48	Fish Creek	113.54	44	Newborough	119.80	44	Toora	162.04	44	Newborough	110.99	44	Fish Creek	125.74	44
Toora	98.71	40	Toora	130.89	40	MDU	126.53	42	Fish Creek	145.07	42	Hill End	109.03	40	Foster	110.35	40	Mirboo North	130.88	40
Stony Creek	109.52	36	Stony Creek	110.59	36	Tarwin	126.49	38	Hill End	112.99	28	Fish Creek	96.07	36	Mirboo North	87.57	40	MDU	123.53	40
Tarwin	103.70	28	MDU	91.58	28	Stony Creek	100.67	32	Morwell East	103.82	28	Stony Creek	61.97	28	MDU	92.28	32	Stony Creek	122.22	36
Morwell East	97.93	28	Morwell East	85.06	28	Mirboo North	94.15	32	Stony Creek	97.32	28	Newborough	42.05	24	Tarwin	55.66	22	Hill End	72.73	24
Newborough	92.59	28	Hill End	75.71	28	Toora	101.85	28	MDU	77.71	24	Morwell East	40.53	20	Fish Creek	37.26	18	Toora	32.13	16
Hill End	48.39	14	Tarwin	61.57	12	Hill End	99.12	28	Foster	61.66	20	Tarwin	39.71	16	Stony Creek	46.29	16	MDU	22.90	16
Boolarra	64.27	10	Boolarra	44.63	12	Morwell East	73.71	12	Boolarra	70.30	12	Foster	34.26	16	Morwell East	37.70	16	Morwell East	18.64	12
Thorpdale	34.18	8	Thorpdale	51.86	8	Thorpdale	20.25	8	Thorpdale	12.12	8	Thorpdale	0.00	0	Thorpdale	0.00	0	Thorpdale	0.00	0



At full stretch and one-handed, Kylie Wookey works to keep the ball in play during the B Grade contest.



Hayley Woollard reads the play perfectly to intercept a pass through the centre court in the D Grade game.



Sofie Hughes makes the pass. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Ro Grayson holds strong under pressure as her Koo Wee Rup opponent attempts to deflect the pass in the D Grade match.



Kelly Boyd for Inverloch - Kongwak chases down the ball. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Ivy Hunter secures the ball while on the run. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Linsey Boddy gets air in defence. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.

KILCUNDA BASS

A GRADE: A grade had a great win against Koo Wee Rup this week. The girls came out strong and put out a solid 4 quarter game. A great team effort got them across the line!

B Grade: The team started well, playing steady and composed netball while adjusting to the slightly windy conditions. The second quarter remained tightly contested, with both sides applying consistent pressure. In the third quarter as Koo Wee Rup lifted their intensity, we struggled to match their focus and connection. Our game became unsettled and we couldn't find our usual rhythm or cohesion. Heading into the final quarter down by four, we were unable to close the gap. Award: Allison Carter.

C Grade: C Grade secured a solid win against Koo Wee Rup with a composed and controlled performance. The girls adjusted well to multiple position changes, maintaining their structure and focus throughout the game. Strong defensive pressure created valuable turnovers, which were capitalised on with accurate shooting despite windy conditions. Award: Alana Dakin.

D Grade: The match was body-on-body with every pass hotly contested. At quarter time, we trailed by just one goal. The remainder of the game followed a similar pattern, intense, tight, and determined netball from both sides. Despite our efforts, we went down by just 3 goals in what was a gutsy and competitive performance from the whole team and a huge improvement on the last time we played this team. Award: Hayley Woollard.

17 & Under: Perfect weather conditions for netball, with a few key players still unavailable it gave everyone the opportunity to play in different positions, despite the final score being 44-5 in Koo Wee Rup's favour everyone played their role and contributed to the team. Awards: Payton McGregor and Maisie Van Der Walt.

15 & Under: The connection between the attacking mid court and our goalers was on point and what's been missing in previous games. Our defence worked hard all game to stop their goals hitting the scoreboard and using our rolling subs tactically gave us the upper hand. Huge shoutout to Frankie who stepped up from the U13's. We still have work to do this week, step by step we are getting the results that we deserve. Awards: Maya Andersen and Isabella Stead.

13 & Under: Our girls stayed within striking distance of Koo Wee Rup for most of the game, matching their intensity and putting on a strong display across the court. Despite our efforts, Koo Wee Rup pulled away in the final quarter, and we went down by 12 goals. Plenty of positives to take from the match as we continue to build and grow as a team! Awards: Lexi Thompson and Asha Payne.

11 & Under: We knew it was going to be a tough battle, made more difficult with only 6 players. To their credit every player on our team stepped up and played their role. They defended with arms over pressure and took plenty of intercepts, our defensive duo leading the charge. But we couldn't seem to hit the scoreboard. We couldn't have asked any more from the team today, they played their hearts out and we managed a smaller margin in defeat than the last time we met Koo Wee Rup. Well done superstars! Awards: Vanessa Vanderspek and Zoe Cartmel.

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS				LADDERS			
A GRADE		17 & UNDER		A GRADE		17 & UNDER	
Dalyston 51 d P-Island 43		Kor-Bena 15 lt Cora Lynn 58		Kor-Bena	143.78	64	
Kor-Bena 45 d Cora Lynn 41		KWR 44 d K-Bass 5		Nar Nar Goon	135.79	56	
KWR 34 lt K-Bass 45		Dalyston 22 lt P-Island 33		Cora Lynn	121.39	52	
Tooradin-Dal 69 d Garfield 47		Tooradin-Dal 39 d Garfield 32		Inverloch-K	111.19	52	
NNG 38 lt IK 52		NNG 53 d IK 18		Dalyston	119.97	48	
B GRADE		15 & UNDER		Tooradin-Dal	111.79	42	
KWR 47 d K-Bass 43		Dalyston 10 lt P-Island 27		Phillip Island	95.27	30	
Kor-Bena 25 lt Cora Lynn 65		KWR 25 lt K-Bass 28		Garfield	77.16	22	
Dalyston 60 d P-Island 40		Tooradin-Dal 47 d Garfield 8		Kilcunda Bass	87.99	20	
Tooradin-Dal 62 d Garfield 42		NNG 50 d IK 15		Koo Wee Rup	72.61	18	
NNG 50 d IK 41		13 & UNDER		Warragul Ind	60.50	8	
C GRADE		Tooradin-Dal 30 d Garfield 13		B GRADE			
Dalyston 21 lt P-Island 23		Dalyston 18 lt P-Island 29		Tooradin-Dal	181.50	66	
Kor-Bena 20 lt Cora Lynn 41		KWR 33 d K-Bass 22		Nar Nar Goon	154.84	62	
KWR 22 lt K-Bass 34		NNG 49 d IK 13		Garfield	138.10	58	
Tooradin-Dal 36 lt Garfield 42		Kor-Bena 11 lt Cora Lynn 35		Dalyston	137.08	52	
NNG 32 d IK 26		11 & UNDER		Koo Wee Rup	97.49	36	
D GRADE		Tooradin-Dal 19 lt Garfield 28		Inverloch-K	95.17	34	
KWR 20 d K-Bass 17		KWR 33 d K-Bass 4		Kilcunda Bass	109.09	32	
Kor-Bena 28 lt Cora Lynn 33		Dalyston 5 lt P-Island 21		Phillip Island	93.29	28	
Dalyston 21 lt P-Island 29		Kor-Bena 7 lt Cora Lynn 31		Garfield	82.09	20	
NNG 40 d IK 27				Kor-Bena	73.02	16	
Tooradin-Dal 31 lt Garfield 41				Warragul Ind	31.26	8	
C GRADE				D GRADE			
Cora Lynn	177.47	64		Nar Nar Goon	171.74	64	
Garfield	134.87	60		Cora Lynn	184.56	62	
Tooradin-Dal	125.97	54		Garfield	144.62	52	
Warragul Ind	124.71	48		Koo Wee Rup	126.14	46	
Inverloch-K	123.23	46		Tooradin-Dal	112.08	44	
Nar Nar Goon	131.68	40		Inverloch-K	93.39	36	
Kilcunda Bass	102.90	36		Kor-Bena	102.99	32	
Phillip Island	70.91	28		Kilcunda Bass	93.44	28	
Koo Wee Rup	62.71	16		Phillip Island	78.18	28	
Kor-Bena	62.09	12		Warragul Ind	46.74	14	
Dalyston	50.25	8		Dalyston	42.53	6	
17 & UNDER				15 & UNDER			
Cora Lynn	206.65	64		Cora Lynn	310.58	68	
Nar Nar Goon	151.76	64		Nar Nar Goon	314.10	64	
Tooradin-Dal	132.20	56		Tooradin-Dal	304.00	60	
Phillip Island	160.27	52		Phillip Island	91.48	44	
Warragul Ind	129.77	42		Koo Wee Rup	86.86	38	
Koo Wee Rup	107.48	38		Kilcunda Bass	70.43	34	
Dalyston	105.67	28		Kilcunda Bass	70.04	32	
Inverloch-K	73.97	28		Inverloch-K	60.89	26	
Kor-Bena	73.91	24		Warragul Ind	57.52	26	
Garfield	51.32	10		Dalyston	44.57	16	
Kilcunda Bass	28.65	6		Kor-Bena	0.00	0	
13 & UNDER				11 & UNDER			
Cora Lynn	386.90	68		Cora Lynn	302.76	64	
Nar Nar Goon	271.73	62		Garfield	261.11	60	
Tooradin-Dal	249.30	62		Koo Wee Rup	238.31	56	
Koo Wee Rup	100.00	48		Inverloch-K	203.28	56	
Garfield	121.74	40		Phillip Island	154.31	50	
Phillip Island	78.13	36		Nar Nar Goon	102.53	34	
Kor-Bena	101.05	32		Tooradin-Dal	93.26	32	
Kilcunda Bass	71.93	24		Kor-Bena	78.86	28	
Inverloch-K	48.63	20		Warragul Ind	21.33	16	
Warragul Ind	45.60	16		Dalyston	34.33	10	
Dalyston	15.43	4		Kilcunda Bass	20.75	6	



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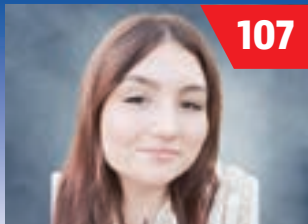
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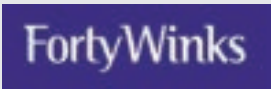


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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 8



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STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

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STONY CREEK	MIRBOO NORTH
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Stony Creek 0.4 3.7 6.10 7.10 (52)
Mirboo Nth 1.2 3.4 6.7 8.12 (60)
GOALS, Stony Crk: J Byrnes, H Funnell, C Stone, C Michael, T O'Connor Linke, T Bernaldo, J Bright 1 each
BEST: M Rowe, J Stone, C Loughridge, J Bright, C Stone, T Stone
GOALS, Mirboo North: R Oddy 3, J Conlan 2, R Kratzat, H Kerr, J Chila 1 each
BEST: H Kerr, J Chila, R Oddy, P Lewis, B Peters, J Conlan

RESERVES
Stony Creek 2.1 7.3 11.4 15.8 (98)
Mirboo Nth 0.1 1.1 1.3 1.3 (9)
GOALS, Stony Crk: A Logan 7, T Horsburgh 3, N Svenson 2, N Trotto, R McKnight, J Brann 1 each
BEST: A Geyer, R Baudinette, C Batten, N Svenson, A Logan, J Brann
GOALS, Mirboo North: T McAllister 1
BEST: W Lewis, P Aveling, J Jagusch, J Hutton, H Reville Gent, T McAllister

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

104

60

BOOLARRA	TOORA
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Boolarra 3.3 8.8 12.11 15.14 (104)
Toora 3.1 4.3 6.3 9.6 (60)
GOALS, Boolarra: B Flanigan 4, B Mason, J Wilson, J Hawkins 2, M Porykali, M Twomey, T Little, J Mason, L Smith 1 each
BEST: B Mason, B Flanigan, M Porykali, S Noy, W Flanagan, J Wilson
GOALS, Toora: L Craig 4, J Bezzene, S Bright, J Halsall, L Marr, J Smart 1 each
BEST: L Marr, J Halsall, Z Clavarino, J French, L Craig, N Nicholls

RESERVES
Boolarra 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.2 (2)
Toora 0.0 0.0 14.11 19.14 (128)
BEST, Boolarra: C Meers, P Haines, D Jones, J Jones, M Dunn, J Wright
GOALS, Toora: J Guganovic 8, L de Boer 6, T Bartels, A Rhodes, J Griffin, J Nicholls, M Shaw 1 each
BEST: J Guganovic, L Anedda, L de Boer, J Griffin, A Vening, J Moore

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

68

99

HILL END	TARWIN
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Hill End 1.1 3.2 6.6 10.8 (68)
Tarwin 6.5 9.9 12.13 14.15 (99)
GOALS, Hill End: B Paul, A Fawcett, H Phoenix 2, S Calway, D Paul, D Fawcett, A Uliando 1 each
BEST: A Uliando, A Fawcett, D Paul, H Moore, E Calway, H Phoenix
GOALS, Tarwin: T Harley 4, F Brosnan 2, M Williams, T Vanderkolk, R O'loughlin, J Staley, B Ellen, C McLeod, N Jones, K McCarthy 1 each
BEST: B Ellen, H Cumming, B Chalmers, J Proctor, J Staley, D Houston

RESERVES
Hill End 0.1 0.1 1.2 3.2 (20)
Tarwin 3.2 8.4 12.5 14.10 (94)
GOALS, Hill End: J Schiavello 2, O Robinson 1
BEST: L Ravenhorst, S Damschke, Z O'Hara, J Schiavello, R Matchett, J Morison
GOALS, Tarwin: R Waddell 5, L Anderson 3, B Senior-Gibson 2, J Chalmers, J Osborne, T O'Loughlin, C Scott 1 each
BEST: Z Bright, L Keily, D Cardy, R Waddell, J Chalmers, E Senior

THIRDS
Hill End 5.5 8.9 9.11 14.14 (98)
Tarwin 0.1 1.1 4.2 5.5 (35)
GOALS, Hill End: H Phoenix 4, D Paul 3, M Balfour, T Makins 2, O Robinson, B Stephens, A Cooper 1 each
BEST: M Hasthorpe, H Phoenix, D van der Stoep, D Paul, R Nave, A Cooper
GOALS, Tarwin: L Jones, H Guymer, E Langstaff, C Gerretzen, B Trevena 1 each
BEST: K. Gow, I. Cameron, A. Francis, E. Bruning, B. Trevena, C. Gerretzen

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Mirboo North win tight battle over Stony Creek

By Rover

MIRBOO NORTH'S brave eight-point win against Stony Creek on Saturday at Stony Creek's racecourse oval, saw the mighty Tigers retain sixth position on the Mid Gippsland ladder.

A large and enthusiastic crowd — many of whom were wearing their respective maroon and white and yellow and black club colours — witnessed an entertaining display of hard-running football with plenty of fierce tackling.

Another interested spectator for part of the afternoon was a Holstein cow, grazing in a paddock adjacent to Stony Creek's electronic scoreboard — that let out a loud “moo” when the final siren signaled a Mirboo North victory.

Julian, Cam and Tom Stone all featured prominently for the Lions and left no stones unturned in their quests for a Stony Creek win.

Other Lions working feverishly for a favorable outcome included Mitchell J Rowe, Cody Loughridge and Jai Bright.

In a fast-moving opening, where much of the play was contained between the 50-metre arcs, it was eight minutes before Mirboo North skipper Hudson Kerr, scored the only goal of the first quarter.

Bright brought up the Lions' first major after eight minutes of the second term, before teammate, Hayden Funnell, scored Stony Creek's second goal.

A clever left-foot snap by Jonathon Conlan restored Mirboo North's lead, before Colby Michael put the Lions three points in front on the half-time siren.

Jesse Chila's long goal early in the third quarter allowed the Tigers to hit the front again, before Tully Bernaldo



The Mirboo Tigers take an eight-point win in a tight contest against Stony Creek. Photo: G.S. Bruning

marked strongly for the Lions and kicked truly from 45 metres.

Mirboo North suffered a temporary blow when star defender, Beau Peters, left the field until the last change, after being crunched in a pack.

Stony Creek maintained its three-point advantage at three-quarter time, after both sides scored 3.3 during the third term.

The final term was a battle of wills, where no quarter was asked and none given, with both sides refusing to wilt.

Stoppages increased as

pressure built on the ball carriers and breaking free of tackles became extremely difficult.

Giant Mirboo North ruckman, Patrick Lewis, repeatedly displayed his palming prowess at the near-endless last-quarter ball-ups.

After the Tigers clawed back the lead through Conlan's second goal, Stony Creek answered three minutes later when Tylah O'Connor-Linke split the middle of the big white sticks.

When Jacob Blair's pinpoint 40-metre pass was marked by

Riley Oddy in the left forward pocket, the Tigers' eighth major put the visitors a goal ahead.

Successive minor scores from Harry Mahoney and Archie Woodall increased Mirboo North's advantage to eight points.

Deep into time-on, veteran Tiger, Alex Windsor, took two overhead intercept marks across half-forward that halted Stony Creek's advances out of its back 50.

This Saturday, Mirboo North hosts top-of-the-table Foster at Tigerland.

Boolarra outplay Toora in finals defining contest

By Rob Popplestone

THERE was no guarantee of finals action for the winner, but it would most certainly be the end of the road for the loser as these two finals contenders clashed just weeks from week one of the finals.

The Demons coming off a hard fought win the week prior and flexing further on the week-end when winning by forty five.

Brendan Mason, Boolarra coach, “Motivation was high heading into today's return clash with Toora after a heart-breaking loss just three weeks ago when we last met. Both sides had different personnel available due to injury with both being evenly matched in a hard fought first quarter which

saw us take in a two point lead at the first break.

We put the clamps on Lockie Marr and Jake Smart to start the second quarter and things slowly turned our way.

With Matt Windsor turning back the clock and more than breaking even in the ruck Bailey Flanagan was able to get forward and impact the scoreboard. He and coach Brendan Mason joined Josh Wilson as goal kickers and at the main break the home side led by 19 points.

The second half saw us hold and then extend our margin at each change until the fi-

nal score saw us home by 45 points.

The back six performed incredibly well carrying a couple of injured players that this week's bye will greatly assist in getting ready for what looms as a virtual elimination final against Mirboo North in two weeks' time.

Simon Noy, Brendan Mason and Bailey Flanagan were amongst our better players while for an under manned Toora Josh Hassell and Lee Craig were excellent contributors.”

The Demon's win maintains their position one game shy of sixth place and importantly keeps their finals aspirations

alive. In stark contrast for Toora, the loss kills off their late season surge towards finals.

Jay Accardi, Toora coach, “Obviously not the result we were after yesterday. We started well in the first quarter and were playing good football but for the last three quarters we were well off the pace. To Boolarra's credit they were able to control the match and play it on their terms.”

Boolarra are one of three teams outside the six, just one win away from forcing their way further up the ladder, and with just two rounds remaining, the next fortnight promises to have quite a few clubs on the edge of their seats.

Tarwin break the Hillsmen's run of late season victories

By Rob Popplestone

HILL End at home were up and about, two wins under their belt in the past fortnight had the Hillsmen believing that three in a row might be possible, even against a Tarwin side that could accept nothing less than a victory to keep their finals hope alive.

Lachie Jones, Tarwin coach, “Happy with the result today and to break a four game losing streak. We were able to set the game up in the first quarter and that proved the difference

really.

We took the game on and played with a real intensity that brought all players into the game.

Our forwards took their chances and played with the freedom we wanted them to.

Well done to Hill End who battled away and made us earn the four quarter effort.

Fates out of our hands in some ways and we look for-

ward to a week off next Saturday then regroup and MDU in round 18.”

After a couple of good wins for the Rovers, the Sharks proved strong, but there is still a light at the end of the tunnel for the Hillsmen who have made no secret of the fact that keeping and nurturing the young talent they have, coupled with some really talented and experienced personnel alongside, there will be better days ahead.

Adrian Burns, Hill End coach,

“Our boys can't be questioned, they keep giving their best, it was always going to take time, a few injuries didn't help our cause, with three of our better players going down, but it was a good game, we were right in it for a lot of the day.”

The league wants and needs a strong Hill End, who for recent seasons have been fighting the best they can with the talent they have, but with some patience and guidance you can expect some brighter days ahead.

Tigers continue their winning ways

By Rob Popplestone

IT WAS the David and Goliath battle, top of the table Foster taking on cellar dweller Morwell East. The expectation was that this might not end well for the bottom of the ladder Hawks having to face the force of the Tigers on their home ground, and so it was.

Sam Davies, Foster coach, “Second week in a row we have kept a team goalless in the first quarter and to two goals at half time which is a really big positive. Our contest work was really good, especially from our mids going up against big Jacobsen. We didn’t allow a dominance or clean takeaways from stoppage and gave our defenders every chance by putting pressure on their ball carriers. It was nice to see our forwards get reward too.”

For the Hawks, it was frustratingly the same story, some patches of what you would like to see, but too much of what you don’t!

Depth is an obvious problem as coach Paul Henry does the very best he can with the talent he has at his disposal. Paul Henry, Morwell East coach, “Hey mate, just landed in Dubai. We took it up to the ladder leaders in Foster. They won comfortably in the end but we played some good footy. If we played like that in our previous weeks, we may have won a few more. The bye this week then Stony Creek at home to finish the season off. Hopefully a win to finish!

For Morwell East the break and even the end of the season will provide a welcome reset, with plenty of work to do in the off season.



The big men fly in a one-sided reserves match between Foster and Morwell East at the Foster Showgrounds. B62_3125



Foster’s Angus Norton takes his kick after an easy mark against Morwell East. B107_3125

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 16

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB



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FOSTER

MORWELL EAST

Foster 4.2 10.4 16.6 19.8 (122)

Morwell East 0.3 2.4 4.9 7.12 (54)

GOALS, Foster: J Best 7, B Flavelle, M Cooke 4, J Flavelle 2, M Allott, J Rathjen 1 each

BEST: B Flavelle, A Norton, J Toner, M Clark, O Callcott, J Best

GOALS, Morwell East: M Jacobsen 3, C Hall, B Evans, C Iorangi, K Hearn 1 each

BEST: M Jacobsen, C Iorangi, J Francis, J Mackenzie, K Chapman, B Kimberley

RESERVES

Foster 0.0 1.1 1.2 1.3 (9)

Morwell East 7.1 11.5 16.9 21.10 (136)

GOALS, Foster: J Lewis 1

BEST: E Smith, J Lewis, J Gay, C Garlick, J Pryor, A Lacanaria

GOALS, Morwell East: D Heyden 7, B Darby-Lock, S Winmar 3, B Mayberry, A Mobourne 2, B Marks, B Atkinson, J Quinn, B Lewis 1 each

BEST: B Atkinson, D Heyden, C Lane, N Nikodemski, B Mayberry, B Darby-Lock

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



39



119

NEWBOROUGH

FISH CREEK

Newborough 2.0 3.2 5.3 6.3 (39)

Fish Creek 4.3 6.4 10.8 18.11 (119)

GOALS, Newborough: B van Dyk, H Gallagher, J Edebohls, Z Skinner, P Ainsworth, C Beaver 1 each

BEST: Z Skinner, W Anderson, P Ainsworth, A Daley, T Peters, J Bowden

GOALS, Fish Creek: H Smith 5, B Mitchell 4, J Stefani 3, S McGannon 2, J Lamers, H Shaw, L Williams, T Vuillermin 1 each

BEST: R De Biase, H Smith, J Stefani, J Lamers, B Mitchell, M McGannon

RESERVES

Newborough 2.1 4.4 6.5 11.5 (71)

Fish Creek 4.2 9.2 9.5 11.8 (74)

GOALS, Newborough: T Mander, J Grant, S Keane, B Dyer 2, L Vaninetti, L Nelson, W Collings 1 each

BEST: J Howell, T Mander, L Vaninetti, D Lupton, W Collings, J McMahon

GOALS, Fish Creek: M Pocklington 3, R Staley, A Bright 2, L Moon, O Bright, W Edgelow, T Sorrell 1 each

BEST: J Anderson, T Piasente, T Sorrell, W Edgelow, L Southwell, O Bright

THIRDS

Newborough 8.5 10.10 16.13 18.19 (127)

Fish Creek 0.0 1.0 1.1 1.4 (10)

GOALS, Newborough: B Young 4 O Hanson 3, S Kippen, H Dunstan, Z Daley 2, A Korab, C Hanson, H Gallagher, M Edebohls, T McCafferty 1 each

BEST: B Young, C Hanson, S Kippen, T McGrath, M Brosnan, H Dunstan

GOALS, Fish Creek: H Brewer 1

BEST: W Edgelow, O Bright, B Boyd, H Brewer, M Chapman, A Bradley

Kangaroos priming up for a premiership three-peat

NO ONE can question the honesty in effort that comes from the home of the Bulldogs, struggling with injuries for most of the 2025 season, Newborough had still manfully positioned themselves to remain a contender.

The weekend however presented yet another challenge in the shape of Fish Creek, which in the end proved too much.

Jarrad Walker, Fish Creek

By Rob Popplestone

coach “A really good game against Newborough. It was pretty close in the first half with a few momentum swings. It was good to see in the second half that we stuck to the task with our work rate and pressure lifting to end up with a good win.”

You get the feeling that Fish Creek are slowly garlicking to

their best, with two flags in the past two seasons, the possibility of further improvement is an ominous sign for any opposition, as the Bulldogs saw firsthand on the weekend.

Pat Frendo, Newborough coach said, “Tough day yesterday. Very similar to the first time we played Fish Creek. Really did our best to stay within a few kicks right up until the third quarter and

then they put the foot down blowing it right out which is disappointing. Credit to them, fit and firing heading into finals, they’ll be tough to beat again.”

Newborough’s season still has a heartbeat, but only just, given this coming week, the Bulldogs now face last year’s grand finalists, Yinnar, with a win crucial to keep finals hopes alive.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 16

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Foster	13	1	240.10	60
Fish Creek	13	1	207.64	60
Yinnar	10	4	157.19	48
MDU	9	5	128.85	44
Thorpdale	8	6	101.52	40
Mirboo Nth	7	7	81.62	36
Tarwin	7	8	94.96	32
Boolarra	7	8	90.81	32
Newborough	6	8	70.40	32
Toora	6	9	83.69	28
Stony Creek	3	11	82.22	20
Hill End	2	12	58.03	16
Morwell East	2	13	53.01	12

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

Jake Best (Foster)	75
Nick Nagel (MDU)	63
Kane Grinstead-Jones (Yinnar)	57

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Yinnar	13	1	419.63	60
Morwell East	12	3	340.97	52
MDU	11	3	338.61	52
Tarwin	11	4	221.93	48
Stony Creek	10	4	151.57	48
Toora	10	5	227.01	44
Fish Creek	9	5	107.35	44
Newborough	4	10	56.73	24
Hill End	4	10	54.37	24
Mirboo Nth	3	11	50.17	20
Thorpdale	3	11	22.58	20
Foster	2	11	36.63	18
Boolarra	0	14	19.01	6

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

Jarryd Garlick (Yinnar)	55
Adam Bright (Fish Creek)	45
James Maurilli-Pullin (Toora)	43

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
MDU	10	2	317.44	56
Newborough	10	2	182.01	56
Hill End	9	4	128.24	48
Yinnar	7	5	119.06	44
Mirboo Nth	4	8	74.44	32
Tarwin	3	9	72.18	28
Fish Creek	0	13	23.77	12
Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0
Foster	0	0	0.00	0

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

Angus McInnes (MDU)	61
Oscar Hanson (Newborough)	48
Darcy Paul (Hill End)	40

Special occasion for Power women

IT'S exciting times at the Wonthaggi Power Football Netball Club with a significant focus with this year's fundraising efforts on the club's contribution to the cost of the new netball pavilion. The total cost of the project is \$1,536,700, funded by Bass Coast Shire Council with a club contribution of \$25,000.

This Saturday, as part of a big day hosting the Traralgon FNC, the club will be staging its annual 'Ladies Day' event, a special occasion dedicated to "celebrating the incredible women who make up our Wonthaggi Power community" which also doubles as a fundraiser for the pavilion.

Start time 1.30pm, tickets via Try Booking for the 'Balls and Bubbles' event.

Saturday, August 9 at the Wonthaggi Power FNC will also feature a reunion of the club's 2005 premiership winning Seniors, Thirds and Fourths teams and competition for the new 'Forty Winks Cup' between Traralgon and Wonthaggi, a major sponsor of both clubs.

The game is a must-win for Wonthaggi in its quest to secure a place in the finals, but no mean feat given the Maroons' 182-point heroics against Drouin last Saturday.

Leongatha is away to Drouin this Saturday before the two clubs meet in the 'South Gippsland Derby' at Wonthaggi on Saturday, August 16 with a lot more than just pride on the line.

Morwell to host Gippsland League deciders

Gippsland Football Netball League has locked in its finals venues, with Grand Final matches to be played at Morwell Recreation Reserve on Saturday September 20.

Other finals venues are as follows:
Week 1: Qualifying Final: Saturday August 30 - Maffra Recreation Reserve. Elimination Final: Sunday August 31 - Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve
Week 2: 2nd Semi Final: Saturday September 6 - Morwell Recreation Reserve . 1st Semi Final: Sunday September 7 - Ted Summerton Reserve, Moe
Week 3: Preliminary Final: Saturday September 13 - Sale Oval

Garfield set for West Gippsland Grand Final action

The West Gippsland Football Netball Competition Grand Final action will take place at Garfield Recreation Reserve on Saturday September 20.

Other finals venues are as follows.
Week 1: Elimination Final: Saturday August 30 - Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve, Elimination Final: Sunday August 31 -Bass Recreation Reserve
Week 2: 2nd Semi Final: Saturday September 6 - Western Park, Warra-gul, 1st Semi Final: Sunday September 7 - Inverloch Recreation Reserve
Week 3: Preliminary Final: Saturday September 13 - Dalyston Recreation Reserve

Trafalgar to hold Ellinbank League deciders

Ellinbank & District League's Grand Finals will take place at Trafalgar on Saturday September 13.
Other finals venues are as follows:
Week 1: Qualifying Final: Saturday August 23 - Longwarry Recreation Reserve, Elimination Final: Sunday August 24 - Bunyip Recreation Reserve
Week 2: 2nd Semi Final: Saturday August 30 - Catani Recreation Reserve, 1st Semi Final: Sunday August 31 - Nyora
Week 3: Preliminary Final: Saturday September 6 - Lang Lang Recreation Reserve.

Anastasio adds fire power to Wonthaggi

WONTHAGGI returned from the long trip to Bairnsdale on Saturday with a convincing 47-point win over the home side, but it took until five minutes into the last quarter before they were able to shake off the persistent Redlegs.

The Power was missing Jack Blair due to injury and Kyle Reid, unavailable for a few more weeks, but they put a well-balanced team on the park with Anthony Anastasio slotting seamlessly into the midfield for his first game, where Brodie Mabilia and Jasper Shone were sharing the rucking duties and the likes of Ryan Sparkes, Kaj Patterson and Josh Bates were providing the grunt at the stoppages.

Down back, it always looks better with Shannon Bray in a key position, providing the anchor for Isaac Chugg, Jye Gilmour, Jaxon Williams and Jarvis Harvey to get into their work. Up forward, there were a variety of scoring options with Cooper McInnes and Noah Anderson leading up confidently, Aiden Lindsay providing experience and a ton of forward pressure, and Hunter Tiziani, Jarryd Blair, Ollie Dawson and co all busy. Bairnsdale had the best of the opening minutes and might have had the first goal on the board, from 45 metres out through Jamie Dore, but the goal umpire and field umpire appeared to be waiting confirmation from the ARC before finally signalling a point.

Jaxon Williams saved the day on several occasions early and looked set for a strong game off half back. Finally, it was Anastasio who announced himself on the end of a coast-to-coast attacking move by Power through the hands of Jaxon Williams, Ethan Dickison, Jarryd Blair, Noah Anderson, Brodie Mabilia and Cooper McInnes before Anastasio bounced one through Eddie Betts style from the angle.

But Bairnsdale's onballers were paying close attention to Ryan Sparkes, while Will Mitchell, Tom Blenheim and the helmeted Lachie Cloak were getting off the chain. They answered quickly through Tyran Rees, following a soft free kick and hit the lead through Cloak on the burst after a Blenheim hand-pass. Shone took a shot for Power and McInnes was tackled without the ball in the teeth of goal before missing the check-side kick from close range. There were a few Power points before Jaxon Williams again drove it forward off half back, through the hands of Chugg, Sparkes and Schulz to Ollie Dawson for a nice mark and goal just before the break.

Bairnsdale appeared to catch the Power napping coming out of the huddle, and went bang, bang, bang to take a handy lead early in the second quarter; Mitchell on the end of good work by Dore and Rees, before slotting it through from 45 metres out, a busy Oscar Clark



Wonthaggi had to work hard in the second quarter after Bairnsdale got out to a three-goal lead at one stage.



Jye Gilmour and the Wonthaggi defensive unit kept Bairnsdale goalless in the second half while Power surged to a 47 point-win by the end of the day.

combining with Byron Vickery for the next, again from range, and Rees unmarked in the square when they won the next centre break. It wasn't panic stations for Power, but they certainly had to apply themselves and Brodie Mabilia and Ryan Sparkes stood up to win the next centre clearance. But Bairnsdale wasn't going away and when their relief ruckman Josh Wykes drifted into the forward 50 and received from Brayden McCarrey, they might have had another from 30 metres out, straight in front but he missed. Wonthaggi had, however, kicked into gear again with Bray, Chugg, Williams and co taking control in defence and Mabilia, Patterson, Bates and Sparkes driving it into the forwards, who were also playing in front and trying to make things happen. Mabilia missed a couple of chances, scoring a point after a good mark and then hitting the post, but the signs were good, Chugg standing up in the tackle to keep it alive for Power on the forward line, and Anderson, McInnes,



Jaxon Williams provided plenty of drive off the half back line in a breakout game from him on Saturday.

Blair, Lindsay and Jai Williams all active. Finally, the goals started to come, through McInnes after a free, and then playing on after support from Bates and Jai Williams for another. The Power players were sharing the ball better, and constantly had runners coming through, at one stage in the middle of the second quarter, five Wonthaggi players handled the ball nine times in an unbroken chain: Bates, Dawson, Gilmour, Tiziani, Bates again, Gilmour again, Jai Williams and Gilmour for a third time. It didn't result in a goal but, again, it was a good sign. A few more Power points followed before Aiden Lindsay earned a free kick the hard way in the goal square and put Wonthaggi back in front in the shadows of half time. After the restart, Bairnsdale redoubled their efforts on playmaker Sparkes, with Lachie Cloak trying to block his efforts at the stoppages, but Sparkes continued to burrow in getting plenty of support from Bates in the clearance department. It made for a congested

contest between the 50 metre arcs in the third quarter, Bairnsdale having its chances before Sparkes was taken high, producing the only goal by either side for the term halfway through. With few out-of-bounds stoppages or delays, the quarter ran for only 26 minutes, and there was only 10 points between them at the last break. It was going to be important which team got the first goal, and Bairnsdale's Rees and Bulmer combined to get the first takeaway only to find Chugg in the way. Jai Williams and Shone got it forward to Anderson who might have goaled after a free kick, but to his credit, he led up to the next entry and produced a match-breaking goal, stretching the lead to 17 points. The Power went right on with it from there, kicking 5.8 for the term while restricting Bairnsdale to a miserly one point, including two running goals, one by Bates and another by Anastasio, capping off a fine debut by him. Final scores: Wonthaggi 11.19.85 def Bairnsdale 5.8.38.



Parrots' Finn Donohue prepares to take down his Gulls' opponent. B118_3125

Leongatha staves off Warragul challenge

WITH Leongatha doing most of the early attacking and quickly booting the game's first three goals, all promised to go smoothly for the Parrots, but Warragul was a stern opponent thereafter, briefly hitting the lead late in the game before being beaten by a goal.

An inspiring chase and tackle from Leongatha's Ned Hanily, in his first Senior game of the year, lifted the Parrots, enabling them to get into their attacking arc after Warragul had taken charge and hit the front through a Jed Lamb set shot goal.

While Patrick Ireland couldn't capitalise on the opportunity resulting from Hanily's tackle, the forward's set shot behind levelled the scores and Ireland made the most of his next chance by marking and booting a long-range major that proved to be the game's final score.

That winning goal was set up by a pinpoint pass from Brok Davidson, who himself benefited from the precise delivery of Aaron Heppell.

Heppell was named the Parrots' best ahead of Ireland, Heppell's usual blend of physicality and skill creating opportunities for teammates, and Ireland complementing his couple of goals with hard work in the forward line and further up field.

While Jay Walker didn't feature on the winner's best



Travis Nash concentrates on his delivery as Parrot legend Peter Helms watches from the other side of the boundary. B117_3125

players list, his tenacity and skill in the last quarter and ability to stick to Warragul's best contributor Tom Hobbs proved instrumental in the Parrots' narrow triumph.

Hobbs seemed to be everywhere for Warragul, regularly

at the coalface when the ball was there to be won, and was the man to spark the Gulls into life when he kicked truly to put them on the scoreboard late in the first term after the Parrots had taken a 21-0 lead.

Big man Sam Whibley was named next best behind Hobbs for the beaten team for his solid day in the ruck, albeit one of his opponents in that role, Ben Willis, again featured among the best for the Parrots, Willis particularly impressing with his work around the ground including an important mark deep in defence.

In a low scoring match, Justin Pellicano was the only Parrot besides Ireland to manage multiple goals, also booting two.

Pellicano's major on the cusp of halftime was critical after Leongatha had followed up its three consecutive goals early in the game with eight behinds in a row.

Coach Lamb and Jordan Stewart each finished the day with a couple of goals for Warragul.

Leongatha remains a win and percentage ahead of second-placed Moe, with three games to come, the Parrots next facing struggling Drouin on neutral territory at Morwell Recreation Reserve.

Parrot Kim Drew will be assessed during the week after suffering a neck issue in a tackle that saw him sit out the remainder of the game experiencing soreness.

Having won six games in a row before running into the Parrots, Warragul is still well placed for finals action, being fourth on the ladder, and starts as favourite against Maffra.

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LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB



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LEONGATHA

WARRAGUL

Leongatha

3.3

4.8

6.9

7.11 (53)

Warragul

1.1

3.2

4.4

7.5 (47)

GOALS, Leongatha: P Ireland, J Pellicano 2, N Hanily, J Hume, Z Lamers 1 each

BEST: A Heppell, P Ireland, H Lindsay, J Hume, B Willis, B Harding

GOALS, Warragul: J Lamb, J Stewart 2, C Mcintosh, X Olsson, T Hobbs 1 each

BEST: T Hobbs, S Whibley, I Wallace, L Carter, R Senini, X Olsson

RESERVES

Leongatha

6.2

7.6

11.9

15.11 (101)

Warragul

2.0

3.2

3.2

3.2 (20)

GOALS, Leongatha: C Watson 4, F Matera 3, J Stewart, B Fort, C Rump 2, J Mackie, C Rickard 1 each

BEST: B Fort, T Gannon, L Marshman, N Skewes, I Fox, J Mackie

GOALS, Warragul: V Kuol 2, D Pearson 1

BEST: J Casson, V Kuol, T Carpenter, H Cant, J Simpson, L Miller

THIRDS				
Leongatha	2.2	2.5	3.7	3.8 (26)
Warragul	1.2	4.2	6.2	8.8 (56)
GOALS, Leongatha: C Bickerton, M Carter, M Croatto 1 each				
BEST: A Logan, M Sheahan, A Fixter, T McKenzie, K Berryman, R Hume				
GOALS, Warragul: C Thompson 3, H Hodge, N McDonald, F Sheehan, L Robley, B Smith 1 each				
BEST: L Moore, T O'Leary, L Robley, T Logan, I Kittelty, J Simpson				
FOURTHS				
Leongatha	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4 (16)
Warragul	2.2	9.2	13.6	15.10 (100)
BEST, Leongatha: S Kreutzberger, N Cameron, J Bolge, M Patton, N Botha, E Reardon				
BEST, Warragul: J Scott, J Winduss, N Young, B De Araugo, C Leighton, F Aubrey				

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB



38



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BAIRNSDALE

WONTHAGGI

Bairnsdale

2.3

5.4

5.7

5.8 (38)

Wonthaggi

2.4

5.10

6.11

11.19 (85)

GOALS, Bairnsdale:

T Rees 2, W Mitchell, B Vickery, L Cloak 1 each

BEST:

W Mitchell, L Cloak, R Tatnell, J Dore, C Harvey, T Clay

GOALS, Wonthaggi:

C McInnes 3, A Anastasio 2, J Bates, O Dawson, A Lindsay, B Mabilia, N Anderson, R Sparkes 1 each

BEST:

R Sparkes, J Williams, J Williams, J Bates, I Chugg, K Patterson

RESERVES

Bairnsdale

3.2

4.2

4.4

5.5 (35)

Wonthaggi

5.0

10.2

14.3

15.6 (96)

GOALS, Bairnsdale:

C Mann, R Cullinan, C Crofts, A Treasure, J Waddell 1 each

BEST:

J Bourke, M Stephenson, J Dorling, N Holloway, S Pollard, S O'Kelly

GOALS, Wonthaggi:

A Busana 5, B Cornelis 4, K Yann 2, A McNeel, E Joma, R Kay-Darts, C Dawson 1 each

BEST:

A McNeel, B Cornelis, K Yann, C Brown, E Joma, S Ori

THIRDS

Bairnsdale

2.2

5.2

8.2

10.6 (66)

Wonthaggi

2.1

3.3

6.4

7.6 (48)

GOALS, Bairnsdale:

R Cullinan 4, M Neate, J Farley, C Moss, B Fenner, C Reed, O Emmett 1 each

BEST :

R Lieuwen, R Cullinan, J Farley, B Fenner, C Reed, M Neate

GOALS, Wonthaggi:

L Lidstone 3, N Pugh, J Brouwers, M Ori, C Duscher 2 each

BEST S McBean, L Lidstone, M Ori, J Burns, W Hullick, W Simmons

FOURTHS

Bairnsdale

4.2

7.4

11.7

15.9 (99)

Wonthaggi

0.1

0.2

0.2

2.3 (15)

BEST, Bairnsdale:

H Young, O Baylis, F Jackson, C Taylor, T Cooper, L Desio

BEST, Wonthaggi:

A Jobe, B Wyhoon, N Pugh, W Hullick, C Milner, B Duncan

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

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SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	13	2	180.72	52	Traralgon	14	1	439.34	56	Leongatha	12	3	137.39	48	Traralgon	15	0	916.19	60
Moe	12	3	173.63	48	Leongatha	13	2	324.17	52	Maffra	11	3	260.34	46	Maffra	13	2	191.72	52
Traralgon	10	5	157.62	40	Moe	11	4	198.02	44	Warragul	10	4	177.36	42	Warragul	11	4	157.83	44
Warragul	9	6	111.52	36	Maffra	11	4	196.77	44	Moe	10	5	163.15	40	Moe	10	5	145.20	40
Wonthaggi	9	6	107.91	36	Wonthaggi	8	7	119.09	32	Bairnsdale	9	5	112.86	38	Bairnsdale	7	8	78.28	28
Morwell	8	7	118.15	32	Sale	6	9	88.54	24	Traralgon	8	6	155.08	34	Leongatha	6	9	66.29	24
Maffra	5	10	72.38	20	Warragul	5	10	45.50	20	Drouin	6	9	105.65	24	Wonthaggi	4	10	46.05	18
Bairnsdale	4	11	81.65	16	Morwell	4	11	74.27	16	Sale	4	11	43.11	16	Morwell	4	11	43.22	16
Sale	4	11	72.65	16	Bairnsdale	3	12	61.74	12	Wonthaggi	3	12	57.35	12	Sale	3	12	46.92	12
Drouin	1	14	40.40	4	Drouin	0	15	8.79	0	Morwell	0	15	24.39	0	Drouin	1	13	48.65	6
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Ben Crocker (Moe) 74					Brendan Holt (Moe) 31					Rylie Baker (Drouin) 62					Brody Stevenson (Traralgon) 69				
Patrick Ireland (Leongatha) 43					Adam Busana (Wonthaggi) 30					Cameron Thompson (Warragul) 35					Fraser Aubrey (Warragul) 59				
					Oliver Haberl (Traralgon) 29					Mitchell Croatto (Leongatha) 30					Bill De Araugo (Warragul) 52				

IN OTHER GAMES.				
SENIORS				
Traralgon	30.12.192	d	Drouin	1.4.10
Moe	18.12.120	d	Sale	17.10.112
Morwell	21.14.140	d	Maffra	10.7.67
RESERVES				
Traralgon	26.22.178	d	Drouin	0.1.1
Moe	11.5.71	d	Sale	10.4.64
Maffra	7.8.50	d	Morwell	5.6.36
THIRDS				
Drouin	14.6.90	d	Traralgon	6.5.41
Maffra	15.16.106	d	Morwell	1.4.10
Moe	14.10.94	d	Sale	5.7.37
FOURTHS				
Traralgon	14.25.109	d	Drouin	2.1.13
Maffra	12.8.80	d	Morwell	2.5.17
Moe	15.10.100	d	Sale	4.4.28

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POOWONG			BULN BULN	
Poowong	1.1	2.4	3.4	3.4 (22)
Buln Buln	2.5	6.9	13.12	14.18 (102)
GOALS Poowong: Z Gray, T Lord, C Cunningham 1 each				
BEST: J Norton, Z Gray, M van't Hof, C Ives, C Cunningham, F Staunton				
GOALS Buln Buln: H Baker 5, A Mitchell, R Campbell 2, J Kos, T Baker, R Bradshaw, J Lane, J Baker 1 each				
BEST: T Baker, H Baker, S Batson, C Kilmartin, B Allen, A Mitchell				

RESERVES				
Poowong	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1 (7)
Buln Buln	6.4	9.9	14.14	17.17 (119)
GOALS Poowong: S Aschenbrenner 1, BEST: S Aschenbrenner, T Smethurst, C Jackman-Riches, J Lewis, R Gray, A Miller				
GOALS Buln Buln: J Morgan 5, M Garner 3, S Dawson 2, M Steenholdt, B Monahan, M Pollard, L Leatham, A Mulconry, B Notman, R Kovacs 1 each				
BEST: J Morgan, M Garner, S Dawson, J Pickthall, A Warner, B Monahan				

THIRDS				
Poowong	0.0	2.4	6.5	8.10 (58)
Buln Buln	0.5	0.5	3.8	5.9 (39)
GOALS Poowong: K Zealley, H Hessels 2, G Monson, J Blackwood, L Wilson, H Bott 1 each				
BEST: J Blackwood, G Monson, A Damon, H Hessels, B Broadmore, K Zealley				
GOALS Buln Buln: A Pickthall 2, C Eccles, C Lindau, J Vaughan 1 each				
BEST: A Davidson, A Pickthall, Z Nakamura, F Bravington, J Vaughan, C Eccles				

FOURTHS				
Poowong	1.5	1.9	2.13	3.16 (34)
Buln Buln	2.0	3.2	3.3	4.3 (27)
GOALS Poowong: D Waide 2, K Zealley 1				
BEST: J Wilson, T Nicholls, K Gilliatte, C Dorian, D Waide				
GOALS Buln Buln: L Heatley, C Bridger 2 each				
BEST: L White, L Kennedy, C Bridger, W Rhodes, L Heatley, J Hutchison				

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

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NYORA				
Nyora	1.3	1.3	3.3	3.3 (21)
Neerim Sth	4.11	11.16	14.27	22.34 (166)
GOALS Nyora: A Coggins 3				
BEST: J Anderson, L Lee, D Heylen, A Coggins, O Paora, L Simpson				
GOALS Neerim Sth: M McGarrity, L Bambridge, K Wilson 4, L Guy 3, A Lockett, K Mounsey, T Morrow 2, W Papley 1				
BEST: K Wilson, A Ramm, L Bambridge, W Papley, R George, A Lockett				

RESERVES				
Nyora	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.3 (27)
Neerim Sth	6.4	9.9	13.16	16.18 (114)
GOALS Nyora: D Norton 2, A Dike 1				
BEST: L Brock, L Forscutt, A Dike, B Smith, M Bhugwanaaa, O Hill				
GOALS Neerim Sth: K Salerno 6, L Kinder 4, X Cox, P Sheehan 2, A White, I Guy 1 each				
BEST: A White, K Salerno, J Williames, X Cox, J Clerks, C Charles				

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS				
Trafalgar	7.17.59	d	Lang Lang	5.3.33
Longwarry	26.10.166	d	Nilma Darn	5.7.37
Ellinbank	19.14.128	d	Catani	6.12.48
Yarragon	11.11.77	d	Bunyip	7.6.48

RESERVES				
Bunyip	7.6.48	d	Yarragon	6.2.38
Trafalgar	4.6.30	d	Lang Lang	2.3.15
Longwarry	19.22.136	d	Nilma Darn	0.0.0
Ellinbank	22.16.148	d	Catani	0.1.1

THIRDS				
Yarragon	15.10.100	d	Bunyip	1.4.10
Lang Lang	14.9.93	d	Trafalgar	7.5.47
Ellinbank	15.10.100	d	Neerim Sth	1.4.10
Longwarry	10.8.68	d	Nilma Darn	9.6.61

FOURTHS				
Trafalgar	17.27.129	d	Lang Lang	0.1.1
Nilma Darn	11.10.76	d	Longwarry	4.9.33
Catani	4.3.27	d	Ellinbank	1.11.17
Bunyip	10.12.72	d	Yarragon	1.2.8

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Conor Cunningham reaches 200 games for Poowong

By Geoff Whyatt

POOWONG welcomed Buln Buln on Saturday in all grades. The weather was great with no wind and the ground was in good condition. The season is drawing to a close with two rounds to go plus finals possible for Under 16's and U/18's and U/15's and 17's.

On Saturday the club honoured Conor Cunningham for two hundred senior games for Poowong. Conor gives everything each week and has great family support for No 2 "Llama". Conor is a great contributor and highly respected country footballer, respected by his team mates, supporters and the club.

Poowong made one change Gavan Monson rested replaced by Jacob Graue to take on the strong Buln Buln side. Poowong kicking to the Nyora end were first on the board with a point. Poowong were working hard but the lack of a strong target was letting them down. Buln Buln goaled from the boundary early, Poowong replied with a goal to Tyrann Lord. The quarter was even with Buln Buln adding a second goal to lead by ten points



Conor Cunningham celebrates 200 Senior Games with Poowong. Photo: Jeff Tull

2.5.17 to Poowong 1.1.7

Both sides worked hard in the second quarter with the ball moving up and down the ground.

Zac Gray adding Poowong's second with Buln Buln adding four goals to lead 6.9.45 to Poowong 2.4.16 at the big break.

The third quarter Buln Buln started to get on top adding seven goals to Poowong's single goal to Conor Cunningham to open up a 68 point lead 13.12.90 to Poowong

3.4.22.

The last quarter Poowong lifted keeping Buln Buln to one goal with Poowong failing to add to their three quarter time score. Final Score Buln Buln 14.18.102 to Poowong 3.4.22

All the best to Buln Buln in the finals.

Poowong best players: Joel Norton contributes every week, Zac Gray another great effort, Mitch van't Hof battled hard down back, Connor Ives has had a good season, a

good contributor. Conor Cunningham great effort in your 200th and Fiachra Staunton fitted in another game before he heads back to Ireland.

Other games: Good win by the Under 16's 3.16 34 to Buln Buln 4.3.27. Under 18's 8.10.58 over third placed Buln Buln 5.9.39. The Reserves another tough day 1.1.7 to 17.17.119.

Off to Yarragon next week, big game for the U/18's. Remember Cozzies Lotto Jackpot Thursday Night.

Nyora outclassed by undefeated Neerim South in one-sided affair

IF coming up against the top team wasn't enough of a challenge, Nyora went into the round 16 match against Neerim South with 12 outs on Saturday.

Playing at the Nyora Recreation Reserve in sunny conditions, Nyora knew it had a battle ahead and ultimately came away from the game happy with its efforts despite the scoreline.

Neerim South had the opportunity to blow out the score in the first quarter but instead recorded 11 behinds.

This came down to Nyora's backline pressure, which forced Neerim South to take marks from the boundary.

Lewis Kennedy and Liam Simpson worked well in the defence, leading the backline to defend the dangerous points of the field.

Neerim South got on top of Nyora in the second quarter.

Nyora's midfield held up well with Dylan Heylen and Lucas Lee working hard all day, but Neerim South had more control

of the ball and more inside 50s.

Nyora regrouped at halftime and managed to put two more goals on the scoreboard in the third quarter.

All three of Nyora's goals were kicked by midfielder Aaron Coggins, who performed exceptionally well all game.

By the fourth quarter, Nyora's fitness began to give out and Neerim South dominated, kicking eight goals in the last 10 minutes to push the score out to a 145-point win.

Next week, Nyora will be playing Catani at Catani.

The last time Nyora met Catani, it lost by 29-points.

With the challenge of facing second-placed Longwarry in the last game of the season, Nyora is hoping to record one more win for the year in round 17.

Although it will be a challenge, Nyora is hopeful that it can bring a competitive performance against the Blues.

Nyora is also hoping to have a few more players back on the ground next week.



Fletcher Kennedy pressures his Neerim opponent with Jordan Anderson in support.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 16

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Neerim South	16	0	359.77	64
Longwarry	14	2	246.18	56
Trafalgar	12	4	263.33	48
Buln Buln	12	4	176.47	48
Ellinbank	8	8	141.90	32
Lang Lang	8	8	122.29	32
Yarragon	7	9	83.44	28
Nilma Darnum	6	10	54.92	24
Catani	5	11	71.25	20
Nyora	4	12	38.87	16
Bunyip	2	14	45.20	8
Poowong	2	14	31.17	8

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Jason Wells (Longwarry)	122
Mason McGarrity (Neerim South)	99
Blake Slater (Trafalgar)	57

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Longwarry	15	1	587.59	60
Lang Lang	14	2	638.11	56
Trafalgar	14	2	319.35	56
Neerim South	11	5	340.53	44
Ellinbank	11	5	243.70	44
Bunyip	7	8	94.17	30
Buln Buln	7	8	82.60	30
Yarragon	6	10	72.53	24
Catani	5	11	52.11	20
Nyora	2	14	25.63	8
Poowong	2	14	8.82	8
Nilma Darnum	1	15	19.50	4

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Bradley Blazevic (Longwarry)	51
Kurt Batt (Lang Lang)	50
Hayden Brock (Trafalgar)	47

THIRDS	W	L	%	MR
Ellinbank	15	0	468.73	100.0
Longwarry	10	4	163.49	71.43
Buln Buln	10	5	219.02	66.67
Nilma Darnum	9	6	144.41	60.00
Poowong	8	6	114.14	57.14
Neerim South	8	7	102.56	53.33
Lang Lang	7	7	134.77	50.00
Trafalgar	3	11	54.28	21.43
Yarragon	2	12	38.87	14.29
Bunyip	0	14	9.19	0.00
Catani	0	0	0.00	0.00
Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.00

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
James Patterson (Nilma Darnum)	38
Charlie Armour (Ellinbank)	36
Hugh Cunningham (Ellinbank)	31

FOURTHS	W	L	%	MR
Bunyip	13	0	378.05	96.43
Trafalgar	12	2	318.10	85.71
Poowong	10	4	167.40	71.43
Ellinbank	10	5	127.50	66.67
Yarragon	8	6	121.48	57.14
Catani	8	7	87.29	53.33
Buln Buln	4	10	74.69	30.00
Lang Lang	4	10	45.30	28.57
Neerim South	4	11	55.34	26.67
Nilma Darnum	3	11	45.05	23.33
Longwarry	2	12	58.46	16.67
Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.00

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Hudson Grujic (Trafalgar)	42
Cruze Deal (Poowong)	36
Dylan Strating (Neerim South)	29

Sea Eagles overpowered by Nar Nar Goon

IT was always going to be a tough day against premiership favourite Nar Nar Goon, but the young Inverloch-Kongwak Sea Eagles battled on until the end.

The Sea Eagles travelled to Nar Nar Goon on Saturday, where the home team would ultimately celebrate a 75-point win in round 17.

In good conditions for footy, the opening quarter was an arm wrestle as both sides fought to make their mark on the scoreboard.

Inaccurate kicking by Nar Nar Goon allowed Inverloch-Kongwak to steal the first goal of the game, with Oscar Toussaint kicking truly to get the Sea Eagles fired up.

Inverloch-Kongwak's defenders held up well, led by Lewis Rankin and Jarvis Pryor, but the Sea Eagles had trouble getting the ball out of their backline.

Nar Nar Goon started to show its dominance and had kicked three goals to Inverloch-Kongwak's one by the first break.

The second and third quarters were a similar affair, with Nar Nar Goon chipping away at Inverloch-Kongwak's chances of a comeback.

Inverloch-Kongwak continued to fight, but the Goon maintained its control of the ball.

Nar Nar Goon missed a few opportunities that prevented a true blow out, but Inverloch-Kongwak also could not convert.

By the fourth quarter, it was a mental battle for the Sea Eagles.

Nar Nar Goon was able to kick away and extend its winning margin out to 75.

For Inverloch-Kongwak, Paul Pattison played the best game of the day through the midfield.

Kilcunda-Bass also lost its round 17 game, which helped Inverloch-Kongwak's season stay afloat.

Inverloch-Kongwak dropped back down to seventh place, but the difference between the Sea Eagles and Kilcunda-Bass is less than one per cent.

It is anticipated that coveted sixth position will come down to the final round. Inverloch-Kongwak's run home includes Koo Wee Rup, the Warragul Industrials and Phillip Island, so it will need to beat at least one top six team to make finals.

The Sea Eagles are set to play Koo Wee Rup at home in round 18. They last met Koo Wee Rup in round 10 and came away with an 11-point win.

Another tight contest is expected this weekend.



Augustus Finsterer takes a spectacular mark for the Sea Eagles. Photos: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Tate Short holds a strong mark.



Harry Butcher boots it downfield.

Finals chances on the line as the Panthers fall short

A LATE surge had Kilcunda-Bass back in the hunt, but Koo Wee Rup managed to hold on to an eight-point win on Saturday.

The Panthers travelled to the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve, where windy conditions resulted in an advantage down one end.

Kilcunda-Bass kicked with the wind in the first quarter but did not use it well enough to take an early lead.

Things took a turn for the worst for the Panthers when they lost midfielder Jack Soroczyski to a suspected neck injury in the opening minutes

of the game.

They later lost backman Lochlan Scott to a knee injury.

The scores were even at quarter time.

Koo Wee Rup had a lot going for it in the second quarter and Kilcunda-Bass was unable to take control and get the game back on its own terms.

Koo Wee Rup had taken a 15-point lead at halftime.

The Panthers took the long break to reflect on the fact they hadn't had a lot of influence on the match and came back firing in the third quarter.

The wind had died down a little bit by the third term, but there was still enough of an advantage to incentivise the Panthers.

What resulted was a fairly even quarter and, although they hadn't made a lot of inroads on the scoreboard, the Panthers had gained enough momentum to deliver an exciting final quarter.

Kilcunda-Bass managed to get within two points of Koo Wee Rup, but a 50m penalty resulted in a goal for the home side, which secured it the win.

Nathan Foote was best on ground for Kilcunda-Bass

and Tim Gunn also played an exceptional game, kicking five of Kilcunda-Bass' seven goals.

Although things didn't go Kilcunda-Bass' way, coach Lee Rowe was happy with the last quarter surge and the way his team fought back after a shaky start.

Despite the loss, Kilcunda-Bass has reclaimed the sixth spot on the ladder by less than one per cent.

Kilcunda-Bass will play Warragul Industrials this week, and will be looking to put on a competitive performance due to the enormity of winning this late in season.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 17

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB



NAR NAR GOON INVERLOCH-K

Nar Nar Goon	3.4	6.7	8.12	13.19 (97)
Inverloch-K	1.0	2.2	3.3	3.4 (22)

GOALS, NNG: H Brain 4, M Gentile, A Pipicelli, D Yawney 2, J Keyzers, K O'Sullivan, S Blackwood 1 each

BEST: J Blackwood, B Rice, J Smith, T Armour, N Pipicelli, H Brain

GOALS, IK: P Pattison, J Tomas, O Toussaint 1 each

BEST: P Pattison, L Rankin, J Pryor, D Clark, E Park, N Baltas

RESERVES

Nar Nar Goon	4.2	8.6	11.8	11.10 (76)
Inverloch-K	1.1	2.1	3.1	3.1 (19)

GOALS, NNG: N Bransgrove 5, C Parker, T Ferrari, S McDermott, Z Smith, J Hamling, E Grierson 1 each

BEST: Z Smith, E Grierson, N Bransgrove, J Hamilton, S McDermott, J Gribbin

GOALS, IK: T Mahoney, H McInnes, B Hone 1 each

BEST: L Williams, T Leonard, H McInnes, J Strickland, C McCaughan, A Cross

THIRDS

Nar Nar Goon	2.0	6.0	8.0	8.1 (49)
Inverloch-K	1.0	3.4	5.5	8.5 (53)

GOALS, NNG: T Millar 3, W Airdrie 2, O Ratten, J Spoard, Z Ferguson 1 each

BEST: M Varty, R Kaminski, T Millar, O Ratten, K Reynolds, B Vandborg

GOALS, IK: J Dugard, R Harris 3, T Debono, M Ward 1 each

BEST: F Anderson, R Harris, J Dugard, C Newman, R Newman, J Harman

FOURTHS

Nar Nar Goon	1.0	1.2	5.4	5.4 (34)
Inverloch-K	0.0	1.0	3.3	3.3 (21)

GOALS, NNG: C Hamilton, T Holland, M Mathews, J Hall, J Cross 1 each

BEST: Cross, T Holland, M Robinson, B Turner, F Shorey, L Crewes

GOALS, IK: M Tonkin, J Martin, A Rayner 1 each

BEST: G Sadler, J Martin, C Newman, J Bowring, A Rayner, F O'Halloran

KILCUNDA BASS FOOTBALL CLUB



KOO WEE RUP KILCUNDA-BASS

Koo Wee Rup	1.2	4.5	7.7	8.8 (56)
K-Bass	1.2	2.2	4.5	7.6 (48)

GOALS, KWR: T Glen 2, T Bindley, W Farrer, T Miller, N Muratore, L Pirota, A Whitta 1 each

BEST: T Glen, T Miller, N Voss, S Ohehir, S Kors, B Head

GOALS, K-Bass: T Gunn 5, B Aldwell, T Cartmel 1 each

BEST: N Foote, T Gunn, L Cartmel, T Cartmel, D Gawley, S Scott

RESERVES

Koo Wee Rup	2.2	4.7	8.8	15.12 (102)
K-Bass	0.1	0.3	1.4	1.5 (11)

GOALS, KWR: D Alanis, R Wilby 1 each. No additional goal scorers listed.

BEST: No best players listed.

GOALS, K-Bass: No goal scorers listed.

BEST: No best players listed.

FOURTHS

Koo Wee Rup	2.2	3.3	3.8	4.9 (33)
K-Bass	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.5 (11)

GOALS, KWR: J. Wood, J. Hobson, K. Shrapnel, A. Sands 1 each

BEST: S. Giles, Z. Johnson, S. Filarski, Z. Ducasse, J. Hobson, N. Cuthbertson

GOALS, K-Bass: P. McKay 1

BEST: P. McKay, A. Oats, C. Burgess, H. Leary

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION	
Nar Nar Goon	13.19.97 d Inverloch-Kongwak 3.4.22
Cora Lynn	14.12.96 d Korumburra Bena 8.6.54
Phillip Island	13.14.92 d Dalyston 6.6.42
Tooradin-Dalmore	23.12.150 d Garfield 4.7.31
Koo Wee Rup	8.8.56 d Kilcunda Bass 7.6.48

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GIPPSLAND	ROUND 16
Wonthaggi v Traralgon Bairnsdale v Sale Maffra v Warragul Moe v Morwell Drouin v Leongatha	
MID GIPPSLAND	ROUND 17
Fish Creek v MDU Hill End v Stony Creek Mirboo North v Foster Thorpdale v Toora Yinnar v Newborough Boolarra, Morwell East and Tarwin - BYES	
WEST GIPPSLAND	ROUND 18
Nar Nar Goon v Korumburra Bena Phillip Island v Garfield Cora Lynn v Tooradin-Dalmore Inverloch-Kongwak v Koo Wee Rup Warragul Industrials v Kilcunda Bass Dalyston - BYE	



Jordi Ceppi dive tackles his Cora Lynn opponent. Photos: Rob Gardiner



Will Croatto for the Giants flies up to contest the ball.

Giants slow down Gardiner but Cobras claim the points

IT was a beautiful day at the Korumburra Showgrounds with no rain in sight. The Giants welcomed the Cora Lynn Cobras, looking to stay competitive for four quarters of footy. Last time these teams met, the Giants lost by just six points. A great kick into the forward 50 by Joel Cuman got the ball rolling for the Giants. Cuman hit his target of Paul Fermanis, who then kicked a great set shot. The first score of the match was an impressive one. Matt Borschman and Boyd Robinson provided strong pressure from the start, that continued throughout the whole game. A set shot from Ryan Gillis saw him score six points in front of his ex-club's bench. The boys were lowering their eyes, able to find easy targets, and were only down by five points at quarter time. It was a fantastic first quarter, with Tyler Newton keeping the Cobras' key goal kicker Nathan Gardiner scoreless. Into the second quarter, Nick Beasley took advantage and snapped a goal. Tom Crocker and Jake Fowles also contributed running goals. Newton and his back line stopped Gardiner from kicking both his 100th goal and Cora Lynn's club record. Gardiner was only allowed three goals for the game compared to his usual average of 7. They teamed together to attack the high incoming ball to Gardiner, preventing any easy goals. Codie Anderson ran his hardest all game, contesting every ball and chasing. Unfortunately, the Cobras were the better skilled team on the day. The Giants went down by 42 points in the end. Nonetheless, injured coach Josh Hopkins was very proud of his team for their high effort. It doesn't get any easier as the Giants as they prepare to face the undefeated Nar Nar Goon next week. The Giants previously lost to Nar Nar Goon by 81 points in round nine, and will be looking to deliver a more competitive performance this time around.

Bass Coast Breakers bow out after a great season

AFTER two fierce contests throughout the season both sides knew they had to come out strong from the start. It was Tyabb who had the advantage early maintaining most of the play, however great defensive pressure from Sophie McCracken-Evans and Brooke McKeon close to goal kept the score at bay. The Breakers lifted in the second quarter with a goal to Tayla Stahl putting them right back in it. The backline continued to repel with Katie Cornish and Tess Wingfield attacking the contest hard at half back. Tyabb once again came out firing after the main break and a couple of quick goals stretched out the lead. Molly Conroy and Lily Jack continued working hard around the stoppages, picking the ball up despite strong tackle pressure from their opposition. The Breakers intensity ramped up in the last quarter and they were able to create more of their usual fast moving play. This created more scoring opportunities with Immy Bradford nailing a long shot on the run. While they weren't able to claw back the deficit the Breakers got on top around the ground and kept Tyabb goalless until the dying seconds of the quarter. Final score: Tyabb 5.10-40 def Breakers 3.2-20 Best: Molly Conroy, Katie Cornish, Lily Jack, Imogen Bradford, Annie Dempsey Goals: Imogen Bradford 2, Tayla Stahl A terrific season of development and most importantly fun came to an end but has set a great foundation to build on in 2026. The Breakers would like to thank their regular volunteers Alan, Clem, Russ, Jason, Chelsea, Jen, Frank, Lynda, Fiona, Ida, Bec, Linda, Robyn, Charlene, Spencer and Stu along with their sponsors The Wonthaggi Club, Bendigo Community Bank San Remo, Wonthaggi Toyota, Nika Real Estate, Copper Door Kitchen, San Remo Hotel Motel, Cardell, Parklands, Phillip Island Winery, Eli Sheerin Concret-ing.

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Bulldogs ease to victory in second half

THE daunting task of taking on the high-flying Phillip Island football juggernaut has been Dalyston Football Club's kryptonite in the last four to five seasons.

In recent times the Bulldogs have used the Magpies as whipping boys whether home or away but that playbook didn't go to script in the first half of their round 17 contest at Dalyston.

The Island showed their usual confidence early with Jay Ladson snapping the opener at the highway end two minutes in. However, the Magpies showed plenty of spark to force the ball to the teeth of their goals to allow Blake Carew to answer.

Dalyston kept up this momentum, winning the centre clearances and with quick delivery to their forward fifty had the Bulldogs rattled. Mitch Hallahan intercepted an over cute defensive pass to kick the next, followed by Carew kicking his second because of another turnover.

Another stab pass went astray, and Hayden Wallis waltzed in for the next six-pointer to the delight of the vocal Magpie supporters.

Set shots by Pedersen, Jack Taylor and Max Walton all missed the mark as the Island took time to steady the ship.

Last placed Dalyston certainly weren't playing like wooden spooners as they transitioned the ball coast to coast to find Hallahan within range for the team's fifth goal of the term.

The stunned Island team needed to reassess quickly 22-points down at the first change and methodically they started to chip away at the Magpies' advantage.

Phillip Island controlled the ball much better throughout the second quarter. By maintaining possession, they were more calculated with their delivery into attack.

Dalyston's backline was under constant threat but the back six did extremely well to only allow three goals to hold a one-point lead at the half time siren.

While the Dalyston faithful hoped that their team could continue in the same vein the Bulldogs showed extra bite in the second half. Billy Taylor started to work into the game and Hayden Bruce was pivotal to linking up their attacking forays.

Nine goals by the visitors to one finished off the game to see the Bulldogs pull away to a 50-point victory.

Dalyston didn't win the chocolates however the crowd witnessed a much-improved effort against top level opponents.



Mark Griffin played his 200th game for Phillip island against Dalyston. Photos: Carol Ratcliff



Connor Thompson becomes the sandwich between Dalyston's Brad Tilley and Kyle Hutchison.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 17

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB



DALYSTON	PHILLIP ISLAND
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Dalyston 5.2 5.3 6.5 6.6 (42)

Phillip Island 1.4 4.8 9.11 13.14 (92)

GOALS, Dalyston: M Hallahan 3, B Carew 2, H Wallis 1

BEST: D Karamoshos, M Hallahan, M Marotta, K Hutchison, J Barry, A Rosenow

GOALS, Phillip Island: J Huther, J Taylor 2, B Taylor, J Patullo 1 each

BEST: H Bruce, C Pedersen, J Taylor, J Ladson, J Patullo, B Taylor

RESERVES

Dalyston 0.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 (12)

Phillip Island 1.6 4.8 12.9 17.15 (117)

GOALS, Dalyston: C Bell, J Brooker 1 each

BEST: J Ray-Angarane, B Sungalis, A Chetland, B McRae, O Luff, J Legione

GOALS, Phillip Island: T Woodfield 7, B Ross 4, L Chihotski, B Davies, J Nicolaci, F Cousins, B Pewtress, E Michaelides 1 each

BEST: B Davies, T Woodfield, B Ross, B Pewtress, L Chihotski, F Cousins

THIRDS

Dalyston 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 (1)

Phillip Island 3.3 6.8 7.14 13.16 (94)

BEST, Dalyston: C Shepherd, R Brinkman, B Anderson, L Harris, M Cameron, R Humphris

GOALS, Phillip Island: O Duggan 3, L Eastwood, C Walton 2, B Murphy, J Larsson, C Wragg, W Hill, J Kelly, M Taylor 1 each

BEST: Y Caffieri, B Hennessy, N Forrest Mabilia, L Eastwood, C O'Garey, W Hill

FOURTHS

Dalyston 0.1 1.2 1.3 2.3 (15)

Phillip Island 3.1 6.2 9.6 11.9 (75)

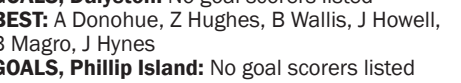
GOALS, Dalyston: No goal scorers listed

BEST: A Donohue, Z Hughes, B Wallis, J Howell, B Magro, J Hynes

GOALS, Phillip Island: No goal scorers listed

BEST: C Fischer, S O'Garey, J Mascaros, H Power, A Williams, M Jess

KORUMBURRA BENA FOOTBALL CLUB



KORUMBURRA BENA	CORA LYNN
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Kor-Bena 2.3 3.3 4.5 8.6 (54)

Cora Lynn 3.4 5.5 8.8 14.12 (96)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: J Fowles, R Gillis 2, P Fermanis, N Besley, J Cuman, T Crocker 1 each

BEST: J Cuman, T Newton, C Anderson, M Borschman, J Ceppi, K Brown

GOALS, Cora Lynn: N Gardiner 2, W Stephenson 1

BEST: W Stephenson, W Thomas, J Munro, M Banham, N Villella, J Edwards

RESERVES

Kor-Bena 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 (6)

Cora Lynn 3.1 6.4 7.8 9.11 (65)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: B Walker 1

BEST: B Riddell, T Walker, J Grabham, B Walker, M Kennewell, J Harris

GOALS, Cora Lynn: J Wilson 3, C Machaya 2, J Black, J Boccari, S Wilson, T Lilley-Hale 1 each

BEST: C Brook, J Ross, J Boccari, L Taylor, K Williams, L Taylor

THIRDS

Kor-Bena 1.1 2.1 5.3 9.4 (58)

Cora Lynn 1.2 2.4 4.5 5.9 (39)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: C Quaife 3, C De Grandi 2, B Hopwood, J Crocker, S Johnson 1 each

BEST: C Quaife, B Riddell, H Simcock, T Walker, C Donohue, S Johnson

GOALS, Cora Lynn: T Handley, R Begbie, Z Pereira, J Iannantuono, H Alexander 1 each

BEST: Z Pereira, Z Taylor, N Cachado, J Iannantuono, G Riek, A Akoi

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Tooradin-Dal 23.12.150 d Garfield 4.7.31

RESERVES

Tooradin-Dal 12.14.86 d Garfield 4.2.26

THIRDS

Tooradin-Dal 19.11.125 d Garfield 1.4.10

FOURTHS

Tooradin-Dal 25.12.162 d Garfield 0.4.4

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 17

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	15	0	305.63	60
Tooradin-Dal	13	2	160.98	52
Phillip Island	11	4	156.77	44
Cora Lynn	11	4	140.30	44
Warragul Ind	9	6	83.60	36
Kilcunda Bass	6	10	85.99	24
Inverloch-K	6	9	85.21	24
Koo Wee Rup	4	11	78.22	16
Garfield	4	11	60.46	16
Kor-Bena	3	13	59.23	12
Dalyston	2	14	52.05	8

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Nathan Gardiner (Cora Lynn)	90
Dermott Yawney (Nar Nar Goon)	61
Andrew Dean (Tooradin-Dal)	35

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Tooradin-Dal	13	2	420.55	52
Nar Nar Goon	12	3	309.00	48
Cora Lynn	12	3	175.97	48
Phillip Island	11	4	259.91	44
Inverloch-K	11	4	204.92	44
Koo Wee Rup	8	7	101.59	32
Garfield	6	9	71.51	24
Kor-Bena	6	10	62.85	24
Kilcunda Bass	2	14	32.60	8
Dalyston	2	14	28.61	8
Warragul Ind	1	14	23.11	4

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Anthony Mirauta (Tooradin-Dal)	38
Lauchlan Gregson (Tooradin-Dal)	29
Brady Ross (Phillip Island)	27

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av
Phillip Island	12	1	283.95	3.69
Inverloch-K	10	2	270.70	3.23
Nar Nar Goon	11	3	213.14	3.14
Koo Wee Rup	8	4	160.69	2.62
Tooradin-Dal	9	5	145.16	2.57
Warragul Ind	7	7	111.52	2.00
Dalyston	5	9	55.47	1.43
Garfield	3	11	60.18	0.86
Kor-Bena	2	12	26.31	0.57
Cora Lynn	0	13	24.64	0.00
Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Tarrant Millar (Nar Nar Goon)	35
Oliver Duggan (Phillip Island)	29
Chayse Campbell (Tooradin-Dal)	27

FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Warragul Ind	12	2	366.44	3.43
Nar Nar Goon	11	3	228.62	3.14
Inverloch-K	10	3	240.36	3.08
Tooradin-Dal	10	4	253.23	2.86
Koo Wee Rup	7	6	55.75	2.15
Phillip Island	7	7	148.94	2.00
Kilcunda Bass	7	7	74.51	2.00
Kor-Bena	3	11	47.25	0.86
Dalyston	2	12	34.45	0.57
Garfield	0	13	10.61	0.00
Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Ky Bannister (Warragul Ind)	28
Max Tonkin (Inverloch-K)	24
Sam O'Garey (Phillip Island)	23



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Robert Passarin on the podium at the 47th World Sporting Clay Championships recently.

Veteran shooter brings home silver

VETERAN shooter Robert Passarin proudly returned from the 47th World Sporting Clay Championships with silverware in hand.

Held in Cyprus on July 25-27, Robert won the silver medal in the individual veterans' category and was also part of the Australian team that took the silver.

To top it off, he won silver in the Veterans' World Cup, which took three international sporting clay events into consideration.

Robert won the FITASC Oceanic Championships in New Zealand in March and came in second at the 2025 FITASC Grand Prix in South Australia, which went towards his World Cup placing.

Robert competed in Cyprus from July 24 to 27 in challenging 43-to-45-degree heat.

He finished equal fifth amongst the 53 Australians who competed and missed out on winning gold by just one target.

As a team, the Australians missed out on gold by two targets.

Robert shot during the morning rotation and was kept in suspense all day as the winning shooter competed during the afternoon rotation.

"It was a close run in the end, and a really good event," he said.

Returning home with his silverware, Robert now has the full complement of medals, having won gold in Italy in 2022 and bronze in America in 2024.

He also competed in England in 2019 but fell out of the placings.

Locally, Robert has been a member of the Westernport Field and Game Club since he was a junior, inspired by his father.

He went through to the seniors but then moved away to Melbourne for work.

Life came along and Robert got married and had children and didn't find his way back to the sport until he was 38.

He has been heavily involved with the field and game club since he was 50.

Now, just shy of 70, Robert has enjoyed travelling the world and

performing exceptionally well on the international stage.

"There are a lot of great local clubs I have to thank – they are all great clubs to shoot at. I primarily shoot with Westernport, but I attend events in Moe, Morwell and Traralgon. It helps to keep my eye in," Robert said.

"I love it. I've always been competitive when it comes to clay target shooting. I'm stoked to be part of it."

His passion for clay target shooting is shared by his family.

His granddaughter, now 16 years old, recently shot 25 straight, and his son and brothers have all been involved in the sport.

Robert said it's the inclusivity that makes the sport what it is.

"Men and women, seniors and junior, and all abilities can get involved with clay target shooting – that's the key. There's no limit to who can compete," he said.

Robert is looking to continue his run in 2026, with the World Sporting Clay Championships set to be held in Portugal.

"I will be trying out for Portugal through a series of selection shoots," Robert said.

"If I continue down the path I'm on, I'll hopefully make the Australian team again."

The Australian Championship is set to be held in Brisbane, the Grand Prix in Cooma, New South Wales, and the Oceanic Championships is yet to announce a location.

Robert thanked his family for their ongoing support.

"You rely on your family so much to give you a chop out so you can travel," he said.

Robert made special mention of his wife Fiona, who has always supported him in the pursuit of his dreams.

He also thanked his veteran team members Ernie Schiedl and Russell Pigdon, and their families.

"Thanks to all the members of the Aussie contingent and the many friends back home for their encouragement and support," he said.

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