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BRONZE FOR PATTERSON

Leongatha's Eleanor Patterson has won bronze in the women's high jump at the Paris Olympics, jumping for joy afterwards with Ukrainians Iryna Gerashchenko (bronze), Yaroslava Mahuchikh (gold) and teammate Nicola Olyslagers (silver) in images that have gone viral around the world. See back page for the full story.

Cost not community decide turbine locations

IF THERE was one thing that was made abundantly clear by the CEO of VicGrid, Alistair Parker, during a community information webinar last Monday night, July 29, it's that energy market and power system modelling, not community consultation, will ultimately decide where renewable energy infrastructure is located.

It's all through the literature released by the State Government last week under the banner of 'Developing the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan', including the following:

"Keeping the cost of energy

low and attracting renewable energy investment to locations where it is most productive..."

"Energy market modelling will be used to identify the most suitable locations to host generation and transmission within the study area from an economic or 'least cost' point of view..."

And Mr Parker repeated the mantra throughout the online session while also answering more granular questions about accommodating farming operations, how close turbines can be located to homes and where high-voltage towers can

be erected.

In Victoria, it's one kilometre from houses for turbines but no formal setback for transmission lines, according to Mr Parker.

And farming practices? Well, they'll look at what farm uses can co-exist with renewable energy infrastructure.

But it stands to reason that they're going to design a system based on efficiency, reliability and feasibility, not personal preference.

They're not going to build an energy generation and transmission system that works its way around local

considerations, just to keep the people of Korumburra and Foster happy, for example, at the detriment of bigger picture issues like developing a power grid that "remains stable and efficient, minimising outages, and adapting to the evolving energy demands of Victoria".

Oh sure, they'll listen, as strategic advisor, engagement and communications with VicGrid, Monique Halliday, was at pains to stress.

"I cannot emphasise enough that your feedback is critical to this process."

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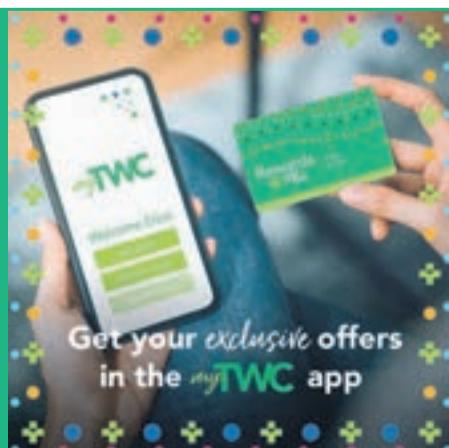
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Celebrating 100 days of prep at Wonthaggi North Primary School.

Preps celebrate one hundred days of school

PREP school students from Wonthaggi North Primary School marked their first one hundred days of learning by turning back the clock one hundred years. To a time when Wonthaggi North Primary School was only 12 years old; their doors first opened in 1912.

With prematurely greying costumed hair, Prep teacher Michelle Inness welcomed families to the classroom to see what the children had achieved so far in their first year at school.

The 19 preppies, all aged between five and six and dressed in period costumes, proudly worked with their families to create a colourful crown and one-hundred-day goggles, as well as working together to decorate puzzle pieces for a whole class display.

The children at Wonthaggi North Primary represent a variety of cultures including Nepalese, Syrian,

Kurdish, Filipino, Indonesian, Pakistani and second and third-generation Wonthaggi North. Some of the local children have parents and grandparents who also attended Prep at Wonthaggi North Primary School.

The school is fast becoming known as a warm and welcoming environment for new families to Australia with a strong EAL (English as an Alternative Language) curriculum and connections with support groups to assist families in settling into the local area.

The area is still growing, and the school now boasts one hundred and sixty students.

"As teachers, we try and make learning fun and engaging, for all learning types," said Mrs Inness.

Wonthaggi North PS has a ten-week kindergarten to primary school transition program called Ready, Set, Prep! where next year's preppies

come to the school for two hours at a time during Term 4. This program helps new students and families acclimatise to the new environment and assists in alleviating any nerves about going to school the following year.

Some of the Literacy programs at Wonthaggi North include 'Sounds-Write' which teaches students the letters and sounds and assists them to develop their hand-writing skills. 'Talk for Writing' allows students to create actions for stories to develop their creative writing and story-telling skills. Numeracy programs include using hands-on materials to explore a range of areas of learning and to develop confidence with numbers, shapes, counting, colours and measurement.

Please contact the General Office (5672 4697) to organise a school tour or for any other information regarding new enrolments for 2025.

Collision rips engine from car

SUCH was the force with which an early model Falcon station wagon hit the base of a tree beside the Bass Highway at The Gurdies last Thursday morning that the impact completely ripped the engine and transmission clean out of the car.

The bad news is the car was a total write-off, the good news is that the male driver of the car, the sole occupant, survived the crash and was airlifted to Melbourne with non-life-threatening injuries.

The single-vehicle incident happened at about 8am when the car, which was travelling southbound, appeared to have left the highway, about 500 metres north of The Gurdies St Helliers Road.

Avoiding the wire-rope barrier on the side of the highway, the car has ploughed through 'The Gurdies' town sign, bashed through roadside bush and ultimately collided with the base of a gum tree where it has come to rest, without the engine.

Police at the scene said the alarm was raised at about 8am but noted that the highway remained open throughout the incident and emergency response, apart from when the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) landed to ferry the patient to Melbourne.

Kernot-Grantville CFA assisted police at the scene with traffic control and fire risk support.



The early model Falcon station wagon, which crashed beside the Bass Highway last Thursday morning, as it appeared after being salvaged from roadside bush near The Gurdies.

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And if the case is made strongly enough about the importance of protecting highly productive farming land in South Gippsland, that's vital to food production, they might identify some of these as areas to be avoided and protected, leaving them out of their approved Renewable Energy Zones (REZs).

But ultimately, it is going to come down to "Power System Modelling", which is a specialised approach used to represent the intricate workings of electrical power systems through computer simulations.

So, community feedback will be included in the decision-making process but a statement in the "overview" of the government's Developing the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan sums it up, with the emphasis on "community understanding and acceptance" rather than on community-driven outcomes.

"We're inviting submissions about the draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines, to make sure they deliver an affordable, reliable, safe and secure transition to net zero emissions while increasing community understanding and acceptance, and encouraging industry investment."

You can also participate by filling out feedback forms and making submissions at engage.vic.gov.au/victransmissionplan

Or you might also consider attending a "drop in" information session at the Koroomba Community Hub, Little Commercial Street on Wednesday, August 14 from 4pm-7pm or Thursday, August 15 from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The other Gippsland session, likely to focus on the offshore wind transmission line study area from Ninety Mile Beach to Traralgon, will be held at the Port of Sale centre on Wednesday, August 7 from 4pm to 7pm and Thursday, August 8 from 10.30am-12.30pm.

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND



TUE | Aug 6

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: NW 15-25km/h

5° 15°



WED | Aug 7

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: NW 15-20km/h
Wind PM: Light

7° 16°



THUR | Aug 8

Shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: N 15-25km/h

8° 16°



FRI | Aug 9

Possible shower.
Wind AM: N-NW 15-20km/h
Wind PM: N-NW 15-20km/h

8° 15°



SAT | Aug 10

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

7° 16°



SUN | Aug 11

Mostly sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

6° 16°

IN BRIEF

Support Group for carers of people with schizophrenia

WELLWAYS have organised a support group for people who are caring for someone who is living with schizophrenia, or schizoaffective disorder.

This is an opportunity to join the group for a chat and be heard by a listening ear and to talk to others who have been through it or are going through it and understand the challenges that carers are facing. Wellways create a safe and non-judgmental space for carers to share their experiences. The event will be held Tuesday, August 13 from 1.30pm to 3pm at the Korumburra Community Hub, 15 Little Commercial Street, Korumburra. Afternoon tea will be provided. For additional information or to RSVP contact Laura or Rebecca at gippslandconnect@wellways.org.

Vinnies calls for more winter clothing

A WEEK of cold nights has put pressure on Vinnies winter clothing stocks and Vinnies stores in Wonthaggi, Leongatha and Korumburra are now calling for more donations of winter warmers.

Donations of clothing and household goods are essential to support the popular charity shop's growing local trade.

The popularity of thrifting is at an all-time high according to Vinnies driven by consumers seeking unique, budget-friendly and sustainable fashion choices that also benefit the environment.

Vinnies Shop Manager in Wonthaggi, Leah Scales, invites everyone to contribute to this positive cycle of giving and sustainability.

"Your donations help stock our local shop supporting essential local community services and giving clothing items a second life," said Leah.

During winter Vinnies needs warm clothing and essential homewares.

Wonthaggi Retail Assistant Manager, Sharon Gordon added "every donation helps Vinnies assist people in need."

For more information on how to donate go to vinnies.org.au or call into your nearest Vinnies shop at 10 Peart Street, Leongatha, 143 Little Commercial Street, Korumburra or 100 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Don't miss Wallace and Gromit this weekend

YOUR next opportunity to see the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band perform locally is at this weekend's 'Wallace and Gromit - with live brass band!' at the WUCAC on Sunday, August 11.

WCB will play a set, including some of their pieces from the recent state championships, before the

current Victorian A grade champion band Darebin City Brass take the stage to play the soundtrack for 'Wallace and Gromit - The Wrong Trousers'.

Don't miss this opportunity to see a great show for the whole family - tickets are available on Trybooking. For more information on any performances or learning a brass instrument with the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band, email wonncitizensband@gmail.com or follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/WoniCitzBand.

Cowes mateship worth a million

A 10-YEAR TattsLotto tradition by a trio of lottery players from Cowes has paid off big time at the weekend with the three mates claiming winnings of more than \$1 million.

The Phillip Island residents held one of the five Division One winning entries nationally in TattsLotto draw 4491 on Saturday, August 3, each division one winning entry worth \$1,044,169 and 77 cents.

The winning trio was over the moon, admitting there were a few times in the past they'd almost changed their numbers. Their winning marked System 9 entry was purchased at Cowes Newsagency and has the three mates looking forward to the holiday of a lifetime with part of the proceeds.

"I'm walking with a bit of a spring in my step this morning!" one of the winning men declared when speaking to an official from The Lott.

"It's a syndicate ticket with two of my good mates. We've been playing the same ticket for more than 10 years!"

"It's come at an amazing time because the three of us have a holiday booked soon. We'll be having an even better time now!"

Cowes Newsagency owners David and Angela Banik said they were excited to have sold its first division one winning entry.

"How good is the feeling knowing someone's life will be a little different from yesterday!" said David.

\$10,000 for Poowong Consolidated School

POOWONG Consolidated School is the successful recipient of a \$10,000 South Gippsland Water Community Resilience Grant that will help ensure valuable teaching and learning continues in challenging times.

The funding was made available after South Gippsland Water issued a precautionary Boil Water Advisory for Poowong, Loch and Nyora in January this year. The Community Resilience Grant signifies South Gippsland Water's commitment to customers and service standards, and community organisations within these towns were

invited to apply.

Read the full story in next week's edition including how Poowong plan to use the monies.

Community feedback welcomed on the Graydens Reserve concept design

A DRAFT concept design for Graydens Reserve in Newhaven is now available and Bass Coast Shire Council is asking for your feedback.

Earlier this year BCSC asked the community for their thoughts on what the future of Graydens Reserve could look like.

"The design brings together a large amount of community consultation. The key themes we heard from our community include the desire to keep all the trees and maintain the open green space within the Reserve," Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve explained.

With this in mind, the draft concept design includes:

- Accessible pathways with seating and picnic table
- A relocated playspace which includes a nature-based theme with climbing elements and a basket swing while making the most of natural shade
- Additional trees and gardens
- A small beginner-level skate park
- The addition of netball and soccer goals onto the existing basketball half-court.

This design also takes into account the future plans of Regional Roads Victoria for Phillip Island Road.

There are a range of ways you can share your feedback including a survey and drop-in sessions. To fill out the survey visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/graydensreserve

Information sessions will be held at the Reserve on Thursday, August 8 from 1pm to 2pm and 3pm to 4pm.

Consultation closes on Friday, August 30, 2024.

More pressure on Gippsland ambos

PARAMEDICS and first responders across Victoria have faced the busiest quarter on record, with crews in the Gippsland Region responding to 6132 Code 1 emergencies.

Callouts to Code 1 incidents in Bass Coast and South Gippsland bucked the trend for the April 1 to June 30 period, likely for seasonal reasons.

Ambulance Victoria (AV) Gippsland Regional Director Ross Salathiel said demand across the Gippsland Region increased by 4.7 per cent or 273 more Code 1 cases compared with a year ago.

Response times were slower in the South Gippsland LGA at an average of 19:35 minutes, compared to Bass Coast's average of 16:13 minutes.



SAT | Aug 10

Partly cloudy.
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SUN | Aug 11

Mostly sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

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POLICE BRIEFS

Woman awakes during aggravated burglary

A FEMALE victim was asleep at 2am on August 2 when she was awoken by an offender walking past the bedroom. The victim confronted the offender who was wearing a black puffer jacket and black hoodie. The offender took off back through the rear sliding door. Investigations are continuing. Anyone with information contact Wonthaggi Police Station (5671 4100) or Crimestoppers 1800 333 000.

13-year-old robbed by youth

A 13-YEAR-OLD was robbed near the Wonthaggi Bus terminal on Biggs Drive on August 2 at 5.30pm by five teenage offenders; two males and three females.

It's believed the offenders demanded the victim's phone and belongings along with his Nike branded shoes. The victim initially refused to comply with offenders who then proceeded to threaten the victim.

Investigations are ongoing, anyone with information contact Bass Coast CIU on 5671 4100.

Car stolen in aggravated burglary

IN A second aggravated burglary on August 2 at 4.40am, two offenders entered a property in Wonthaggi where it's alleged they stole car keys to a silver Ford Ranger and a wallet.

The vehicle was spotted a short time later by police who attempted to follow the vehicle.

The stolen vehicle accelerated at high speed, prompting police to decide against engaging in a high-speed chase.

The offenders then attempted a petrol drive off in Korumburra where both young males were identified on CCTV.

Young drunk driver faces the consequences

A 25-YEAR-OLD male from Phillip Island is accepting his decisions after being caught by San Remo Police during a routine intercept on August 4 at 2am in Cape Woolamai.

Loss of licence was immediate for the male as well as his car impounded after its alleged he blew 0.108 in an EBT at the police station.

The driver will face court at a later date.

Police are urging members of the public to continue reporting any suspicious behaviour or criminal offending immediately to the authorities.

Roads are unsafe, so say all of us

POOR road surface conditions have overtaken dangerous driver behaviour as the top safety concern for motorists according to an RACV driving survey.

Nationals Member for Gippsland South and Shadow Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Danny O'Brien said seven thousand drivers and motorbike riders responding to an RACV 'My Country Road' survey placed Gippsland among the worst twenty areas for road safety.

The Bass Highway from Jarrup to Leongatha and the Phillip Island Road, Phillip Island have been identified as the region's two worst roads.

"I'm sure it will come as no surprise to anyone who has travelled on Gippsland roads," Mr O'Brien said.

Reported safety issues included potholes, poor road surface condition, limited overtaking opportunities and dangerous intersections according to Mr O'Brien.

"The survey highlights the need for immediate action," Mr O'Brien said.

"Successive years of cuts to the road maintenance budget under the State Labor Government have left our roads in a dire state, and this year's budget ensures they won't get better," claims Mr O'Brien.

"Labor is allowing our regional roads to crumble while it wastes billions of dollars in cost overruns for city mega-projects."

More than three hundred collisions have been recorded on the top five worst roads in the past ten years.

Funding for resurfacing and resealing on Victorian roads in the 2023/24 financial year dropped dramatically with only



Road damage is worsening across South Gippsland.

thirty-seven million dollars spent across Victoria compared to two hundred million dollars the previous year.

The RACV will use the data from 'My Country Road' to encourage state and local governments to commit to safer regional roads.

RACV Head of Policy James Williams said the data from the survey indicated that the condition of regional roads has become a major safety concern for Victorians.

"Over 7000 Victorians have provided us with data about safety on our regional roads with potholes or poor road condition being the number one safety issue," Mr Williams said.

"As a safety advocate, it's important that RACV closely examines what Victorians think are the factors contributing to unsafe road conditions, so we can provide that information to all levels of government and encourage action."

"While in 2021, dangerous driver behaviour was the biggest safety concern on regional roads this year poor road conditions

received more than double the number of responses for dangerous driving."

My Country Road was also an opportunity for participants to let RACV know what they think of electric vehicles (EVs) and the barriers to the uptake of electric vehicles.

"The top two reasons participants gave for deciding not to drive an EV were that they are currently too expensive to purchase and the limited battery range," Mr Williams said.

"Regional Victorians have a preference for more charging stations at service stations and rest stops."

More than half of the participants (56 per cent) believe the speed limit on the top twelve most dangerous roads should be reduced.

Sixty-one per cent of participants identified locations where they believe the ninety kilometres per hour speed limit should be reduced to eighty kilometres per hour or less.

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) also agrees lack of basic road maintenance is a major

factor behind the poor report card for roads highlighted in the RACV survey.

VFF President Emma Germano said it was further proof government must introduce a plan to fix our crumbling roads.

"The condition of Victorian roads is having a direct impact on the cost of producing food," said Ms Germano.

"Transport drivers are having to use longer alternative routes to avoid dangerous roads adding significantly to the cost for farmers and consumers getting produce to market."

"The Australian Bureau of Statistics has found food inflation was being driven by a range of price pressures including supply chain disruptions and increased transport costs to the Australian agricultural industry of 5.8 billion dollars a year."

"The undeniable neglect of our regional roads is a result of previous freight strategies never identifying maintenance as a priority."

"The state of our regional roads is an utter and dangerous mess," said Ms Germano.

Even the kindest turn nasty in online disputes

THE moral of this story is don't fight your personal disputes in public on social media.

And you might also have to rethink the idea of warning others about the dodgy practices of business operators and other individuals online as well.

In a case that played out in the Wonthaggi Magistrates' Court last Friday, 2023 runner-up in Australia's 'Kindest Person' award, Teressa Stalker of Wonthaggi, put her reputation for niceness on the line during a nasty dispute on social media over a \$675 cleaning invoice.

How the incident also impacts the charity she operates in the town, the Wonthaggi Community Pantry, only time will tell.

Exactly what transpired between Ms Stalker and the alleged victim, who had engaged the Wonthaggi woman to undertake some contract cleaning work, but refused to pay, not even Wonthaggi Magistrate Natalie Heynes could say for sure.

But it wasn't nice, and it certainly wasn't kind.

Ms Stalker allegedly posted an

online warning to other social media users not to get involved with the person in question, alleging misrepresentation and deception.

She claimed the woman had refused to pay for the cleaning work, later following up with further posts on social platforms and videos on TicTok as the dispute escalated.

Thereafter followed up a phone call between the two where threats of reprisals were allegedly made, and insults exchanged.

It was alleged in the police summary, for example, that Ms Stalker threatened that some "shit would go down" if she called out the Sydney bikies to recover her debt, while also saying the victim was a scamming c-bomb for booking the cleaning work without any intention of paying.

It is further alleged that the victim responded by making some distressing remarks about the death of Ms Stalker's granddaughter, going on to report that she was fearful of the fact that Ms Stalker had obtained her address and phone number.

Legal counsel for Ms Stalker, Brett Cranswick, denied that

his client had used foul language during the phone call, but acknowledged she made one of the videos she posted online while sharing other material allegedly detrimental to the victim.

It was on this basis that Magistrate Heynes found Ms Stalker guilty of using a carriage service (phone and internet) in a manner which a reasonable person would regard as being harassing.

Magistrate Heynes said later, however, that there was still no agreement about what actually transpired.

Another charge, alleging that Ms Stalker had breached a personal safety order by failing to remove some offending posts from her Facebook page was dropped after it was revealed that her page had been hacked and she no longer had administrative control.

Meta, the company which operates Facebook, confirmed that there had recently been some activity on the page, but couldn't say if it was Ms Stalker's doing or someone else. Why Meta couldn't simply take down the offensive posts and remove the page itself wasn't explained.

But, as Magistrate Heynes said in summing up, the whole episode was a sober warning for those who thought they could play out their personal disputes in public on social media.

"The behaviour you have displayed is unacceptable... and I would encourage you to be more judicious with what you put up online in the future," said Magistrate Heynes.

She went on to say that disputes online had the potential to get out of hand quickly and that there were better ways to pursue a debt.

"All this could have been avoided if it had been dealt with in a different way."

Ms Stalker was placed on a good behaviour bond for six months, on a surety of \$500, should there be any repeat offending.

The magistrate found proven a charge of failing to answer bail during a protracted judicial process for the 2021 incident but dismissed it.

Ms Stalker expressed remorse outside afterwards and said she hoped the incident would not impact the much-needed work of the Wonthaggi Community Pantry.

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Homelessness in the spotlight at Parliament

THE STATE Government has been called on to reveal the true state of the housing crisis in Gippsland ahead of Homelessness Week this week.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien has raised questions in State Parliament as 6000 origami homes were placed on the steps of Parliament, highlighting just one tenth of the current public housing waiting list.

Mr O'Brien said in the three municipalities that make up Gippsland South, the number of social housing dwellings had actually fallen since 2015. He has asked the Government to provide the true state of waiting lists in the Gippsland region.

"I was inspired to see the commitment from housing workers and advocacy groups at Parliament this week and hear the stories from local housing workers in Gippsland about how difficult it is for many people to find homes at the moment," Mr O'Brien said.

"These 6000 origami homes represent just ten per cent of the roughly 60,000 Victorians who are currently waiting for social housing. I am very aware that many more are struggling to find or afford somewhere to live in the private and rental markets."

"Victoria is in the midst of a housing crisis and with a 60 per cent decrease in rentals across Gippsland that are affordable for households reliant on Centrelink income*, it is no wonder that homelessness is a growing problem in Gippsland."

"The reality is that homelessness can be a somewhat invisible problem and I think many people might be shocked that learn that more than 7000 people sought help from homelessness services in Gippsland in 2022-23 alone.**"

Mr O'Brien said Gippsland's local organisations do an amazing job providing support for those at risk of homelessness within their limited budgets and staffing levels, but they will simply continue to tread water unless the Government steps up and offers real solutions.

"Labor has talked a big game touting its Big Housing Build, but the reality is it has failed to actually deliver an increase in social housing in our region."

"More particularly, Labor's burgeoning land and property taxes and new requirements for rental providers have seen more and more rental properties withdrawn from the market, pushing up rents, at the same time as making it harder to build new homes."

If you or someone you know is experiencing or at risk of homelessness, please contact the state-wide homelessness service on 1800 825 955 or visit gippslandhomelessnessnetwork.org.au/help.

* From the phn Gippsland Health Insights - Homelessness

Winter Shelter Program seeks interim solution to homeless on the Bass Coast

THE HOMELESSNESS Coalition (HC) was formed in the Bass Coast earlier this year and consists of seven local organisations that are tackling homelessness through the initiation of a Winter Shelter Program.

Members from Bass Coast Housing Matters (BCHM), Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, Country Women's Association, Rotary, Salvation Army, YES Youth Hub and Headspace are aware of people of all ages, who have either insecure housing or who are homeless.

In a bid to create a solution in the short term for those homeless, particularly over these winter months, the HC approached local churches to participate in the Winter Shelter Network.

"The Winter Shelter Program involves a group of churches making a room in their buildings available for temporary, overnight, warm and safe accommodation for people; and so we have been contacting the churches in Wonthaggi," said BCHM member Jessica Harrison.

The group have had success with a few churches so far but realise it's an interim measure.

"What we would like to see long term is a lot more provision for people who are homeless in the short term. The other term for that is transitional housing. But these days because of the housing crisis, there's really no place to transition to."

Affordable and available housing across the Bass Coast has become increasingly scarce, and people on low and even middle incomes are being forced into homelessness.

Homelessness in the region, as reflected state and nationwide, has been on the increase since the COVID pandemic due to disrupted social situations, an increase in domestic family violence and increased financial stress.

Increased financial stress for many is partly due to economic factors post-pandemic, including inflation, coupled with increasing interest rates on mortgages and in turn rental prices.

The lockdowns across Victoria



Homeless coalition collaborators Carol Maygar (CWA), Heidi Vanzet (CWA), Jessica Harrison (Bass Coast Housing Matters), Liz Jacobs (Bass Coast Housing Matters), Rosa Turner (Rotary), Sheree Murray (Salvation Army), Leslie Adams (Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre), Tracey Cobb (YES Youth Hub), Veronica Gribble (Bass Coast Housing Matters), Harriet Nunan (Headspace), Nicky Chung (Rotary), and Beth Banks (Bass Coast Housing Matters).

also saw record levels of migration to regional areas, including the Bass Coast, which is one of Victoria's fastest-growing regional municipalities.

In the Bass Coast Shire, the general population swelled to 42,729 people in 2023, from 34,748 in 2017, more than a 20 per cent increase in the population.

The increasing number of people coming into the region has created a large supply and demand gap in housing and median weekly rents escalated from \$230 per week in 2011 to \$450 per week currently, in both Wonthaggi and Cowes, as calculated by REIV.

Rental stress is classed as having 30 per cent or more of one's income going towards housing. A low income in Australia is classified as earning \$500 or less per week and a middle income is between \$500 and \$1000 per week, for an individual.

In 2021, 30 per cent of individuals and 23 per cent of households in the region were classed as having a low income according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

For the more vulnerable sections of the community who may be unemployed or underemployed, this rental cost is placing these households under significant housing stress.

People suffering from homelessness in the region have increased from 45 individuals in 2016 to 66 in 2021 and presumably, more to date.

Heidi Vanzet, President of Wonthaggi CWA Owl Women,

said their organisation supports and raises funds to assist the organisations on the ground who are directly helping with the homeless, including the YES Youth Hub.

"We've just made a big donation (to YES Youth Hub) and bought four backpack beds for those experiencing homelessness. That's a swag with a sleeping bag and mattress, and it's all fire retardant weatherproof, so there's at least four kids out there that aren't in the rain and the cold," said Heidi.

The Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre (WNC) is a non-profit community organisation where Bass Coast locals, who are experiencing hardship can collect food, share a meal and warm up a meal.

Leslie Adams, Manager of WNC for the past two years, commented that over the past few months in particular, they have seen an increase in people attending the Centre.

"Some days we've got 15, 20 people coming through looking for food. I can't necessarily guarantee that they're homeless because we don't always have that conversation, but they certainly are in need."

However, Ms Adams comments that they do see evidence of homelessness, even if it's not discussed.

"Because we also give out frozen meals, when we're doing that, if we don't know the person or don't know them very well, then we do check they've got somewhere they can heat them. We certainly have people

who come in for a meal, heat them up and eat them here because they don't have somewhere they can go to and do that."

Ms Adams has also seen more women than men showing up, reflecting the statistics which indicate that Australia-wide, females account for 81.7 per cent of the 6067 increase of people experiencing homelessness (2021).

"We've got women with young children. Someone came in today who was suddenly looking after some children from another part of her family. She had eight children," Ms Adams said.

"It makes it real. It's not just happening to people wandering around or people with mental health issues or people that are 'not like me'. They're just normal people trying to get on with their life."

"I think people need to remember that there are humans on the other side of problems."

"... and you know, maybe we're all one redundancy away from a similar situation," Ms Adams comments.

Service provision on the Bass Coast for those who find themselves homeless is poor. The Salvation Army provides short-term Transitional Housing for people, but is consistently over capacity.

The Bass Coast Shire Council have adopted an Affordable Housing Strategy to support and facilitate affordable housing in the region, but that is simply unhelpful for those needing assistance now.

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Hope for homeless with potential pods

THE ORANGE Sky is a charity organisation helping people experiencing homelessness connect in a safe, positive and supportive environment, where they can also access laundry and shower services.

The Rotary Club of Wonthaggi, on behalf of a number of community service organisations, and with the support of the Council, has been speaking with the Orange Sky in the past year, in the hope that they will assess the Bass Coast Region as a place where they will set up a service.

The Orange Sky recently held a launch in Ballarat of their new laundry pod, located at the Salvation Army and invited the Bass Coast team to come along and view what a service in the Bass Coast would look like.

Leslie Adams from the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and Nicky Chung from the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi attended the Ballarat pod launch on Saturday, July 27, discussing the Bass Coast Shire's needs with representatives from the Orange Sky.

"Having a pod in our region would be fantastic. Not only will it be a place for people to access services regularly, but it will be a place to connect people with each other and find pathways for those wrap-around services too."



Leslie Adams (WNC) and Nicky Chung (Rotary Club of Wonthaggi) have been advocating to Orange Sky to have the laundry and shower pods placed in the Bass Coast for people experiencing homelessness.

stated Nicky.

"It will be staffed with trained and friendly people. It's a big bright orange beacon of hope and care in the community."

The Laundry Pod has two washers, and two dryers, placed centrally in the community. It requires volunteers recruited and trained by Orange Sky to staff the pod three times a week for two-hour shifts. Ideally, the pods are located near where a community meal or other service is being provided, or where a food pantry or free

internet can be accessed.

The Orange Sky assess a particular area to decide if they will set up a service. They are looking at aspects such as population size, what the need is, and what the commitment of the local service organisations is.

The services are funded through either a small amount of government funding, corporate partnerships or philanthropic support.

Several Bass Coast community organisations have already sent a letter of support to The Orange Sky to

help them with their due diligence and decision-making. A meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 7, during which The Orange Sky will be providing an update to local community organisations on the progress of their bid to have the services available in the region.

If any member of the community or any organisation would like to write a letter of support, please contact Nicky Chung 0475 871 589 or Leslie Adams 0493 586 728 for assistance, or please write directly to The Orange Sky at their website orangeskysky.org.au.

The Rotary Club of Wonthaggi will be talking about The Orange Sky at the Walk for Warmth on Saturday, August 10, during Homelessness Week, a community event that is being held to raise awareness of the services available to support people experiencing the effects of homelessness in the Bass Coast.

All community members are urged to attend if they can and show their support for a more inclusive community that cares for one another.

Council will be funding a free sausage sizzle at the conclusion of the walk provided by the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi at Wishart Reserve. All are welcome.

Walk for Warmth

WALK for Warmth in Wonthaggi on Saturday, August 10 to learn more about the efforts of local organisations and service providers supporting people who are experiencing the effects of homelessness.

The Walk has been organised by the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi and the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre (WNC) who are also fundraising for food, toiletries, swags and blankets for the Winter Shelter program.

It is the mission of Winter Shelter program to provide shelter, food and dignity for people who need shelter, comfort and support at a time when they are most vulnerable and experiencing homelessness.

Don your favourite beanie and scarf and bring your pet along.

10am Enjoy a hot drink at the WNC and learn about Mitchell House, Housing Matters Bass Coast (HMBC), and the Orange Sky project from Rotary Club of Wonthaggi.

10.15am Headspace: learn about services that are provided for youth 12 – 25 years old.

10.30am YES Youth Hub: understand some of the facilities and hear from the Youth Advisory Council.

10.45am RSL: learn how the CWA are helping people experiencing homelessness.

11am Uniting Church: to learn about the Winter Shelter project.

11.15am Wishart Reserve: free BBQ and an address from the Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve.

Grant program for community food relief

THE Government is helping Victorians experiencing food insecurity access fresh and healthy food with a new grant program for food relief providers in Victoria.

Minister for Carers and Volunteers Ros Spence announced the opening of applications in the \$4.5 million Community Food Relief Program. The program includes two streams of grants that will support local, regional and statewide food relief.

Local Grants will provide between \$10,000 and \$50,000 – or up to \$75,000 for partnerships – to support food relief activities and food security initiatives that meet community needs in a local area.

These grants are available to neighbourhood houses, community and volunteer-led organisations, social enterprises and Aboriginal Community Controlled organisations.

Coordination Grants of between \$100,000 and \$300,000 will fund projects that include partnership and collaboration between regional and state-wide food relief providers to improve food relief supply and distribution across the state.

Applications for Coordination Grants close on August 27, 2024. For more information and how to apply, visit: vic.gov.au/community-food-relief-program-coordination-grants.

Applications for Local Grants close on September 10, 2024. For more information and how to apply, visit: vic.gov.au/community-food-relief-program-local-grants.

Origami houses to highlight housing and homelessness crisis

COMMUNITY sector agencies and community groups across Victoria are seeking to fold 60,000 origami houses to highlight the scale of Victoria's homelessness crisis.

There are a number of ways you can be involved in the campaign from campaign kits to social media tiles.

There has been an increase in the number of people approaching local agencies for support due to homelessness. Across the Gippsland region in the 2023-2024 financial year over 3920 people accessed a Homelessness Entry Point seeking assistance and support.

In March 2024 there were 7179 households waiting on the Victorian Housing Register (VHR) that have chosen a broadband within the

Gippsland region, 600 in Bass Coast Shire and 447 in South Gippsland Shire. These households are on the priority VHR and have demonstrated they are experiencing homelessness and/or family violence.

The Co-Chairperson of the Gippsland Homelessness Network, Mitchell Burney says community support for the campaign shows Victorians are demanding the government take action and step up to end homelessness for good.

"The first step to ending homelessness is ensuring people have access to housing they can afford. There needs to be a commitment to build a pipeline of public and community housing," Mr Burney said.

To get involved see vhv.org.au/housesatparliament



Minister for Housing Harriet Shing is pictured with representatives from the Specialist Homelessness Services, Rebecca Cleaver and Gippsland's Mitchell Burney.

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Mayor's Message



Cr Clare
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I AM thrilled to celebrate the successful partnership between Bass Coast Shire Council and Better Boating Victoria. This collaboration highlights our dedication to enhancing recreational boating facilities, which are vital for both local residents and visitors.

Better Boating Victoria reinvests boaters registrations and license fees into making boating more accessible for all Victorians. This includes boat ramp construction and redevelopments. Bass Coast has been fortunate to receive over \$16 million in grants over recent years to improve our boating facilities for our residents and visitors.

The Rhyll Boat Ramp project, completed in 2022, features a new three-lane ramp extending deeper into the bay for all-tide access. The upgrade includes two fixed jetties and two floating pontoons, a non-powered vessels' ramp, a reconfigured car park, and other essential land-side infrastructure. These improvements boost the ramp's capacity and enhance safety and accessibility, benefiting the local community and summer visitors while supporting local businesses and community groups.

The Cowes Boat Ramp & Jetty Upgrade was completed in 2023 and consists of a new two-lane ramp and an extension to the existing fixed jetty facilitating all tide access. These enhancements increase capacity and improve safety and access for all users.

The Mahers Landing project will introduce a new fixed jetty and a two-lane ramp, with an upgraded car park featuring new car-trailer bays and car spaces. The existing ramp will remain for small watercraft, and a new toilet block will be added.

The Inverloch Boat Ramp Upgrade is due to be completed by the end of 2024 and will commence once Mahers Landing is open. This upgrade includes a new fixed jetty and the reinstatement of the existing rock revetment. This upgrade will improve access and safety, benefiting the community and seasonal visitors.

I want to congratulate our Council Officers for their project management of these excellent community projects. Their expertise has been crucial in delivering these complex marine projects efficiently and successfully.

A special thanks to Better Boating Victoria for their support, I am thankful for the investment in our region and expect the positive impact of these projects on our community and look forward to future collaborations.

Crunch time for social housing in Wonthaggi

WONTHAGGI'S young people and seniors have both identified social housing as their number one priority for Bass Coast's four-point strategic plan during the 'Our Bass Coast Our Future' consultation.

More than seventy shoppers, residents and interested visitors made their views known at a community feedback day in the Wonthaggi library on Thursday.

Top of the list for young people was housing and homelessness. Young people also registered their support for a youth coordinator in Bass Coast.

Community Engagement Adviser for Bass Coast Austin Cram said there was a real passion for social housing.

"Support for the disadvantaged crosses all types of needs including cost of living and housing disadvantage," observed Austin Cram.



Collette McMahon and Dylan Styles from Bass Coast Partnerships, Economy and Culture.

"There's a great sense of pride."

"The beautification of Wonthaggi streetscapes is important to residents."

Grantville residents saw support for local businesses as their greatest need.

Cowes nominated the environment and climate change as Phillip Island's key local issues.

For Wonthaggi, roads and footpaths rated highly along with more attention to the needs of young people, dogs

off-leash areas, more industrial land, cloth nappies, tourism opportunities for seniors, homes and spaces for the homeless and improved rail connections.

The last two Bass Coast community consultation sessions will be held at the Inverloch Community Hub on Tuesday, August 13 from 11am to 2pm and the San Remo Foreshore on Friday, August 23 from 10am to noon.

Cr Laing pursues 'unfinished business'



Members of the Bass Coast Council meet with members of the Cape Paterson community concerned about the prospect of their settlement being expanded northwards.

ON THE eve of the closing of the voters' roll in Bass Coast on August 7, Bunurong Ward Councillor, Leticia Laing, has declared that she will be running for election again in October chasing "unfinished business" for the community.

In her first term as councillor, Cr Laing said she saw the State make some major promises for the shire that remain unfulfilled.

One of them, according to Cr Laing, is the delivery of the Distinctive Area and Landscapes (DAL) plan, securing town boundaries and protecting communities from over-development, that was an election commitment by the State Government in 2018.

Cr Laing says she has pushed for greater protection for the Westernport Woodlands and a winding back of the town boundary in Cape Paterson, echoing the concerns of the broader community.

"Consultation for the DAL saw more than 300 submissions made by the Cape Paterson community alone," said Cr Laing.

"When I was first elected in 2020, there were some big promises from the State on planning and protecting town boundaries, particularly for Cape Paterson and I worked hard on Council's submission to reflect the community's concern," she said.

"Council made their submission to the State earlier this year and we've heard nothing. There was some very complex technical

work that we did to back it up and we want answers," she said.

"It's just not good enough. There is a lot at risk if the State were to break their promise to us. We have one of the largest portions of remnant bushland at risk of being mowed down and the State is sitting on its hands."

Ahead of the October council elections, the voters' roll closes at 4pm tomorrow, councillor nominations open on Monday, September 9 and the mailout of voting packs starts on Monday, October 7.

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The Circular Economy Innovation Fund is delivered through the Circular Economy Business Innovation Centre (CEBIC) by Sustainability Victoria, on behalf of the State Government.

CEBIC works to foster innovation and collaboration across supply chains to reduce waste, increase reuse, and repair and generate new streams of revenue for business.

Bass Coast Shire Council is one of only seven recipients and the only council awarded funding in round four of the fund.

This groundbreaking initiative aims to transform the business landscape in Bass Coast by embedding circular economy principles into local businesses, fostering sustainability and innovation.

The Circular Economy Business Accelerator Program is designed to help businesses eliminate waste, keep products and materials in use at their highest value, and regenerate natural systems.

"We are thrilled to receive this funding from the State Government's Circular Economy Innovation Fund," Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve said.

"This Circular Economy Business Accelerator Program represents a significant step forward in our commitment to fostering sustainable business practices in our community. We look forward to seeing the innovative solutions and tangible benefits that will emerge from this initiative."

The Circular Economy Business Accelerator Program aims to help local businesses transition to sustainable, circular economy models.

Targeting 20 businesses in the Bass Coast region, the free program will enhance understanding and implementation of circular economy practice and stimulate new circular products and services.

Activities will begin with a launch event at Berninnett, Cowes, on August 20, with keynote speakers and a workshop from experts in the field.

The program will then progress to action plan development with all businesses presented with the incredible opportunity of one-on-one consultations including a waste audit.

Businesses will benefit from personalised consultations with a specialised consultant that will help shape their tailored action plan.

Participants in the program will then be challenged to take their learnings and implement their action plans through specific projects within their business.

After 10 weeks of implementation, the program will conclude with a showcase of achievements on December 9.

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Valuable insight for those thinking of running for council

THE need for councillors to set boundaries that ensure they don't take on the responsibilities of council's customer service staff was a key message delivered for budding candidates at the recent Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) 'Stand for Council' information session in Leongatha.

It was made clear that busy people can successfully handle the responsibilities of being a councillor, but they must learn the skill of knowing which tasks to tackle themselves and when to call on the assistance of others in the council team.

"For \$25,000 a year, you could work 24 hours seven days a week and not go close to meeting community expectations of your time," South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis cautioned during the session.

However, she added that new councillors will learn how the load can be shared and gain an understanding of how to meet community needs without having to micromanage.

Attendees heard about the Victorian Government's requirement for extensive induction training of new councillors and learned the importance of the Council Plan and the fact it is a project they will soon be involved in should they be elected.

Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Greg Box said that while there is a steep learning curve for new councillors and they will discover things they didn't expect, although challenging, it is an exciting time.

Members of the public will expect councillors to be available almost the moment they are



Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Greg Box and South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis were among the panellists at the recent 'Stand for Council' information session in Leongatha. A01_3224

elected and the sheer volume of information thrust before you can be a shock.

"There's a lot of reading, and one learns over time how to be strategic with it," Mr Box said.

The common myth that councils should restrict their activities to roads, rates and rubbish was quickly dispelled, MAV CEO Kelly Grigsby stressing that hasn't been the case for decades and that State Government legislation imposes a wide range of requirements on councils.

Those considering running on a single issue heard repeatedly during the evening that is ill-advised and that councillors must do their utmost to serve the whole shire in which they are elected and not only those in their ward, no matter how passionate they are about their

local patch.

After Ms Grigsby provided general background information on councils in Victoria, relevant legislative requirements and the role of councillors, including mayors, she led a discussion with panel members.

In addition to Ms Ellis and Mr Box, the panel consisted of Baw Baw Shire Council's director of governance Martin Hopley and Latrobe City Council's acting CEO Nathan Kearsley.

That panel was eventually replaced with retiring South Gippsland Shire councillor Mohya Davies and Cr Marcia Timmers-Leith of Knox City Council, both of whom spoke about why they ran and their experiences.

Cr Davies described herself as the "accidental councillor," having attended a council election



Knox City councillor Marcia Timmers-Leith and South Gippsland Shire councillor Mohya Davies share their experiences with attendees at the recent Municipal Association of Victoria evening in Leongatha. A02_3224

session in 2008 at which it appeared few people would stand in the Coastal Promontory Ward, deciding to give it a go.

She was initially overwhelmed after being elected but ultimately found the experience of representing South Gippsland Shire communities rewarding.

"I'm proud to say I've served for 11 years in South Gippsland and I've loved what I've done; it's not been easy and some of the planning decisions are the hardest because they affect people personally," Cr Davies said.

She pointed out that being a councillor is a great opportunity for self-development with an extensive range of training available, encouraging young people to consider it as a "stepping stone".

One attendee asked whether

you need thick skin to be a councillor, with Cr Timmers-Leith conceding you do to an extent but that there is comfort in knowing you are part of a group of councillors and won't be solely responsible for the decisions reached.

She also stressed that whatever decision is made will displease someone, so you need to accept that.

To run for council, you must be enrolled as a voter in the municipal district in which you are standing, with enrolment closing at 4pm on Wednesday, August 7.

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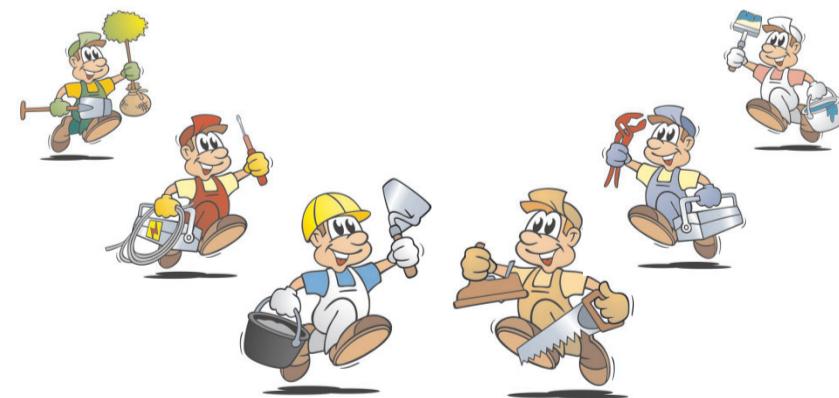


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Hard Waste Collection Bookings Now Open

Bookings for Council's Hard Waste Collection service are now open until 31 August.

The service provides residents with a convenient way to dispose of hard rubbish at home, particularly if they are unable to attend a transfer station themselves.

All South Gippsland residential properties are eligible to receive one collection at a fee of \$157 per property. A reduced rate of \$56 applies for pension card holders.

The hard waste collection in South Gippsland is a 'user pays' service, which is a fairer system, meaning that only those using the service pay for it.

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

For further information, or to make a booking, please visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

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For more information about each event and to register your place, please visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining

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Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 27 August 2024.

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Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 20 August 2024.

RFT/406 – Geographical Information System Replacement
Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 13 August 2024.

RFI/415 – Finance System Review

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 13 August 2024.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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Friends of Coal Creek makes detailed submission on park's future

DETAILS of the future management structure for Coal Creek is an important inclusion Friends of Coal Creek (FOCC) would like to see in the final Strategic Plan for the park.

FOCC completed its submission to the South Gippsland Shire Council on the draft Strategic Plan, following an open meeting held at the Korumburra Community Hub to get feedback on community views.

While supportive of the draft Strategic Plan, FOCC members expressed the view during the meeting that the document doesn't cover certain operational issues.

"We do not see these as altering the intent of the plan but making modifications now would enhance and improve the scoping of the Strategic Plan," it is stated in the group's submission, signed by FOCC president Roger Powell.

FOCC continues to call for a change to the current management approach for Coal Creek, expressing the view the park would be best managed by a separate independent body, moving away from the current South Gippsland Shire Council management arrangement.



Friends of Coal Creek's Roger Powell, Shirley Cowling and Frank Hirst recently welcomed the draft Strategic Plan for the park, with the organisation supportive of the document but calling for the inclusion of further detail. A03_3024

The submission elaborated on how FOCC's management vision for Coal Creek would work.

"We see this as a not-for-profit organisation with an independent Board of Directors who oversee the activities, finances and operation of the park and report back into council on a regular basis," it states.

It is specified that directors would be drawn from the council, both management

and councillors, as well as from community bodies and appointed specialists.

It is argued benefits of the proposed management structure may include increased flexibility in decision-making, ensuring a focus on visitor engagement and reducing politicisation of the park, while smoothing the path for better community participation.

FOCC calls for council to provide sufficient funding to financially secure Coal

Creek's operations over the period required to establish the financial structure and income from the activities highlighted in the 'New Directions' approach section of the draft Strategic Plan.

It calls for a minimum of \$850,000 per year for the next three years, stressing that is the same level of funding as for the 2023-24 financial year.

FOCC doesn't support the rationalisation of Coal Creek's buildings, expressing the view that "We see all buildings as equally important, each with its own story and essential to the village feel."

It argues any review of the buildings needs to focus on maintenance requirements.

The group also calls for the park's features such as pathways, car parking, toilets, barbecues and shelters to be assessed and plans put in place for their improvement, noting these basic facilities are not highlighted for review within the draft Strategic Plan.

Submissions on the draft Strategic Plan for Coal Creek have now closed, with the final plan expected to come before councillors at the August council meeting.

New newspaper planned for Prom Coast district

LOCALLY based news in Foster and other towns serviced by 'The Mirror' is set to return, with community members springing into action when the much-loved newspaper closed, leading to plans for a new publication, currently known as the Prom Coast News.

Members of the Prom Coast News working group and Manna Gum Community House have announced the signing of an auspice agreement, paving the way for the creation of a community-owned local newspaper.

The agreement will establish a community-based governing body to provide administrative and financial management support to the working group for the initial 12 months.

One of the working group founders, Mohya Davies, explained that being under the auspice of Manna Gum Community House provides financial credibility, insurance and a bank account, all of which will help to establish the newspaper.

"Now we have a solid foundation, we can commence



Mohya Davies (Prom Coast News), Genevieve Moore and Kerry Strauss (Manna Gum Community House), and Kaye Rodden and Linda Giddy (Prom Coast News) celebrate the signing of an auspice agreement that will help establish a local newspaper.

applying for grant funding and complete our comprehensive business plan," she said.

While an official name for the new publication is yet to be chosen, it is hoped the first edition will be out in September to showcase the Prom Coast region over the school holidays and the local footy and netball finals.

The intention is to release another edition ahead of the October council elections.

However, Mohya stressed there is still a lot of work to be done to achieve those publishing aims.

"It's an ambitious target and very much contingent on our successful fundraising through grants, donations and

advertising revenue," she said.

There are also various newspaper registration requirements to work through as well as coming up with a name and a masthead.

The intention is to establish a newspaper that is deeply rooted in the Coastal Promontory community as The Mirror was.

"It will be based in Foster but (also) focused on Toora, Welshpool, Sandy Point, Waratah Bay, Fish Creek and probably Meeniyan," Mohya said, suggesting the new publication will cover much the same area as The Mirror did.

"The community is mourning the loss of The Mirror, and it was such a wonderful paper for such a long time," she said, noting there are big shoes to fill, with The Mirror having been a trusted source of local news.

For those keen to learn more about progress towards the new publication, there'll be a drop-in session at Manna Gum Community House on Saturday, August 24 between 10am and 12pm.

Live4Life crew inducted from five local Gippsland schools

ON Friday August 2, 29 students from five South Gippsland schools participated in the Live4Life Crew Induction at the Korumburra Community Hub.

Students from Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College, Mirboo North Secondary College, Foster Secondary College, Korumburra Secondary College and Leongatha Secondary College embraced the opportunity to become Live4Life crew members on the day.

The Induction Day is designed to allow the students to meet all the crew members from across Bass Coast and South

Gippsland Shires, plan their mental health theme for the year, and plan their launch activities.

The Live4Life Program has been proudly supported by South Gippsland Shire Council and Bass Coast Shire Council for two years, giving students in Year 9 an opportunity to learn more about mental health and suicide prevention. The goal is to develop their skills, so they can better support their classmates and friends both at school and in the community. The Program also includes Mental Health First Aid Training for students in Years 8 and 10.



Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams

HELLO South Gippsland.

With the transition away from coal-fired power stations to renewable energy, it is important that both Council and the South Gippsland community provide feedback when engagement opportunities arise.

One such opportunity is occurring now, with VicGrid seeking community feedback to develop the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan. This includes the proposed renewable energy zones, which highlight study areas for further investigation of renewable energy. On the map of study areas, South Gippsland has quite a few Tier 1 and 2 areas.

I understand the level of concern our community has on this and would strongly encourage South Gippslanders to read the provided materials and have a say on what is proposed. Two drop-in sessions will be held at the Korumburra Community Hub on Wednesday, August 14 between 4pm and 7pm, or Thursday, August 15 between 10.30am to 12.30pm. Once you have the information you need, please provide your feedback either in-person to VicGrid or online at: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/vicgrid> You can also call them on 1800 418 341 or email vicgrid@deeca.vic.gov.au.

Council found out about the proposed onshore investigation areas the same time as you all. So, we are currently in the process of reviewing the information provided by VicGrid and will also be preparing a submission on behalf of the community. However, in this instance, quantity is important – the more feedback they receive, the better picture they have of community sentiment.

ArtCubes

The ArtCubes have been on the move again. This time, they're in Toora, with an official opening happening last week. The colourful Cubes will be in Toora for the next four months (until Monday, October 28) and are at the Toora Community Hall car park on Dutton Street.

Stop by and see the local creatives making the Cubes their home for a little while. You can find a full schedule of who will be in the ArtCubes and when at: www.visit-southgippsland.com.au/artcubes

Draft Coal Creek Strategic Plan

Thank you to everyone who provided their feedback on the draft Coal Creek Strategic Plan. The feedback will now be considered and fed into the final Strategic Plan that will come before Council for endorsement. This Plan has been purely based off community feedback we've received, and I think it has been an exciting process for everyone to be involved in. It highlights the importance of speaking up, whether you agree or not, so Council can make decisions based on the best information.

Add your events to visit South Gippsland

We have some absolutely amazing events in South Gippsland all year round. To help groups promote their events to locals and visitors alike, you can list them for free on the Visit South Gippsland website. Add as much detail as you like and a beautiful image, and you're all set!

This information is also shared by Council each week on Facebook to showcase what is on in our region over the weekend. No event is too large or small.

Navigating the Financial Markets of 2024 - A Year in Review

By David Caporale,
Chief Investment Officer of RELIcapital

Over the past year, investors have faced a multitude of challenges that might have deterred less resilient spirits. Yet, much like an experienced climber scaling a daunting wall of worry, markets have ascended despite the obstacles, culminating in another year of solid investment returns for 2023-24. But as we look ahead, the pressing question remains: can this trend continue?

The primary catalyst for this upward movement has been the consistent decline in inflation which has been driven by improved goods supply, lower commodity prices, reduced transport costs, and a cooling jobs market.

Whilst Australia's inflation has fallen, it has been at a slower pace compared to the global trend. It is not uncommon for Australia to experience a lag. Central banks globally have begun to pivot towards rate cuts, with several countries — like Switzerland and the Eurozone — already reducing rates. The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) has been slower to join this trend, with rate cut expectations pushed out to 2025, a move that could further complicate matters for Australian investors.

Despite these uncertainties, global growth has held up better than anticipated, hovering around 3%, bolstered by robust performance in the US. However, concerns about China's faltering growth, stemming from a property market slump, loom large. While copper prices soared, indicating strong demand, the overall economic picture remains murky. Compounding these worries are ongoing geopolitical threats that persist across the globe.

The last financial year saw global shares return a remarkable 21% in local currency terms, translating to a robust 20% return in Australian dollars. Notably, Japanese and US stocks outperformed, driven by enthusiasm around artificial intelligence, which continues to enhance productivity

expectations. Conversely, Australian shares lagged, returning 12%, hindered by concerns about China and the RBA's cautious stance on interest rates.

Australian real estate investment trusts (REITs) saw significant gains, while their global counterparts delivered a more modest return of 4.6%.

Following significant losses in 2022 due to surging bond yields and inflation, bond returns have stabilized, yielding modest gains.

Cash investments returned 4.4%, bolstered by two consecutive years of interest rate hikes.

Australian home prices surged by 8%, driven by a supply shortfall amid a rapidly growing population, which helped counterbalance the impact of rising mortgage rates. Notably, gains were concentrated in Perth, Brisbane, and Adelaide.

Collectively, these factors contributed to an estimated 9% return for balanced growth superannuation funds for the second consecutive year.

Looking forward, investors should brace themselves for a more constrained and volatile market environment. Economists predict continued share market rallies as central banks cut rates and inflation trends downward, several risks lurk on the horizon.

Geopolitical uncertainties, particularly around the US election and escalating tensions in Europe and the Middle East, could significantly impact market stability. The risk of recession in both the US and Australia is palpable, and as economic activity slows, earnings growth expectations could falter.

In summary, while the road ahead is fraught with uncertainty, the resilience demonstrated by the markets suggests that there are opportunities to be found. Staying informed and strategically focused will be key for investors looking to weather the storm and ultimately thrive in the ever-changing financial landscape.

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Exciting times at the Arts Centre in Foster

THE Foster War Memorial Arts Centre (FWMAC) Community Asset Committee (the Committee) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) recently and there were a couple of changes to the leadership structure.

President Peter Clyne, and his wife, Secretary Leonie Clyne, both stood down from their executive roles, making way for nominations to fill vacant positions. Leonie also stood down from the committee, after many years of service. Peter held the President role for 12 years yet will thankfully remain on as a general committee member. During the AGM both Peter and Leonie were acknowledged for their enormous contribution over many years.

Whilst they are big shoes to fill, Paul Greenhalgh has taken up the President role after joining the Committee in May 2023. Emma McKay, who has been involved since July 2022, has taken up the Secretary role. Other office bearer roles remained unchanged, with the Treasurer, Robert Paragreen re-elected unopposed, and likewise, the Vice President, Shane Doherty was re-elected unopposed.

Paul explains it is an exciting time to be part of the Committee and be involved with the Centre.

"There is a Strategic Plan being developed, with the assistance of Michelle Harris from GippSport. This has been made possible through a successful application for a community grant, issued by the South Gippsland Shire Council earlier this year and two donations received from the Foster RSL Sub



Emma McKay and Paul Greenhalgh discussing FWMAC business over lunch recently.

Branch, and the Foster Arts Music & Drama Association (FAMDA)."

So far there has been a survey circulated to all known centre users, in May this year, and more recently at the Foster Farmers Market, committee members and GippSport staff were on hand to speak with, and learn from, the community about what they love about the centre, what needs to be addressed, and what opportunities there could be for the centre in the short to long term.

"We have received some really useful feedback so far from the local communities, within and surrounding Foster, and it is clear there are some things we need to act upon pretty quickly. There is also a real interest in getting the centre pumping with more activity," Paul commented.

"In the short term, our priorities are seen to support current users, like the U3A Prom Coast, and create a

contemporary booking system on a new user-friendly website, that has loads of useful information about the centre and the associated hire fees. We also need to create a centre manual and develop an infrastructure renewal plan, that aligns with the council asset report of the facility. These practical operational initiatives will hopefully be completed by our group of dedicated volunteers in time for the release of the Strategic Plan at the year's end."

"We are looking forward to a brighter future, with new and returning committee members joining, and also setting up a sub-group that focuses on income generation through events that the community will engage with, and hopefully some that will attract tourists, too," Emma added.

"We have plenty of ideas, and will need some help to realise them over time and ensure they are aligned to the much-anticipated Strategic Plan."

Our Bass Coast. Our Future.

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

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

Drop-in sessions:

Tuesday, 13 August

11.00am to 2.00pm - Inverloch Community Hub

Friday, 23 August

10.00am to 12.00pm - San Remo Foreshore

Online survey

<https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ourbasscoastourfuture>

Complete our survey



Insurance premium hikes, don't get caught out

VICTORIA'S public insurers are haemorrhaging under a \$1 billion blowout in public insurance premiums according to the State Opposition and there could be more pain to come.

Shadow Minister for Finance, Jess Wilson claimed last week that "Victoria's public insurers have been run into the ground. If these agencies were operating in the private sector, they would have gone out of business long ago."

Faced with rapidly rising insurance premiums, householders have also been warned by the RACV against underestimating the value of their homes and property.

Several factors contribute to higher insurance premiums including inflationary-driven cost pressures such as labour, motor vehicle parts costs and the increasing frequency of major weather events, leading to higher global reinsurance costs.

RACV General Manager Home, Bill Bloodworth warns against underinsurance.

"Underinsurance is a major problem in Australia, particularly given the prevalence of natural disasters."

Building underinsurance is where the insured value of a home is insufficient to cover the cost of rebuilding or repairing.

Contents underinsurance is when the replacement value of general household items and personal belongings, such as jewellery, electronics, or artwork, is not accurately assessed and the insured amount may not be enough to fully replace the items.

Underinsurance according to the RACV can have devastating financial consequences.

After a bushfire or flood, a home can become a total loss where the home needs to be completely rebuilt or most of the contents need to be replaced.

If the household doesn't have sufficient home and contents insurance to fully rebuild their home or replace their contents it makes an already distressing situation much worse.

"It may even mean the home can't be rebuilt to the same size or quality of fixtures and fittings, or that the homeowner is forced to borrow additional funds to rebuild the home and replace their contents," said Mr Bloodworth.

"The problem with underinsurance is that you don't often know you're underinsured

until it's too late, potentially causing a major financial and emotional headache when you are already under great stress.

"Victims of major events such as fire, storm damage or theft might have taken out what was the appropriate level of home and contents insurance coverage at the time but have not regularly reviewed their level of insurance coverage since only to find out they're underinsured when they need their home and contents insurance cover the most."

One of the best ways to safeguard against underinsurance is to engage with professionals, such as builders and valuers, to get an estimate of the costs involved in rebuilding a home.

"Regular use of online building insurance and home contents insurance calculators can also help you gauge home rebuilding costs and the costs of replacing household possessions.

The Insurance Council of Australia noted that motor vehicles are becoming more complex and sophisticated to repair.

"A small ding that might have once sent an owner to the panel beaters for a straight-forward repair now requires fixing and testing the complex sensors that are used for navigation and safety systems," said the Insurance Council.

Suggested ways to limit the cost of insurance premiums include parking the car safely in secure off-street or lock-up parking, maintaining a good driving record to reduce the risk of making a claim, buying a car fitted with safety and security devices to reduce the risk of theft and damage, driving less often, choosing a higher excess or choosing to insure for market value instead of agreed value.

The RACV has released new online resources to help people understand the risks of underinsuring their homes and what they can do about it.

"Our customer support team is available to help anyone who requires assistance with their insurance needs including a Teletypewriter service for those who are deaf," Mr Bloodworth said.

RACV members who are facing cost of living pressures can contact the RACV to discuss their individual circumstances.

For more information visit racv.com.au/insurance/home-insurance

Leonard endorsed independent for Monash

THE Voices for Monash (V4M) Committee is pleased to announce Deb Leonard as their Independent candidate at the next federal election. After an extensive process and applicant EOI period, the two chosen applicants were presented at a members only event (also live streamed) on Sunday, July 28 – answering a range of questions. Following the event, voting was open to members for 24 hours to select their next V4M endorsed community independent candidate for Monash.

Deb Leonard is a well-known lawyer from Phillip Island who ran a very successful, yet short, three-month campaign in 2022 resulting in a strong third in the federal election – gaining over 10 per cent of the primary vote. The Monash electorate is now considered a marginal seat with only a 2.9 per cent margin to the current member.

Deb has pledged to be positive and inclusive, representing all of the communities throughout Monash. Until the federal election is called, Deb will meet with community groups across the electorate to hear what their issues are and how she can best represent them.

"I am incredibly honoured and excited to receive endorsement from the members of Voices for Monash, to be the community independent candidate at the next federal election," Deb stated.

"It's so powerful that people can have a say in who represents them, and then work with that candidate to form policies that are suitable for this community. As an independent, I can prioritise our community's best interests, rather than being tied to party policy.

"An Independent can work productively with both sides of government to make sure Monash gets the funding and infrastructure it deserves after being ignored by the major parties for so long. As we have seen from



Deb Leonard will run as the next independent candidate at the next federal election.

other community independents, I plan to bring common sense, integrity, and transparency to parliament.

"I thank the Voices for Monash committee for their hard work in ensuring a transparent and inclusive process allowing all parts of the community to participate. You'd never see a party preselection process livestreamed!

"I also thank and commend Tim O'Brien who also put forward an expression of interest. It is a courageous and generous act to offer yourself up as a community candidate.

"I urge all community members who care about their future and want to have a say in how we can improve our beautiful region to sign up to my mailing list and get involved in the campaign."

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Pathways into Health services employment

BASS Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) is introducing an exciting new course designed to prepare adults for entry-level positions within the health services industry. The 'Get Ready to Work in Health Support Services' course will provide participants with essential skills and knowledge necessary for various non-clinical roles in hospitals and healthcare facilities.

This course caters to individuals seeking job opportunities without formal qualifications and will cover a broad range of topics crucial for success in positions like food services, cleaning, facilities maintenance, medical reception, hospital attendants, and environmental services.

Participants will engage with practical subjects such as safe food handling, infection control practices, and effective workplace communication specific to healthcare settings. The curriculum will also include sections on understanding job roles, enhancing application processes, and networking with local health service professionals to boost job prospects.

Olivia Hurrell, Partnerships Coordinator at BCAL, expressed, "This course provides an outstanding opportunity for those looking to kickstart a career in the health support services field. Whether you are seeking part-time, casual, or flexible work options, this program equips you with the skills and connections necessary for success."

Going beyond basic job readiness, the course will explore potential career paths within the sector, including progression to roles like theatre technician through further education and training opportunities. Experienced guest speakers from various health services employment areas will provide insights and advice to offer participants a comprehensive view of the industry.

Enrolment for the course is currently open, and interested individuals are advised to secure their spot early due to limited availability. To enroll or for further details, prospective participants can visit bcal.vic.edu.au or contact 5672 3115.

Newhaven College Colour Fun Run

AFTER last year's highly successful Colour Run, Newhaven College's Parent and Friends Association (PFA) decided to set up an even bigger and better event for 2024. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm from the youngest Prep, through to Year 12s and teachers all happy to be blasted with coloured powder.

The Colour Fun Run took place on the College oval on Friday, August 2. The sunny and breezy conditions made for the perfect experience. Students from Prep to Year 12 got into the spirit of the event, running through an obstacle course while parent and student volunteers ensured they exploded with colour.

Clouds of coloured powder wafted across the grass, seeking out students and onlookers alike. Some of the students had a lot of fun with costumes, with Shaun the Sheep, a robot, polar bears, astronauts, storm-troopers and unicorns parading the grounds. It proved to be an incredible mid-winter cobweb clearer, with hysterical laughter ringing across campus.

President of the PFA, Angel Chambers was thrilled with the enthusiasm shown by all who participated and is proud of the



Newhaven College Middle School students getting into the spirit of the colour run on a stunning Friday morning.

PFA fundraising efforts so far.

"The Crazy Colour Day Fun Run has helped raise funds towards the PFA Giving Fund which has been established to support and enhance the school and educational experience for students. The PFA fund has supported several important initiatives this year including a donation to the MTB Club for

a trailer, the Music Department for a performance stage and Shades of Pink, a breast cancer charity. However, the event was viewed as more than a fundraising event. It was seen as an opportunity for the entire school of over 900 students, from Prep to Year 12, and teachers, to create memories and participate in a fun school-wide event."

The PFA wants to extend thanks to everyone who helped support and make the Colour Run a successful event; Principal Mr Corr, Heads of Sub-Schools Ms Huther, Mr Arceo and Mr Torstonson, teachers, maintenance staff, volunteers, parents and those in the community who helped raise funds and make it a memorable day for all those involved.

Speed Careers Day inspires students to pursue their passions

OVER 250 eager year nine students at Bass Coast College had the unique opportunity to meet and learn from a diverse group of local professionals during the school's recent Speed Careers Day.

The event, aimed at helping students explore a wide range of career options; providing the students with an opportunity to meet and learn directly from local people working across a range of jobs. It was also a chance to introduce them to local opportunities and encourage them to start thinking about life post-secondary school.

The individual volunteers working in various industries shared insights on their careers and educational journeys. From councillors to paramedics, police officers to trades, students were able to engage with professionals from different fields and gain valuable knowledge about potential career paths.

The interactive format of the event allowed students to ask questions, hear personal stories, and learn about the day-to-day responsibilities of different professions. Many students left feeling inspired and motivated to pursue their passions and interests.



Year nine Bass Coast College students shared their career ambitions with volunteers from the community during a Speed Careers conversation session. Z04_3224

For the third year running over 45 volunteers were rotating around the basketball stadium of the Wonthaggi Senior Campus offering a broad range of occupation and career pathway journeys.

The initiative has been co-designed by local organisations working collaboratively to support the aspirations of young people in the region, including Country University Centre (CUC), South Gippsland and Bass Coast Local Learning and

Employment Network, YES Youth Hub and Maxima Employment.

Sarah Bourke of CUC welcomed the students at the beginning of the session and shared that the format of the day was designed to engage and inspire young people to start thinking about their futures.

"The organisers want to acknowledge the tremendous contribution of the volunteers who had given up their time to share their stories. Students

fired away with a range of questions that provoked them to reflect on their personal journeys, with many commenting that they were "non-linear" and that the best piece of advice that they had been given was to "put yourself in new situations, don't think that you need to have all the answers and follow your passions."

Owner of Wonthaggi Bass, Dr. O'ouin and Warragul McDonald's Felicity Wilson volunteered her time for the double session and shared that obtaining first-time employment as a student is just the beginning.

"I encourage all students to start their journey with a part-time job – it doesn't have to be in the industry you're necessarily interested in following, but the valuable lessons you'll learn in part-time work will be instrumental when finishing high school and starting your career path," said Felicity.

If you are interested in supporting young people in the South Gippsland and Bass Coast region, Nicole Milner at SGBC LLEN is seeking volunteers to participate in future speed career sessions at other local schools, for further information email nicole@sgbllen.org.au.



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New Shield Master Leongatha owners Brad and Belinda Egan take over from long-term owners Sharon and Phil Jones. A42_3124

New owners but same great service at Shield Master Leongatha

WHILE long-term owners of Shield Master in Leongatha, Phil and Sharon Jones, have retired, customers are assured of the same friendly and efficient service with new owners Brad and Belinda Egan retaining the existing staff.

Belinda and Brad have a well-established connection with the business, Belinda explained.

"Four years ago, we took over the shed part of the Shield Master business, and now we've taken over the rest," she said.

That includes installing 'Stratco Outback' patios, decks and pergolas.

"Brad being a registered builder is licensed to complete decks, pergolas and small renovations."

Belinda said, with the business also offering security window shutters and roller blinds.

Belinda outlined the roles of the business' seven staff.

"We've got a qualified roofing plumber, apprentice roofing plumber, three qualified carpenters, a labourer and Sheree in the office."

As a registered builder, Brad will conduct site visits and provide quotes, while Belinda will be busy with administrative tasks and business management.

Belinda expressed her appreciation for the help Phil and Sharon provided during the two-week transition period.

"Brad was learning the programs and how the operations

work," she explained, with Sharon familiarising Belinda with the required administrative tasks.

Phil and Sharon will provide ongoing support for the new owners when needed, something Belinda and Brad greatly appreciate.

Belinda summed up what it means to take over the Shield Master business.

"It's a great opportunity to service South Gippsland and Bass Coast and surrounds," Belinda said, stressing that services can be tailored to individual needs.

Shield Master is located at 11a Anderson Street, Leongatha.

The shed operation runs separately in Leongatha's industrial estate.

Rates determine market direction

WITH the Reserve Bank of Australia announcing the interest rate at 2.30pm today and the Consumer Price Index (CPI) sitting at 3.6 per cent, well above the RBA target range of between two and three per cent it could mean a hike in the 4.35 per cent rate.

"We're waiting on where we're going with interest rates. It's the thing that people are keeping an eye out on," said Tony Giles, Sales Agent with Alex Scott & Staff Leongatha.

Over the past 18 months, the market generally has stabilised and prices have decreased locally, alongside other regional areas, where metropolitan prices have held up.

"They've probably backed off five to eight per cent, so the prices they're achieving are still very good and prices are still tracking pretty high after rising almost 50 per cent during 2021," said Tony.

"If you put a line through the last three or four years, the gains have certainly outpaced anything else."

According to statistics from the Real Estate Institute of Victoria, the average price of a home in Leongatha is \$570k compared with average prices across regional Victoria of \$602k; and the average number of days on the market is 67.5 compared to 61 for the regional average.

For those with lifestyle properties priced at over a million dollars, vendors have, in most cases had to readjust and pull back from their original asking price.

However, as the market is gaining more stability and less volatility those in the higher range are gaining a better idea of where the market is and are listing their lifestyle properties accordingly.

"They're probably being a bit more realistic now, than the years we had where the market shot up

massively and people were buying them sight unseen. We're going back to normal conditions now," said Tony.

"It's more of a stable pattern at the moment, as we would have seen pre-COVID. A bit more stock levels than what we've seen."

Real estate remains in somewhat of a holding pattern due to the season and with more stock on the market Tony commented there is a lot of value out there, particularly in the \$400,000 to \$600,000 range and he is seeing investors snapping up these mid-range properties as the rental market remains pretty tight.

"They're looking for good return on rentals, so there's still money around in that area."

There are also some good opportunities in this bracket for first-home buyers and it's unlikely the market will drop much more.

Buyers are still coming from Melbourne, often those who have connections to the area or who are looking to move closer to family. Locals are looking as well, particularly those who want to upsize and those coming off farms and looking to buy in town and downsize.

While Inverloch properties remain well above the median sale price at \$890k compared to \$602k the prices are also trending downwards and have corrected by about 10 - 15 per cent according to Marnie Radmond, Principal of Alex Scott & Staff Inverloch.

More young people are moving back into Inverloch as properties become more affordable for them, with the low end of the market the most active according to Marnie.

"Most people are looking to move into the area to live, not so much for holiday homes at the moment."



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Hakui High School students will enjoy a week of activities at Bass Coast College with local students.

Hakui students arrive in Wonthaggi

BASS Coast College welcomed students from Japan's Hakui High School on Saturday.

Students from Bass Coast College and Hakui High School have been making alternative year trips to Australia and Japan since 2008.

This is the first time the Hakui students have been able to visit Bass Coast College in five years due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

The students spent the weekend getting to know their host families, with an action planned week scheduled at the school.

As well as accompanying the Bass Coast students to their usual classes, the students will be visiting the Maru Koala and Animal Park and will experience the Phillip Island Cape Cruise.

A farewell morning will be held on Thursday, where the Hakui students will say goodbye to their school and host families before travelling to Melbourne for sightseeing opportunities.

Free prep bag books to inspire young readers in government schools

TO MAKE sure next year's Preppies get a great start to their education, the Victorian government are giving every student starting at a government school a library bag full of fun and engaging story books.

To help build a love of reading and learning, each student will receive five specially chosen books:

- A Crocodile in the Family – written by Kitty Black and illustrated by Daron Parton
- Walk of the Whales – written and illustrated by Nick Bland
- Bernie Thinks in Boxes – written by Jess Horn and illustrated by Zoe Bennett
- Koala Ark – written and illustrated by Stephen Michael King
- No Way Yirrikipay! – by children from Milikapiti School, Melville Island, with Alison Lester

To make sure every young student can enjoy the stories, the books will also be produced in Braille, with tactile illustrations by the Statewide Vision Resource Centre – supporting students who are blind or have low vision.

Research has shown how important it is for parents and carers to regularly read aloud to young children, particularly as they prepare to move from kinder to primary school and adjust to the next important phase in their life.

By reading together, families can help kids to expand their vocabulary, make connections between spoken and written words, and strengthen the bond they share with their children.

This initiative supports children's literacy and ensures Prep students, and their families have access to great books, suitable for children aged four to six – with more than 1.9 million books delivered through the initiative so far.

Each year, all books in the Prep Bags are selected by literacy experts – which this year including a current Children's Book Council of Australia judge, Prep teachers and a librarian.



Mirboo North locals and groups parading their unique and colourful handmade lanterns down Ridgeway at Winterfest. ob13_3224

A warming Winterfest



The specially crafted seedpod sculpture erupted into flames after a slow smouldering start. ob15_3224

THE VIBRANT fun and festive Winterfest in Mirboo North saw the town come alive with people hailing from all over who came to enjoy the annual event over the weekend.

The tipis quickly filled up on Saturday as the extraordinary talent of the Asanti band took the crowd on a musical journey of funk, jazz and percussion, weaving traditional African and contemporary music and blending the melodic sounds of the kora with the raw, rhythmic beat of the drums.

The clouds turned a brilliant hue of peach against a navy sky at dusk and the smoking ceremony filled the air with the cleansing smell of gum leaves.

Spectators lined both sides of the street as the big and beautiful powerful owl lantern was led by the rhythmic sound of djembes down Ridgeway.

All creatures of the forest and friends theme followed,

with mushrooms, fish, koalas, butterflies, hearts, a lady and many more bright and colourful creations on display.

As the parade came to an end the crowd made their way to the intricately designed seed pod sculpture and witnessed it erupt, after a slow smouldering start, into a vibrant tapestry of fire.

Others sat on the hay bales scattered around small fires and families enjoyed a treat from the food vans.

Many 'foodies' lined up to sample fare from across the globe that was available and enjoyed some warm spicy cider or creamy hot chocolate.

Others were enjoying an indie-folk rock band in the Tipi,

Ally Row, while others got ready to head to the Shire Hall and enjoy an evening of dancing to ska and jazz band Skazz.

Sunday saw a vast and interesting selection of locally handmade items and products at the Artisan Market.

The crowd were wowed when witnessing a powerful owl being masterfully sculpted out of a cypress log that fell in the storm by talented chainsaw sculptor Paul Stafford.

Many others participated in the friends and forest ceremony involving a traditional smoking ceremony, music, poetry, fire, stories, art and a special clootie burning ritual.

Young and old gained a bit more knowledge and know-how in the native bee hotel and the floral crown workshops.

It was a Winterfest that was full of all the good things, with something for everyone and warming to the soul in the middle of a cold winter.

Preparing local schools for the bushfire season



Jordan Crugnale MP with Bass Valley Primary School Leaders (L-R) Rhys, Zach, Lacey and Taylah.

danger periods.

The BPVP also provides a School Support Program, where an accredited Bushfire Planning and Design consultant visits a school twice a year to help them prepare for

the upcoming bushfire season while also making sure they complete a Vegetation Management Plan every three years.

Bass Valley PS and Cranbourne South receive \$28,148

and \$26,366 respectively. A number of neighbouring schools also in this program include Tarwin Lower Primary, Mirboo North Primary and Mirboo North Secondary College.



South Gippsland Hospital's aged care employees – including clinical staff, support staff, managers and directors – with clients in the Banksia Centre. The hospital's aged care employees will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 7.

SGH celebrates its aged care employees

WHILST South Gippsland Hospital in Foster doesn't manage a Residential Aged Care Facility, they do provide many services that support older persons across the Corner Inlet communities.

In the South Gippsland Hospital (SGH) Banksia Centre, Social Support Groups and Day Respite Services are conducted, and in the SGH Community Health Centre there are Allied Health and Nursing services targeted at helping people remain independent in their daily lives.

Home-based care also exists for people with a Transition

Care or Home Care Package, as well as for those needing help from the well-known District Nursing Service.

"Our aged care employees are celebrated by our clients every day, and on Wednesday, August 7, it is nice as an organisation to celebrate them, too," SGH CEO Paul Greenhalgh said.

"We are having a morning tea in recognition of the staff that care and support our older community members across multiple settings or in their homes. We are also grateful for the support staff that help our direct carers. The energy and

dedication of the whole team that serves the community so well in this way is commendable.

"During our recent three-day aged care quality audit, many staff and clients were interviewed by the assessors, and it was pleasing to be told during the assessor summation on the concluding day, that SGH provide exemplary care.

"Thank you to all aged care employees at SGH, and indeed across the country. They really are unsung heroes most days so it's good to shine a light on these amazing people."



Resident Ruth Andrews enjoys the company of Personal Care Worker Jaide Cocks at Griffiths Point Lodge, San Remo.

Highlighting special people at BCH

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is celebrating the kind, compassionate and dedicated staff who work in aged care on Aged Care Employee Day, Wednesday 7 August.

The day pays tribute to the more than 370,000 people who care for and support around 1.5 million older Australians who receive aged care services.

BCH is privileged to operate two residential care facilities, Kirrak House at Wonthaggi and Griffiths Point Lodge at San Remo.

As the sub-regional health service for the Bass Coast and South Gippsland shires, BCH's aged care services also include Flexihealth, Transitional Care, Residential In-Reach and Sub-Acute services.

"BCH is so fortunate to have many wonderful staff who work across many services to provide the best care possible to our valued senior citizens," BCH CEO Jan Child said.

"They include Nurses, Personal

Care Workers, Diversional Therapists, Food Services staff, Care workers, Support Services staff, Administration staff and Volunteers who are proud to ensure the people in their care enjoy as fulfilling lives as they can.

"Working in aged care is a privilege and is a special field of work requiring not only a caring nature, but also specialist skills and expertise. It's such a rewarding field of work as our staff learn about life when our residents were younger, become part of their lives and families, and help our residents and clients in times of need."

BCH not only offers staff pleasant working environments, but also public service ratios and employment conditions, and the chance to develop their careers.

If you would like to be part of our amazing aged care team, contact our Human Resources team by emailing hr@basscoasthealth.org.au or see our recruitment website: jobs.bch.ca

Milpara to host Dying to Know Day

THE DYING to Know Day public health campaign runs throughout the year, with an annual day of recognition on August 8.

Dying to Know Day is about helping individuals to 'Get Dead Set'.

Each year the theme is refreshed and the 2024 Dying to Know Day campaign focuses on personalising final arrangements and building community; and how the stigma and sense of awkwardness associated with conversations about death, dying and grief can be removed at this important stage of life.

All Australians need to feel supported and inspired by their own wishes for their final arrangements and help to dismantle the misconception that end-of-life planning must be a solitary endeavour.

In recognition of the upcoming day, Milpara House held a special information session on Monday, August 5, presented by NBN Local called Plan Your Online Legacy.

The session focused on what happens to your online accounts when you die. As it's not something many of us give a lot of thought to, however, planning how our online accounts and digital assets will be managed after death is just as important as

working out what will happen to physical assets. The session also addressed how to manage your online presence for when you are no longer here, or not using a computer anymore.

In addition to this session, Milpara House will be hosting another Death Café on Thursday, August 8, from 2pm to 3.30pm.

At a Death Café people, often strangers, gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death. The objective is to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their lives. A Death Café is a group-directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counselling session.

When given the opportunity, people really value and engage in these conversations. Milpara is providing a space and time that people feel comfortable and safe to do this.

They will also be sharing the resources of criticalinfo.com.au, a platform hub and app with over 200 organisations specialising in end-of-life planning, deathcare and bereavement, or tune into their podcast, Don't Be Caught Dead – A groundbreaking podcast that bridges the gap between the living and the departed.



Woorayl Lodge team members and residents, Karen Scott (quality and compliance manager), Jaimee Brydon (Co-CEO), Lois Scott (resident), Andrew Ross (Co-CEO), Faye Lyons (resident), Annie Lewis (lifestyle assistant), Barbara Taylor (resident) and Grace Berryman (PCA) enjoy the Leongatha aged care centre's friendly environment. A03_3224

Woorayl Lodge celebrates staff contribution

WHILE managers at Leongatha's Woorayl Lodge always appreciate and acknowledge their staff, they will go all out on 'Aged Care Employee Day', Wednesday, August 7, with a range of tasty food on offer.

There'll be morning and afternoon tea, and lunch, keeping local caterer Brent Sinclair busy and ensuring employees of the Lodge know they are valued, and that as many as possible are part of the celebration regardless of which shift they work.

"We go around and thank staff all the time for the little things they do," Co-CEO Jaimee Brydon said, adding that it is nice to have a set day to thank everybody.

"It makes you stop and think and put that extra effort into thanking all the general aged care staff," she noted.

Co-CEO Andrew Ross stressed that in addition to their other responsibilities, staff continue to be vigilant in minimising the risk of residents being exposed to COVID, adding only one resident has contracted the virus since last November, and crediting those who work at the

Lodge and visitors.

Jaimee also expressed her appreciation for the ongoing staff dedication to keeping residents safe, noting most people outside the health and aged care environment have resumed normal life and moved on from the pandemic.

Andrew mentioned that appreciation of the Woorayl Lodge staff doesn't only come from management, with a supportive environment in which he often hears team members thanking each other, Jaimee adding that a lot of them are also friends outside work.

"I spend more time with people here than I spend with my family some weeks, so you need to get on with the people you work with," Jaimee said.

Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Grace Berryman joined the Lodge team in recent months and has settled in quickly.

"I'm in my first year of studying nursing and I'm doing PCA to gain some experience, and Woorayl Lodge has been great for that," Grace said, explaining that putting what she is learning into practice as she assists the residents is helping grow her

confidence.

"It's a great workplace and everyone makes you feel comfortable," she said.

While not doing her job for the accolades, Grace is pleased there is a designated day prompting people to recognise the contribution of aged care staff, noting aged care is a 24-hour seven-day-a-week job, with someone always on hand for the residents.

Lifestyle assistant Annie Lewis said the Lodge's staff love providing a stimulating and fulfilling experience for the residents that is guided by them.

An example is the Lodge's renowned Christmas fetes, for which residents create festive craft items and get involved in the selling process.

"If they're happy, we're happy," Annie said, explaining she goes home thinking about the residents and the conversations she's had with them, hoping the Lodge team is on the right track to make them feel good about themselves and their day.

The positive vibe at Woorayl Lodge suggests that is being achieved, and its employees deserve to be spoiled on August 7.

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Tree Age – A Dog's Life Calculation

By Nicholas Rivett, Dip. Hort. (Burn.), Cert. Arb. (Eng.), R.F.S. Cert. Arb. (Eng.).

ALL living organisms have a life expectancy. For example, the life average expectancy of a dog is 11 years. The life expectancy of the average Australian male person is say 80 years. Trees also have a range of average life expectancies.

Wattles, and other pioneer species, only have a life expectancy of 15-25 years. Cypress trees in the Melbourne Botanic Gardens are about 200 years old. A *Eucalyptus viminalis* at Coldstream is between 500-800 years old, while a River Red Gum tree at Sale in eastern Victoria is between 700-1200 years of age.

On the other hand, there is the 5000-year-old American Bristlecone pine, which has an increasing growth due to climate change and the 9550-year-old Norway Spruce in Sweden. The oldest tree is reputed to be 10,000 years old, a Huon pine in Tasmania.

All living organisms go through three stages of life: Growth, Plateau and Decline. In the average Australian male it is about 20 years growing (Growth), 40 years maturity (Plateau) and 20 years of old age (Decline).

We know that trees also have the same three basic stages: Growth, Plateau, Decline. When I studied arboriculture in England in 1973-4 an eminent forester and tree man with the Forest Department, Dr Alan Mitchell, stated that the life expectancy of the English Oak was between 700-1200 years. He also suggested that the Growth phase of a tree was a quarter of the life expectancy, the Plateau phase was half of the life expectancy, and the Decline phase the remaining quarter. Thus, a tree with a life expectancy of 600 years would have 150 years Growth, 300 years Plateau and 150 years Decline.

My observations over the last 50 years as a consulting arborist and nurseryman, looking at trees ranging over these age groups, is that this theory holds true for trees in Australia, both native and exotic. Further, it holds true for trees with different lengths of life expectancies. Thus, I conclude that this theory is substantially consistent across all tree species.

Trees have also to be categorised into three succession groups: Pioneer, Intermediate and Climax.

Pioneer: Pioneer species are trees that grow readily in mineral and/or disturbed soil types. These are fast growing short-lived genera or species whose root system often has a nitrogen fixing capacity, e.g. wattles. They also often grow prolifically with large numbers per hectare with dense closed canopy, thus shading out



A 600-year-old tree and 60-year-old man have many different stories to tell.

other competing plants. These stands are often almost monocultures or in combination with one or two other genera or species.

In Europe the principal example of a pioneer species is the Silver Birch. In Victoria the common examples are Black Wattle (*Acacia mearnsii*), Coastal Tea Tree (*Leptospermum laevigatum*) or Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum*). Through the growth, shedding and ultimate death and decay of these plants their decayed parts build the organic matter in the soil to a level that is required by Intermediate species.

Intermediate: The Intermediate group normally has a greater diversity of plants. The canopies of these plants are less dense than Pioneer species, thus allowing light to reach the woodland floor. Light encourages and sustains ground cover, low and middle level shrubs. The life and death process of these plants further increases the fertility, water and nutrient holding capacity as well as the biological diversity of the soil. This allows the establishment of the climax vegetation species.

Climax: These are always long-lived trees. For example: Australian natives such as *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* (River Red Gums), *Eucalyptus regnans* (Mountain Ash), *Eucalyptus viminalis*, (Manna Gum) and *Eucalyptus radiata* (Narrow Leaved Peppermint). Exotic trees such as *Quercus robur* (English Oak), *Sequoia sempervirens* (Coastal Redwood) and *Taxus baccata* (European Yew). Climax woodlands are always full of diversity, containing a wide range of macro, meso and micro flora and fauna.

Age: The Tree – Human time frame: Determining the age relationship of a species with that of a human is important to understand time frames. It is generally accepted that a dog year is equal to 11 human years (varying between breeds).

To understand the age for a climax vegetation tree, and for ease of mathematics, taking the average human life as 100 years and a climax vegetation life expectancy as 1000 years. We can see that 10 human years equates to one tree year, or put another way one human year is about one month of tree life.

It is this difference in timing that must be understood when imposing changes on trees.

The art of bonsai proves that you can do almost anything to a tree provided it is done in a timely manner. Often human disturbance of a tree's environment is very rapid in comparison to the tree's time frame. Root damage from excavation, compaction and changes in water table often occur in human time frame of only one minute, which is microseconds to a tree's time frame.

Consequences of rapid changes to a tree's environment: Disturbing or degrading soils, such as the removal of organics from on and in soil, reduces the soil from organic to mineral state. When this occurs, the woodland canopy opens allowing the fast-growing pioneer species to reinvade. These plants out-compete the climax vegetation for scarce resources. The disturbance changes the balance of Macro, Meso and Micro flora and fauna within the

woodland soil and environment. This changes soil structure and modified soil hydrology so that the climax vegetation is no longer able to win the required resources to sustain it.

The net result is that such trees sustain themselves by utilising their stored energy "starch" reserves. Trees respond and manage both their energy supply and demand requirements, by manipulating their crown size and density.

In times of reduced conditions crown sections dieback. If conditions do not improve then the crown goes into decline. As its reserves continue to diminish, the tree has insufficient energy to respond to new growth opportunities, so it becomes committed to death and eventually dies.

You have to understand how a tree processes wounds and compartmentalises, or isolates, unproductive tissues to understand tree death. Tree death will take different lengths of time, as it all depends on the initial health and starch reserve levels of the tree at the time of disturbance or environmental change. It is important to understand that the only way a tree dies is through starvation.

So remember, go slowly with changes around mature trees. Yes, you can make changes, but they need to be made slowly. The older the tree the slower the rate of change should be.

The life expectancy of old trees may be prolonged, by providing new root space.

This can be achieved by carefully excavating some quadrants of the root plate and replacing the excavation with fresh soil. The new soil provides new root space for new roots to colonise. Trees grow new trees on the outside of old trees with each growth cycle. If space is available, then a tree could live forever. Think about trees propagated by vegetative means (cuttings). Every cutting is a new tree, for many tree species the process has been continuing for centuries, even though the species may have a life expectancy of only decades.

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OH WHAT A FEELING



Gabrielle is setting off to Sierra Leone later this month to serve aboard Global Mercy Ship.

Off to serve with Mercy Ships again

SOUTH Gippsland Hospital surgical nurse Gabrielle Stefani sets off to Sierra Leone on Thursday, August 22 to serve aboard the Global Mercy Ship. After a two- and half-year gap, she is going back to help other volunteers care for some of the most vulnerable people on earth.

Mercy Ships mission is to bring hope and healing to the forgotten poor. It is a not for profit, predominantly Christian based missionary organisation, that treats all patients free of charge without regard to their religion, race or gender. It targets the poorest countries in the world by providing two fully equipped surgical ships.

The Africa Mercy ship, which Gabrielle served on last time in 2022, houses five operating theatres, with 80 inpatient beds and an Intensive Care Unit (ICU). The Global Mercy Ship has six operating theatres, 102 acute care beds, 90 self-care beds and an Intensive Care Unit.

These surgical hospitals are staffed by experienced health professionals and support services staff, and have meeting and workspaces, as well as accommodation for about 1200 crew members collectively. The volunteers work on the world's largest civilian hospital ships, and by offering surgery and healthcare to the poor, lives are changed, and countless lives are saved.

Gabrielle said she keen to get back to Africa to help people and she is grateful for all the financial support she has received from local groups, family and friends. Her service period will be six weeks and is expected to return in early October.

"We are so lucky in Australia to have access to a high-level healthcare system, that many perhaps take for granted. The physical abnormalities and serious deformities experienced by some African people would be treated straight away in Australia. I am so grateful for all the financial support received to fund my return flights. Taking time out from paid employment to work with other volunteers from around the world is financially a bit tricky and the generosity shown softens the impact a great deal. So thank you all."

"Being part of a surgical team in this context is extremely fulfilling and working with like-minded people enriches the experience, with lifelong friendships being made along the way."

"My role will be largely as an anaesthetic assistant, helping the Chief Anaesthetist to ensure the patient airway is maintained. Each role aboard the ship is crucial to the success of the safe and positive outcomes people have. Living and working on the ship in this part of the world, within the tight knit community, is a privilege and is very rewarding."

If anyone is considering a post on the Mercy Ship, would like to find out more about the organisation or donate, details can be found at mercyships.org.au

Bass Coast Health celebrates Dental Health Week

AS PART of Dental Health Week, August 5-11, Bass Coast Health is keen to make everyone aware, not only of the importance of maintaining healthy teeth and gums but also that they offer a comprehensive public dental service, providing care for eligible children through to adults for free or minimal cost.

Young patient Gemma Ayton described the BCH Dental team as "terrific".

"They're the best dentists in the world because they help me with my teeth," she said.

"They help me to remember to brush my teeth and they've stopped the pain in my tooth because I had a cavity and it got fixed."

The service's Early Childhood Oral Health Program sets children up for a lifetime of dental health by providing everything from check-ups to education about teeth care.

This is followed by the specialised Youth Dental Program and the next stage, general adult dental services involving the whole suite of care, from check-ups and cleans to fillings and dental devices.

"We are also here for those dental emergencies when you need prompt care to address a problem that may become worse," Dental Manager Kyshen Tang said.

"Our denture service helps people to regain quality of life after losing teeth so that our patients can enjoy the foods they love again without pain and discomfort."



Bass Coast Health dental patient Gemma Ayton receives care from BCH Oral Health Therapist Marlene Willis and Dental Assistant Emily Trewin at Wonthaggi Hospital.

You will find the dental service at Wonthaggi Hospital, 235 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

BCH's youth program covers Victorian Government schools through Smile Squad, the government's free school dental program. Smile Squad is led by the Department of Health and Dental Health Services Victoria, with input from the Department of Education.

Services are currently being delivered across Victoria by local community dental agencies. The program is free for all Victorian government school students. For children

aged up to 12 (inclusive), there is no waiting list and the service is free for concession card holders.

Bulk-billed treatment is available for all children eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

For ineligible children, there is a small capped co-payment. Emergency appointments are free.

Teenagers aged 13-17 don't need to wait either. The service is free for concession card holders and the service is bulk-billed for non-cardholders eligible for the Child

Dental Benefits Schedule.

Non-card-holders aged 0-17 years are also eligible if they are in out-of-home care provided by the Children Youth and Families Division of the Department of Human Services, or youth justice clients in custodial care. Adults must hold a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card. Capped costs and waiting times may apply.

For more information or to make an appointment with the BCH Dental service, please phone the dental reception team on 5671 3268.

New stroke service helps Keith on the road to recovery

KEITH Chaplin's life was upended after he suffered a stroke, but thanks to a new Stroke Service at Bass Coast Health (BCH), he's on-track to living his best life possible.

The Cape Woolamai resident has been undergoing rehabilitation at Armitage House at Wonthaggi Hospital, under the guidance of an expert stroke team at BCH.

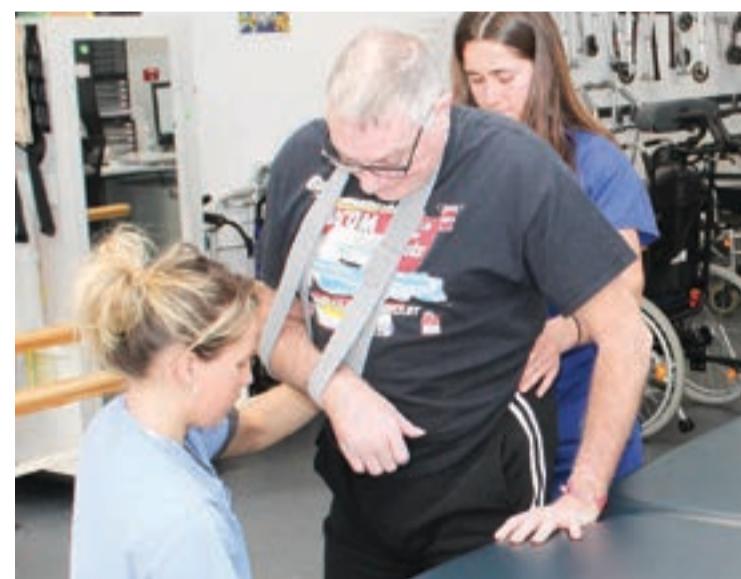
Six weeks ago, Keith was unable to sit up, speaking was difficult, and completing activities like getting dressed was impossible. Now, after intensive rehabilitation involving a large team, he's able to stand and walk with support, speak clearly, and is on the road to independence.

"The team here has been wonderful. They started from scratch and worked me up to where I am now," he said.

"I'm getting some use of the right side. It's fantastic that I've been making progress. I feel like I've got more movement and that makes me feel happier."

Highlighting the new Stroke Service during National Stroke Week from August 5-11, BCH is helping local stroke patients to undertake their rehabilitation at Wonthaggi Hospital, closer to their home and support networks.

The new service is in line with BCH's continued service development as a growing sub-regional health service and is led by Luke Anstey as Stroke



Stroke patient Keith Chaplin undergoes rehabilitation in the gymnasium at Armitage House at Wonthaggi Hospital with physiotherapists Maddy Smith, left, and Baylie McGain.

Coordinator and Associate Professor Dr Barry Rawicki, Rehabilitation Physician.

Luke coordinates best practice stroke care across our departments and works closely with each patient's treating team. That includes Associate Professor Rawicki, who supports stroke and general rehabilitation, and operates a community outpatient clinic each Monday.

"In 2022, approximately 200 people presented to BCH with a stroke or mini stroke. Given the prevalence of stroke in our community, it's important that we offer a comprehensive

rehabilitation service locally to improve patients' care and long-term outcomes," Luke said.

"Until recently, people who suffered a stroke went to Melbourne for rehabilitation. Now stroke survivors can stay in their community for rehabilitation or return to BCH for rehabilitation after receiving advanced treatment elsewhere."

"Patients I have worked with have highlighted the benefit of getting better closer to their family and friends, and that makes a big difference to their rehabilitation."

An experienced physiotherapist,

Luke has a special interest and experience in stroke and neurological rehabilitation.

Associate Professor Rawicki has expertise in neurology rehabilitation, gait analysis, spinal cord conditions, and interventional and non-interventional chronic pain management. He has held senior positions at Monash University and Monash Children's Hospital.

As part of implementing the new stroke service, staff have been training, and new equipment and procedures have been introduced. People wishing to see Associate Professor Rawicki for an outpatient appointment can ask their medical practitioner to fax a referral to Rehabilitation Medicine to 9102 5307 or email it to Access@basscoasthealth.org.au.

BCH is also part of the Victorian Stroke Telemedicine network. Their emergency staff use brain imaging and remote consultations with neurologists to care for patients coming to hospital with signs of a stroke. A stroke happens when blood can't get to the brain because of a blocked or burst artery. Prompt medical treatment is vital.

If you or someone else experiences the signs of stroke, call triple zero (000) immediately. Signs include a drooped face, arms unable to be raised, dizziness, loss of vision and slurred speech. To learn more, go to: strokefoundation.org.au

Wonthaggi sees growth in allied health services

ALLIED health professionals, such as occupational therapists, physiotherapists, exercise physiologists, and dietitians, play a vital role in the health and well-being of their patients, including those with a disability under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), and these professionals help patients achieve their goals and improve their quality of life.

The team at Wonthaggi Allied Health (WAHC) – owned by Nick and Candice Leitch – Candice, the director and a registered nurse and Nick, a physiotherapist (BSC, MPT, MAHCP Paediatric physio) have recently welcomed three new allied health professionals to help transform the health and wellness of patients within the community, including:

Mia Weekes, an Accredited Practicing Dietitian. She specialises in a variety of conditions, including diabetes management, heart disease, weight management, and general healthy eating. Additionally, Mia is qualified to work with paediatric patients and those dealing with eating disorders.

Secondly is Lucas Neale, an occupational therapist with specialist training in upper limb rehabilitation. A "hand therapist" is a physiotherapist or occupational therapist who specialises in the assessment and treatment of the hand, wrist, elbow,



The Wonthaggi Allied Health team provide exceptional care; ensuring their patients achieve their health and well-being goals.

and shoulder. A hand therapist provides treatment in many ways. These may include custom splinting, exercise prescription, provision of assistive technology, and education around ergonomics and joint positioning.

And most recently Bethany Barrett, an exercise physiologist providing musculoskeletal rehabilitation, chronic disease management, occupational health, athletic development, health and

wellbeing, and disability support.

"These are new services for us because we've predominantly offered physiotherapy," said Candice.

"We're proud to welcome a dietitian, exercise physiologist and occupational therapist. This was our vision when we initially started Wonthaggi Allied Health – to ensure that we could provide all these different services

in one place."

The team at WAHC provide services to patients of Medicare, Work Cover, TAC, DVA, and NDIS participants, playing a crucial role in supporting their patients, and their unique needs, as well as offering group exercise programs, group pilates and 1:1 pilates.

Allied health professionals work closely with individuals to assess their strengths, challenges,

and aspirations, and develop strategies to help them achieve their desired outcomes.

WAHC have a room available for rent within the clinic; a room for any practitioner looking for a space. Available for weekly or daily rental agreements.

For more information on Wonthaggi Allied Health visit wonthaggiaiiedhealth.com.au or email info@wonthaggiaiiedhealth.com.au

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Empowering people to achieve their goals

C2A's main purpose is to enable full and equal participation in society for people with disability and Business Manager Jenn Hockey says that this drives everything that they do. C2A believe in creating opportunities for everyone to thrive and reach their full potential.

"If you have an NDIS plan, and you're 18 years of age or over, please come and have a chat with us about how we can best support you to achieve your goals," said Jenn.

"There are three parts to the business in Wonthaggi, firstly, community connections where we run various programs within the hub and in the community. Whether that be going bowling, swimming, fishing, coffee club, etc. or here at the hub doing programs like healthy cooking, computers, music and art.

"We also have participants currently doing a Certificate I in Initial Adult Literacy and Numeracy, which is a course designed to develop skills and independence for adults and can provide a pathway for further study or employment."

At C2A, the team are there to listen and pride themselves on providing individual choice.

"If we don't have the program someone is interested in, then we'll look at creating one for them, or if an individual requires or needs one-to-one support, we can provide this as well," Jenn explained.

"Our programs change frequently to provide a variety and ensure that we are accommodating the choices and needs of our participants. To us, it's what the individual would like to do and how we can best support them to do that."

Secondly, C2A provide supported employment in their work connections team and their support workers teach the skills required for garden maintenance and car washing. Learning new skills can also assist individuals in transitioning from supported employment to open employment if that is their goal.

"Recently we were approached by a major builder to see if we could assist them with site cleans," Jenn explains.

"We put some of our team through their white card course and they are now working with that builder at the new Phillip Island Hospital construction site."

C2A has various commercial contracts including Bass Coast Health, Homes Victoria and the Phillip Island RSL to name a few and welcomes enquiries from any businesses who may wish to utilise their services in garden maintenance, fleet car washing, or site cleans. They can also assist businesses in meeting their social



Connecting2Ability (C2A) is an NDIS not for profit provider – Business Manager Jenn Hockey leads the team at Wonthaggi.
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procurement obligations under the Victorian Government's Social Procurement Framework.

Lastly, for those who are interested in retail experience, the C2A op shop provides a platform for individuals with disability to gain valuable work experience, develop new skills, and build confidence in their abilities. Through this program, participants learn how to manage inventory, interact with customers, and handle transactions. Jenn said "It's a great way for them to gain independence and feel a sense of accomplishment. We also have a wonderful team of volunteers who come and work alongside our participants and we truly value the contribution that they make to our organisation."

C2A proudly holds triple certification for ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems, ISO 9001 Quality Management Systems and ISO 45001 Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems. As a Social Traders Certified Social Enterprise, C2A is dedicated to quality management through their ISO certification.

"Our Quality Management System (QMS) ensures we consistently meet customer and regulatory requirements, supported by regular audits, continuous improvement processes and comprehensive staff training. We undergo regular external audits to ensure compliance, refine processes and uphold industry best practices, instilling confidence in our systematic approach to quality assurance."

If you are interested in C2A's community programs, supported employment, volunteering or are a commercial business that would like to utilise their services, please email Jenn Hockey at jhockey@c2a.org.au, who will be happy to assist you and discuss your requirements in more detail.

Your local providers



(It's no) drama ensemble backstage and in costume ready for their performance of 'Wild Woods', with Artistic Director Samara Cunningham (back left). Photo: Lauren Murphy.

Finalist in HESTA Excellence Awards

THE 24 national finalists in the 2024 HESTA Excellence Awards were announced last week with Samara Cunningham recognised for her transformative work as the Artistic Director of (It's No) Drama.

The HESTA Awards highlight the outstanding achievements in the disability, allied health, aged care, and community sectors.

(It's No) Drama is based in Fish Creek and is a regional theatre company that helps empower people living with disabilities through performance.

On receiving the nomination for the award Samara said, "It's really lovely. I had a look at the other finalists, and they're really amazing. They're pretty top-notch, looking at the other people's contributions, so it's quite humbling."

Samara's championing of inclusivity and equity in the arts has elevated disability visibility in the community, helped break down stereotypes, and created more opportunities in the arts for people with disabilities.

"The great thing about it is that it's more publicity and visibility for the group, and



(It's No) Drama recently exhibited 'No Sudden Moves' in Light Box Lane Gallery in Wonthaggi.

hopefully more people might find out we're here, or about something they might like to be a part of, or they might want to be an audience in one of our next shows. It means more people know about it."

(It's No) drama was chosen out of nearly 400 nominations that were submitted from around the country, and the eight winners will share in a \$60,000 prize money pool.

If chosen as one of the eight winners, Samara has some great plans for the future of (It's No) Drama.

"I proposed that I would

embark on some professional development training to keep building my skills as a director of the company, to keep injecting new ideas into the program, but also to consult locally with other groups in the sort of creative businesses and creative arts sector, to find out what other people are doing and make some more local connections in the arts, just to see what future opportunities could come out of it," said Samara, who will attend the awards ceremony on Thursday, August 29.



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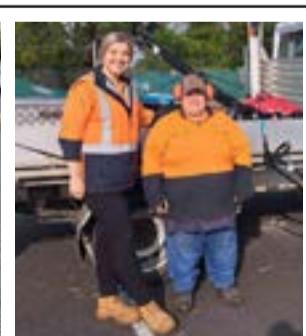
C2A has been providing support and employment for people with disability since 1953. We are a local Registered NDIS Service Provider and a Social Traders Certified Social Enterprise, offering a diverse range of engaging activities and support programs to help you live the life you choose.

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- Social Procurement: Grounds Maintenance & Building Cleans
- Community Op Shop: Retail Experience & Volunteer Program

For support, a career, or to discuss business, contact us. There are no limits.

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Poems by Adam

ASTRIDE

WASTED lives astride nature's shallow deal of hopelessness. Redressing inequality with wedded wrappings of pain. Drought stricken and frozen with icy stares from those who look, but do not see. I shiver though warm and start to yearn for safe words of acceptance, fast despairing for fear it doesn't come. Walled in with desperate stalls and waiting for cast-off lines of support and encouragement, I whittle my time away. Astride a mountain of hope.

MAUVE

SO LOTS of leaves are killed in autumn placed like lost opportunities lifeless killed pleasantly not by man placed mixed up on the ground Dead but living in loaded color filled more with life in death saw mauve like life had color and loved life in the soft color followed nicely by lots of smell of wetness every day from winter rain.

Inclusivity and choice for people with disabilities

INTERCHANGE Gippsland are a proactive and expanding community organisation striving to create and encourage an inclusive society and provide choice to people with disability.

Since its establishment in 1986, Interchange Gippsland has grown to become one of Gippsland's most respected providers of reliable and flexible support services. Serving over 370 people with disabilities and their families, they operate from offices in Morwell, Wonthaggi, and Bairnsdale, offering a diverse range of high-quality, one-to-one services and recreational activity programs.

Their person-centered approach ensures that their passionate team of staff and volunteers can provide new and innovative programs tailored to one's needs and interests. By listening closely to an individual's ideas and suggestions, Interchange Gippsland develop a personalised plan that helps one achieve their goals.

Psychologist Jason Crestani is urging community connection and engagement for improved daily living.
Photo: Helena Lopes, Unsplash.



Connecting with others a key to quality of life

WITH the spotlight on the NDIS this issue, local Psychologist Jason Crestani has taken the opportunity to highlight the importance of connecting with others. The Improved Daily Living budget of an NDIS plan is well poised to develop engagement within your community.

Social interactions are vital for those living with a disability and the challenges of special needs.

"Develop and maintain relationships with people around you who will support and enrich your life," he says.

"The quality of our personal relationships has a great effect on our wellbeing. Put effort into building social engagement."

Despite the life a social media platform creates, the

perfect, worry-free life does not exist. How freeing it is to recognise and accept that.

Take time to enjoy the journey. Set aside time for activities you enjoy. Let yourself be spontaneous and creative when the urge takes you. Do a crossword; stroll in your local park; read a book; sew a quilt; draw pictures with your kids; play with your pets – whatever takes your fancy.

Other ideas include:

Join a group of people who share your interests. This provides a sense of belonging for positive mental health. Where appropriate for you, join a hobby club, a band, a walking group, a dance class, a theatre or choir group, or a book or car club.

Contribute to your community. Volunteer your time

for a cause you care about. Work in a community garden or offer a task for a friend.

Contribution helps you feel empowered about yourself and your place in the world.

Be aware of what triggers your stress and how you react. You may be able to avoid some triggers and learn to prepare for or manage others. Stress is a part of life and affects people in different ways. It only becomes a struggle when it makes you feel uncomfortable or distressed.

Notice the here and now. Simply 'be' in the moment. Daydream or simply watch the clouds go by.

Everyone's life journey has bumpy bits and the people around you can help. If you don't get the help you need first off, keep asking until you do.

Building a social life for young locals on the spectrum

A GIPPSLAND mother, who has 24-year-old twin boys who are on the spectrum, has found a lack of organised social and dating activities for them to participate in locally.

Despite working in the community and having ten years of experience working with young people in mental health, Sharon discovered a huge gap across Gippsland for young people – particularly those on the spectrum to form meaningful relationships.

"My sons and I find there is nowhere for them to make or find friends, participate in activities together, meet in safe spaces and/or build romantic relationships with like-minded people," said Sharon.

As a result, Sharon has recently created a Facebook inviting people who live in Gippsland, who are on the spectrum and aged between 18 to 30 years of age (and their parents, carers or guardians) to join them.

"The aim of this group is to have a safe space for our young people to have these first conversations, make friends and build relationships, romantic or otherwise," said Sharon.

The group will be administered by Sharon and her daughter Rhi.

Through the group they plan to run friendship and relationship speed dating activities, organise monthly group activities, and host social lunches and dinners.

Sharon and Rhi are happy to collaborate with and receive support from other members and their parents, carers and guardians about organising activities that are appropriate, inclusive and meaningful.

Sharon and Rhi will closely monitor the online group to ensure that everyone has a safe and comfortable experience.

They hope this group will go towards filling the gap that currently exists in Gippsland for those on the spectrum and hope to make it a great social success.

And with 64 new members joining the group in the past week alone, it looks to be heading that way. To join them go to Facebook: Social/Friendship/Dating For People On The Spectrum *Gippsland Only*.

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COMMENT

Lot of ifs, buts and maybes in state's energy plan

TIME is ticking away if you want to make a submission to the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan, closing on Sunday night, August 25.

It's an opportunity for you to highlight why your farm and food production needs to be protected, or significant landscapes and environmental sensitivities avoided, especially in the Tier 1 priority areas around Korumburra and north of Fish Creek and Foster.

Providing feedback on the principles that will guide decisions about where transmission and renewable energy infrastructure will be located also closes on the same day.

Perhaps more importantly, the date for providing feedback on which sites should be protected and avoided or prioritised for investigation closes on September 30.

You can fill out feedback forms on both of these important subjects on the Engage Vic website under the heading of transmission plan.

There will also be two drop-in sessions at the Korumburra Community Hub on Wednesday, August 14 (4pm-7pm) and Thursday, August 15 (10.30am-12.30pm).

As we heard from VicGrid last week, with the pressure on to meet the tight timelines of the looming closure of the Latrobe Valley's electricity infrastructure, and the need to deliver cheap power to the market, "best-practice energy market modelling" and not community sentiment will decide where the turbines and transmission lines go, but you've got to try, right?

According to VicGrid, the draft study area is a starting point for further and more detailed analysis where they'll look to identify smaller areas for investigation and prioritisation for declaration as a dreaded Renewable Energy Zone.

But they say they will consider regional characteristics and constraints in more detail, such as cultural values and impacts to agricultural land and irrigation districts.

So, those issues of concern locally must be addressed and it is up to our local shire councils to take the lead on this by quickly commissioning an impact report on behalf of the agricultural, tourism and business sectors, as well as the community generally.

If you read into the report, the state government is already considering the "what if" scenario of what happens if there is a delay to Western Renewables Link, Victoria to New South Wales Interconnector West, Marinus Link, offshore wind generation and Snowy 2.0 as there almost certainly will be.

They say they might have to delay the closure of the old coal-fired power stations in the Latrobe Valley.

The government needs to come clean on that scenario and while they're at it, why not have an adult conversation about the reliability and opportunity cost of renewables-only versus having nuclear as part of the mix.

Vox Pop

What do you believe is the most effective way to address homelessness in our community?



Graham

Tarwin

"Reduce immigration and house our own first; locally, the council should free up homes for the homeless."



Jack Vanderkolk

Melbourne

"A good initiative is to have a sleep out; the school I work at recently had a winter sleep out to raise awareness of homelessness that involved students and staff."



Amelia Ellen

Tarwin

"Foodbanks and raising more awareness of homelessness through community events and fundraisers."



Brad Hutchinson

Koonwarra

"Raising more awareness about the issue is important; people like Nedd Brockmann and companies like 'HoMe' are doing a good job of this."

Wind power now but watch this space

THE Sentinel Times, July 30, 2024, reports on turbines in South Gippsland, with Dan O'Brien at the forefront of protest, and Andy McCathy's commitment to solar power.

While Andy's commitment is laudable and solar will be in any energy mix, its influence will be minor in the big picture, even with improved and lower-cost batteries for home use.

As for Dan, I can see his view changing very quickly when he and his party form the next State Government and are faced with finding an immediate 1450mW of electrical power to offset the first generator closure in the Latrobe Valley in 2028 unless the plan is to keep the coal-fired station running and open. Best of luck with that strategy with an old plant.

The article describes a desperate drive by a State Government to find 5000mW of alternative energy sources. This is not desperate, but a laid down imperative even obvious to the "drover's dog".

I suspect those against the turbines are also the main climate activists or at least now recognise the danger of global warming.

But, sorry folks, you cannot have it both ways; carbon reductions and a visually unpolluted countryside at the same time.

Turbines at the moment are the only large-scale alternative generator capacity available in the 10-year time frame. However, the Chinese have just completed a successful passive shutdown test on an experimental Gen IV reactor, i.e. no core meltdown. So, watch this space.

Rod Gallagher, Inverloch

Two-way traffic best for Surf Parade

I'VE knocked on over 1000 doors in Inverloch so far in my campaign for local council and there is overwhelming support for the shared-path to the surf beach. However, residents are clearly not happy with the council's current idea of making Surf Parade one-way.

The only patrolled surf beach in Inverloch should have an accessible path. It's upsetting to see parents with young kids still having to walk on the road so long after the community voted for this project.

The council's latest idea of making Surf Parade one-way is just another delay tactic. The sensible option is to build the final stage of the path without the

parking spaces, and the small reduction in parking will be quickly balanced out by more people choosing to access the beach via the new path.

If you shut off Surf Parade, drivers will use Lohr Avenue instead, a brick road not designed for heavy traffic.

Those who hope for two lanes of road, parking, plus a path and protected vegetation are also swimming against the tide. The State Government's environmental regulator, DEECA, has comprehensively ruled out the removal of any more coastal vegetation due to the risk of erosion.

Councillors past and present haven't been able to deliver it, but I'm determined to get it done finally.

Mat Morgan, Cape Paterson (Candidate for the Bunurong Ward)

Thank you, Inverloch Jazz

THANK you to the organisers and particularly the volunteers for a great festival of jazz last weekend. It takes a lot to put events like this together and it was so good to see so many people on the day attend.

I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

Dilene Hinton, Inverloch

Pronoun preference not practical

I WAS recently having a chat with a friend about the ramping up of political correctness in government institutions and she raised the vexed question of gender identification. She is a nurse in a large city hospital, and she told me that they now have to refer to patients who present to the hospital as 'non-binary', or 'enby', by their chosen pronoun.

She is of a similar vintage to me, has long life, lived experience, and welcomes people of diverse cultural, religious, gender or sexual preference and neither of us could be accused of any discrimination or bias against anyone who is in any of these categories.

Where we do agree is this ridiculous state of affairs where a person in an extremely busy (or even if they aren't) situation like a hospital ED, has to try to remember to refer to the person who stands in front of them by the pronoun they/them or he/she or whatever pronoun they choose to use.

If a person does not identify as male or female, then the only sensible non-offensive option surely is just to refer to them by their given name, and not this silly kowtowing to political correctness gone mad.

I have never used the fashionable word of the day to disparage someone who has different social concepts to mine but in this case, I think it is completely appropriate to refer to the compulsory use of pronouns to identify people of alternative genders by pronouns as 'woke'.

Name and address supplied

More doctors needed in Wonthaggi

THIS is a call out to patients of South Gippsland Family Medicine (Wonthaggi).

This surgery has had one GP trying to hold the place together for most of this year.

It used to have 5 to 6 GPs but now only one and he is fantastic.

The nurses at this clinic are great and the receptionist is really helpful.

Wonthaggi and surrounding areas have grown so much and we have got to this crisis situation.

The GP a couple of weeks ago was so sick that he was still doing phone consultations from his home and sounded terrible.

I have decided that I am not going to sit back and complain, I am going to try and do something about it.

We need more GPs in Wonthaggi and especially at this clinic, or it will close which will put more pressure on the other clinic.

I have sent a few emails out to different areas and hope that some more patients will do the same. Emailing, writing letters, phone calls; it will all help.

I have enclosed a few email addresses if any people are interested in sending an email to these and anymore that you can think of.

Melina.bath@parliment.vic.gov.au

Georgie.Crosier@parliment.vic.gov.au

Raelene Vaessen-Geritz, Bass

Editor's note: We understand SGFM have one doctor 5-days-a-week, another doctor two days and a further doctor available for telehealth calls, but their main doctor has been unwell lately, and they've had difficulty finding replacements.

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

Winter sunsets provide warm inner glow



COLD starts were a feature of the past week in South Gippsland but the pay off, on at least a couple of the mornings and evenings, where fog wasn't a problem, were some spectacular sunrises and sunsets.

Especially, looking over Western Port last Thursday evening, the deep orange colours of the sunset stopped many people in their tracks, demanding plenty of happy snaps.

A call for sunset photos to be posted on the Sentinel-Times' Facebook produced a stunning gallery of photos that's well worth a look.

Nature has its own way of compensating us for one of the coldest winters on record allowing us to look on the bright side, the end of winter is only a month away.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

DYING to Know Day on August 8 is a national campaign to break down the barriers of talking about and addressing end of life decisions and processes.

On Thursday at 2pm, Milpara Community House is hosting a Death Café, which is an opportunity to get together and enter sensitive conversations about end of life in a safe space with likeminded others.

National Science Week is August 10-18!

On Wednesday, August 14 Milpara and NBN local are hosting a Virtual Reality information session and demonstration. Come in and join the fun!

On Friday, August 16 at 11am, we are presenting a morning of inspiring talks with science specialists and in partnership with MyLi, following with an afternoon of Nature themed screenings starting at 1.30pm. These are free sessions.

Courses in August: Wednesday, August 7 has the first of two workshops about the philosophy and meaning of colours in our lives – Living with Colour Workshops

Saturday, August 10 – Introduction to Canva is a great introductory course in easy online Graphic design

We have limited places available for the Easy Home Cooking course starting August 21 and Beginners Spanish classes starting August 22.

15 Little Commercial St, Korumburra **PH: (03) 5655 2524** www.milparacommunityhouse.org.au 

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

HOMELESS Week is this week. We are having a 'Walk for Warmth Saturday' on August 10 from 10am to 12.30pm. Come along to Mitchell House on Murray Street next to the Apex Reserve to hear about local efforts to support people in Bass Coast who are experiencing the effects of homelessness. The walk will start from there where we will enjoy a hot drink and learn about the work of the WNC, Housing Matters, the Salvation Army and the Orange Sky Project. On the way we will stop and hear from local services and community groups about how they are

providing comfort, shelter and food to those in need. Our final destination will be Wishart Reserve where Mayor Clare Le Serve will speak, and Bass Coast Shire Council will provide a free BBQ. Check out our Facebook page or call us for the latest information.

As a tenant you have rights. Has your rent gone up without notice? Are your repairs not being done? Are there delays in getting your bond returned? Then you can book a Renters' Rights time with a qualified lawyer from Gippsland Community Legal Service to get free and confidential advice. If you would

like to find our more look us up on Facebook, go to housingmattersbasscoast.weebly.com or email us at HousingMattersBC@gmail.com. To make an appointment please ring us. This service is available on the second Thursday of the month, the next is on this Thursday, August 8 from 3pm to 4pm. These sessions are brought together by Housing Matters Bass Coast in conjunction with the WNC.

The Free Supported Play Groups on Tuesdays and Fridays are not available this term, but we hope they return in Term 4.

Please book in for your activities. We have lots going on at

6 Murray St, Wonthaggi **PH: (03) 5672 3731** www.wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com 

BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

DID you know local health services need more workers in non-clinical jobs? There has been an excellent response so far to BCAL's new course, Introduction to Health Services.

The course recognises the fact that many jobs in the health industry don't involve patient care. These could include administrative work, cleaning, maintenance, food preparation, gardening, and much more.

This course prepares people to work in the non-care side of health services, helps them with career progression, and allows them to make contact

with people in the industry. What's more, the skills are completely transferrable to other sectors including hospitality, office work, and customer service to name just a few.

Whichever industry you're aiming for, there's nothing like knowing how to save a life. Accidents and emergencies can occur in any situation. BCAL's First Aid courses start next week. You never know when you might need it.

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

■ WONTAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden's greens, brassicas and legumes are enjoying a late winter growth spurt, looking healthy, vigorous and nutritious.

It was a good time to give them a liquid feed, last week, for a bit of extra support over the next few cold weeks.

Volunteers used diluted worm juice donated by garden members for all the growers to share. This went on the cabbages, broccoli and cauliflowers, beets and garlic as a foliar feed.

The garden's own liquid fertiliser – weed tea, made by marinating tough, invasive weeds in

the WNC so consider becoming a member of the WNC and get discounts to many of our activities and receive a monthly newsletter plus The Grapevine program which lists groups, dates, days and times for the term. Both can be delivered online or by post, your choice. Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook: Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House. Or go to our website: wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com.



tank water, is also ready to go onto tired soil for a pick-me-up before next season's planting.

Special thanks to the Wonthaggi Men's Shed for making a new firm-fitting lid for the weed tea tank.

For more info about the garden's activities or getting involved contact us at email tgordon@westnet.com.au, drop in on a Thursday between 10am and noon, or contact BCAL on 5672 3115.



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Cranberry Orange Pudding

By Meg Viney

Ingredients

- If using dried cranberries, pour over $\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water to reconstitute them
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp each baking soda and baking powder
- 1 tsp each of ginger and cardamom
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 2/3 cup orange juice
- 1 beaten egg
- 3 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon grated orange rind
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups chopped cranberries
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour, extra

HINT: Instead of losing all the lovely orange oil from the orange rind, use a potato peeler to peel the rind and process it with the sugar to grind it - it changed the flavour and isn't so much easier!

Method

In a large bowl, place the first four lines of ingredients.

In another bowl, mix the brown sugar (with the rind), juice and egg, then stir in the butter. Add this to the dry ingredients and stir in the cranberries tossed in the $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour

Coat a well buttered pudding basin and transfer the mixture into it. Cover with buttered foil and tie the top with string.

Place into a large pot on a rack with enough water to come 2/3 of the way up the basin. Return to the boil and steam over a very low heat for two and a half hours. Remove, cool for 5 or 10 minutes then turn out onto a serving platter. Serve with a caramel sauce.

Caramel sauce:

In a saucepan, combine 1 cup cream, 125 gm butter, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup each of white and dark brown sugar and a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil, then simmer and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and add a tsp vanilla.

• FAITH FACTOR

More Than Words

By June Knop, Connections Church Inverloch & Foster, Australian Christian Churches

HAVE you ever heard of, or used the following sayings? "A little birdie told me," "by the skin of your teeth," "the writing's on the wall," "apple of my eye," "wif's end," "go the extra mile," "the powers that be," "labour of love," or "can a leopard change its spots"?

These and many more of our common sayings are from the Bible. In fact, org.nz/blog/eo-bible states that 85 sayings from the Bible are in use today. You might want to check them out. These were originally said hundreds, and thousands of years ago and the reason they have stood the test of time is because they are relevant to everyday human experience.

My favourite one is, "There is no greater love than to lay down your life for a friend", (John 15:13). When Jesus said this to his disciples, he was teaching them two things. Firstly, he was saying that the best life to live is one not totally focused on yourself, but on others. Secondly, he was letting them know what he was about to do for them.

Life for Jesus was about how to live influentially here on earth, making a difference, and about life after death. He had the gift of foresight and knew he was going to be crucified years before it happened. He explains to his friends that his death would enable a way for them, and anyone else who is interested, to live forever.

The stories in the Bible, of everyday ordinary people, simply doing life, were especially chosen to show us the best way to live, with extraordinary repercussions.

Let's take a leaf out of Jesus' book, and make our words and life count too.



Angel acrylic on canvas.

Calling out to young artists

BASS Coast's first art exhibition just for young people is looking for entries from artists between the ages of twelve and twenty-five.

The 'IGNITE' Arts Festival at the Berninnett Art Gallery in Cowes will be an exhibition of art driven by young people and created by young people.

"We're looking for young creatives to enter original artwork by September 6th," said YES Youth Hub Coordinator, Erin Johnson.

"We want to shine a spotlight on the creativity of young people in Bass Coast."

The 'IGNITE' exhibition will be held between September 20th - 25th on Phillip Island.

"We also want to take this opportunity to provide a platform for youth voices to be expressed in our community," said Erin.

"Collaborating with local art groups who have the expertise when it comes to art exhibitions will be essential."

Artworks in all mediums are being accepted and entry is completely free.

The YES Youth Hub will be working alongside art teachers in local schools to provide young people with support and encouragement to enter their work.

"Young artists can submit one or more pieces of art," said Erin.

It is hoped that young people and as many people as possible from the wider community will visit the exhibition in September making it an annual feature on the Bass Coast Art calendar."

YES Youth Hub will be delivering information sessions in August in person and online as well as providing some art materials.

Entries can be submitted in two categories 16 to 19 years and 20 to 25 years.

People's Choice prizes for each age category will be awarded at the end of the exhibition.

Several existing art shows in Bass Coast include a youth section and youth awards however this is the first art exhibition completely dedicated to art created by young people."

The YES Youth Hub managed by the YMCA was successful in securing funding from the Victorian Government as a part of Victorian Youth Fest.

Bass Coast Shire Council is also supporting the exhibition.

Opening night on Friday, September 20, will feature local young musicians.

For more information visit vicyouth.ymca.org.au/y-spaces/yes-youth-hub/youth-arts-fest

To offer support for the exhibition email erin.johnson@ymca.org.au

South Gippsland Specialist School enters delightful documentary into Film Festival



Natasha Allen is a student from South Gippsland Specialist School undertaking work experience at Sweet Life Café Leongatha and features in the new documentary 'Helping Us Grow.'

AFTER last year's success at the Focus on Ability Film Festival the South Gippsland Specialist School (SGSS) will be once again entering a documentary into the competition.

This year's film has been created by the school's Education Support, Linda Slabik, who last year took out the prize in the School Documentaries - Most Online Votes category for the school's film, 'Together We Grow.'

Linda commented that this year she has had a bit more time to prepare a script and put more effort into the making of the film.

The documentary, 'Helping Us Grow', focuses on students undertaking work experience, with Linda highlighting the challenges that these students face around not being given a fair go.

"There is still a lot of stigma

around employing people with a disability or with special needs and that's the same with finding work experience for them, people are still hesitant," Linda explained.

"They're funny, silly and hard workers and they don't have days off."

The school's Work Experience Coordinator Rebecca Bell narrates the documentary which follows six students who are undertaking work experience in local businesses.

The local businesses giving these students an opportunity and which feature in the film are Mount of Olives Farm in Fish Creek, Leongatha Mitre 10, Leongatha Primary School, Sweet Life Café Leongatha, Gippsland Southern Health Service - Leongatha, Whelan Lawn Care and Stewart's Tyres Leongatha.

Students who are completing their school-based apprenticeships/traineeship and are finishing their Certificate Two in Horticulture at the Bass Coast Special School are also featured.

The final story in the documentary is one of a previous student who is happy, hopeful and now employed full-time.

This documentary is honest, engaging and delightful, and it needs your vote to become a finalist in the Focus on Ability Film Festival.

The more votes the film gets, the more chances they have to win, and Linda has her eye set on the big prize this year - a brand-new car for the school.

To watch the film and to vote for it go to focusonability.com.au. Voting opens at 9am on August 7 for one week only until Tuesday, August 13.

Fantastic and forgetful shine in Outtrim trivia night



The happy winning team: Andrea, Herbie, Michelle, Kev, Sharon, Natalie, Glenn and Anita.

donated by Michaels IGA and Saito.

The aptly named team "Clueless" took home the wooden spoon prize, merchandise and drinks voucher, donated by the OMK Cricket Club.

The night finished with everyone joining in singing "Sweet Caroline" for the final music round!

Plans are underway for the hall to host a "Pan-Kick Breakfast" on Sunday, September 22, aimed at bringing the community together through pancakes and a kick of the football and to also show off to the wider community the wonderful facilities in Outtrim.



The winners of the wooden spoon, team "Clueless," not at all disappointed walking away with their prize.

Inverloch receives the accolades as 'Lions Club of the Year'



Dawn Rasmussen, Max Dusting, Ian Rasmussen and Terry Hall from Lions Inverloch.

Jones Fellow' acknowledging thirty years of voluntary service as a member of Lions, Senior Citizens and Leongatha Daffodil Festival.

The Inverloch Lions Club's major fundraiser is the Inverloch Community Farmers Markets at 'The Glade' on the last Sunday of each month.

"Then it's up at seven the next morning to greet the stallholders."

Over summer the market can attract between two and half thousand and three thousand people every weekend in January.

Twilight markets from 3pm to 8pm over the summer assist with fundraising for the Inverloch RSL, Historical Society, Bass Coast Health and South Coast FM.

Even in the depth of winter, the Inverloch market can attract fifteen hundred visitors.

The Inverloch Lions Club is now looking for a generous plumber with time to spare to assist their on-site builder and electrician in finishing the wash area and toilets in their new extension.

Financial contributions towards purchasing materials and equipment needed for the installation of a disabled toilet can be made through the Inverloch Lions Club website at inverlochlions.au/den

Real & Imagined, the exhibition

Ray Dahlstrom • Ellen Palmer Hubble

FROM reality to imagination and back.

These two versatile artists take you on a visual journey from the sharp focus of realism into the mysterious depths of interpretation.

A diverse range of subject matter has been the inspiration in creating sensitive responses to the strength and fragility of nature, while ambiguous artworks entice us to interpret from our own imagination.

Ray Dahlstrom

Ray is both a 2D and 3D artist whose work has been exhibited throughout Gippsland, Melbourne and the Yarra Valley. Including first prize at Save Western Port Woodlands Exhibition (Wonthaggi, June 2024). Ray has in recent years, won a number of awards and has been asked to act as a judge for local art shows. In 2023 he judged over 600 entries for the Leongatha Art Show.

While many of his compositions concentrate on making a statement about the condition of his environment, he likes to consider the lighter side of life, particularly with his 3D work. As a self-taught artist he regards himself as still a student who likes to dabble in a range of techniques as part of his creative journey.

"This can be artistically disastrous, but can be wonderfully rewarding as well," said Ray.

He has sold work throughout Australia and overseas. He works from his studio in Inverloch, which he set up 2010 after coming from the Yarra Valley.

Ellen Palmer Hubble

As a practicing fine artist for over 40 years, Ellen's background also includes major studies in History of Art at Monash University.

book illustration and design, 22 years as a secondary school senior art teacher and head of art department.

Ellen's artworks are emotive responses to the moods and atmosphere of the environment. She is constantly attracted to the play of light. Soft tones of mystery, the drama of strong contrast and the vibrancy of colour opposites.

Her realism derives from her immersion in plein air watercolours along with photographs for major studio pieces in oils or watercolour. Ellen has exhibited throughout the Dandenong ranges, Bass Coast and Gippsland, with works sold locally, nationally and overseas. She has had eight Archibald Portrait entries. Ellen works from her studio in Bass Coast.

Since Ray Dahlstrom set her the challenge for some abstract style artworks, she has explored new frontiers and mediums.

"Art is a lifelong continuum of creativity, blending experiences with what you see and leaps of faith into what you don't know," said Ellen.

Ellen has won awards in watercolour and oils but she says a great joy is someone buying an artwork because they have personally connected with it.

The Real & Imagined Exhibition is on from Tuesday, August 13 to Sunday, September 22 and open to the public every day from 11am-3pm at ArtSpace Gallery, 1 Bent Street, Wonthaggi.

Official exhibition opening is Sunday, August 18, from 1pm-3pm.

All are welcome with free entry.

For more information visit artspacewonthaggi.com.au or Facebook: ArtSpaceWonthaggi.



Ellen Palmer Hubble in her studio.



Ray Dahlstrom in his studio.

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Bestselling authors to appear at Meeniyan Town Hall

AWARD-winning and bestselling author J.P. Pomare will appear in conversation at the Meeniyan Town Hall on Tuesday, August 6 at 6.30pm.

J.P. Pomare will join award-winning author Chris Flynn to discuss Pomare's thrilling new release '17 Years Later'.

Described as a flawlessly plotted, shocking, twisty novel about the murder of the Primrose family, a young chef, Bill Kareama is swiftly charged with murder and brought to justice.

Chris Flynn will be leading the evening's questions alongside Pomare.

Flynn has written three novels, a collection of short stories, and three books for children.

Flynn's books have been shortlisted for and won prizes including the Indie Book Award, Russell Prize for Humour, Aurealis Award and Queensland Premier's Literary Award.

The Irish Australian is sure to keep eventgoers entertained for the evening.

Emma Trotman from Nice Stack of Books says she is thrilled to have Pomare come to Meeniyan.

"I have been a fan of J.P.'s work for many years now and look forward to our community hearing from a master of the psychological thriller genre," said Ms Trotman.

"I can think of no one better to interview JP than Chris Flynn, he is hilarious and a born storyteller."

Tickets are available through Nice Stack of Books website or in-store.

Cost is \$45 which includes a copy of either '17 Years Later' or Flynn's latest release 'Here Be Leviathans'.

Supper is provided along with the chance to have books signed by both authors.

Unique gifts await at Leongatha Art Gallery

LEONGATHA Art and Craft Gallery is situated on the corner of McCartin Street and Michael Place. The gallery is open Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm and Saturday 10am - 1pm.

The gallery/gift shop is filled with paintings, ceramics, lead-light, jewellery, hand-painted gift cards, knitting and woodwork, all made by local artists.

With easy access, just across from the Leongatha Post Office, entry is up the stairs and through the door of Memorial Hall. Disabled access is in Michael Place, enter through the courtyard next door to the gallery.

When you are looking for a gift, don't forget to visit the Art and Craft Gallery in Leongatha.

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Locals Carole Johnston and Ruth Glare in the Inverloch Hub for opening night of the town's Jazz Festival, with Ruth having been to the festival in over 20 of its 30 years, and the pair enjoying its community feel. A14_3224



At the opening of the Phillip Island Festival of Stories at the weekend were Cr Geoff Ellis, committee president Lois Gaskin, Laura Brearley and Terry Melvin.



Delighted with the range of speakers at the Phillip Island Festival of Stories at the weekend were Prue Adamson, Charlotte Seymour, Francesca Rendle-Short and Judy Horacek.



Delighted with the success of Phillip Island Festival of Stories at the weekend were the Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve, President of The Island Story Gatherers Lois Gaskin with two of the guest presenters The Dressmaker author Rosalie Ham and film producer Sue Maslin.



Rediet, Sidney, Leonie and Fasika Somerville-Smith of Korumburra get set for a night of jazz in Inverloch. A15_3224



Jehad with his parents Hossani Anhabra and Iman at WNPS 100 days of prep.



Lily with her mother Emma Kurz at WNPS 100 days of prep.



Charlotte with her parents Nathan and Sarah Brown at WNPS 100 days of prep.



Wren and sister Wynter with their mother Amy Kent at WNPS 100 days of prep.

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Inverloch Jazz Festival, Phillip Island Festival of Stories, 100 days of prep at WNPS, Bass Coast College – Speed Careers Conversations Sessions, Winterfest Mirboo North and Newhaven College Colour Run.



Ban, Angus, Matilda and Donna were enjoying Winterfest under the most magnificent umbrella. ob10_3224



Sarah, Ruby, Autumn and Orla were enjoying everything about the Winterfest including the donuts, the drumming and the lantern parade. ob05_3224



Felicity Wilson, Daniel Scanlan and Aaron Stone of Wonthaggi and Bass McDonalds volunteered their time for the Bass Coast College Speed Careers Sessions. Z01_3224



Bass Coast College students Rhiannon Radford and Lily Loughran discussed a career in Victoria Police with Senior Constable Megan Krause. Z02_3224



Paramedics Abbie Hogg and Jade Taylor volunteered to discuss their career with Ambulance Victoria with the year nine students of Bass Coast College. Z03_3224



Newhaven College Year 4 students, Oscar Lamaro and Sam Martindale loved the colour run experience.



All the Year 4 students smiled from ear to ear throughout the colour run experience.



Newhaven College Junior School students Harper Van Brummelen and Makayla Keene had a great time at the colour run.



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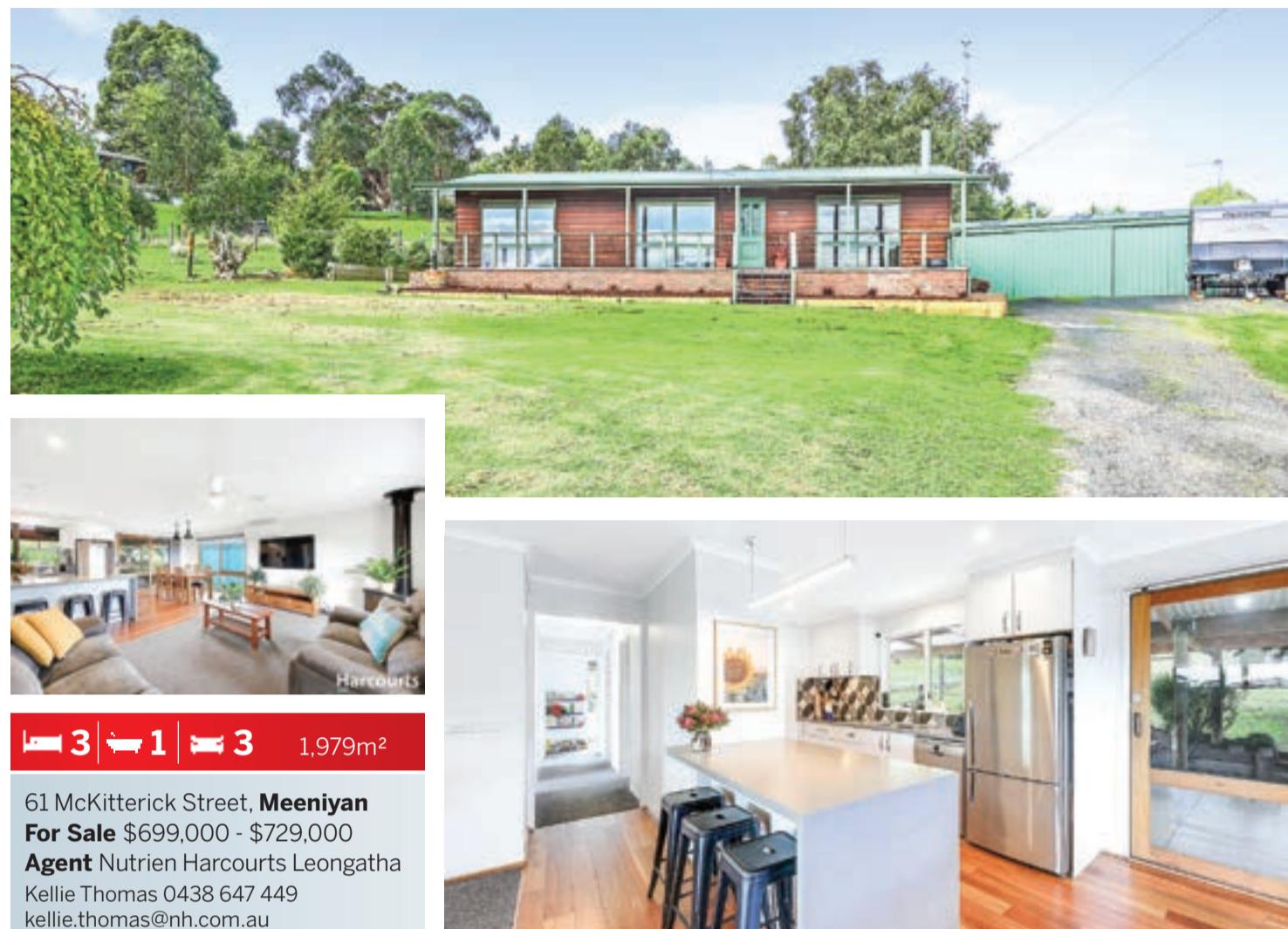
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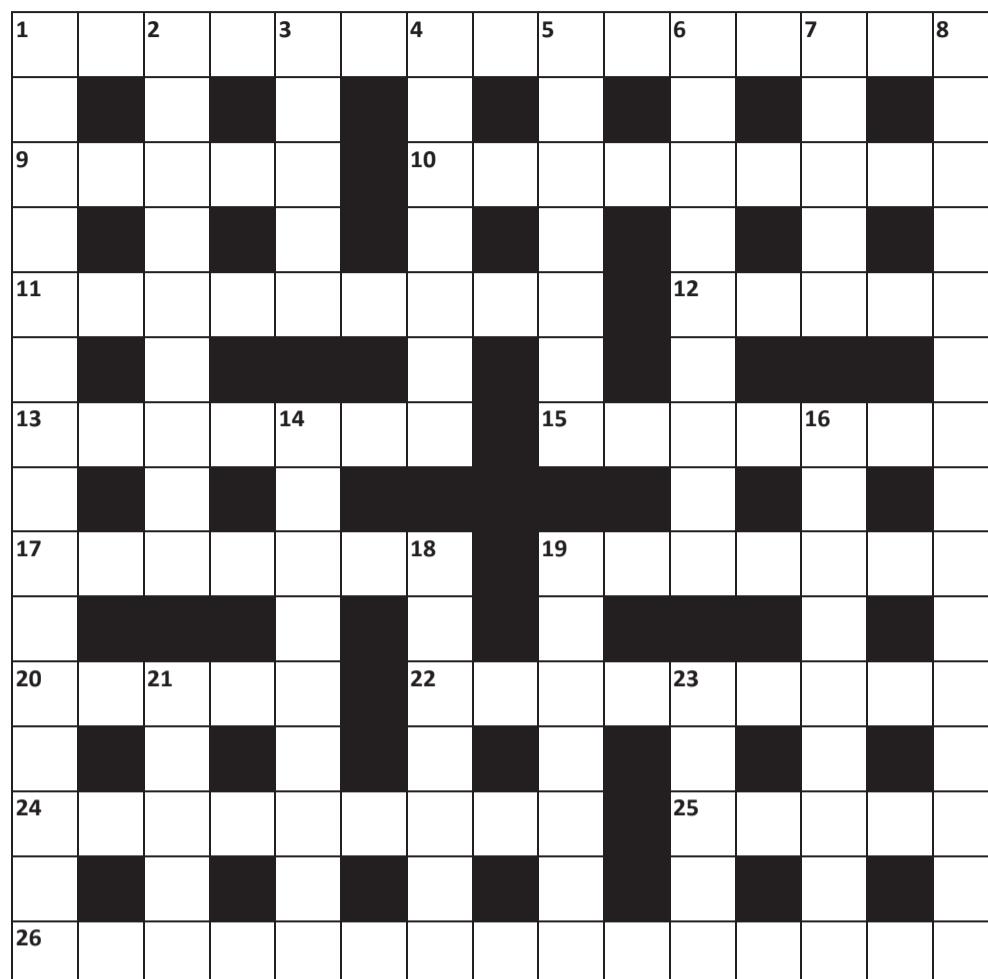
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ACROSS

- Simple 10,J,Q,K,A by pro, and draw over (15)
- Free talk? (5)
- Put out again by about-doubled rent (9)
- Measure bird and fish for licensing (9)
- Grills shoes? (5)
- Most close roughly at seven, right, instead of five? (7)
- Student gutted by a brief lesson in Law (7)
- Cons in *Inside Inspirations* (7)
- Georgia's first couple say develop (7)
- Short check rating jacket, with classic shoulders and red lining (5)
- Waive witless underwriters' distribution (9)
- Spooner calls stern cattleman for concession from banker (9)
- Regular guy, Fonzy; a 'dumpling' (5)
- Overseers are 'Very Mean' specialists (15)

DOWN

- MKR diners roam so freely. But it's an illusion! (5,3,7)
- Very long transport promo in rubbish stream (4,5)
- Writing back in felt pen is awkward (5)
- One playing strings, his trap reset... (7)
- ...is food hunting a long time! (7)
- Acts out as spanking repays 'LOL' (9)
- Dismay when *Anopheles* is initially absent in malaria outbreak (5)



- Final trials to prepare registers in real leisure centre (5,10)
- 'Soft Follows a Shifting Sea' - one from *The Tower Hamlets* (9)
- Volatile pound, withdrawn outright, crashes (2,3,4)
- Keep going from America in disgrace (7)
- Throttle rate got hairy (7)
- Scorsese spy: regular sneak (5)
- Belted chord progression (5)

STRAIGHT CLUES

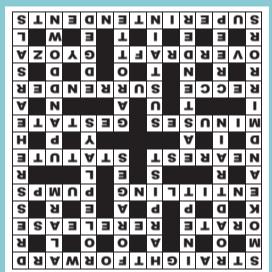
ACROSS

- Simple, direct (15)
- Talk, make speech (5)
- Put out again (9)
- Licensing, allowing (9)
- Grills, interrogates; also, a type of shoes (5)
- Most close, proximal (7)
- A law (7)
- Cons, negatives (7)
- Develop, as in pregnancy (7)
- Check, inspection (short form) (5)
- Waive, give up (9)
- Financial concession provided by banks, lenders (9)
- Asian dumpling (5)
- Overseers (15)

DOWN

- Misdirecting illusion (5,3,7)
- Very long transport vehicle (4,5)
- Awkward, unskilled (5)
- Person playing a type of stringed instrument (7)
- Is food hunting (7)
- Acts out as someone or something (9)
- Dismay, shock (5)
- Final trials, in theatre particularly (5,10)
- Person from the 'Tower hamlets' of London (9)
- Volatile, mercurial (2,3,4)
- Keep going, working, living (7)
- Throttle (7)
- Sneak (around) (5)
- Belted, bordered (5)

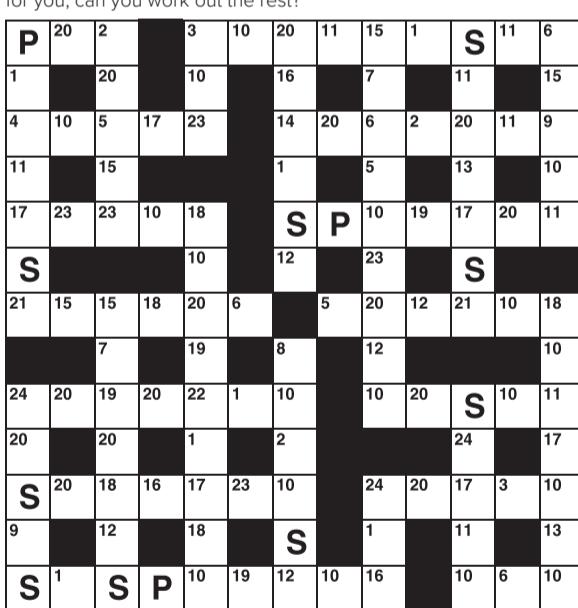
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CODEWORD

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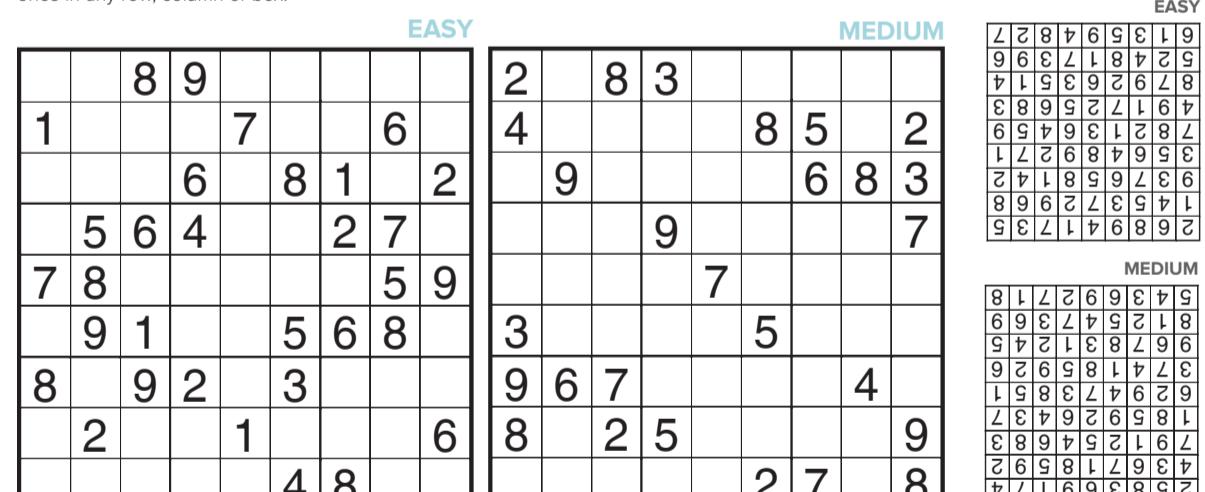
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SUDOKU

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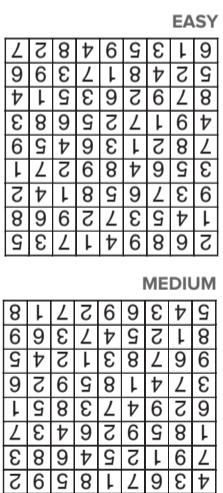
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



CODEWORD: 1 = U, 2 = W, 3 = Z, 4 = B, 5 = G, 6 = Y, 7 = X, 8 = F, 9 = K, 10 = E, 11 = L, 12 = T, 13 = V, 14 = J, 15 = O, 16 = D, 17 = I, 18 = R, 19 = C, 20 = A, 21 = H, 22 = Q, 23 = N, 24 = M.

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SOLUTIONS



QUICK QUIZ

- What was the name of the boat in *Jaws* (1975)?
- Dan Brown's 2003 novel *The Da Vinci Code* opens with a murder in which museum?
- What type of reptiles are leatherbacks and ridleys?
- Janus is the ancient Roman god of what?
- In which city are the Spanish Steps located?
- Who, alongside Jordan Peele (pictured), created the sketch comedy series *Key & Peele*?
- The Palace of Versailles was built in which 17th-century architectural style?
- In carpentry, what is a plumb bob used for?
- Lydia Deetz, Barbara Maitland and Otho are characters in which Tim Burton film?
- Goulash is the national dish of which European country?



ANSWERS: 1. Orca. 2. The Louvre. 3. Turtles. 4. Doors, gates and beguinings. 5. Rome. 6. Keegan-Michael Key. 7. Baroque. 8. To determine if something is vertical. 9. Beethoven. 10. Hungry.

WORD SEARCH

No. 149



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

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Leongatha Store Sales will operate on a weekly basis from the first Thursday in September. A04_3224

Agents thrash out Store Sale resolution

SIMON Henderson, who has just finished his term as president of the South Gippsland Stock Agents Association is pleased a resolution has been reached that will ensure certainty in planning for future Leongatha Store Sales.

The Store Sales will now occur weekly from Thursday, September 5, with agencies divided into two groups, each of which sells once a fortnight.

Prior to that, there will be two more fortnightly Store Sales involving all agencies, on August 8 and 22.

After a period of uncertainty, the two groups have been finalised, with Simon saying that occurred at the recent South Gippsland Stock Agents Association AGM, and explaining how the positive result

was achieved.

"The directors of Everitt Seeley & Bennetts showed tremendous professionalism to break a stalemate," he said.

While discussions back in Autumn led to the decision to split sales, with agents not wanting to sell weekly, only yarding small numbers of cattle, the sticking point has been the composition of the two groups.

Phelan Henderson & Co has now joined Nutrien and SEJ in one group, with Everitt Seeley & Bennetts agreeing to remain in the other group along with Elders, Alex Scott & Staff, and Baw Baw Livestock.

"They changed from where they wanted to sell to agreeing to sell on the other team, just to break the deadlock," Simon

said of those in charge at Everitt Seeley & Bennetts.

SEJ and Nutrien were paired due to their company alignment, with both Phelan & Henderson & Co and Everitt Seeley and Bennetts keen to sell with them.

Simon explained the importance of seasonal cattle numbers in driving a decision on the final composition of the groups to enable weekly Store Sales.

"The agents' body knew that something had to be worked out because it's ok to stay bi-monthly through July and August when numbers are a bit lower, but once we get into the spring and numbers increase there would be too many cattle if it stayed fortnightly," he said.

Simon added that the agents' group knew the issue was bigger than what suited individual agencies as it was affecting the whole industry, including buyers, truck drivers, VLE staff who weren't getting their weekly sales as expected from July 1, and the operator of the canteen at Leongatha Sales.

The Thursday, September 5 and Thursday, September 19 Store Sales will comprise Elders, Alex Scott & Staff, Baw Baw Livestock and Everitt, Seeley & Bennetts.

Nutrien, SEJ, and Phelan & Henderson & Co will sell on Thursday, September 12 and Thursday, September 26.

Store Sales then continue on a weekly basis with agents alternating weeks.

Stronger businesses for South Gippsland farmers

FARMERS in South Gippsland are invited to attend an upcoming Farm Business Success workshops to support their business and action planning to build a stronger business for tomorrow.

Agriculture Victoria Horticulture Program Manager Aimee McCutcheon said the free workshops provide the opportunity to discuss and consider how to manage risks, including production, biosecurity, people or the work environment.

The workshops have been designed in partnership with the ION Group, for farmers, farm managers and employees to improve their knowledge and skills in key farm business management areas to allow for clear planning and decision making.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet like-minded farmers, find information and tools on making their business more productive, farm smarter and achieve their individual business goals, as well as a focus on work-life balance.

The workshops are relevant for farmers in the horticulture (including nursery and garden), meat and wool and apiary industries across the region.

"We encourage farmers from various backgrounds and industries to attend, regardless of their knowledge level, as there will be opportunities to learn new things and develop skills to take back to the farm," said Ms McCutcheon.

The series of sessions will cover a range of module topics, including action planning, risk identification and management, profitable decision making, managing people on farm, farm safety and wellbeing, adaptation and natural resource improvement including soil, water, crops and pastures. Session times are as follows:

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Grants boost Landcare initiatives

LANDCARE volunteers across West Gippsland have received \$337,250 in funding to protect and restore the region's environment in the 2024 Victorian Landcare Grants.

Minister for the Environment Steve Dimopoulos announced the recipients of the \$3.62 million Victorian Landcare Grants at the Victorian Landcare Awards ceremony in July.

Across the state, more than 22 projects were allocated grants worth up to \$20,000 to fund on-ground and educational projects focused on biodiversity protection, while a further 296 support grants will assist environmental volunteer groups.

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (CMA) manages the grant process for the region.

"I'm delighted that local Landcare and environmental groups in West Gippsland will share in \$337,250 funding from this year's program to empower them to continue their vital work protecting and restoring our natural environment," CEO of West Gippsland CMA Martin Fuller said.

A total of 21 grants were awarded to Landcare and environmental volunteer groups in the West Gippsland catchment for projects including revegetation, habitat protection, river restoration and community engagement.

"As a proud partner of Landcare, we look forward to seeing all these exciting projects and initiatives come to life over the next 12-18 months as we continue our role supporting, facilitating and championing Landcare in West Gippsland," Mr Fuller said.

Successful projects extend across the region, from Archies Creek to Maffra, and include initiatives such as safeguarding remnant forests, restoring swampy woodland to protect threatened species, developing a community nursery and inspiring the next generation of Landcarers.

Another 26 local Landcare groups were awarded \$500 support grants to assist with running costs and communication activities, such as newsletters and websites.

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Celebrating a decade of the ecological reserve



THE month of July marked the 10th anniversary of the Ecological Reserve surrounding the Victorian Desalination Plant.

Operated by AquaSure and WaterSure, the reserve has been transformed over the past decade from more than 200 hectares of barren and degraded farmland into a thriving sanctuary for native plants and animals.

"What a celebration of Victoria's largest restoration project," Member for Bass Coast Jordan Crugnale said.

"I want to thank the Bunurong Land Council for welcoming us to Country and alongside VDP Director Julien Taurvry speaking of the connections we have to the land, community, each other and of course nature.

"It is a testament to the many who have restored this area supporting the health of our precious biodiversity and unique natural environments and to our local wildlife volunteer groups for their equally remarkable work in protecting and nurturing native animals."

Opened to the public in 2014, the reserve has since become a cherished community asset – standing out as one of Victoria's largest land restoration projects with more than four million plants grown from seeds indigenous to the

area since 2013.

"Really encourage everyone including our schools to head on out to immerse oneself in nature, walk and connect with the land and appreciate the millions of plants planted and marvel local animals have been given the best chance to thrive in the wild," Ms Crugnale said.

"Also want to thank Mark Bradbury and his team from ID Ecological Management who are exemplary in the plantings, restoration and management of the reserve."

Spanning 225 hectares, the reserve is a cherished community asset and popular destination for walking, bird watching and horse riding with its environments and 127 native plant species enjoyed by locals, visitors and nature enthusiasts alike.

The reserve is used as a template for successful environment and restoration projects, regularly welcoming school groups to learn first-hand about the conservation work undertaken over the past ten years and how it can be applied to other degraded environments.

Wildlife conservation work continues across the reserve to conserve the health of habitats for native animals – supporting local populations of koalas, wombats, echidnas, possums, wallabies and kangaroos.

Bald Hills wind farm on display for Tarwin Landcare



Members of the Tarwin Landcare Group toured the Bald Hills Wind Farm in Sunny the e-bus.

increased productivity and has the additional benefit of reducing bushfire risk.

The tour finished at the operations centre where Glenn provided more information about the technology and maintenance required to generate wind energy. The group learned that the BHWF contributes around 380,000 megawatt hours of electricity per year, sufficient to power 62,000 homes. As a long-term average, this renewable electricity avoids up to 335,000

tonnes of CO2 emissions and equates to taking 77,000 cars off the road.

TLG benefited from the presence of one of its members, an electrical engineer, with extensive knowledge of renewable energy. He explained in simple terms the issues clouding the renewables debate, particularly the problems associated with an aged grid network based on the location of coal deposits.

TLG was also fortunate to have the use of Sunny, the

Venus Bay Community Centre's electric bus, for the tour which kept participants out of the biting cold.

TLG thanks BHWF for hosting the tour, and also for its support through the Bald Hills Community Fund grants program. This year, TLG has been able to purchase seedlings, planting equipment and mugs that will all be valuable for future events and projects.

For more information about TLG, contact tarwin@group.sgl.net.au.

\$20K for South Gippsland Landcare Network and others

MELBOURNE Water is proud to deliver over half a million dollars in funding to support environmental volunteering groups in Port Phillip and Westernport catchments.

The successful applicants will receive funding this month to deliver a range of community projects and partnerships to protect and restore our natural environment in 2024.

Thirty organisations will receive funding up to \$20,000 to deliver on-ground works to landscapes, while 78 more receive \$500 grants for administration costs.

This includes local volunteer group South Gippsland Landcare Network which is working to enhance biodiversity in the

Strzelecki Ranges Bioregion. The volunteers are running a planting scheme to increase species richness, reduce erosion, and improve the quality of the water that drains into Western Port from the Strzelecki Ranges.

Bass Valley Landcare Group will receive \$18,493 for Conserving Bass Valley: Restoring Habitat for Wildlife and Promoting Community Engagement, whilst Bass Coast Landcare Network will receive \$17,500 for Westernport Catchment Kids – Discovering, restoring, and protecting the catchment.

The funding also pays for four planting days hosted by Triholm-Poowong Landcare group to boost member and

community engagement, along with other free community events to encourage volunteering. Toomuc Landcare will also receive a \$500 supporting grant.

In 2023, Victorian Landcare Grants provided by Melbourne Water supported 106 community events attended by 4810 volunteers.

"Our volunteers work on the ground to care for our catchments, and that's why we continue to support these remarkable Victorians," said Barry Kennedy, Regional Landcare Coordinator, Aboriginal Engagement & Community Connections.

All the staff at Melbourne Water appreciate the work of our community groups along

with neighbours and friends to change our world for the better, one project at a time."

Landcare Grants support Biodiversity 2037 and the Victorians Volunteering for Nature plan as part of the Victorian Government's long-term strategy to protect our environment. By creating and restoring habitat corridors, eradicating weeds and invasive species, and protecting endangered plants and animals, our Landcare volunteers are community groups bring that long-term vision to life.

See the full list of this year's Victorian Landcare Grant recipients: environment.vic.gov.au/grants/victorian-landcare-grants



Food prices ease for consumers, but "sticker shock" may still loom

DESPITE higher prices for fruit and vegetables, there was some relief seen for consumers when it comes to overall food price inflation in the latest quarterly Consumer Price Index (CPI) data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, released last week.

The June 2024 quarter data saw overall annual food price inflation – comparing prices with the June 2023 quarter – come in at 3.3 per cent. This had eased from annual food price inflation of 3.8 per cent seen in the March quarter.

RaboResearch senior food retail analyst Michael Harvey said this represented the lowest quarterly food price inflation number since December 2021 (when it was 1.9 per cent).

"While still above the 10-year-average of Australian

food price inflation, which is 2.7 per cent, it is in the context of the peak of food price inflation we saw reached in December 2022 of a very high 9.2 per cent," he said.

In other good news for consumers, Mr Harvey said, inflation in the food service category was also at its lowest level since the March 2022 quarter – at 4.1 per cent for restaurant and 4.3 per cent for takeaway food service.

While overall food price inflation had eased for the sixth consecutive quarter, there were "mixed results inside the food basket", Mr Harvey said.

"There was a general slowdown in the rate of inflation across most key categories including dairy, bakery, cereals and spreads in the June quarter," he said. "There were however some pressure points for consumers, with

cooking oils a clear standout, seeing inflation rising back to 11.5 per cent.

"There are global pricing pressures coming through in the cooking oil category, with higher palm, soy and sunflower oil prices. And locally there have been supply issues with Australian olive oil, with the olive harvest impacted by cold weather and a shorter-than-average growing season."

Mr Harvey said fresh produce also saw higher inflation with fruit and vegetable prices up 4.7 per cent and 3.0 per cent respectively on 12 months ago.

"This was driven by poor weather impacting fresh produce, including tomatoes, capsicums, grapes, blueberries and strawberries," he said.

In "the meat aisle", Mr Harvey said, all meat saw price

declines from 12 months ago, except pork, poultry and seafood.

Looking forward, he said, there may still be some "sticker shocks" for consumers ahead.

"We would expect to see retail prices for red meat rise a little off the back of higher livestock prices that will be coming through the supply chain, and there is some 'upside risk' in relation to egg prices if the bird flu outbreak worsens," he said.

Mr Harvey said a key watch in the September quarter CPI data would be fresh produce, which will be impacted by the growing conditions through winter.

For the chocolate/confectionary category, there may also be some price pressure ahead with higher global cocoa and sugar prices still flowing through the system.



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A/C Cooper Cape (ELDERS)
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A/C Watson Farm (ELDERS)
30 Angus steers, 2 yo, GF & ABF
A/C Baillie Bros, Tyers (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 2yo
A/C C Nunn, Tarwin Lower (NUTRIEN)
30 Hereford steers, 18-20 mths
A/C Hurley Family Angus, Dargo (ALEX SCOTT)
24 Angus steers, 16-20 mths, by stud Millah Murrah bulls out of Millah Murrah blood cows
A/C B Cant, Churchill (ELDERS)
22 Herefords steers, 24 mths, Millwarra bloodlines
A/C "Bannah Beef", Fernbank (SEJ)
22 Angus steers, 16-17 mths, Fernleigh & Innesdale blood, very quiet
A/C A & A Brown (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers, 20 mths, GF & ABF
A/C G Francis, Foster (SEJ)
18 Angus steers, 22 mths, East Gippsland Bred
A/C M & N Bracecamp, Mardan (SEJ)
15 Angus steers, 16-17 mths, Drenched 10/07 with Eprinex, Multimin & 3 x 7in1, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred, Pinora blood
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14 Angus steers, 22 mths
A/C T, C & LJ Smirl, Leongatha North (ELDERS)
12 Angus steers, 20 mths
A/C B&C Beer, Welshpool (Elders)
12 Angus Steers, 16 mths, VB, GF, ABF, Weaned
A/C C Hemple (ELDERS)
12 Angus & BB steers, 18 mths, GF & ABF
A/C S & G Cumming, Glenmaggie (NUTRIEN)
12 Poll Hereford steers, 22 mths
A/C G Potter, Yallourn North (NUTRIEN)
12 BB steers, 2yo

A/C A Pocklington, Mirboo (SEJ)
65 Angus & BB mixed sex
10 Hereford heifers
9 Char mixed sex
9-10 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred
A/C D & R Scott, Stony Creek (ELDERS)
85 Beef Bred mixed sex weaners, 9-12 mths
A/C Pepper Hill Trading Co, Willow Grove (ALEX SCOTT)
80 Angus & Black Baldy steers, 8-10 mths by Absolute and Wattlewood stud Angus bulls, 2x 5in1, 3x multimin, drenched and weaned, VB
A/C AW & CM O'Mara, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, By Te Mania & Bowman Genetics
20 Angus heifers, Te Mania & Leawood blood
12-14 mths
A/C Jasmel Nominees, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
60 Angus steers, 9-11 mths, Alpine Angus sires, VB, GF & ABF

A/C Richard Hollands (ELDERS)
35 Hereford heifers, 12-16 mths, weaned, VB

A/C R & C Donat, Mirboo (NUTRIEN)
3 Angus steers
30 Angus heifers
10 mths

A/C M Kee (ELDERS)
30 Angus mix sex weaners, 9- 10 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/C Outtrim Downs, Outtrim (SEJ)
30 Angus mixed sex, 10-11 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/C P Cashman, Stratford (ELDERS)
30 Angus & BB mix sexes, Bowman & Mawarra blood, Cydectin Drench, multimin & B12, VB, Weaned, ABF & GF

A/C D & H Campbell, Mardan (NUTRIEN)
28 Angus steers, 10-11 mths, NE Accred, weaned, By Innesdale Bulls

A/C Harris Farms, Dumbalk (SEJ)
20 Angus steers, Harris Farms blood, 10 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c Dave Harris Earthmoving, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)

45 Angus steers, 10-12 mths, VB, GF & ABF, Dectomax Drenched & Lice treatment 1.8.24

A/c Katelea Pastoral, Glen Alvie (SEJ)

30 Ang x Ang x steers, 10-12 mths

12 Angus heifers, 12-14 mths

Sired by Top Banquet & Rennylea Bulls, VB, GF & ABF

A/c Allen Angus (ELDERS)

42 Angus & Angus X heifers, 10-12 mths, weaned, VB, GF & ABF

A/c Mardan Lodge, Mardan (SEJ)

40 Ang & Ang /Hereford x mixed sex, 9-11 mths, By Top Alpine Angus Sires, very quiet, drenched (2 x 5in1), VB, GF & ABF

A/c O'Loughlin Farms, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)

40 Angus steers, 10-12 mths, NE Accred, Kunuma blood, Vendor bred

A/c M & R Lane, Willung South (NUTRIEN)

40 Angus X steers, 10-12 mths

A/c Newry Rural (ELDERS)

20 Angus steers weaners

20 Angus heifer weaners

10 mths, VB, NE Accred

A/c P Peluso, Mirboo Nth (ALEX SCOTT)

20 x Angus Weaner steers

20 x Angus Weaner heifers

9-10 mths

A/c Richard Hollands (ELDERS)

35 Hereford heifers, 12-16 mths, weaned, VB

A/c R & C Donat, Mirboo (NUTRIEN)

3 Angus steers

30 Angus heifers

10 mths

A/c M Kee (ELDERS)

30 Angus mix sex weaners, 9- 10 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c Outtrim Downs, Outtrim (SEJ)

30 Angus mixed sex, 10-11 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c P Cashman, Stratford (ELDERS)

30 Angus & BB mix sexes, Bowman & Mawarra blood, Cydectin Drench, multimin & B12, VB, Weaned, ABF & GF

A/c D & H Campbell, Mardan (NUTRIEN)

28 Angus steers, 10-11 mths, NE Accred, weaned, By Innesdale Bulls

A/c Harris Farms, Dumbalk (SEJ)

20 Angus steers, Harris Farms blood, 10 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c T Beamish, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 10-11 mths, weaned, By Merlewood & Harris Bulls

A/c Bulleondurra, Mirboo North (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 10-12 mths

A/c JT & KL Hilliar, Mirboo (SEJ)

20 Angus steers, 9-10mths, By Battersby Bulls, VB, GF & ABF

A/c CJ Farr P/L, Labertouche (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths

A/c T & B Crawford, Binginwarri (ELDERS)

20 Speckle x mixed sex weaners, 9-10 mths, VB, GF, ABF

A/c RJ Mackenzie, Buffalo (ALEX SCOTT)

20 Hereford heifers, 10-12 mth, weaned

A/c P Mattern, Alberton (NUTRIEN)

20 Charo steers, 12-14 mths

A/c Vuillermin Past, Yanakie (NUTRIEN)

15 Angus Hereford X steers, 10 mths

A/c A Armstrong, Gainsborough (NUTRIEN)

5 Angus steers

10 Angus heifers

10 mths

A/c C Nunn, Tarwin Lower (NUTRIEN)

3 Angus steers, 10 mths

XBRED & DAIRY TYPES

A/c G & L Webster, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)

28 Hereford X steers, 20 mths

A/c A Spencer, Leongatha North (ELDERS)

14 Angus/ Friesian X steers,18 mths

A/c D Grylls (ELDERS)

12 Xbred steers, 18 mths

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Ray Smith says everything must be sold at the Inverloch Anglican Op Shop closing-down sale.

Op Shop to close with a monster sale

TWENTY years of history will be sold for a song at the Inverloch Anglican Op Shop during a closing-down sale in August and September.

Raising \$1.2 million since first opening the doors to the Op Shop in the early 2000's the committed group of thirty Op Shop volunteers has been forced to call it a day.

"We just haven't been able to find alternative premises that are large enough," explained volunteer Ray Smith.

The Anglican Op Shop first opened in Bear Street, Inverloch before moving to the current larger premises in Cashin Street.

"Everything will be cleared at half price or cheaper as we vacate Cashin Street by the end of September."

For the keen shopper, basketball boots in adult sizes will go out at \$35 a pair.

The Inverloch Anglican Op Shop used funds raised at the Op Shop to support Monday night meals in Wonthaggi for over

one hundred people each week.

The Op Shop also participates in a food rescue service picking up groceries, fruit and vegetables and meat from major supermarkets for distribution to sixty people a week from the Anglican Church Hall in Wonthaggi.

Donated jewellery is bound to be keenly sought by bargain hunters along with artworks featuring local scenes and wildlife, toys and games, collectable footy cards and football memorabilia.

"Plenty of fine English porcelain sets of three," said Ray.

"We would like to say thank you to the many donors, volunteers and customers who have supported the Op Shop over the years."

The Anglican Op Shop in Cashin Street located just behind Mitre 10 on the Bass Highway is open between 10am and 4pm, Thursday and Friday and 10am to 2pm on Saturdays.

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"Don't do it unless you love it," the veteran announcer, actor and comedy writer advises strongly.

"You need another job to make money. I worked as a bartender in New York."

Bill Tem Eyck began his career as an actor in 'Concealed Enemies', a 1984 mini-series broadcast on PBS, a publicly funded radio network out of New York City.

Winning acting roles on and off-Broadway, Bill Tem Eyck found a niche recording voice-overs and later as a writer and performer on Steve Vizard's hit television show the 'Comedy Company'.

Bill also worked on 'Neighbours' and John Clarke and Brian Dawe's ABC television series 'The Games'.

A drama teacher at Monbulk High School before recently retiring Bill is now a podcaster as well as South Coast FM volunteer.

Tem Eyck's 'The Bill Show' and 'Politics this Week' on iTunes and



South Coast FM presenter Bill Tem Eyck.

Quantify are rated in the world's top ten political satires "currently at number six and rising with a bullet".

"The way to go these days is the Victorian College of the Arts with a degree in Visual Arts (Film Direction)."

A course of study his own son chose.

"Young people these days have more options," noted Bill.

"And, community radio is a good way to learn your way around a studio desk."

Essential to success in the entertainment industry is a disciplined work ethic and dogged determination.

"My son is now working as a 'high-end' drag queen in a stage show travelling around Australia."

"Being an actor, musician or artist is not a

job, it is a calling."

You can hear Bill Tem Eyck on South Coast FM on Mondays from 6am to 9am and on Wednesdays from 9am to noon including 'Moving Pictures' with Paul Coulter at 11am.

South Coast FM also streams live on the Internet.

Among Bill Tem Eyck's most loyal listeners are Barb and Graeme from Wonthaggi, long-time friends Fred and Claudia from New York and David from Boston.

South Coast FM broadcasts on 88.1, 89.1 and 89.5.

Do you have what it takes? South Coast FM is looking for a presenter for a new health segment and is always on the lookout for volunteers (see the Sentinel-Times Vacancies pages for more details).

Interest sought for environmental partnership

BASS Coast Shire Council has announced the launch of a new Environmental Partnerships Program and is now seeking expressions of interest from community organisations with expertise and dedication to deliver innovative environmental programs and projects.

The Bass Coast community, including environmental groups, businesses, households and council have already taken commendable steps to reduce emissions and prepare to meet the challenges of a changing climate.

With the adoption of the partnership policy and framework in October 2023, this program offers groups an opportunity to strengthen these efforts and partner with council on impactful project partnerships in 2025 and into the future.

Through the program, council will support projects established via a partnership agreement with each community organisation clearly demonstrating their contribution to delivering the key environmental priorities

identified in council's Climate Change Action Plan.

The total funding pool is \$100,000 per year, and partnership agreements will last from one to three years, with an annual review and a maximum project amount of \$30,000 for groups per year.

"This program is a fantastic opportunity for community organisations to partner with us to create a sustainable and resilient future for Bass Coast. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in our fight against climate change," Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve said.

These initiatives will need to align with key actions outlined in council's Climate Change Action Plan and council is particularly interested in programs that can demonstrate measurable contributions to actions such as:

- Promote the adoption of energy efficiency measures, solar and battery storage, electric vehicles, and all electric homes.
- Encourage productive gardening, habitat creation and waste

reduction through circular economy principles.

- Develop resources and campaigns to enhance climate resilience.
- Facilitate financial assistance for sustainability upgrades in homes and businesses.
- Increase native vegetation across the shire.

Expressions of interest opened on August 1 and will close on September 15, with successful expressions invited to submit a formal application later in the year.

Organisations who would like more information on the environmental partnerships program can attend an information session in person or online on August 13.

Bookings are available through the Trybooking link located on The CAP.

To submit your expression of interest or for more information, visit thecap.com.au/environmental-partnerships or contact council's acting climate emergency project officer Talia Newton at 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or 5671 2211, or email sustainability@basscoast.vic.gov.au.



If you missed out on buying their books at the Phillip Island Festival of Stories, Kylie Lindorff has most of the titles at Turn The Page bookstore in Cowes.



The powerful life experience of Gippsland Gunai/Kurnai woman Veronica Gorrie is written large in two award-winning books which she discussed at the Phillip Island Festival of Stories.

Island's stories balance a big weekend of sport

PHILLIP Island's Festival of Stories, staged mostly at the new Berninnett Cultural Centre in Cowes at the weekend, had a line-up of speakers that would have done a statewide or national literary event proud.

And after starting off modestly enough with an audience of 50 or so to hear two former Jerilderie women, Rosalie Ham and Sue Maslin, describe how they took Rosalie's book, *The Dressmaker*, to world acclaim in the Kate Winslet film of the same name, the event built up a head of steam across the weekend.

Next up on Saturday was aboriginal writer Veronica Gorrie, who as a Gunai/Kurnai woman was brought up in Gippsland, later finding her way to Queensland where for 10 years, between 2001 and 2011, she was a police officer in the Queensland Police Service.

Her first book, *Black and Blue: A memoir of racism and resilience*, was a product of that experience reflecting on her Aboriginal heritage and the decade she spent in the police force. Released in 2021 *Black and Blue* won the 2022 Victorian Prize for Literature, one of Australia's richest literary awards.

She has followed up with a new book *When Cops Are Criminals* which "brings together the accounts of survivors, campaigners, and academics, exploring different forms of criminal behaviour by police, the factors that contribute to it, the impact it has on victims, and the challenges of holding perpetrators accountable".

Now living on country in East Gippsland, Veronica has also written a play, *Nullung*, presented as a play reading by Melbourne Theatre Company in 2021, the first known time the Gunai language was featured in a stage performance.

Saturday afternoon featured a presentation by ABC Radio host Michael Cathcart with journalist, playwright and author, Hannie Rayson, famous for writing the iconic Australian play *Hotel Sorrento*, first performed in 1990, but also a number of other acclaimed works.

And also, former ABC journalist Kerry O'Brien on 'a life in journalism' and author/activist Rosie Batty with the ABC's Jacinta Parsons in the evening.



Author of the acclaimed book *The Dressmaker* Rosalie Ham and producer of the award-winning film of the same name, Sue Maslin, were speakers at the Phillip Island Festival of Stories at the weekend.

There was a breakout event at The Gurdies Winery on Saturday evening with Wendy Harmer and Alan Pentland.

By Sunday morning audiences in the Berninnett auditorium had swelled past the 100 mark to hear a session titled 'Truth in Journalism' with Kerry O'Brien and award-winning freelance journalist and the author of 13 books Margaret Simons, moderated by Jacinta Parsons.

Among the takeaways from the session were, according to Ms Simons, that artificial intelligence (AI) isn't likely to have the impact on journalism that was first feared, and according to Mr O'Brien, that readers have a fundamental responsibility to educate themselves and become more savvy about which news services they are prepared to trust and what they can believe.

Ms Simons said it was also a pivotal time for traditional media with Facebook, the platform formerly known as Twitter and other social media moving away from news, creating something of a vacuum in delivery.

She said that the bigger news companies, which had seen their advertising revenue eroded by the tech giants, were now fighting back, getting as much as 50 per cent of their revenue from readers who were prepared to pay for news they could trust, declaring that she is currently working for The Guardian in Australia and

other clients as a freelancer.

The weekend of stories continued on with Wendy Harmer and Hannie Rayson talking about self-perception and identity with a social session following, including music by Marty Box.

Island Story Gatherers President Lois Gaskin was delighted with the success of the weekend, the turnout by the community and the incisive presentations from a high calibre of speakers.

"We're only a small committee and they put in 100s of hours to make it a success. We're very committed and passionate and I think we've really punched above our weight in what we have been able to deliver," said Ms Gaskin during the weekend.

"We've been delighted with the speakers and the glowing feedback we've received from the audience," she said.

Opening the event on Saturday morning, Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve said the council and the region had a strong commitment to arts and culture, including this weekend when the shire was hosting the Inverloch Jazz Festival at one end and the festival of stories at the other.

"In Bass Coast we pride ourselves on having a great arts and cultural program. It provides us with inspiration in our lives and is an expression of the power of creative thinking," Cr Le Serve said.

Bass MP Jordan Crugnale also attended the opening of the Phillip Island Festival of Stories.



Members of the Streeton Court Big Band kick off the Inverloch Jazz Festival. A09_3224

Big weekend of jazz

INVERLOCH Jazz Festival's 30th birthday was celebrated in style across five venues throughout the weekend, kicking off on Friday night in three locations, with the official opening at the Inverloch Hub.

Bass Coast Shire Deputy Mayor Rochelle Halstead declared the festival open, prompting Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, who was expected to have that honour, to express surprise, but all was taken in good spirits as the audience enjoyed an evening of jazz.

The speakers followed a rousing performance from the Streeton Court Big Band, named after an Inverloch Street in which its founder once lived and featuring talent from across the Gippsland region, including locally.

The band offered great variety, with numbers ranging from 'A Night in Tunisia', written by famous American trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, through to the Cyndi Lauper song 'Time after Time'.

Jennifer Salisbury followed the official opening, singing the songs of Cole Porter and sharing some of his life story.

Festival attendees enjoyed a display of badges and other items associated with the history of the Inverloch Jazz Festival back to its 1994 beginnings when it had a strong focus on Trad Jazz, the display put together by festival founder Neville Drummond and his wife Margaret.

Inverloch Jazz Festival president Ron Anderson spoke about this year's festival, which featured around 45 bands, about

70 having applied, and most of those chosen getting a couple of separate one-hour sets.

"We're trying to churn the bands around so it's different each year, and we're trying to get younger musicians to come in," he said, having noted the aim is to provide a variety of jazz styles across the weekend.

"We've got some trad bands, some mainstream bands and some modern bands," Ron said, with some of this year's young blood coming in the form of a couple of bands from Monash University.

Opening night had a focus on local bands, including 'Arandu Band' and 'Black Notes', which played at Warrawee and the Inlet Hotel respectively, the latter venue a 2024 addition.

The local bowls club and RSL were this year's other festival venues.

Inverloch Jazz Festival was long held in March during the Labour Day weekend, shifting to a winter slot in recent years, something that is working well, helping draw people to the town at a time when local businesses would otherwise be experiencing a lull.

Bass Coast Shire Council has been supportive of the shift and sponsored the festival as a winter event, this being the third edition in that format, with the move also leading to increased local support.

Organisers are keen to keep the event a happy blend that appeals to locals and people from further afield.



Jennifer Salisbury performs Cole Porter songs. A11_3224

Make your boating easier with free reversing clinics

RECREATIONAL boaters are being encouraged to register for a series of free clinics held around the state, to brush up on their skills ahead of spring and summer boating adventures.

Funded by the Better Boating Fund, which reinvests recreational boaters' licence and registration fees, the clinics offer boaters of all experience levels to practice their trailer reversing skills under the guidance of experts.

Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) CEO Travis Dowling said the sessions would be run by the VFA's Better Boating division with support from Peninsula Boat Training.

"Backing down the ramp can be a challenge for boaters of all experience levels, so these clinics provide hands-on experience under the watchful eyes of experts," Mr Dowling said.

"You'll leave with practical tips and tricks to put into practice next time you hit the water so you can make a great start to a day fishing or boating."

In September and October, five sessions will be open to all boaters while three free sessions are female-only events held in conjunction with the Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating Network.

Clinics will be available to all boaters at Ballarat's Lake Wendouree on Saturday, September 7, Patterson River on Sunday, September 15, Rhyll on Sunday, September 22, Point Richards on Sunday, October 13 and Altona on Sunday, October 27.

The WIRFAB events at Ballarat and Bendigo will also include a free marine licence course, providing new female boaters with the opportunity to take their marine vessel licence test after getting guidance from experts on boating basics.

WIRFAB Network leader Amanda Keilar said the clinics have value for even the most experienced of boaters.

"I've been to a few of these sessions and I learn something new every time," she said. "It's a great way to build your confidence in reversing at the ramp."

Clinics are free but bookings are essential. To learn more and to register, head to betterboating.vic.gov.au.

South Gippsland Bridge Results

JULY 30 at Wonthaggi RSL - 14 pairs competing

Master point winners

First John French and Deb Anglim 60.5 average board score. Second Anne Somerville and Kathy Dowd 55.56. Third Mike Dooley and Marie Sands 55.19. Fourth Matti Shub and Penny Loughran 53.71. Fifth Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles 49.63. Sixth Ruth Harvey and Sue Edwards 49.26.

August 2 at Inverloch Angling club - 16 pairs competing

North South Winners

First John Quayle and Matti Shub with a brilliant 68.15 per cent. Second Nev and Phillip Chapman 59.23. Third Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 58.04. Fourth Julie and Ian McPhee 57.38.

East West winners

First Faye Rowlands and John Currier 59.23. Second Bronwyn Sund and Marie Sands 56.85. Third Hannah Martin and Anne Green 51.49. Fourth Chris Hall and Doug McIntosh 49.70.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woorlami (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY	August 6
▲ 12.27am	1.37m
▼ 6.38am	0.43m
▲ 1.49pm	1.59m
▼ 7.22pm	0.78m

WEDNESDAY	August 7
▲ 1.21am	1.40m
▼ 7.26am	0.44m
▲ 2.27pm	1.61m
▼ 8.07pm	0.70m

THURSDAY	August 8
▲ 2.10am	1.43m
▼ 8.07am	0.46m
▲ 2.58pm	1.61m
▼ 8.45pm	0.63m

FRIDAY	August 9
▲ 2.53am	1.46m
▼ 8.45am	0.51m
▲ 3.25pm	1.61m
▼ 9.20pm	0.57m

SATURDAY	August 10
▲ 3.32am	1.47m
▼ 9.20am	0.56m
▲ 3.51pm	1.59m
▼ 9.53pm	0.52m

SUNDAY	August 11
▲ 4.10am	1.48m
▼ 9.54am	0.61m
▲ 4.17pm	1.57m
▼ 10.24pm	0.52m

MONDAY	August 12
▲ 4.46am	1.48m
▼ 10.28am	0.67m
▲ 4.45pm	1.55m
▼ 10.56pm	0.47m

Record breaking medley for local



Miah, Gemma and Cooper represented Victoria and SGB in Queensland.



Archie wears his medal after breaking the national record in the mixed medley.

Vic this year. She was one of eight multi-class swimmers ranging from S6 through to S19 (varying from physical disabilities, invisible disabilities and intellectual impairments) representing Victoria. The males and females of the team bonded well amongst their able-bodied teammates with mutual respect for all their abilities.

Gemma is 12 years old and was competing in the 13-15 age category which made for tough racing. However, her aim was to achieve PBs, which she did, and she was thrilled to have such a broad range of multi-class events available to swim. Normally meets only have 50m races for multi-class, but the swimming was inclusive and for the first time she

swam 200m MC freestyle along with six other longer distance MC events and two dedicated multi-class relays. She now has a fire that is well and truly ignited to work even harder for next year! Having had such an abundance of opportunities for multi-class swimmers.

For Miah, she enjoyed the great camaraderie throughout TeamVic, the culture of the training sessions and racing in a team with people she normally races against. It was her first year there and she learned a lot from the different coaches and hopes to make the team next year. It has been a big year for Miah with Nationals also in Queensland a few months ago. She finished 9th in the final of her favourite event, the 100m Backstroke.

Cooper enjoyed the honour of captaining the team and racing against swimmers of his age, as there are not always as many older school-aged swimmers at many local meets.

Cooper was honoured to be selected for the team in the first place and to be able to represent not only the swimming team as their captain but also his state as he was selected by School Sports Australia to captain Victoria as the representative of all sports.

"It was such a privilege to read the Athletes Oath at the opening ceremony and carry the Victorian flag for the opening and closing ceremonies. I enjoyed being able to have an impact on those around me whilst doing what I love, swimming."

Peter McNiven takes out premier Winton event



Peter McNiven shows off his impressive Winton Festival of Speed trophy and his stunning 1971 Mazda RX2.

While the Mustang with its 500 horsepower threatened to pass Peter on the straight, he was just able to hang on.

The second-placed Mustang driven by Brad Tilley had led by around 12 seconds late in the race.

Peter's 18-month-old son and his wife were at the track for his winning drive, making it a real family affair.

Jim and his friend Ian Speight prepared the Mazda at home and at the track, with Nick Murdica also part

of the winning pit crew at Winton, with Jim outlining the way the 13 lap, 50km battle panned out.

"It's a long way for 1971 motorcars, and Pete's car just kept going round at the same speed for the whole time, while the very fast Mustangs and Camaros all got away at the start, but their tyres and brakes wear out and they get slower, and the next thing Pete's passing them one at a time," Jim said.

The Mazda started fifth on the grid, taking on an experienced field of racers, Peter having first driven at the age of seven.

Jim noted that Winton is the second biggest historic race meeting in Australia, only behind Phillip Island, which hosts its event two weeks before the Grand Prix, attracting a lot of international participants.

"This is the biggest of Australian historic racing," he said of the Winton meeting.

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Olivia Curtain on Yalambi's Luciana after winning the FEI Children's Classic Silver Tour Championship with her proud parents.



Olivia Curtain and Ngahiwi Lady Blu during the Children's Championship presentation in Queensland.

Showjumper crowned a champion

RHYLL'S Olivia Curtain enjoyed success during her three-week road journey to Queensland and New South Wales for Showjumping Winter Shows.

Olivia's family is extremely proud of her, as she was not only the Champion in Queensland at the Festival of Showjumping - Children's Championship 1.15m on mare Ngahiwi Lady Blu (11-year-old grey mare) - she also won the FEI Children's Classic Silver Tour Championship - 1.10m on her other new mare Yalambi's Luciana (eight-year-old chestnut mare) - in New South Wales at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre.

Olivia and her family travelled to Queensland and New South Wales without much expectation, as Olivia has

only had Ngahiwi Lady Blu for four months and Yalambi's Luciana for five months, after moving off her two ponies earlier this year - a major change.

Olivia has formed an incredible bond quickly, especially for someone who just turned 13 and is competing against a higher age level.

In addition, Olivia will represent her school for the third year in a row at the Australian Interschool Nationals in Tamworth in late September.

She is now back on the farm at Rhyll to prepare for the next shows in Willinga, Batemans Bay and Tamworth in September.

Olivia would like to thank her sponsors Melbourne Brick and Geohex, along with her coaches Frida and Phil from Lever Equestrian.



Olivia Curtain and Yalambi's Luciana during the lap of honour.



Denise Silver of Wonthaggi with Contest Director Andrew Hooton-Shandley.



Nauru Women's Team: Robenda Depaune, Bhaedoca Dowabobo and Oleanda Aliklik

Wonthaggi Coalminers Cup attracts 'Ton Whatever'

THE COALMINERS Cup at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club scored a darts 'ton-whatever' over the weekend attracting more than one hundred players to Australia's only international darts contest.

Men's and women's teams from throughout Victoria, interstate and Nauru travelled through the day and night to compete in the prestigious Wonthaggi tournament.

One hundred and five players competed for a total prize pool of \$7000 together with medallions, badges, trophies and a 'Highest Peg Shield' for the first player to score one hundred and seventy from a triple twenty 'deadeye'.

Organised by the Powlett Darts Association, Contest Director Andrew Hooton-Shandley said this year was



Glen 'Comet' Hayley of Ballarat Highest Peg (170) 2023.

the tenth anniversary for the annual Coalminer's Cup.

Competing over two days winners are chosen from the best of seven games including a doubles event, five singles

games and one triple.

Winning teams are selected from a tally of individual scores.

The outright winner received a cash prize of \$1250 and a perpetual trophy.

Last year's winners from Loddon near Bendigo fought strongly all weekend against the determined Nauru team and a new squad of deadly accurate darts players from Melton.

Hoota's Crew from Wonthaggi and Warrnambool played keenly but the competition proved overwhelming.

Wonthaggi Coalminers Cup Results

Mens: Amigos 14, MsDarterz 12, Loddon 11, Hi 5's 2 10, Predators 9, Wot Tha 8, Eastern Raiders 6, Hi 5's 1 6, Hoota's Crew 4, Erago 4, Bits 0

Ladies: F.I.I.K. Inc. 9, Hoota's Crew 8, Demeraya 8, Skittles 6, Loddon 5, L.V. Travellers 5, Check Out Chicks 4, Fam Bam 3, Birds 0



Lucy Thompson secured another first on Sunday.

Sunshine and success for Newhaven College at You Yangs MTB Park

YOU Yangs, Little River - The icy morning chill made way for stunning sunshine and perfect race conditions for the seven Newhaven College students who competed in Round 4 of the School MTB series at You Yangs MTB Park on Sunday, August 4.

Students made the long trek from Bass Coast to one of their favourite mountain bike courses. The air was electric with excitement and anticipation, evident in competitors who had travelled from across the state.

Hamish Dakers-Hock has done it yet again, going from strength to strength by securing another first-place win in the U15 males category, ensuring he is no stranger to the podium.

Meanwhile, Lucy Thompson, affectionately known as "Miss Consistent," has proven herself yet again with another first-place finish, continuing to improve her skills and showcase her impressive athleticism in the U15 girls category.

The event featured impressive racing from all involved and highlighted the growing popularity of mountain biking among the youth in Bass Coast Shire.

Looking ahead, the next races in the series are scheduled for Round 4 in Castlemaine and Round 5 in Bendigo, taking place on Saturday, September 7, and Sunday, September 8, respectively.

The future looks bright for these young athletes as they continue to build on their success and passion for the sport.

Thrilling night of darts in Phillip Island League

MONDAY night saw an electrifying display of skill and competition in the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League. The Breakers edged out Joes Hornets in a nail-biting match, securing a narrow 4-3 victory that kept the excitement alive for fans. Meanwhile, the Vikings showcased their dominance by flexing their flights against That's All, winning decisively with a score of 6-1.

The Storm also had a solid night, defeating The Riverboys 5-2, while the Dart Vaders capitalised on a forfeit from the Jammers, claiming a 7-0 victory without throwing a single dart.

With only two rounds remaining in the season, the race for the fourth finals spot is heating up. The Jammers, Riverboys, Breakers, and Joes Hornets are all in contention, making for an exciting finish to the league.

In other news, congratulations are in order for Bob, who won the San Remo Butchers meat tray raffle, adding to the night's festivities.

Looking ahead, next week promises more thrilling matches, including a showdown between last year's grand finalists, the Vikings and Riverboys. The Dart Vaders will have a bye, allowing them to rest and strategise for their upcoming challenges.

As the season approaches its climax, the anticipation builds for what promises to be an unforgettable conclusion to the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League.



Glenda Binch, Linda Newman and Rhonda Rattenbury were the Breakaway Bowls winners on Monday.



Peter McWilliams (L), Michael Dady (S), Enid Johnston (3) and Bev Elliott (2) were South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's winners.



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's Max Summers (3), Bill Williams (L) and Louis Magri (S) were the best one game winners.



Winners of the social bowls at Inverloch on Thursday, August 1 were, Keith Cousens (skip), Dennis Turner (lead) and Christine Corrigan (third).



Runners up of the social bowls at Inverloch on Thursday, August 1, were John Cook (lead), Carol Waters (third) and John Duthie (skip).

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

IT WAS another tremendous day on Monday.

Twenty bowlers participated and it was a fantastic effort by all concerned.

The winners today were the team of Glenda Binch, Linda Newman and Rhonda Rattenbury.

The ladies had a win with +8.

Great attendance continued at the new club on Friday with 22 players enjoying a fun-filled day.

Winners on the day were Bruce Rodwell, Pat Novak and Chris Rose with a score of +12 – well done on a good win.

Don't forget to come along to bowls at 1pm on Mondays and Fridays at the Cape Paterson Community Hall.

INVERLOCH

WHAT a week it has been here in Inverloch – typical early spring-like weather, crisp mornings and cloudless days with little wind.

So it was on Thursday, August 1, when 37 enrolled for two games of 10-end triples with a twist.

The committee decided that the winners would be determined by net shots up after two matches.

This of course means that you may not have to win both matches to be the overall winner of the day, as was the case in point on the day.

So, with everybody understanding the criteria, off to the green and the bowls.

Coming in third place with net seven shots up was the team of Terry Seaward (skip), Bruce Corrigan (third) and sharing the lead role were Jill Kennedy and Liz Jacobs having match results of 10/12 and 15/6.

The runners-up, with net eight shots up from match scores of 10/7 and 11/6 were John Duthie (skip), Carol Waters (third) and John Cook (lead).

The overall winners on the day, with match scores of 17/5 and 9/9 and net shots up of +12 were Keith Cousens (skip), Christine Corrigan (third) and Dennis Turner (lead).

So, in the mix were teams having a win and a loss, two wins and a win and draw, quite a mixed bag and congratulations to the match committee for the change in format.

Thanks are also extended to Jim and Jenny Haydon for the Cauliflower and Dutch Curry soup which was well received.

Friday evening roast dinner was cancelled for August 2 to allow for the setting up of the sound stage in the clubrooms in preparation for the annual Inverloch Jazz Festival, which kicked off last Saturday.

The next scheduled dinner will be on August 16 and the board is filling up quickly.

Next Friday evening, August 9, the Inverloch Bowling Club membership draw will be on where, due to Craig Selby taking out the jackpot at the last draw, the jackpot has reverted back to the base \$100 this time round.

The only proviso is that you need to be in the clubrooms to claim the jackpot, so come along and enjoy yourselves – everybody is welcome.

Remember, even if you don't take out the jackpot, there are lots of other prizes to be won.

MIDWEEK

WHAT a great day it was at Loch. It was more like a beautiful autumn day with blue skies and virtually no wind.

The bowlers were welcomed at Loch, as always, by Pauline and John while Peter and Claire arranged the teams.

Thirty-seven of the group's members turned up to fight it out for this week's team of the week.

Despite the initial chill, it was

great to see the sun come out almost as soon as they stepped on the green.

With the lack of wind as well as the state of the green, it was ensured everyone would have a great day of bowls.

What always keeps the bowlers coming back is the friendly banter and laughter around the green every week.

It is always great fun playing with so many happy friends.

There was only one or two wrong bias bowls – thank you players, the Royal Children's Hospital appreciates it.

Once again, the group would like to acknowledge the efforts of Trevor and Sue, both behind the bar, as well as in the kitchen – they make it a pleasure to be there.

Also, once again, Steve for cleaning up when all had left.

This week's winners on 36 points were Peter McWilliams (L), Michael Dady (S), Enid Johnston (3) and Bev Elliott (2).

Runners up on a score of 35 were John Nicholson (S), Laurie Bell (3) and Derek Fenn (L).

The best one game this week with 19 points were Max Summers (3), Bill Williams (L) and Louis Magri (S).

Looking forward to the next gathering at Lang Lang Bowls Club next week.

With a planned start at 10.30am, the group would love to see its players on site by 10am.

Wishing all your bowlers a safe and successful week until then.

WONTHAGGI

EVERY day, the club must make a decision about playing bowls, with the weather being the key.

Wednesday saw 34 bowlers grace the greens on a fine, but cool day.

Three teams were two game-winners, with the Kellow team

being the unlucky team.

The runner-up was a team of four Ray Hin, Veronica Griffiths, Ken Webb and Chris Graham with a score of two wins and 33 points.

The winners were a team of three, and they were Frank Seaton, Syd Gostling and Peter Morgan with a score of two wins and 34 points.

Saturday saw a fine, but cold day, with 23 bowlers taking to the greens.

The winners were Norm Evans, Ray Hin and Allan Bolding with a score of two wins and 32 points.

The runners-up were Frank Seaton, Caroline Donohue, Rob Shaw and Lyn Tagell, with a score of two wins and 30 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

Friday night is still going well with good numbers, even with a lot of people away.

The member's draw keeps going up, now standing at \$300.

Also, the raffles are a great hit.

Have a good week and good bowling.

INDOOR

RESULTS of bowling week beginning on Tuesday, July 30.

This week, there was a total of 43 players competing.

Tuesday's winners on plus 23, winning 2 games, were Helen Rook, Jeannie Slocombe, Robert McLaren and John Postlethwaite.

Runners up on plus 13, winning one game only, were Judy Sweetnam, Thelma Kavanaugh, Jenny Bakker and Phyllis Peter son.

Friday's winners, also winning both games, were Judy Sweetnam, Jim Wilson and Maggie Scapin.

Runners-up on plus seven with a win and a draw were Mary Spooner, John Rook and Bill Featherston.

FOSTER

HOW beautiful is this weather? With the sun and a little breeze came a full week of golf, at long last.

Saturday saw 23 men take to the course for their Monthly Medal and second round of the WE Tuer with Chris Buckland (+3) taking out the day with a very impressive 72 net 69 scratch which included an eagle on the par four 10th.

That was enough for him to take out the A Grade trophy as well.

Chris had a fantastic day by also taking out the putting with 25 putts.

The B Grade winner was Neil Henry (29) with 73 net, 102 scratch.

Balls down the line went to Peter Riedel (21) 74, David Lucas (16) 75, Jake Pilkington (16) 76 and Robin Smith (20) 76.

All five nearest to pins went off, Chris Buckland fourth, John Pynn sixth, Jake Pilkington 13th, David Lucas 15th and Robert Fulton 17th. Congratulations to everyone on a great day.

Up next for the WE Tuer is the Knockout stage with Chris Buckland to play Kevin Flett, Peter Riedel playing Robert Fulton, Trent Price will play David Lucas and Justin Dubignon will play Simon Barwick in the final match.

Earlier in the week, the Tuesday mixed Stableford had 12 players and was won by a visitor to the club Craig Bourne (17).

He played the course nicely and had a score of 35 points to win on a count back from Robin Smith (20).

He carried his good form on from last week, taking a ball down the line with 35 points as well as nearest to pin on the fourth. Meanwhile, Kylie Collins (13) took the second down the line ball with 33 points.

Peter Dight was accurate and secured himself nearest to pin on the 17th.

A very small but friendly group played on Wednesday in the ladies' competition.

With so many away on well-earned holidays, four ladies came in for the 18 holes and two for nine holes.

Barb Warren (15) won the day with 30 points.

With the small field there wasn't any nearest to pin or ball down the line.

Thursday's open Stableford had 17 players and was won by Robert Arnold (28) with an excellent 40 points, the score only made more impressive by the fact that he had four holes he didn't score on.

Ryan Williams got a day off the farm and took nearest to pin on the 15th, meanwhile president Collins picked the nearest to pins for the day and proved he picked well on the sixth by getting the nearest to the pin.

The better Collins for the day though was Kylie Collins (14) who shot her equal lowest ever round (83 strokes) to take the first down the line ball with 38 points.

Graham Cottom (28) and Chris Buckland (+3) took the other two balls down the line with 35 points each.

Chris continued racking up the eagles with yet another on the par five ninth.

The weekly chicken run saw 16 players tackle the front nine, Paddy Watkins (6) proving he was best, winning on a count-back with 20 points which he scored on Thursday.

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Winner Viv French and runner up Di Williams at the Leongatha Golf Club.



Runner up Layla Robertson with daily winner Merryn Dear at the Wonthaggi Golf Club.



Woorayl Golf Club's runner up Elly Berryman and winner Anne Grist.



David Lucas, Peter Riedel, James Marks and Craig Bourne enjoyed a round of golf, making the most of a lovely sunny day, at the Foster Golf Club.

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He was the only player with a birdie for the week getting it in two on the fourth.

There were three down the line balls, Chris Buckland (+3) and Neil Henry (30) both with 20 points and Jasmine Manne (35) taking the last ball down the line with 18 points.

This week at the club it's a big day on Wednesday for the women with their monthly medal day (stroke), on Saturday there is a two person Ambrose with a shotgun start, draw for partners from 9am.

Tuesday and Thursday, the club has its weekly open Stabelford and of course chicken run is on Sunday to Friday on the back nine this week.

A reminder to all players to keep carrying those sand buckets and fill in divots.

The 18th is starting to show its signs of wetness and letting everyone know that winter is still here even though the sun is shining (sometimes), so where possible it is advisable to drive carts up the track before going to your ball.

There are preferred lies throughout the course, so make sure you are playing the ball from the best spot possible whilst looking after the course.

KORUMBURRA

Ladies

THE sun was out for the Wednesday golfers.

Well done to Kim Enbom (42), who had a terrific round to win with 37 points. Runner up was Lyn McIvor (23) 31 points, and BDTL went to Johanna van den Heiligenberg (14) 30 points and Heather Grist (24) 28 points.

The nine-hole comp was won by Barb Twite (28), 17 points.

NTPs were Kim on the first, just 52 cm from the hole, Kath Welsh, seventh, also close at 54 cm away, and Heather was closest on the 13th.

The Saturday RB Monthly Medal and the Luscious Café

voucher was won by Kerri Besley (20), 71 net. Runner up was Lynette McIvor (23) 78 net, and Deb Wrigley (32) won a BDTL 79 net on a c/b from Gail Beer (33).

Kerri also had the best Scratch Score with 91 and was NTP on the 10th.

Lynette was closest to the hole on the 13th green.

Korumburra Golf Club members are very saddened to hear of the passing of long-time members and much loved friends, Janette Dixon and Joan O'Neill, and their heartfelt sympathy is extended to Janette's and Joan's families.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, July 30: Stableford. Tuesday's Stableford round saw 55 members/guests take to the course.

A Grade winner: John McInnes (11) with the high score of the day of 40 points. Runner up: Chad Clasby (1) with a score of 39 points.

B Grade winner: Geoffrey McDonald (18) with a score of 37 points. Runner up: Peter Waters (22) with a score of 36 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Chad Clasby at 1.54m. NTP 14th: Michael Thomas at .67m. NTP 16th: Michael Thomas at 3.78m.

Thursday, August 1: Stableford. Thursday saw 67 members/guests playing a Stableford event with golfers selecting their own choice of tee colour hitting off a shotgun start from 9am.

A Grade winner: Gary McGrath (15) with a score of 35 points. Runner up: Paul Richardson (13) with a score of 34 points.

B Grade winner: Bernard Skerys (16) with a score of 39 points. Runner up: John McLennan (20) with a score of 36 points.

C Grade winner: Rene Zeller (22) with the high score of the day of 41 points. Runner up: Sean Munley (27) with a score of 35 points.

Great score by Frank Gill with an Eagle on the 11th hole.

NTP fifth second shot: Dave

Brownnett. NTP 14th: Stuart Harry. NTP 16th: Phil Strike.

Saturday, August 3: Monthly Medal Stroke.

A cool and overcast day saw 57 members/guests take to the course for this Monthly Medal Stroke event.

A Grade winner: Alan Starkey (10) with a net score of -4. Runner up: Chris Indian (13) with a net score of -3.

B Grade winner: John Moor (18) with a net score of even. Runner up: Frank Gill (21) with a net score of +2.

Great score by Matthew Hildebrand with an eagle on the 11th hole.

NTP fifth second shot: Mark Anderson. NTP 14th: Paul Deery. NTP 16th: Mark Lafferty.

Ladies

IT WAS wonderful winter weather for the women's Stabelford event last week, with some very good scores recorded.

A winner the previous week and again this week, Viv French, playing off 33, scored 39 points.

Di Williams (26) was the runner up on a count back from four others with 34 points.

Balls down the line went to Sue Woods, Jenny Fraser, Kay Dumbleton and Bronwyn Debenham all on 34 points, and Delia Perry, Fay Quilford, Glenyce McRobert and Bev Reinhard on 33 points.

Di Williams won the nearest to the pin second shot on the fifth, Colleen Touzel was the closest on the 14th and Kay Dumbleton on the 16th.

Libby Seebeck won the nine-hole competition with 12 points.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, August 1: Stabelford.

A Grade: G. Renwick (11) 37 points c/b.

B Grade: N. Bracecamp (19) 35 points.

DTL: A. Jenkins 37, J. Robbins 35 and R. Nichols 34.

NTP: fourth R. Nichols, sixth

T. Whitelaw, 13th M. Payne and 16th G. Renwick.

Birdies: fourth J. Kus, 13th M. Payne and 16th G. Renwick.

Saturday, August 3: Stroke.

A Grade: S. Woodall (12) 70 net. B Grade: D. Jerram (19) 68 net.

DTL: S. McKenzie 69, N. Whichello, J. Robbins 71 and T. Bradshaw 72 c/b.

NTP: fourth S. Duff, sixth G. Renwick, 13th M. Payne and 16th N. Bickerton.

Birdies: 13th M. Payne and 16th W. Reynolds.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: July 25, SR. 71. Competition type. Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Ian McNish 25. Runner up: Joshua Kilgour 22. Ball sweep: Chris Wilkinson 18 C/b.

Results: July 25, SR. 34.5. Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.

Winner: Graham Ryan 19. Runner up: Ray Hender 15. Ball sweep: Kevin Bayley 14.

Results: July 27, S.R 71. Competition: Stroke.

A Grade: Jim Jordan 73. B Grade: Paul Cornelis 72. BDTL to 75 C/B.

Ball sweep: Geoff Huther 73, Ian Baker 73, Peter Dell 73, Bill Howard 74 and Alan Jones 75 C/B.

NTPs: Ian Baker second, Michael Scott fourth, Ian Baker propin eighth, Peter Dell 13th and Jonathan Clayton money hole 17th.

Results: August 1, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole. Ball sweep to 30.

Winner: Chris Wilkinson 37. Runner up: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 35.

Ball sweep: Ian McNish 34, Graeme Crawford 31, Graeme Campbell 30, Philip McCrimmon 30, Frank Huber 30 and Messy Chand 30.

Results: August 1, SR. 36. Competition: Stableford nine-hole 10 to 18.

Ball sweep to 15.

Winner: Ian Murrells 18. Runner up: Bill Howard 17. Ball

sweep: Ray Hender 15.

Result: August 3, S.R 72.

Competition: Stroke Monthly Medal and putting.

A Grade: Allan McLean 71. B Grade: Doug Putt 71 (Monthly Medal).

C Grade: Jim McEachern 71. BDTL to 74 C/B.

Ball sweep: Stephen Judd 72.

Sam Horvath 72, Peter Dell 72.

Alan Wright 73, Ross Yann 73.

John Walsh 73, Paul Cornelis 73, Julian Wintle 73, Glen Moresco 73 and Andrew Cox 74 C/B.

NTPs: Simon O'Halloran second, David Ricardo propin eighth, Ian Baker 13th and Michael Scott money hole 17th.

Putting: Alan Wright 23 putts.

Ladies

ON WEDNESDAY, the sun shone all day making the golfing day weather perfect.

A small but committed field of 17 players soaked in the rays for a round of Stableford.

The daily winner was Merryn Dear (19) with 29 points and runner-up Layla Robertson (32) 28 c/b.

The only NTP claimed was on fourth by Layla Robertson.

BDL went to Anne Poulton 28, Marion Walker 27, Marg Johnson 26, Irene Walsh 26 and Donna Brosnan 23 c/b.

WOORAYL

Ladies

WHAT a frosty start it was for the Stableford event, sponsored by Woorayl Golf Club.

Ten ladies played and enjoyed the fine conditions.

The winner of the day was Anne Grist 37 points and the runner up was Elly Berryman 33 points.

BDL went to Anne Poole 28 points, and Kath Davis on a count back from three others 27 points.

NTP on eighth was Jenny Risley – who also had a birdie on that hole – and 11th and 17th Elly Berryman – who also had birdies on the second and 16th.

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND MIDWEEK LADIES

RESULTS

A GRADE

Thorpdale 23 lt Toora 79
Tarwin 37 drew Stony Crk 37
Fish Creek 77 d Boolarra 39
Morwell East 25 lt Yinnar 49

B GRADE

Thorpdale 22 lt Toora 56
Tarwin 34 lt Stony Creek 48
Mirboo Nth 55 d Hill End 47
Fish Creek 53 d Boolarra 24
M'well East 46 drew Yinnar 46

C GRADE

Thorpdale 12 lt Toora 69
Tarwin 30 d Stony Creek 20
Mirboo Nth 33 d Hill End 25
Fish Creek 45 d Boolarra 33
Morwell East 27 lt Yinnar 37

D GRADE

Thorpdale 11 lt Toora 50
Tarwin 25 lt Stony Creek 29
Mirboo Nth 40 d Hill End 22
Fish Creek 46 d Boolarra 19
Morwell East 25 lt Yinnar 34

17 & UNDER

Stony Creek 15 lt Toora 73
Mirboo Nth 27 lt Hill End 29
Fish Creek 34 lt Boolarra 59
Morwell East 11 lt Yinnar 57

15 & UNDER

Tarwin 5 lt Stony Creek 26
Mirboo Nth 26 lt Hill End 33
Fish Creek 10 lt Boolarra 56
Morwell East 10 lt Yinnar 60

13 & UNDER

Tarwin 27 d Stony Creek 13
Mirboo Nth 17 lt Hill End 35
Fish Creek 18 lt Boolarra 27

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Fish Creek	156.67	58
Yinnar	178.68	56
Morwell East	137.33	54
MDU	123.47	48
Mirboo North	108.84	44
Foster	103.27	44
Toora	103.38	36
Newborough	101.33	32
Boolarra	78.11	28
Stony Creek	74.55	26
Tarwin	67.33	18
Thorpdale	43.08	8

B GRADE

Foster	157.98	60
Fish Creek	154.59	52
Boolarra	131.05	52
Morwell East	119.22	46
Mirboo North	126.19	44
Stony Creek	117.27	36
MDU	98.50	36
Newborough	98.42	32
Yinnar	98.29	30
Hill End	103.08	28
Toora	91.77	28
Tarwin	43.49	10
Thorpdale	41.51	6

C GRADE

Yinnar	163.92	60
MDU	137.56	52
Toora	137.24	48
Morwell East	126.54	48
Mirboo North	135.05	44
Newborough	124.18	44
Tarwin	129.22	34
Boolarra	101.85	32
Hill End	104.60	30
Fish Creek	91.70	28
Stony Creek	79.19	20
Foster	72.09	16
Thorpdale	15.27	4

D GRADE

Fish Creek	182.47	64
Stony Creek	156.02	56
Yinnar	132.91	48
MDU	132.42	44
Toora	119.21	42
Morwell East	125.63	38
Newborough	121.24	36
Tarwin	116.78	36
Mirboo North	126.98	34
Hill End	93.91	30
Boolarra	74.42	16
Foster	56.04	12
Thorpdale	15.34	4

17 & UNDER

Boolarra 223.15 64
Toora 206.08 60
MDU 167.89 52
Yinnar 177.70 48

15 & UNDER

Toora 131.31 44
Boolarra 70.70 44
MDU 48.74 28
Yinnar 64.97 24
Stony Creek 45.90 20
Morwell East 32.98 12

13 & UNDER

Boolarra 225.12 64
Toora 205.40 60
MDU 192.23 52
Hill End 152.29 46
Yinnar 173.31 44

11 & UNDER

Mirboo North 148.60 42
Stony Creek 105.59 40
Foster 50.43 30
Newborough 52.86 26
Fish Creek 42.89 20
Morwell East 37.98 16
Tarwin 31.49 16

9 & UNDER

Yinnar 434.44 64
MDU 150.54 56
Hill End 150.54 52
Newborough 126.42 44

7 & UNDER

Boolarra 117.72 44
Mirboo North 117.79 40
Fish Creek 98.49 40
Tarwin 83.95 32
Toora 58.55 28
Stony Creek 35.63 24
Foster 12.62 20

SPORT | NETBALL



Keely Phillips has her hands on the ball for Tarwin during the Sharks' B Grade loss to Stony Creek, with Lion Jessica Brown applying pressure. A16_3224



Stony Creek Wing Attack Rebecca Browne assesses her options during the A Grade draw with Tarwin. A23_3224



Stony Creek Goal Keeper Rahni Mann launches a defensive effort, competing with Tarwin's Kate McCracken during a captivating A Grade battle. A22_3224



Ange Macri takes possession for Fish Creek during the third quarter of its victory over Boolarra. A30_3224



Lara Stefani looks ahead for Fish Creek, scoring 36 goals in the Kangaroos' comprehensive A Grade win over Boolarra. A29_3224



Kelly Boyd works the ball around IK's goal circle with speed in A Grade.



Emily Mock looks to deliver the ball into the Panther's attacking third in the B Grade match.



Amity McInnes (IK) takes the intercept in front of Kilcunda-Bass' Jemma Osborne in A Grade.

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Phillip Island	50	Dalyston	71
Bunyip	25	Kor-Bena	43
KWR	62	d Warragul Ind.	22
NNG	39	It Cora Lynn	43
K-Bass	37	It I-Kongwak	58
T-Dalmore	63	d Garfield	44

B GRADE

Phillip Island	28	Dalyston	5
Bunyip	14	It Kor-Bena	29
KWR	25	It Warragul Ind.	32
NNG	37	It Cora Lynn	30
K-Bass	14	It I-Kongwak	37
T-Dalmore	44	d Garfield	14

C GRADE

Phillip Island	21	Dalyston	16
Bunyip	43	d Kor-Bena	28
KWR	41	d Warragul Ind.	25
NNG	31	d Cora Lynn	30
K-Bass	23	It I-Kongwak	29
T-Dalmore	44	d Garfield	35

D GRADE

Phillip Island	29	Dalyston	4
Bunyip	37	d Kor-Bena	23
KWR	46	d Warragul Ind.	9
NNG	54	d Cora Lynn	22
K-Bass	11	It I-Kongwak	49
T-Dalmore	24	d Garfield	43

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	C GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Inverloch-K	158.75	64	Nar Nar Goon	139.91	60	Phillip Island	170.02	56	Tooradin-Dal.	228.33	58
Tooradin-Dal.	113.88	46	Inverloch								



Leongatha's Gemma Meadley (painted) of the Casey Demons and Mirboo North/Leongatha's Tyla Peters of the Moe & District NA Inc have both been named in the State Netball Squads to try out for the teams to play in the national championships.

Leongatha netballers named in state squad

THE Victorian State Netball Squads have been announced and two South Gippsland players have won through an exhaustive process, involving the top 100 netballers in the State in the 17/U and 19/U age groups to be named in the squad.

They'll join several other Gippslanders as this region continues to punch above its weight at high levels in the sport.

Gemma Meadley of the Casey Demons, also from the Leongatha Football Netball Club and Tyla Peters of the Moe & District NA Inc, also with associations to the Leongatha and Mirboo North clubs, have both been named in the 17 and Under squad.

They'll join the likes of Zali Wheatley (MU Lightning U19s) Maffra, Miley Schade (West Gippsland FNC) Cora Lynn U17s, Lara Noblett (Moe & District NA Inc) Boolarra U17s, Grace Van Tilburg (Casey Demons) Traralgon U19s and Charlize Traumanis (Gippsland Stars) Drouin Hawks.

They've been identified by Netball Victoria state team selectors, in preparation for the 2025 National Netball Championships.

The squads will undertake trials over coming weeks, with the athletes narrowed down to teams of 12 that will compete at the National Netball Championships next year.

The Victorian state teams will be announced on Monday, December 16.

Earlier this month, Adrian Ballantyne and Jacinta Todd were announced as 19/U and 17/U Victorian state team coaches, with Belinda Lees (19/U) and Sarah Mylrea (17/U) as their assistants.

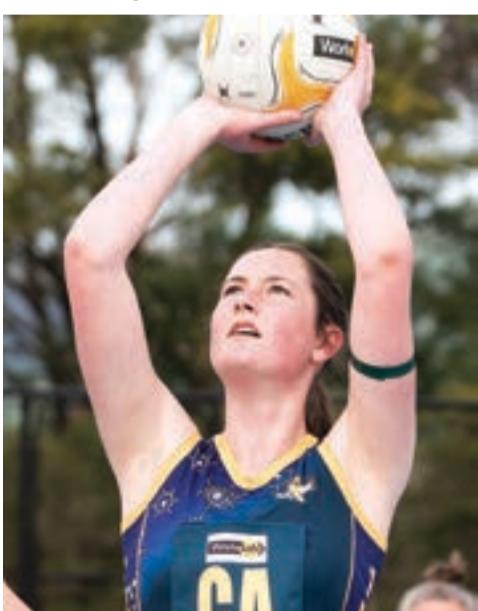
See full squads on the Sentinel-Times' website at sgt.com.au



Leongatha's Amber Walker blocks the progress of Sale's centre as the Parrots A Graders had a good win over Sale away.



Leongatha keeper Lauren Redpath stretches to make a contest of this incoming pass at Sale on Saturday.



Amy selected for Under 19 squad

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK netballer Amy Scott was recently identified by Netball Victoria state team selectors for the U19 squad, in preparation for the 2025 National Netball Championship. Amy recognised through her performance with Hawks Netball Club. In the coming weeks, the identified squad will undertake trials, which will narrow the pool down to a team of 12. The state team will be announced on Monday, December 16.



A spectacular flying catch from Oriane Jackman-Riches (Poowong U15). Photo: Jeff Tull.



Hailey Schreurs controls play for Nyora.



Tanasha Walters was an important cog in Nyora's defence.

ELLINBANK

RESULTS

A GRADE

Longwarry 50 It Buln Buln 54
Lang Lang 42 d Poowong 38
Catani 18 It Ellinbank 65
N-Darnum 44 It Neirim Sth 48

B GRADE

Longwarry 42 It Buln Buln 66
Lang Lang 37 d Poowong 24
Catani 21 It Ellinbank 41
N-Darnum 48 d Neirim Sth 39
Nyora 42 d Yarragon 36

C GRADE

Longwarry 22 It Buln Buln 39
Lang Lang 38 d Poowong 22
Catani 26 It Ellinbank 36
N-Darnum 36 It Neirim Sth 54
Nyora 14 It Yarragon 52

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neirim South	164.54	56	Catani	254.04	60
Nilma-Darnum	167.73	48	Yarragon	207.00	54
Ellinbank	150.39	40	Trafalgar	159.09	50
Trafalgar	108.21	32	Poowong	170.44	48
Buln Buln	92.17	28	Nilma-Darnum	160.70	40
Lang Lang	88.08	24	Longwarry	129.91	40
Yarragon	89.30	20	Ellinbank	72.01	24
Poowong	79.80	16	Lang Lang	71.99	16
Longwarry	67.71	12	Buln Buln	66.40	16
Catani	59.30	8	Neirim South	34.78	8
Nyora	0.00	0	Nyora	13.83	0

B GRADE

Ellinbank 175.32 60
Buln Buln 139.35 52
Nilma-Darnum 131.91 48
Neirim South 136.43 44
Trafalgar 107.87 38
Lang Lang 120.63 36
Catani 98.51 32
Poowong 79.54 18
Nyora 73.99 18
Longwarry 56.77 8
Yarragon 65.87 2

C GRADE

Ellinbank 218.03 60
Neirim South 182.64 60
Lang Lang 165.42 56
Catani 133.11 40
Nilma-Darnum 130.17 40
Yarragon 108.64 28
Trafalgar 79.72 28
Buln Buln 98.43 24
Poowong 73.98 12
Longwarry 66.67 8
Nyora 16.80 0

15 & UNDER

Poowong 273.75 60
Buln Buln 527.20 56
Yarragon 195.02 56
Lang Lang 264.36 52
Trafalgar 114.71 28
Ellinbank 112.54 28
Longwarry 96.55 28
Buln Buln 85.55 24
Neirim South 93.88 20
Traralgon 14.18 4
Nyora 2.71 0

GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Wonthaggi 45 d Bairnsdale 41
Sale 49 It Leongatha 65
Moe 82 d Maffra 29
Warragul 66 d Morwell 45
Traralgon 42 It Drouin 51

B GRADE

Wonthaggi 55 d Bairnsdale 35
Sale 27 It Leongatha 68
Moe 76 d Maffra 31
Warragul 56 d Morwell 46
Traralgon 59 d Drouin 48

C GRADE

Wonthaggi 43 d Bairnsdale 30
Sale 25 It Leongatha 38
Moe 20 It Maffra 34
Warragul 27 It Morwell 55
Traralgon 28 It Drouin 35

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Moe	169.23	62	Traralgon	214.17	64
Drouin	135.53	52	Leongatha	180.71	54
Warragul	126.21	48	Bairnsdale	143.50	48
Wonthaggi	106.56	36	Sale	124.63	42
Traralgon	103.06	36	Drouin	111.13	36
Bairnsdale	98.22	30	Wonthaggi	95.62	32
Leongatha	101.53	28	Maffra	90.91	24
Moe	94.28	18	Moe	57.73	12
Sale	65.75	8	Morwell	59.49	8
Maffra	45.92	2	Warragul	35.69	0

B GRADE

Leongatha 160.50 54
Drouin 125.74 52
Moe 128.30 50
Traralgon 124.25 48
Wonthaggi 109.56 34
Warragul 97.65 28
Sale 83.98 26
Morwell 86.69 18
Maffra 53.80 6
Bairnsdale 71.85 4

15 & UNDER

Bairnsdale 208.47 62
Sale 162.30 58
Traralgon 168.24 48
Moe 117.88 36
Maffra 85.05 24
Drouin 82.01 24
Morwell 76.16 24
Wonthaggi 75.11 24
Leongatha 71.47 20
Warragul 49.39 0

C GRADE

Drouin 143.62 58
Morwell 134.46 54
Maffra 114.82 48
Leongatha 111.97 40
Traralgon 107.07 40
Wonthaggi 111.02 32
Bairnsdale 87.22 20
Moe 84.34 12
Warragul 66.51 8
Sale 64.66 8

Leongatha 238.11 60
Maffra 193.46 52
Traralgon 197.30 48
Sale 211.91 44
Moe 166.04 40
Bairnsdale 137.02 32
Drouin 68.65 20
Wonthaggi 26.74 16
Morwell 29.62 8
Warragul 13.26 0

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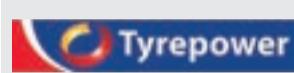
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Gippsland Soccer League

Round 14 Results – Sunday, August 4

SENIOR Mens: Leongatha Knights 5 d Lang Lang United 0, Phillip Island Breakers 10 d Wonthaggi United 0, Trafalgar Victory 7 d Inverloch Stars 0

Senior Womens: Leongatha Knights 5 d Lang Lang United 1, Phillip Island Breakers 2 d Wonthaggi United 1, Trafalgar Victory 3 d Inverloch Stars 2

Mens Reserves: Trafalgar Victory 5 d Inverloch Stars 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon 2 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 1

Under 17 Mixed: Phillip Island Penguins 3 d Wonthaggi United 2, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 3 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0, Leongatha Knights 5 d Drouin Dragons White 0

Under 14 Mixed: Korumburra City 6 d Mirboo North United 0, Phillip Island Penguins 6 d Wonthaggi United 1, Drouin Dragons Maroon 7 d Phillip Island Stingrays 1

Under 13 Girls: Wonthaggi United 3 d Phillip Island Breakers 1, Drouin Dragons Maroon 3 d Leongatha Knights 0

Under 12a Mixed: Phillip Island Stingrays 2 drew Drouin Dragons Maroon 2, Phillip Island Penguins 4 d Wonthaggi United 0, Leongatha Knights 6 d Trafalgar Victory 0

Under 12b Mixed: Mirboo North United 7 d Korumburra City 1, Phillip Island Sharks 4 d Wonthaggi United 1, Leongatha Knights 8 d Lang Lang United 2, Drouin Dragons Yellow 4 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1

Round 15 Fixture – Sunday, August 11

Senior Mens – 3pm

Phillip Island Breakers V Leongatha Knights, Trafalgar Victory V Wonthaggi United, Lang Lang United V Korumburra City

Senior Womens – 1pm

Drouin Dragons Maroon V Mirboo North United, Phillip Island Breakers V Leongatha Knights, Trafalgar Victory V Wonthaggi United

Mens Reserves – 1pm

Phillip Island Breakers V Leongatha Knights, Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow

Under 17 Mixed – 9.30am

Phillip Island Penguins V Leongatha Knights, Drouin Dragons White V Wonthaggi United

Under 14 Mixed – 11.20am

Drouin Dragons Maroon V Mirboo North United, Phillip Island Penguins V Leongatha Knights, Inverloch Stars V Phillip Island Stingrays

Under 13 Girls – 8.30am

Phillip Island Breakers V Leongatha Knights

Under 12a Mixed – 10am

Phillip Island Penguins V Leongatha Knights, Trafalgar Victory V Wonthaggi United

Under 12b Mixed – 11.30am

Drouin Dragons Yellow V Mirboo North United, Lang Lang United V Korumburra City, Phillip Island Sharks V Leongatha Knights, Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Maroon

MiniRoos – Saturday, August 10

Bass Coast Hub are playing at Wonthaggi from 9am

South Gippsland Hub are playing at Korumburra from 9.15am



Knights Winger Henry Mbuthia played a strong game against Lang Lang United.

Determined Knights dominate Lang Lang

Senior Men's Match:

Leongatha win 5-0

Lang Lang

FOLLOWING a washout round the week prior due to safety conditions, the Knights were keen to get back on the pitch.

The Senior Men's team started strong with an emphasis on combination play to create space to attack. Aidan Hall found the back of the net first after receiving a cross at a tight angle but still powering his shot in.

One of Lang Lang's defenders received an early yellow card for a late tackle, he would ultimately receive a second yellow and be sent from the pitch in the second half.

Thirty minutes into the game saw a Lang Lang throw in find Knights' captain Sven Gebele's head as he directed the ball to winger Jack Bainbridge who sent a lovely ball over the defensive line for Luke Knights to finish for the home team's second goal. A defensive error saw Lang Lang almost score,

if not for the recovery of goalkeeper Charlie Dougherty.

An excellent corner from Aidan Hall found Sven Gebele's head once more who bounced it into the far goal for the third goal to the Knights in the first half of play. It was a defensive clearance from Henry Mbuthia that found Hall's head as he sent it into the path of forward PJ O'Meara as he ran on to face the goalkeeper one v one and score Leongatha's first goal of the second half.

The final goal for the Knights came from midfielder come forward Ethan Bath whose stylish turn around the defender and sharp shot to the close side of the goal caught the keeper unawares and sealed a strong win for the Knights as the game finished 5-0 in their favour.

RIGHT: Leongatha's Lisse Bath is swarmed by defenders as she speeds forward into attack in the U17s game against Drouin.



United secure three points in thrilling upset win against City

Under 18s

ON SUNDAY the Under 18 Gippsland United Boys hosted Nunawading City – (Round 15). After playing them back in round 4 for a 3-1 win the team were confident to take the three points again, the game kicked off at 3pm and both teams moved the ball up and down the pitch well, the first 25 minutes saw both teams take two corner kicks with United having five shots on target with no score, and City had two shots on target with keeper Jed Foster making some great saves. At the 28 minute mark Coach Beke made his first sub with Levi Colantuono playing in the midfield, this seemed to boost Gippsland

United's attack and most of the play was in our attacking third, an indirect kick was awarded from a pass back to City's keeper just outside the six yard box, Levi Colantuono was passed the ball and slammed it into the net for United's first goal at the 34 minute mark, just two minutes later Colantuono had his second goal from a through ball.

The second half started off the same way with the ball moving up and down the pitch for both teams, United showed some great football skills keeping possession and moving the ball around and switching play. However, the finish seemed to be forced, six shots resulting in no score. When City had the

ball, it was great to see United's pressure as this forced City into making errors.

Ethan Biljna kept running the whole game up front and got a break only to be shown the linesman's flag in a controversial offside, Lucas Vick also played a solid game and put one in the net also not to be awarded from offside. Spencer Boughton maintained his composure throughout the game and at the 55-minute mark delivered a beautiful ball through to Lucas Halden striking the ball past the keeper for United's third goal.

With the game now in control of United, City had other plans and when keeper Jed Foster found himself outside the

18-yard box with a turnover and getting chipped centre back Luca Dicorleto made a dash back to the goal line clearing the ball by the narrowest of margins. City scored two goals at the 70 and 71-minute mark making the United camp nervous. However, the game had no further score with United taking the three points.

Final score Gippsland United 3 Nunawading City 2. Best on Ground Medal – Three votes (2 Goals) Levi Colantuono, Domino's Pizza award two votes Lucas Vick, and one vote Spencer Boughton.

Next week we have the bye and then host Dandenong Thunder 18/8 3pm kick off.

Seniors and reserves fall short but Under's triumph

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG travelled to Lang Lang on Saturday to play all four grades of football and had a mixed day with wins in Under 16's and 18's and losses in the Reserves and Seniors.

Poowong made two changes, Andrew Logan from a collision at training a big loss as Lang Lang's good full forward was back and Rory Nettle Under 18 rested, the replacements Michael Robertson and Harry Sheedy.

The ground was in good order, the weather was fine with rain threatening which never arrived and a slight breeze to the highway end of the ground, Poowong kicking to the scoreboard end.

Poowong opened with an early goal to Alex Henshall. Lang Lang came back and added six goals two for the quarter. Poowong had opportunities but was unable to finish off up forward with several turnovers hurting them.

Poowong players lifted in the second quarter and had a number of opportunities up forward, the result a couple of points and a couple out of bounds before Steve McInnes marked at full forward and goaled for Poowong's second. Lang Lang had a couple of opportunities late adding a goal to go in at half time with a thirty-one-point lead 7.4.46 to Poowong 2.3.15.



Poowong's Rhys Shulz tackles his Lang Lang opponent in the Seniors. Photo: Jeff Tull.

Poowong's turnovers were hurting them. If they could correct this and find a target up forward they would be right in the game as the second quarter was tight with a goal each. Alex Henshall, Joel Norton, Connor Cunningham together with Jack Hazendonk and Josh Chiavaroli were all working hard.

The third quarter was another tight quarter with play between defences, Poowong's

failure to pick up their opponents in the centre of the ground allowed Lang Lang an avenue to go forward; Poowong's defence did a good job repelling these attacks.

Good play going forward allowed Connor Cunningham to mark and goal while Lang Lang added a couple of late goals to lead by forty-two points 10.4.64 to Poowong 3.4.22.

Lang Lang's defence was

standing up clearing the ball back to the centre and it was not until Rhys Schultz added a good running goal did Poowong add to the scoreboard. Late in the quarter Lang Lang forwards added goals to open up a gap of sixty-five points.

Lang Lang is a top-five side and will worry other sides if their full forward is given any space.

Poowong has one game to go against Neerim South at home with the bye next round.

Poowong have been competitive in most games but badly need a strong marking forward to give them a good target, in most games they had 50 per cent of the play but have not finished off. Poowong have some very good juniors coming through and with coach Dale Carroll doing a good job they show a lot of promise for next season.

The Reserves battled it out against a good Lang Lang team, the Under 18's had a good win by 110 points to remain on top of the ladder, and the Under 16's won by 58 points and remained fourth on the ladder.

Some thanks with the season coming to an end. Our trainers are great for the club and the league in their duties and the canteen staff have done a great job during the season.

See you in a fortnight against Neerim South at home.

Despite spirited start Nyora allow Panthers to pounce

NYORA fell agonisingly short against Yarragon on Saturday.

Yarragon travelled to the Nyora Recreation Reserve and claimed a 23-point win over the home side.

Nyora launched the game with an excellent start, kicking four goals.

In good conditions for footy, Nyora worked well as a unit and was able to convert its opportunities.

The goal-scoring effort was led by Jayden O'Brien, who played his best game of the season and kicked four goals for the day.

Captain Sam Dixon contributed three goals throughout the game, and singles were added by Lincoln Brock, Lachie Fievez and Dylan Heylen.

Nyora went into quarter-time with a three-goal advantage.

However, the game took a turn for Nyora in the second quarter.

Yarragon reassessed its game and regrouped, coming into the second term strong.

Yarragon took control of the quarter early and Nyora took

too long to react to the change.

The Panthers fired seven goals, with captain Mitchell Jolly matching O'Brien with four goals of his own during the game.

Nyora managed to get one more goal on the board but had relinquished the lead heading into halftime.

The game levelled out, and play became slower and more congested.

William McGindle held his own in half-back, trying to slow Yarragon's advances and putting in a solid effort.

Though the second half was fairly even, the damage had been done in the second quarter and Yarragon walked away victorious.

With a bye scheduled for the final round, Nyora will play its final game of the season this Saturday.

The Saints will take on Trafalgar – a team that beat them by just 31 points in round eight – and will be looking to put in a solid performance.



Lincoln Brock showed plenty of purpose in Nyora's contest with Yarragon.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS				RESERVES				THIRDS				FOURTHS				ROUND 18			
W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	WON	W	L	%	WON	W	L	%	WON
Buln Buln	16	0	296.59	64	Ellinbank	16	0	625.42	64	Poowong	14	2	233.41	87.5	Ellinbank	15	1	393.71	93.7
Neerim South	12	4	231.96	48	Lang Lang	15	1	463.94	60	Catani	12	3	172.28	80.0	Buln Buln	14	2	383.69	87.5
Ellinbank	12	4	191.90	48	Neerim South	14	2	407.58	56	Ellinbank	11	4	184.20	73.3	Neerim South	12	4	240.15	75.0
Lang Lang	12	4	165.60	48	Buln Buln	11	5	302.19	44	Longwarry	11	5	166.29	68.7	Poowong	11	6	163.65	64.7
Longwarry	11	5	142.13	44	Nilma-Darnum	9	7	105.42	36	Neerim South	8	8	133.14	50.0	Nilma-Darnum	8	8	108.91	50.0
Nilma-Darnum	8	8	95.22	32	Longwarry	7	9	106.86	28	Trafalgar	8	8	117.57	50.0	Lang Lang	5	9	44.34	35.7
Trafalgar	8	8	91.20	32	Trafalgar	7	9	95.23	28	Lang Lang	6	10	60.30	37.5	Trafalgar	5	11	64.82	31.2
Poowong	4	13	74.87	16	Yarragon	5	11	40.95	20	Nilma-Darnum	1	14	33.31	6.2	Yarragon	1	14	21.58	6.6
Yarragon	4	12	50.96	16	Nyora	3	14	22.83	12	Buln Buln	0	16	27.30	0.0	Longwarry	0	16	21.58	0.0
Catani	2	14	47.64	8	Catani	2	14	34.15	8	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Nyora	0	17	22.61	0	Poowong	0	17	10.96	0	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 18

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB



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LANG LANG

POOWONG

Lang Lang	6.2	7.4	10.4	14.10 (94)
Poowong	1.2	2.3	3.4	4.5 (29)

GOALS, Lang Lang: Marc Holt 8, Cameron Brown 3, Chaise Jordan 2, Mitchell Tribuzi 1

BEST: Bradley Clark, Marc Holt, Kyle Van der Pluym, Lachlan Barwick, Cameron Brown, Liam Casey

GOALS, Poowong: Conor Cunningham, Alex Henshall, Steven McInnes, Rhys Schulz 1 each

BEST: Alex Henshall, Conor Cunningham, Jack Hazendonk, Zac Gray, Mitchell van't Hof, Joel Norton

RESERVES

Lang Lang	6.6	15.11	19.15	29.19 (193)
Poowong	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0 (6)

GOALS, Lang Lang: Kurt Batt 6, Tadhg O'Riordan, Lachlan Trudgen 5, Rhys Simmons 4, Nathan Perkins 3, Zach Williamson 2, Norman Barry, Benjamin, Benjamin Barwick, Brock Duggan, Jack Jenkins 1 each

BEST: Lachlan Trudgen, Nathan Perkins, Kurt Batt, Bryce Fraser, Rhys Simmons

GOALS, Poowong: Damian Barreto 1

BEST: Damian Barreto, Jake Peacock, Connor King, Lachlan Waters, Daniel McDonald, Jye Loughridge

THIRDS

Lang Lang	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.1 (7)
Poowong	4.1	7.8	11.10	17.15 (117)

GOALS, Lang Lang: Ashton Townley 1

BEST: Jarrad Francome, Tai Liddiard, Lukas Watts, Ashton Townley, Denver Messer, Aedan Bates

GOALS, Poowong: Benjamin Fowler 7, Patrick Dorian 4, Bailey Nettle 2, Thomas Burgess, Angus Halliwell, Taryn Taylor-Wilton, Daniel Whelan 1 each

BEST: Rory Nettle, Thomas Burgess, Lachlan Wilson, Thomas Sherar, Bailey Nettle, Taryn Taylor-Wilton

FOURTHS

Lang Lang	1.0	3.0	3.0	3.0 (18)
Poowong	4.1	5.3	8.8	11.10 (76)

GOALS, Lang Lang: Archie Thompson 2, Harry Herbert 1

BEST: Jaeden Ward, Boadi Williams, Tim Arthur Dyall, Harry Herbert, Lachlan Casey, Albert Geyer, Mitch De Kleuver, Matthew Cozzio

GOALS, Poowong: Lachie Moriarty, Tait Nicholls 2, Henri Bott, Cruze Deal, Kohen Mandemaker, Keyon Taylor-Wilton, Karum Verma, Johnathan Wilson, Kade Zealley 1 each

BEST: Lachie Moriarty, Zachary Sherar, George Edwards, Dylan Watson, Tait Nicholls, Johnathan Wilson

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB



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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

	59		56
TARWIN		STONY CREEK	

Tarwin 1.2 4.5 4.7 8.11 (59)
Stony Creek 3.5 4.7 6.12 7.14 (56)

GOALS, Tarwin: Kane McCarthy, Hugh Suckling 2, Josh Chalmers, Ben Ellen, Brandon Griffiths, Matthew Williams 1 each

BEST: Lachie Jones, Ben Ellen, Harrison Cumming, Jason Kennedy, Tom Vanderkolk, Ricky O'Loughlin

GOALS, Stony Creek: Tully Bernaldo 2, Hayden Bull, Jacob Byrnes, Anthony Dyke, Colby Michael, Cameron Stone 1 each

BEST: Chris Verboon, Darcy Atkins, Tom Stone, Aidan Simmons, Julian Stone, Ben Heath

RESERVES

Tarwin 1.0 3.0 4.1 6.8 (44)
Stony Creek 5.3 8.4 11.10 12.15 (87)

GOALS, Tarwin: Vaughan Van Dillen 3, Riley Anderson, Travis Cameron, Jamie Cann 1 each

BEST: Robert Houston, Daniel Feild, Adam Bell, Jamie Cann, Nick McRae, Peter Houston

GOALS, Stony Creek: Matthew Coutts 5, George Batten, Jacob Cecil, John Holloway, Ryan McKnight, Lachlan Park, Matthew Portelli, Brad Renden 1 each

BEST: Rory Harrington, Ryan McKnight, Matthew Coutts, Matthew Portelli, Mitchell J Rowe, Lachlan Park

THIRDS

Fish Crk/Tarwin 0.5 3.7 5.9 6.9 (45)
Yinnar 1.2 2.4 5.5 8.7 (55)

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Archie Moore 2, Tige Brewer, Zak Bright, Lucas Buckland, Tom Milton 1 each

BEST: Tom Piasente, Billy Boyd, Joseph Rysko, Tommy Bartels, Max Woodham, Lucas Buckland

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

	15		22
THORPDALE		TOORA	

Thorpdale 1.1 2.3 (15) Game Abandoned

Toora 3.3 3.4 (22)

GOALS, Thorpdale: Matt Ravenall, Anthony Rosato 1 each

BEST: Anthony Rosato, Jordan Ceppi, Matt Ravenall, Gavin Low, Travis Patten, Jason Winderlich

GOALS, Toora: Jack Weston 2, Lachlan Osborne 1

BEST: Jack Weston, Lachlan Osborne, Aidan Peile, Wellesley Jenkins, Sam Bright, Sam Frawley

RESERVES

Thorpdale 2.0 2.1 3.1 4.2 (26)

Toora 1.1 3.4 5.5 10.7 (67)

GOALS, Thorpdale: Wade Allan, Zane Danger, Ray Pickering, Aaron Raven 1 each

BEST: Trent Gibson, Mark Graeme, Michael Rosato, Justin Hecker, Simon Lawson, Daryle Brennan

GOALS, Toora: Jarryd Guganovic 4, Luke Anedda, Leigh de Boer, Tex Dyson, Ben East, Zayne Lewis, Aron Rhodes 1 each

BEST: Ben East, Luke Anedda, Matthew Hoppner, Jarryd Guganovic, Taj Accardi, Leigh de Boer

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

ELLINBANK ROUND 19

Ellinbank v Nilma Darnum
 Neerim South v Lang Lang
 Buln Buln v Catani
 Yarragon v Longwarry
 Trafalgar v Nyora
 Poowong - BYE

GIPPSLAND BYE WEEKEND

MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 17

Boolarra v Stony Creek
 Toora v Tarwin
 Morwell East v Newborough
 Hill End v MDU
 Foster v Fish Creek
 Mirboo North, Thorpdale and Yinnar - BYES

WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 17

Inverloch-Kongwak v Phillip Island
 Dalyston v Koo Wee Rup
 Garfield v Nar Nar Goon
 Korumburra-Bena v Kilcunda-Bass
 Warragul Industrials v Cora Lynn
 Tooradin-Dalmore v Bunyip



Tarwin skipper and one of his side's best, Ben Ellen, tries to get the Sherrin under control early in the match against Stony Creek with teammate Brandon Griffiths looking to assist. A24_3224

Sharks edge out Pies by three points



One of Stony Creek's best Darcy Atkins drives the Lions forward against Tarwin. A26_3224

Match abandoned as thoughts sit with Winderlich

By Rob Popplestone

to drop a game and still cross their fingers to steal a spot in the finals.

The first step to success was taking care of Toora... then out of nowhere none of that mattered.

Toora 3-4-22 to Thorpdale 2-3-15, the match abandoned before half time, a significant injury concern to champion Jason Winderlich requiring a chopper flight from the Blue's home ground to the Alfred Hospital.

Ray Pickering, Blue's co-coach, "Jason has a neck fracture, he had surgery that night to insert a plate, went well."

The thoughts of all within the league are with Winderlich.

THESE two teams had shown patches of form that would warrant them being a part of the upcoming MGFNL finals, however for various reasons, that opportunity had slipped through their fingers and what was on offer now, was another "w" to bank and believe that there can be better days ahead.

Tarwin secured the victory by just three points, 8-11-59 to Stony Creek 7-14-56.

"It was a great competitive game throughout the match with both teams playing in good spirit," Jason Kennedy, Tarwin's coach said.

"Stony Creek was just ahead of us all game, but we knew that if we stayed within a goal or two, we would give ourselves a chance to finish strong. In the last quarter, we did just that. We took our chances, lifted our intensity and in the end, we came away as three-point winners. It's great to get the win at home. We had a fantastic spread and

By Rob Popplestone

all twenty-one players contributed.

It was the Sharks that deservedly finished on the right side of what has been just one of many very close finishes during the course of the season.

Their opponents, well, it was yet another that fell the wrong way, one of too many that could well have changed their fortunes in the right circumstances.

"Disappointing for us to throw away the lead we had in the last quarter. We just haven't been able to close out games," Chris Verboon, Stony Creek coach said.

The Lions will perhaps get their best and last chance to secure a win when they face Boolarra in round seventeen, but no doubt the Demons will have something to say about that.

Bye: Foster, MDU, Newborough

"Life is bigger than football, my thoughts are with Jason, his family, and the wider Thorpdale Football Netball Club," Jack Weston, Toora coach said.

"As a club, we all hope for a positive outcome and are sending all our love his way."

Jason Kennedy, Tarwin coach: "Not good, fingers crossed everything works out ok and his recovery goes smoothly."

Chris Verboon, Stony Creek coach: "Shocking news about Jason after the game. Wishing him all the best."

Hill End FNC: "Our thoughts are with Jason and his family and the Thorpdale FNC, and we wish him our best in his recovery."

Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach: "Our first thoughts are with Jas, his family and the Thorpdale community. We will look to support in any way we can and hope he comes out okay."

These were but a few of the many clubs and supporters that reached out to Thorpdale, Jason, and his teammates.

The abandonment of the match prior to halftime, meant the premiership points were shared, the result of which also meant the Blues would fall short of finals for season 2024, and no one at Thorpdale cared, their thoughts with coach Jason Winderlich, as were the thoughts of the entire MGFNL community.

Fish Creek's epic final quarter

By Rob Popplestone

FISH Creek as premiership favourites have been and continue to go quietly about their business, doing what needs to be done to be in the ideal position from which to launch a defence of last season's grand final success.

The Kangaroos have been good, but their best is undoubtedly yet to be shown as they accounted for Boolarra in workmanlike fashion on the weekend.

The Kangaroos 15-11-101 to Boolarra 5-6-36.

"Ended up being a good win on the weekend, but took a couple of quarters to get going," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach said.

"Our defence really improved in the second half which was good. Credit to Boolarra, they moved the ball really well and tested our defence all day. Pleased with the response after half time and good to get some momentum going for the end of the year."

For Fish Creek, it was just more of the same, doing what they needed to do, and responding according to the opposition, the Kangaroo's efforts were impressive, as were those of the Demons.

"Tough day yesterday played some good footy and challenged them for three quarters. But in the end, they showed why they are the best team in the competition and ran over the top," Brendan Mason, Boolarra coach said.

Fish Creek sits atop the table, a spot they will likely keep until they attempt to be the first club to go back-to-back since Mirboo North a decade ago.



Fish Creek keeps the pressure on during the third term of its strong win over Boolarra. A35_3224



Tom Buckley snaps under pressure for Fish Creek and while this shot only registered a behind, he finished with three goals in the Kangaroos' victory over Boolarra. A36_3224

Tigers take the honours to dodge the wooden spoon

By Rover

MIRBOO North has avoided collecting the 2024 Mid-Gippsland wooden spoon with a hard-earned 28-point victory over bottom team Hill End at Tigerland on Saturday.

The mighty Tigers have now won three games this season.

After Mirboo North opened the match with a minor score, Hill End recorded four consecutive behinds, before Jamie Somers marked a pass from Ariki Matwijkw and kicked truly from 45 metres.

A Mirboo North goal from Rhys Kratzat and successive majors by Josh Taylor soon followed and the Tigers held

a seven-point advantage at the first break.

Beau Peters was superb in defence for Mirboo North, with his strong marking a feature, whilst Leigh Jowett and Harry Mahoney were also wonderful contributors for the Tigers.

Todd Alexander's 'par-for-the-course' safe hands and pinpoint left-foot passing in the back 50, also represented a high standard of accountability in several pressure situations faced by the Tigers.

Just before half-time, Mirboo North's Ethan Woodall

curled a lovely angled shot home from long range for the first of his four goals, as the lights came on and rain began falling.

At the long break, Mirboo North held a 10-point advantage on the scoreboard.

Woodall then booted Mirboo North's three third-quarter goals, as the Tigers limited the visitors to 1.1 for the term.

There was lots of excitement amongst the Tigers when William Lewis, in his fifth senior appearance, kicked his first goal in the ones, midway through the last term.

Although Mirboo North was keen to finish with a

few more majors, Hill End's unyielding resolve simply wouldn't allow the Tigers to do it.

The tiring Hillmen could only manage a behind, before Mirboo North's new MCG-like siren blared loudly and boldly across the oval, to end proceedings with the home side in front by 28 points.

Best performers for Hill End included Harry Moore, Seth Calway, Mark Ferguson, Aaron Fawcett and playing coach, Amburupa Uliando.

Following this week's bye, Mirboo North hosts reigning premier Fish Creek at Tigerland on Saturday, August 17, to conclude its season.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	ROUND 16	
Fish Creek.....	12	2	187.79	56	Newborough.....	13	1	431.58	60	MDU.....	11	1	285.13	58		
Yinnar.....	13	2	170.40	56	Yinnar.....	12	3	302.58	52	Newborough.....	8	5	91.89	44		
Morwell East.....	11	3	187.31	52	Morwell East.....	11	3	268.43	52	Yinnar.....	5	7	112.07	36		
Foster.....	11	3	155.05	52	MDU.....	11	3	240.95	52	Fish Crk/Tarwin.....	4	8	96.48	30		
Newborough.....	9	5	136.77	44	Stony Creek.....	10	4	201.99	48	Mirboo North.....	3	10	35.35	24		
MDU.....	9	5	124.59	44	Fish Creek.....	8	6	195.85	40	Stony Creek.....	0	0	0.00	0		
Thorpdale.....	8	6	109.89	36	Hill End.....	6	8	62.02	32	Hill End.....	0	0	0.00	0		
Tarwin.....	6	8	83.28	32	Toora.....	5	9	67.89	28	Toora.....	0	0	0.00	0		
Stony Creek.....	3	11	93.24	20	Boolarra.....	6	9	56.08	28	Boolarra.....	0	0	0.00	0		
Boolarra.....	4	11	81.90	20	Tarwin.....	4	9	64.14	24	Thorpdale.....	0	0	0.00	0		
Toora.....	2	11	66.54	16	Thorpdale.....	4	11	53.54	20	Morwell East.....	0	0	0.00	0		
Mirboo North.....	3	12	42.28	16	Foster.....	1	13	18.90	12	Foster.....	0	0	0.00	0		
Hill End.....	1	13	32.94	12	Mirboo North.....	2	13	18.46	12							

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB



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MIRBOO NORTH

HILL END

Mirboo North	3.1	4.4	7.5	8.6 (54)
Hill End	1.6	2.6	3.7	3.8 (26)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Ethan Woodall 4, Joshua Taylor 2, Rhys Kratzat, William Lewis 1 each

BEST: Beau Peters, Leigh Jowett, Ethan Woodall, Harrison Mahoney, Aaron Scicluna, Thomas Harris

GOALS, Hill End: Jamie Somers 2, Matthew van Tilburg 1

BEST: Harry Moore, Seth Calway, Mark Ferguson, Aaron Fawcett, Amburupa Uliando, Matthew van Tilburg

RESERVES

Mirboo North	1.0	3.2	3.2	3.3 (21)
Hill End	4.3	6.5	11.11	14.14 (98)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Angus O'Loughlin, Mitchell Richardson, Andrew Soplakow 1 each

BEST: Michael Daly, Robert Devine, Mitchell Richardson, Jasan Hysen, Jake Peters, Harrison Reville Gent

GOALS, Hill End: Bradley Gorman 6, Luke Ravenhorst, Chris Saunders 2, Michael Bridgman, Travis Jones, Lincoln Riley, Anthony Scarella 1 each

BEST: Bradley Gorman, Anthony Scarella, Luke Ravenhorst, Jake Schiavello, Luke Sutton, Rhys Matchett

THIRDS

Mirboo North	0.0	0.1	0.4	2.4 (16)
Newborough	1.6	5.9	7.11	10.12 (72)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Jack Jagusch 2

BEST: Archie Mahoney, Charlie Malady, Tom McGrath, Lachlan Poljak, Jonathan Conlan, Noah Jackson

GOALS, Newborough: Brody Young 3,

Macally Brosnan, William Cuthbertson, Oscar Hanson 2, Cooper Hanson 1

BEST: William Cuthbertson, Harrison Gallagher, Max Edebohls, Jacoby Gibbs, Macally Brosnan, Anthony Daley

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



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FISH CREEK

BOOLARRA

Fish Creek	4.3	4.6	8.7	15.11 (101)
Boolarra	1.2	2.3	5.5	5.6 (36)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Tom Buckley, Sam McGannon 3, Thomas Cameron 2,

Darcy Berryman, William Brydon Waldren, Blaine Coates, Levi Cocksedge, Jack Hayes, Damien Scully, Jordan Shaw 1 each

BEST: Mathew Watkins, Tom Valenta, Kiron Dorling, Sam McGannon, Lachlan Gale, Josh Standfield

GOALS, Boolarra: Brendan Mason, Joel Mason, Jayden McCormack, Lachlan Smith, Daniel Wilson 1 each

BEST: Tom Reiske, Simon Noy, Joel Mason, Brendan Mason, Daniel Wilson, Mason Porykali

RESERVES

Fish Creek	4.6	12.7	17.8	23.12 (150)
Boolarra	-	1.1	1.3	1.4 (10)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Toby Redpath, Jai Stefani 5,

Rhys Staley 3, Josh Harry, Colin McPhee, Anthony Wilson 2, Brandon Bell, Matthew Pocklington, Owen Straw, Willem Voorham 1 each

BEST: Thomas Sorrell, Travis Manne, Willem Voorham, Tye McGannon, Owen Straw, Jai Stefani

GOALS, Boolarra: Ben McCormack 1

BEST: Hayden Kimpton, Thomas Holley, Glen Smith, Ben McCormack, Jordan Gill, Neil Kreun

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The Hender family produced three generations of Senior premiership players for the Kilcunda-Bass Football Netball Club. Pictured from left, Heath, Les, Les, Brad and Steven Hender following Brad's premiership win in 2011.

Club legacy revisited at Kilcunda-Bass

KILCUNDA-Bass Football Netball Club recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of its 1974 Fourths premiership win.

The occasion saw the return of almost the entire team, presenting plenty of opportunity to reflect on the joys and successes of the club.

Les Hender sat with The Sentinel-Times and looked back on his time at the club.

The Hender family cemented its contribution to the club's history books by producing three generations of Senior premiership players.

Les' father – also named Les – won a Senior premiership in 1950. Les won his premiership in 1980 and Les' son Brad won in 2011.

"My dad played in two premierships. He played for Kilcunda, and Kilcunda and Bass merged in 1957. In their very first year as a merged club, they won the flag," Les said.

"My brother (Steven) and I started in the Fourths in '72 and we won the flag in '74. We both started playing Seniors when we were 16 and played in the grand final in 1979. We got beaten then, but we won in 1980.

"I reckon we all played more than 150 Senior games each."

Steven gave footy away after a knee injury.

Les also suffered an injury, but his story with the club did not end there.

"I was actually out injured in the Seniors one day in '86, and they had no one to coach the Seconds. I was asked to give it a go," he said.

"I remember it was a practice match and I must've done alright – either that or they couldn't get anyone else to do it. They gave me the job in the Seconds and in my first year of coaching, we made the grand final."

"We got beaten. The worst thing was I had to drop a few players – a lot of them I called my mates – and we lost. At this point, I said this coaching thing wasn't for me. I didn't want to lose mates over it. I didn't coach the next year."

In 1988, Les had a change of heart and rallied his old teammates from the Fourths, encouraging them to join the Seconds and "get serious" about training.

"There's a bit of a story to it. I nearly hand-picked my Seconds team," he said.

He recruited the champion of the club Paul Eden, who was unsure about the training schedule because it conflicted with milking the cows.

Les encouraged him to get down to the club when he'd finished work, staying back to have a kick with him and running a couple of laps.

"He didn't need a lot of training," Les said.

"I also got Peter Mabilia back, who was also an absolute champion of the club. We had a pretty good team. I went to see all the blokes who were around my age from the Fourths and

By Tayla Kershaw

told them they had to get serious and come to training – we were running out of time to win a flag.

"Little in my wildest dreams did I think we'd go undefeated and win a flag in the Seconds. That meant a lot because all of those blokes were mates, and I honestly don't reckon if we'd just gone along the same way we were we would've won the flag."

Les coached the following year and continued playing a bit of Seniors, making it through to the finals.

He gave away playing the game at the age of 30 due to work and family commitments.

He became involved with the club once more after his son Brad started playing in the junior teams on Sundays.

"My son ended up making the Gippsland Power squad but wanted to play with his mates at Bass, he started playing Seniors at about 16 as well," Les said.

"In 2011, they won the flag – I was pretty proud. There was a lot of talk at the time of Brad's son Heath having a lot to live up to, to be a fourth-generation player, but my dad never put any expectation on us to play footy, and I never put one on Brad. It wasn't as though we were forced into it. We did it because we wanted it."

Brad went on to play for Inverloch-Kongwak for a while and is now coaching his son in the Fourths at Dalyston.

Since Brad finished playing, Les hasn't had as much to do with footy, preferring the joys of travelling and watching grandkids fulfil their sporting potential.

"I have grandchildren playing for Dalyston and for Power, and a granddaughter playing soccer," he said.

"The main thing I want them to learn is not to play because you feel you have to – play because you enjoy it. To me, winning premierships is secondary. The main thing is mateship."

The incredible ongoing friendships formed from the 1974 Fourths team are proof of the importance of team bonding and a strong club culture.

"It is magnificent to still be in contact with the blokes from the Fourths. When you think it has been 50 years, it's pretty amazing," he said.

"We have just stayed mates all through our lives. We're all at different places in our lives, but if someone needed a hand, those blokes would be there. A lot of people can't believe that. They don't realise it's a bond. That's the greatest thing about football. I hope we never lose that in our society."

Les said it has given him great pride to see his family follow their children through their sporting journeys and hopes to continue to see the family-orientated side of grassroots sport flourish.

Parrots bounce back with ominous display

BY HIS own admission, Leongatha intercept defender Cade Maskell "needed the run" after he came back from injury ahead of Leongatha's surprising loss to Morwell two weeks ago.

But there was no sign of any lack of form, after missing nine rounds, or any lingering discomfort from a leg injury during a ripping best-on-ground performance against Sale on Saturday in which he took 15 marks, had 32 kicks and two handballs.

In fact, he had most of those stats in the book and was sitting on the bench in his tracksuit halfway through the last quarter when he was called back on as a result of a nasty-looking collision involving fellow Leongatha defender Cooper Alger.

Maskell's performance and an improved contribution from Cameron Olden, including three first-quarter goals that really set the Parrots alight, plus the inclusion of four former premiership players; Jake van der Pligt, Kim Drew, Jack Hume, and Luke Bowman contributed to a greatly improved effort by Leongatha.

In fact, up until three-quarter time, such was Leongatha's dominance that they led finals' aspirant's Sale by almost 10 goals at the last change, holding Sale to just 2.10 for three quarters.

Two of Leongatha's other inclusions, Mitch Bentvelzen in defence and Tim Sauvarin on the wing, also added plenty to the mix as the Parrots returned to the sort of form they are going to have to find ahead of the finals, with just two rounds remaining.

It certainly helped Leongatha that they were playing on a fast, dry track at Sale, but the home side contributed to their own demise, after the heroics against Traralgon the previous week, missing plenty of gettable shots at goal, especially in the first quarter where they finished with six behinds.

Their mercurial ruck rover Shannen Lange already had a dozen or more possessions to that stage in the game so there was no lack of opportunity.

Leongatha, on the other hand, was much more productive in front of goal with Jenson Garnham, Cam Olden, Jack Ginnane and Jackson Harry all looking capable.

The first scoring chance for the Parrots set something of a pattern for the game with Maskell rebounding off half-back, Kim Drew carrying the ball forward and Jack Ginnane crashing the pack to provide a loose-ball scoring chance for Harry.

He missed the running shot and Sale's hero from the previous week, Brad Dessent also failed to convert a much easier shot than won the game for the Magpies at Traralgon.

It was left to Cam Olden, almost unbeatable in a one-on-one marking contest, to open the Parrots' account after a strong mark and they never



The only highlight for Sale in the first three quarters of their match against Leongatha on Saturday was this towering mark by Will Leslie over Cooper Alger.



Jesse Burns was busy all day for the Parrots, ready to answer the call from key forward Jack Ginnane.

looked back.

Jesse Burns was a livewire for the Parrots and Shannen Lange, was already into his stride, with several of his characteristic one-two plays out of the centre.

A fine tackle by Jake van der Pligt led directly to the next goal by Jenson Garnham.

Lange missed an easy shot for Sale, Jack Hume was already showing plenty of dash on the wing, Dessent missed another chance up the other end and then Jay Walker showed what he can do near goals.

Again, it was Jack Ginnane providing a good contest at centre-half-forward, and Walker swooped on the loose ball, before kicking a spectacular 'banana' goal on the wrong foot from just inside the boundary.

Olden finished the quarter with two more including a long

bomb from outside 50 and the Parrots were on their way.

The Parrots got the first goal of the second quarter through Drew, and Cade Maskell capped off his return to form when he looped around behind Ty Hall on the forward 50 to take a long shot that sailed through post-high much to the delight of his teammates.

Leading by almost 10 goals going into the last quarter, the Parrots took their foot off the accelerator and Sale added some respectability to the scoreboard with five last-quarter goals to one, but the Parrots were never in doubt and may have shown a glimpse of what they are still capable of producing in 2024.

It was a fitting celebration of captain Tom Marriott's 250th game.

Final scores: Leongatha 12.17.89 def Sale 7.11.53.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 16

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB



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SALE

LEONGATHA

Sale	0.6	1.8	2.10	7.11 (53)
Leongatha	5.3	10.8	11.13	12.17 (89)

GOALS, Sale: Brad Dessent, Mitch Dowse, Derek Eggmolesse-Smith, Jack Johnstone, Benjamin Jones, Shannen Lange, Jack Leslie 1 each

BEST: Jarrod Freeman, Hudson Holmes, Derek Eggmolesse-Smith, Will Leslie, Jack Leslie, Jonty McGuiness

GOALS, Leongatha: Cameron Olden 3, Jenson Garnham, Jack Ginnane 2, Kim Drew, Will Littlejohn, Thomas Marriott, Cade Maskell, Jay Walker 1 each

BEST: Cade Maskell, Jenson Garnham, Timothy Sauvarin, Benjamin Willis, Jay Walker, Kim Drew

RESERVES

Sale	1.1	2.3	2.5	2.7 (19)
Leongatha	3.5	6.8	12.10	14.14 (98)

GOALS, Sale: Alan Harris, Kobe Schoenmaekers 1 each

BEST: Benjamin Hall, Shane Fyfe, Jordan Dessent, Jake Simic, Zali Russell, Mason Annear

GOALS, Leongatha: Flynn Materia 5, Ned Hanly, Darby Kratzat 2, Noah Fixter, Jacob Lamers, Trent McRae, Justin Pellicano, Adam Trotto 1 each

BEST: Nicholas Argento, Noah Fixter, Adam Trotto, Aaron Turton, Flynn Materia, Jacob Lamers

THIRDS

Sale	1.1	2.6	4.6	4.6 (30)
Leongatha	4.3	9.3	12.7	16.12 (108)

BEST, Sale: Jack Cantwell, Cayden Johnson, Tyson Dobson, Tom Ronchi, Will Moon, Kobe Schoenmaekers

BEST, Leongatha: Hayden Bowler, Tadhg Gannon, Kade Berryman, Julian Callahan, Hamish Gill, Jude Fixter

FOURTHS

Sale	2.3	4.4	8.5	9.8 (62)
Leongatha	0.2	0.4	1.5	3.5 (23)

BEST, Sale: Xavier Collins, Harper Walker, Owen Centra, Jake Power, Hayden Hughes, Dean Feltis

BEST, Leongatha: Alby Logan, Jacob Bolge, Sam Kreutzberger, Noah Bradley

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB



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WONTHAGGI

BAIRNSDALE

Wonthaggi	2.2	7.5	11.6	17.10 (112)
Bairnsdale	1.2	1.2	1.6	4.9 (33)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Cooper McInnes 5, Jack Blair, Jarryd Blair, Mitch Hayes, Kaj Patterson, Jake Thomas 2, Noah Anderson, Joshua Bates 1 each

BEST: Jake Thomas, Isaac Chugg, Cooper McInnes, Jye Gilmour, Joshua Schulz, Ryan Sparkes

GOALS, Bairnsdale: Brayden McCarrey 2, Logan Austin, Matt Corbett 1 each

BEST: Hugh Longbottom, Lachlan Cloak, Cooper Harvey, Ethan East, Brayden McCarrey, Tyran Rees

RESERVES

Wonthaggi	2.3	5.4	7.5	8.6 (54)
Bairnsdale	0.3	3.7	5.8	8.10 (58)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Thomas Murray 3, Adam Busana 2, Blake Cornelis, Ollie Dawson, Reeve Moresco 1 each

BEST: Charlie Magro, Kyle Yann, Thomas Murray, Harry Dawson, Charlie Dawson, Jorin Joske

GOALS, Bairnsdale: Jesse Bills, Bryan Froud, Jason Waddell 2, Rohan Blandford, Max Neate 1 each

BEST: Fraser Dostine, Damon O'Connor, Jamie Dore, Jesse Bills, Bryan Froud, Jason Waddell

FOURTHS

Wonthaggi	4.3	6.3	8.5	10.5 (65)
Bairnsdale	2.0	5.0	5.4	7.6 (48)

BEST, Wonthaggi: Ayden Fawaz, Jasper Shone, Archie Jobe, Nate Pugh, Billy Wyhoun, Seth McBean

BEST, Bairnsdale: Jobe Froud, Douglas Ashby, Hudson Froud, Harry McGuinn, Jack Cullinan, Saxon Buckley

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Moe	13.18.96	d	Maffra	11.5.71
Morwell	14.10.94	d	Warragul	6.13.49
Traralgon	22.7.139	d	Drouin	18.5.113

RESERVES

Maffra	17.15.117	d	Moe	0.2.2
Warragul	7.7.49	d	Morwell	4.7.31
Traralgon	25.21.171	d	Drouin	1.1.7

THIRDS

Maffra	14.10.94	d	Moe	4.4.28
Warragul	27.16.178	d	Morwell	1.2.28
Traralgon	12.5.77	d	Drouin	11.4.70

FOURTHS

Maffra	5.9.39	d	Moe	5.8.37
Warragul	13.4.82	d	Morwell	0.6.6
Traralgon	15.16.106	d	Drouin	1.0.6



Power's key playmaker Aiden Lindsay drives the ball into attack once more as Wonthaggi gained ascendency over the visiting Bairnsdale team in their Round 16 clash.
Photo: Paul Landells.

Wonthaggi powers into finals contention

WONTHAGGI Power's destiny in season 2024 is finally in its own hands after it defeated Bairnsdale by 79 points at Wonthaggi on Saturday and moved into fifth place on the ladder.

Following a Gippsland League bye next weekend, Wonthaggi have Drouin away on August 17 and then second-placed Moe at home on August 24 to round out the regular season.

If they win both those games, the runners-up of 2023 will take part in this year's final series, something that looked unlikely after they lost several key players to injury and transfer in the off-season and only won three out of the first nine games.

But since the halfway stage of the year, a reshuffled Wonthaggi side, still dealing with a number of key injuries, has won six out of seven games to be one of the form teams in the competition.

The shape of the finals could even be decided in the next round if Morwell beats Sale at Morwell, a result that is no foregone conclusion even after Leongatha thrashed the Magpies for much of the day at Sale last Saturday. Sale slipped out of the five and lost a chunk of percentage as a result so a loss to Morwell would almost certainly end their season.

Saturday's match at Wonthaggi started quietly enough

with the Power getting the first goal through Josh Bates in the first four minutes of the game and Bairnsdale's Cooper Harvey wasn't able to reply until 20 minutes later as the play shifted up and down the ground without any scoring for much of the opening term.

Wonthaggi had welcomed back Ryan Sparkes who was immediately in action on the ball where he received plenty of support from Jake Thomas, doing a great job in the ruck against big Ethan East, in the absence of Toma Huther, with the likes of Jack Blair, Josh Bates, Andrew McNeil and Kaj Patterson all taking their turn through the centre.

Isaac Chugg was a winner on his flank from the outset and the defence stamped its authority on the game early with Josh Schulz leading the way and others including Jye Gilmour, Fergus O'Connor, Tim Knowles and the Macmillan brothers playing their roles.

Wonthaggi had the quick answer just before the quarter-time break when Cooper McInnes was taken high and made no mistake from 25 metres out.

That was to be as close as Bairnsdale got all day with Wonthaggi taking full control in the second and third quarters, holding the

Redlegs goalless for two quarters while booting nine themselves to be 10 goals in front at the last change.

In typical in-and-under style, Jack Blair earned a free kick near goal to get the scores rolling in the second term but a lot of players had a hand in working it forward, Jake Thomas with a good contest at the first centre bounce, Patterson hitting the pack to take possession and young Tom Macmillan coming forward off half back to get the play going Wonthaggi's way.

O'Connor, Chugg, Mitch Hayes, Gilmour, Aiden Lindsay, and McNeil all got involved and Blair capped it off.

From there on, the Wonthaggi players were lining up to get their turn and there were plenty of chances for the Power forwards, McInnes bringing up his second with a nice snap.

Jarryd Blair marked one on the lead soon after and kicked truly from the angle to make it five goals to one and Noah Anderson took a contested mark moments later to make it six.

A mistake by Bairnsdale switching the ball across the backline was seized on by an ever-alert Jarryd Blair who trapped the ball, ran on and handed off the easiest of goals to McInnes, in the right place at the right time in the goal square.

Final scores: Wonthaggi 17.10.112 def Bairnsdale 4.9.33.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	13	3	165.01	52	Leongatha	16	0	451.60	64	Warragul	12	2	334.92	48	Traralgon	16	0	530.67	64	Traralgon	16	0	530.67	64
Moe	11	5																						

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Phillip Island **27.13.175** d Dalyston **7.8.50**
Nar Nar Goon **10.11.71** d Cora Lynn **10.10.70**
Korumburra-Bena **18.9.117** d Bunyip **4.8.32**
Tooradin-Dalmore **21.14.140** d Garfield **3.7.25**
Koo Wee Rup **12.11.83** d Warragul Industrials **6.9.45**
Inverloch-Kongwak **15.18.108** d Kilcunda-Bass **7.16.58**

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KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

KILCUNDA-BASS **58** **INVERLOCH-K** **108**

Kilcunda-Bass 0.4 4.7 4.14 7.16 (58)
Inverloch-K 4.10 7.12 10.14 15.18 (108)

GOALS, K-Bass: Anthony Daraio 3, Timothy

Gunn 2, Bradley Aldwell, Jed Rosenow 1 each

BEST: Nathan Foote, Dale Gawley, Travis Tuck,

Jack Soroczynski, Sam Watson, Benjamin Eddy

GOALS, Inv-K: Tate Short 5, Tom Hams 3, Lucas

Allen, Nicholas Baltas 2, Jamieson Soumilas,

Oscar Toussaint, William Turner 1 each

BEST: Tate Short, Ethan Park, Tom Hams,

Oscar Toussaint, Lachlan Scott, Jarvis Pryor

RESERVES

Kilcunda-Bass 2.1 2.1 5.3 6.3 (39)
Inverloch-K 3.2 8.3 10.6 14.6 (90)

GOALS, K-Bass: Lincoln Allan 2,

Angus McGillivray, Scott Pugh, Cooper Smith,

Travis Stuckey 1 each

BEST: William Campbell, Scott Pugh,

Callan Brinkmann, Cooper Smith, Lincoln Allan,

Trent Cartmel

GOALS, Inv-K: Patrick Jobling 4, Dale Lawton,

Dylan Taylor 3, Rem Dal Pozzo 2, Jack Butcher,

Ashton Hewitson 1 each

BEST: Dale Lawton, Adam Cross, Dylan Taylor,

Jack Butcher, Ashton Hewitson, Matt McCaughan

FOURTHS

Kilcunda-Bass - - - 1.1 (7)
Inverloch-K 6.3 12.5 20.6 26.10 (166)

GOALS, K-Bass: names

BEST: Hayden Power, Tyler Duell, Blake Eden,

Elijah McDonald, Jackson Sweet, Rhylee Duell

GOALS, Inv-K: Augustus Finsterer 15,

Riley Harris 3, Harrison Foster,

James Martin, Cooper Newman 2,

David Newman, Finn O'Halloran 1 each

BEST: Augustus Finsterer, Riley Harris, Frederick

Soumilas, Harry Ashmore, James Martin,

Harrison Foster

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Nar Nar Goon 10.11.71 d Cora Lynn 10.10.70
Tooradin-Dal 21.14.140 d Garfield 3.7.25
Koo Wee Rup 12.11.83 d Warragul Ind 6.9.45

RESERVES

Nar Nar Goon 8.11.59 d Cora Lynn 3.7.25
Tooradin-Dal 28.17.185 d Garfield 1.2.8
Koo Wee Rup 16.12.108 d Warragul Ind 3.5.25

THIRDS

Garfield 11.4.71 d Tooradin-Dal 9.7.61
Warragul Ind 13.6.84 d Koo Wee Rup 3.1.19

FOURTHS

Tooradin-Dal 9.15.69 d Garfield 2.1.13
Warragul Ind 5.8.38 d Koo Wee Rup 5.5.35

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION



Tom Hams attempts to put boot to ball before being run down by **Jack Soroczynski**.

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Inverloch-Kongwak actioned its strategies throughout all four quarters and was proud of the improved effort.

The Sea Eagles kicked five goals to finish the game, happy to be back on the winners' list.

Panthers' coach Lee Rowe said despite the loss, it was a great game to watch and a good opportunity for the coaching panel to begin strategising for finals.

Kilcunda-Bass' remaining two games will serve as preparation for the finals series ahead.

The Panthers will play Korumburra-Bena on Saturday in the Gus James Cup to raise awareness for mental health.

Korumburra-Bena won the match last year and is coming off the back of two wins.

Kilcunda-Bass will not be reading too much into its 51-point win over the Giants in round one and will be treating the game like a final.

Inverloch-Kongwak has a tough match ahead against Phillip Island.

The final two matches against the Island and Bunyip are important ones given it's so close at the top.

The outcomes of these games will determine where the Sea Eagles end up on the ladder and they'll be putting everything they've got into the next few weeks.



IK's Tate Short flies above the pack in a contest for the football.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 16

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

175 DALYSTON 50

PHILLIP ISLAND DALYSTON

Phillip Island 10.1 17.6 22.10 27.13 (175)

Dalyston 0.0 3.3 4.5 7.8 (50)

GOALS, P-Island: Billy Taylor 7, Hayden Bruce,

Orlando Kane Gillard, Max Walton 3,

Thomas Baulch, Jordy Patullo, Cameron

Pedersen, Travis Woodfield 2, Daniel Bourke,

Jack Taylor, Marcus Wright 1 each

BEST: Hayden Bruce, Billy Taylor, Max Walton,

Jaymie Youle, Aaron Harris, Coby Olarenshaw

GOALS, Dalyston: Hayden Wallis 3,

Louis Armstrong, Stewart Beaumont,

Mitch Hallahan, Brad Monson 1 each

BEST: Kyle Kirk, Louis Armstrong, Ash Chetland,

Hayden Wallis, Brad Monson, Shaun Silver

RESERVES

Phillip Island 4.5 11.7 19.12 28.17 (185)

Dalyston 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 (1)

GOALS, P-Island: Nick Anderson 9,

Harry Anderson 5, Jay Ladson 4, Lucas Chihotski,

Brady Ross 2, Finlay Cousins, Kirby Fuller,

Jack Keating, Ryan Ladson, Will Macrakanis,

Marvin Sellars 1 each

BEST: Nick Anderson, Jay Ladson,

Lucas Chihotski, Finlay Cousins, Kirby Fuller,

Connor Thompson

BEST, Dalyston: Dean Wylie, Ryda Kay-Darts,

Owen Luff, Matrix Chisholm, Philip Waugh,

Campbell Bell

THIRDS

Phillip Island 8.1 13.3 16.7 20.10 (130)

Dalyston 2.0 2.0 2.0 3.1 (19)

GOALS, P-Island: Charles O'Garey 5,

Oliver Duggan, Jack Huther 4, Yianni Caffieri,

Zac Walker 2, Jasper Cashman, James Lewis,

Max Taylor 1 each

BEST: Charles O'Garey, Bailey Hennessy,

Leo Savona, Oliver Duggan, Darcy Thompson,

Yianni Caffieri

GOALS, Dalyston: Jesse Dugard 3

BEST: Jesse Dugard, Bailey Anderson, Levi Jones,

Chase Krause, Max Toler, Ziggy Bowman Kissane

FOURTHS

Phillip Island 6.2 11.7 14.10 17.13 (115)

Dalyston 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)

GOALS, P-Island: Jack Larsson 5, Levi Addison 3,

Felix Bathgate, Ethan Rhee, Parker Trappett 2,

Reef Riky, Archie Ross, Samuel Schuller 1 each

BEST: Jack Larsson, Kai Cashman, Archie Ross,

Alexander Szymanski, Parker Trappett,

Lewis De Fazio

BEST, Dalyston: Tom Humphris,

Riley Pearson-Rutland, Hamish Bell,

Jarvis Hynes, Jayke Woods, Roy Humphris

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

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BUNYIP KORUMBURRA-BENA

Bunyip 1.0 2.2 3.5 4.8 (32)

Kor-Bena 8.2 14.6 17.9 18.9 (117)

GOALS, Bunyip: Benjamin Wright 2,

Anthony Haddrick, Ben Stewart 1 each

BEST: Alex Dijkstra, Tahj Murphy, Ben Stewart,

Seth Ashton, Benjamin Wright, Campbell Knight

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Tom Crocker 6,

Josh Hopkins 3, Kye Benson, Joel Cuman, Paul

Fermanis 2, Tyson Findlay, Blake Webb 1 each

BEST: Josh Hopkins, Joel Cuman, Tom Crocker,

Kye Benson, Jake Fowles, Tyson Findlay

RESERVES

Bunyip 0.1 1.2 1.2 1.2 (8)

Kor-Bena 6.2 10.5 13.10 15.16 (106)

GOALS, Bunyip: Thomas Cairns 1

BEST: Josh Collins, Brendon Wilby, Joshua

Drewett, Patrick Opie, Ronan McNamara,

Brendan Vandborg

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Jasper Macri 5, Liam

O'Connor 4, William Croatto, Ino De Backker,

Jed Harris, Curtis Morley, Colin Terry,

Blake Walker 1 each

BEST: Isaak Fox, Liam O'Connor, Jack Donohue,

Jesse Harris, Jasper Macri, Jed Harris

THIRDS

Bunyip 1.0 1.2 2.3 2.3 (15)

Kor-Bena 2.1 2.4 3.4 5.7 (37)

GOALS, Bunyip: Samuel Hughes,

Austin Pengelly 1 each

BEST: Kobey Tytler, Dalton Lawrence,

Alexander McKenzie, Rawson Vandborg,

Ryan Cooke, Samuel Hughes

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Curtis Bailey,

Noah Belvedere, Jayden Douglas,

Zac Grabham, Hayden Simcock 1 each

BEST: Jake Kelly, Hamish Withall, Tanner Walker,

Max Fowles, Jayden Douglas, Dylan Parry

FOURTHS

Bunyip 0.2 0.2 2.2 3.2 (20)

Kor-Bena 3.1 5.2 6.3 7.5 (47)

GOALS, Bunyip: Bayden Crook,

Oliver Simpson, Cody Welch 1 each

BEST: Owen Marson, Hamish Collett, Josh Creely,

Rawson Vandborg, Bayden Crook, Dean Schultz

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Lucas Jones 4,

Chase De Grandi 2, Phoenix Lorkin 1

BEST: Evan Belvedere, Jesse Gollop,

Braedyn Swain, Callum Donohue, Indie Cameron,

Jayden Douglas



Charlie Bruce is tackled by Dalyston's Shaun Silver. Photo: Carol Ratcliff.

Jack Legione moves in for a tackle against Island opponent Jack Taylor. Photo by Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

Island continues dominant streak with crushing win over Dalyston

PHILLIP Island, entering the match as heavy favourites with an impressive 12-game winning streak, showcased their dominance once again, emerging victorious with a staggering 175-50 win over Dalyston.

The day's success began early, with comprehensive victories in the 16s, 18s, and Reserves, setting the tone for the senior team's performance. Phillip Island's senior squad wasted no time, delivering an exhilarating first quarter, piling on 61 unanswered points.

Central to Phillip Island's commanding display was the return of big man Daniel Bourke, whose presence was felt across the field. Hayden Bruce, alongside his brother Charlie, played pivotal roles, complemented by standout performances from Youle and Max Walton. The midfield controlled the game, while the forwards dominated both in the air and on the ground.

The return of the ever-reliable Mark Griffin, after a brief period of management, bolstered the team's defence.

Aaron Harris, Coby, Kai, and veteran Damien Holmes were resolute, consistently turning the ball over high up the ground.

Coach Pedersen's call for a four-quarter effort was answered emphatically. The Bulldogs boasted 11 individual goal scorers, with Billy Taylor standing out by slotting seven goals in a classy display. The team's cohesion was evident, showcasing their depth and talent.

As Phillip Island heads into two crucial games to finish

the home-and-away season, their team cohesion and form are hitting their peak. Emerging talents like Orlando Kane Gillard, Marcus Wright, and Bryce Hindhaugh, alongside veterans Daniel Pearce, Jaymie Youle, and Jack Taylor, are performing brilliantly.

The undermanned Dalyston team stuck steadfastly to the task of slowing the Island juggernaut.

Brad Monson presented well and marked everything on offer while Curtis Murfett and Kyle Kirk were lively.

Giants trounce Bunyip to chalk up their third victory

A THRILLING 85-point win against Bunyip had the Giants up and about on Saturday.

Korumburra-Bena travelled to the Bunyip Recreation Reserve to take on the opposition in good conditions and came away with four footy wins for the day.

With a stellar first term, the Giants found themselves at a seven-goal advantage by quarter time.

Coach Josh Hopkins sent his team in with a plan, which was executed beautifully with excellent forward line pressure resulting in multiple shots at goal.

Tom Crocker led the way with a brilliant first quarter, resulting in a six-goal haul for the day.

Crocker set himself up well in front of goal, took a few excellent grabs and made the most of his opportunities. The midfield also worked well together, moving as a unit and looking out for each other heading into the forward 50.

Kye Benson had another good day, capitalising on the success in the ruck and assisting many forward entries.

Benson kicked two for the day.

The ruck was shared by Evan Allaway and Jack Spencer, who were both strong presences out on the field.

The Giants' pressure remained strong, and Bunyip only scored one goal per quarter, but the Giants only managed another three with one quarter to go.

Byron and Kodie Walker worked hard in the defence, cleaning up Bunyip's forward entries.

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This is set to be a big day for the Giants – it is the last home game of the season, and they will be hosting their Sponsors' Day and Reserves Reunion.

The Giants are looking forward to taking on the Panthers and, coming off the back of two wins, hope to be in with a chance.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Phillip Island	14	1	208.69	58
Cora Lynn	13	2	247.22	54
Nar Nar Goon	13	3	260.96	52
Inverloch-K	13	3	232.55	52
Tooradin-Dal	11	5	194.63	44
Kilcunda-Bass	9	7	100.62	36
Warragul Ind	6	10	90.59	24
Koo Wee Rup	5	11	74.49	20
Dalyston	4	12	66.59	16
Garfield	4	12	41.67	16
Kor-Bena	3	13	44.59	12
Bunyip	0	16	11.08	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Tooradin-Dal	14	2	603.31	56
Nar Nar Goon	14	2	479.62	56
Inverloch-K	13	3	328.32	52
Phillip Island	12	4	370.18	48
Cora Lynn	11	5	187.74	44
Kilcunda-Bass	8	8	123.03	32
Koo Wee Rup	8	8	110.24	32
Garfield	6	10	56.08	24
Dalyston	4	12	19.87	16
Warragul Ind	3	13	33.16	12
Kor-Bena	3	1		



Olympic bronze for Eleanor



SOUTH Gippslanders had the perfect start to their working week on Monday when they woke to the news that Leongatha's Eleanor Patterson had won bronze at the Paris Olympics.

Others with bleary eyes, having risen at 3.50am, witnessed all of the drama as Eleanor went clear through the rounds at 1.86m, 1.91m and 1.95m only to go agonisingly close to clearing 1.98m before crashing out of the event, and likely out of the medals.

But immediately after she missed at her third attempt, the second of the Ukrainian jumpers, Iryna Gerashchenko also missed 1.98m at her third attempt, presenting Eleanor Patterson with a bittersweet moment after two hours of competition.

She was out of the running for gold and silver, but coming away with something of an unexpected bronze was certainly fantastic consolation for the 2022 world champion.

The two competitors, Iryna Gerashchenko and Eleanor Patterson, couldn't be split on a total of three misses each so there will be four women sharing the podium for the first time in 20 years; one gold medal winner Yaroslava Mahuchikh of Ukraine, one silver medal winner, Nicola Olyslagers of Australia, and two bronze medal recipients.

Olyslagers and Mahuchikh both cleared 1.98m, then 2.00m, including a clutch last-gasp clearance by Nicola, and were locked in a jump off for the medals at

2.02m when the Australian went out after her third attempt, taking silver on a countback.

Having secured the gold medal, Mahuchikh raised the bar to the Olympic record height at 2.04m. She holds the world record at 2.10m but it wasn't to be. She hit the bar heavily and there was to be no record.

So, it was gold and bronze for Ukraine and silver and bronze for Australia.

In the celebrations after the bronze medal win, Eleanor shared the moment in the stands with her parents Mark and Helen Patterson of Leongatha.

Morning Show 'congratulations'

Speaking on the Channel Nine

Morning Show later, with Karl Stefanovic and Sarah Abo, Eleanor acknowledged the moment of disappointment and then elation, after she missed her last jump but then had it confirmed she'd taken bronze.

"I would have liked to jump higher so there was a bit of turmoil inside, thinking I could have jumped higher, then I got the bronze," said Eleanor.

"We had to wait until it was confirmed that I'd won the bronze so there were a few tears. I can't wait to get my hands on it now," she said, with the medal presentation the following day.

"The stadium was electric, and it was wonderful to feed off that energy."

Eleanor also spoke about

sharing the medal with the Ukrainian Iryna Gerashchenko.

"It will be wonderful to share the bronze with such a wonderful person inside and out," she said.

The Aussie girls also had a special thrill on the sidelines after the high jump was over, seeing American Noah Lyles' incredible win in the blue ribband event of the Paris Olympics close up.

"We had a front row view of the 100 metres, yeah it was amazing, we were actually eating our snacks right near there at the time," said Eleanor.

Nicola described her clearance of 2.0 metres at the Paris Olympics as one of the greatest jumps of her life, effectively tying with the eventual winner.

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