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Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny, Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Greg Box and Mayor Clare Le Serve celebrate the official opening of the Anderson Street Reserve in San Remo last week. See full story on page 6. Z07\_3324

# INVADED AND ANGRY

SOUTH Gippsland residents have been left frustrated and bewildered after a 14-year-old Leongatha youth was let out on bail last week following allegations he was involved in an aggravated burglary only to go on and commit a similar offence two days later.

It has been alleged that he was one of two teenagers who entered the property of a 78-year-old Vietnam Veteran in McCartin Street Leongatha last Wednesday, August 7, stealing keys and a Hyundai

Sonata car, but on release committed a similar aggravated burglary at Cape Paterson on Friday.

The resident of the first aggravated burglary Edwin Baker has been left shaken, and unable to sleep or eat.

"I can't sleep. I can't eat. I'm stressed, and shaking," Mr Baker said this week.

"Everyone has been telling me it's over, to calm down, but I can't."

Mr Baker's sense of personal safety has been completely shattered.

"I remember seeing young kids out the front on Tuesday evening when I returned home in my new Hyundai Sonata. I drove in and locked the car up in the garage.

"A short time later, I thought my neighbour must have been putting his bins out as I heard some noises. I went to investigate (after a few minutes) with a torch, but the garage was shut, and nothing was out of place."

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# No hospital amalgamations

FORCED hospital amalgamations are out, they say, but Local Health Service Networks are in.

And according to the State Government's Health Services Plan, finally released last week, Gippsland has been nominated as one of five locations in regional Victoria where one of these new Local Health Service Networks will be established.

Under Recommendation 4.6 of the plan, regional networks will be established in Barwon-South West, Grampians, Loddon Mallee, Hume and Gippsland.

The Gippsland network will include the following health services: Bairnsdale Regional Health Service, Bass Coast Health, Central Gippsland Health Service, Gippsland Southern Health Service, Latrobe Regional Hospital, Omeo District Health, Orbost Regional Health, South Gippsland Hospital, and Yarram & District Health Service.

However, the devil could be in the details.

Despite acknowledging that Bass Coast in particular, and some other districts in Gippsland, experience a significant outflow of patients to metro hospitals for more complex care, the government has grouped Bass Coast in with Latrobe Regional Hospital as likely to deliver the lion's share of complex care to this region.

"The Gippsland Network is proposed to serve a population exceeding 250,000 people (by 2026), which meets the threshold scale to meaningfully support population health outcomes," according to the report.

"The geography of this proposed network, spanning from Bass Coast Shire in the west to the large East Gippsland Shire, aligns well with that of the Gippsland PHN and the Gippsland Mental Health and Wellbeing Region.

"Latrobe Regional Hospital is proposed to be the provider of the most complex care in the network, supporting the delivery of greater than 85 per cent

of care locally over time.

"We recognise that the western portion of the network, notably Bass Coast Shire, has significant patient flow patterns to metropolitan Melbourne health services for higher capability care. However, many of the service delivery issues experienced in Bass Coast Shire have more in common with the challenges faced by other rural communities than with metropolitan areas.

"Accordingly, the committee concluded on balance that Bass Coast Health is better grouped with the rest of Gippsland."

As well as finally releasing the Expert Advisory Committee's Health Services Plan (April 2024), the government announced a further \$1.5 billion in funding which "delivers the funding hospitals told us they needed".

The State Government has also accepted in full or accepted in principle 26 of 27 recommendations proposed by the Expert Advisory Committee.

The one recommendation rejected, Recommendation 7.1, relating to forced amalgamations, nonetheless provides an insight into what the expert committee had in mind for Gippsland, parts of which may now be introduced by agreement.

Recommendation 7.1 called for a consolidation of the Gippsland hospitals into a single entity while retaining the local hospital names and brands and "visible local leadership".

While a new network CEO would have been recruited and a single "skills-based board" established, this visible local leadership would have included local management and the establishment of local community boards and community engagement mechanisms "to provide feedback and advice to local leadership to ensure services meet community needs, and that local perspectives are considered".

Connections with local government and major organisations would have been

maintained, they say, on population and public health and wellbeing planning, fostering of local innovation, strengthening current community and social service functions and maintaining robust emergency management preparedness and co-ordination.

"Visible local leadership will be maintained at each pre-existing health service, with site-appropriate seniority and delegated powers to deliver the following objectives: clinical services that are responsive to local conditions and local community health needs."

The network would have been a single employer, able to deploy staff across the sites. There would also have been unified clinical governance and clinical service planning, unified financial management, corporate governance and back office and consistent policies and procedures across all health sites, including quality and safety processes.

There was also a nod given to "geographic subregions" including South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

"Where a Local Health Service Network has geographic subregions, the Network will establish appropriate subregional leadership structures to deliver the following objectives:

- Coordination across health service sites within the subregion to deliver step-up and step-down care for low to medium complexity care, with the objective of keeping care as close to a person's home as possible.
- Consistent local and subregional referral pathways, including where a subregion may have distinctive flows, such as in peri-urban areas
- Effective management of site capacity, load sharing and workforce sharing across the subregion.

However, the government has promised there will be no forced amalgamations of hospitals.

"We believe that locals know their community's health

needs best and together with their health service leaders their voices must be listened to in the delivery of local health-care," the government said in its announcement on Thursday, August 8.

"Forcing change risks being disruptive, impacting patient care," they said.

"Instead, health services will be supported to reduce non-clinical duplication and double-up, while at the same time promoting stronger partnerships between our hospitals.

"This achieves the report's ambition of a more integrated and efficient health system, without disrupting the local services we know Victorian families trust and rely on."

Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas welcomed the adjustment to the report's recommendations.

"Victoria's health system is one of the best in the world, and these reforms will keep us on track to deliver even better patient care through a reformed health system that is better integrated and connected, at the same time protecting the local services we know Victorians trust and rely on."

As well as supporting a petition against forced hospital amalgamations, Gippsland South MLA Danny O'Brien has also voiced concerns about reports of cuts to local hospital budgets.

The petition, sponsored by Shadow Minister for Health, Georgie Crozier, called on the government to "cancel its plans for hospital amalgamations and ensure that local hospitals remain stand-alone entities, with local voices that continue the great work of delivering quality care to each and every community".

Ms Crozier remains unconvinced that mergers are off the table.

"Let me tell you this funding only lasts for one year. What happens to those health services after that?" Ms Crozier said.

Bass Coast Health has been contacted for a response.

## GSHS welcomes Health Services Plan focus on local networks

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service has welcomed the Victorian Government's focus on establishing local health networks as part of a new-look health system.

On Thursday, August 8, the Government released the Health Services Plan and announced an additional \$1.5 billion in funding for 2024-25.

The Health Services Plan will include establishing Local Health Service Networks – geographic groupings responsible for planning and managing care so that it meets the population's health needs of their communities.

It will formalise relationships between each network and tertiary hospitals and give each hospital a role within their networks.

The Government is not seeking to direct consolidations between health services.

GSHS CEO Lou Sparkes said she supported the principles and pillars within the plan and the approach of establishing Local Health Service Networks.

"It will mean we can work together in a stronger way to make things more efficient, to make the system easier for people access and to navigate and to share resources in areas such as workforce and corporate services," Ms Sparkes said.

Ms Sparkes said details about GSHS's role in the new networks had not been clarified by the Department of Health.

"We will be having discussions with the Department but we're pleased to see this focus on greater connections."

The Plan's goal is a more connected system that enables higher quality and safer care, regardless of where you live in Victoria. It also addresses workforce challenges to make specialist services and clinicians available to as many people as possible across the state.

As part of the additional funding, the Government has told GSHS it will be funded to its activity target for last year.

"We are awaiting the specific details but we welcome this announcement and the recognition that the health system needs more funding to continue providing services to local communities," Ms Sparkes said.

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IN BRIEF

Extension to Wonthaggi  
Justice of the Peace hours

WONTHAGGI's local Justice of the Peace signing service is to be extended to include Wednesday evenings from 5pm to 8pm. Documents can currently be signed at the Wonthaggi Police Station by Bass Coast and South Gippsland JPs from 9am to 1pm, Monday to Friday.

Signing Centre Co-ordinator John Duscher says these hours will be extended to include Wednesday evenings from September 4.

The Wonthaggi document signing service has proven to be one of the most successful programs of its type across regional Victoria, running in its current form since 2013.

Mr Duscher says the service is supported by a great team of volunteer JPs from Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Leongatha, Phillip Island, Koonawarra and Coronet Bay.

"It is an independent, reliable, professional service that handles over one thousand documents a month," says Mr Duscher.

"There are more than five hundred similar programs elsewhere across the community."

The Wednesday evening hours have been welcomed by Victoria Police at Wonthaggi and will provide even greater access for people who work.

Why Berninneit's a winner

THE Bass Coast Shire Council might be in a sticky predicament when it comes to achieving Passivhaus accreditation for the Cowes Cultural Centre.

But there's no denying the process which delivered a local Boon Wurrung language name for the facility, according to the Geospatial Council of Australia which awarded the Bass Coast Shire Council an Excellence In Place Naming award for the Berninneit Community Centre naming proposal.

The award was announced last Friday, August 9 at the annual Victorian Geospatial Excellence awards held at the

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Mayor, Cr Clare Le Serve acknowledged the fantastic work done by council staff and community through engagement with this naming process. Over 700 local residents responded to this consultation process, offered a choice of names provided by the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) including:

- Barmewoon Meaning: Only My Strength
- Mogarmarlaly Murk Meaning: Lead Me
- Berninneit Meaning: Gather Together
- Kummargee Meaning: Rise Up.

"This was an excellent project with a strong community consultation particularly in managing timelines to ensure the name was available at the time of the opening of Berninneit," said Cr Le Serve.

On accepting this award, Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Greg Box said that Berninneit, which means 'gather together', had certainly lived up to its name in the numbers that have gathered there for a broad range of events.

He went on to claim that the Cowes Cultural Centre has already "hosted hundreds of thousands of people already".

However, while Berninneit won the popular vote among the four Boon Wurrung language names put up by the council, a more obvious option came out on top in a local survey.

Local community group, Island Voice ran its own survey in which 'Phillip Island Cultural Centre' came out as clear winner with 34 per cent of the votes and with Millowl Cultural Centre as second preference with 20.6 per cent of the votes.

Mower stolen from  
the community

IT'S alleged an unknown number of offenders accessed a small, corrugated iron shed at the Bass Valley Community

Centre and stole a mower and whipper snipper between August 1 and 2.

Investigations continue. Anyone with information contact Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Keys and wallets stolen

A RED Suzuki Swift motor vehicle was stolen on August 8 between 9.15am and midday at Wonthaggi Leisure Centre. Its alleged offenders entered the change rooms at the venue stealing multiple items including wallets and keys to the vehicle.

Anyone with information contact Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit on 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers.

Final chance to  
secure your tickets

'VARIETY style' entertainer and comedy ventriloquist, CJ, will appear at Foster War Memorial Arts Centre (79 Main Street) in Foster on Saturday, August 17. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm show.

'Look Who's Talking!' is an entertaining one-man show. It's aimed at adults; however, the whole family can come along because CJ's material is 100 per cent clean. The performance features various puppet characters and old-school ventriloquism, with a fresh modern twist. Tickets are priced at \$25, and \$20 for concessions. Tickets are available at: cjventriloquist.com.au/tickets.

Congratulations to Beverly from Walkerville who won our family ticket giveaway last week!

Council adds Korumburra  
service counter

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is changing its customer service counter opening times to accommodate a new customer service counter in Korumburra.

Located at the Korumburra Community Hub, the new counter will be open on Tuesdays

and Thursdays between 10am and 3pm, officially commencing Tuesday, September 17.

The current customer service counter, located at the main council office in Smith Street, Leongatha will open on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10am and 3pm.

A soft opening of the Korumburra counter is underway until the official commencement date, with opening hours at Leongatha remaining unchanged until September 16.

There will be no change to phone-based services, which will continue to be available Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 5pm.

Fire Wise Whole Farm  
Planning Course open now

FARMERS in South Gippsland are invited to join South Gippsland Landcare Network's Fire Wise Whole Farm Planning course.

The course will run on four sequential Thursdays from 10am-3pm, starting on August 29.

Only 15 spots are available, so get in quick.

For more information and to register see [sgln.net.au/event-calendar](http://sgln.net.au/event-calendar) or contact Cassie, [cassie@sgln.net.au](mailto:cassie@sgln.net.au), 0448739559.

Coffee with a Cop at  
Wonthaggi Plaza

LOOKING for an engaging way to connect with your local police officers? "Coffee with a Cop" is back and heading to Wonthaggi Plaza! Join Bass Coast Police on Thursday, August 15 at 10am for a relaxed and informal chat with Proactive Police Officers.

At the last session held in Myli Wonthaggi Library, a strong crowd gathered to discuss topics such as personal safety, home security, and the use of electric mobility scooters. This is your opportunity to bring up local issues, ask questions, or simply get to know the officers who serve your community.

So, grab a cup of coffee and pull up a chair.

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# Drop-in to ask about turbines

THE focus of VicGrid's community consultation process shifts to Korumburra this Wednesday and Thursday when the government's renewable energy planning authority stages the next of its regional drop-in sessions.

It's all about seeking community feedback on the draft Victorian Transmission Plan guidelines and Renewable Energy Zone study areas ahead of the closing date for submissions on Sunday, August 25, 2024.

As part of the release of a detailed map recently, describing which areas in the state have the best potential for hosting renewable energy infrastructure, including wind turbines, solar farms and high-voltage transmission lines, a large site around Korumburra and a smaller site near Foster were nominated as Tier 1 sites for investigation and development "based on the combination of high opportunities and low constraints for wind and solar".

This has created considerable interest and some concern locally ahead of the brief period of initial consultation.

The sessions will be held at the Korumburra Community Hub, 15 Little Commercial Street, at the following times:

- Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 4pm – 7pm.
- Thursday, August 15, 2024, 10.30am – 12.30pm.

A new community consultation session has also been added at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre, 79 Main Street at the following times:

- Thursday, August 22, 4pm – 7pm.

However, these are drop-in sessions, not public meetings.

Those who attend will have the opportunity to ask questions of VicGrid representatives and will also be given information about where to find the resources they may need to make submissions or



**Few people turned up at a drop-in session at Sale last week but more are expected to turn out at Korumburra this Wednesday and Thursday, and also at Foster the following Thursday, August 22, just a few days out from the closing date for submissions into Victoria's renewable energy plan.**

to contribute to the process of selecting the best Renewable Energy Zones for wind and solar farms to be located. Key dates include:

- Submissions into the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan close at 11.59pm on Sunday, August 25, 2024.
  - Feedback on the guiding principles, including what weight is given to protecting high-value farmland and culturally significant sites as opposed to simply selecting sites for the highest return to energy investors and lowest-cost power, will also close at 11.59pm on Sunday, August 25, 2024.
  - Feedback on the study area to be selected, identifying areas to be protected, avoided or prioritised for investigation close on September 30.
- There isn't much time left to make your mark, whether it's to save the most productive diary-farming region in Australia, the nation's most important grass-fed beef district, the hugely important

Corner Inlet RAMSAR site or simply the views over Wilsons Promontory and the gorgeous green rolling hills around Korumburra.

Or perhaps you think Korumburra is ripe for the state's biggest land-based wind farm.

If for example, you think the draft 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan is too heavily weighted towards attracting investors and producing the cheapest possible power for Melbourne voters, then you have to make a submission about the Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines by August 25, three days after the drop-in session at Foster.

Such a submission might also argue that Gippsland is already doing much of the heavy lifting by hosting offshore wind turbines and should be rejected as the site for the more inefficient land-based wind farms.

And if you think that by failing to flesh out how gas-fired power stations could be part of the mix or how nuclear should be included, given there will

be a 25-year transmission and generation plan produced in 2027 (and potentially a change of Federal Government before September 27 next year), you should also include that in your submission on the guidelines.

If you simply want to object to having windfarms or transmission towers located on the outskirts of Korumburra, Leongatha, Foster or Wonthaggi, your go is to make a submission on why these areas should not be declared as Renewable Energy Zones, by September 30, little more than a month away.

The fallback position for South Gippsland, the only region in the east of the state being considered for its "high opportunities and low constraints for wind and solar", as revealed at last week's drop-in session at Sale, is that the State Government has promised that no landowner will be forced to host wind turbines.

If you don't want them, the best option might simply be to lock the gate.

## Invaded and angry: Victim of crime spree speaks out

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Heading to bed later, Mr Baker's seven-month-old dog started barking, but he told her to settle down.

"There's nothing there, we've already checked," he told her.

She went and sat by window, and it was silent again.

The following morning Mr Baker couldn't find his keys, searching high and low. It was only when he decided to pop the washing machine on that he noticed the dog door was ajar.

He immediately got a second set of keys and went to the garage only to discover his brand-new car had been stolen along with two jerry cans of fuel.

"I nearly died," Mr Baker said.

"I phoned the police and fortunately I tracked the car through the Bluelink (security system). The Police Air Wing located the car on Hallston Road

in Hallston, and police apprehended the two offenders.

"They didn't damage the car, fortunately, but it was covered in mud, bogged, had no fuel and a flat battery."

Mr Baker's number plates were later located on a different vehicle.

Working hard his whole life, Mr Baker was proud of his new car but not now. He says he wishes he never went to the expense of getting a new one.

And Mr Baker isn't the only one left shaken by the ordeal with his faithful puppy now barking at every sound.

According to police media, both teenagers were arrested at the scene without incident.

"A 14-year-old boy has been charged with a number of offences relating to the incident including theft of a motor vehicle, theft, criminal damage, handle stolen goods and obtain property by deception. He was

bailed to appear at children's court at a later date.

"A second 14-year-old was released pending further enquiries."

On Sunday, Bass Coast police also reported a vehicle had been stolen from Cape Paterson in another aggravated burglary.

"Foster and Mirboo North police officers have arrested a boy following an alleged aggravated burglary and theft of a car in Cape Paterson."

"It is alleged the boy entered a property on Sunlight Boulevard between 11.30pm on Friday, August 9 and 6.45am on Saturday, August 10."

"The boy allegedly fled the scene in the victim's Mercedes Benz while the occupants were asleep."

"Police located the stolen Mercedes Benz parked at the rear of a property in Leongatha on August 10."

Officers arrested a 14-year-old at the property at about 8am the same day, charging him with aggravated burglary, theft of motor vehicle, handle stolen goods and going equipped to steal. He has been remanded to appear in a children's court at a later date.

It's believed those involved with the latest aggravated burglaries may be linked to a group of young offenders who have stolen a number of vehicles and other goods in recent weeks across South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

Anyone with information relating to any of the above crimes can contact Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit on 5671 4100 or anonymously to Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

They have warned the community to ensure your homes, cars and possessions are locked up, and keys are hidden away.

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Mayor's Message

Cr Clare Le Serve

FOR those readers who watched the Olympics on TV – and I'd imagine that was most of you – it was hard to miss that The Block started on Phillip Island on August 12.

More than 13 million Australian watched the Olympics so that's a lot of people who now know the 20th season of The Block was filmed on our beautiful island – even if they call it “Block Island”!

The Block may be a building renovation show, but over the course of the next couple months it is also an amazing showcase to millions of potential tourists around Australia, and even globally, and that's why Bass Coast Shire Council was so eager to embrace the idea when the producers first came to us.

Viewers will see our rugged coast and countryside as contestants drive around the island. There's even a visit to the Penguin Parade for a special challenge.

The show comes at a time when new visitation figures from Phillip Island Nature Parks show tourism has rebounded to pre- pandemic. Visitation to the Nature Parks attractions experienced stronger-than-forecast growth, surpassing expectations towards the end of the 2023-24 financial year.

Interstate and local Victorian tourism is particularly strong, with international numbers started to show really strong growth, especially from China, India, Taiwan, Malaysia and the UK.

The Block-effect can only add to the exciting growth, which is a huge win for our local economy because tourists spend with local accommodation, hospitality and retail businesses.

But not only has it been a great opportunity to show off Bass Coast, the filming of the show has already provided a big economic boost, particularly here in Cowes.

We had 70 crew living here on the Island at the peak of building. That meant more than \$500,000 spent on accommodation, plus another \$400,000 spent on food, retail and entertainment in the community.

I'm also reliably informed the pubs in the area did all right as well. I'm sure they'll miss you the crew!

There are also more than 20 local shops which supplied the show, from flowers, to flooring, plastering, plumbing, books and even the Salvos.

On behalf of the community, thank you to everyone at Nine, and all the crew and the contestants for choosing our little piece of heaven and we'll watch the show with great interest.



Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny, Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale and Mayor of Bass Coast Shire Council Clare Le Serve officially opened the new San Remo Anderson Street Reserve. Z06\_3324

# New and improved Anderson Street Reserve for San Remo

SAN Remo will now have a better place for residents and families to play, exercise and relax thanks to joint funding to build improved facilities by the Labor Government and Bass Coast Shire Council.

Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny, Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale and Mayor of Bass Coast Shire Council Clare Le Serve with CEO Greg Box celebrated the official opening of the \$617,000 Anderson Street Reserve Open Space project last Tuesday, August 6, alongside the family and friends of the late Thelma Born, who initiated the project more than 20 years ago.

Mayor Le Serve shared that this new space connects the new residential subdivision with the township and will enhance community wellbeing in San Remo.

“We remember and acknowledge the contribution of Thelma Born, a local resident whose vision has been realised with the opening of this Reserve.”

Improvements include a new all-abilities playground, outdoor fitness equipment and rotunda shelter as well as landscaping, connecting pathways and additional car parking.

These new facilities aim to encourage more families to make use of the reserve, providing better outdoor play and recreation spaces. Minister Sonya Kilkenny said,



The late Thelma Born initiated the Anderson Reserve project over 20 years ago and her family Maryanne, Christian and Hamish Born together with her long-time neighbours and fellow advocates Sandra Thorley and Emma O'Neill honored her legacy at the official opening. Z08\_3324

“it is projects like these that make our communities more connected and enjoyable for everyone.”

The Labor Government contributed \$500,000 to the Anderson Street Reserve upgrade through the Growing Suburbs Fund.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said with the new playground, fitness equipment, and sheltered areas, Anderson Street Reserve has transformed into a fantastic spot for locals to come together and enjoy the outdoors.

Thelma's family Maryanne, Christian and Hamish Born were at the official opening alongside fellow residents Sandra Thorley, Emma O'Neill, and Graeme Clausen who all advocated with Thelma to create this all-ages, multipurpose community space.

“Thelma was the driver of the project and was thrilled to see the project started,” said Maryanne.

Thelma and her late husband Ren Born purchased their San Remo home in the 1960's and became full-time residents 20-plus years ago.

Together they advocated for the open space to not become residential development, but instead be an open space for the community to gather and connect.

Graeme shared that Thelma worked tirelessly on this project and would have been proud to see it finished and officially opened.

Since its establishment in 2015, the Growing Suburbs Fund has supported 360 projects, representing a total infrastructure investment of \$1.3 billion, and has created more than 11,300 jobs.

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Greg Box, CEO of Bass Coast Shire Council and Mayor Clare Le Serve joined Jordan Crugnale Member for Bass and the Minister for Planning, Sonia Kilkenny, to officially open the start of works for the pathway from Inverloch to Wonthaggi. ob01\_3324

# Off road path to connect Inverloch and Wonthaggi has officially begun

GROUND was broken last week at Ovata Place in Inverloch as state and local government representatives marked the official start of the Inverloch to Wonthaggi trail.

The Minister for Planning, Sonia Kilkenny, joined Jordan Crugnale Member for Bass, Greg Box, CEO of Bass Coast Shire Council and Mayor Clare Le Serve with shovels in hand to symbolically dig the first portion of the long awaited trail.

“This new off-road path will connect Inverloch and Wonthaggi, providing a scenic and practical active recreation and commuter links as well as enhancing community

health and wellbeing and adding a new nature-based tourism attraction,” said Clare Le Serve, Mayor of Bass Coast Shire Council.

The pathway will provide a connection from the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club to the Bass Coast Rail Trail in Wonthaggi.

It will provide new opportunities for recreation and transport links, for locals and tourists alike.

Pedestrians, cyclists, prams and mobility scooters will be able to experience the scenic route along wetlands and catch glimpses of the coast.

It will be 14 kilometres long and

is expected to be completed by March 2026.

The cost of the project is \$7.7 million in total, with a contribution of \$3 million from the State Governments Growing Suburbs Fund and \$4.7 million from the Bass Coast Shire Council.

“Thrilled to see that we are on the way to connecting our towns and opening up an off-road shared path for our kids, visitors, families, everyone,” said Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale.

The trail will connect to a much greater off-road pathway link extending from Inverloch to Cowes.

## Council invites feedback on open space and pathways plan

BASS Coast Shire Council is reviewing the Open Space and Pathways Asset Management Plan (OSPAMP) to ensure the asset network meets community needs. This is the last in a series of Asset Management Plans reviewed over the past six months, updated every four years to maintain assets cost-effectively and safely.

The OSPAMP covers more than 18,000 Open Space and Pathways assets including:

**Pathways:** Footpaths, tracks and trails, pram crossings, steps, and associated signage.

**Playgrounds:** Skate parks, exercise equipment, and playing surfaces.

**Sporting areas:** Active sports fields and courts and passive reserve green space.

**Park furniture:** Tables, bins, and benches.

**Amenities:** Beach showers, drink fountains, BBQs, and water taps.

**Public artwork and memorials.**

**Signage:** Information, wayfinding, regulatory, and warning.

Pathways, previously part of the Road Asset Management Plan, are now included to ensure proper resource allocation, vital for Bass Coast Shire’s Integrated Transport Strategy engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/its.

Challenges facing the management of Council’s

assets over the 10-year horizon of the plan include a cap on rates below inflation, which makes the cost of materials and labour to repair and renew assets grow, requiring Council to allocate a growing portion of the budget to these activities.

Some assets in the Shire are approaching the end of their lifecycle and will need to be replaced, often with additional costs and new design requirements.

As the population of Bass Coast Shire grows, assets are being used more frequently, necessitating more frequent repairs or renewals and placing greater pressure on the budget. New developments throughout the Shire increase the overall number of assets Council manages, requiring further burdening the budget for repairs and renewals.

The draft Open Space and Pathways Asset Management Plan recognises these challenges and provides four options for consideration by the community and Council.

Council invites community feedback on the proposed asset management plan, which will inform the final draft to be adopted in September. Community consultation closes on August 27. Visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/open-space-pathways-asset-management-plan for more information.

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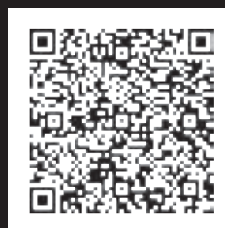
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# School site lockdown lifts the lid on youth crime

THE FORMER Wonthaggi Secondary College bordered by McBride Avenue, Baillieu Street, McKenzie Street and Watt Street is now in total lockdown with heavy mesh perimeter fencing and padlocks to shut out trespassers.

Repeated callouts to entry alarms at the powered site have not been slated against any one intruder type but the Wonthaggi YES Youth Hub across the road from the former High School says young people sleeping rough are often blamed.

Nationals' Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath has accused the Government of "not prioritising community safety".

Ms Bath took Labor to task in State Parliament calling for action after it was revealed that Gippsland police watchhouses are being shut due to a lack of resources.

"The community deserves to know what other watchhouses are closed and why specialist crime investigation teams are being shut down in Gippsland," said Ms Bath.

Watchhouses temporarily hold alleged criminals for investigation, processing, and mental health assessments.

"Crime is rising so we need our police officers on the streets and not tied up

transporting alleged criminals for processing when it can be done locally."

Victoria Police's most recent annual report discloses there were three hundred and eighteen fewer police officers in Victoria than the previous year.

Ms Bath said Labor's focus is on camouflaging a crime crisis and not keeping people and children safe.

"It is hard to defend resource shuffling that has resulted in over twenty-five officers being pulled from the sexual offences and child abuse investigations team in Bass Coast, Baw Baw and Latrobe or the loss of over five full-time officers in the Bass Coast.

"Our hardworking police officers are struggling to get criminals off the streets.

"The community's experiences are reinforced by the crime statistics that reveal a twenty-two per cent increase in crime in Gippsland over the past ten years.

"Labor can't manage rising crime and Victorians are paying the price."

While not amongst the highest reported areas for crime in regional Victoria, Bass Coast with a population increase of twenty-five per cent over the past five years has seen a one hundred and twenty-nine per cent surge, or more than

double the crimes committed by young offenders aged from ten to twenty-four.

The latest available crime statistics for Bass Coast show out of eight hundred and forty reported crimes for the region, one hundred and eighty-six or twenty-two per cent of reportable incidents are committed by children under seventeen.

Crimes committed by children aged from ten to seventeen are more than double the crimes reported for eighteen to twenty-five-year-olds.

The story for young offenders in South Gippsland is no better.

Although crime numbers are smaller for South Gippsland with a negligible four per cent rise in population over the past five years, youth-related crime has jumped one hundred and forty-six per cent

Bass Coast Council is yet to respond to questions regarding the heavy-duty perimeter fencing surrounding the former Wonthaggi Secondary College site.

Bass Coast Shire Council has played a key role in driving the YES Youth Hub by providing advocacy training and helping to design the outside spaces in the Youth Hub's Watt Street headquarters according to their website.



The Nationals' Melina Bath says the community deserves to know what watchhouses are closed and why specialist crime investigation teams are being shut down in Gippsland.

## Walking for a cause

DOZENS of locals gathered to shine a light on those doing it tough in the community and support Walk for Warmth.

As part of Homelessness Week, the event was held to highlight the various supports available in Wonthaggi and how homelessness is affecting residents in Bass Coast.

The event started at Mitchell House before the 'walk' got underway to visit the various organisations such as Head-space, YES Youth Hub, Wonthaggi RSL and the Uniting Church that are playing a big part in helping locals during these difficult times.

Speaking at the event was Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre's Leslie Adams who explained how the centre has joined a 'coalition' of community organisations and groups to increase their impact and make a difference in the community.

This includes Mitchell House, Housing Matters Bass Coast and the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi who are all undertaking various projects to support those in need.

A Bass Coast Shire representative also highlighted how council is working with local groups and advocating to the state government for support.

"The Salvos (Salvation Army) are now working out of our Waterline communities in ways they didn't before, it's really exciting," the representative said.

"Our advocacy voice to state and federal governments is stronger than it's ever been.

"We had Minister (Harriet) Shing down here last year and we've had some amazing results in the homelessness service provision space.

"The Homes First tender, which was originally not going to include Wonthaggi, that tender has been won by Quantum Services which is our local provider and that was a great result for the community.

"And we're seeing really strong attention from the government around investment for affordable housing and we have sites on council land that are coming to fruition."

## Bass Coast Shire Council postal election

### My council, my vote



#### Vote by post this October

Ballot packs will be mailed to voters enrolled in the Bass Coast Shire Council general election from Monday 7 October. Complete and return your ballot material ASAP. Ballot material must be in the mail or delivered to the election manager by **6 pm on Friday 25 October**.

**If you will be away**

If you will be away when ballot packs are mailed, or your address has changed since Wednesday 7 August, you can request for your ballot pack to be redirected by completing the online redirection form at [vec.vic.gov.au/redirections](https://vec.vic.gov.au/redirections), or call 131 832.

Requests for redirection must be received by 5 pm on Monday 9 September.

**Large print and braille ballot papers**

Large print or braille ballot papers are available for voters who are blind or have low vision—please register by 5 pm Tuesday 10 September. To register, call 03 8620 1314 during business hours.

#### Early votes

If you will be away during the voting period (7–25 October), you can go to your local election office to vote in person, from 10 am on Wednesday 18 September.

The Bass Coast Shire Council election office is at:

Old Post Office  
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#### How to nominate as a candidate

To nominate as a candidate, you must:

- be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters roll for Bass Coast Shire Council AND
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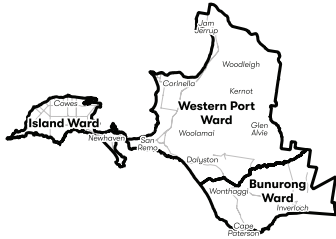
To nominate, complete the nomination form and lodge it with the election manager together with the \$250 nomination fee. Nomination forms can be lodged by appointment during business hours from Monday 9 September until 12 noon on Tuesday 17 September at the election office.

Visit [vec.vic.gov.au](https://vec.vic.gov.au) for more information and to pre-complete your nomination form using the online Candidate Helper. The online Candidate Helper will be available from Tuesday 20 August.

If you use the online Candidate Helper, print your pre-completed form and make an appointment to lodge it with the election manager along with the nomination fee.

Call the election manager from Monday 9 September on 131 832 to make a nomination appointment.

**Nominations close 12 noon Tuesday 17 September.**



#### Candidate information sessions

7 pm Wednesday 4 September at Wonthaggi Town Hall, 14 Baillieu Street, East Wonthaggi

7 pm Thursday 5 September at Berninnet, 91-97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes

Candidate information kits containing nomination forms and other electoral information will be available online and from the election manager.

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at [vec.vic.gov.au](https://vec.vic.gov.au)





# South Gippsland Shire Council News

## Community Training Sessions

South Gippsland Shire Council offers free workshops throughout the year for South Gippsland community groups, not-for-profit organisations, clubs and volunteers.

The 2024 South Gippsland Community Training Calendar (from July to December) is now available on Council’s website.

The free opportunities available through Council’s Community Training Calendar are focused on building capacity and sustainability for our groups, clubs and volunteers so they can play a vital role in supporting our community.

At each session you will be provided with tools to develop new skills,

strengthen your community group and network with others.

The upcoming training opportunities include:

- Social Media for Community Groups
- Be a Great Committee Member
- Grants – Smarty Grants 101


Make sure you head to Council’s website to save the dates and reserve a spot at our upcoming training sessions.

For more information about each event and to register your place, please visit:

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Learn about the role and responsibilities of Councillors, the election process and candidate requirements at our upcoming Councillor information sessions. Here are the details:

**Life as a Woman Councillor**

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<p><b>COUNCIL MEETINGS</b></p> <p>Wednesday 21 August 2.00pm (Council Chambers, Leongatha)</p> <p>Dates are also listed on Council’s website at: <a href="http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates">www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates</a></p> <p>To watch the ‘open’ part of the meeting live or when it suits you, visit: <a href="http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live">www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live</a> Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings</p> <p><b>EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES</b></p> <p>Looking for a new job? We might have the perfect position for you! Check out our current vacant positions here: <a href="http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/vacantpositions">www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/vacantpositions</a></p>	<p><b>REQUEST FOR TENDERS</b></p> <p>Council is seeking submissions from qualified companies/applicants for the following:</p> <p><b>RFT/421 - 2024/25 Construction of Footpath Renewals and Footpath Extensions – Various Locations</b></p> <p>Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 27 August 2024</p> <p><b>RFT/408 – Korumburra Rail Precinct – Stage 2</b></p> <p>Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 20 August 2024</p> <p><b>RFT/389 – Nelson Street, Foster – Reconstruction</b></p> <p>Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 27 August 2024</p>	<p><b>RFT/391 – Construction of Retaining Wall at Walkerville Transfer Station</b></p> <p>Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 20 August 2024</p> <p>Documentation is available from Council’s e-Tendering Portal <a href="http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders">www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders</a></p> <p><b>CONTACT US</b> 9 Smith Street, Leongatha 03 5662 9200 <a href="http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au">www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au</a></p>
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# Sunny days for Venus Bay e-bus

THE FUTURE success of community e-buses like ‘Sunny’ at Venus Bay and ‘Sandy’ at Sandy Point could depend on whether residents are willing to abandon their ‘car culture’ in favour of shared transport says Venus Bay Community Centre Manager Alyson Skinner.

“The cost of fuel may force them to change,” said Ms Skinner.

Six months into a two-year trial for community e-buses ‘Sunny’ and ‘Sandy’ the enthusiasm shown by volunteers has so far not been matched by passengers.

“Volunteers have put in hundreds of hours,” said Ms Skinner.

Passenger support has been strongest for social outings to destinations such as Wilson’s Promontory and the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival.

“We run regular services to Fish Creek and Foster. Monday, Friday and Sunday if there’s a booking”.

Clocking up seven thousand kilometres in six months Sunny’s volunteer army has been



**Volunteer driver Peter Wolhuter and Venus Bay Community Centre Manager Alyson Skinner with ebus ‘Sunny’.** B15\_3324

critical to the sustainability of the service.

“Passengers enjoy being out and about in the region,” explained Ms Skinner.

“Venus Bay and Sandy Point residents are early adopters but charging facilities in South Gippsland have not always been interchangeable with the community bus.

“Time and effort are required for a volunteer service and there has been no fund-

ing to assist the Community Centre manage the e-bus.”

The electric buses for Venus Bay and Sandy Point were supplied as part of a Monash University research project, which may be extended beyond its initial two-year trial to four years.

“Monash University prepared the initial business case.”

Another round of feedback is underway, but already the

busiest months have proven to be September to April when warmer weather and more holidaymakers led to an overwhelmingly positive response for the first few months of the service.

“Taking the e-bus by arrangement to Inverloch to connect with public transport, a pensioner could travel to Melbourne for five dollars,” said Ms Skinner.

‘Sunny’ also connects with V-line services in Koonawarra and Leongatha.

“It is still early days. We are very open to community feedback and have so far received great support and encouragement.”

“Venus Bay has been very reliant on cars,” added Alyson.

“There is a need for behavioural change.”

To book ‘Sunny’ call 0403 108 199 or go to vbcc.org.au/e-bus.

The Venus Bay Men’s Shed also runs a popular community pick-up shopping bus once a fortnight from Venus Bay to Wonthaggi and can be found on Facebook.

## Mayor’s Message



**Cr Clare Williams**



SPORT provides us all with a way to connect with people throughout our region. Some of us will also be lucky enough to extend that across Victoria, Australia and potentially the world.

Congratulations to Eleanor Patterson on winning a bronze medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics. I’d also like to congratulate Aislin Jones for placing 11th in the mixed skeet (shooting) and Keefer Wilson for placing 8th in the men’s skateboarding. Such fabulous achievements by some of our South Gippsland locals! We are all so proud of you.

On a local sporting level, I was proud to attend the Leongatha Knights Soccer Club 20th Anniversary celebrations last week. Congratulations to everyone involved in the Club’s success the past 20 years, the 2024 Don Morris Award winner Peter Milkins, and his daughter Bethany Milkins who was awarded with a life membership on the night.

### Minister Visit

A few weeks ago, I went to Melbourne alongside Wellington Shire Council Mayor Cr Ian Bye and key Council staff to meet with the Honourable Sonya Kilkenny MP (Minister for Planning), the Honourable Lily D’Ambrosio MP (Minister for Energy and Resources) and Tom McIntosh MP (Member for Eastern Victoria).

At the meeting, we spoke about our application to the Commonwealth Government’s Regional Precincts and Partnership Fund and our Payment in Lieu of Rates framework. This was a great opportunity to continue to highlight South Gippsland’s importance in the renewable energy space and work productively with our Victorian Government colleagues.

After this meeting, I met with local members Danny O’Brien MP and Melina Bath MP to chat about a range of topics important to our region.

### Candidate Information Sessions

Are you thinking about running as a candidate in this year’s Council elections? Make sure you get along to one of the upcoming sessions to learn more about what being a Councillor includes. The next sessions are both online – one on Thursday, August 15 between 6pm and 8pm and the other on Thursday, August 29 from 6pm to 8pm. For more information and to register, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/election](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/election)

### Importance of Volunteers

Last week, I attended the South Gippsland Dance Eisteddfod and Mirboo North Winterfest. Both events are fantastic examples of the value of our volunteers. The amount of volunteer hours events of this size takes to organise and execute on the day is incredible, and sometimes overlooked. Being a volunteer is not an easy gig, but we all benefit from it – our businesses increase their turnover, our region is highlighted to visitors, and our community has a place for coming together.

If you see a volunteer, let them know how much you appreciate them and what they do for our region. They deserve all our praise.

### Things to Know

**Hard Waste Collection bookings** are open now until the end of August. This is a ‘user pays’ service, meaning only those who use the service pay for it. To make your booking or for more information, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)

**The official opening of the Great Southern Rail Trail between Welshpool and Yarram** is happening on Friday, August 16 from 2pm at the first bridge crossing on Gellion Street, Alberton. If you are free, please come and celebrate this extension, making our Rail Trail one of the largest in Victoria.

# Fundraiser helps those affected by family violence

THERE was an impressive turnout at Leongatha cinema on Thursday evening to view ‘It Ends with Us’ and raise funds to help those affected by family violence in the region.

“We’re two local mums who decided we wanted to do something because we are really passionate about the cause, and we believe that for change to happen, we have to start making change,” Brianna Robb said of organising the event with friend Kirby Ireland.

“The movie has scenes that relate to family and domestic violence, which has inspired us to raise awareness, education and most importantly funds for our local area for victim-survivors, and programs to educate and change behaviours,” Brianna said.

Funds raised through the movie night will go to Anglicare locally, with Anglicare Victoria’s program manager of family safety and children, Peta Speight, explaining the importance of the assistance.

“The funds that are being raised tonight will go to all victim-survivors that we work with across South Gippsland and Bass Coast,” Peta said.

As well as assisting women and children experiencing family violence, Anglicare



**Organisers Brianna Robb and Kirby Ireland stand alongside Anglicare Victoria’s Peta Speight at Thursday’s ‘It Ends with Us’ screening in Leongatha that helped raise awareness of family violence and funds for those affected.** A20\_3324

works with perpetrators to help them change their behaviour.

Stating that rates of family violence in Gippsland are “incredibly high”, Peta spoke of the underfunding of family violence counselling in the area, stressing that the ability to support the extension of services to women and children locally is something Anglicare identifies as critical.

While urging those in immediate danger to contact Triple Zero, she outlined various available help services, explaining there is a “no wrong door” policy, so people in need of support will be guided to the right service by those at whichever

service they contact.

Orange Door, which in Gippsland is based in Leongatha, Morwell and Warragul, supports women and children experiencing family violence as well as assisting men who have identified the need to change their behaviour.

1800 Respect (1800 737 732) is staffed by trained family violence professionals who can make referrals for women and children who have experienced family violence.

“They can access counselling referrals, they can access other supports if there is an emergency and they need to leave, and access emergency accommodation,” Peta said.

# Local issues top the agenda for Welshpool and Toora

FLOOD recovery, labour shortages and better access to public land were all high on the agenda when Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O’Brien visited Welshpool and Toora.

“Welshpool is still battling to recover from the Boxing Day flood that devastated parts of the town,” said Mr O’Brien.

“This was a very significant event for Welshpool but unfortunately many of the rest of us have moved on.”

“It is important that we continue to follow-up with government departments and insurance companies to ensure that

the town is returned to normal, and we do as best we can to minimise flood impacts in future,” Mr O’Brien commented.

“I’ve been listening to the community since the floods and trying to help where I can, to ensure there is support for recovery and future planning.”

Danny O’Brien also visited ViPlus Dairy in Toora where he heard of significant staff shortages.

“ViPlus is a great facility utilising a previously closed dairy factory to provide jobs and economic activity for our region,” said Mr O’Brien after visiting the factory.

“While activity at the plant has been up and down over recent years, post-pandemic, they are currently seeking more staff and struggling to fill vacancies.

“I encourage any local people looking for a job to make contact with ViPlus and help fill the vacancies they need to remain viable.”

Mr O’Brien also visited Agnes Falls with the ‘Friends of Agnes Falls’ and other local residents to discuss accessibility to the long popular tourist attraction.

“There is some frustration at the management of public land by our State Government and the need for better

facilities to encourage visitors to places like Agnes Falls,” said Mr O’Brien speaking from the site of the falls.

“I’m happy to work with the Friends of Agnes Falls to ensure that as many people as possible can enjoy this magnificent reserve.

“It truly is a hidden wonder of Gippsland and I’m happy to work with government to better promote Agnes Falls and make sure it is accessible to as many as people as possible.”

Mr O’Brien continues his mobile office program with visits scheduled for Loch, Poowong and Nyora in late August.



Korumburra water mains renewal

SOUTH Gippsland Water is re-newing the mains water system in Commercial Street, Korumburra. Construction is taking place over seven stages and is expected to be complete mid November 2024. Most of the work is being carried out between 6pm and 6am to minimise disruption. However, on occasion, crews may need to work outside these hours for safety, technical or permit reasons. South Gippsland Water will provide some properties with a temporary water supply during the works to ensure residents and businesses will still have access to water. However, while they install the temporary water supply to your property, you may lose water for up to 10 minutes. Their team will notify you directly before this occurs. Once connected to the temporary water supply, people might notice a small pipe running along the front of their property into their water meter. Water from the temporary supply is the same as normal, though people might notice a slight drop in pressure. If you have any issues with the temporary water supply, please contact South Gippsland Water Project Manager, Tim Butler, immediately on 0438 520 106. Don't try to change, move or disconnect the temporary supply yourself. South Gippsland Water would like to thank the Korumburra community for their patience and cooperation while they get the job done. People might not notice a lot of the work they do because most of it is beneath their feet, but projects like this one means they can keep your fresh, clean water supplied and flowing at a level that meets your needs.

The seed of an idea

A COMMUNITY garden in Korumburra is in the early stages of development as community members discuss and consider locations, fortunate to have expert advice from local landscape designer Simon Marshall. The group were spurred into action by a recent post on Facebook which generated discussions about how beneficial a community garden would be for the town. When Simon heard there was talk about a potential site, he decided he would jump on board. "I heard that they were talking about some potential sites and one of the sites, I was like, well, that wouldn't work so well. So, I got involved with my design brain; I'm a landscape designer. "I've been involved with community gardens before, particularly at the early stages, starting them up from a perspective of somebody building them, and from a perspective of somebody helping to design them as well." Simon helped design the layout and building of a community garden in Strathmore and a disability daycare centre in Brunswick, implementing the latter as a community project where members were invited to help build it. "It was a pretty radical idea for that kind of a centre to have, the idea of it was not so much to grow food, but to grow connections with people who use that space, and that is



A community garden can not only provide fresh, healthy and locally produced food but can also build positive and meaningful connections across all walks of life.



Simon Marshall, a local landscape designer is one of the members of a new group in Korumburra working on starting a community garden for the town.

exactly what it has become." The centre now hosts events each year with the produce grown, it has created roles for people who use the centre, and they have a mini business making fertilisers, and were featured on ABC's Gardening Australia in April this year. Korumburra community members have so far identified a suitable piece of land at the Korumburra Railway Precinct for a garden, but further conversations with VicTrack and the Council, are needed. "It just seems like a logical site in terms of being the sort of reinstated centre of the community, as it would have once been, at the railway station," said Simon. "Also being up high, it gets a bit of extra light. It's a good site in terms of aspect and there are some established windbreaks. From a design perspective, it's a pretty ideal spot for that as well." "The solar aspect is just perfect with a lot of north-easterly sun, which is what you'd ideally have." Two formal meetings and a couple of informal meetings have already occurred between half a dozen interested individuals who've previously been involved in and are knowledgeable about community gardens. "Setting up a statement of purpose or working towards having a vision and having a reason to exist, rather than just doing it because you can (is important)." Simon comments that having a structure and goals will ensure the resilience and longevity of the garden and that it

is ideally mapped out from the start, which will be implemented in upcoming meetings. Members are also passionate about involving younger people and older people together in the same space to create connections between generations; and involve a wide range of people in the project to help create a sense of ownership and value. "We hope that there'll be a respect for the space that might not otherwise be there if it's just something that pops up that nobody has an emotional investment in," said Simon. "I think it's going to be about connections of community, more than growing food. But growing food is a really great way to build community, and it's really good for your health. I mean, everybody knows that now."

South Gippsland Shire Council postal election  
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Ballot packs will be mailed to voters enrolled in the South Gippsland Shire Council general election from Monday 7 October. Complete and return your ballot material ASAP. Ballot material must be in the mail or delivered to the election manager by 6 pm on Friday 25 October.

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If you will be away when ballot packs are mailed, or your address has changed since Wednesday 7 August, you can request for your ballot pack to be redirected by completing the online redirection form at [vec.vic.gov.au/redirections](https://vec.vic.gov.au/redirections), or call 131 832.

Requests for redirection must be received by 5 pm on Monday 9 September.

Large print and braille ballot papers

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Early votes

If you will be away during the voting period (7–25 October), you can go to your local election office to vote in person, from 10 am on Wednesday 18 September.

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To nominate as a candidate, you must:

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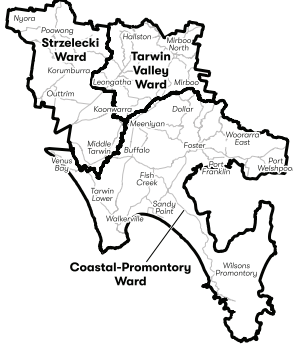
To nominate, complete the nomination form and lodge it with the election manager together with the \$250 nomination fee. Nomination forms can be lodged by appointment during business hours from Monday 9 September until 12 noon on Tuesday 17 September at the election office.

Visit [vec.vic.gov.au](https://vec.vic.gov.au) for more information and to pre-complete your nomination form using the online Candidate Helper. The online Candidate Helper will be available from Tuesday 20 August.

If you use the online Candidate Helper, print your pre-completed form and make an appointment to lodge it with the election manager along with the nomination fee.

Call the election manager from Monday 9 September on 131 832 to make a nomination appointment.

Nominations close 12 noon Tuesday 17 September.



Candidate information sessions

5:30 pm Wednesday 4 September at Memorial Hall, 6 - 8 McCartin Street, Leongatha

5:30 pm Thursday 5 September at Korumburra Community Hub, 15 Little Commercial Street, Korumburra

Candidate information kits containing nomination forms and other electoral information will be available online and from the election manager.

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at [vec.vic.gov.au](https://vec.vic.gov.au)





# \$5500 funding boost for community organisations

TWO local Gippsland community organisations are each \$2750 better off this week, thanks to the hard work, commitment and safe work practices of the team at Qube's Barry Beach Marine Terminal.

Manna Gum Community House Inc and Corner Inlet Landcare Group have each received the \$2750 funding boost from Qube's Barry Beach Safety Fund – a special community benefit facility, operated by Qube, that receives funds whenever workers at the facility meet their monthly safety performance targets.

At the end of the financial year, the Barry Beach team distribute the funds to local community organisations who are nominated directly by the workers at Barry Beach.

Matt Walker, a Foster local and Qube Energy Victorian Operations Manager, said the initiative helped the Barry Beach team, who all live in the region, support the communities in which they live.

"Qube has a really strong safety culture, and we work hard to make sure our people know that safety must always come first, wherever they're working and whatever their role.

"That's especially true here at Barry Beach where the conditions can be challenging and the machinery, equipment and weather conditions we're dealing with can be dangerous.

"The team understand the risks inherent in our operations and the things we can do to mitigate them, and they all work incredibly hard to ensure that everyone goes home from work in the same condition they arrived every day.



**Qube's Barry Beach Safety Fund has donated \$5500 to two local community organisations, all thanks to safe work practices.**

"Obviously that's the best reward anyone could ask for, but the safety fund provides an extra incentive and an added bonus at the end of the financial year. It's an opportunity for the team to spread the benefits of their hard work to the communities in which they live, and the local organisations they value. It's an extra source of pride for us all.

"It's what the Qube purpose is all about – helping our customers, people, industries and the communities in which we work to thrive."

Mr Walker said the program has

been in place for several years, with previous beneficiaries including Bass Coast/South Gippsland Wildlife Shelter, Manna Gum Community House Inc and the Foster SES.

The team has already made a good start to the FY25 financial year, with the safety fund already accruing funds from an excellent safety performance in July, and tracking well for August.

"The team are aiming to deliver an even bigger funding boost to a deserving local organisation next year," Mr Walker said.



**Bass Coast Councillor and Bunurong Candidate wants answers from the State Government about when they will release long-awaited reports and act on continuing erosion at Inverloch.**

## State late with erosion report

BASS Coast Shire Councillor Leticia Laing, who has just announced she will be renominating for election next month, has come out swinging over delays in addressing ongoing erosion problems at Inverloch.

In a statement this week, Cr Laing says another series of storm surges in June has "continued to erode the Inverloch foreshore" claims she says are backed up by recent drone monitoring from local citizen scientists.

"Levels adjacent to the Wave Street access track are more than one metre lower than they were at the time of the March surveys by the South Gippsland Conservation Society team trained by Griffith University Centre for Coastal Management," Cr Laing said.

But Cr Laing said the State Government's Cape to Cape Coastal Resilience Project and Plan, which was to be delivered in late

2020 to address the issue, was yet to be released.

"Back in 2019, the State Government told us they would be delivering the Cape to Cape Plan in about 12 months. Four years on, the community has yet to see an exposure draft and all the work has ground to a halt," she said.

Cr Laing said she was deeply concerned for the township of Inverloch which is reliant on the beach but has no plan or funding from the Governments for future erosion protection.

Local MP Jordan Crugnale has been asked to comment on when the Cape to Cape Plan will be released and also when the final Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Plan will be released, providing details on the settlement boundaries of up to 25 towns, hamlets and localities in Bass Coast, including Cape Paterson.

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- how we will develop the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan
- the study area, which will show parts of Victoria that we'll investigate further, as we work with communities to find the best places to host future wind and solar generation.
- how community feedback will help refine the study area to proposed renewable energy zones.

If you can't attend a session directly, feel free to have your say on the study area right now at: [engage.vic.gov.au/VicGrid](https://engage.vic.gov.au/VicGrid)



Stepping up to help when needed

A BRAVE Wonthaggi resident showed no hesitation when noticing smoke coming from a nearby property on Wednesday morning.

After just arriving home from being overseas, Rhys Litchfield was in his car when he noticed an unusual amount of smoke coming from a home on Wednesday, August 7.

“I wound my window down and smelt the smoke and thought that’s a bit strange,” he said.

“So I drove down the street and I could see a tree on fire, I did U-turn and noticed there’s nobody there and thought ‘this house is going up’.

“A few neighbours came out and I flicked off the power to the house and started getting the garden hose going and I realised the house couldn’t be saved, so I decided to try save the neighbouring properties by spraying the fences.”

After realising the occupant was inside the home, Rhys quickly springed into action.

“I just grabbed him and helped him out, the fire was outside but you could see it was going through the roof and floorboards and I said this place is about to go.

“It wasn’t long after I got him out the fire started coming into house.”

Rhys believed anyone in his position would have done the same thing, and fortunately no one was injured.

Emergency services then arrived and quickly had the scene under control.

According to Wonthaggi CFA, the incident occurred around 9.38am that morning, and upon arrival, flames had travelled through the roof cavity and underneath the dwelling.

Crews worked hard and had the fire contained within 30 minutes.

Unfortunately, the home sustained extensive damage and is no longer habitable.

Bingo for a cause in Leongatha

AS A Stage 4 Hodgkins Lymphoma survivor, Leongatha-born and raised Jayson Filomeno remains committed to fundraising for Lymphoma Australia, and you can help the cause while enjoying a night of bingo at Leongatha RSL on Saturday, September 14.

The event leads into World Lymphoma Awareness Day on September 15 and will help fund Lymphoma treatment and research.

Lymphoma is a form of cancer that begins in the lymphatic system.

There are two types of the disease, Hodgkin’s Lymphoma and Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, the first being more common and often affecting young people, most famously Delta Goodrem.

As well as bingo, Jayson has ensured an array of raffle prizes and auction items are up for grabs, donated by friends, family, and businesses both local and from further afield.

Prizes include pamper packs, alcohol, cookbooks and photo shoots, while a Stony Creek Racing Club membership, a cricket bat signed by Marnus Labuschagne, and a Hamilton Island accommodation voucher are among the items you can bid on, with both a silent auction and a live one being held.

Raffle tickets can be purchased from Jayson on 0447 786 296 or by emailing jays.lymphomafund@gmail.com and will also be for sale outside Leongatha Nextra Newsagents on August 17 and 24.



Jayson Filomeno is raising funds for Lymphoma Australia, with raffle prizes and auction items on offer.

Property manager Jayson previously held a successful fundraising morning tea, bringing in more than \$6500, and spoke in the lead-up to that event of the importance of assisting Lymphoma Australia.

“Without money, they can’t afford equipment, nurses and research to tackle

lymphoma,” he said.

His lymphoma experience began as a 16-year-old Leongatha Secondary College student, with constant stomach and back pain.

In 2015, aged 19 and at university in Melbourne, Jayson began suffering more severe and wide-ranging symptoms, including knee

pain, with numerous visits to Melbourne doctors failing to deliver a diagnosis.

“Go home and take some Panadol and you will be right,” he said of the attitude he struck, the reality being that no painkillers eased the symptoms and Jayson struggled to sleep.

Stomach and lower back pain continued to flare, along with that in his knee, his difficulty eating and drinking resulting in dehydration and severe weight loss.

He also began developing lumps in places such as his armpits, groin and neck.

With his condition forcing him to quit his studies and return to Leongatha, Dr Fred Edwards of the town’s Long Street Medical Clinic diagnosed Jayson with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma.

Testing revealed he had reached Stage 4 and required immediate treatment, the cancer having spread throughout his lymphatic system and present in his legs, back, abdomen and neck.

Jayson attended Gippsland Cancer Care Centre, requiring months of vigorous chemotherapy to reduce the size of the cancerous lymph nodes.

He was declared in remission after eight months and remains cancer-free.

Jayson continues raising awareness of lymphoma and encourages people to get checked out, and to seek further opinions if necessary.

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# O'Brien supports greater access for all to Agnes Falls

FOSTER local Matt Sherry has created a petition demanding all abilities access be created at the Agnes Falls scenic reserve and he has the support of Nationals State Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien.

Last week Mr O'Brien witnessed first-hand the challenges faced by individuals in wheelchairs due to the lack of suitable infrastructure when he met with Mr Sherry and fellow resident Paula Crossley at the reserve.

Ms Crossley is wheelchair dependent and is unable to access the park's picnic tables or see the waterfalls because the design and infrastructure are not wheelchair friendly.

"There is some frustration at the management of public land by our State Government and the need for better facilities to encourage visitors to places like Agnes Falls," said Mr O'Brien.

Although a spot is designated for a wheelchair at the tables, there is no path leading to the tables, the ground slopes, the concrete slab is too small to accommodate a wheelchair, and the wheelchair space faces a steep slope.

Several other issues were also raised, such as the steepness of the paths, which required Ms Crossley to be assisted from the picnic ground to the car park in her electric wheelchair.

Ms Crossley commented that while the existing path is suitable for her wheelchair it doesn't lead to the picnic tables, and she



**The Nationals State Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien with Matt Sherry and Mr and Ms Crossley at the Agnes Falls scenic reserve which fails to cater to all abilities.**

would get bogged if she tried, nor does it lead to a viewing platform that would allow her to see the falls.

"It'd be lovely if they could put access to the falls for wheelchair people and the elderly to see better because I know it's not only myself in a chair. The elderly with their walking frames

and things have a lot of trouble, people with prams have a lot of trouble getting to there, and I remember it's such a very pretty place to see, but just very inaccessible at the moment," said Ms Crossley.

"It's very disappointing. My husband and I used to go up quite a bit, but we don't dare go

up there at the moment because it's quite disheartening not being able to get there."

The falls are a short distance from Toora and require several simple changes to allow those in wheelchairs and the like, appropriate access and use of the facilities.

"It's certainly still a lovely place, we'd love to get up there, especially if there was a couple of people to help. But it would be nice for more people to be able to get up there too, if they were on their own, with a bit more ease," said Ms Crossley.

Mr O'Brien stated that he is happy to work with the Friends of Agnes Falls to ensure that as many people as possible can enjoy this magnificent reserve.

"It truly is a hidden wonder of Gippsland and I'm happy to work with the government to better promote Agnes Falls and make sure it is accessible to as many as people as possible."

Mr Sherry, alongside the Friends of Agnes Falls (FOAF) volunteer group has previously raised funds for the upgrades and held discussions with Parks Victoria over many years advocating for these changes, all to no avail.

In response to these concerns, Mr Sherry started the petition, which has so far garnered over 1000 signatures, demanding all ability access at Agnes Falls.

If you would like to show your support, sign the petition at [chnng.it/Bkk6MtlLyD](https://chnng.it/Bkk6MtlLyD)

Bass Coast College and Meeniyah Primary set for significant upgrades

VICTORIAN schools are preparing for substantial maintenance works to ensure students continue learning in top-notch facilities. This effort is supported by more than \$26 million in funding, allocated across 77 schools, as announced by Minister for Education Ben Carroll last week.

Schools including Bass Coast College, receiving \$569,552.01, and Meeniyah Primary School, with \$290,813.86, are among those benefiting from this initiative. The funding will cover a range of projects, from roof repairs and window replacements to painting and floor resurfacing, as well as external improvements like upgrading pathways.

These works are part of the Planned Maintenance Program, which targets funding based on a rolling facilities evaluation process. This approach ensures that schools receive the necessary upgrades in a timely and efficient manner.

Minister for Education Ben Carroll said, "This program is about ensuring that every Victorian student has access to a high-quality education in the best classrooms and schools."

"We continue to make record investments in school infrastructure, with our last budget committing nearly \$1.9 billion in funding, delivering high-quality education facilities for Victorian families."

For more information on the grants and a list of schools included, visit [schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/planned-maintenance-program](https://schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/planned-maintenance-program).

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Discover local employment opportunities at the Bass Coast Jobs Expo

BUILDING on the success of the past two years, the Bass Coast Jobs Expos are back, returning to Wonthaggi and Phillip Island in August and September. This year, the expos promise to be bigger and better than ever, with an impressive lineup of businesses ready to connect with local job seekers.

The expos, delivered by Bass Coast Shire Council in partnership with Workforce Australia and State Government's Skills and Jobs Centre, showcase a variety of employment opportunities across multiple industries, including tourism, early childcare, healthcare, hospitality, retail, conservation, local government and manufacturing. This is an excellent event for individuals seeking new employment, considering a career change, or looking for additional work opportunities. In addition to job opportunities, there will be numerous traineeships and apprenticeships available, with local providers eager to meet potential new employees.

A physical jobs board will also be available, displaying local vacancies to help connect job seekers with employers who are unable to attend the expo or have limited vacancies.

"We understand that underemployment is a significant challenge in our region. We hope the Jobs Expo will bridge the gap for those seeking additional employment," said Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Clare Le Serve.

"With a range of career pathways and opportunities highlighted throughout the expo, we encourage all job seekers to attend. This includes individuals on a pension who may be looking for supplemental income."

Cr Le Serve added, "We urge local colleges, job provider networks, high schools, and other service providers to spread the word and encourage attendance. There are immediate job opportunities ready for our community, especially with upcoming seasonal work."

Both the Phillip Island and Wonthaggi expos will feature two specialised workshops, facilitated by Skills and Jobs Centres, designed to enhance job search skills.

Two workshops will be held in each location; Resume Writing Workshop will provide expert tips on creating a standout resume and the Interview Skills Workshop will equip participants with techniques to excel in job interviews.

The Small Business Bus, provided by Business Victoria, will be on-site at the Phillip Island Expo from 10am, offering free one-on-one consultations for those interested in starting a new business venture. This is a fantastic opportunity to access personalised advice and support from a business expert.

#### Wonthaggi Jobs Expo

Date: Thursday, August 15  
Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm  
Location: Wonthaggi Town Hall, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi  
Resume Writing Workshop: 10am  
Interview Skills Workshop: 11am

#### Phillip Island Jobs Expo

Date: Friday, September 6  
Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm  
Location: Berninnet, 91-97 Thompson Ave, Cowes  
Resume Writing Workshop: 10am  
Interview Skills Workshop: 11am  
Small Business Bus by Business Victoria: 10am

Further information can be found at [basscoast.vic.gov.au/services/business/business-development-and-training/local-jobs-expo](http://basscoast.vic.gov.au/services/business/business-development-and-training/local-jobs-expo) or by contacting the Business Development Team at 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03 5671 2211).

# Beer taxes punish pubs twice a year

BEER drinkers and hospitality venues are set to be slammed by yet another excise tax increase at a time when people and businesses are already struggling with the rising cost of living.

Australians are now paying almost \$20 in tax for every slab of beer and almost 90 cents of tax on every pint poured from the tap.

What is even more cruel is that while breweries and hospitality venues are trying to claw back a living after COVID lockdowns, as the cost of living increases, so do taxes on beer.

This is the result of an automatic indexation that occurs in line with inflation in relation to the federal tax on beer.

Commenting on the increase, Brewers Association CEO, John Preston, said in a statement last month:

"This tax has gone up twice a year for over 30 years. We've now got the third-highest beer tax in the world.

"We all know the benefits of people getting out and socialising with friends and family but these tax increases are making this unaffordable for Australians.

"Enough is enough. We're calling for the Federal Government to step in and cut the rate of tax for beers served in hospitality venues back to a sensible level."

Alongside taxes, beer is also subject to excise duties which vary depending on a beer's alcoholic content above 1.15 per cent, as opposed to the drink's total volume, and whether it is sold in kegs or bottles.

Alcohol excise tax ranges from 14-37 per cent of beer prices. On the ground, this would be estimated at a cost of around \$5400 a year for a small pub, while pubgoers could soon be paying almost \$15 for a pint at their local.

Earlier this year the Grand Ridge Brewery in Mirboo North went into voluntary administration. In a statement released on their website, founder and owner Eric Walters said:

"The decision to restructure via voluntary administration is undoubtedly the toughest in our 35-year history. COVID-related financial pressures, along with the rising costs and taxes have left us with no other choice."

The associated tap house and restaurant of the brewery continued; but the brewery isn't alone in buckling under government-imposed financial pressures.

Just last month, Bilsons Brewery, a huge player in the beer, cordial and pre-mixed spirits industry, went into voluntary administration.

Since the start of the year, Melbourne-based brewers Hawkers, Deeds Brewing and Akasha have all gone into administration, together with several other craft breweries across Australia over the past 12 months.



Fiona Cox of Poowong Pub pulls a beer for her customers, and she has to warn them every February and August of an increase in price due to Federal Government taxes. ob03\_24



Small craft beer brewers are being priced out of the market with crippling taxes.

Behind Iceland and Norway, Australia now has the third-highest beer tax in the world.

Other countries such as the UK have reduced their beer tax to protect their brewing industry, grow hospitality jobs, assist businesses in recovering from COVID and ease pressure on consumers.

While other major beer-producing nations such as Germany, the US and Belgium have beer tax rates that are less than a quarter of what Australians pay.

The Brewers Association of Australia states that there is an urgent need to take action to make the tax fairer for Australia's world-class hospitality and brewing sectors and Australia's 11 million beer drinkers.

#### Small venues pay the price

WITH the beer tax punishing pubs and hospitality venues across the country with increases twice a year, every year, smaller venues and customers are paying the price.

Fiona Cox, co-owner of the Poowong Pub with partner Ben Hall commented that twice a year they get slammed with the tax and they warn their customers in advance of

the increase, so they don't get a shock.

"It's just a constant. Twice a year. You've got so many different taxes now. You've got wet tax, which is your wine equalisation."

Not only does the small country pub pay the third highest tax on beer in the world, but they also pay a 29 per cent wet tax on their wine.

While the publicans try to absorb the costs as much as they can, with insurance, electricity, and wages all increasing over the past couple of years, it's tough.

"You try and keep your wage costs down and you're trying to keep everything down. We do a surcharge on public holidays, but you have to because there's a huge increase in staff wages."

These costs and the ever-increasing 'sin' tax on alcohol, have the Brewers Association of Australia predicting that pubgoers could be paying \$15 or more for the price of a pint very soon.

Poowong pub's beer prices are on par with other country pubs dotted around the region.

A pint is priced at \$12.80, and this will continue going up twice a year, as it has done for the past 35 years.

"But we're lucky," said Fiona,

"We've still managed to keep a schooner to about \$9."

Both the Independent Brewers Association (IBA) and Australian Hotels Association (AHA) have called on the Federal Government to do more and to take decisive action to help the industry.

"There has to be some give through the government. They need to actually start meeting with these small operators," said Fiona.

"Because a lot of the bigger operators are able to absorb a lot of it through the TAB and the pokies."

"We pride ourselves on being very much a country pub. We don't have TAB, we don't have pokies. It's back to just talking to people."

The excise on beer and spirits this financial year alone is predicted to be nearly \$8bn.

Meanwhile, the cost of living is hurting just about everybody, including the eleven million beer drinkers.

While the flow-on effect hasn't yet been too evident in their historical pub due to a steady rate of customers and holding small regular events and specials nights, Fiona says she will keep warning her customers twice a year of the increase.



# Wonthaggi country club one step closer

HARD times for the hospitality industry across Bass Coast and South Gippsland have tipped the scales in favour of the imminent merger of The Wonthaggi Club and Wonthaggi Golf Club.

Merging the two clubs into a single Wonthaggi Country Club will bring benefits for members and patrons of both organisations says Wonthaggi Club General Manager, Steve Curtis.

“The restaurant and hotel industry is slowing down as purses tighten,” said Mr Curtis.

“It is difficult to attract staff, and some restaurants or pubs may be forced to close.”

The Wonthaggi Club is ready to fully amalgamate with the Wonthaggi Golf Club.

“A shared licensed function centre at the golf course has been operating successfully for thirteen years,” says Curtis.

“The merged Wonthaggi Country Club will be an asset to the town formed for the facilitation of golf and providing social interaction and opportunities for the community to connect” boasts the new club website.

Each of the clubs with two hundred years of history between them will be able to help support the provision of other



Michael Gibbins from Inverloch chipping onto the green at the Wonthaggi Golf Club. B20\_3324

sports, combining the administrative load and relieving some of the burden on volunteers to keep the clubs running.

The long-term vision for the Wonthaggi Country Club is for a new purpose-built clubhouse and function centre on the golf course providing a broad array of hospitality services.

The new Country Club complex is still in the planning stages but it is hoped the

clubhouse will be constructed over several levels to maximise views over the golf course and provide well-equipped change rooms.

When complete the new clubhouse will include a bistro, café, lounge and members bar, a flexible two hundred and fifty seat capacity function space and a modern gaming room.

Administration offices, meeting spaces and a boardroom are included.

The playing surface of the golf course will also be improved with significantly better drainage and irrigation systems and provision for long-term water storage.

A sheltered driving range, undercover bowling green and outdoor recreation centre are also included in the plans.

Recreational entertainment such as mini golf and a new technology driving range is seen as critical to attracting juniors and families.

Modern cabin-style accommodation and short-stay caravan sites are also on the drawing board.

“The Wonthaggi Country Club will be a commercially viable and robust business,” said Curtis.

The status of the Wonthaggi Country Club as a single legal entity is close to taking effect with a transition agreement in place to cover the new constitution and amalgamation process.

The golf club bistro is open Tuesday to Sunday from 9am to 11pm and is located on Dr Sleeman Drive off McKenzie Street, Wonthaggi.

For more information on the merger or to make bookings for golf or the function centre go to [wonthaggicountryclub.com.au](http://wonthaggicountryclub.com.au), [wonthaggigolfclub.com](http://wonthaggigolfclub.com) or [wonthaggiclub.com.au](http://wonthaggiclub.com.au)

## Upskilling Gippsland for a clean energy future

A CLEAR guide on the training pathways for coal workers interested in making the switch to the offshore wind sector was released last week, with the support of the Victorian Government's Clean Economy Workforce Capacity Building Fund.

EnergyAustralia, Southerly Ten, Federation University and TAFE Gippsland collaborated to outline the opportunities for coal workers and students to reskill for careers in Gippsland's emerging offshore wind industry with as little as a few months of training.

The report maps offshore wind jobs and training opportunities to jobs currently being performed at the Yallourn coal-fired power station and mine – capturing over half the workforce. It outlines the skills and qualifications that are the same across coal and wind jobs, identifying the additional training requirements, their duration and highlighting where the courses are offered locally in Gippsland.

The report shows that with some extra training, there are opportunities for coal power station workers to take up a new career in offshore wind generation – and many are not at sea.

One example is that of a mechanical fitter at a coal fired power station, who could become a wind turbine technician with less than six months training.

In addition to a mechanical fitter, the other jobs mapped are engineer, boilermaker, mobile plant operator, power worker and controller.

With Yallourn power station set to close in 2028 and offshore wind emerging as a new energy industry in Gippsland the guide aims to showcase a range of training and career pathway opportunities for a future in clean energy in Gippsland.

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# CMA wants young people on Board

WEST Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (the CMA) is inviting the next generation of natural resource management leaders to join them at the table of the CMA Board.

Applications are now open for the newly established role of Associate Board Director – Youth Member. The position is aimed at people aged between 18 to 34 with an interest in environmental and water management living within the CMA catchment.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for a younger person who perhaps doesn’t have Board or public sector experience to join us at the table and help shape the future of the region’s waterways,” said Martin Fuller, CEO of the CMA.

“Improving and protecting Gippsland’s natural environment is a team effort and we want a diversity of voices and perspectives on our team.”

The Associate Director role is a paid position for up to two years and involves participating in board meetings and adding input to the board on a range of issues regarding environmental, water and land management

Previous board experience isn’t necessary.

“This is a learn as you go opportunity with full support, training and mentorship provided. The successful candidate will have the chance to develop and grow skills in the areas of strategic planning, managing risk, governance and overseeing the operations of the organisation,” said Martin.

Chair of the CMA Board Mikaela Power welcomed the addition of a youth director to the eight-member Board and encouraged potential applicants not to think the role was out of reach because of age or experience.

“Having different perspectives on our board helps us to make better decisions. Our board includes farmers, scientists, policymakers, business owners and other professionals. We each bring our unique skills, experience and perspectives while seeking to protect and restore West Gippsland’s land and waterways, with the help of our partners.”

“If you love rivers like we do and want to make a difference to our region’s natural environment, I encourage you to apply.”

Applications close Friday, August 16.

To apply, visit [wgcm.vic.gov.au](http://wgcm.vic.gov.au)

# Remembering our mates

By Rod Gallagher, Vietnam Veteran

AT 12 noon on Sunday, August 18, an informal group of veterans, supported by the Inverloch RSL, will gather at the Inverloch Cenotaph in A’Beckett St Inverloch to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day.

The commemoration service will be followed by the 24th Bass Regional Veterans and Armed Services Luncheon at the Inverloch RSL. Space and catering limits restrict the lunch to veterans and their partners. For more details email [rgallagh06@gmail.com](mailto:rgallagh06@gmail.com).

This commemorative service provides local Vietnam Veterans with the occasion to reflect on their service in what was a contentious conflict.

And, in the spirit of the prelude to the “Ode”, recall our fallen and those veterans from our cohort who have now passed on. Some 500 veterans were killed, and 3291 were wounded in that conflict. Of the 60,000 Australians who served in the Vietnam conflict, some 35,000 Vietnam Veterans have now passed on, most dying from service-related injuries and illness. The lot of all those who serve the Defence of their Country.

These numbers are taken from the Australian War Memorial and the Department of Veteran Affairs but do vary with the source.

Australia was engaged in military action in South Vietnam, mainly in the Province of Phuoc Tuy for a period of 10 years between 1962, when 30 members of the Australian Army Team Vietnam were the first unit deployed, and the final withdrawal of all forces in 1972. At peak deployment the Australian Army operated from Nui Dat, deploying a brigade-sized unit of three infantry battalions with a full range of



John Dowson, B Company, 2nd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment. John’s brother Jim also served in Vietnam. Both are Wonthaggi lads from a long-standing Wonthaggi family.

supporting arms, called a “Task Force”. The large Logistics Support base at Vung Tau provided all manner of stores, repair services, engineers, communications and the hospital.

All areas of the three services that now make up the ADF served “in country”. RAN Destroyers like HMAS Brisbane served on the “gun line” off the Vietnam Coast. The RAAF Number 2 Squadron operated Canberra bombers on bombing interdiction, 9 Squadron flew “Huey” helicopters providing troop transport, medivac and gunship fire support. While 35 Squadron with Caribou transports operated the “Wallaby Airline”.

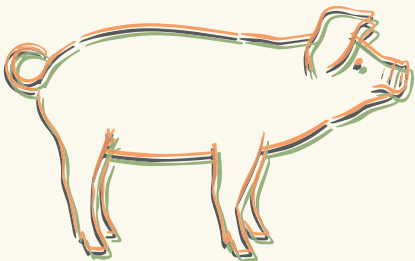
You came to South Vietnam in either of two ways. As a reinforcement, you usually flew by a contracted civil airliner into Saigon from Sydney. The infantry battalions generally by way of a “sea cruise” on the “Vung

Tau” Ferry – the HMAS Sydney, an obsolete aircraft carrier converted to a troop transport ship. The merchant ship, the Jeparit plied back and forth between Vietnam and Australia carrying supplies and heavy equipment. When Sydney waterside workers refused to load this vessel, it was commissioned into the RAN so Navy ratings could do the loading.

At the Commemorative Service on Sunday, we will remember place names like Saigon, Vung Tau, Nui Dat, the Horseshoe, Baria, Dat Do, Phang Rang and the Long Hai’s. Also, the battles like Long Tan, fire support bases Coral and Balmoral, Binh Ba and Gang Toi, the first engagement between an Australian Infantry Battalion and the Viet Cong. Nor should the endless patrolling, ambushes and contacts be forgotten.

But most of all we will remember our mates.

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Jodie and Nick Arnup, Koonwarra Cricket Club representatives, Kate Gourlay, Promotions and Marketing at Leongatha RSL, Melissa Buckley, Koonwarra Cricket Club representative and Leongatha RSL General Manager, Greg Nugent, holding the novelty cheque for \$1665.

# ‘Fab Friday’ community raffles launch at Leongatha RSL

ON FRIDAY, July 26 the Leongatha RSL launched their “Fab Friday Community Raffles” with a spectacular evening filled with lots of fun, socialising and prizes. The Koonwarra Leongatha RSL Cricket Club were the community club involved in hosting the meat tray raffles and Joker Poker on the night and were fortunate enough to walk away with a whopping \$1665 for their club!!

With over 300 people in the venue, more than 279 meals served and plenty of drinks consumed a fantastic night was had by all who attended and patrons

were very pleased to see Koonwarra Leongatha RSL Cricket Club get such a large sum of money to go towards rebuilding after two separate robberies earlier this year of their clubrooms.

This night was also the conclusion of the “Fuel Fairy Promotion” run in July. In conjunction with Evans Petroleum Leongatha, \$2000 worth of fuel vouchers were won.

There was also a “Duck Race” where everyone present on the night received a complimentary raffle ticket. The numbers of those raffle tickets were then assigned

to a duck on the digital screen and all of the ducks then raced down the river to the finish line. With Assistant Manager Ricky the duck race caller, lots of laughter was heard amongst the crowd and prizes were given away to the five first ducks. Patrons especially enjoyed winning meat trays, supplied by IGA Leongatha as well as the chance to win money in the Joker Poker.

If you are interested in hosting the community raffles and earning money for your community group or club, please email kate.gourlay@leongatha-rsl.com.au.



Josh Goff, Britt Macqueen and Ellie Stewart dressed as fairies, getting into the spirit on the night.

## Rotary recycling play equipment giving new hope

THE Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo assisted the Rotary Clubs of the Monington Peninsula in an inspiring initiative, the Rotary Overseas Relocated Playgrounds project (RORP).

This Rotary project is revolutionising the fate of surplus playground equipment in Victoria. By collaborating with councils and private industries, Rotary ensures that disused playground equipment is tagged, meticulously decommissioned, audited, and sent to partner Rotary clubs overseas.

Rather than dismantling and discarding these playgrounds, the Rotary RORP project ensures that the equipment finds a new life and purpose in communities that desperately need safe play spaces.

The involvement of the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo, alongside the Mornington Peninsula, exemplifies the collaborative spirit and dedication to making a positive impact. Through their efforts, playgrounds that once served Australian communities will now bring joy and development to children overseas, creating lasting benefits across multiple countries.

The play equipment from twelve playgrounds will be relocated and reassembled in communities across Cape Town, South Africa. Will Watson, from the Rotary Club of Tygerberg (South Africa), expressed his gratitude by thanking everyone for their hard work.

“We are looking forward to receiving the container with great anticipation. Play is such an important part of a child’s development, and the communities in which they are placed benefit greatly from using these playgrounds. We have a great demand for these playgrounds and appreciate the work you are doing.”

The RORP project is a testament to the social, educational, environmental, and financial benefits that can be achieved through collective action.



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# VIETNAM VETERANS

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Liberal Member for Narracan, Wayne Farnham and Nationals' Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath calling for the Allan Labor Government to stop the expansion of national parks in Victoria.

## National parks petitions extended

PETITIONS calling for the State Government to stop the expansion of national parks in Victoria have been extended following overwhelming community demand.

More than twenty-nine thousand Victorians have so far signed two e-petitions sponsored by Liberal Member for Narracan, Wayne Farnham and Nationals' Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath.

An expanded Alpine National Park extending to Mount Skene and the Baw Baw Plateau has been on the drawing boards for more than forty years.

The Victorian Alpine National Park currently stretches from central Gippsland to the New South Wales border where it adjoins Kosciuszko National Park.

Wayne Farnham said it was vital local communities were given a voice and that extending the petition against an extension of the national parks would allow more Victorians to have their say.

"Labor's plans will exclude the traditional pursuits of thousands of Victorians and their families who regularly access our bush for camping, hunting, 4WD'ing, hiking, mountain biking, prospecting and fishing."

"Victorian Liberals and Nationals are committed to ensuring communities can have their say about the proposed National Park areas," said Mr Farnham.

"Alongside the 11,500 signatures on our e-petition in the Lower House I have thousands more on paper petitions."

"By extending these petitions we are ensuring that more Victorians can tell the Allan Labor Government that they do not support their plan to lock out recreational users from these regions."

Melina Bath said there are over seventeen and a half thousand Victorians who have already signed the Upper House e-petition that she is sponsoring on behalf of bush users.

"They are sending a clear message to Labor, no more new national parks."

"The Government's prioritisation of green ideology focusing on a lock and leave approach, clearly shows it has zero regard for our bush users," said Ms Bath.

"Victoria's treasured national parks are already neglected."

"Adding more will not improve environmental outcomes or biodiversity."

"Labor's environmental mismanagement has led to overgrown tracks, increased bushfire risk and a boom in invasive weeds and feral animals."

"Sixty per cent of Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action staff work out of Melbourne."

"Labor fails to comprehend that state forests are best managed with boots, not suits," Ms Bath said.

"Locking up public land is not a conservation strategy, it's neglect."



Aunty Horiana Naidu, Uncle Ray Naidu, Sarah Prescott, Aunty Ada Hume, Steve Ulula Parker and Aunty Elizabeth (Lizzy) Dalton were presented with various awards and recognition at the first NAIDOC Ball.

# First ever NAIDOC Ball for Inner Gippsland

ABORIGINAL-LED partnership Dhelk Dja hosted the first NAIDOC Ball in Bass Coast at Silverwater Resort in San Remo on July 19.

Over 120 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members attended the ball on Boonwurrung/Bunurong Country.

The evening began with a Welcome to Country led by Boonwurrung Traditional Owners, Steve Parker, Christopher Hume and Sonia Weston.

Sonia Weston and Paul Patten MCed the night and presented a range of awards with a favourite being the Elders

Awards for 'acknowledgement of commitment and dedication to Community'.

Sarah Prescott was voted Mrs NAIDOC for her work with Victorian Aboriginal Child and Community Agency (VACCA) and community contribution.

Millowl (Phillip Island) local Steve Ulula Parker won Mr NAIDOC. A descendant of the Boonwurrung, Yorta Yorta and Erub people Steve's community involvement and contribution spans surfing, art and dance. He mentored the Boonwurrung Ngargee Dance Group and taught them the

whale dance which they performed at the recent Whale Festival on Millowl.

The Awards were followed by live music by Fonzie (Paul) Patten, Lionel Rose Jnr and the legendary band No Fixed Address.

"Dhelk Dja means Safe Our Way in Woiwurrung language," said event organiser and Chairperson for Inner Gippsland South Coast Dhelk Dja Action Group, Paul Patten – a proud Krauatungalung Man of the Gunai/Kurnai Nation.

"Guided by Strong Culture, Strong Peoples and Strong

Families, the Aboriginal-led partnership agreement aims to prevent and respond to family violence in Aboriginal communities in Victoria."

"We were honoured to host this event for NAIDOC with the theme of Blak, Loud and Proud. Through our collective efforts, we can forge a future where our stories, traditions, and achievements are cherished and celebrated, enriching the fabric of the nation with the oldest living culture in the world."

"We hope it will be the first of many on Boonwurrung/Bunurong Country."

## Stronger in culture, stronger together

### Bunurong/Boonwurrung Country

ON SUNDAY, August 4, Bass Coast and Inner Gippsland kids celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day with an energetic and fun family event in Wonthaggi.

The 2024 theme of Strong in Culture, Stronger Together theme was evident as families united in Culture and came together to give their children a great day.

The event hosted by Summersalt Gymnastics in Wonthaggi started with a Welcome to Country led by Boonwurrung Traditional Owner, Steve Ulula Parker.

Children then enjoyed bouncing on the giant trampolines, testing their agility and skills and got stuck into fun cultural activities such as art and face painting. The adults also enjoyed the event and the healthy snacks and lunch provided.

"It was a great day focusing on the strength of our children that comes from their connection to Culture and Mob making them feel proud of who they are and where they come from," said Paul Patten, proud Krauatungalung Man of the Gunai/Kurnai Nation.

Paul is Chairperson for Inner Gippsland South Coast



Madeline with her artwork on Children's Day organised by Inner Gippsland South Coast Dhelk Dja Action Group. C03\_3324

Dhelk Dja Action Group, the Aboriginal-led partnership that organised the day.

"The theme for Children's Day 2024 is about standing with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, proud of their Culture, stories, kin and Community – all

that makes our children special, resilient and the bright leaders of our future."

"Dhelk Dja means Safe Our Way in Woiwurrung language. Guided by Strong Culture, Strong Peoples and Strong Families, the Aboriginal-led partnership agreement aims

to prevent and respond to family violence in Aboriginal communities in Victoria.

"Culture is one of the most sacred, strong and important assets children can have. If our children are strong in culture, then they are strong in their identity, and this is important for future generations to come."

About National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day

National Children's Day gives all Australians the opportunity to show their support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and learn about the impact that Culture, family and Community play in the life of every child.

On August 4, 1988, the first National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day was established, amid protests led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their supporters during the bicentennial year.

The date August 4 was chosen as the day to celebrate as it has historically been used to communally celebrate the birthdays of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were taken from their families at a young age, without knowing their birthday – the Stolen Generations.



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**Poowong Consolidated School Principal, Michael Smethurst, South Gippsland Water Managing Director, Robert Murphy and Poowong Consolidated School captains, Charlotte and Maddie.**

## \$10,000 for Poowong Consolidated

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.

"This grant is an integral part of our response to the incident," explained South Gippsland Water Managing Director, Robert Murphy.

"We feel strongly that a grant that supports the community or builds capacity to face future incidents or emergencies was something we can do in the wake of these events."

Blackouts extending for several days have plagued the community of Poowong in the last four years. Poowong Consolidated School applied for funding under the Community Resilience Grants program

to purchase a generator that Principal, Michael Smethurst, said would help the school stay open during power outages.

"During the last blackout we had earlier this year, some families were without power for up to two weeks," Mr Smethurst explained. "It was an emotional time."

During a blackout, the school toilets can't function, phones are disrupted and there's no sufficient lighting, heating or cooling.

With around 117 students, 19 staff and 700 residents of the town of Poowong, Mr Murphy said he hoped this initiative would not only improve the continuity of education in the town but increase the resilience of school infrastructure that could be used by the broader community in times of need.

"Rural schools are central to their communities," he said.

"Poowong Consolidated School has proven how resilient it is and we hope our support will ease the future burden where essential services can remain operational at the school during blackouts where staff, the children and community of Poowong can learn and shelter in a safe environment."



**Students each received a beanie after a generous donation from Tarwin Lower Bowls Club.**

## Bowls club funds beanies for students

IN A heartwarming gesture of community spirit, the Tarwin Lower Bowls Club recently reached out to offer support to the students of Tarwin Lower Primary School. The club's generous offer led to a special initiative that has not only brought smiles to the faces of the students but also ensured they stay warm during the chilly winter months.

The school had been in the process of introducing a new uniform-based beanie, designed to complement the existing school attire while providing much-needed warmth. With the Bowls Club keen to make

a difference, the idea of funding a beanie for each student was proposed. The suggestion was met with enthusiasm from the club members, who were thrilled at the opportunity to contribute in such a meaningful way.

John and Geraldine, representing the Tarwin Lower Bowls Club, visited the school recently to personally distribute the beanies to the students. Their visit was a delightful occasion, filled with excitement as each student received their new beanie. The beanies, proudly sporting the school colors, were a hit among the children.

# You're an Instrument at WNPS

YOU'RE an Instrument is an engaging performance for primary years, featuring two scientists who take students on a wild interactive ride where every movement, thought and emotion becomes music.

The whole school at Wonthaggi North Primary School (WNPS) were captivated last Tuesday afternoon by The Travelling Airsticks Laboratory guests Sabrina D'Angelo, Erick Mitsak and Ciaran Frame who incorporated drama, science and music in a 'workshop gone rogue'.

The performers/musicians/researchers are touring as part of the 2024 Creative Learning Program and the 2024 Connecting Place Program with Regional Arts Victoria and the Department of Education.

Contrasting ancient acoustic sounds with the very latest electronic technological breakthroughs, this is a scary, fun, and magical performance where the audience shapes the story, shakes their bodies, and makes music together!

Framed as a 'workshop gone rogue' this crazy quirky experience is an ideal intro to cutting-edge interactive music/sound design practices, theatre, science, science-fiction and the power of sound art and storytelling.

WNPS Art/Drama teacher, Ms Kerry McGenniskien (aka 'Miss Mac') helped coordinate the event with Regional Arts Victoria as unfortunately, music is not offered at WNPS school as a specialist subject due to timetabling constraints.

"It's wonderful to incorporate musical experiences through incursions and as part of the weekly drama program," said Kerry.

The show begins under the guise of a workshop on all sorts of music technology. Scientists Sabrina D'Angelo and Ciaran Frame demonstrate and perform with different types of instrument technology from old to new, when Ciaran accidentally reveals a new experiment that turns people into instruments!

"It's a magical musical science experiment gone wrong," said Ciaran.

"Starting as a 'boring' workshop – we then wrangle Erick Mitsak – stuntman from the audience – into the experiment and after some debate, it's agreed that he'll test the experiment (if he signs a waiver). Erick then tests the new experiment, but it is more powerful than expected: it can vocalise thoughts, create horrifying sounds, and transport you to different realms!"

This is what captivated the



**Sabrina D'Angelo and Ciaran Frame of The Travelling Airsticks Laboratory incorporate drama, science and music into their 'workshop gone rogue' - You're an Instrument. Z01\_3324**



**Franklin (Year 2) engaged in the musical science experiment at Wonthaggi North Primary School. Z02\_3324**



**Lily (Year Prep) of Wonthaggi North Primary School was captivated by the performance. Z03\_3324**

audience's attention, from Preps to Grade six, the students were concentrating – trying to work out how Erick learnt to transport himself to any musical world imaginable, creating new sounds every time he moved! A sound and light show that you couldn't help but watch.

Erick embarked on a sonic adventure, visiting places he dreamed up with the audience before realising what he desires is to play with others. His wish comes true as anything Erick touches, from tissue boxes to stuffed toys, turns into an instrument!

Erick formed a band with the students, they shared his power to think up sounds and play together!

"It's wonderful for the students to watch a performance like 'You're an Instrument' to inspire them and give them ideas of what can be done with music and performance," said Kerry.

"Students can learn a musical instrument during school hours through Green Room Concept Studios which is a private music studio. However, not all families are able to afford these lessons so it's great for students to experience music in other ways at school. Drama classes will be incorporating

sound with musical instruments in Term 4 to enhance their dramatic performances."

Prior to the performance, Ciaran shared that 97 per cent of Australians listen to music but only 12 per cent actually play or compose music.

You're an Instrument was inspired by the incredible technology of the 'AirSticks': Bluetooth-enabled small cordless objects (attached to a body part or object) that allow users to move freely and generate sounds and music through surround sound speakers. The performance uses AirSticks technology to allow the performers and students to translate their bodily movements to music.

The Travelling Airsticks Laboratory are professional performers and real-life music technology researchers. Ciaran explained that they are researchers from Monash University's SensiLab, who also perform and compose music and create new instruments. You're an Instrument is a fun and inclusive performance perfect for primary school ages – one that certainly captivated everyone in the audience.

## Local students star in Acknowledgement of Country



ON THURSDAY, August 8, a group of students and educators had the special opportunity to contribute to the Acknowledgement to Country film.

This project came to life as they meandered along the beautiful banks of the Powlett River, filmed by drone operator Michael Green from Drift Media.

The school has been working on their media production throughout the year, learning more about the Bunurong and the significance of acknowledging country.

Filming at the Powlett River has been eagerly anticipated, with everyone waiting for the perfect environmental conditions. The day finally arrived, resulting in a wonderful, shared experience for all involved.





Belinda Snell visited Tarwin Lower Primary School last week much to the delight of students.

# Olympic star comes to Tarwin Lower Primary School

THE students and staff at Tarwin Lower Primary School were extremely grateful to have legendary Basketball Hall of Famer, Belinda Snell come to the school to share her amazing stories and even provide a coaching clinic for the senior students. Belinda recently returned to Mirboo North after an amazing career that has

taken her around the world doing what she loves and with the Olympics currently being in the forefront of many minds at this given time, she was able to provide an incredible insight into what it was like to compete for Australia in three Olympics and bring home three medals (two silver, one bronze) that she shared with the students.

Each student had the opportunity to hold them. In her career that spanned three decades including highlights such as winning multiple Commonwealth Games golds, a World Title, two WNBA Championships and scoring the greatest number of points in a match for the WNBL it's no wonder she has been inducted

into the Hall of Fame and even got to run a clinic at the Whitehouse with President Obama. The students were left truly inspired with the big take away being if you are willing to approach something you are passionate about with relentless commitment and hard work, then you too can achieve greatness.

## Bush kinder grants encouraging kids into the outdoors

KINDERGARTEN students are given more of a chance to learn through play at the beach, in the park or in local bushland, with grants to expand the number of bush kinder programs now open. Bush kinder gives children the chance to explore and play in a natural environment while gaining independence, developing curiosity and learning through guided outdoor activities and creative play. Up to 150 grants of \$6000 are available to help eligible kindergartens to establish bush kinder programs. Regular outdoor play is proven to support a child's learning and development and has significant benefits in a range of areas, including their physical and mental health and wellbeing. By increasing the amount of time children spend outside and in natural environments, bush kinder programs can help improve children's co-ordination and endurance, build their interest in science, and extend their confidence and capabilities in new environments. The Bush Kinder Grants Program supports kindergartens to establish or enhance a bush kinder program in a local natural space. Kindergartens without access to a suitable off-site location can use their grant funding to enhance the biodiversity of their existing outdoor environment. Applications for the second round of bush kinder grants close on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 5 pm. To apply for a grant or find out more, visit [vic.gov.au/bush-kinder-grants-program](http://vic.gov.au/bush-kinder-grants-program).

## Gippsland students go top gear in pursuit of a sustainable future

FORGET Monaco and Miami. A brand-new grand prix circuit has been added to the schedule! Students from Lavalla Catholic College, Kurnai College Flexible Learning Options, Mirboo North Secondary College and Korumburra Secondary College recently competed against students from around the country at the Horizon Hydrogen Grand Prix. The event was held at the Altona Toyota plant, with students putting their STEM skills to the test in a national competition designing and racing hydrogen-powered remote control race cars. The five Gippsland teams, made up of five students from each Gippsland school competed against 12 other teams from around the country at the Horizon Hydrogen Grand Prix on July 23. But they've been preparing for the big event for the last six months! Gippsland Tech School Director Paul Boys said the teams did an amazing job in what was a very competitive field. "Over the last six months, the students have been working together to design, engineer and build a race hydrogen fuel cell electric remote-control car to race against the other teams at the Grand Prix event, which was held last week," Paul said. "It was a semester-long program that gave students the opportunity to explore topics like climate change, renewable energy solutions, automotive engineering, chemistry and physics concepts and apply their learnings to design their own race car." Toyota hosted and provided a \$100,000 grant for secondary schools to enter the world qualifier, with the winning team (St Alloysius College in NSW) and top placed team from Victoria (Wodonga Catholic College) both heading to the U.S. for the World Final Hydrogen Grand Prix to be held in California in September. Paul said our local pit crews should be proud of their efforts. "Mirboo North Secondary College won the Team Spirit Award which was voted by the student cohort participating in the race," Paul said. "All the students involved embraced the opportunity to apply their talents while learning about environmental sustainability, renewable energy and alternative fuels, through variety of science experiments and curricular materials."

# 100 Days of Prep celebrated at Newhaven College

ON FRIDAY August 9, Newhaven College Prep students celebrated 100 days of school. Students and their teachers, Fiona Smart and Linda Austin, got into the spirit of the celebrations arriving at school in their '100' themed costumes. Preps were given the task of decorating their clothes with 100 items. Imaginations ran riot when creating their magnificent outfits. Clothes were adorned with 100 buttons, 100 ribbons, 100 eyes, 100 tags, 100 bugs, 100 pom poms, 100 beads, 100 gemstones, 100 hearts, 100 lollipops and even 100 layers of clothes! Dressed in their costumes, they proudly paraded through the Junior School high-fiving Year 1-4 students. Following onto the Middle School, students were greeted by applause and cheers. As the day progressed, students competed in outdoor activities and completed several literacy and numeracy activities that involved the number 100. It was a wonderful way to recognise their achievements and make learning fun. As part of the celebration, students enjoyed a dance party and indulged in some all-important fairy bread with 100's n 1000's. The College is very proud of its prep students. They have built strong foundations for their future learning, settled into the school routine extremely well and enjoy making new friends. They are confident and active members of Newhaven's Junior School and the school trust they enjoyed this special day of celebration.



Newhaven College Preps are thrilled to have been learning for 100 days. Heath Clark, Kaleb Keene, Arlo Jamieson, Andie Evans and Archer Ferretto.



These Prep students enjoyed celebrating their 100th day in the sunshine, from left, Sophie Smith, Daisy Corke, Elise Kim, Seraphina Ritchie and George Armstrong.



## Former aged care resident leaves a legacy to BCH

A BEQUEST to Bass Coast Health (BCH) has enabled the purchase of a minibus that is benefiting aged care residents and community members.

BCH operates Kirrak House, a residential aged care facility at Wonthaggi Hospital, and is grateful to receive funds from the family estate of a late resident, Ronald Lawless, for an eight-seat bus.

The vehicle is used by Kirrak residents and members of BCH's Social Support Group to enjoy outings and be involved in the community to improve their wellbeing.

"We take heart in knowing that Mr Lawless was satisfied with the level of his care to the point he wished to nominate BCH as a beneficiary of his estate," BCH CEO Jan Child said. "His kind gift has ensured our residents and Social Support Group members can enjoy great freedom and social interaction in their lives because they have this bus accessible to them."

Ms Child said the public health service sincerely appreciates donations and bequests that enable the purchase of equipment and furniture.

"Being a sub-regional health service dedicated to their care of our local community, we're able to offer donors the opportunity to have a say in where their money goes. So, if a donor gives towards a particular piece of equipment, they can come to our health service and see where and how that equipment is being used. BCH is able to provide the services it does locally because of the extraordinary community support provided by local community members."

BCH's Social Support Group brings isolated people together for activities, outings and social events. Being socially connected is known to improve health and wellbeing outcomes, both mental and physical. People with strong social connection are more likely to live longer, healthier lives.

The group is supported by BCH staff and transport is available. It's available to people under the care of My Aged Care, on My Aged Care Home Care Packages and NDIS Clients.

People wishing to donate to BCH can do so via [basscoasthealth.org.au/about/donations](http://basscoasthealth.org.au/about/donations), 56713372 or [donations@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:donations@basscoasthealth.org.au)

# Swords, archery and historical European martial arts

SINCE 2004, the Leongatha Medieval Society (LMS) has regularly come together to practice their swordsmanship and archery skills, emulating customs that were common in the mid to late 14th century.

The Medieval period occurred from the fall of Rome in the fifth century to the Renaissance in the 14th century.

The LMS is based on The Free Company of the English Army which existed in the latter part of this era.

While the Free Company were one of the most feared and notorious mercenaries of the time, known for their brutality, their disregard for the law, and their willingness to fight for the highest bidder, members of the LMS emulate their combat skills rather than those of debauchery.

"The motto of the group is 'Don't break your friends'," member Dean said.

An adult reenactment group may seem regressive to some, however, the member's knowledge of historical weaponry and customs, together with their practice of European Martial Arts and swordsmanship is remarkable.

Some members enjoy learning about the historical period, for others, it's about the weaponry, swords or bows, while others enjoy practising medieval sewing techniques and craft.

Each Thursday members don soft armour, some in modern fencing gear that are patterned on historical kits, and others wear armour made of a canvas exterior, layered with linen that has an inner of wool or horse hair – similar to what would have



Members of the Leongatha Medieval Society, Noah, Chris, Dean, David and Tristyn meet regularly to practice their swordsmanship skills and archery. ob02\_3224

been worn in the 14th century.

A hard chest plate is worn under the armour, and fine mesh masks and gloves are worn for additional protection while duelling.

LMS members also own hard armour suits that are more often brought out for public reenactments and displays.

Swords were an important and widely used weapon in the Middle Ages among elite and common soldiers and were a symbol of military strength, power, protection and fear.

Swords came in different sizes and styles and advanced from a slashing style in the 13th century to a thrusting weapon in the 14th century. Sword fighting demands speed, anticipation, agility, good reflexes and great mental strength.

"What's not to love about a shining sword," said member Dean.

LMS members operate on historical facts and their swordsmith is guided primarily by two texts, the first one has been catalogued as MS I.33 and is the oldest known German fencing manual dating back to the 1320s.

Their technique is also derived from the teachings in the fifteenth-century manual, Medieval Combat, by German author Hans Talhoffer.

The group stated that they are not pedantic about sticking to the weapons that were specifically used by the Free Company and have expanded their repertoire to include other weapons of combat.

"It's a niche hobby so you have to be broad church," said the President of LMS, David.

The group commonly use a long sword and has both nylon and metal models – although

the metal sword can only be used by a permit holder.

It has a traditional cut and thrust design with both edges able to cut and is a versatile, all-round weapon.

As well as long swords, the members also battle with hewing spears, as well as a poleax which has its origins in agriculture.

The group's talents extend to archery and they practice target shooting with both static and live targets once a month at Coal Creek.

The LMS recently held a stall at Winterfest in Mirboo North, displaying objects from the medieval era and showcasing their swordsmanship in continuous combat displays as well as holding cutting demonstrations with their swords.

LMS welcomes new members and invites anyone interested to come along.



## — Beautiful debutante ball for Korumburra —

Korumburra Secondary College Community Engagement Group were delighted to hold their second Debutante Ball for 2024 on Saturday, August 3.

Ten couples were presented and danced beautifully for an audience of over 200 guests.

Top row, from left, Campbell Reid, Max Sheahan, Lincoln Hamilton, Taine Lowe, Oliver Barrett, Cameron Bruce, Rory Nettle, Patrick Wilson. Middle row, Shane Gray (Dance Teacher), Isabelle Ferrone, Alanah Grist, Matisse Carmody, Patrick Owens, Mason Selder, Emily Cole, Jenna Lawrie, Gretchen Clarke, Heather Power (Dance Teacher). Front row, Eleanor Pedlow, Meave Sutherland, Huxley Schmidt (page boy), John Wilson (special guest), John Freeman (special guest), Nya Beavis (flower girl), Mia Francis, Amelia Gromotka. Photo: Fox and Pearl Photography.

Planning has now commenced for 2025, if you would like to register your interest, please contact Sam Norrey 0407 051 221.



# The reins of Bakers Delight handed over after 23 years

LYNDALL and Carl Sturtevant became the proud franchisees at Bakers Delight Leongatha in December 2001 and were planning to stay for between five and seven years.

Now, nearly 23 years later the pair have finally decided to hand over the reins.

Lyndall was in Airlie Beach when the Sentinel-Times caught up with her over the phone and she said it could be a bit hotter and sunnier.

A temperature check showed the Queensland location to be 20 degrees, positively balmy, compared to Leongatha's 12.

But never mind as Lyndall and Carl will be able to chase the sun until their hearts content with their newfound freedom.

Originally from Melbourne, the couple had a look around at a few franchises in other towns but decided Leongatha was the place they would have a crack at the bakery business.

A couple of days before moving to Leongatha to open the franchise, Lyndall found out she was pregnant.

It proved to be a busy time and there was a little bit of resistance to the business initially, as the couple were 'outsiders' and there was uncertainty about whether the town needed another bakery.

"I think all the other bakeries in town were doing different things to us. We didn't do pies and cakes and sandwiches and a lot of the stuff that they did. So, I think there was a market for everyone and room for everyone. It took off fairly well and fairly quickly," remembered Lyndall.



Carl and Lyndall Sturtevant in December 2001 on the day they opened Bakers Delight in Leongatha. The duo have recently handed over the reins after 23 years.

In the early days Lyndall worked out the front of the bakery serving customers as well as managing the administration and financial side of the business.

However, difficulty finding bakers over the last couple of years, saw Lyndall turn her hand to doing the baking, starting shifts at 3am.

"I didn't mind the baking. I quite enjoyed it. Not so much when the alarm went off at quarter past two, that wasn't great," explains Lyndall.

"Then having to do all my other management stuff on top of that was a bit harder as well. I certainly wouldn't have lasted 23 years if I was doing that."

Twenty three years in the business has seen many locals work for the Sturtevant's and this has been one of the highlight's for the couple.

"We've had a lot of staff go through, obviously. So, it's nice to see where they end up, and to see your 15 year old sales girls that go on to do some pretty spectacular things."

Growing with the community, becoming a part of it and developing friendships as their kids went through childcare, kindergarten, school, and sporting clubs; watching their own as well as other people's children mature also proved to be a rewarding aspect.

"Seeing kids that come in just after being born, coming in as toddlers and seeing where they go, what they do with their lives; it was a good time."

But now it's a different kind of good time the couple are seeking.

"I think it just got to that point we wanted to slow down. I didn't want to keep working



the hours I was putting in and we wanted to start to enjoy life and slow down a bit."

There isn't much on the Sturtevant's agenda for the next six months and the new year will see what the next chapter will bring, but it won't involve having to snooze an alarm at 2.15am.

"We'd like to do a lot more travelling, so I'll probably be fairly unreliable as an employee," laughs Lyndall.

Meanwhile the pair are confident they have left the bakery and staff in good hands with new owners Bryn and Jill; Bryn a baker for over 20 years.

"I think they're like us in a lot of ways, they've got a young family, and when we started out, that's where we were. Good luck to them and hopefully the community keeps supporting them like they did us."

## The future of history

THE Meeniyen and District Historical Society (MaDHS) Inc has been working on securing the future for the area's historical records. More than 2000 digital items have been saved to a cloud-based server after years of storage in insecure accounts.

The project was made possible through partnerships including with the South Gippsland Shire Council, who provided funding in the 2023 Council Grant round.

"We make history every day," said MaDHS Secretary/President John Tebbutt.

"The grant from the Council has allowed us to make sure that history has a safe home. The records we hold include photographs and documents that go back to the 1800s. Thanks to long-standing efforts by volunteers such as our Treasurer Richard Powell, much of that material has been scanned and digitised. Now it has a permanent secure home as well."

Another important partner has been Microsoft who recognised the not-for-profit status of MaDHS and granted support with access to cloud-based server storage and tools such as SharePoint.

"We can use our SharePoint site to set up a database for our documents and digital assets. Microsoft tools also provided us with improved governance so that our Executive emails have continuity if office holders change."

As a small regional historical society run by volunteers with no permanent income the access support granted by Microsoft has been crucial in allowing MaDHS to move into the digital future securely.

"We now connect with other groups through our community intranet," said John Tebbutt.

MaDHS local expert partners are IT Solutions in Leongatha. The Council grant allowed MaDHS to engage ITS staff to provide advanced instruction on managing online accounts.

"With ITS we have established links with other community groups and provided storage for their historical documents on our intranet. Our museum is a digital space and, in keeping with our strategic plan, we encourage community organisations to adopt best practice in collecting and maintaining records and documentation such as photos and videos" said Treasurer Richard Powell.

"Digital record-keeping and Improved governance will make all our histories safer."

In the future MaDHS will work with Victorian Collections, a state-funded online exhibition space, to share documents, photos, oral histories and videos created by the Meeniyen and District community.

Tebbutt said, "We have all know fire and floods can destroy community history. We want our sporting associations and community groups to embrace digital technology for the safe storage of their heritage."

A workshop on storing and exhibiting digital items with Victorian Collections will be held early next year for MaDHS members and the Meeniyen community.

If you want to know more about MaDHS and the opportunities it provides to develop your digital histories contact: meeniyanhistorical@meeniyen.org.au.

## The closure of Korumburra Austral coal mine in 1943

EIGHTY-one years ago this week the Austral coal mine at Korumburra was closed, one newspaper article and one letter to the editor explain why.

The following appeared in The Herald on page five on Monday August 16, 1943.

The Premier (Mr Dunstan) today set out the position regarding the closure of the Austral mine at Korumburra.

He said that the owner (Mr P. Hudson) interviewed the Minister for Mines (Mr Martin) on Wednesday and stated that a new tunnel was necessary to ensure production on a commercial basis and that to continue in the present manner would probably mean that the coal in sight would probably be finished within 12 months.

He thought that the cost of the tunnel should be met to the extent of two-thirds by a subsidy. Assuming that the cost would be £1500 he thought it would be reasonable if he were subsidised to the extent of £1000.

The matter had been brought promptly to the notice of the Commonwealth Coal Commission.

As a result, the chairman of the Commission had sent a telegram to the owner on Saturday instructing him to open the mine and giving an undertaking to pay a financial subsidy for one month pending further investigations.

The State could not do anything more than it had done. He was pleased that there would be a resumption of work and that coal



A lack of funding for a new tunnel at the Korumburra mine led to its closure.

would continue to be won for this State from the Korumburra mine.

An urgent appeal was made on Saturday to the Premier by the Acting Minister for Labor (Mr Holloway) to investigate the closure of the Austral Mine.

A few months later a letter to the editor appeared in the Sun News-Pictorial on page 13 on Friday February 18, 1944.

**Korumburra Mine**  
To the Editor  
SIR.— on February 10 a statement was made by Mr.

J. McVicars, secretary of the Wonthaggi Miners' Union, that the manager of the Austral Colliery, Korumburra, had refused to re-employ two of his old employees. He omitted to mention that the two men are both eligible for the coal miner's pension by age and service.

The Miners' Federation has been frequently informed that, while I am equally as anxious as union officials; to reopen the Austral Colliery without; unnecessary delay, it must be recognised that the mine can only

be re-opened and worked as a payable proposition. I am in the unfortunate position of not being permitted to transfer my financial liability to the State Treasury for payment, which I understand, and hope, will be provided for in the new order —yours, etc.

Peter Hudson (Manager. Austral Coal Co., Korumburra).

Words and images courtesy of the Korumburra & District Historical Society.



## Sentinel-Times

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### Heavy penalties a must for aggravated burglaries

IT HAS been concerning in the past week to see a number of aggravated burglaries in the local area, including in Leongatha last Wednesday, when a pair of 14-year-old youths stole a car in McCartin Street and on Saturday at Cape Paterson when a 14-year-old stole a Mercedes Benz.

On both occasions, local police did a fantastic job tracking down the culprits, in the case of the Leongatha car theft, the police airwing was called in to help locate the pair and the car at Hallston and in the second case, the Cape Paterson car was found in Leongatha and a 14-year-old youth was arrested and charged.

But the reality is, we live in an area with a relatively low crime rate. In Bass Coast the rate of criminal incidents per 100,000 people was 5127.5 in the year ending March 31, 2024, as compared to the state average of 5686.4 and in South Gippsland it was 4699.1 compared to the state average of 5686.4.

Not nothing, but low.

The number of criminal incidents in Bass Coast was up 4.1 per cent for the year, 2136 to 2223, while South Gippsland's were about the same, 1455 incidents compared to 1455 the previous year.

Breaches of family violence intervention orders and criminal damage were the main offence subgroups, with thefts of cars, and thefts from cars relatively low; 11 cars were stolen from Cowes, six from Wonthaggi North, 18 from Wonthaggi and five from Leongatha. Thefts from cars were more significant with 31 such incidents in Wonthaggi North, 41 in Wonthaggi and 19 in Leongatha.

So, we should all take the advice of the police and not leave valuables in the car, keep the car locked and preferably out of sight.

The number of aggravated burglaries in the 12 months to the end of March is even lower, almost negligible.

But lately, we have seen a rise in the number of these incidents across the Gippsland region and the community has every right to be alarmed about what is a fearful class of crime.

Once upon a time, aggravated burglaries were an absolute no-no for even hardened crooks due to the prospect of heavy penalties and the potential for the incident to go pear-shaped if the occupiers of the house woke up and confronted the intruders.

For the victims of such crimes, they feel violated in their own homes, and it can take them a long time, if ever, to feel safe again. Some may not even want to stay in their home again after an incident like that.

So, the police and the courts need to continue to take the crime of aggravated burglary, that is, breaking into someone's home while they're still there very seriously, chasing down the offenders like they did in the past week, and then handing down penalties that feature both specific and general deterrence.

The hardened crooks know the consequences of getting caught committing an aggravated burglary but this new breed of young idiot, maybe showing off to friends on social media or for whatever reason, need to know that destroying the safety and security people are entitled to feel in their own homes comes at a very heavy price.

## Vox Pop

### Is seven million dollars to construct a shared trail between Wonthaggi and Inverloch a good use of Bass Coast Council and State Government money?



**Natalie Imlach**

Leongatha

"No, not that much money."



**Lauren Broeder**

Leongatha

"It could be put to better use."



**Bev Sharp**

Wonthaggi

"Too expensive, a waste of money."



**Deb McNaughton**

Inverloch

"I don't think I'm going to be too unhappy, a good idea."

### Check your valuation

WE HAVE reached that time of year when rates notices begin to hit our mailboxes.

Enclosed with your rates notice (or attached if you've opted to receive it electronically) will be an updated land valuation for your property.

I am writing to remind ratepayers that you have a right to object if you disagree with the valuation of your property.

Every year around this time my office is contacted by concerned ratepayers who believe their property has been unfairly rated. Given that suit sitting behind a desk in Melbourne and inevitably there are always some mistakes made.

It may seem simple to ignore your valuation, particularly if your rates themselves appear largely unchanged, but Labor's recent changes to land tax thresholds mean that all land valued over \$50,000 is now subject to land tax.

With Labor's Vacant Residential Land Tax (charged as an annual tax of one per cent of the capital improvement value) being extended to regional areas from January 1, 2025, it is more important than ever to ensure you receive a fair valuation of your property.

Details of how to challenge your valuation will also be included with your rates notice. Please note that objections must be submitted within two months of the notice of valuation being provided.

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

### Can't let lost mayoral chains go

COUNCILS' latest response to public questions around the stolen mayoral chains will in my view further erode public confidence in council credibility. Here's what we learned:

- Council has known about the missing items since 2013
- Despite four claimed investigations - 2013, 2017, 2018, 2020 - council still can't determine if the items were lost or were stolen
- Not just two, but at least five years passed before a verbal report was made to police.

It is clear in my view that council has concealed this issue from the community for more than a decade.

We have a gold heist in the order of several hundred thousand dollars, but council is unwilling to make a full transparent explanation as to why the theft was not properly and sufficiently reported to Victoria Police.

Given the security protocols, I don't believe those responsible for the safekeeping would have simply 'lost' them. That would be a matter of gross negligence on the part of council and those responsible, would it not?

Given the very high financial value of the chain, I believe that the items were most likely stolen. And considering the tight security protocols, I suspect it was likely an inside job.

And in new separate advice council

advises "... no further Council resources will be diverted to responding to enquiries on the matter..."

Bass Coast Council is clearly not the appropriate organisation to investigate this matter. The results to date make it obvious that council does not have the competencies needed to conduct such an investigation. It's a job requiring Victoria Police professional investigators.

I'll continue doing what I can to get persons and authorities in higher positions to pursue this matter.

As retired Chief of Army David Morrison once said ... "The standard you walk past is the standard you accept. That goes for all of us, but especially those, who by their rank, have a leadership role."

**Kevin Griffin, Inverloch**

### Council wins one and wears one

BOUQUETS to the Bass Coast Shire Council staff who were responsible for the recent edging of the nature strips throughout Inverloch and subsequent cleanup.

The job was well overdue but welcome and the result presents the streetscapes in a much more respectable manner.

However, at the same time, the shire deserves 'brickbats', for allegedly sending, or allowing staff to prowl the car parks of Inverloch last Sunday, with perhaps a view to ticketing vehicles which have allegedly overstayed their allotted time at a given space.

This is at a time when the town is hosting visitors to their annual Jazz Festival, an event which is designed to attract folk from outside the region to enjoy, apart from the jazz, what else our shire has to offer. It wasn't as though parking was at a premium, with many vacant spaces available.

Should this be true, then I believe it to be very poor form and if the shire is that strapped for cash that it needs to embark on such an endeavour, then perhaps it should cut back on some of the many unnecessary spending excesses that are generally outside of its core business responsibilities of roads, rates and rubbish!

**David Vance, Inverloch**



### Tree fire at site of the old Isle of Wight

**MICHELLE and Daniel Tennant spotted thick black smoke on Sunday afternoon in the development area at the site of the old Isle of Wight in Cowes, raising the alarm with local emergency services. Firefighters quickly arrived at the scene.**

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.



# Arockalypse: A combination of classic rock and country vibes

AUGUST 3 in San Remo saw just over 200 punters squeeze into the Westernport Hotel for the third annual Arockalypse Now Festival. Jungle Jim Smith kicked off the festivities with his infectious blend of Blues and Groove. Playing tracks such as Death and Whiskey and Shake-a-Hoof, JJ showed why he is probably the biggest draw on the Gippsland music scene at the moment.

Straight after Jungle Jim came Blue Sabbath who gave a real “what are we witnessing here” kind of vibe to the whole audience. Touting themselves as the world’s first post-apocalyptic steam-punk Black Sabbath tribute band, they didn’t fail to disappoint. Playing the lap steel guitar through a Marshall stack the size of a fridge, the sound of War Pigs echoed through the streets of San Remo. Both members of the band wore masks emblazoned with mysterious symbols and cross-bearing denim shirts. Truly a band to watch out for.

With the two opening bands concluding, it was time to open the band room with none other than Inverloch’s very own Ozone Street. These four young men showed why they are another hot act to watch out for. Their sound is ever-evolving, as they delivered a set of fuzzed-out blues reminiscent of The Black Keys’ glory days. Refreshing to see that not all local surfies are resorting to acoustic guitars and loop pedals, with members Archie Legget, Jay Dockery, Will Edwards and Roy Trumble demonstrating a band chemistry almost akin to knowing each other in several past lives.

Local punks Lost Atlas were next in the front bar. To be honest, they almost tore it apart. With aggressive bass playing a front woman Nira Quinn’s Shirley Temple meets Mike Patton stage presence something to truly behold. They had their loyal audience bring the front bar mosh to a frenzy.

Go and see this band. And bring an inflatable.

Next on the main stage were The Alley Stranglers. Bringing a true 90’s skate vibe with them, these four old-school



**Will Edwards from Ozone Street delivered a fuzzed-out blues set that took us back to The Black Keys’ glory days.** Photo: Sam Cross, Yewa Films.

punks showed everyone what experience can bring to a band. They had the look, the tats, the attitude and the fans, but they also had the songs and gave a tight performance. Probably bringing the biggest crowd of the night, it was so good to hear the audience singing along to the songs of these local legends.

Next up in the front bar was a true highlight of the night, Melbourne’s Hogwash. A relatively new band on the scene, they possess a real 70’s kind of garage country attitude. All the band members gave a cool performance, full of rock faces, pursed lips and hip-shaking. Nick Carver said we’ll never get the words “hogwash” out of our heads. Finishing with a garage version of The Nutbush, that whipped the audience into an Aussie PE class dancing bonanza.

Up next in the band room was Super American Eagle. Hot property on the Melbourne music scene at the moment having just come off tour with Jet and possessing the drumming talent of Brent DeBoer from The Dandy Warhols, expectations were high, and they didn’t fail to deliver.

“With the stage set in a dark red, we could hardly see the band, but god did we hear them.”

With each member of the three-piece taking on lead vocal duties for at least one song, what sets this band apart is their fearless exploration in every song, with each track being performed as though it was an encore performance.

Next and last in the front bar was Melbourne country heroes Foggy Notion. What can we say? When stage presence, attitude, musicianship and songwriting combine, you have a super band. And that is exactly what Foggy Notion is. Front woman Maxine Fink possesses the voice of Wanda Jackson and the swagger of Jack White and her band of Foggies do not disappoint either. “So great to have a dedicated Tambourine player in a band! Is there anything cooler?” FN played a whole heap of tracks from their upcoming third album, and although not familiar to their dedicated audience, they still had all the feet in the front bar moving.

Last but certainly not least

was Riff Raff. Booked to headline more as a reason to have the after party at the gig, this hot AC/DC tribute act almost appeared like the Aussie Bon Scott show. Playing a selection of early AC/DC classics, which included deeper cuts like Gone Shooting and Touch Too Much, Willie J and Co had everyone’s faces hurting from smiling so hard. One of the truly special things about Sarsha Marsden on guitar and Jess Turner on bass. Thundering bass and cutting rhythm guitar are essentials when displaying the art of this seminal band, and they did the job better than anyone in recent memory.

Arockalypse Now will return bigger and better in 2025!

Westernport owner Nick Say and festival organiser Nick Carver are extremely pleased with this year’s festival and look forward to what the future might hold. They loved the combination of classic rock and country vibes this year, in contrast to last year’s punk vibe. Who knows what next year will bring but one thing is for sure, it’s gonna be loud! Let there be rock!



**A spectacular crowd appeared at The Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre on Sunday as Wonthaggi Citizens’ Band and Darebin City Brass delighted.**

## The wrong trousers in Wonthaggi!

WALLACE and Gromit touched down in Wonthaggi in what was a musical delight on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

The Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre came to life for the musical with the Wonthaggi Citizens’ Band (WCB) hosting Darebin City Brass who performed Wallace and Gromit: The Wrong Trousers.

WCB’s assistant musical director Nick Beale was thrilled with the event turnout.

“Darebin City Band purchased the rights to perform Wallace and Gromit: The Wrong Trousers in Australia and they’ve been doing a concert series around Victoria,” he said.

“Wonthaggi was their third venue for the series, performing about 40 minutes of Wallace and Gromit to the video footage and vocal track, and playing the music.”

In a highlight for Mr Beale, he was able to play the euphonium for this concert and also conducted the WCB as their regular conductor was away.

He highlighted they sold over 200 tickets for the show and also raised funds through a raffle, with the proceeds split between the two bands.

WCB is now busy preparing for their upcoming annual concert which will be held in October.

“We have our annual variety concert and it’s coming up quicker than we expect, so we’ll be pushing ticket sales for that soon,” he said.

It’s also been a busy year for WCB, who recently competed at the Victorian State Championships in late July.

“That was at Hawthorn Town Hall and we came fifth overall in open C grade, which was good because we had a tough lead-up with people being sick and COVID,” he said.

“Our senior numbers are going well as well as our youth band, everything is going well.”

## Sky Country touches down in Foster

ATTICUS Bookshop and Gallery in Foster was thrilled to host the launch of Sky Country on Saturday, August 10.

In conjunction with Magabala Books, the book’s South Gippsland-based award-winning illustrator Lisa Kennedy was in attendance to sign copies and give a reading of the visually stunning children’s picture book.

“It has been a deeply spiritual journey for me to work alongside Aunty Patsy Cameron on Sky Country, re-envisioning through art and language our unique Coming into Being. Guided by Our Ancestral Grandfather Mannalargenna, Pairrebeene/Trawlwoolway bunganna (leader) warrior and seer, it is a story of deep connection to both the past and our continuity into the future,” Lisa noted.

The exhibition featured original art from the book, which is an ancient story of creation shared by Aunty Patsy Cameron, that describes two ancestral beings who came down from the Milky Way to create the Trouwerner (Tasmanian) landscape.

The launch proved to be a hit with plenty of attendees looking to get a signed copy.

## Wonthaggi musicians shine at State Championships

WONTHAGGI Youth Brass and Wonthaggi Citizens’ Band both performed to great acclaim at the recent Victorian Bands League State Championships, held at the Hawthorn Arts Centre on July 28.

Wonthaggi Youth Brass, ranging from 11-20 years old, are all current and former students from local schools including Bass Coast College, Newhaven College, Wonthaggi PS and Korumburra SC. They performed three works in the Junior C Grade section, scoring 182 points out of a possible 200, and finished just four points behind the winning band, Richmond Youth Brass Band.

Proud musical director Nick Beale said he was “very happy

with the way WYB played, particularly with many new players playing at their first contest”.

Wonthaggi Citizens’ Band, comprising local musicians ranging from school students to retirees, performed a hymn, march, own choice and test piece in the Open C Grade section. Conducted by Craig Marinus, they placed fifth out of nine bands in a highly competitive section, won by Whitehorse Brass.

Band members were also well represented in other grades, with Stuart Alexander performing with Darebin City Brass (A grade champions), Caleb and Noah Robertson performing with City of Dandenong Brass Band (second placing in B grade), and Victoria and Alex Wilson performing with Sale City Band (D grade).



**Wonthaggi Youth Brass finished in second place at the recent Victorian Bands League State Championships, only four points behind Richmond Youth Brass Band.**





## Imaging Associates secures radiology contract at BCH

BASS Coast Health is pleased to announce that Imaging Associates, a leading provider of medical imaging solutions, will be providing comprehensive radiology services to Bass Coast Health (BCH) from October.

Following a thorough tender process, Imaging Associates was selected by BCH to partner with them and deliver high-quality imaging services to the local community.

Imaging Associates has extensive experience providing radiology services to public hospitals, having successfully retained contracts with Eastern Health, Murrumbidgee Local Health District and more recently Peninsula Health. Imaging Associates also supports Gippsland Southern Health Service in nearby Leongatha and Korumburra Hospitals, and they have established private radiology practices in Drouin and Warragul.

As part of the contract, Imaging Associates will install state-of-the-art imaging equipment to be operated by highly skilled medical imaging staff and dedicated radiologists to serve BCH sites at Wonthaggi Hospital, and the new Phillip Island Community Hospital.

BCH CEO Jan Child said the health service was extremely pleased to welcome Imaging Associates to the community.

"The Imaging Associates partnership will deliver expanded services for our community at Wonthaggi Hospital and Phillip Island Community Hospital, bringing state-of-the-art technology and infrastructure to the region," she said. "We welcome and congratulate Imaging Associates for their comprehensive and innovative vision for Radiology services in the Bass Coast community. We know this partnership will support high quality care, closer to home"

Key highlights include:

- Introduction of a diagnostic mammography service at Wonthaggi Hospital, complemented by an upgrade to existing mammography equipment. Breast-Screen services will continue to be offered at Wonthaggi Hospital, ensuring continuity of care for patients
- A new low-dose cardiac-capable CT scanner at Wonthaggi Hospital.

The partnership comes at an opportune time as BCH's newly developed hospital site at Wonthaggi Hospital continues to expand.

With Stage 1 opening in December 2022 and planning for Stage 2 expansion underway, including a new MRI facility within the radiology department, Imaging Associates is poised to play a pivotal role in supporting BCH's growth and development. This expansion underscores Imaging Associate's commitment to bringing advanced medical imaging closer to local communities, thereby reducing the need for patients to travel to larger metropolitan centres for diagnostic services.

"Imaging Associates is honoured to be selected as the radiology partner for Bass Coast Health," said Dr Chris Holden, Chairperson at Imaging Associates.

## Gatha-Burra shuttle to connect towns

THE Gatha-Burra shuttle is coming to provide a new transport option for people in the Leongatha and Korumburra communities.

The shuttle is a pilot partnership between Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) and Leongatha Community House and will be available each Thursday from August 15 to December 12.

The free shuttle service will follow a loop connecting the two towns, with stops at the hospital campuses, town centres and aged care facilities.

It follows feedback from the local community about the lack of transport options, particularly to get to medical appointments.

GSHS Transformation and Community Engagement Lead Sandra Panagiris said the service was being introduced on behalf of the community.

"The community has been telling us that transport is an issue so we're trialling this shuttle service," Ms Panagiris said.

"At the recent open access board meeting in Korumburra and at consultation forums last year in Leongatha, transport emerged as a major issue. We've listened to the community and followed up with this potential solution."

A Thursday service between Leongatha and Wonthaggi had been trialled but didn't attract many users.

Ms Panagiris said the service would particularly help



**Sandra (left) and Maddison are excited by the launch of the new bus service.**

vulnerable people who may have difficulty getting between the two towns and need to access health appointments.

The service will run as a trial from 9am-2.40pm each Thursday on a loop starting from Woorayl Lodge and including Leongatha town centre, GSHS's Leongatha hospital Korumburra town centre, GSHS's Korumburra Hospital, Carinya Lodge and back to Leongatha town centre and hospital.

The timetable is included below.

The shuttle service will start on Thursday August 15 but the bus, which is owned by the Community House, won't be available on September 5, October 3 and November 7 due to other commitments.

Manager of Leongatha Community House Maddison Redpath said the shuttle bus should address an identified need in the communities.

"We're happy to be working with Gippsland Southern Health Service to try to provide transport in the community where a gap has been identified," Ms Redpath said.

"We have conducted community surveys and transport between the two towns was one of the big issues."

### Timetable:

Woorayl Lodge, Leongatha - 9.00am  
Leongatha Town Centre, Council Public Toilets - Michael Place - 09.10am  
Leongatha Hospital - 09.20am  
Korumburra Town Centre,

Public Toilets behind Kelly's Bakery - 09.40am

Korumburra Hospital - 09.50am

Carinya Lodge, Korumburra - 10.00am

Leongatha Town Centre, Council Public Toilets - Michael Place - 10.25am

Leongatha Hospital - 10.35am

Woorayl Lodge, Leongatha - 11.00am

Leongatha Town Centre, Council Public Toilets - Michael Place - 11.10am

Leongatha Hospital - 11.20am

Korumburra Town Centre, Public Toilets behind Kelly's Bakery - 11.40am

Korumburra Hospital - 11.50am

Carinya Lodge, Korumburra - 12.00pm

Leongatha Town Centre, Council Public Toilets - Michael Place - 12.25pm

Leongatha Hospital - 12.35pm

Woorayl Lodge, Leongatha - 1.00pm

Leongatha Town Centre, Council Public Toilets - Michael Place - 1.10pm

Leongatha Hospital - 1.20pm

Korumburra Town Centre, Public Toilets behind Kelly's Bakery - 1.40pm

Korumburra Hospital LAST SERVICE - 1.50pm

Carinya Lodge, Korumburra LAST SERVICE - 2.00pm

Leongatha Town Centre, Council Public Toilets - Michael Place - 2.25pm

Leongatha Hospital LAST SERVICE - 2.35pm

Woorayl Lodge, Leongatha LAST STOP - 2.40pm

## • HOW TO BE A... DENTAL NURSE



NOT MANY would enjoy spending every working day in a dental surgery.

'Smile Squad' dental nurse Emily Trewin is different.

"I have worked in dentistry and oral hygiene for fifteen years and I love it," says Emily.

Emily Trewin began her career in a dental clinic at Narre Warren.

Her training as a dental nurse began with a twelve-month Certificate III in Dental Assisting from RMIT.

A Certificate IV in Dental Assisting led to her current

position as an Oral Health Coach working alongside an Oral Hygiene Therapist in the Bass Coast Health 'Smile Squad'.

"I've been working in oral health since I was twenty-two and now, I'm thirty-seven".

Emily Trewin describes her work as a dental nurse as a joyful experience.

"I love helping kids," beamed Emily.

**LEFT: Big wide smiles from kids you can help as a dental nurse. B18\_3324**

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## All smiles at Tarwin Lower Primary School

BASS Coast Health put a smile on the faces of students at the Tarwin Lower Primary School with a four-day visit by the Smile Squad.

All twenty-eight children at the school spent time in the dentist's chair for everything from a quick check-up to more serious drilling and filling of youngsters' primary or baby teeth.

"Attention to children's first teeth promotes good dental hygiene as adults," said Oral Health Therapist Marlene Willis. Early childhood decay is more common than you would think.

"Children from relatively remote schools may have difficulty accessing base hospital dental services because of work and school."

Luckily only twenty per cent of the children at Tarwin Lower needed dental work.

The Smile Squad operates from a mobile surgery based in Wonthaggi.



All smiles at Tarwin Lower Primary School after a visit from the Smile Squad. B12\_3324



Rose Lodge resident Margaret Moloney with Care Coordinator Libby Shields.

## A rose by any other name

'WOULD smell as sweet' may be a well-known line from William Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' but at Rose Lodge in Wonthaggi aged care staff are just as loved and cherished.

Aged Care Employee Day was celebrated with a 'cakes and cuppa' afternoon mid-week but by week's end it was a ukulele 'knees up'.

Tributes to the aged care staff at Rose Lodge were glowing.

"Thank you for all your wonderful caring and a special thanks for the meal together for our 65th wedding anniversary."

"Everyone is wonderful."

"I just want to say about all the nurses here they're all good and nice".

"Sweet little girls, wonderful, caring and loveable".

"Lovely girls and very caring".

"Thank you to the staff for times in need".

"Thank you for all being so welcoming and accepting of our weekly visit"

Wilma and Myra "woof, woof."

Rose Lodge has been providing high quality aged care services to the greater Wonthaggi community for over sixty years.

"Each person's needs are unique and that's well understood," said Sommer Phillips from Lifestyle Programs.

Experienced staff are available around the clock to provide quality care and support for residents to allow them to feel comfortable and safe in their Rose Lodge home.

"Our residents can trust they are receiving the highest quality of care available," added Dementia Care Coordinator Libby Shields.

"Nutritious meals, comfortable living spaces and beautiful gardens create a warm and welcoming environment that feels like home," said Ms Phillips

For more information about Rose Lodge go to [roselodge.com.au](http://roselodge.com.au)

## Monash medical students experience South Gippsland

MONASH University's School of Rural Health has recently welcomed 11 medical students who started their clinical placements in South Gippsland and the Bass Coast this semester.

Among them are seven fourth-year students who are currently experiencing life as a rural GP in South Gippsland this semester, with 18-week general practice placements in Foster, Leongatha, Korumburra and Wonthaggi, supervised by local general practitioners.

Student Ben Holland is placed at Leongatha Healthcare and has already experienced the local hospitality and warmth.

"The community is kind and welcoming and the clinic that I am placed at is incredibly engaging and supportive. I look forward to improving my procedural skills including suturing and skin biopsies as the semester progresses and maybe one day I'll be able to come back when I graduate. Aside from my placement, I am enjoying exploring the area and South Gippsland and have found some great gems!"



Eleven medical students are currently undertaking their clinical placements across South Gippsland. From left, standing, Mikaela Misso, Glen Bunyamin, Harrison Carroll-Beard and Daniel Pan. Kneeling, Ben Holland, James Liang and Aahana Dudani.

Monash Rural Health Director, Associate Professor Cathy Haigh explained that the students are participating in wave or parallel consulting while on general practice placement – so patients may see medical students, like Ben, for part of their GP appointment.

"Our students will see the patient for the first part of

the consultation and are then joined by the GP. This allows students to practice building rapport with a patient, taking a history and using their clinical skills in a safe and supportive environment – helping them develop as thorough and empathetic doctors."

Cathy encourages the local community to help welcome the students over the

coming months.

"Please say hello and share your local knowledge if you meet our students at Bass Coast Health, in your GP clinic, or out in the community. This is a great opportunity to showcase what we have to offer here in the region to encourage students to consider returning as part of the future medical workforce."

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# Volunteer with WMS Fixit Café

By Hilary Stuchbery

THE next WMS Fixit Café will be on August 18 from 10am to 12 noon with the last repairs taken at 11.30am.

Our electrical fixers are on a well-earned break this month, but the Wonthaggi Men's Shed members are ready and willing to have a go at sharpening, carpentry, and fixing generally. Please note that they do not do welding or electrical fixing.

Our clock guru, Graeme, will be on hand from 11am until 12pm.

We will be serving coffee, tea, and cakes or biscuits free of charge and if you wish to check out the Fixit Café you are more than welcome – even if you have nothing to fix.

Of course, if you are keen to get involved in fixing, our doors are always open.

Winter woollies are at a premium at the moment and if you have a favourite which is a bit worse for wear and holey, Wendy may be able to fix it with some needle felting. Please book your repair by calling in or telephoning Mitchell House on 5672 3731.

The WMS Fixit Café is an activity of the Wonthaggi Men's Shed and can be found at the Shed accessible via the rear exit of the Big W carpark, past Dan Murphy's.



## Gingered pumpkin Pudding

By Meg Viney

WINTER. Cold and wet. It makes one think of puddings, so after the Italian series, why not a series of puddings, sweet and savoury. My favourite first.

### Ingredients

- 250 gm ginger nut biscuits, crushed to a crumb
- 1/3 cup rum (if you want it alcohol free use fruit juice)
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup sugar
- 3 cups pumpkin puree (can use tinned, but better to steam or bake the pumpkin yourself)
- 1 ½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp freshly grated nutmeg
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ tsp cloves or allspice
- ½ cup flour
- 3 tablespoon melted butter
- ½ cup sliced dates

### Method

In a bowl combine the flour baking powder, spices and salt. Add the pumpkin mixture, the crumb mixture and the melted butter. Add the beaten eggs, then mix gently.

In another bowl, toss the dates with 2 tbsp flour and 1/3 tsp baking powder, then fold into the pumpkin mixture.

Butter a steamed pudding mold (or suitable pudding basin) and transfer the mixture to the basin. Cover it with foil, tucking it in well, and place on a rack in a large pot with the water just coming up two thirds of the way. Return the water to the boil, cover, turn the heat to a bare simmer and cook for two hours.

Remove from the pot and stand for about 30 minutes, then unfold onto a serving platter and serve in slices with whipped cream.



Wayne and Joy began Nyora-Connect about 18 months ago and new locals such as Trevor have enjoyed being able to connect with other locals. ob01\_3224

# Gaining new connections

LONELINESS among Australians has been described as one of the most pressing public health priorities in Australia as the frequency of social contact has declined across all age groups by about 13 per cent since 2001.

Social isolation and loneliness can harm both mental and physical health and can affect life satisfaction.

Loneliness has been linked to premature death, poor physical and mental health, greater psychological distress and general dissatisfaction with life.

While social isolation has been linked to mental illness, emotional distress, suicide, the development of dementia, premature death, poor health behaviours and poor biological effects.

On the other hand, more frequent social contact is associated with better overall health.

For the past eighteen months, Joy and Wayne have opened up the doors of the Nyora Baptist Church and have invited people in on a Tuesday to connect over a free cuppa

and cookie, have a chat or have a go at a jigsaw puzzle.

They aim to connect people to people in a casual, friendly and informal setting and have named this venture, Nyora-Connect.

They have connected people to other local groups such as the Men's Shed or the Women's Activity Group and services such as La Trobe Community Health.

Wayne is handy with tech, often helping people to set up their phones or laptops and Joy is happy to make phone calls to services for people.

Mums or Dads who would like to get out of the house for a while or drop in on the way to or from school runs are welcome and a baby change area, a high chair and toys are there for little ones.

Joy points out that it's not a church-based group, its open for anyone of any age, from any denomination, with any hair colour or none at all, she joked.

The idea came to Joy about twenty years ago, but it wasn't until after COVID that she decided it was time to do it.

"What we felt was that people had lost confidence to go out and mix with people," she said.

"There was only the General Store in Nyora and there was nowhere people could come and sit down and have a chat."

Wayne and Joy pair found a few tables at a bargain price from an old pizza place and have cordoned off an area of the church and opened up the doors for those who want to connect.

Trevor is a regular visitor at Nyora – Connect and he found it helpful after moving to the town about a year ago and not knowing anyone.

"If you don't reach out you can end up isolated," he said.

Joy comments that they have busy days where people will come in and out all day and other days where it's pretty quiet.

"We just want people to know that we are here, and we are here every week," said Joy.

Nyora – Connect is open every Tuesday from 9.30am – 3.30pm and is located at 20 Grundy Street, Nyora.

# The Hills Are Alive party with the planet

THE Hills Are Alive Tree Planting Project is an environmental sustainability initiative that has contributed to tens of thousands of indigenous trees being planted within the local area that the annual festivals are held.

With community help and the help of funds raised from carpark passes sold at NYE on the Hill and Ocean Sounds Festivals, Hills Are Alive are excited to be planting another 5000 plus indigenous trees in the local area on Saturday, August 24 through an exciting partnership with Bass Coast Landcare Network.

Since 2019, thanks to community help, over 30,000 trees have been planted in the region. The tree planting will take place on a neighbouring farm close to the Hills' site from 1pm - 4.30pm, before heading back to The Hill from 5pm - 8pm for sunset, drinks, food, music and DJ's.

This time around there is room for 50 volunteers and the team would love you to join!

It's first in best dressed and registrations are now open. Get your friends together and party with the planet!

## • FAITH FACTOR

### Imagination leads to Discovery

By Assistant Pastor Karen Thorp, Grace Chapel, Archies Creek

THE other day a little girl pointed to some lollies at the supermarket check-out, the mother said; "No," and immediately the child threw a tantrum. What happened next was startling, the mother handed her daughter an iPad to pacify her.

It's now common to see a toddler expertly swiping an iPad, the eyes glued to the screen in a mindless stare. Some start regularly using these screens as young as four months old. Indicators now show that child creativity and imagination are decreasing when compared to previous generations. One of the reasons seems to be the time spent on digital devices, compared to non-screen activities like active play which is critical for the developing brain – including imagination and problem-solving.

I find it interesting when reading the bible, it shows that God created us to be imaginative in the same way God is. We know this to be true because scripture declares we were made in His image. In Genesis 1:27a it says; '... God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him.'

When Jesus walked this earth he offered clever communication to help us understand His kingdom. He used imaginative language to help us understand God and He used vivid and creative language to warn us of evil. Jesus always told stories, He spoke in metaphors and used objects as symbols to illustrate profound, divine truths. Jesus spoke to the disciples in Mark 4:11, He said; "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables."

Jesus spoke to people's hearts, and He communicated about things greater than mankind. His stories engaged the mind and emotions, helping people to understand the more complex matters. Our creator shows us that having an imagination is an important part of life. It's important at every age.

How do we get children to tap into their innate creativity and imagination? While children may not like it initially, providing them with time to be "bored" is doing them a huge favour. Providing them with time to come up with their own ideas for play is very beneficial for their brain development, even if it were to lay on the floor and stare at the ceiling for a while.

We each have the ability for creativity and imagination, get it out, exercise it and you will see. And don't forget to thank God for this beautiful gift.

## ~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE NEWS ~

### MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

THIS week we have some exciting events for you!

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. Topics are Landcare and Citizen Science, Bird Ecology and Humans; and Ecology and Edible Weeds. These talks will all

focus on how you can play a role in science and your environment, in your own home. The talks are followed with an afternoon of nature-themed screenings starting at 1.30pm. These are free sessions

Also, in August – We have one place to fill in the Easy Home cooking course, and several for the Spanish language beginners classes, starting soon.

On August 21, Myli and Milpara will hold another Crybaby movie session for parents and kids, with

our regular screening on August 26.

If any of the above are of interest to you, please get in touch, we're happy to help.

We will be starting to program next Term very soon. If you have something you would like to learn or be a part of or can offer your expertise in a class, get in touch!



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# 2024 Daffodil & Floral Show

## Daffodil and floral splendour headed for Leongatha

LEONGATHA Daffodil and Floral Show will burst into life on Thursday, August 29 for three days of vibrant colour and creative arrangements, the event is again run by the Leongatha Horticultural Society (LHS).

A novelty class has been introduced to this year's competition in which entrants are invited to use a typical strawberry pot, without the strawberries, to fill with whatever bulbs, seedlings, succulents or other plant material takes their fancy.

For those wanting to take up the strawberry pot challenge and show their creative flair, the new competition falls in Class G – Pot Plants in 187a - Special Section.

There is a wide range of options for people wishing to enter the Show with cut flowers, potted plants, photography, and floral art some of those.

As well as the various sub-categories of daffodils, those attending the show will enjoy blooms such as tulips and other flowering bulbs, plus polyanthus and hellebores, violets, pansies, primroses and camellias.

Everyone is catered for, with novice and intermediate sections and children's entries available alongside open categories.

There are also photography sections, with an open category



Winter is about to brighten up with the arrival of the Leongatha Daffodil and Floral Show at the end of this month. A01\_3324

and one for juniors.

LHS committee member and steward Wendy McDonald spoke of the annual show's enduring appeal.

"I love seeing a mass of daffodils and the best of what springtime offers, and it's just an uplifting sight and when you walk in, the fragrance and aroma of all the different flowers, it's like walking into a big florist's coolroom," she said.

Wendy explained that help is available at Leongatha Memorial Hall for those entering exhibits.

"The day before the show, all the stewards assemble there to assist everyone in the different classes, pointing out where you can put your exhibit and helping stage it, which means putting it together," she said.

Advice includes making sure an appropriate size vessel is used to stage a display and it is presented to best advantage for the judges.

Closer to the show opening, organisers will make the times available for entrants to stage their entries at the Memorial Hall.

There'll be a special raffle of an original artwork created by Melanie Caple that has formed the basis of promotional posters used for previous shows.

Raffle tickets will be available for sale before the show, at Leongatha IGA on Wednesday, August 14, and at Leongatha Nexta Newsagency on Thursday, August 22, with the original painting on display for the duration of ticket sales at each outlet.

Raffle tickets will also be sold for the three days of the daffodil show, with the prize winner announced at 3pm on Saturday, August 31 in the Memorial Hall.

For those after a bite to eat, St Peter's Anglican Church will again be transformed into a pop-up café, serving light refreshments throughout the Daffodil and Floral Show, a selection of homemade soups available and served with a roll, as well as a variety of tempting cakes and a hot cuppa.

Members of the St Peter's Anglican Church Auxiliary will provide their friendly hospitality between 12pm and 5pm on Thursday, August 29, 9am until 5pm on Friday, August 30, and from 9am until 4pm on Saturday, August 31.

## Artistic talent on show in Leongatha alongside floral delights

THE WORK and techniques of local artists and craftspeople will be on show at the Leongatha Art and Craft Gallery and Gift Shop throughout the town's Daffodil and Floral Show in late August.

Various members of the Leongatha Art & Craft Society (LACS) will display their expertise during demonstrations in the forecourt.

"This will be a wonderful opportunity to observe a skilled artist or craftsperson in action, and they are always happy to explain their techniques and share their knowledge," LACS committee member Jill Wellard said.

LACS has joined forces with the Leongatha Horticultural Society to promote the concurrent events.

For the duration of the flower show, the forecourt and the Gallery will be open from 9am until 5pm daily between Thursday, August 29 and Saturday, August 31.

On the Friday, a team from South Coast FM radio has been invited to broadcast live from the Memorial Hall and the Gallery forecourt, which would include roving presenters engaging the crowd and discussing attendees' impressions of the day's festivities.

It's sure to be a lively and entertaining day, with the Gallery offering the opportunity to find a unique gift.

## Leongatha Daffodil and Floral Show

Memorial Hall 2024

Thursday, August 29  
1.30pm - 5pm

Friday, August 30  
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Artwork by Melanie Caple



## LEONGATHA ART AND CRAFT GALLERY

This year, we have joined forces with the Horticulture Society to promote the Daffodil Festival and the Leongatha Art and Craft Gallery. We are proud to showcase the work of local artists and crafts people in the Gallery Gift Shop.



For the duration of the Daffodil Festival, the court yard and the Gallery will be open from 9am-5pm on Thursday, August 29, Friday, August 30 and Saturday, August 31.

Some of the local gallery member's have been invited to demonstrate their

skills in a series of craft demonstrations in the court yard, over the three days of the flower show. This will be a wonderful opportunity to observe our skilled crafts member's in action. The gallery is a great shop to look for that unique gift.

On Friday, we have invited the team from South Coast FM Radio to broadcast live from the Memorial Hall and the Gallery Court Yard, with roving Dee-jay engaging with the crowd – sure to be a lively and entertaining day.

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**South Dudley Tom set to entertain this weekend with upbeat tunes at Wonthaggi Library concert.**

## Music Fun with South Dudley Tom

**Saturday, August 17  
from 10.30am – 11am.**

BRING the family to enjoy “Music Fun with South Dudley Tom,” a lively and interactive concert designed to engage children with music and creativity. The event features a range of homemade instruments, including dancing wooden dolls, a box bass, and a tap-dancing platform, alongside vintage harmonicas and more. With musical styles spanning traditional old-time tunes, Cajun, and Blues, this concert is sure to bring upbeat, happy fun for all ages.

Don't miss this free, family-friendly event at the Wonthaggi Library!

## Locals in for a treat celebrating King's life

THE Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre will host a special event on September 14 as Rock and Roll Sensation – The Elvis & Buddy Show brings a tribute to two of rock 'n' roll's most iconic figures. The performance will feature Mark Caligiuri, who will portray both Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly, accompanied by The Sensational Memphis Beat Show Band.

The show will highlight the music and charisma of Presley and Holly, with Caligiuri performing classic hits such as “Jailhouse Rock,” “Hound Dog,” “Peggy Sue,” and “That'll Be the Day.” His dual portrayal aims to offer audiences a dynamic experience of these rock legends' greatest songs.

Feedback for the show has been very positive, ranging from “Had the best night, great show, thank you!!!” to “Wow, so much energy, loved every moment, the engagement with the audience was amazing, you really made me feel part of the show, please come back!!!”

“Put it this way,” Mark reflected, “nothing brings me greater joy to watch my audience members light up and express so much fun and joy and happiness and then after the show they show their gratitude, how we made their night, how we gave them an unforgettable night that they will cherish, always! Helping others is the best feeling in the world, it places me on top of the mountain!!!!”

The event will begin with doors opening at 7pm and the performance starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are available for purchase at the venue, online at [linktr.ee/elvisfromtheheart](http://linktr.ee/elvisfromtheheart) or by calling 5671 2470.

For further information about the show, visit [facebook.com/markcelvisfromtheheart](https://facebook.com/markcelvisfromtheheart).

# Block Island is here

‘OH DEAR!’ It hit the airwaves last night and there is no denying the publicity on Channel Nine during the Olympics has certainly heated the anticipation of Block Island.

Since February builders, trades, crew and contestants have been spotted continuously out and about, much to the delight of locals.

And whilst most assume Phillip Island is known around the world, whether for the penguins, which heated up during the pandemic thanks to Penguin TV, or Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, The Block is banking on the rest, scattered around the world, of being able to add it to their travel lists. According to Scott Cam, it's ‘pure paradise’.

The Sentinel-Times was fortunate to get a sneak peek inside last Thursday and whilst our lips are tightly sealed, rest assured there will be friendships forged, waterproofing drama, intense disasters and “the biggest block ever!”

As Scott Cam stated, the reveals are “a mixed bag of lollies – some sweet, some sour...”

Adorned in giraffe print leggings and a pink t, Ricky greeted the Sentinel-Times with zeal.

“Loved (working down here),” Ricky stated as he sat on a chair in the kitchen.

“I'd only come down (previously) for the Grand Prix, and Pyramid Rock back in the day.

“I've spent three months down here and it's made me want to get a house here because I'm a big fisho. Plenty of good fishing spots, nice beaches, fell in love pretty good.”

And as locals would attest contestants could be found at either the gym or the jetty in their limited spare time.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Clare Le Serve was incredibly proud of the region and council at the launch.

“Hopefully it will generate more interest in Phillip Island as a destination. There's a lot to offer, not just the natural beauty, there are the businesses and the community that surrounds that. It's a great place!”

The Mayor was also proud of the community's embrace.

“It was just so well received. The community really embraced it; everyone wanted to be involved and they were so generous – the contestants were out and about, and they'd have their photos taken with locals. Scott and Shelley were so generous.”

As Scott exclaimed, it felt like ‘The Truman Show’.

“I'd get out of my car at Woolies and somebody said to the whole island, ‘he's getting out of his car’, action. The whole island said hello! Everyone was so happy for us to be here, and we had a really good time,” Scott said.

“It's been amazing, we've



**The Block contestants with Nine in Six Director, Aidan O'Shannessy. From left, Kylie, Haydn, Brad, Aidan and Ricky. C10\_3324**



**Mayor Le Serve took a moment out of her busy schedule to check out Ricky and Haydn's humble abode. C08\_3324**



**Shelley Craft and Scott Cam were pumped to be back on the set of The Block ahead of the TV launch last night. C07\_3324**

just been embraced. It's always a little nerve-wracking coming into a community – there's a lot of concerns around a big TV show coming into town,” added Executive Producer, Justin Sturzaker.

And it's not all about the show but the impact on businesses, real estate and the community.

“We're going to see a really positive effect from The Block,” Alex Scott & Staff Cowes Director Greg Price said.

“We have already started to see the effects of the promotional material going out during the Olympics, we'll see an increase in inquiries, and I do think that is going to equate to an increase in demand.

“I have met people this last fortnight since the promos have aired, that have told me it's the first time they have been to Phillip Island. They got in the car and came for a drive. The show has a huge audience.

“There is going to be a change in buyer/seller interest, it's already started happening. Also, with the Reserve Bank not putting interest rates up in August, and if we don't get another interest rate rise, we may have seen the market bottom out.”

If you've been waiting to buy, Greg believes now is the time. “Now's probably the time,

there's a fair chance it might be the best time to buy.

“I think (with The Block) there'll be a lot of interest, it's such a juggernaut show. We're all excited to see how it unfolds. And we're all very excited to start to service the new inquiries that come with it.”

Greg Price's remarks are echoed by Destination Phillip Island's Kim Storey.

“The Block will provide invaluable exposure across Australian audiences as well as through the worldwide distribution of the show. We have already seen interest from local markets and as far away as the UK on social platforms,” Kim explained.

“The weekly shows and messaging of the region provide viewers with a stronger awareness of the destination's diversity and experiences. We expect it to highlight some of our more famous experiences and also our less well-known venues. There has already been a lot of positive messaging and storytelling from the show's judges and guests whilst they have been on the Island.”

Leveraging the publicity, Destination Phillip Island has a few content campaigns up their sleeve, however, they don't expect to see a change in visitor dynamics.

“We don't expect a significant change in our visitor

profiles; however, the show will encourage visitors who may have not considered visiting Phillip Island in the past to consider a trip. It will also provide greater awareness in interstate markets where we are unable to market usually.”

Local businesses can jump on board the increased attention by delivering a ‘welcoming service and engagement when visitors want to learn more about the region.’

“Local businesses that have been involved with the show, through hosting show contestants with hospitality and retail offerings have a key opportunity to showcase, share their stories and highlight the connections in their premises and across the socials as the show goes to air each week.

“We would like to share our appreciation for the production team, contestants and all the industry and locals that have come together to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for the show to be produced. It is definitely a reflection of how our region can work together to support projects and opportunities for the greater good.”

And if the Mayor could have her way, The Block will be back in the future in another part of Bass Coast.





Sean Nihill will be performing at Phillip Island Bowling Club on August 18.

## The Blue Two Few take to the island

FORMED in 2011 The Blue Two Few are pianist Fionn O'Sullivan and trumpeter Sean Nihill. They have evolved into an exciting New Orleans inspired trad ensemble performing the classics from the late 1910's to the present.

Sean assures Phillip Island Jazz Secretary, Jill Boyce, that the group will perform at the highest level, and they will be playing great jazz.

What a line-up – Fionn O'Sullivan on piano and vocals, Jim Glasson on alto sax and clarinet, Ralph Whiteoak on tenor sax and clarinet, Steve Temple tuba and double bass, Ben Braithwaite on drums and of course Shaun Nihill on trumpet and vocals.

Venue is at Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes

Entry for Sunday Jazz (2pm – 4.30pm) is \$20 for Jazz Club Members and \$25 for visitors.

For more information, please ring Robin on 0432 814 407 or Jill on 0417 416 300.

# One acts are back for Bruce Crowl

BACK in 2001, at the suggestion of Bruce Crowl, Foster theatre company, FAMDA, staged its first one act play festival.

FAMDA is now about to host its 22nd South Gippsland One Act Play Festival which features, as its major prize, the \$1000 Bruce Crowl Award.

The festival has grown over the years thanks to generous sponsorship provided by the Bendigo Community Bank of Toora, Foster & Welshpool.

The Community Bank sponsorship enables FAMDA to offer enticingly generous prizes to participating theatre groups, and thus a wide variety of plays, plus very low-cost tickets for the audience.

This year's festival will take place on Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, August 25 at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre with eighteen performances on offer, all being judged by experienced Melbourne adjudicator, Richard Keown.

The Young Players Festival launches the event at 9.30am on Saturday morning starting with school groups from Koonwarra, Phillip Island and Glen Waverley, as well as teenage members of Leongatha



Pictured with Bruce Crowl (R), Eldon Sawyers, David Wall and Toni Osborne, members of the victorious 2023 Wonthaggi Theatre Group team, who will be back to defend their title at this year's South Gippsland One Act Play Festival on August 24 and 25.

Lyric Theatre Youth Committee, vying for Llew Vale Community Bank Best Production Awards.

The open age festival gets underway officially at 2.30pm on Saturday afternoon, followed by a 7pm Saturday evening performance which includes local companies, FAMDA and Wonthaggi Theatrical Group.

On Sunday, August 25, plays run from 10.30am in the morning with Melbourne theatre companies taking the spotlight and more plays from 1.30pm featuring theatre groups from Emerald, Lilydale and the Latrobe Valley.

Audience members can book to see either the Young Players Festival or the Open Festival and there is also an option to purchase a Festival Pass at a discounted price with eligibility to see every play.

Entry to the Young Players Festival costs \$8 for adults, children free.

The open festival price is \$12 per day while a Festival Pass is just \$20.

Tickets will be on sale at the door but to reduce congestion in the foyer it is suggested people book online via famda.org.au.

## One man show for FAMDA

HOT on the heels of hosting its 22nd one act play festival, FAMDA is presenting an extraordinary theatrical event drawn from the autobiography of Foster resident, Robert O'Brien.

It's a one man play called 'A Boot Full of Piss', written and performed by Dan Lawrie with direction by Joel Stevenson.

Dan's theatrical talents have been on display in multiple Leongatha Lyric ventures such as directing 'Young Frankenstein', as Don in 'Kinky Boots' and Mr Miles in 'Ladies in Black' plus directing as well as playing Roger De Bris in 'The Producers'.

More recently Dan starred as Lenny in FAMDA's production of 'The Architect'.

While in Foster Dan encountered Robert O'Brien's autobiography, 'A Boot Full of Piss', and was struck by Robert's remarkable life and his amazing resilience.

Dan decided to convert this fascinating story into a play and immediately set about writing the script and preparing himself to bring the character to life.

FAMDA is staging the resultant play at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre on Sunday, September 1 for two performances at 2pm and 7pm with Robert O'Brien himself in the audience.

Tickets are now on sale through Trybooking and with a link from famda.org.au with afternoon tea or supper included in the ticket price.

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Sharon Gordon and Leigh Scales from Vinnies Wonthaggi. B06\_3324



Diane Sorensen and Debra van Rijn support a good cause at the 'It Ends with Us' fundraising night at Leongatha cinema on Thursday. A21\_3324



Leanne Charlton and Val Bickel attend the 'It Ends with Us' fundraiser in Leongatha last week. A22\_3324



Rita Raspa, Trina Monkman and Grace Silva volunteering at the Venus Bay Community Centre Op Shop. B22\_3324



Graham Kelty and Cheryl Barlow volunteering at Vinnies Wonthaggi. B07\_3324



Janette Dalgliesh and Robyn Hughes volunteering at Vinnies Wonthaggi. B08\_3324



Madeline, Aunty Elizabeth Dalton and Marli worked on cultural artwork on Children's Day. C05\_3324



Scotty Cam proudly shows off the bin calendar for zone one after his bin wasn't collected earlier in the year for a month whilst filming The Block. C06\_3324



Yes Youth Hub's Tracey and youth advisory members Sophie and Rya were proud to be part of the Walk for Warmth event on Saturday, August 10. Ns20\_3324

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Volunteers in our communities, 'It Ends with Us' fundraiser, Bass Coast and Inner Gippsland kids, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, The Block, Walk for Warmth in Wonthaggi, Sky Country book launch in Foster and Winterfest Mirboo North.



Jessica, Tracey, Beth, Liz and Geoff were instrumental in planning the Walk for Warmth event. Ns23\_3324



James and Sue were neighbours in Richmond until James moved to Mirboo North in 2020 and invited Sue to town for this year's Winterfest. ob08\_3224



Shyla, Brook and Scott from Dalyston are foodies who were happy to sample many of the culinary delights available at Winterfest. ob06\_3224



Rotary Club of Casey's district videographer Ben Plunkett was there to capture all the action for Walk for Warmth. Ns24\_3324



Rotary's Nicky Chung and Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre's Leslie Adams were proud to kick off Walk for Warmth. Ns25\_3324



Nicole and Richard were busy preparing food items for the Wonthaggi Food Collective. Ns22\_3324



Renowned illustrator Lisa Kennedy signs a copy of Sky Country for a delighted Rosemary Brooks at Atticus Bookshop and Gallery in Foster. Ns26\_3324



Peter and Veronica were happy to support the Walk for Warmth event at Mitchell House. Ns21\_3324

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The property boasts four well-appointed bedrooms, including a luxurious master suite complete with an ensuite and large dressing room. The additional two bedrooms are serviced by a spacious modern bathroom. The fourth bedroom or guest room features its own sitting room and ensuite, offering privacy and versatility.

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Currently tenanted on a month-to-month tenancy agreement with A Grade tenants. Inspections by appointment with ample notice please. Contact Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898 to see it for yourself.

Disclaimer: Whilst every care has been taken in preparing the above information, it is to be used as a guide only. Please refer to the appropriate legal documentation to complete your due diligence.



880m<sup>2</sup>

12 Queen Street, **Korumburra**  
**For Sale \$525,000**  
**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff  
Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898

## Perfect price & perfect location

WELCOME to this stunning residential house located on the south side of Wonthaggi. This charming brick home offers a perfect blend of modern updates and classic features, making it the ideal property for families and developers alike.

Step inside and be captivated by the spacious open plan living area, complete with high ceilings and plenty of natural light. The recently updated kitchen boasts 900mm gas cooking and provides the perfect space for culinary adventures. With three generous bedrooms and a bungalow that can be used as a fourth bedroom, there is ample room for the whole family.

One of the standout features of this property is the amazing enclosed outdoor area, perfect for entertaining friends and family all year round. Complete with a built-in BBQ, this space is ideal for hosting summer barbecues or enjoying a quiet evening under the stars.

Situating on a generous 1357m<sup>2</sup> allotment, this home also offers the convenience of access down the side to a large three bay garage, providing ample storage space for vehicles, tools, or a workshop.

Located on the road to Cape Paterson's stunning beaches, this property offers the perfect combination of suburban convenience and an easy trip to the coast. So don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to own a beautifully renovated home in Wonthaggi.



















1357m<sup>2</sup>

3 Garden Street, **Wonthaggi**  
**For Sale \$560,000**  
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## Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, August 5, 2024

Jersey & Jersey x	\$20 to \$42
Friesian Bulls	\$30 to \$70
Friesian Heifers	\$35 to \$52
Beef Bulls	\$39 to \$180
Beef Heifers	\$40 to \$140

Number of Calves: 435

Number purchased to rear: 84

## DAIRY SALE

Monday, August 19 at 11 am  
VLE Koonwarra Saleyards

**88 Holstein & Holstein/  
Jersey X Cows & Heifers 88**

**A/c WATERSIDE OPERATIONS**

50 - 2yo Holstein & Holstein / Jersey x Heifers. PTIC to Jersey bulls to commence calving August 20 for 6 weeks

**A/c OAKDALE DAIRIES**

30 - Freshly calved Holstein Cows & Heifers

**A/C V YOUNGER**

8 - Holstein Heifers. PTIC to AI Holstein, depastured with Jersey & Holstein Bulls, September calving

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# Intensive dairy industry training: A first for men leaving prison

IN AN Australian first, men at Fulham Correctional Centre nearing the end of their sentences are undertaking intensive dairy industry training in a pilot program offering live-in employment opportunities post-release.

Last Tuesday (August 6), six prisoners from the Nalu minimum-security unit graduated from the second of four Cows Create Careers programs to be held at the correctional centre. This follows the inaugural course held in April this year, with three of the first participants already securing work.

This is the first time the Cows Create Careers program – developed in South Gippsland by the Lions Club of Strezlecki and running in schools nationally since 2004 – has been delivered directly to prisoners to train future dairy industry employees.

The initiative is being facilitated at the privately managed correctional centre under a new partnership between GEO, the Gardiner Foundation, GippsDairy and Jaydee Events.

The program is funded by the Gardiner Foundation and GippsDairy with support from local dairy farmers and dairy industry course facilitators.



Farmer Jason Tharle instructing the group on the farm as part of their dairy industry training.

Throughout the intensive three-week course participants undertake practical and theoretical topics on the dairy industry. These include biosecurity, rearing healthy calves, farm safety, farm technology, and career options.

At Nalu, the men learn how to care for three-week-old calves brought onsite – gaining skills on how to feed, clean, weigh and walk them, as well as completing a health checklist and general maintenance of pens and equipment. Through external site visits, the men learn milking and see first-hand working dairy farms.

Minister for Corrections Enver Erdogan said, “this program offers men in custody a practical opportunity to develop new skills and knowledge of the dairy industry.”

“It’s fantastic that men will leave prison with this enriching experience that can boost their employment opportunities and help reduce their risk of returning to prison,” he said.

Fulham Correctional Centre General Manager Natalie Greenfield said, “we are excited to have been the first correctional centre in Australia to integrate the Cows Create Careers into our vocational education and services

curriculum.

“With one man already living and working on a farm, and two preparing for their release with jobs already secured, this program is already demonstrating its benefits.”

GippsDairy’s Regional Manager, Karen McLennan, said: “It’s been great seeing how engaged and motivated the participants are to learn skills in dairy. This program has the benefit of not only supporting these men to find meaningful, long-term employment but also supporting our farmers by offering a new way of attracting workers to the industry.”

## LARDNER PARK ELDERS AND ALEX SCOTT & STAFF DAIRY SALE

NEXT DAIRY SALE:

**Friday, August 16  
at 11am**

**A/c – Heggart & Hornby – Herd Sold**

9 - Close springing A.I. bred Holstein heifers by Endgame, Shila in calf to Angus

4 - Close springing A.I. bred Aussie Red heifers by Arbcygnet & 252NR11033 in calf to Angus

**A/c – P Fowles**

12 - A.I. Bred Holstein heifers & 2 cows freshly calved & springing to Jersey bull

**A/c – Goldwood Creek Pty Ltd**

10 - Friesian Jersey cross springing cows due 18th August to A.I. Angus Connamara P64

9 - Jersey springing cows due 18th August to A.I. Jersey sexed Broadway

21 - Unjoined Jersey yearling heifers

5 - Unjoined Jersey cross yearling heifers

**A/c – D.Winter (Herd Sold)**

5 - Springing Holstein Heifers by Solomon son in calf to Angus. Extremely well grown in great condition with very good udders.

**ATTENTION FARMERS**

Please ensure all entries are booked in with your agent prior to sale

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**5941 0299**

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Andrew Mumford  
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## Cows create flourishing careers at Moohaven

THE Cows Create Careers program provides a practical and insightful introduction to the Australian dairy industry for Newhaven College’s Year 9 students. Newhaven College’s Year 9 Environmental Centre provides for two calves to be housed on campus, at ‘Moohaven’.

In partnership with MaxCare, Cows Create Careers invites schools across Australia to create an advertisement for the dairy industry. Students study advertising techniques and create promotions for MaxCare. Last year, an advertisement created by two Newhaven students won the \$1000 prize.

“Every year our Year 9 students are given the opportunity to nurture two calves as part of our community program. The experience pairs beautifully with the holistic

Year 9 immersive program focusing on our environment and rural location,” said Elizabeth Hall, Year 9 teacher and program coordinator.

Cows Create Careers, Program Manager, Deanne Kennedy comments “This program educates students on all the different career opportunities available to them in the dairy industry, from working directly with the cows to sales, marketing and advertising. It’s important to introduce this program into schools at a time when students are thinking about their future”.

The highlight for the students is the opportunity to nurture and care for the two calves over a few weeks. Building a relationship with the calves, and watching them flourish is an extraordinary experience for the students.



Year 9 student Annabelle Hart is enjoying the experience of feeding and caring for the calves in her care.

## Dairy Australia announces board shake-up

HARRISVILLE dairy farmer Paul Roderick has been designated as Dairy Australia’s chair-elect.

He will formally step into his role as chair following the Dairy Australia annual general meeting (AGM) on November 26 in Warrnambool.

First elected to the Dairy Australia board in November 2020, Mr Roderick has operated his family dairy farm at Harrisville in south-east Queensland for more than 30 years.

He has held a number of industry roles including chair of Subtropical Dairy and was

involved in establishing the Young Dairy Network in Queensland.

The board also recommended two board nominees to stand for election at the AGM.

Current Dairy Australia chair James Mann will retire from the Dairy Australia board at the 2024 AGM following nine years as a director, including four and a half years as chair.

Mr Roderick thanked Mr Mann for his leadership and impact over his term as chair.

The terms of two directors – the retiring Mr Mann and

Euberta dairy farmer Ms Simone Jolliffe – expire at the AGM, meaning there are two vacancies for the board.

In accordance with its constitution, the board is required to have an appropriate balance of skills and experience that relate to the nature of the business and affairs of Dairy Australia, with at least four directors having milk producer skills.

Both vacancies this year are for directors with milk producer skills.

Two candidates have been recommended by the Board

Selection Committee – Dr James Neal and Ms Simone Jolliffe.

Dairy Australia members will vote for directors at the AGM or in advance via proxy.

To be successfully elected to the vacant director roles, each nominee will require a majority of the votes cast.

All dairy farm business operators are eligible to become members of Dairy Australia and vote at the AGM.

Info about participating in the forum and AGM, as well as instructions for voting, will be provided closer to the date.

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MARKET REPORT

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Light weight steers lift

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded 4900 head at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale in another very good offering in a very strong market. Most of the regular feedlot orders were active with prices for the heavier end of the feeder steers to be firm with the heavy bullocks' firm to a few cents easier to the previous sale.

With the excellent winter conditions throughout South Gippsland and an early spring feel and grass growing local graziers kicked up the pace which resulted in a lift in steer weaner prices of \$50 to \$100 per head with plenty of lighter Angus steer weaners making \$4.40 to \$5.40 to average around \$4.80.

Heifers held steady with a major buyer absent. Xbred and dairy types sold to strong demand. The next sale is Thursday, August 22 at 9am with all agents

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024			
Grown Steers			
Majac 15 Angus	690kg	\$3.53	\$2440
Baillie Bros 15 Angus	611kg	\$3.86	\$2360
Cooper Cape 18 Angus	603kg	\$3.94	\$2380
CJ Sothers 13 Angus	598kg	\$3.94	\$2360
Baillie Bros 15 Angus	588kg	\$4.01	\$2360
Cooper Cape 15 Angus	584kg	\$4.07	\$2380
Francis 16 Angus	558kg	\$4.26	\$2380
Buckland 16 Char	557kg	\$3.85	\$2150
Tarwin Meadow 24 Angus	532kg	\$4.06	\$2160
WR Miller 14 Angus	529kg	\$4.06	\$2150
A&S Oliver 15 Angus	529kg	\$3.96	\$2100
TJ, C & LJ Smirl 11 Angus	519kg	\$3.94	\$2050
C Nunn 15 Hereford	513kg	\$3.82	\$1960
Magna Vista Farm, 77 Angus	510kg	\$4.22	\$2150
Devine 16 Hereford	504kg	\$3.86	\$1950
B & C Beer 11 Angus	493kg	\$3.69	\$1820
PE & NM Garlick 16 Angus	489kg	\$3.82	\$1870
Gaeden 16 Angus	485kg	\$4.32	\$2100
B Cant 20 Hereford	476kg	\$4.69	\$1760
JA Missen 12 Angus	470kg	\$4.38	\$2060
Jones Farms 14 Angus	468kg	\$4.08	\$1910
Gippsland Beef 25 Angus	461kg	\$4.07	\$1880
Gaeden 13 Angus	450kg	\$4.35	\$1960
Bannah 22 Angus	440kg	\$4.34	\$1910
A&S Oliver 25 Angus	438kg	\$4.20	\$1840
R Crooke 18 Angus	435kg	\$4.11	\$1790
Bracecamp 19 Angus	434kg	\$4.30	\$1870

Weaner Steers			
Outtrim 14 Angus	381kg	\$4.14	\$1580
AW & CM O'Mara 22 Angus	380kg	\$4.37	\$1660
B Bermingham 26 Angus	376kg	\$3.67	\$1380
SJ Conway 19 Angus	375kg	\$4.74	\$1780
NE & EF Ripper14 Angus	375kg	\$3.81	\$1430
R & V Lane 18 Angus	361kg	\$4.15	\$1500
D & H Campbell 14 Angus	355kg	\$4.33	\$1540
J & S Kelly 21 Angus	353kg	\$4.47	\$1580
Th Beamish 19 Angus	352kg	\$4.32	\$1520
AW & CM O'Mara 23 Angus	350kg	\$4.74	\$1660
Jasmel 20 Angus	348kg	\$4.59	\$1600
O'Loughlin Farms 21 Angus	344kg	\$4.59	\$1580
D & H Campbell 14 Angus	336kg	\$4.46	\$1500
DA & RD Scott 26 Spk	334kg	\$3.68	\$1230
Pro Viticultural 11 Angus	330kg	\$4.00	\$1320
Jasmel 20 Angus	327kg	\$4.80	\$1570
Harris 26 Angus	324kg	\$5.00	\$1620
J & S Kelly 23 Angus	322kg	\$4.78	\$1540
Katelea 19 Angus	322kg	\$4.72	\$1520
Jasmel 19 Angus	319kg	\$4.70	\$1500
Pocklington 17 Angus x	318kg	\$4.49	\$1430
Mardan Lodge 17 Angus	315kg	\$4.76	\$1500

Heifers			
G Potter 14 BB	517kg	\$3.53	\$1830
D Jelbart 20 Angus & Bb	477kg	\$3.60	\$1720
Moscript 19 Char	458kg	\$3.42	\$1570
M Rice 20 Hereford	451kg	\$3.19	\$1440
RP & PJ Hollonds 11 Hereford	420kg	\$3.30	\$1390
Gippsland Beef 11 Angus	408kg	\$3.23	\$1320
C&F Bills 10 Angus	401kg	\$2.94	\$1180
M Rice 17 Angus & BB	393kg	\$3.30	\$1300
Three Springs 11 Angus	388kg	\$3.14	\$1220
Gippsland Beef 20 Angus	383kg	\$3.47	\$1330
Pearson 20 Angus x	363kg	\$3.36	\$1220
Bennett 10 Angus	362kg	\$3.17	\$1150
J & V Garetto 17 Angus	350kg	\$3.20	\$1120
Allen Ag Services 16 Angus	345kg	\$3.21	\$1110
G Worthy 14 Angus	342kg	\$3.50	\$1200
AW & CM O'Mara 16 Angus	340kg	\$3.50	\$1190
S Barwick 13 Angus	331kg	\$2.71	\$900
RP & PJ Hollonds 12 Hereford	324kg	\$2.90	\$940
Stone 14 Angus	308kg	\$3.79	\$1170
Pocklington 20 Angus X	306kg	\$3.82	\$1170
Allen Ag Services 16 Angus	305kg	\$2.91	\$890

Xbred & Dairy Steers			
J & P O'connor 10 Aa/Ff X	549kg	\$2.91	\$1600
WC & T Warren 24 Freisian	471kg	\$3.01	\$1420
C Scott 12 Freisian	453kg	\$2.58	\$1170
M Thomas 11 Ang/Ff X	515kg	\$3.39	\$1750
GI & LIM Webster 15 H/Ford X	466kg	\$3.60	\$1680

Cows & Calves / Joined			
Cuff 2x2 Angus			\$1980
T Bunn 9x9 Angus X			\$1750
Sampson Ag 9 PTIC Heifers			\$1380



Kate, Beau and Josh Phillips of Heath Hill at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale. A04\_3324



Peter Williams of Archies Creek and Russell Motton of Poowong enjoy catching up for a chat at the Leongatha Store Sale. A05\_3324

Cattle prices on the up

RISING cattle prices were a common topic of conversation at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale at which over 4700 head were available, following the cancellation of the previous scheduled Store Sale a week prior.

"We're talking football because the market was too expensive to buy," Peter 'Dickie' Williams of Archies Creek said, having hoped to pick up some six-month-old Friesian steers to grow out for two years, and striking up a chat with Poowong-based former footy opponent Russell Motton.

As for the prices, Russell observed an increase of between \$50 and \$100 per head compared to the previous Leongatha Store Sale.

"It has been an exceptional winter, very mild," he said.

The pair had plenty to talk about on the football front, with Peter having played in

a premiership for Wonthaggi Blues over Leongatha in 1962, and going on to represent Fitzroy in the then VFL in 1965 and 1966, while Russell coached Korumburra between 1975 and 1977, reaching three grand finals, two of which delivered premierships.

Kate and Josh Phillips farm in Heath Hill, between Lang Lang and Drouin, and are looking at buying feeder cattle at some point, checking out Thursday's sale to see how prices are going.

"The market's pretty good if you are selling," Kate said.

Brian McCormack of Nutrien, the new vice president of the South Gippsland Stock Agents Association summed up the overall prices achieved.

"They've taken another step up today and I would suggest that a lot of the cattle would be another \$100 to \$150 dearer, without sitting there

working it out," he said.

Prices have improved across the board he explained.

"When your better-bred cattle get dearer, it brings the others up with them, and because the fat market is dearer, on a Tuesday, that also brings the bottom end cattle up because it all goes into grinding beef, so it pushes the whole market up," Brian said.

As for Store Sale prices on Thursday, he outlined some Nutrien highlights, beginning with heavier steers.

Fifteen 20-month-old steers from Baillie Brothers in Tyers, weighing an average of 611 kilos, fetched \$2360 each at \$3.86 per kilo, with another pen of 15 Angus steers from that supplier, averaging 588 kilos, also selling for \$2360 per head at \$4.01 per kilo.

Twenty-two Angus calves, coming in at an average of

380 kilos, from A W and C O'Mara of Glengarry brought \$1660 or \$4.37 a kilo, with another pen of 23 calves from that source, averaging 350 kilos each, going at the same price per head, equating to \$4.74 per kilo.

As for heifers, 14 Black Baldies, averaging 517 kilos, from Yallourn's G. Potter went for \$1830 a head at \$3.54 a kilo, while 20 Angus and Black Baldy heifers averaging 477 kilos, from D. Jelbart in Tarwin, sold for \$1720 a head at \$3.61 per kilo.

Brian looks forward to seeing what happens at the next Leongatha Store Sale on August 22 in terms of rainfall in the meantime and where the prices go.

Rohan McRae of Elders also observed prices are on an upward cycle, verging on what they were a couple of years ago, but said it is uncertain how high they will go.

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Dane Perczyk - Livestock Manager	0408 176 063	Rob Ould - Livestock Manager	0408 595 183
		David Holden	0428 749 390
		Alan Bolding	0419 723 255
		Dale Atherton	0428 888 300
WARRAGUL		PAKENHAM	
Neil Darby - Livestock Manager	0418 595 265	David Setches - Livestock Manager	0409 443 473
Terry Ahearn	0438 562 816	Glenn Barwick	0408 975 476
Jordan Sim	0448 058 435	Morgan Croucher	0457 001 877
Mark Malacarne	0418 654 590	Tim Gibson	0420 306 599

Real Estate Sales

KORUMBURRA		LEONGATHA		MELBOURNE LAND	
Scott McKenzie	0427 552 898	Andrew Newton	0402 940 320	Matt Koster	0474 781 711
		Peter Dwyer	0428 855 244	COWES	
WONTHAGGI		Emily Hillberg	0422 622 299	Greg Price	0419 337 441
Phillip Hanley	0417 140 508	Tony Giles	0407 528 192	Maree Malloy	0408 316 715
Cal Nation	0439 334 163	Dan Huther	0418 334 801	Chase Watters	0423 272 819
Mick Chambers	0418 349 783				
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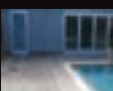
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A very special auntie to all her nieces and nephews.  
  
Wonderful family memories of our years growing up together.

CLARKE,  
Kerry Lyn:  
1972 - 2024.  
  
Passed away on August 3, 2024.  
  
Beloved wife of Shane, and much-loved mother of Tyron and Tahnee.  
  
Daughter of Allan (dec.) and Rosemary, and stepdaughter of Joe. Sister of Sharon (dec.), Shane (dec.), Lisa, Tracey (dec.) and Tammy. Daughter-in-law of Bob and Val (dec.). Sister-in-law of Paul and Nikki, Leanne and Brett, Shelley and Craig, and Peter.  
  
Deeply loved aunt to many nieces and nephews.

DEATHS

DYKE,  
Shirley Joyce:  
Passed away peacefully on Monday August 5, 2024.  
  
Aged 85 years.  
  
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GERBES,  
Lorraine Rose:  
15.04.1945 - 04.08.2024.  
  
Passed away at home with Henk by her side.  
  
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Devoted Grandie and Great Grandie.

GERBES,  
Lorraine:  
  
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Thank you for all of it and more.  
  
Love Chloe, Cam, Chem and Adelaide.

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JONES,  
Peter:  
  
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SYMONDS,  
Hayden Craig:  
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DEATHS

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Laurence “George”:  
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Eira, David and Roxanne, Gary, Jan, and family wish to thank friends in the town and district for their expressions, cards, letters and floral tributes, following the death of their loved husband, and father Don Thomson.  
  
Special thanks to Dr Paul Connell and staff at B.C.H hospital, for all their care.  
  
Please accept this as a token of our sincere gratitude.

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Lifeline

HELP IS AS CLOSE AS THE TELEPHONE

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Wonthaggi Mixed Pool  
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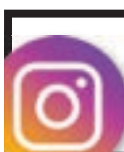
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For a position description or further information, please phone 5655 2524, email to [manager@milpara.org.au](mailto:manager@milpara.org.au) or download the information - <http://milparacommunityhouse.org.au/wp-content/uploads/PD-Facility-Manager-August-2024.pdf>

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Part Time - Aged Care

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There are a number of expected legislative changes expected to be enacted during the appointment period, and it will be contingent on the appointee to lead their implementation to the timeframe as laid down by the applicable regulations, and to continue the implementation of any changes that may have been started before the appointment period.

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This initiative is part of Council's adopted 2023/24 Capital Works Program and is generously funded through the Federal Government Black Spot Program, with a budget of approximately \$350,000.

"Road safety is a top priority for Council, and the Blackspot Improvement Works on Nyora-St.Helier Road are a vital part of our commitment to protecting our community" said Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Clare Le Serve.

"These upgrades will make a significant difference in reducing accidents and ensuring that everyone who travels these roads can do so more safely. I am grateful for the support from the Federal Government Black Spot Program, which allows us to make these critical improvements. Together, we can create safer roads for all."

Council understand that these works may cause some inconvenience, and appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. Council's contractor will strive to minimise disruptions to road users and residents. To ensure the safety of all road users, appropriate traffic control measures will be in place throughout the duration of the works.

For more information and to stay up to date with project progress, please visit [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/nyora-blackspot](http://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/nyora-blackspot).

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## Sentinel-Times



# Rabobank Australia Opens 2025 graduate program for agri careers

UNIVERSITY graduates passionate about agriculture are being offered the opportunity to commence their careers with Rabobank, with the opening of applications for the specialist agribusiness bank's 2025 graduate program.

Since commencing its formal graduate program in 2023, the bank has launched the careers of a range of university graduates across the country, in locations spanning from Sydney to Geraldton in regional Western Australia.

Rabobank is now offering places for graduates from around Australia to join the bank early next year, beginning with a formal 18-month graduate program, which kicks off in February 2025.

The world's leading specialist food and agribusiness bank, Rabobank is one of Australia's largest agricultural lenders and a major provider of business and corporate banking services to the country's food and agribusiness sector.

Rabobank Group Executive, Chief HR Officer Belinda Webber said the program offered graduates the opportunity to pursue meaningful careers with a global agricultural leader.

"Program participants have the opportunity to gain skills, knowledge, and experience while working across one of Australia's leading agricultural and financial institutions," she said.

Recently recognised by the Australian Association of Graduate Employers as one of the Top Graduate Employers in 2024, the bank is seeking graduates for its 2025 program in a range of business areas including rural banking, sustainability, risk management, technology, operations, legal, business transformation



Some of Rabobank's current graduate program cohort, Jesse Nichols, Moni Lambert, Grace Bowd, Angus Keeble and Milly Bell.

and finance across a variety of regional and metropolitan locations.

Ms Webber said each graduate would rotate across a range of areas within their chosen function as part of the program.

"The program aims to offer significant career development prospects and foster growth in graduates' chosen fields of interest, while also providing an opportunity to be part of Rabobank's inclusive and adaptable work environment," she said.

To help accelerate career development, each graduate would be matched with a senior leader within the Rabobank business to act as their mentor throughout the program. Graduates would also have the opportunity for regional and, potentially, international travel.

"All graduates spend time at a rural or regional branch in Australia – including locations such as Dubbo, Emerald, Geraldton, Moree, Toowoomba and Warragul," Ms Webber said.

"Through this crucial customer-facing experience, individuals gain a deeper appreciation and better understanding of Rabobank's distinctive a

pproach to supporting our clients."

She said since its inception, the graduate program has successfully served as a valuable avenue for attracting, nurturing, and retaining talented young individuals within the bank.

University of New England graduate Grace Bowd joined the bank's 2024 program intake and says she can attest to the career path opportunities offered.

Ms Bowd – who grew up on a farm near Maitland, in New South Wales – has completed her first program rotation with Rabobank in Armidale, NSW, and is now heading to Adelaide for her next placement.

"A highlight of the graduate program has been the level of support provided," she said.

"The new graduates are matched with a 'grad-buddy' from the previous cohort – who provide guidance and regular support throughout the program. In addition to being matched with a buddy, we are also paired with a senior leader within the Rabobank team who provides mentorship and helps elevate our skills and abilities and also gain a broader understanding of the agricultural sector."

Angus Keeble – another of the 2024 graduate cohort – feels he has learned more since commencing the program than at any other point in his life.

"It's been an amazing learning opportunity – professionally and personally," he said.

"Having the opportunity to go out on farm to meet clients and talk about their operation, future goals and succession plans has been a very rewarding and knowledge bearing activity," he said. "Spending time with clients has expanded my understanding of the industry greatly and the role the bank plays in assisting clients as a financial institution focused on agribusiness."

"Agriculture has always been a passion of mine, fostered by spending time on the family farm at Bullengarook, in the Macedon Ranges region."

Applications for the Rabobank Australian Graduate Program will close on August 23 with places offered to the successful candidates in November and commencing in February 2025.

Further information about Rabobank's Australian Graduate Program is available at [rabobank.com.au/careers/graduate-program/](http://rabobank.com.au/careers/graduate-program/)



Bee Friendly Farming has opened another round of its popular Tree Grants to farmers and land managers with plant pollinator friendly and indigenous trees on their properties.

## Tree Grants now open

BEE Friendly Farming's popular Tree Grants are back for another round, with farmers across the country being supported to plant more trees for bees.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to farmers and land managers to plant pollinator-friendly trees that are indigenous to their farms, with Bee Friendly Farming providing farmers and land managers with \$1 for every tree planted, thanks to grant partner One Tree Planted.

The program is administered by Wheen Bee Foundation, and CEO Fiona Chambers said the Tree Grants support pollinators while also benefitting farmers.

"The Bee Friendly Farming Tree Grants program is a great opportunity to give landholders an extra incentive to expand their tree planting and provide habitat and diverse floral resources to support pollinators," Ms Chambers said.

"The grants are one way the Bee Friendly Farming program supports and empowers landholders to manage their land in a way that both supports pollinators and enhances yields from crops."

To receive a Tree Grant, farms must be certified with Bee Friendly Farming.

The grants, which start at \$1000, more than cover certification costs, making it both good for the environment and a sound business investment.

This is the third year the Tree Grants have been offered.

So far, 33 Bee Friendly Farming Certified landholders across five states have been approved for grants totalling more than \$81,000 to plant pollinator-friendly trees.

"The grant program has far exceeded our expectations in terms of area of certified land, coverage across Australia and the range of farmer enterprises signing up to be certified," Ms Chambers said.

"To date the grant funding is helping establish 92ha of pollinator habitat and that number continues to grow."

One Tree Planted supports reforestation projects across the globe.

Last year, the nonprofit planted more than 51 million trees across nearly 400 projects in 72 countries.

Each project is managed in partnership with local communities for a range of objectives from forest fire recovery to wildlife habitat expansion.

One Tree Planted Asia Pacific Regional Director Beth Dalglish said the organisation is keen to continue the partnership and help increase biodiversity on farms and beyond.

"We're happy to play a role in encouraging food producers to prioritise pollinators and support the planting of locally native trees to attract bees and other beneficial insects," Ms Dalglish said.

Successful applicants will receive a contribution of \$1 per tree planted, with grants between \$1000 and \$10,000 available.

Larger grant requests will be considered.

Applications must be received on or before 5pm AEST on Tuesday, September 10.

To be eligible to apply for these Tree Grants, farms must either be a Bee Friendly Farming Certified farm or have a Bee Friendly Farming Certified application submitted and pending approval by the tree grant closing date.

Apply for Tree Grants at [www.beefriendlyfarming.org.au/tree-grants-application](http://www.beefriendlyfarming.org.au/tree-grants-application).

Apply to become Bee Friendly Farming certified at [www.beefriendlyfarming.org.au/categories/bff-certified](http://www.beefriendlyfarming.org.au/categories/bff-certified).

For more information email [info@bee-friendlyfarming.org.au](mailto:info@bee-friendlyfarming.org.au).

# Hakui students take in the Aussie lifestyle

STUDENTS from Japan's Hakui High School enjoyed their Australian experience last week.

Arriving in Wonthaggi on Saturday, August 3, the 25 students spent five nights with host families from Bass Coast College.

"They loved the home stay and really enjoyed themselves," Bass Coast College's Japanese teacher Kenji Misawa said.

"One of the great things about this program is the depth of the relationships they get by doing the home stays, particularly for some of our students who went to Japan last year. They are hosting the same students now, so they knew each other before they came here."

The students have kept in contact with each other all year via social media.

The Hakui students were able to experience life in Australia with their host families and joined their Bass Coast College friends for classes on Monday through to Wednesday.

As well as observing regular classes, they joined the Bass Coast College students



Students from Bass Coast College and Hakui High School crafted boomerangs in woodwork on Tuesday morning.

in making boomerangs during woodwork and meat pies in home economics.

They also experienced some wonderful excursions to Coal Creek, Maru Koala and Animal Park, and Philip Island Cape Cruise.

"They had a great experience,

and it was good practice for their English skills," Mr Misawa said.

"We'd like to thank the community so much for the warm welcome given to the students."

Bass Coast College and Hakui High School have

been running this program for 20 years.

COVID-19 restrictions caused a hiatus, but the program is certainly set to continue with plans already in the works for the Bass Coast College students to travel to Japan next year.



Darts tournament delivers thrilling showdowns

MONDAY night saw the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League deliver more drama than a soap opera, with arrows flying faster than your nan after spotting a half-price sale at the local bakery.

The night kicked off with the Vikings squaring off against the Riverboys in what can only be described as a modern-day Viking raid. Paul, the Vikings' very own Thor, smashed in a 180 like it was nothing, sending the crowd (okay, a couple of teammates) into a frenzy. The Riverboys fought valiantly, but in the end, it was the Vikings who pillaged the win, sneaking a 4-3 victory in the last contest.

Meanwhile, the Breakers seem to have discovered some secret sauce, absolutely dismantling the Jaggers with a 6-1 thrashing. This victory catapulted the Breakers into the top four, where they plan to hang out like the cool kids they clearly are. Jaggers, on the other hand, are probably contemplating what to do next to regain some form!

Over on the next board, Storm narrowly avoided being stung by Joe's Hornets, eking out a 4-3 win in a match that left spectators buzzing (pun absolutely intended). Hornets' captain was last seen muttering something about "next week being our week," but sources confirm the exact same statement was made last week.

And in the night's final showdown, That's All delivered exactly that to The Mustangs with a 6-1 shellacking. However, not all was lost for The Mustangs, as Les walked away with the night's most prestigious prize – no, not the match win, but the San Remo Butchers' meat tray raffle. Les was last seen triumphantly hoisting his winnings above his head, looking every bit the champion despite the scoreboard saying otherwise.

As we hurtle toward the last week of the regular season, the stakes couldn't be higher. That's All has the bye, meaning they can kick back and watch the chaos unfold. For the rest of the teams, it's do-or-die as they scramble for those precious spots in the finals.

Next Monday promises to be another nail-biter, so make sure your darts are sharp and your reflexes sharper – things are about to get wild!

South Gippsland Bridge

- AUGUST 6 at Wonthaggi RSL:
- In the master points:
  - First: Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles 56.94 per cent.
  - Second: Alan Johnston and Lois Dwyer 56.08.
  - Third: Faye Rowlands and Julie Perriam 54.63.
  - Fourth: Ruth Harvey and Sue Edwards 54.17.
  - Fifth: John French and Debbie Anglim 52.78.
- August 9 at Inverloch Angling Club:
- First: Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 57.81.
  - Second: Kathy Dowd and Anne Somerville 56.77.
  - Third: John Quayle and Matti Shub 56.52.
  - Fourth: Julie and Ian McPhee 54.69.
  - Fifth: Carol Sowden and Mary Brewis 51.56.

Cup for the next generation of groms



A new, all-grommet, family -orientated event is set to be held on the Surf Coast. Photo: Ange Zorica / Surfing Victoria.

THE Victorian Micro Groms Cup presented by Surf Better Now is set to launch on the Surf Coast offering the next generation of surf stars an opportunity to surf against their peers and experience their first surf competition.

Held at Torquay Point on November 9 and 10 the event will have divisions from under 8 part-assist all the way to the Under 14 boys' and girls' divisions.

The all-grommet, family-orientated event is all about providing a fun, competitive environment with a focus on introducing competitors to the structure of a professionally run surfing contest.

Surfing Victoria CEO Adam Robertson is excited to see the next generation of surfers get an opportunity to surf in their

first ever event.

"This event is a fantastic introduction to surfing competition and a key part of our surfing development pathway," said Robertson.

"It is all about having fun, meeting new people and surfing some great waves. I'm looking forward to seeing all of the new surfers coming through and having an epic weekend."

Competitors will also walk away from the weekend with heaps of prizes from event partners and plenty of stoke heading into summer!

Entries are set to open on August 12 via [surfingvic.com/events](http://surfingvic.com/events)

The Victorian Micro Groms Cup is a 4500-point rated event on the Surfing Australia Junior Series (U12 and U14 only).

SGB swimmers dive in for a spectacular fourth



The team relaxes between races.



SGB dives in.



11 and Under boys get ready to backstroke.



The 12- and 13-year-olds get ready to race their individual medley events.



Levi celebrates at his first countries.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY August 13	
▲	5.27am 1.48m
▼	11.03am 0.74m
▲	5.15pm 1.51m
▼	11.28pm 0.45m

WEDNESDAY August 14	
▲	6.11am 1.46m
▼	11.40am 0.80m
▲	5.48pm 1.46m

THURSDAY August 15	
▼	12.01am 0.45m
▲	7.01am 1.43m
▼	12.18pm 0.88m
▲	6.25pm 1.41m

FRIDAY August 16	
▼	12.39am 0.45m
▲	8.00am 1.40m
▼	1.02pm 0.95m
▲	7.08pm 1.36m

SATURDAY August 17	
▼	1.24am 0.45m
▲	9.05am 1.39m
▼	1.57pm 1.00m
▲	8.06pm 1.32m

SUNDAY August 18	
▼	2.23am 0.46m
▲	10.15am 1.40m
▼	3.08pm 1.02m
▲	9.20pm 1.30m

MONDAY August 19	
▼	3.36am 0.44m
▲	11.23am 1.45m
▼	4.28pm 0.97m
▲	10.45pm 1.32m

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The SGB Swim team at the Championships.

# SGB swimmers dive in for a spectacular fourth

IT WAS a jam-packed weekend for the SGB crew as they headed to Traralgon for the 2024 Country Short Course Championships.

A record 68 swimmers achieved qualifying times to compete, making SGB the third-biggest team at the meet and the purple caps of SGB were frequently seen heading up and down the pool. Swimmers ranged from under 11s to the open section competing in a range of distances and strokes.

SGB once again showed they are one of the powerhouse clubs of regional Victoria, finishing a close fourth behind Ballarat Gold, Traralgon and Geelong. The team score, the highest yet, was a real team effort with the points being earned by a range of swimmers giving their best, instead of a select few winning all the events.

There was always excitement on Day 1 as the swimmers competing for their first countries were presented with their country caps to wear for the first time by team captains at the morning team meeting.

Racing kicked off early Saturday morning, continuing through the day and finishing with relays. The crew were back early on Sunday again with a full day. The meet, with 585 swimmers from clubs right across regional Victoria, was a busy one with many families from throughout the state descending for the weekend.

SGB featured regularly on the podium, as well as in the top eight. The event, hosted by Gippsland Swimming, meant many of the younger SGB swimmers were in attendance helping to hand out the medals, dreaming that one day it would be them. It was an invaluable experience for many, with coaches giving feedback to swimmers for them to take on board and work on before the State Short Course Age Championships next month.

"I've been looking at how much the club has grown," said coach Dylan. "Eleven years ago we had eight swimmers and now it's 68. This year, many of our swimmers have gone up to the next age section so it's tough for them to compete against those older than them, but they have focused on their efforts and as a consequence, we have one of the highest percentages of personal bests achieved as a result. This puts them in a good spot for States."

"There is a fantastic group of young swimmers coming through, all so excited to be at countries and swimming, no longer just cheering on their older siblings and the enthusiasm is contagious. It puts us all in good spirits."

Coach Caiden said, "It was a great weekend of racing, the kids had a great mindset – bouncing back if it didn't go to plan in their races to do some great personal bests in the following events."

Coach Lori. "I always love seeing the kids who I first had learning how to tumble turn that have worked their way through junior development squads to racing here on the big stage for the first time. They were amazing. They know that just being here is the first step and I look forward to seeing them continue on this racing journey."

"The other highlight has been seeing the two multi-class relay teams we have competing and winning our first medal in this section. There are not always as many opportunities for them, so it's wonderful that they are getting a chance to compete in these ways."

Coach Sam was pleased with the spirit of the club. "There was so much support for each other, which really helped everyone. I saw some great results for swimmers too."

## Results

Bec Barclay, 6th 400m Freestyle, 6th 100m Freestyle, 4th 200m Freestyle

Asha Chalmers, 8th 100m Butterfly, 6th 200m Butterfly

Gemma Cook, 2nd 50m Breaststroke 2nd 50m Butterfly, 2nd 50 Backstroke, 1st 50m Freestyle, 1st 100m Freestyle, 2nd 100m IM

Bel Croatto, 7th 100m Butterfly, 5th 100m IM, 7th 100m Breaststroke, 8th 200m Freestyle

Claudia Croatto, 5th 200m Breaststroke, 8th 100m Freestyle, 4th 100m Breaststroke

Emily Croatto, 5th 100m Breaststroke

Tomei Dal Pozzo, 5th Freestyle, 7th 50m Breaststroke, 4th 50m Butterfly, 5th 100m IM, 6th 50m Backstroke, 8th 100m Freestyle

Byron Doran, 7th 50m Butterfly

Billy Fisher, 4th 100m Breaststroke

Maggie Fisher, 8th 100m Freestyle, 2nd 100m Backstroke

Cormac Flynn, 2nd 200m Breaststroke

Caiden Gill, 1st 50m Freestyle, 4th 200m Freestyle, 5th 50 Butterfly, 2nd 100m Freestyle

Josh Hunt, 7th 200m Butterfly

Sienna Hunt, 8th 200m Backstroke, 3rd 200m Butterfly, 4th 200m, 4th 200IM

Levi Jarrett, 3rd 50m Breaststroke, 3rd 50m Freestyle, 4th 50m Backstroke

Ethan Lynch, 4th 50m Breaststroke

Isabella Lynch, 2nd 100m Breaststroke

Rahni Matheson, 8th 100m Freestyle, 2nd 100m IM, 4th 200m Breaststroke, 1st 100m Breaststroke, 4th 100m backstroke

Sienna Matheson, 2nd 100m Breaststroke

Dylan Muir, 4th 50m Freestyle, 7th 50m Breaststroke, 7th 50m Butterfly

Trinity O'Keefe, 4th 50m Freestyle, 5th 200m Freestyle, 8th 100 IM

Josie Richer 5th 50m Breaststroke

Miah Roberts, 2nd 200m Backstroke, 2nd 100m Backstroke, 4th 400m Freestyle, 3rd 200m IM

Jemma Rump, 7th 200m Freestyle

Zac Sherar, 8th 100m Butterfly, 6th 100m IM, 4th 400m Freestyle, 3rd 100m Freestyle, 2nd 200m Freestyle, 3rd 100 Breaststroke

Will Simmons, 6th 100m Backstroke, 6th 100m Freestyle, 8th 200m Freestyle

Archie Smyth, 5th 100m Freestyle, 4th 100m Backstroke, 5th 100m IM, 7th 100m Breaststroke, 6th 200m Freestyle

13 and under: Mixed Medley Relay Team A 3rd, B 8th, Freestyle Relay A team 3rd, B team 8th

14 and over: Mixed Medley Relay Team A 3rd, B 8th, Freestyle Relay A team 3rd

Mixed Ability Relay 3rd Team B, 4th Team A, Mixed Ability Relay Freestyle 2nd

## SGB team

Madison Andreatta, Emma Barclay, Bec Barclay, Max Brocklesby, Rex Brocklesby, Asha Chalmers, Nyah Chapman, Tully Chapman, Gemma Cook, Angus Cousens, Emily Croatto, Bel Croatto, Claudia Croatto, Tomei Dal Pozzo, Molly Dettbarn, Byron Doran, Billy Fisher, Maggie Fisher, Cormac Flynn, Daisy Giliam-Rodda, Caiden Gill, Josh Hunt, Sienna Hunt, Holly Hurst, Levi Jarrett, Kiarnah Kranen, Amalia Löfgren, Ava Lucas, Hannah Lucas, Kai Lumsden, Ethan Lynch, Isabella Lynch, Rahni Matheson, Sienna Matheson, Tayah Matheson, Neka McKenzie, Sophie McKenzie, Harper McRae, Lacey McRae, Ruby McRae, Finn Middleton, Anna Mileto, Dylan Muir, Hugh Munro, Bayley Nicholas, Trinity O'Keefe, Brooklyn Packer, Mitchell Packer, Lachie Paterson, Zoe Paterson, Georgia Perry, Maddison Pocklington, Cooper Quaife, Josie Richer, Miah Roberts, Georgia Rump, Jemma Rump, Zac Sherar, Will Simmons, Aidan Smyth, Archie Smyth, Lara Smyth, Darby Smyth, Jarrah Tagell, Jedda Tagell and Mason Wiggins.



SGB secured fourth overall in the Country Short Courses Championships.



Mya, Leo and Austin helped Swim Victoria President Michelle Harris with the medal presentations.



14 and Over A team bronze medallists.



Mixed ability medley relay team.





Monday's Breakaway Bowls winners were Pat Novak, Brian Newman and Jenny Bakker.



Winners of Foster Bowls Club's August Winter Triples was the Wonthaggi team of Caroline, Dianne and skipper Marty.



Winners of the social bowls at Inverloch on Thursday, August 8, were Graeme Dunlop, Terry Seaward and Peter Gentsch.



Foster Bowls Club's lucky wine draw went to Brian Humphries (left) and his team from Inverloch.



Margaret Morgan, John Stewart and Janet Ellsworth were the Breakaway Bowls winners on Friday.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday winners were Ken Webb, Heather Blanch and Allan Bolding.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

THERE was another great turn-up for bowls on Monday with 21 eager bowlers enjoying a lot of laughs and social interaction. The winners were Pat Novak, Brian Newman and Jenny Bakker with plus +22. A new member was also welcomed to the club. The club continues to grow, which is amazing. The positive feedback coming from the community is great. Another 19 bowlers turned out to enjoy the laughter and fellowship with one new member. The day was won by Margaret Morgan, John Stewart and Janet Ellsworth with a score of + 16. Well done to all concerned. See you all on Monday and Friday at Cape Paterson Community Centre at 1pm.

FOSTER

THE club had a ripper of a day for its August Winter Triples. There was a full green of 14 teams once again. Everyone enjoyed the day. The sponsors for the day were Alex and Bev Crouch and Oakley's White, Foster – as always a big thank you to the sponsors. The winners for the day were the Wonthaggi team of Caroline, Dianne and Marty, being the only three game-winners. Five teams were vying for runners-up. The prizes went to the Morwell team of Morris, Ron and John with 39 points. A draw from the remaining teams' cards was made for the prize of the bottles of wine. The winners were Brian Humphries and the team from Inverloch.

The first of the Summer Triples will kick off on Thursday, September 12, with a 9.30am start. Wear a uniform or bowls-approved attire. Names into Noleen, 0427 928 542. The club looks forward to seeing you all then. A small group have regularly turned up for the Saturday social bowls, enjoying some nice sunny afternoon rolls. This will continue till Pennant starts, so come along and join them. Names into the club by 12.30pm for a 1pm start, 5682 2061.

INVERLOCH

ANOTHER fine day in Inverloch last Thursday (August 8) saw 36 bowlers engage in two, three-bowl triples matches of 10 ends each and whilst the scoring reverted to the usual 10 points for the win plus one point for each end won, the skips had the luxury of also having three bowls. The fine conditions, but with a slight breeze which was quite fickle in direction at times, resulted in three teams registering wins in both of their matches, and whilst there was a clear-cut winner, the match committee had to revert to shots-up to separate the minor placings. Third place on the podium went to the team of John Duthie (skip), Yvonne Kee (third) and Richard Huntriss (lead) with wins of 10/9 and 14/10, scoring 31 points with five shots up. Outpointing them and occupying second place on the podium were Richard Cove (skip), Jon Justin (third) and Carol Thorn (lead), with wins of 14/6 and 16/8, scoring 31 points also, but 16 shots-up. Taking the top step on the podium, with wins of 17/4 and 10/6 and scoring 32 points was the team of Terry Seaward (skip), Graeme Dunlop (third) and Peter Gentsch (lead). Jim Haydon served up a hot chicken soup which was well received by all at the lunch break – thanks Jim. President Terry Seaward updated everyone present with respect to the club hosting musicians from the annual Inverloch Jazz Festival. Despite the clubrooms not being available to members on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the club saw a net profit of around \$2000, which was an excellent result. According to all reports, the place was jumping on Saturday, especially around 8pm when 'Shiraz' was on stage. The club would like to thank the volunteers who readily gave of their time to ensure that all that entered the building on Saturday and Sunday were well looked after. Thank you, Jim Haydon, Karen Orford, Liz Jacobs and all the bar staff for a wonderful job. Terry also mentioned that Thursday, September 5, is the

club's season-opening day and to make sure that you put your names down for bowls on the day, which he promised would be something special. Weekend Pennant practice matches have been arranged, one with Tarwin on September 14 and with Wonthaggi on October 5 with another in the pipeline in between those two dates. The club would like to register as many teams as possible so if you are at all interested in representing your club in either the midweek or weekend competitions please register on the sheets in the clubrooms. Terry mentioned that there would be a barefoot competition at the club in the near future so watch this space for further information closer to the event. Friday, August 9, was the club's membership draw evening and due to Craig Selby taking out the \$260 jackpot at the last draw, the jackpot had reverted back to \$100. Randomly, membership number 239 was drawn and unfortunately, Amy Turner was not present so the jackpot will increase to \$120 for the next draw which will be on Friday, August 23. Do not forget you must be present to claim the jackpot. Other winners on the night were Major Lucky envelopes; Huie Nation and Ivy Shephard, First Pick of the Table; Faye Smallman, while the Leongatha RSL meal voucher went to Nic Van Grunsven. The club thanks both Terrys, Seaward, and Orford, as well as Karen Orford and Lorraine Seaward for their work in the kitchen on the evening and not forgetting Bruce Corrigan behind the bar with Judy Parker selling the tickets. The emcees Bob Plowright and Bill Massier did a sterling job making sure that everything ran smoothly. Thank you one and all. The fortnightly roast will be back this coming Friday evening, August 16, with Neil as the emcee for the evening.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

LANG Lang was the host for Thursday's weekly competition. The bowlers were greeted by Pauline and John, who signed

everyone in, as Peter and Clair S arranged the teams. Forty-nine of the clan turned up which, for such a winter day, was a pleasure to see. When they went out to start, they were greeted by a rather cold day with a hint of both sun and wind. Little did they know that the wind was going to increase across the day and affect a lot of the games. However, all the bowlers seemed to be having fun, as laughter reigned across the green, with the usual banter between the players. Great to see a lot of the "newer" players rise to the challenge of the weather and teach some of the long-time players how it was done. But, as usual, the cream does rise to the top and the winners on a score of 35 were Michael Dady (S), Frank D'Unienville (3), Alan Weeden (L) and Pauline McWilliams (2). Runners-up on a score of 33 were Wayne Stevens (3), Peter Thorley (L) and Luke Monckton (S). The best one-game winners on 23 points were Ken Harding (S), Elaine Williams (L) and David Talbot (3). Once again, the group would like to thank Peter, Pauline, John and Clair for arranging all the players. Also thank you to Marianne, Colin and Clair N for looking after the thirsty bowlers, and not to forget Vern and David for preparing the green, as well as Bev, Clair N, David, Laurie and Vern. Next week, the bowlers will be heading to Corinella and look forward to playing there following their recent renovations. So, if everyone could be on site by 10am to allow the selectors time to prepare the teams. Till then, stay safe and have fun.

WONTHAGGI

WEDNESDAY was a perfect day with full sun and little wind. Thirty-one bowlers graced the greens over two games of 10 ends. There was only one team that was a two-game winner. That team consisted of Ken Webb, John Hill and Guilio Marcolongo with a score of two wins and 35 points. The runners-up were Frank Seaton, Ken Gage and Amanda

Gray with a score of one win and a draw. Saturday was also a perfect day for bowls, which in turn brought out the bowlers. A total of 38 graced the greens. Three teams were two game-winners, with the Duscher team being the unlucky team. The winners were a team of three, Ken Webb, Heather Blanch and Alan Bolding with a score of two wins and 33 points. The runners-up, also a team of three, were Colin Binch, Frank Cimino and John Kappler with a score of two wins and 32 points. Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm. Friday night is going from strength to strength with good numbers of members, as well as a good number of visitors. Once again, a big thanks to the people that make it happen. The members' draw is still going up, which would be very nice to win. You have to be there to claim the money, with the draw at 6pm. Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

WITH the warmer weather this week, numbers are increasing with a total of 43 players competing. Tuesday's winners with a plus 12 were Jean Wylde, Maggie Scapin, Max Sweetnam and Bill Featherson. Runners up on plus 10 were Sylvia Mattock, Jim Rodhi, Fred Demenech and Philip Fowler. Friday's winners on plus 14 were Lia Smith, Helen Rook, Jim Wilson and John Postlethwaite. Runners up on plus six were Jeannie Slocombe, Fred Demenech and Bill Featherson. On Wednesday night, United had its monthly supper night – amazing food as usual, thank you to all the ladies. The aggregate winners for the month were Max Sweetnam for the men and Judy Sweetnam for the ladies. If anybody would like to join the club, please ring Jeannie on 0438 719 082 or John on 0425 774 971.





Catherine Bolding, Pam Hanley and Irene Walsh were the grade winners at Wonthaggi Golf Club, with Pam also winning the Monthly Medal.



Winner of Woorayl Golf Club's August Monthly Medal Jenny Riseley with runner up Ann Poole.



Leongatha Golf Club's Stableford competition winner Else Gedy and August Monthly Medallist Anna de Bondt.



Last Wednesday, Korumburra's Kerri Besley was runner-up and also had the best Scratch Score and Lynette McIvor was the grade winner and Monthly Medallist.

FOSTER

ON Saturday, the club had a two-ball Ambrose event with the pairing of Chris Buckland and Justin Dubignon winning with the amazing score of 59.75 net.

Chris continued his recent great form by also taking out three of the nearest to pins on the fourth, 13th and 17th.

Robert Fulton and Kevin Flett took out the other two on the sixth and 15th.

Down the line balls went to Peter Riedel and David Lucas with a very respectable 65.5, while Greg Cox and Scott Rathjen (66.25) and Peter Dight and Jack Collins (67.75) took the remainder of the balls down the line.

On Tuesday, the golfers were graced with the presence of 10 golfers for a Stableford round, "father" Jack Collins (17) excelled on the day to take out the win with 36 points.

In a close second was "daughter" Kylie Collins (13) with 34 points.

Graeme "Paddy" Watkins had a good day by taking the second down-the-line ball as well as both nearest to pins, sixth and 17th.

Unfortunately, there weren't enough ladies on Wednesday to play their monthly medal.

Instead, the girls got out on the back nine to play the chicken run.

None of them could better Travis Manne's (14) score of 20 points as he won the week.

There were 31 players for the week, so therefore there was a runner-up.

John Prunyn took the silver medal with 18 points on a countback.

Five down-the-line balls were given out, Beth Curram (21) on 18 points, Graeme Watkins (6) and Ryan Williams (5) with 17 points, Peter Dight (7) and Barb Warren also received a ball down the line with scores of 16 points.

Peter Dight and Ryan Williams both birdied the 17th taking home the nearest to pin awards.

Back on Thursday, a field of 17 hit the course for an open Stableford event, Travis Manne (15) was unlucky and was pipped at the post on a countback by Justin Dubignon (18), the pair having 39 points.

The third in their threesome for the day was Gary Buckland (15) who took the first of the balls down the line with 35 points, meanwhile, Ryan Williams (6) was the last player in for the day, but with a respectable 34 points.

Graeme "Paddy" Watkins was nearest to pin on the 17th leaving it within four feet of the hole, while Ryan Williams found himself closest on the fourth.

This week, the club will hopefully have its ladies back out on course for their Monthly Medal (stroke) on Wednesday.

On Saturday, the club has a men's and women's Four Ball Better Ball, which is generously sponsored by Geoff Prue along with the weekly Stableford events on Tuesday and Thursday.

There have been many people commenting on the current state of the course and how it hasn't ever looked any better in August before.

To keep the course looking this well the grounds committee have started up some volunteer days, the club asks all available members to come along next Sunday, August 18, at 10am to help.

Jobs range from raking bunkers to rough cutting; all help is greatly appreciated.

Many people would agree the 80's was the best time to be alive.

The club is putting on an 80's theme degustation night on Saturday, August 24.

There are eight courses of 80's wonder on the night, with meals ranging from apricot chicken to chilli con carne vol-au-vent. So why not pop on the leg warmers or pull out that fluorescent leotard you have at the back of the cupboard and come for what should be an amazing night?

For more information and to see what other exciting events are coming up, follow the club on socials or call the club on 5682 2272.

Happy golfing and keep swinging.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, August 6. Stableford: Five players. Winner: Steve Rose (11) 39. NTPs: seventh Steve Rose.

Thursday, August 8: Stableford: 19 players. Winner: Neil Spargo (16) 37 C/B.

NTPs: first Wayne Knights and 10th David Enbom.

Saturday, August 10: Par: 37 players. Sponsor: Bob Stiff.

A Grade: Shane Sartori (12) 43 points. B Grade: Kodie Spokes (19) 40 points.

NTPs: first Steve Rose, seventh Neil Spargo, 10th Greg Jones and 13th David Enbom.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY'S weather was ideal for the golfers.

The Monthly Medallist and winner of the Tiny Teapot Café voucher was Lynette McIvor (23), finishing with 73 net.

Kerri Besley (19) was runner-up with 74 net and BDTL went to Kim Enbom (41), 80 net and Heather Grist (24), 81 net on a c/b.

Kerri had the best Scratch Score with 93.

The nine-hole comp was won

by Julie Brannagahan (27), 14 points.

NTPs were Heather first, (One Stop Discount Shop voucher), Trudy Olden's second shot on the seventh, and Kerri on both the 10th and 13th (Burra Garden Supplies and Nursery).

There was another fine winter's day on Saturday, so it was very pleasant out on the course.

Lyn McIvor (23) won with 30 points on a c/b from Gail Beer (34).

The BDTL went to Deb Wrigley (32), 28 points following a three-way c/b.

NTPs were Kerri Besley first and Aliesha Wrigley 13th.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, August 6: Titleist Stableford event.

Titleist Tuesday Stableford round saw 59 members/guests take to the course to compete for some excellent prizes donated generously by the Titleist Team.

A Grade winner: Ross McRobert (13) with the high score of the day of 37 points. A Grade runner up: Ian Murchie (14) with a score of 35 points on a countback. B Grade winner: Warren Dummett (19) with a score of 35 points. B Grade runner up: Gary Sharrock (17) with a score of 34 points.

Great score by John Ryan with an Eagle on the 11th hole.

NTP fifth second shot: Alan Starkey at 1.52m.

Thursday, August 8: Stableford.

Thursday saw 61 members/guests playing in sublime winter conditions tackle a Stableford event with golfers selecting their own choice of tee marker hitting off a shotgun start at 9am.

A Grade winner: Craig Hutchinson (5) with a score of 38 points.

A Grade runner up: Peter Hodder (13) with a score of 36 points. B Grade winner: Geoffrey McDonald (17) with the highest score of the day with 41 points. B Grade runner up: David Forbes (17) with a score of 36 points on a countback. C Grade winner: Michael Street (27) with a score of 37 points. C Grade runner up: Kevin Michael (23) with a score of 36 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Dylan Clark at 2.73m. NTP 14th: John Ryan at .92m. NTP 16th: Neale Gillin at 3.40m.

Saturday, August 10: Stableford.

Another outstanding winter's day saw an excellent field of 93 members/guests take to the course for this Stableford event.

A Grade winner: Matthew Hildebrand (6) with a score of 39 points.

A Grade runner up: John Ryan (10) with a score of 37 points.

B Grade winner: Peter Read (13) with a high score of the

day of 40 points. B Grade runner up: Simon Deery (13) with a score of 35 points. C Grade winner: Scott Blencowe (20) with a score of 39 points. C Grade runner up: Miles Wrigley (20) with a score of 36 points on countback. D Grade winner: Ian Moorhouse (24) with a score of 35 points. D Grade runner up: Kevin Michael (26) with a score of 34 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: John Ryan at .21m. NTP 14th: Mark Wilson at 1.65m. NTP 16th: Thomas Williamson at 1.80m.

Ladies

IT was unbelievable weather again this week for the August Monthly Medal.

Anna de Bondt (28) defeated Wendy Brown (30) on a countback with a 74 net.

Two great scores in these winter months on very fast greens.

This is Anna's first Monthly Medal since returning to Leongatha from Bribie Island.

Down the line balls went to Janet Monk (20) with a 75 net, Rebecca Thomas and Kay Dumbleton 76 net, Fay Quilford 77 net and Neryl Hopcraft and Delia Perry 79 net.

Ten players elected to play in the Stableford competition.

Else Gedy won the day with 32 Stableford points.

Down the line balls were awarded to Maryann Gartner and Marianne Leaver 30 points, Sue Woods 29 and Glenyce McRobert 28 points on a countback.

Bec Thomas was the nearest to the pin second shot on the fifth.

Helen Mackenzie had a very respectable 15 points in the nine-hole competition, winning on a countback from Karen Orford.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, August 6: Stableford.

A Grade: G. Renwick, (10) 35 points. B Grade: C. James, (24) 38 points.

DTL: S. Van Baalen 36, J. Smeriglio, Tom Traill 35 and P. Cummaudo 34 c/b.

NTP: fourth C. James, sixth T. Donnison, 13th J. Smeriglio and 16th G. Renwick.

Birdies: 16th G. Renwick.

Saturday, August 10: Stableford.

A Grade: S. Woodall (12) 38 points. B Grade: N. Whichello, (18) 39 points.

DTL: Tom Traill, P. Woodall, Tim Traill, 37, D. Jerram and P. Smart, 36 c/b.

NTP: fourth S. Duff, sixth Tim Traill, 13th P. Smart and 16th G. Shandley.

Birdies: sixth Tim Traill, T. Bradshaw and G. Shandley, 13th P. Smart and 16th G. Shandley.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: August 8, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford

18-hole.

Winner: Graeme Crawford 38. Runner up: Craig Charles 34.

Ball sweep: Gary Youtlen 33, Jim McEachern 32, Jonathon Wade 31 and Glen Turner 31 C/B.

Results: August 8, SR. 34.5.

Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.

Winner: Ray Hender 19. Runner up: Blake Cornelis 19. Ball sweep: Norm Burne 18, Bob Cornelis 15, Kevin Bayley 14 and John Davies 14.

Results: August 10, S.R 71. Competition: Stableford. A Grade: Peter Dell 40. B Grade: Ross Lovett 37. C Grade: Alan Jones 38.

BDTL to 35 C/B.

Ball sweep: Allan McLean 38, Michael Scott 37, Andrew Hooton-Shandley 37, Julian Wintle 37, Joel Brann 36, Simon O'Halloran 36, Brad Andrew 36, Glenn Hewlett 35, Eric Van Agtmaal 35 and Sam Horvath 35 C/B.

NTP: Brad Andrew second, Ian Baker fourth, Peter Liddle pro pin eighth, Jim Jordan 13th and Michael Scott money hole 17th.

WEDNESDAY'S event, the August Monthly Medal, was played on a lovely sunny day.

The field of 22 players was divided into three grades.

The round of the day belonged to Pam Hanley 104(32)72 net to win the Medal and C Grade.

A Grade's winner was Catherine Bolding 93(18)75 on c/b Marg Johnson, with Irene Walsh 100(25)75 the B Grade winner.

BDL went to Marg Johnson 75, Yvonne Everitt 77, Meryn Dear 77, Anne Tschiderer 77 and Robyn Wilkinson 78 Scratch, and putting was Marg Johnson 89 gross with 26 putts.

NTP on second was Irene Walsh, fourth Catherine Bolding, eighth Anne Tschiderer and 17th Kaylene Hodgetts.

WOORAYL

Ladies

ON A cool but sunny morning, three groups of three headed out to contest the August Monthly Medal, sponsored by Jareth and Melissa Hume.

Jenny Riseley took out the medal with 71net.

Ann Poole was runner-up with 73net.

BDL went to Elly Berryman with 74net and Inge Giliam with 78net.

NTP on eighth was Inge Giliam, 11th Linda Forrester and 17th Kath Davis.

Birdies went to Ann Poole seventh, Inge Giliam eighth and Elly Berryman ninth.

Elly Berryman won the putting with 29 putts.





An emotional Master Cassandra Heenan with Australian Head Coach and President of Haidong Gumdo Australia, Grand Master Jung Il Oh.

## Taekwondo world champion from Inverloch

INVERLOCH Taekwondo master Cassandra Heenan has taken out gold at the World Haidong Gumdo Taekwondo Championships on Jeju Island in South Korea.

Head Instructor at Heenan Taekwondo, Master Cassandra won a gold medal for individual sword forms in the brown belt division.

A heavily contested group, the brown belt division included several hometown Korean favourites.

Cassandra won three elimination knock-out rounds to secure her world title.

Australia took a team of 22 competitors to the world titles from Victoria and Queensland including five members from the Heenan Taekwondo gyms.

Australia finished equal first with South Korea in the final tally, with competitors attending from all over the world, including strong teams from the USA, Mexico, Italy, Kuwait, Germany, South Africa and Asia.

Haidong Gumdo is an ancient martial art from Korea that is over three thousand years old.

Very similar to Japanese Samurai and an extension of Traditional Taekwondo, Haidong Gumdo is taught at Heenan Taekwondo martial arts clubs in Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Drouin and Pakenham.

## Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

2S COMPANY: 1st place on 8pts Jail, 2nd place on 8pts The hounds, 3rd place on 7pts Mustang Alley.

ABL: 1st place on 52.5pts Fairlanes, 2nd place on 49pts Storm, 3rd place on 44.5pts Dreamers.

Business Early: 1st place on 9pts The Old Timers, 2nd place on 9pts Turkey Slappers, 3rd place on 8pts The Redundants, 4th place on 8pts Woolly Rollers

Business Late: 1st place on 10pts Holy Splits, 2nd place on 8pts The Big D's, 3rd place on 5pts City Lights, 4th place on 5pts S&R Clarke Auto.

Top scores:  
Woman: Shannon Felmingham, 167, Mary Darha 165 and Kerri 157.

Men: Dave Hancock 217, Gary Balfe 199 and Matthew Clarke 195.

## Friday social fun at Leongatha Golf Club

FIVE on Friday offers social golf, followed by live music and food, with the easy-going competition played over five holes at Leongatha Golf Club.

"We've been getting about 30 out here, and a lot of people who don't play just come for the social side of it," club president Colleen Touzel said as she prepared to tee off on Friday afternoon.

Conditions were pleasant with a hint of spring in the air, suggesting there will be ideal days ahead to give Five on Friday a go.

The social competition was an initiative of the club's golf operations manager Sean O'Brien.

Action begins at 3pm, with golf costing just \$5 and people paying separately for food.



Brad Wright, Frank Dekker, Graham Sperling and Jack Ginnane took out this year's Col Sperling Memorial Golf Day competition, joined by a couple of members of the third placed team, Sam Sperling and Damien Symmons. A06\_3324

# Col Sperling Memorial Golf Day

THE THIRD annual Col Sperling Memorial Golf Day at Leongatha Golf Club was a tremendous success, drawing a large field and raising funds for Koonwarra Leongatha RSL Cricket Club.

Seventy-six golfers took to the course, playing in groups of four, including Koonwarra Leongatha RSL past and present players, along with representatives of other Leongatha & District Cricket Association clubs.

Brad Wright, Frank Dekker, Graham Sperling and Jack Ginnane formed the winning team, ahead of second-placed combination Ash Hickey, Darren Read, Matt Crofts and Trav Fennell, with Sam Sperling, Damien Symmons, Dave Newman and Jason Dennerley taking third spot.

Attendees enjoyed catching up with mates and sharing plenty of banter and no doubt a little sledging.

Past player Shane Moore was interviewed by the event's organiser David Stewart, sharing some amusing recollections



Alan Sperling enjoys the Col Sperling Memorial Golf Day named in honour of his brother. A07\_3324

with the audience, having represented Leongatha RSL in its early days, players from the pre-merger Koonwarra having spoken at previous Col Sperling Memorial Golf Days.

Shane's memories included a fierce stoush between Koonwarra and Leongatha RSL when they were separate entities.

However, he expressed delight when reflecting on their eventual 1993 union.

"Amalgamation was one of

the best things that's happened for both clubs," Shane said, believing that had that not occurred, one club may have disappeared.

The late Col's younger brother Alan Sperling enjoyed the day but conceded that unfortunately, golf isn't a sport that lends itself to excuses for errant shots.

Alan, who had a long and illustrious career at Koonwarra Cricket Club, chatted to the Sentinel-Times about Col's

vast contribution to it during a playing career that extended from just after WWII until the 1980s.

"He was secretary for a few years and president for a few years, being heavily involved in the club; you might say it was the Sperling Koonwarra Club," Alan joked, saying his mum and dad were also involved.

Col was an enthusiastic sportsman, playing footy for Leongatha and loving his golf, being a Life Member of Leongatha Golf Club.

Alan is pleased to see the Col Sperling Memorial Golf Day continue to increase in popularity, starting out with around 50 players in its first year, rising to over 60 last year and building again this time.

Organiser David estimated the day raised \$2000 for Koonwarra Leongatha RSL Cricket Club, with raffle proceeds yet to be finalised.

"It's a really good day for the past players to get together and catch up with people we used to play with and against," he said.

## Track schedule confirmed for GT Festival at Phillip Island

THE schedule has been confirmed for the inaugural SRO Motorsport Australia GT Festival at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit on August 23-25.

With free entry for spectators across all three days, the highly anticipated event will feature action from Fanatec GT World Challenge Australia powered by AWS, Monochrome GT4 Australia and the Meguiar's Australian Production Cars.

Gates open at 8am each day, with Friday featuring extended test and practice sessions for both Fanatec GT Australia and Monochrome GT4 Australia.

Both GT3 and GT4 will qualify and race on Saturday, followed by another open-long race on Sunday.

The on-track action will be complemented by an off-track Supercars display that will allow spectators to look at some of the world's most exotic models.

In what is the penultimate round of Fanatec GT Australia's 'Sprint' title fight, there's just five points that separates the top three and only 20



With free entry and an action-packed weekend of motorsport, do not miss the inaugural GT Festival from August 23-25 at Phillip Island.

points covering the top five.

Ferrari stars Chaz Mostert and Liam Talbot narrowly sit atop the outright Pro-Am class standings, one point ahead of the Audi of Will Brown and Brad Schumacher.

New Zealand pairing Brendan Leitch and Tim Miles are third, while the second Ferrari of Jaxon Evans and Elliott

Schutte, and the Triple Eight Mercedes of Declan Fraser and Peter Hackett are all still in the running for the crown.

In the Am class, Mike Sheargold and Garth Walden hold a narrow 11-point lead over Canberra brothers James and Theo Koundouris, and with some returning faces to the ranks coming back for Phillip

Island, picking a winner will be a tough task.

For Monochrome GT4, all three classes are evenly poised with two rounds remaining, making Phillip Island a vital round for the series.

The inaugural SRO Motorsport Australia GT Festival will be at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit on August 23-25.



# Victorian Country Cricket League honours Alan Sperling

RENOWNED Koonwarra cricket identity Alan Sperling's outstanding service to the sport was acknowledged on Sunday when he was awarded Life Membership of the Victorian Country Cricket League (VCCL) at the organisation's AGM held at St Kilda's Junction Oval.

"It's a pretty big honour really, and I wasn't expecting anything like that," Sperling said.

He was recognised as a "committed and respected VCCL administrator", representing his region on the Board for 19 years from 1981 until 2000.

"His contributions were always well considered, valued and respectful," Sperling's Life Membership certificate states.

His role as manager of Victorian country cricket squads participating in the Australian National Championships was noted, Sperling having assumed that responsibility a couple of times, with his squads playing in Sale one year and Toowoomba the next.

He was heavily involved in



Alan Sperling is accompanied by his daughter Terri Elliott at the Junction Oval after receiving Life Membership of the Victorian Country Cricket League.

Melbourne Country Week, playing 93 matches between 1954 and 1981 for Leongatha & District Cricket Association (LDCA), and scoring almost 2000 runs including a couple of centuries, having made his Melbourne Country Week debut aged just 15.

Sperling was vice captain of the 1976 LDCA Country Week side that defeated Warrnambool in the Provincial Group

final at the MCG, making the Leongatha outfit champions of the Country Week competition's top level.

At a 2022 reunion of LDCA players involved in the famous match, Sperling reflected on the significance of Country Week in that era.

"Everyone wanted to play then and it was like being picked in the Test team," he said, adding that the 1976

LDCA team had a clear focus on achieving success and not just a week away.

Sperling captained the LDCA team for an impressive 14 years.

That was on top of his 40-year career for Koonwarra that netted 16,000 runs.

He was a long-term secretary of the LDCA.

LDCA president John Schelling was delighted by the recognition of Sperling's contribution, the Association having nominated him.

"We wholeheartedly congratulate Alan; he's a great ambassador for cricket in Gippsland," Schelling said.

However, he expressed disappointment the LDCA wasn't made aware of Sunday's event, as it would have loved to have a presence at the Junction Oval to support and congratulate Sperling.

Sperling's latest honour follows his induction into the VCCL's Hall of Fame last year, acknowledging his extraordinary career representing the LDCA in Country Week.

## Women calling on women to join Nyora Cricket team

NYORA women's cricket team is calling on local women to join them this season to play for a club that is fun, encouraging and supportive.

This is the third season the ladies will be taking to the pitch and were successful in their first year getting to the first round of finals while finishing fifth last year.

As part of the Leongatha and District Cricket Association, they play every second Sunday and compete against other all-female teams including Leongatha, Koonwarra, Phillip Island and Killy-Bass.

Being a community-orientated club, the men's teams (who play on Saturdays) often come to the matches to help out with umpiring, scoring and supporting the women.

It provides a great opportunity for any interested women to get involved, socialise, make new friends and have fun while gaining some skills in cricket. All abilities are catered for including beginners to those who are looking to play in rep' sides.

Anyone age 15 and over can join in, but if there are younger girls who are keen to play, they are allowed with their parent's supervision.

Nyora Cricket Club will be holding a Meet the Coaches Day, where all the junior and senior, men's and women's sides will come together and have a chance to get to know the coaching staff.

This will be held on Saturday, September 7 at the Nyora Cricket Ground. For more information on the Women's Cricket Team contact Krystin Wurzbacher on 0422 376 519.

## Grants to boost footy and netball

THE State Government is supporting local footy and netball clubs as they head towards finals.

New grants were announced to ensure more Victorians can play the sport they love close to home in regional Victoria.

Grants of up to \$250,000 are available for regional and outer metropolitan councils to apply for grants for sports infrastructure developments including court lighting upgrades, change room overhauls, new pavilions and more, to benefit their local clubs and communities.

Developed in partnership with the AFL, AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria, the program has invested more than \$40 million and delivered 575 projects since 2005.

The State Government's Country Football and Netball Program is part of more than \$23 million invested in this year's budget and more than \$2.3 billion invested since 2014 to deliver world class community sport infrastructure and programs that increase participation and improve accessibility for more Victorians.

Applications close on Monday, September 30.

For more information on the program and to apply, visit [sport.vic.gov.au/funding](http://sport.vic.gov.au/funding).

## On yer bike for the opening

THE Great Southern Rail Trail, Albury to Welshpool section, is set to be officially opened this Friday, August 16 and organisers have a Jamis bike to give away as part of the celebrations.

The opening will take place at 2pm at Gellion Street, Albury, at the first bridge crossing.

To have a chance of winning the bike, simply ride your bike from the Tarra Trail Reserve Goods Shed to the opening at Albury.

# World opens up for Nyora's Keefer Wilson

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Just making the final eight was quite something against skaters from all over the world, the USA of course, Brazil, France and all the rest.

It was a rarified atmosphere in the skatepark on the edge of Paris with the immortal legend himself Tony Hawk opening the final and American rapper Snoop Dogg in the house.

The first six runners in the final field of eight crashed out on their first runs, including Keefer Wilson, with everyone going for it all in an effort to nail the one big score that would take them to the top of the table.

But missing a run also built the pressure.

Tom Schaar USA, recently signed to Tony Hawk's board stable, was the first to make it through his first run and put up a score of 90.11 to go into the top spot.

Next up was the reigning



That's Nyora's Keefer Wilson celebrating after winning through to the skateboard final in Paris. Now he's eyeing a bright future in the sport after finishing eighth in the world.

Olympic Gold Medallist, Australia's Keegan Palmer, and he really put it together with some great tricks, featuring his signature kick-flip moves on a clear run to take over the top spot with a score of 93.11.

Ultimately, it was enough to take the gold.

Keefer crashed heavily on his second run but bravely came back a third time and pulled off

some world-class tricks before missing a grab halfway through and sliding down the ramp and out of the competition with a score of 58.36.

But it was enough to claim eighth in the world on his first try and a promising future on the world stage.

The best is almost certainly yet to come from Nyora's Keefer Wilson.

Keefer has received support from all over, including from remote parts of Australia. Students at St Mary's Primary School Casino NSW chose Keefer as "a relatively unknown Aussie Paris Olympian" to get behind in the lead-up to the games and send messages of support.

They were in line to celebrate with pizza and chocolates if Keefer won a medal. We're tipping he'll visit the 'Year 5 South' class soon to repay them for their faith in him!

Here's some of the support he received locally after the final:

Jeanette Odgers: Great stuff Keefer. You did Australia proud.

Lisa Griffiths: What an absolute champion, such an awesome effort Keefer, well done buddy.

Lyn Kelly: Well done, amazing! You have a bright future moving forward.

Mandy Bowler: No medal but amazing to finish 8th! True champ!!! Congrats young fella!

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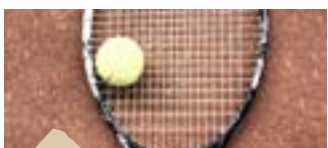
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**A GRADE**  
Toora 61 d Tarwin 29  
Boolarra 37 lt Stony Crk 39  
Morwell E 66 d N'borough 49  
Foster 41 drew Fish Crk 41

**B GRADE**  
Toora 70 d Tarwin 26  
Boolarra 57 drew Stony Crk 57  
Morwell E 58 d N'borough 52  
Foster 49 d Fish Creek 40  
Hill End 62 d MDU 27

**C GRADE**  
Toora 42 drew Tarwin 42  
Boolarra 38 drew Stony Crk 38  
Morwell E 29 lt N'borough 35  
Foster 25 lt Fish Creek 34  
Hill End 25 lt MDU 34

**D GRADE**  
Toora 24 lt Tarwin 28  
Boolarra 30 lt Stony Creek 39  
Morwell E 29 lt N'borough 31  
Foster 19 lt Fish Creek 66  
Hill End 28 lt MDU 34

**17 & UNDER**  
Toora 48 d Fish Creek 26  
Boolarra 66 d Stony Creek 18  
Morwell E 31 d N'borough 24  
Hill End 27 lt MDU 43

**15 & UNDER**  
Toora 42 d Tarwin 9  
Boolarra 38 d Stony Creek 22  
Morwell E 36 d N'borough 35  
Foster 31 d Fish Creek 20  
Hill End 42 d MDU 41

**13 & UNDER**  
Toora 16 d Tarwin 12  
Boolarra 38 d Stony Creek 7  
Foster15 lt Fish Creek 33  
Hill End 47 d MDU 4

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	178.68	60
Fish Creek	152.01	60
Morwell East	137.07	58
MDU	123.47	52
Mirboo North	108.84	48
Foster	103.05	46
Toora	108.90	40
Newborough	98.65	32
Stony Creek	76.48	30
Boolarra	78.96	28
Tarwin	65.65	18
Thorpdale	43.08	12
B GRADE		
Foster	155.56	64
Boolarra	128.63	54
Fish Creek	147.05	52
Mirboo North	126.19	48
Morwell East	117.12	46
Stony Creek	115.65	38
Newborough	99.06	36
MDU	93.82	36
Yinnar	98.29	34
Hill End	108.66	32
Toora	98.66	32
Tarwin	43.01	10
Thorpdale	41.51	10
C GRADE		
Yinnar	163.92	64
MDU	137.47	56
Toora	133.64	50
Mirboo North	135.05	48
Newborough	123.97	48
Morwell East	123.08	48
Tarwin	126.42	36
Boolarra	101.72	34
Fish Creek	93.83	32
Hill End	102.24	30
Stony Creek	80.82	22
Foster	72.18	16
Thorpdale	15.27	8
D GRADE		
Fish Creek	191.01	68
Stony Creek	153.87	60
Yinnar	132.91	52
MDU	131.56	48
Toora	116.57	42
Newborough	120.24	40
Tarwin	116.78	40
Mirboo North	126.98	38
Morwell East	123.08	38
Hill End	92.99	30
Boolarra	74.59	16
Foster	53.49	12
Thorpdale	15.34	8

17 & UNDER		
Boolarra	231.00	68
Toora	204.15	64
MDU	167.23	56
Yinnar	178.04	52
Fish Creek	122.97	44
Hill End	70.02	44
Mirboo North	64.97	28
Newborough	50.36	28
Stony Creek	43.90	20
Morwell East	36.84	16
15 & UNDER		
Toora	235.19	68
Boolarra	203.00	64
MDU	180.00	52
Hill End	146.40	50
Yinnar	173.31	48
Mirboo North	148.60	46
Stony Creek	100.00	40
Foster	54.75	34
Newborough	55.89	26
Fish Creek	44.35	20
Morwell East	42.04	20
Tarwin	30.63	16
13 & UNDER		
Yinnar	434.44	68
Hill End	218.68	56
MDU	121.65	56
Boolarra	129.12	48
Newborough	126.42	48
Mirboo North	117.79	44
Fish Creek	107.01	44
Tarwin	83.40	32
Toora	62.20	32
Stony Creek	33.80	24
Foster	15.06	20

SPORT | NETBALL



Kilcunda-Bass centre Kira Hamilton prepares to take a pass from teammate Shenade Hardeman during the Panthers' B Grade away win over Korumburra-Bena. A09\_3324



Kilcunda-Bass and Korumburra-Bena fight for possession during the Panthers' B Grade win. A11\_3324



Ella Cuman has possession for Korumburra-Bena while Ella Berry defends for Kilcunda-Bass early in the B Grade match. A10\_3324



The ball slips through both sides. Ns02\_3324



Fish Creek's Ebony Best takes her shot against Foster in their B Grade match up. Ns01\_3324



Foster's Amy Van't Hof grasps it by the fingertips. Ns05\_3324

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RESULTS

**A GRADE**  
Warragul I 26 lt Cora Lynn 45  
Garfield 48 lt Nar Nar Goon 50  
Kor-Bena 54 lt K-Bass 57  
I-Kongwak 69 d Phillip Is. 32  
T-Dalmore 52 d Bunyip 35  
Dalyston 52 d KWR 42

**B GRADE**  
Warragul I 33 lt Cora Lynn 48  
Garfield 30 lt Nar Nar Goon 52  
Kor-Bena 42 lt K-Bass 51  
I-Kongwak 49 d Phillip Is. 44  
T-Dalmore 62 d Bunyip 25  
Dalyston 66 d KWR 30

**C GRADE**  
Warragul I 24 lt Cora Lynn 52  
Garfield 37 d Nar Nar Goon 32  
Kor-Bena 22 lt K-Bass 39  
I-Kongwak 36 d Phillip Is. 27  
T-Dalmore 36 d Bunyip 31  
Dalyston 36 d KWR 28

**D GRADE**  
Warragul I 19 lt Cora Lynn 47  
Garfield 35 drew NNG 35  
Kor-Bena 39 d K-Bass 16  
I-Kongwak 26 d Phillip Is. 14  
T-Dalmore 35 d Bunyip 31  
Dalyston 11 lt KWR 43

**17 & UNDER**  
Warragul I 9 lt Cora Lynn 72  
Garfield 35 lt Nar Nar Goon 48  
Kor-Bena 71 d K-Bass 16  
I-Kongwak 33 d Phillip Is. 19  
T-Dalmore 51 d Bunyip 26  
Dalyston 41 d KWR 30

**15 & UNDER**  
Warragul I 31 lt Cora Lynn 33  
Garfield 15 lt Nar Nar Goon 46  
Kor-Bena 37 d K-Bass 18  
I-Kongwak 18 lt Phillip Is. 38  
T-Dalmore 60 d Bunyip 7  
Dalyston 7 lt KWR 26

**13 & UNDER**  
Warragul I 27 lt Cora Lynn 39  
Garfield 23 lt Nar Nar Goon 33  
Kor-Bena 29 d K-Bass 11  
I-Kongwak 13 lt Phillip Is. 25  
T-Dalmore 45 d Bunyip 15  
Dalyston 32 d KWR 2

**11 & UNDER**  
Warragul I 7 lt Cora Lynn 23  
Garfield 8 lt Nar Nar Goon 37  
Kor-Bena 8 lt K-Bass 38  
I-Kongwak 9 lt Phillip Island 21  
T-Dalmore 37 d Bunyip 8  
Dalyston 11 lt KWR 20

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Inverloch-K	161.91	60
Tooradin-Dal.	115.92	58
Dalyston	126.32	48
Kilcunda-Bass	114.77	46
Cora Lynn	115.86	40
Koo Wee Rup	104.64	38
Nar Nar Goon	101.69	38
Kor-Bena	106.11	36
Bunyip	78.23	16
Phillip Island	79.13	12
Garfield	78.12	12
Warragul Ind.	60.08	4

C GRADE	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	135.86	60
Inverloch-K.	162.95	56
Cora Lynn	132.33	56
Tooradin-Dal.	121.85	52
Kilcunda-Bass	117.42	38
Dalyston	96.77	30
Garfield	92.99	30
Bunyip	99.20	28
Koo Wee Rup	92.98	26
Kor-Bena	87.03	24
Warragul Ind.	61.19	8
Phillip Island	50.54	0

D GRADE	%	pts
Inverloch-K	251.50	64
Nar Nar Goon	208.88	62
Garfield	167.06	62
Kor-Bena	117.62	48
Koo Wee Rup	139.76	44
Bunyip	97.57	32
Tooradin-Dal.	96.95	28
Cora Lynn	95.02	26
Phillip Island	70.10	24
Warragul Ind.	50.08	8
Kilcunda-Bass	48.98	8
Dalyston	37.90	0

17 & UNDER	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	142.27	60
Inverloch-K.	180.51	56
Phillip Island	161.78	56
Tooradin-Dal.	156.97	56
Kor-Bena	163.10	50
Garfield	116.92	46
Cora Lynn	103.46	24
Koo Wee Rup	81.55	20
Bunyip	66.94	16
Dalyston	80.32	12
Kilcunda Bass	66.78	12
Warragul Ind.	17.76	0

13 & UNDER	%	pts
Tooradin-Dal.	232.55	62
Nar Nar Goon	208.96	60
Cora Lynn	249.03	58
Warragul Ind.	117.86	46
Kor-Bena	124.35	46
Garfield	74.23	34
Kilcunda-Bass	79.15	32
Phillip Island	97.69	30
Inverloch K.	72.70	26
Bunyip	36.51	12
Dalyston	57.40	8
Koo Wee Rup	29.73	4

11 & UNDER	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	303.47	64
Tooradin-Dal.	455.56	62
Phillip Island	303.08	62
Cora Lynn	196.63	48
Inverloch-K	95.47	38
Koo Wee Rup	106.02	34
Kilcunda-Bass	81.40	28
Garfield	45.59	28
Warragul Ind.	59.14	20
Bunyip	39.33	12
Dalyston	27.88	10
Kor-Bena	25.42	2





Under 11 Wonthaggi Wallabies tournament team. Back, from left, Tiala, Sommer, Maddison L, Maddison O, and Aimelee. Front, Maddison A, Rahni, and Olivia.

# WDNA 11U team shines at super tournament

IT WAS an exciting Sunday morning (August 4) for the Wonthaggi and District Netball Association (WDNA) 11U team as they participated in the Super Tournament in Casey. With perfect weather—no rain and no wind—the girls played like a well-connected team and won their fair share of games, delighting everyone involved. Fantastic job, girls!

WDNA will be running an off season mixed comp for juniors 11U and 13U after the September School Holidays at the Wonthaggi Outdoor Courts. Stayed tuned. Should be lots of fun.



Toora's Jo De Boer stays ready. ns09\_3324



Tarwin's Bianca Phillips keeps the ball steady. ns08\_3324



Tayah Jenkins assesses her options. ns06\_3324



Jo De Boer goes on the defensive. Ns10\_3324



Nyora's B Grade Best and Fairst Tiana Heylen looks down court for options.



Nyora's B Grade runner-up best and fairst Tanasha Walters against Trafalgar on Saturday.



Hailey Schreurs assists in bring the ball out of defence.



C Grades's Amber Carroll weighs up her options.

ELLINBANK		
RESULTS		
A GRADE		
Yarragon 55	It Longwarry 57	
Ellinbank 60	d N-Darnum 48	
Buln Buln 46	d Catani 37	
Neerim Sth 50	d Lang Lang 21	
B GRADE		
Yarragon 41	It Longwarry 45	
Ellinbank 53	d N-Darnum 38	
Buln Buln 48	d Catani 29	
Trafalgar 48	d Nyora 41	
Neerim Sth 45	d Lang Lang 30	
C GRADE		
Yarragon 47	It Longwarry 22	
Ellinbank 35	d N-Darnum 26	
Buln Buln 31	It Catani 44	
Trafalgar 61	d Nyora 14	
Neerim Sth 37	d Lang Lang 30	
17 & UNDER		
Yarragon 38	It Longwarry 41	
Ellinbank 22	It N-Darnum 40	
Buln Buln 18	It Catani 57	
Trafalgar 63	d Nyora 11	
Neerim Sth 25	It Lang Lang 31	
15 & UNDER		
Yarragon 33	d Longwarry 20	
Ellinbank 23	It N-Darnum 29	
Buln Buln 26	d Catani 25	
Trafalgar 48	d Nyora 3	
Neerim Sth 23	It Lang Lang 25	
13 & UNDER		
Yarragon 32	d Longwarry 22	
Ellinbank 19	d N-Darnum 15	
Buln Buln 66	d Catani 1	
Trafalgar 69	d Nyora 1	
Neerim Sth 12	It Lang Lang 31	
LADDERS		
A GRADE	%	pts
Neerim South	168.02	60
Nilma-Darnum	158.36	48
Ellinbank	148.21	44
Trafalgar	108.21	32
Buln Buln	94.00	32
Lang Lang	84.77	24
Yarragon	89.89	20
Poowong	79.80	16
Longwarry	69.87	16
Catani	60.53	8
Nyora	0.00	0
B GRADE		
Ellinbank	172.66	64
Buln Buln	140.72	56
Neerim South	132.79	48
Nilma-Darnum	115.44	48
Trafalgar	108.52	42
Lang Lang	116.21	36
Catani	95.71	32
Poowong	79.54	18
Nyora	74.60	18
Longwarry	59.10	12
Yarragon	67.22	2
C GRADE		
Ellinbank	212.34	64
Neerim South	178.59	64
Lang Lang	157.80	56
Catani	133.68	44
Nilma-Darnum	126.25	40
Yarragon	112.99	32
Trafalgar	88.37	32
Buln Buln	96.21	24
Poowong	73.98	12
Longwarry	65.21	8
Nyora	17.14	0
17 & UNDER		
Catani	254.04	60
Yarragon	207.00	54
Trafalgar	159.09	50
Poowong	170.44	48
Nilma-Darnum	160.70	40
Longwarry	129.91	40
Ellinbank	72.01	24
Lang Lang	71.99	16
Buln Buln	66.40	16
Neerim South	34.78	8
Nyora	13.83	0
15 & UNDER		
Buln Buln	195.09	62
Poowong	170.53	52
Catani	149.07	50
Lang Lang	158.39	44
Neerim South	118.50	36
Trafalgar	107.07	36
Yarragon	115.59	28
Nilma-Darnum	90.12	24
Ellinbank	78.17	20
Longwarry	59.31	4
Nyora	4.88	0
13 & UNDER		
Buln Buln	575.40	60
Poowong	273.75	60
Yarragon	190.53	60
Lang Lang	264.00	56
Trafalgar	139.56	32
Ellinbank	113.25	32
Longwarry	93.79	28
Neerim South	80.61	24
Nilma-Darnum	92.97	20
Catani	12.84	4
Nyora	2.62	0



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# Gippsland Soccer League

## Round 15 Results – Sunday, August 11

Senior Mens: Phillip Island Breakers 5 d Leongatha Knights 0, Trafalgar Victory 7 d Wonthaggi United 0, Korumburra City 5 d Lang Lang United 1

Senior Womens: Drouin Dragons Maroon 7 d Mirboo North United 0, Phillip Island Breakers 2 d Leongatha Knights 1, Wonthaggi United 1 d Trafalgar Victory 0

Mens Reserves: Phillip Island Breakers 3 d Leongatha Knights 2, Inverloch Stars 9 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 0

Under 17 Mixed: Phillip Island Penguins 3 d Leongatha Knights 1, Wonthaggi United 8 d Drouin Dragons White 4

Under 14 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 5 d Mirboo North United 2, Phillip Island Penguins 2 drew Leongatha Knights 2, Inverloch Stars 3 d Phillip Island Stingrays 2

Under 13 Girls: Phillip Island Breakers 4 d Leongatha Knights 0

Under 12a Mixed: Wonthaggi United 4 d Trafalgar Victory 0, Phillip Island Penguins 4 d Leongatha Knights 0

Under 12b Mixed: Mirboo North United 6 d Drouin Dragons Yellow 3, Lang Lang United 7 d Korumburra City 6, Phillip Island Sharks 4 drew Leongatha Knights 4, Inverloch Stars 2 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 1

## Round 16 Fixtures

**Thursday, August 15 – 7pm**

Senior Mens: Leongatha Knights V Trafalgar Victory

Senior Womens: Leongatha Knights V Trafalgar Victory

**Sunday, August 18 – 3pm**

Senior Mens: Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Korumburra City V Phillip Island Breakers, Wonthaggi United V Leongatha Knights, Lang Lang United V Trafalgar Victory

**Senior Womens – 1pm**

Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Wonthaggi United V Leongatha Knights, Lang Lang United V Trafalgar Victory

**Mens Reserves – 1pm**

Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Korumburra City V Phillip Island Breakers, Leongatha Knights V Trafalgar Victory

**Under 17 Mixed – 9.30am**

Phillip Island Stingrays V Phillip Island Penguins, Wonthaggi United V Leongatha Knights

**Under 14 Mixed – 11.20am**

Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Korumburra City V Phillip Island Penguins, Wonthaggi United V Leongatha Knights, Mirboo North United V Phillip Island Stingrays

**Under 13 Girls – 8.30am**

Korumburra City V Phillip Island Breakers, Wonthaggi United V Leongatha Knights

**Under 12a Mixed – 10am**

Korumburra City V Phillip Island Penguins, Wonthaggi United V Leongatha Knights

**Under 12b Mixed – 11.30am**

Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Yellow, Korumburra City V Phillip Island Sharks, Wonthaggi United V Leongatha Knights, Mirboo North United V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow

**MiniRoo Gala Day – Saturday, August 17**

U8 and U10 MiniRoo Gala Day at Thompson Reserve, Inverloch

U8 games from 8.30am, U10 games from 11am



The 20th year celebrations were an overwhelming success.

# Knights celebrate 20 years

ON SATURDAY, August 3, Leongatha Knights Football Club took over Leongatha Memorial Hall for their 20th year celebrations and it was a magnificent affair! With local band Toolshed playing and games for the kids running at the back of the hall there was a lot of laughter and dancing to be had as attendees enjoyed a trip down memory lane.

Foundation members Melina Bath and Gerry Marvin spoke about their fond memories of setting up the club and current president Lorcan Heneghan spoke of the growth and success the club has experienced over its first 20 years.

The club took the opportunity to present the Don Morris “Best Club Person” award with many past recipients and Don’s wife Pam in attendance. The award was presented to longtime coach Peter Milkins in recognition of his continued commitment to

developing women’s soccer at the club. Peter has long been an icon at the Leongatha Knights with his dad jokes and tubs of chocolate and lollies, he also fosters a warm and welcoming environment for women of all ages to enjoy sport.

The club also took the opportunity to present a life membership to Senior Men’s coach Bethany Milkins in recognition of 10 years of service to the club. Beth was humbled by the award and thanked the club for all their support over the years.

Leongatha Knights FC would like to thank club secretary Mandy Bongers for all her efforts putting together the event, band Toolshed for a fantastic night of music and Brent Sinclair for a brilliant celebratory cake. The club looks forward to another 20 years of fun and laughter on and off the pitch.



Founding Leongatha Knights Football Club committee Melina Bath, Gerry Marvin, Pam Morris and Aileen Vening.



LKFC life members presented new life member Bethany Milkins with her award.



Long time Women’s Coach Peter Milkins received the “Best Club Person” Don Morris accolade for his commitment to developing Female Soccer.

## Top of the table clash between LKFC and Phillip Island Breakers

**Leongatha loss 1-2**

IT WAS a top-of-the-table clash in the GSL Senior Women’s Competition last Sunday at Newhaven Reserve.

Consistent ladder leaders Leongatha Knights took on Phillip Island Breakers at their home ground and put on a spectacular display of local women’s soccer.

The Breakers came out strong, putting the Knight’s defence under pressure from the start. However, the experience and composure in the Knight’s backline ensured no chances were able to break through.

It was a brilliant header and pass play that saw Leongatha

striker Rachel run into a 1v1 with the Island keeper and send one confidently into the back of the net securing the lead for the Knights into half-time.

It was a beautiful curling shot from an Island attacker at the start of the second half that brought the team’s level. The game kicked up a notch as both teams battled for the advantage. Though Leongatha’s defence pulled off some wonderful saves it was a magnificent free kick from Island’s Jess Tong that found the top right corner of the net to secure Phillip Island’s win and Leongatha’s second loss in two seasons.



Leongatha’s Mikaela Misso was instrumental in the Knights defence.





Nyora's Lucas Lee scoots out of danger to send the ball forward for his team.

# Nyora sees out 2024 season

A STRONG fourth quarter performance brought the curtain down on Nyora's 2024 season, but Trafalgar ultimately claimed a 68-point win.

Nyora travelled to Trafalgar to play its last game and enjoyed good weather conditions.

A slower first half from Nyora allowed Trafalgar to gain an early lead.

Nyora didn't capitalise on all its opportunities, but its single goal of the first quarter was one to celebrate.

Aaron Coggins was brought out of the back pocket to play through the middle and managed to kick Nyora's first goal of the game and his first goal of the season.

Unfortunately, the momentum died off in the second quarter and Nyora went missing up until half-time, letting Trafalgar pile on the goals.

Matthew Swenson led Trafalgar's goalkicking efforts with six for the day.

Nyora regrouped for the third quarter and defended the ball well across the whole ground.

William McGindle had another good day in the defence and was named in Nyora's best.

Nyora's pressure successfully slowed Trafalgar's run, with only two goals able to sneak passed the backmen.

Nyora rallied for the final quarter to ensure it left the season on a high note.

The Saints were competitive with Trafalgar and three goals were added by Lucas Lee, Tyler Campbell and Jayden O'Brien to see the game out.

Nyora has farewelled the 2024 season, as it has a bye in round 20.

The club will hold its presentation night on Saturday night and will be getting around the junior football club with the U12s ready to represent in the semi final this weekend.

Nyora has interviews for a new Senior coach coming up soon and plans to launch its preseason around late November.



Outgoing coach Dylan Heylen was central to Nyora's efforts all season and came away as their Senior Best and Fairest winner at the vote count on Saturday night.



Lewis Kennedy clears the ball out of defence for the Saints.

## Poowong looks to the finals ahead of final seniors clash

POOWONG had the bye on Saturday but take on Neerim-Neerim South at Poowong to close out the home and away season this coming Saturday.

Their attention will then turn to finals with all the underage football and netball teams participating, which is fantastic for the club, and we wish them well.

The senior grades in both football and netball will miss the finals this year but are building with young squads and with good numbers coming through the future is bright.

Senior football coach Dale Carroll has been reappointed after his first year in charge. He has done a great job giving juniors an opportunity to play in the senior team, which they have relished and the confidence they have gained from this exposure has certainly helped their progress.

With senior football and netball players coaching junior teams there is a clear integration through the age groups, promoting everyone to share each other's successes and help improve weaknesses, knocking down the boundaries that can exist between junior and senior grades which is an important step to retention of players after they finish juniors.

The club has upgraded social and kitchen facilities in the past 12 months and the committee are continually identifying improvements to ensure all visitors and members have a positive experience when they visit.

### ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 19

#### NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

**101**

**33**

	TRAFALGAR		NYORA			
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Trafalgar	4.3	8.10	10.13	14.17	(101)
Nyora	1.1	2.1	2.3	5.3	(33)

**GOALS, Trafalgar:** Matthew Swenson 6, Issac Caroleo 3, Brayden Bosman, Cooper Minichiello 2, Jace Butler 1

**BEST:** Drew O' Brien, Matthew Swenson, Daniel Baker, Cooper Minichiello, Blake Zimora

**GOALS, Nyora:** Lucas Lee, Jayden O'Brien 2, Tyler Campbell, Aaron Coggins 1 each

**BEST:** Lucas Lee, Jordan Anderson, Jono Hewitt, William McGindle, Aaron Coggins, Trent Wheller

#### RESERVES

Trafalgar	5.2	12.2	15.5	20.8	(128)
Nyora	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	(1)

**GOALS, Trafalgar:** Zack Brown 6, Mathew Devon 5, Oliver Hennessy, Luke O'Neill, Oscar Robinson, Keegan Tullett 2, Brett Camerson 1

**BEST:** Luke O'Neill, Chace Struth, Angus Templeton, Brett Cameron, Mathew Devon, Zack Brown

**BEST, Nyora:** Luke Ferguson, Shaun Lamb, Dalton Lowrie, Dakota Boswell, Joshua Browne, Indiana Boswell

#### IN OTHER GAMES...

##### SENIORS

Ellinbank	14.21.105	d	N-Darnum	1.1.7
Neerim Sth	11.11.77	d	Lang Lang	10.9.69
Buln Buln	23.14.152	d	Catani	6.0.36
Longwarry	19.19.133	d	Yarragon	4.5.29

##### RESERVES

Ellinbank	12.12.84	d	N-Darnum	4.2.26
Lang Lang	9.7.61	d	Neerim Sth	8.6.54
Buln Buln	18.27.135	d	Catani	1.1.7
Longwarry	16.14.110	d	Yarragon	2.0.12

##### THIRDS

Ellinbank	31.14.200	d	N-Darnum	1.2.8
Neerim Sth	15.10.100	d	Lang Lang	5.7.37
Catani	11.8.74	d	Buln Buln	0.3.3
Trafalgar	10.13.73	d	Longwarry	4.5.29

##### FOURTHS

Ellinbank	8.11.59	d	N-Darnum	2.2.14
Neerim Sth	13.11.89	d	Lang Lang	1.4.10
Buln Buln	17.13.115	d	Trafalgar	2.2.14
Yarragon	10.9.69	d	Longwarry	7.7.49

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ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS														ROUND 19					
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	% WON		W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	14	0	304.22	68	Ellinbank	17	0	601.23	68	Poowong	14	2	233.41	87.5	Ellinbank	16	1	394.88	94.1
Neerim South	13	4	220.91	52	Lang Lang	16	1	417.60	64	Catani	13	3	184.68	81.2	Buln Buln	15	2	401.45	88.2
Ellinbank	13	4	204.35	52	Neerim South	14	3	366.17	56	Ellinbank	12	4	218.13	75.0	Neerim South	13	4	252.46	76.4
Lang Lang	12	5	159.03	48	Buln Buln	12	5	324.51	48	Longwarry	11	6	154.38	64.7	Poowong	11	6	163.65	64.7
Longwarry	12	5	150.50	48	Nilma-Darnum	9	8	98.44	36	Neerim South	9	8	140.08	52.9	Nilma-Darnum	8	9	102.35	47.0
Trafalgar	9	8	98.64	36	Longwarry	8	9	117.29	32	Trafalgar	9	8	123.17	52.9	Lang Lang	5	10	41.54	33.3
Nilma-Darnum	8	9	88.49	32	Trafalgar	8	9	113.03	32	Lang Lang	6	11	58.19	35.3	Trafalgar	5	12	59.18	29.4
Poowong	4	13	74.87	16	Yarragon	5	12	38.72	20	Nilma-Darnum	1	15	29.83	5.8	Yarragon	2	14	25.47	12.5
Yarragon	4	13	48.53	16	Nyora	3	15	21.53	12	Buln Buln	0	17	25.92	0.0	Longwarry	0	17	32.79	0.0
Catani	2	15	45.64	8	Catani	2	15	31.83	8	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Nyora	0	18	23.08	0	Poowong	0	17	10.96	0	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0



MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 17

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

**116**

**59**

TOORA	TARWIN
Toora 5.3 6.9 9.13 17.14 (116)	Tarwin 3.0 5.0 5.3 9.5 (59)

**GOALS, Toora:** Peter Grant 4, Lachlan Osborne, Joseph Platt, Jake Smart 3, Jack Weston 2, William Goosey, Jordan Knox 1 each  
**BEST:** Jack Weston, Sam Frawley, Jake Smart, William Goosey, Reghan Lewis, Lachlan Osborne  
**GOALS, Tarwin:** Brodie Senior-Gibson 3, Kane McCarthy 2, Ben Ellen, Stuart Kilsby, Ricky O'Loughlin, Matthew Williams 1 each  
**BEST:** Tom Vanderkolk, Jason Kennedy, Fergus Warren, Ricky O'Loughlin, Brodie Senior-Gibson, Lachie Jones

**RESERVES**

Toora 5.5 9.8 14.13 16.15 (111)	Tarwin 0.2 4.3 4.4 5.7 (37)
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**GOALS, Toora:** Tex Dyson 5, Jordyn Coulthard 4, Jaryrd Guganovic 3, Luke Anedda, Jean Bezzene, William Cashin, Leigh de Boer 1 each  
**BEST:** Jean Bezzene, Matthew Hoppner, Jordyn Coulthard, Tex Dyson, William Cashin, Luke Anedda  
**GOALS, Tarwin:** Jacoa Cameron, Jamie Cann, Luke Keily, Simon McRae, Vaughan Van Dillen 1 each  
**BEST:** George Bountris, Nick McRae, David Leggo, Travis Bergmeier, Jamie Cann, Travis Cameron

IN OTHER GAMES...

<b>SENIORS</b>	Newborough 12.9.81	d	Morwell East 12.8.80
<b>RESERVES</b>	Newborough 19.11.125	d	Morwell East 3.5.23
<b>THIRDS</b>	Yinnar 11.10.76	d	Newborough 4.5.29

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

ELLINBANK ROUND 20

Ellinbank v Lang Lang  
Poowong v Neerim South  
Nilma Darnum v Buln Buln  
Catani v Yarragon  
Longwarry v Trafalgar  
Nyora - BYE

GIPPSLAND ROUND 17

Bairnsdale v Leongatha  
Morwell v Sale  
Maffra v Traralgon  
Moe v Warragul  
Drouin v Wonthaggi

MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 18

Thorpdale v Morwell East  
MDU v Foster  
Mirboo North v Fish Creek  
Stony Creek v Yinnar  
Tarwin v Hill End  
Newborough v Toora  
Boolarra - BYE

WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 18

Bunyip v Inverloch-Kongwak  
Cora Lynn v Kilcunda-Bass  
Phillip Island v Nar Nar Goon  
Dalyston v Tooradin-Dalmore  
Koo Wee Rup v Korumburra-Bena  
Warragul Industrials v Garfield

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Magpie's soar to impressive win

By Rob Popplestone

HOSTING Tarwin was possibly the easiest part of the week for the Magpies, with many of the Toora players still coming to terms with being on field and witnessing what was conceivably a life changing injury to respected opponent Jason Wind-erlich in round sixteen.

Players can be forgiven for second guessing, even reconsidering playing the game they love when confronted with a "freak" accident as they were or use it as inspiration for a way forward. The Magpies secured possibly their most impressive win of the year.

"Enormously proud of the efforts of our players today," Jack Weston, Toora coach said.

"A complete performance which saw us respond each time Tarwin came at us and crack the game open late to kick away. Finally, four points to show for our work!"

The Magpies improvement from 2023 to 2024 has been noticeable, and the efforts of those players asked to play for more than just fun in the reserves has been appreciated by the club, they like their week-end opponents have been very solid all year.

"Saturdays game wasn't the outcome that we hoped for, after coming off a great win last weekend," Jason Kennedy, Tarwin coach said,

"Being Toora's last home game of the season, we knew that they would be up for the challenge and credit to them, they came ready to play. Unfortunately, we didn't."

The Sharks will now look to finish off the year with a win against bottom of the table Hill End, a positive result likely, but in no way guaranteed.



Jordan Knox takes the mark for Toora on the fly. ns13\_3324



Jake Smart lines up the goal for Toora. ns15\_3324



Toora's William Goosey scored three goals for his side on Saturday. ns11\_3324

MDU dominates as Hill End falls short

By Rob Popplestone

HILL END'S last home game of the year was always going to attract what is a very strong, loyal and enthusiastic crowd, hopeful of seeing the Rovers produce some of their best football against a worthy opponent and finals contender in MDU.

However, the Demons are only a fortnight from being on the big stage and were also set on continued improvement, much of which was on show

during the weekend with a comfortable seventy-one-point victory.

"The weekend was another really good team performance again against a tough hard working Hill End," Nathan Allen, MDU coach said.

"Was nice to see some sunshine and get our ball movement looking like we wanted it to. Next week we have a huge

home game against the inform foster. Depending on the results, we could play them two weeks in a row so it's a bit of a different one!"

That possibility is very real and both clubs are sure to be doing and have done some forward scouting to ready themselves, whilst at Hill End, just one more chance remains for victory, after they were never really in it at the weekend.

Ambu Uliando, Hill End

coach: "the boys had a crack on Saturday. Didn't stop trying till the final siren. MDU were too polished, their transition from defence to attack hurt us. Overall, though, proud of our effort."

There would not be one side in the competition that would question the efforts of Coach Uliando's led men, the Rovers are at best honest and aggressive, qualities all coaches are after.

Tigers set to take on reigning premiers this weekend

By Rover

MIRBOO North will conclude its struggling 2024 season when it hosts reigning Mid Gippsland premier and currently second-placed Fish Creek, at Tigerland this Saturday.

Following its 12-point loss to archrival, Foster at the Foster Showgrounds, Fish Creek will be especially keen to win the match to maintain second position on the ladder.

When both clubs last met on May 15 at Fish Creek, the Kangaroos thumped Mirboo North by 128 points.

This time, the mighty Tigers will be refreshed and hoping to be far more competitive, after coming off a bye in the previous round.

A fourth win for the year by Mirboo North appears improbable, but the Tigers will be doing their best to give the Kangaroos a serious run for their money.

Vale Len Scurrah

MNFNC extends its deepest sympathy to the family of long-serving Mid Gippsland executive member and past senior vice-president, Len Scurrah, following his recent passing in Queensland.

Guru Rover's seven vital football lessons

As broadcast on South Coast FM's 'Mirboo North Magazine'

radio program on Monday, August 12:

1. Football's triple mandate is to win the contested ball, select the right option and deliver the Sherrin effectively to a teammate.
2. When the ball is flying through the air or bouncing towards the big white sticks, the difference between a goal and a behind can be as little as the width or part thereof, of a goal post.
3. Whenever the Sherrin becomes a hot potato, a carbohydrate dietary plan carries extra weight.
4. If the symptoms of a team going backwards can't be found, perhaps it's time for

a symposium of football experts to find a way forward.

5. Dropping a simple chest mark is akin to flubbing your lines when reading from a teleprompter.
6. Relentless pressure with unrelenting resolve is the best way to defend your back 50.
7. When the going gets tough, tough teams get the job done by singing from a songbook of complex melodies.

A bonus lesson for all prolific ball gatherers:

Never take a quality possession for granted because if you rip a hammy, you're straight off the ground and out of action for at least three weeks.





Fish Creek's Jai Stefani contests the ruck. ns17\_3324



Both sides fly high in the ruck. ns16\_3324

# Finals feels as Foster defeat Roos

AS IMPORTANT as this weekend's round of MGFNL was, the health of injured Thorpdale coach and star player Jason Winderlich remained the first priority. A neck injury suffered in round sixteen had the inspirational leader flown to Alfred hospital with surgery that night to his neck proceeding well. One week later, Jason has indicated that the club and family will update when appropriate, as the prayers and well wishes from all clubs, players and supporters remain for his continued improvement. On the field, two games in particular were crucial to the League's top six and their re-

By Rob Popplestone

sults would shape the destiny of the contending final's aspirants. The home team Tigers were well aware of what was on offer in their weekend clash with Fish Creek. Foster, just a game behind the top of the table Kangaroos knew that a victory had them well placed to steal the number one spot at the last possible moment of the season, and therefore were ready to produce their very best against the reigning premiers, and their very best was good enough! "Cracking day with a finals-like feel and a finals-like crowd," Sam Davies, Foster

coach stated. "Momentum swings all day, and we were good enough to absorb a lot of pressure and then find a way to get the job done when they came hard late in the contest. It was nice to see the smiles on all our supporters' faces post-game." It was the perfect lead-up game for both clubs, for Foster they now can believe, or at least they should that they are capable of going all the way, whilst for Fish Creek the loss, albeit disappointing, is better now than in a few weeks come finals. "A great game of footy yesterday, lived up to expectations of a finals-like intensity and feel," Jarrod Walker,

Fish Creek coach said. "Momentum swings all day but credit to Foster who was able to capitalise with goals when they got on top. A fair few positives for us to work with and a few things we can improve on as always." There is never the perfect game of football, but there is your best game, and you always want that to be when it is most required, and ideally that is in the last game of the year, but not always. These two powerful clubs have in part lifted the benchmark in the MGFNL to about as good a standard as it's been for a couple of decades, but there is also a handful more making ground quickly.

# Lions edge out victory against Boolarra

BOOLARRA'S last game of the season, given their bye next weekend, was planned to be somewhat of a celebration of a season, a year that didn't always unfold the way they would have liked, but nonetheless produced a handful of highlights from which to grow into something bigger and better in 2025. However, their clash against the Lions was never going to be a walk in the park, given their opponents had shown,

By Rob Popplestone

albeit in patches, that they were capable of mixing it with the top end of town, and to that end Stony Creek got the job done,11-8-74 to Boolarra 10-7-67 "Boolarra got off to a great start. They won the midfield battle early by holding space," Chris Verboon, Stony Creek coach said. "We adjusted things through the second quarter

and managed to even up the game. We have struggled to close our games this year and that was the message at three quarter time. Can we stand up to the challenge? It was good to finally win a close game." The win was a just reward for many results that have slipped through their fingers during the season, the Lions' next month could have looked quite different if not for those disappointments,

but watching from the sidelines during the finals and understanding what might have been, could be the catalyst for a better 2025. Boolarra too, with a bye next week will likely finish the season third from bottom, but yet have shown they can match with many of the sides further up the ladder, the line between being a contender and not for the Demons has been very fine all year through.

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 17

### FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

### FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

 **90**

 **78**

	FOSTER	FISH CREEK
Foster	3.2	7.3
Fish Creek	4.2	7.4

**GOALS, Foster:** Jake Best 9, Willem Duursma 2, Matthew Clark, Brendan Neville, Jack Rathjen 1 each

**BEST:** Jake Best, Harley Hoppner, Brendan Neville, Willem Duursma, Tom Littore, Josh Toner

**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Tom Buckley 4, Darcy Berryman, Thomas Cameron 2, Lachlan Gale, Damien Scully, Jordan Shaw, Jai Stefani 1 each

**BEST:** Tom Buckley, Kairon Dorling, Blaine Coates, Jack Hayes, Tom Valenta, Lachlan Gale

#### RESERVES

Foster	0.0	1.0	2.1	2.1 (13)
Fish Creek	6.2	11.4	15.4	19.9 (123)

**GOALS, Foster:** Aaron Buttigieg, Josh Prior, Callan Van Dyke 1 each

**BEST:** Alej Lacanaria, Eddie Smith, Brayden Hall, Callan Van Dyke, Jai Prain, Angus Lomax

**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Colin McPhee 6, Adam Bright 5, Toby Redpath 3, William Brydon Waldren, Anthony Wilson 2, Tye McGannon 1

**BEST:** Brad Pulham, William Brydon Waldren, Colin McPhee, Tye McGannon, Brandon Busuttil, Adam Bright

### MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

 **41**

 **112**

	HILL END	MDU
Hill End	0.0	3.2
MDU	0.0	7.7

**GOALS, Hill End:** Jeremy Hunter, Jamie Somers 2, Joshua Hammond, Marko Kulas 1 each

**BEST:** Aaron Fawcett, Harry Moore, Seth Calway, Amburupa Uliando, Adam Forth, Mark Ferguson

**GOALS, MDU:** Darren Sheen 6, Ben Perry 3, Wayne Stewart 2, Ashleigh Allen, Kieran Bohn, Jake Brydon, Jess Hickey, Angus Kemper, Shaye Walsh 1 each

**BEST:** Joel Leeden, Samuel Wilson, Darren Sheen, Wayne Stewart, Ashleigh Allen, Jess Hickey

#### RESERVES

Hill End	0.1	4.2	4.2	5.3 (33)
MDU	2.1	3.2	7.3	9.5 (59)

**GOALS, Hill End:** Luke Ravenhorst 2, Bradley Gorman, Patrick Mastertoun, Evan Walker 1 each

**BEST:** Patrick Mastertoun, Luke Ravenhorst, Rhys Matchett, Anthony Scarcella, Jake Schiavello, Brody Hams

**GOALS, MDU:** Luke Harris, Benjamin Maxwell 2, Jack Ballagh, Rylie Checkley, Jack Dunn, Tyson Harris, Michael Smith 1 each

**BEST:** Rylie Checkley, Travis Ruedin, Tadhg Dennehy, Benjamin Maxwell, Jack Ballagh, Ryan Giliam

### STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

 **67**

 **74**

	BOOLARRA	STONY CREEK
Boolarra	5.1	5.3
Stony Creek	1.0	4.3

**GOALS, Boolarra:** Joel Mason 3, Vincent Corbett 2, Mitchell Lovison, Brendan Mason, Simon Noy, Glen Richards, Josh Wilson 1 each

**BEST:** Joel Mason, Simon Noy, Brendan Mason, Daniel Wilson, Mason Porykali, Luke Marriott

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Jacob Byrnes, Cody Loughridge 2, Jayden Battersby, Hayden Bull, Anthony Dyke, Colby Michael, Aidan Simmons, Troy Sinclair 1 each

**BEST:** Cody Loughridge, Jayden Battersby, Aidan Simmons, Tom Stone, Sam Marriott

#### RESERVES

Boolarra	0.2	0.5	2.6	4.8 (32)
Stony Creek	2.4	6.9	8.13	10.16 (76)

**GOALS, Boolarra:** Ben McCormack, Eddy Stanton 2

**BEST:** Thomas Holley, Thomas Beamish, Eddy Stanton, Glen Smith, Hayden Kimpton, Kenneth Towt

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** John Holloway 3, Brad Renden 2, Jarrad Byrnes, Lachlan Elliott, Glenn Gray, Ryan McKnight, Nick Svenson 1 each

**BEST:** Rory Harrington, Tyson Davies, Nathan Trotto, Lucas Byrnes, Tom Jenkin, John Holloway

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 17

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Yinnar	13	2	170.40	60
Fish Creek	12	3	175.44	56
Foster	12	3	150.82	56
Morwell East	11	4	177.66	52
Newborough	10	5	133.85	48
MDU	10	5	131.96	48
Thorpdale	8	6	109.89	42
Tarwin	6	9	79.78	32
Stony Creek	4	11	94.32	24
Toora	3	11	73.30	22
Boolarra	4	12	82.49	20
Mirboo North	3	12	42.28	20
Hill End	1	14	33.18	12

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Newborough	14	1	439.02	64
Yinnar	12	3	302.58	56
MDU	12	3	236.19	56
Morwell East	11	4	212.52	52
Stony Creek	11	4	204.11	52
Fish Creek	9	6	212.33	44
Toora	6	9	78.97	32
Hill End	6	9	61.74	32
Boolarra	6	10	55.28	28
Tarwin	4	10	60.88	24
Thorpdale	4	11	53.54	24
Mirboo North	2	13	18.46	16
Foster	1	14	18.15	12

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
MDU	11	1	285.13	62
Newborough	8	6	86.73	44
Yinnar	6	7	118.93	40
Fish Creek/Tarwin	4	8	96.48	34
Mirboo North	3	10	35.35	28
Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0
Foster	0	0	0.00	0



WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 17

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

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	INVERLOCH-K		PHILLIP ISLAND	
Inverloch-K	3.2	6.2	6.3	6.6 (42)
Phillip Island	3.2	7.4	9.5	16.9 (105)

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Tate Short 2, Michael Eales, Campbell Scott, Jordan Tomas, Oscar Toussaint 1 each  
**BEST:** Luke Johnson, Xavier Hughes, Lachlan Scott, Tom Hams, Ethan Park, Lewis Rankin  
**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Yianni Caffieri, Zac Walker 3, Charlie Bruce, Hayden Bruce, Jack Taylor 2, Thomas Baulch, Bryce Hindhaugh, Daniel Pearce, Billy Taylor 1 each  
**BEST:** Bryce Hindhaugh, Max Walton, Zac Walker, Yianni Caffieri, Thomas Baulch, Jaymie Youle

**RESERVES**

Inverloch-K	2.0	5.1	7.2	8.2 (50)
Phillip Island	1.1	3.3	4.4	4.6 (30)

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Toby Mahoney 4, Dylan Taylor 2, Owen Fitzpatrick, Harry McInnes 1 each  
**BEST:** Dylan Clark, Clinton McCaughan, Jack Butcher, Toby Mahoney, Ashton Hewitson, Andre Toussaint  
**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Brayden Kleverkamp, Blake Olarenshaw, Brady Ross, Ben Taylor 1 each  
**BEST:** Brayden Kleverkamp, Joshua Ryan, Brady Ross, Thomas Macrokanis, Tyce Kleverkamp, Blake Olarenshaw

**THIRDS**

Inverloch-K	0.0	0.3	0.4	1.7 (13)
Phillip Island	3.1	4.2	5.6	7.7 (49)

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Andrew Nowell 1  
**BEST:** Zak Box, Flynn Lomax, Callum McLeod, Bayleigh Cowell, Frederick Soumilas, Rem Dal Pozzo  
**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Max Taylor 3, Jack Huther 2, Jasper Cashman, Finn O'Brien 1 each  
**BEST:** Finn O'Brien, Eden Goldsbury, Max Taylor, Darcy Thompson, Timothy Niven, Sonny McMillan

**FOURTHS**

Inverloch-K	1.0	5.1	5.1	6.2 (38)
Phillip Island	3.2	6.4	8.9	9.12 (66)

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Augustus Finsterer 3, James Martin 2, Luke Aungier 1  
**BEST:** Augustus Finsterer, Frole Anderson, Jacob Brown, James Martin, Harvey Sorensen, Cooper Newman  
**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Jack Larsson 3, Felix Bathgate, Harrison Carlon 2, Kai Cashman, Xavier Williams 1 each  
**BEST:** Felix Bathgate, Parker Trappett, Archie Ross, Levi Addison, Harrison Carlon, Xavier Williams

IN OTHER GAMES...

<b>SENIORS</b>				
Nar Nar Goon	27.13.175	d	Garfield	1.4.10
Tooradin-Dal	23.20.158	d	Bunyip	2.2.14
Cora Lynn	16.10.106	d	Warragul Ind	8.11.59
<b>RESERVES</b>				
Nar Nar Goon	22.11.143	d	Garfield	0.1.1
Tooradin-Dal	34.25.229	d	Bunyip	0.0.0
Cora Lynn	15.18.108	d	Warragul Ind	2.2.14
<b>THIRDS</b>				
Garfield	7.8.50	d	Nar Nar Goon	5.8.38
Tooradin-Dal	14.21.105	d	Bunyip	2.0.12
<b>FOURTHS</b>				
Nar Nar Goon	11.7.73	d	Garfield	1.1.7
Tooradin-Dal	17.16.118	d	Bunyip	0.1.1

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Alex Duyker successfully tackles his IK opponent to ground as Coby Olarenshaw comes in to assist. Photo: Carol Ratcliff

Dogs bite back in grand final rematch

PHILLIP Island made the trip to Inverloch for the second grand final rematch. A crucial game was upon the Island, win and top two and double chance would be cemented, a loss would bring them back to the pack.

Last year when the two teams met it was a draw followed by a one-point win to Inverloch before the grand final win.

Inverloch had turned the weather on with little wind and clear skies. From the outset the Island looked like they had come to play, thrusting the ball forward, the Island had two chances on goal within a minute of the opening quarter. Inverloch are always hard to beat and needing a win to keep their top two dream alive the game was set for an epic. And fast-paced football it was, both midfields driving the ball forward and both defences standing tall. At the end of the first nothing could separate the two teams sitting on 20 points each.

Stand up Zac Walker and Yianni Caffieri, it is a testament to the development that Phillip Island has through juniors and into its 16s and 18s programs, both men have come of age and added a special dynamic to Phillip Island. Yianni being only 16 years old, was close to best on ground again in seniors.

His clean skills and work rate managed to slot three goals for the game. Not to be outdone Zac Walker has taken his game to new heights and with his speed, marking and versatility, has become a real presence for the Island as he also slotted three goals and took numerous marks around the ground.

The Bulldogs started to kick into second gear and came in at halftime with an eight-point lead.

The premiership quarter was upon the Island, and Inverloch had the scoring end down to the netball courts. And what the crowd witnessed was a hungry Phillip Island that would not relent

on pressure. The midfield brigade of Walton, Youle, Tom (primetrain), and the Bruce brothers dominated at stoppages and did not let Inverloch have any free-flowing play. In a hard-fought quarter, the Island managed to keep Inverloch to a single point while adding two goals of their own to have a 59-39 lead at three-quarter time.

With belief growing and confidence from their coaches, the Doggies came out in the fourth and played an incredibly special brand of football. Commentators and supporters were witnessing something special as they shut the door on Inverloch. Their speed and intensity could not be matched as the Island controlled the game with skill and speed. Orlando and Bryce "Chompers" Hindaugh controlled the wings, and Hayden Bruce continued his dominant year kicking two goals and setting up others. Daniel Pearce floated around the ground using his skill.

The most pleasing thing was

that the team performance was so even across the board. The backline was terrific to not concede a goal in the second half. Kai McKenzie was back to his running dash, Aaron Harris has had a special month of football, along with Benjamin "Button" Holmes who is looking younger as the year progresses, the Island has a deep midfield and a strong defence. Not to mention the firepower up forward of the Taylor brothers, Captain Jack and Billy "Stretch" Taylor, Travis "Turbo" Woodfield, and a brigade of midfielders who play forward.

The Island ran out 63-point winners. It's a credit to Phillip Island to see so many local talents who have played all their juniors at the club starting to hit their straps.

Phillip Island will play third-placed Nar Nar Goon on Saturday, August 17 in the final home game for the year. Meanwhile the Sea Eagles will take a roadtrip to Bunyip to top off their own finals' preparation.



# Panthers take the Shield

KILCUNDA-Bass reclaimed the Gus James Shield after a 36-point win over Korumburra-Bena on Saturday.

The Gus James Shield is played each year by these clubs to raise mental health awareness.

The Panthers travelled to the Korumburra Showgrounds to take on the Giants, eager to start its preparations for finals.

Playing in good conditions for footy, inaccurate kicking plagued Kilcunda-Bass early.

Korumburra-Bena played competitively and gave the Panthers a run, taking an early lead.

The teamwork was strong from the Giants, providing plenty of options coming out of the defence and demonstrating good, creative footy, which was pleasing for fans to watch.

Kilcunda-Bass worked hard to ensure it had plenty of gettable set shots but didn't take its chances and couldn't get the break it was searching for.

The Panthers found their feet in the second quarter and launched their come back, securing an eight-point lead before halftime.

Their defence strengthened and a few more goals were added to the tally.

Regardless, Korumburra-Bena maintained its competitiveness and kept up the pace with two more goals of its own.

Kye Benson and Josh Hopkins contained Kilcunda-Bass' midfield, supporting Evan Allaway in the ruck.

The backmen, led by Byron Walker and Tyler Newton, also held strong all day.



Jonathon Rocotas dives for the mark for Kilcunda-Bass as Korumburra-Bena coach Josh Hopkins closes in, the footy spilling free. A19\_3324

However, it was the third quarter where Kilcunda-Bass really hit its stride.

A dreaded quarter for Korumburra-Bena, Kilcunda-Bass managed to capitalise on the changes made during half time and had a little more breathing room with a 35-point advantage.

Korumburra-Bena was unable to react quick enough to nullify the changes made and the intensity from Kilcunda-Bass caused the margin to increase.

Dean McRae kicked five goals for the day and Anthony Daraio remains one of the league's top goal kickers with another four to his tally.

Nathan Foote rallied the midfield and Scott Pugh played his first senior game

for the year and impressed up forward.

Korumburra-Bena did everything it could to stay in it, but once the avalanche had started, it was difficult to suppress the Panthers again.

The damage had been done and Kilcunda-Bass eased into the fourth quarter, trialling some finals strategies.

Korumburra-Bena fought its way to the end and still took a lot of positives out of the game.

The Giants celebrated its final home game of the season, as well as the Sponsors' Day.

The positive vibes both on and off the field have the club looking ahead to the 2025 season, and feel it is on the right track for future success.

In the meantime, the Giants

has one game to go – an away clash against Koo Wee Rup.

It'll be another tough ask, but not beyond Korumburra-Bena's capabilities to come away with a win.

The Giants will have Paul Fermanis return to its lineup, and also hope to see Mitch Wightman return from injury.

Kilcunda-Bass is now looking ahead to its final match up for the home and away season against the formidable Cora Lynn.

Another win for Cora Lynn will cement its place in the top two heading into finals.

The game promises to be an interesting one for Kilcunda-Bass who will have a first hand experience of the challenges they will face in the upcoming WGFNC finals.

# Koo Wee Rup defeat a depleted Dalyston

ROCKED by injuries, Dalyston conceded a 38-point defeat to Koo Wee Rup on Saturday.

Regardless, the Magpies put up a strong performance and remained competitive throughout the game.

Dalyston and Koo Wee Rup have been playing at a similar standard this season and, going in, it was anyone's game.

The quarter-time scores reflected this with Dalyston up by just two points at the first siren.

With both teams now looking forward to next season, they were keen to make a statement.

Each kicked three goals, with Dalyston tilting the margin slightly in its favour with two behinds.

The contest remained just as even during the second quarter, but a number of injuries impacted the Dalyston side and Koo Wee Rup's unerring accuracy allowed the visitors to gain a two-goal advantage.

Two players were removed from the game before halftime due to concussion and a knee injury.

Already down on rotations, Dalyston lost a second player to concussion early in the third term to further deplete their depth.

Coach Mitch Hallahan stepped up to the challenge and was an inspirational leader, putting his body on the line.

After losing a couple of onballers to injury, Will Clarke was a real asset.

The club has been experimenting with a number of roles for Clarke throughout the season and his strength has been crucial.

Brad Monson was active up forward, attracting Koo Wee Rup's best backmen and still delivering strong leads.

Hayden Wallis was in form, kicking three for the day.

Robert Davey has stepped up from the reserves for two-thirds of the season and was instrumental in this match following the injuries.

Kurt Thomas continued his domination in the ruck and Louis Armstrong was formidable in the backline, quickly moving the ball out of the defence.

Armstrong has played on the best small forwards

each week and continues to impress. Dalyston kept itself in the game through the third quarter but began to run out of legs by the fourth.

The Demons' Nathan Voss topped off a great day finishing the good work of Alanis and McDonald to kick five goals.

The weekend festivities didn't end there for Dalyston, with the Magpies welcoming singer/songwriter Tones and I to the club for a social function on Saturday night.

For her final song Tones and I donned the Dalyston jumper and her performance was greatly appreciated by the club, its members and the community.

The Magpies will play their last game of the season at home this Saturday against Tooradin-Dalmore.

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### KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

### KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

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#### KORUMBURRA-BENA KILCUNDA-BASS

Kor-Bena 2.1 4.2 4.5 6.8 (44)  
Kilcunda-Bass 1.3 4.8 9.10 11.14 (80)

**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** Codie Anderson, Nicholas Besley, Tom Crocker, Jake Fowles, Jack Spencer, Kodie Walker 1 each

**BEST:** Kye Benson, Josh Hopkins, Tyson Findlay, Jordan Grabham, Zach Walker, Codie Anderson

**GOALS, K-Bass:** Dean McRae 5, Anthony Daraio 3, Cam McKenzie, Scott Pugh, Jack Soroczynski 1 each

**BEST:** Dean McRae, Scott Pugh, Bradley Aldwell, Anthony Daraio, Lochlan Scott, Timothy Gunn

#### RESERVES

Kor-Bena 1.2 1.4 2.6 3.7 (25)  
Kilcunda-Bass 3.2 5.6 10.7 12.13 (85)

**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** Jasper Macri 2, Blake Fisher 1

**BEST:** Jasper Macri, Jesse Harris, Terence Sanderson, Jack Donohue, Jack Crocker, Caleb Turton

**GOALS, K-Bass:** Kyle McGregor 4, Travis Stuckey 3, Trent Cartmel 2, Adam Banks, Ashden Grenness, Angus McGillivray 1 each

**BEST:** Jack Rosenow, angus mcgillivray, Ashden Grenness, Brodie Gude, Travis Stuckey, Trent Cartmel

#### FOURTHS

Kor-Bena 2.3 6.5 8.8 9.10 (64)  
Kilcunda-Bass 2.1 2.1 - 4.3 (27)

**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** Chase De Grandi, Blake Hopwood, Braiden Woodman 2, Jayden Douglas, Lucas Jones, Owen Maskell 1 each

**BEST:** Levi Gooch, Dallas Walker, Braiden Woodman, Hamish Withall, Charlie Boulter, Jesse Gollop

**GOALS, K-Bass:** Riley Eden, Jasper Saunders 1 each

**BEST:** Jackson Sweet, Taye Prasad-Taylor, Noahh Tuite, Duke Lawrence, Riley Eden, Jasper Saunders

### DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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#### DALYSTON KOO WEE RUP

Dalyston 3.2 6.4 8.6 9.7 (61)  
Koo Wee Rup 3.0 8.0 11.3 15.9 (99)

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Hayden Wallis 3, Stewart Beaumont, William Clarke, Robert Davey, Mitch Hallahan, Kyle Kirk, Jesse Orchard-Moore 1 each

**BEST:** Mitch Hallahan, William Clarke, Brad Monson, Robert Davey, Kurt Thomas, Louis Armstrong

**GOALS, KWR:** Nathan Voss 5, Luke McMaster, Seth Ohehir 2, Dale Alanis, Zak Banks, Tyler Evans, Timothy Miller, Tyson Twite, Brodie Yapp 1 each

**BEST:** Dale Alanis, Nathan Voss, Ethan McDonald, Zak Banks, Nathan Muratore, Luke McMaster

#### RESERVES

Dalyston 0.2 0.5 0.5 0.6 (6)  
Koo Wee Rup 4.2 6.5 13.10 16.12 (108)

**BEST, Dalyston:** Troy Alford, Ben McRae, Philip Waugh, Dean Wylie, Owen Luff, Leit Bellaart

**GOALS, KWR:** Matthew Cameron 5, Brannon Harrison, Nathan Hopwood 3, John Ramos 2, Mack Brown, Liam Pirota, Zane Stanton 1 each

**BEST:** Ryan Wilby, Matthew Cameron, Luke Edwards, Liam Pirota, Brannon Harrison, Dante Di Pietro

#### THIRDS

Dalyston 1.1 5.3 6.3 8.4 (52)  
Koo Wee Rup 3.3 4.3 8.5 9.8 (62)

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Jesse Dugard, Jaxon Foon, Chase Krause 2, Beau Ransom, Angus Rosenow 1 each

**BEST:** Mackenzie Cameron, Jaxon Foon, Bailey Anderson, Max Connell, Max Toler, Levi Jones

**GOALS, KWR:** Luke Briganti 6, Cullen Anderson, Hunter Cairns, Levi Ducasse 1 each

**BEST:** Ethan Neill, Luke Briganti, Robbie McMahan, Seth Lawler, Drew Simmons, Bodie De La Rue

#### FOURTHS

Dalyston 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)  
Koo Wee Rup 6.4 9.9 12.14 17.18 (120)

**BEST, Dalyston:** Zack Hughes, Tom Humphris, Riley Pearson-rutland, Jack Howell, Bailey Taranto, Alexander Coppa

**GOALS, KWR:** Kynen Dore-Wilson 6, Matthew Simpson 4, Liam Pirota, Jakeb Shuttleworth 2, Jaxon Kelly, Cody Mannix, Bailey Robson, Joshua Saunders 1 each

**BEST:** Kynen Dore-Wilson, Campbell Wood, Matthew Simpson, Liam Pirota, Kaiden Bertone, Harley Monckton

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS										ROUND 17				
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts av
Phillip Island	15	1	210.66	62	Tooradin-Dal	15	2	679.14	60	Phillip Island	14	0	544.73	4.00
Cora Lynn	14	2	241.97	58	Nar Nar Goon	15	2	522.81	60	Warragul Ind	11	3	246.72	3.14
Nar Nar Goon	14	3	284.41	56	Inverloch-K	14	3	316.82	56	Nar Nar Goon	9	3	207.45	2.86
Inverloch-K	13	4	206.76	52	Phillip Island	12	5	334.03	48	Garfield	9	5	123.83	2.57
Tooradin-Dal	12	5	211.44	48	Cora Lynn	12	5	202.76	48	Inverloch-K	8	5	172.24	2.46
Kilcunda-Bass	10	7	103.66	40	Kilcunda-Bass	9	8	129.41	36	Koo Wee Rup	5	8	82.37	1.57
Warragul Ind	6	11	87.93	24	Koo Wee Rup	9	8	122.80	36	Tooradin-Dal	4	8	80.40	1.39
Koo Wee Rup	6	11	78.65	24	Garfield	6	11	48.69	24	Dalyston	5	10	82.38	1.33
Dalyston	4	13	66.26	16	Dalyston	4	13	18.90	16	Kor-Bena	2	11	19.11	0.61
Garfield	4	13	37.64	16	Kor-Bena	3	14	31.97	12	Bunyip	0	14	12.31	0.00
Kor-Bena	3	14	45.10	12	Warragul Ind	3	14	31.83	12	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bunyip	0	17	10.93	0	Bunyip	0	17	5.32	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

FOURTHS				
	W	L	%	pts av
Phillip Island	16	0	627.54	4.00
Nar Nar Goon	12	3	286.94	3.20
Inverloch-K	11	4	291.29	2.93
Warragul Ind	11	4	220.64	2.93
Tooradin-Dal	10	5	265.83	2.67
Kor-Bena	8	7	104.67	2.13
Koo Wee Rup	6	10	97.56	1.50
Garfield	5	10	60.54	1.33
Bunyip	3	13	27.28	0.75
Dalyston	2	14	13.13	0.50
Kilcunda-Bass	1	15	14.79	0.25
Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00





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## World opens up for Nyora's Keefer Wilson



**Looking good, Nyora's Keefer Wilson competing in the skate park final at the Paris Olympics.**

Photo: John Walton/PA Wire.

NYORA'S 17-year-old Olympic sensation, skateboarder Keefer Wilson, left it all out there in the men's park final last Thursday night at the Paris Olympics to finish out of the medals.

But it was enough to place eighth in the world after blasting his way into the final with three sensational runs in the preliminary rounds.

However, by going for it all in the final, he wasn't able to lay down a complete run to push further up the table.

He had the tricks and the moves, no doubt about that, but he needed to put at least one run together to mount a challenge.

It wasn't to be, but the top 10 finish and the whole experience looks to have set Keefer up for a bright future in the sport.

With the closing ceremony over, Keefer spoke to the Sentinel-Times, looking back on what had been a whirlwind the past few days.

"Yeah. It was a really good experience to go through an event like that with all my friends and the top skaters in the world," he said as the Paris party continued after the official closing of an amazing two weeks.

Asked if placing eighth in the world and within touching distance of an Olympic medal encouraged him to go on and aim for the LA Olympics, Keefer said for sure.

"Yes, 100 per cent. It really gets you motivated to want to go on now."

So, what next?

"Yeah, there are events coming up all the time. The Olympics and World

qualifying events will probably start next year but there's always something coming up. I'll be going back to the US in a few days' time, and there's also one in Italy we want to go to.

"But I'm still in Paris at the moment. It's been amazing."

Keefer said he's also enjoyed incredible support from back home in South Gippsland and all over Australia, all over the world really.

"Yeah, it's been pretty crazy but great."

Keefer set himself up as one of the skaters to beat in the eight-man final with three spectacularly consistent runs of 81.70, 88.60 and 90.10 in the preliminary rounds.

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