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- Locals fear organised crime connection



A stolen car, reportedly from the Melbourne suburbs, was torched in South Dudley after being involved in the destruction of a shop window in McBride Avenue in the early hours of Monday morning this week.

POLICE are not saying whether the attack on a brand-new tobacco and retail store in Wonthaggi, in the early hours of Monday morning this week, is connected to more than 70 raids on tobacco outlets across Melbourne and regional Victoria since March last year.

But the fact that the perpetrators torched the stolen car involved in the incident in Station Street, South Dudley sometime later indicates the destruction of the shop front of the new Grab'n'Go Mart in McBride Avenue was no accident.

Local retailers fear it might simply have

been a "shot across the bows" of the new shop after signs went up late last week advertising "gifts, drinks, tobacco and snacks".

"Maybe they're trying to warn them before they open. It's scary," said one local business owner.

It was at around 3.30am on Monday morning, August 19 that the Wonthaggi Fire Brigade was alerted to a car fire outside 38 Station Street, South Dudley, and it was soon apparent the car had been stolen.

At 5am they answered another call to

attend an incident at 29 McBride Avenue, in the Wonthaggi shopping centre, where it had been reported a car had crashed through the front window of a shop. Police confirmed later that the torched car had likely done the damage to the retail premises earlier in the night.

According to Criminal Investigation Unit police, the stolen car was driven into a front window of the new Grab'n'Go Mart, which wasn't due to open until September 1, confirming that nothing had been stolen.

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Kongwak divided over \$36 million project

A \$36 million redevelopment of the old Kongwak Butter Factory, into a commercial, hospitality and accommodation venue, is being pitched as "the beginning of another chapter in the rich history of Kongwak and its iconic Butter Factory".

The would-be developers of the Kongwak Butter Factory Precinct project, fronting Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road in the middle of town, say it has the potential to once again make the factory "the pride of its community".

Details of the much-anticipated project were revealed in full in the past week on the Department of Transport and Planning website where notice was given that a decision will soon be made by the department under the State Government's "fast-track" Development Facilitation Program.

Predictably, it was the topic of conversation among stallholders and patrons at the town's popular weekly market last Sunday.

Core aspects of the project include an event space for 200 people, a restaurant for 150, a conference centre for 52, a caretaker's house and 40 cabins spread across the 16ha site.

According to the documents, it is hoped that additional offerings such as the general store,



Plans for a \$36 million redevelopment of the old Kongwak Butter Factory, shut down in the 1960s, have been revealed on the Department of Transport and Planning website detailing a 200-person event space, restaurant, galley, general store and 40 cabins.

restaurant, and gallery "can provide new life to the main street of Kongwak and will be a place for the local community to socialise over a coffee, connect with the creative local community or obtain basics like milk and bread".

So, what's not to like?

Despite the prospect of such an exciting project arriving in the sleepy hamlet of Kongwak, with the promise of jobs and a boost to the local economy, it has not been universally embraced.

The 'Save Kongwak Group' which has so far collected 4083 signatures of a target 5000 against the project on a Change.org petition, say it is

a major overdevelopment that will "change the face of Kongwak forever".

"We are for small-scale development including a restaurant, cafe, art gallery and general store but we oppose a large wedding and convention centre venue, late-night trading and live music and we oppose street-facing car parks, short-stay cabins and effluent processing on farmland and any impact to our Avenue of Honour."

The group has been quick to respond to the publication of project details, describing the proposed scope of works on its Facebook page, and claiming that there would be a peak flow of 69,000 litres-a-week of

sewage.

"Raw sewage will be pumped over the Foster Creek to be processed in the former dairy grazing paddocks," they say.

But an exhaustive set of 21 planning documents, which almost certainly soaked up most of the Regional Development Victoria grant of \$500,000, paint a picture of a project and an operation that will respect the significance of the iconic butter factory while injecting new life into the main street of the town.

For more details search 'Ministerial permit PA2402814' on the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning website.

Kongwak developers encourage interest

REPRESENTATIVES of the Kongwak Butter Factory Precinct Pty Ltd, Damien Backholer and Gemma Cosgriff, have welcomed the release of the detailed plans for their project and have encouraged the community to take an interest.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times this week, they say their aim is to bring the butter factory buildings back to life in a way that is in keeping with a rural town setting.

"It is great to see our plans for the revitalisation of the Kongwak Butter Factory get to this point where the community can now have its say as part of the town planning public notice period.

"There is a lot of detail on the plans and the supporting documents, and we encourage the community to take the time to review the information that has been formally submitted.

"We have also updated our website with architectural renders and more FAQs and this is the central point of true and accurate information, with the link to the planning portal available via this page also kongwakbutterfactory.com.au/futureplans.

"Our purpose has always been to bring the Kongwak Butter Factory buildings back to life in a way that celebrates their history and the region, in a sustainable way that is harmonious with the rural town setting, and which can be enjoyed by people from near and far for generations to come."

But they have also noted that the planning process is in the hands of the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) as the responsible planning authority, and they will be informed of the outcome in due course, whenever that might be.

O'Brien calls for end to wind energy confusion

MEMBER for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien has criticised the draft Victorian Transmission Plan that is currently being developed by the State Government saying it has created confusion and angst about renewable energy developments in Gippsland.

In Parliament last week, he called for the current Plan engagement process to be withdrawn.

Recent sessions were held in Korumburra consulting with community members on the guidelines for the draft Plan.

Mr O'Brien said it is perplexing that VicGrid, which is tasked with coordinating transmission for new energy developments across Victoria is now also seeking to decide where renewable energy developments can occur.

"While I support VicGrid having a role in coordinating transmission, why it should be identifying zones for renewables when this is a job the private sector is already doing is somewhat strange," he said.

"This whole discussion paper and a map highlighting the best locations for renewable energy facilities is unnecessary and has added to confusion in the community."

Mr O'Brien also urged the government to help coordinate consultation on what he labelled a bewildering array of new projects, particularly in respect to offshore wind energy generation.

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"The vehicle has reversed out and pulled the window frame with it," they said.

Bass Coast CIU has made an appeal to the public for dashcam footage, CCTV surveillance video, or any information that might assist them with their inquiries. Contact Wonthaggi Police 5671 4100 or anonymously to Crimestoppers 1800 333 000.

Legged it after crash

In a busy weekend for Wonthaggi Police, they are still investigating a car crash outside the Hicksborough Store in White Road, Wonthaggi, at about 11am on Sunday, August 18, where the driver has left the scene.

Police reported that one vehicle has run into the rear of

another car in front of them. One of the vehicles was reversing out of a carpark prior to the accident.

It was reported to police, the offender, driving the car which rear-ended the other car, is believed to have been under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

The offender, they say, left the vehicle after the crash and was picked up in a separate car before fleeing the scene.

The offending vehicle was found to have false plates and was identified as stolen.

Further investigations are underway with police currently seeking "a person of interest".

Again, anyone with information can contact Wonthaggi Uniform Branch 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.



Tradesmen have now boarded up the front window of shop in McBride Avenue Wonthaggi after a stolen car smashed through the front window of the brand-new tobacco and retail store ahead of its opening on September 1.

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Showers easing.
Wind AM: NW 15-20km/h
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8° 16°



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Wind AM: Light
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SUN | Aug 25

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IN BRIEF

New Mirboo North kinder closer to reality

PLANS for a new kindergarten in Mirboo North to be located at Mirboo North Primary School are likely to advance at Wednesday's council meeting, with South Gippsland Shire councillors voting on a recommendation to approve a design option for a two-room kindergarten building with Maternal and Child Health services.

The recommendation also includes allowing space within the design for the later addition of a Long Day Care facility, dependent on external funding.

Should councillors support the recommendations, a design consultant will be appointed and community and relevant stakeholders will be officially informed of the endorsed design option.

Council has previously identified that the current Mirboo North Kindergarten site would not accommodate any expansion to increase kindergarten capacity.

That led to consultation with Mirboo North Primary School and it was agreed that an unused area of the school, the Arboretum, would be investigated as the potential location for any new facility, council stated.

It noted that is in alignment with the commitment of the Department of Education to build kindergartens on school sites.

Council received a \$150,000 State Government grant in July last year through the Victorian School Building Authority to undertake planning and pre-construction work for a replacement kindergarten in Mirboo North, with council funding an additional \$40,000.

NO threat to Island trees

IN SEPTEMBER last year, when the Bass Coast Shire Council approved the latest plan for an \$85 million hotel and apartment development on the old Isle of Wight site.

One of the conditions was the protection of two significant

trees near the corner of Bass Avenue and The Esplanade.

But when fire broke out on the site on Sunday, August 11 there was no risk to the two protected trees, the much-admired Moreton Bay Fig and the historic Hoop Pine nearby.

The Bass Coast Shire Council asked someone to visit the site after the fire to check on the trees.

"Our arborist inspected the Isle of Wight site to inspect the Moreton Bay Fig and the Hoop Pine, both trees were well away from where the fire has occurred (in excess of 45m) and do not appear to have been damaged by the fire," said a spokesperson for the shire.

"No scorching across the canopies was present and no fire damage to the trunks of the trees was observed."

"This is a great relief that these trees have gone unharmed as Council has worked so hard to ensure their retention throughout the planning process."

It has been reported that Victoria Police arrested and processed two local youths in connection with the blaze.

Do animal cruelty laws apply to fishing comps?

THE ordinary act of catching a fish and taking part in an angling competition remains under a cloud, according to Eastern Victoria MP Melina Bath, after the government refused to confirm if an exemption will be granted in Victoria's new animal cruelty laws.

Ms Bath was speaking in parliament about the issue after a parliamentary petition was launched by Corinella Angling and Boating Club, sponsored by Ms Bath, calling for certainty around fishing competitions.

The petition will be tabled in parliament in September.

"Failing to provide an exemption for organising, promoting and hosting fishing competitions is an appalling restriction on people's rights," said Ms Bath.

"The confusion would be

cleared up immediately through the issuing of a statement from the state government confirming that fishing competitions will continue into the future just as they always have."

A response from the state government is due on September 14, 2024.

No news isn't good news on DAL

THE future for Cape Patterson isn't going to be revealed anytime soon.

Nor do we yet know where the town boundaries will be set for up to the next 50 years at Inverloch, San Remo, on Phillip Island and along the Waterline.

All will be revealed when the State Government releases its long-awaited Bass Coast Distinctive Area and Landscape (DAL) which will also have implications for farming and the rural areas of the shire.

Bass MP Jordan Crugnale explained the reason for the delays.

"The preparation of the Bass Coast Distinctive Area and Landscape Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) is well advanced," said Ms Crugnale.

"It is currently being finalised in response to public submissions received about the draft SPP and independent findings of the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Standing Advisory Committee.

"Once the SPP is finalised, the next step is to seek endorsement of the final draft SPP from responsible public entities, including Bass Coast Shire Council and relevant Ministers. This is anticipated to occur within the coming months.

"The length of time to finalise the SPP is acknowledged and is due to the scale of work and issues being considered. The active participation and patience of all submitters, communities and stakeholders is appreciated as the SPP is being finalised."

In other words, don't hold your breath if you're waiting for the DAL to be released.

Lock your cars

A RANDOM night patrol by Wonthaggi Police has uncovered sixteen cars in Wentworth Road, North Wonthaggi all unlocked.

"I didn't know," said one resident.

"I forgot," said another surprised to find police at their door.

"Thank you for reminding me," said a householder struggling to find an excuse.

Concern over personal safety and home invasions by young offenders topped the agenda at a recent 'Coffee with a Cop' session in the Wonthaggi Shopping Plaza.

"It's frightening," said long-time Wonthaggi resident Margaret Donohue.

Leading Snr Constable Nick Carlson said residents have been sickened by young people committing crimes.

"They can be as young as fourteen and stealing cars," said Carlson.

Police do not advocate older people challenging young offenders.

"After few home invasions lock your cars," warns the Leading Snr Constable.

"Aggravated burglaries are on the rise. Young offenders will break through the door of your house and take your car."

The night patrols and door-knocks by police have been welcomed as very helpful.

"There's been a lot of praise for what we do."

'Coffee with a Cop' sessions are held monthly.

Copper piping stolen

BURGLARS broke into a business on Bass Highway, The Gurdies between 4pm, August 9 and 9am on August 12. It's alleged the unknown offenders stole a large quantity of copper piping valued between \$5000 and \$10,000. Anyone with information contact Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers 1800 333 000.

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Strong interest in South Gippsland's energy future

POTENTIAL wind energy generation and the prospect of land-based turbines in the local area prompted a healthy attendance at VicGrid's Korumburra drop-in session on Wednesday night, with community members and South Gippsland Shire Council representatives present.

The session was held during a period in which VicGrid is seeking community feedback on the draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines and Renewable Energy Zone Study Areas ahead of the closing date for submissions on August 25.

Korumburra resident and former South Gippsland Shire mayor Nigel Hutchinson-Brooks said there should have been more research done prior to including the area as a potential site for on-shore wind energy turbines, arguing the density of rural housing locally makes that impractical.

He pointed to a map council possesses that illustrates that high density.

During the South Gippsland Shire Council meeting on Wednesday, August 21, councillors will discuss and vote on a potential submission to VicGrid.

Council's manager of regional partnerships Christian Stefani was at Wednesday's VicGrid session and spoke of its importance for council in providing an opportunity to hear the views of community members and to get a better understanding of what is proposed in the draft guidelines.

He added that council is appreciative of VicGrid holding sessions in Korumburra and Foster.

A VicGrid representative was impressed to see a strong turnout at Wednesday's session, with people keen to chat about the draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines and the outlined 'Study Area' showing where Renewable Energy Zones might be sited.

With the Study Area currently much broader than will be needed, VicGrid is keen to hear from members of the community about where they



Rob Griffiths of Moyarra meets Kristie of VicGrid during Wednesday's Transmission Plan session in Korumburra. A01_3424

think it might be appropriate to site Renewable Energy Zones and what areas they consider need to be protected or are not suitable for such zones.

The draft guidelines, to be released in September, will state how the final Victorian Transmission Plan will be developed.

A draft plan will come out early next year, at which point there will be another opportunity for people to provide feedback, with the final plan to be released in the middle of next year, defining Renewable Energy Zones, places in Victoria where wind farms and solar farms will be concentrated.

The plan will also define what areas will be looked at when building transmission infrastructure to connect to the power grid.

Once the Minister for Energy and Resources declares individual Renewable Energy Zones, there'll be another chance to provide feedback.

However, if you have any concerns and want to share your thoughts, don't miss

your opportunity to comment by August 25 rather than wait until plans have advanced.

Lorraine Bull of Latrobe Valley Sustainability Group ventured to Korumburra on Wednesday to learn more, curious as to why the Korumburra area has been chosen as a potential Renewable Energy Zone, given its productive farmland and tourism appeal.

While she's a strong advocate for renewable energy and believes action is needed in the near future, Lorraine is unconvinced she wants to see wind turbines across South Gippsland hills, and expects there would be backlash if a renewable energy developer wished to establish a project in the area.

Deb of Outram was unequivocal in her opposition to the suitability of the region for renewable energy generation, questioning why you would use highly productive farmland for such a purpose, and asking, "Why are we doing the heavy lifting for Melbourne?"

Rob Griffiths of Moyarra

was keen to learn more about where the renewable energy process might lead.

He expressed the view that properties in the area are too small to make wind energy generation practical, saying that while farmers could potentially use the associated income, the cost required to build necessary access roads would be prohibitive.

The Sentinel-Times also heard concerns about the potential destruction of bird life associated with wind turbines, with Mr Hutchinson-Brooks explaining many birds are killed by the vortexes produced by turbine blades rather than by direct strikes, describing onshore wind turbine locations as "supermarkets for foxes".

Those wishing to make a submission on the draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines can do so by visiting engage.vic.gov.au/victoriantransmissionplan and are encouraged to read the draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines, or the associated summary document before making their submission.

Council set to outline wind energy concerns

WHILE South Gippsland Shire Council supports renewable energy development in principle, it is determined to limit negative impacts on local agriculture and tourism and to ensure the State Government recognises the national significance of South Gippsland's agricultural production and the high density of rural dwellings outside townships.

Those messages are contained in a submission prepared in response to VicGrid's draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines and Renewable Energy Zone Study Areas, with councillors to vote at Wednesday's meeting on a recommendation to endorse the submission.

State planning policy requires new wind turbines to be located one kilometre or

more from an existing dwelling, with any such proposed developments closer than that needing written consent from the relevant landowner in order for a planning permit to be considered.

"As the Victorian Transmission Plan evolves, there needs to be a greater understanding of the direct community benefits and potential offsets for the community and impacted landholders," the submission letter signed by Mayor Clare Williams states.

The proposed submission says the South Gippsland Renewable Energy Zone Study Area, previously detailed in the Sentinel-Times, will likely raise significant community concerns.

"Our strong view is that our community needs to be

informed and involved in a coherent way to reduce the risk of rural and regional communities being taken by surprise when development is proposed and declared," the letter says.

However, it is stressed that council is committed to working with the government.

The proposed submission is consistent with council's ongoing advocacy to ensure South Gippsland Shire communities receive benefits of the emerging renewable energy industry, while negative impacts are minimised.

Although acknowledging there has been constructive feedback on the level of engagement undertaken by VicGrid so far, council's proposed submission makes it clear there has been recent

community backlash.

"Unfortunately, the release of the Draft Guidelines and associated Study Area Map has created unnecessary angst and concern among the community, which is being reflected back to council," it says.

Council acknowledges the opportunities for community engagement at each stage of the Draft Guidelines but believes the timeframes set are too restrictive, albeit that VicGrid added an extra drop-in session, to be held in Foster, in response to council concerns.

Should councillors endorse the submission to VicGrid it will be sent promptly, the letter already dated August 21, ensuring it is received ahead of the August 25 submission deadline.

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Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Le Serve

AS the birds of Bass Coast begin to sing and we approach October, I'm delighted to share that the Victorian Seniors Festival is returning, bringing a wonderful array of events to celebrate our cherished older residents. This annual festival, now in its 40th year, has become a cornerstone of our community, promoting active ageing and encouraging social participation.

This year's theme, "Explore. Engage. Evolve.", invites our senior citizens to stay curious and connected by discovering new activities and meeting new people. From 6 to 13 October, Victorian Seniors Cardholders can enjoy eight days of free public transport across the state, making it even easier to take part in the festival's exciting lineup.

Here in Bass Coast, we're proud to support local events, and I'm pleased to announce that small grants of \$250 are available for Bass Coast-based activities. This is a fantastic opportunity for community groups to bring the festival's spirit to our region, ensuring everyone can join in the fun. You can find more information at bass-coast.vic.gov.au/healthy-ageing, with grants closing on 25 August.

Let's come together to celebrate the invaluable contributions of our seniors.

Speaking of celebrations, San Remo will once again host the TIDAL Seafood Festival, and in my opinion, it just gets better every year. The spirit of resilience and pride runs deep in San Remo—from the Bunurong people who first fished these waters to the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op, which has proudly served the community since 1948.

I invite you to join us in celebrating all that makes San Remo so special. This isn't just a festival; it's a tribute to our history, our people, and our connection to the sea. Whether you're enjoying the Strait to Plate Seafood Dinner, capturing the Blessing of the Fleet, or cheering on the Deckies Race, there's something for everyone.

So, bring your family, your friends, and your sense of adventure. Let's come together to honour our past, celebrate our present, and look forward to the future. I can't wait to see you there!



Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve with Darren Beggs from Workforce Australia.



Pete Houston from Gippsland Water.

Hundreds of jobs for those who want work

BASS Coast Shire has joined with five other Gippsland municipalities to actively promote the wealth of available jobs in the region.

One hundred and fifty potential job seekers took advantage of the third annual job fair in the Wonthaggi Town Hall including year eleven and twelve students from Bass Coast College.

"They come from all age groups," said Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve

"Anyone looking for work from seventeen to sixty-five. There's a smorgasbord of work available."

Workforce Australia has organised job expos throughout the region working cooperatively with Bass Coast, South Gippsland, East Gippsland, Baw Baw, Latrobe and Wellington shire councils.

Mayor Clare Le Serve said all exhibitors were required to have jobs available.

"New exhibitors included Aldi

in Wonthaggi and Star of the South offshore windfarm from close to Barry Beach."

"Nearly ten per cent of people who visit one of our jobs expos get a job," said Darren Beggs from Workforce Australia.

"We have entry-level jobs as well as training and education opportunities."

Health services are now Gippsland and Australia's single biggest employment group.

"Not long ago health services wasn't even in the top

twenty-five," said Darren.

Youth unemployment continues to be a problem in the region with Workforce Australia estimating the unemployment rate for seventeen- to twenty-four-year-olds at more than five per cent.

The next Bass Coast jobs expo will be at Berninnett in Cowes on September 6.

For more information go to basscoast.vic.gov.au/services/business/business-development-and-training/local-jobs-expo

Mountain Bike Track final draft strategy ready for council adoption

THE Bass Coast Mountain Bike Association (BCMBA) were keenly awaiting the release of the Bass Coast Shire Council's Mountain Bike, BMX and Pump Track Strategy document to be on the agenda for adoption at the shire's August council meeting.

The final draft strategy is on the August 21 agenda for council consideration and identifies a variety of opportunities for off-road cycling activities across the Bass Coast Shire.

It outlines a vision for funding opportunities and potential project partners to action delivery.

The Shire has addressed that the interest in participating in mountain biking, and BMX, and the desire for pump tracks has grown with many choosing to participate in off-road cycling.

The strategy is the council's response to community demand and chair of BCMBA Morgan Barnes said BCMBA has been working closely with Councillors and officers on the draft strategy. "We look forward to working constructively with Council going forward".

"While the final draft is cer-



BCMBA heavyweight Tom Basterfield shredding the trails at PBI Ride Farm.

tainly an improvement, BCMBA still has some concerns about the suitability of the Gap Road site as a short-term solution, as the area is relatively flat with no trees," Morgan explained.

"BCMBA remains committed to seeing mountain bike trails in the most suitable locations including The Gurdies, which includes 130 acres of Council-owned land. We are disappointed with Council's current

position on the use of this publicly owned asset and would like to see it included.

"BCMBA does not consider that Kilcunda should be omitted from the strategy. Extensive work has already been done in relation to this site and it should not be ruled out."

The council report identifies 10 locations deemed suitable out of the 28 that were investigated within the shire for the

development, and the report states the benefits it will bring to the municipality: outlining both physical and social activity and addressing there are no sustainability implications.

It was noted that the shire received a submission from BCMBA on top of the 63 people providing feedback during the community consultation process after the project was viewed 1118 times.

The feedback included:

- Importance of a pump track facility at Sunnyside Reserve in Cape Woolamai
- Further investigation into the use of Parks Victoria-owned land at The Gurdies and Kilcunda foreshore in relation to mountain bike trails
- Outline how funding could be sourced for the delivery of facilities and associated timelines
- Upgrade of existing BMX facilities in Coronet Bay and Inverloch
- More emphasis and sites for gravity/flow trails for mountain bikes across the Shire

This feedback was taken into consideration and if adopted on August 21, council will advocate for funding.

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Chloe amongst Spirit of Anzac Prize winners

BASS Coast College's Chloe Lawson recently received the Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize.

This award was presented to 12 students across Victoria by Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman at Parliament House on Thursday, August 15.

"The Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize is an incredible opportunity for Victorian students to explore Australia's wartime and peacekeeping history and reflect on the precious freedoms we have today that we owe to the sacrifices of our veterans," Ms Suleyman said.

"We are pleased to support the annual Prize and winning students who will soon embark on an unforgettable journey to locations in Türkiye that hold special significance in Australia's wartime history.

"I want to thank each and every student who submitted projects paying tribute to the Shrine of Remembrance or other war memorials and showed their dedication to recognising the service and sacrifice of our veterans."

Chloe has always had an interest in history and seized the opportunity to apply for the prize.



Bass Coast College's Chloe Lawson was among 12 recipients of the Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize.

"It's for kids who are interested in history. I found out about it through an email from Melbourne Legacy and there are many ways you can apply," she said.

"A few kids did a quilt. I wrote an essay about the local Wonthaggi cenotaph and the women who stayed at home during the war."

The essay needed to be between 1000 and 1500 words long.

Chloe's essay – entitled Home for the Anzac Hearts – highlighted

the Anzac Spirit being alive and kept safely within the women and families who remained home during war times and included an excerpt from her great-great grandmother's diary.

"She wrote about how her husband had to leave her and the kids, but she knew he'd return home to Wonthaggi," she said.

The students who received the prize will embark on a 10-day international study tour to Türkiye on September 23.

"We are going to Istanbul, Gallipoli and the ancient city of

Troy, which is very exciting," Chloe said.

"If we have family who were on the grounds, they help you find that out as well."

Chloe's interest was established by attending local Anzac Day services.

"When I was little, I was at Inverloch Primary School. We'd always go to the Anzac Day service every year and I remember watching my brother sing Everyday We Remember, which is a song we learnt in primary school," she said.

"Ever since then, I've participated in Anzac Day. I just thought it was a great way to keep the Anzac Spirit alive.

"Growing up doing all those services as a young girl, having the chance to go to Gallipoli was definitely motivation for me to write the essay."

Chloe has become more involved in the Anzac Day services in Wonthaggi alongside her stepfather Dan Lucas, who is the president of the Wonthaggi RSL sub-branch.

Chloe is a regular volunteer and supporter of the Wonthaggi RSL and has become a local pillar in veteran support.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

No change for 'Carnival Land'

DESPITE receiving a petition from 38 people calling on the Bass Coast Shire Council to go ahead and apply to rezone the 'Carnival Land' on the corner of Phillip Island Road and Ventnor Road ready for its redevelopment as a sports and leisure centre, the council is unlikely to agree at this Wednesday's council meeting.

A report to council notes that while the Master Plan recommends a change of zoning from Farming to Public Park and Recreation Zone, there is no need to change it now as the present zone does not prohibit its use for Leisure and Recreation Facilities.

Another petrol station

WONTHAGGI is set to get a new service station and convenience restaurant on the corner of Korumburra Road and McKenzie Street on a site long-since earmarked for commercial development.

The application will come before the Bass Coast Shire Council meeting this Wednesday, but despite receiving 17 objections for reasons including its not needed, noise, traffic congestion, littering, environmental risk and incompatibility with the adjoining residential area; the council looks set to give its approval.

Although, all that could change with an election just a couple of months away.

A report to council says the proposal is recommended as broadly consistent with the objectives of Local and State Planning Policy and use of the land for a service station is not prohibited within the General Residential Zone.

More industrial land needed

THERE is approximately 63.6 hectares of vacant or undeveloped industrially zoned land across the Bass Coast Shire Council.

But despite tabling a report which says the projected demand over the coming years to 2036, could range from 26ha to 36ha, the councillors are likely to vote in favour of expansion at this week's council meeting.

And its the draft Statement of Planning Policy, produced as part of the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) process which identifies the future supply in Grantville as not being suitable for Industrial use, effectively halving the shire's future supply, that's pushing the council to considering rezoning more land.

It's all part of the Bass Coast Industrial Land Use Strategy which goes to council for adoption this week.

Long-awaited Inverloch erosion plan set for imminent release

THE Victorian Government has announced that it is finally ready to release its long-awaited Cape to Cape Resilience Plan, looking at the impacts of erosion along the coast from Cape Paterson to Cape Liptrap, with special emphasis on the widely-known problems at Inverloch.

The Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale announced last Friday that the draft plan will be available on the Engage Vic website for community consultation from Friday, August 23 to Sunday, September 22.

Ms Crugnale is encouraging everyone to participate in the consultation and share their feedback on the plan.

In a statement on Friday, she said the coastline between Cape Paterson and Cape Liptrap has faced significant erosion in recent years, putting local assets, infrastructure and cherished community values at risk.

"We have combined the latest

science, technical assessments and community aspirations to develop a Community Resilience plan, so our Bass Coast and South Gippsland coastal communities have all the information to best protect what we love about where we live," Ms Crugnale said.

"Our coastline is dynamic and reshaping due to winds, waves, tides, currents and climate change. We completed Stage 1 back in 2022 with the release of the summary reports, maps, causes, predictions, possible actions to address, adapt and manage places and assets.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank the many community members that have been involved and inputted into the draft plan as to all the agencies and the DEECA team and encourage everyone to participate and feedback into the draft plan."

As background, Ms Crugnale said the Inverloch Regional and Strategic Partnership (RaSP),

which has the lead on the Cape to Cape Resilience Project, is a collection of 10 agencies including Parks Victoria, local councils, South Gippsland Water, Traditional Owners and other coastal land managers that are working with the community to deliver the draft Cape to Cape Resilience Project.

"Developed over nearly three years, the plan is the result of extensive collaboration with local residents, business owners, tourists, environmental and community groups to create a strategic roadmap for building the resilience of coastal areas across Inverloch, Venus Bay and Anderson Inlet," Ms Crugnale said.

"This innovative coastal adaptation project brings together scientific research, technical assessments and community priorities to assess current conditions and predict future changes – including rising sea levels, coastal flooding and erosion between Cape Paterson to Cape Liptrap."

Delayed response

In the past week, Bass Coast Councillor, Leticia Laing, in her capacity as a candidate for the October council elections has been critical of the delay in releasing the final report.

"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," Cr Laing said in a statement to the Sentinel-Times last week.

Cr Laing said another series of storm surges in June has "continued to erode the Inverloch foreshore" claims she says were backed up by recent drone monitoring from local citizen scientists.

Consultation will be open on Friday, August 23. For more information visit engage.vic.gov.au/cape-cape-resilience-project where the final plan will soon be published.



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Emergency wait times double

HEALTH services in the Bass Coast region are in crisis according to the Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath.

Speaking in State Parliament Ms Bath said the region needed more resources and funding to address its ailing health system.

"Presentations at Bass Coast Health's Emergency Department have risen ninety-eight per cent," says Ms Bath.

"Wait times have increased by one hundred and eleven per cent."

Patients presenting at the Emergency Department are waiting nearly an hour longer to be treated according to the Nationals.

"Residents inform me that access to primary health care is extremely difficult, and they are struggling to secure an appointment to see a doctor," said Ms Bath.

"When unwell, locals feel they have no option but to present to the Wonthaggi Emergency Department rather than wait a week for a doctor's appointment.

"It's not surprising that Emergency Department presentations and wait times have doubled in recent years.

"Despite the best efforts of our dedicated doctors, nurses and allied health professionals, they cannot keep up with demand."

Bass Coast Health's Emergency Department (ED) at Wonthaggi Hospital and Urgent Care Centre (UCC) at the Phillip Island Health Hub at Cowes both continue to experience rising demand, said BCH CEO Jan Child.

"Our population is growing, and the access to local GP appointments is sometimes difficult, resulting in higher demand for medical care at BCH. The Bass Coast is also a popular holiday destination and this is reflected by even higher presentations at our ED and UCC during holiday periods when there's an influx of tourists to our community," she said.

"For those visitors who are away from their usual General Practitioners, our ED and UCC are the first places they come to for medical care because we are open."

BCH data indicates the ED and UCC are seeing more patients as well as sicker patients, therefore increasing the demand on services.

The increase in patient numbers in recent times was also due to a higher incidence of respiratory conditions in our community.

"Respiratory illnesses, viral illnesses and COVID have been the second most common presentation type over the past few months," Ms Child said.

"As always, we encourage people to do everything they can to stay well – in particular, we encourage people isolate at home if they have a respiratory illnesses to reduce spread to others."

The Victorian Upper House has also passed a State Opposition motion to establish an inquiry into the performance, workplace culture and procurement practices of Ambulance Victoria. Melina Bath is pleased that despite Labor's objections the Upper House of the Victorian Parliament supported this important inquiry.

Lock Up, Bring In and Turn On... it's 9pm

ACTING Sergeant Cadman recruited the next round of junior officers on Friday at Powlett River Primary School.

From jumping behind the wheel of the divvy van, to using their voice to help Bass Coast Police ahead of the launch of a new campaign, not to mention taking a moment atop Leading Snr Constable Dengerink's Highway Patrol motorbike, students could not be deterred as the rain started falling.

There was even a question about donuts... and whilst Leading Senior Constable Carlson noted that Australian police are less geared towards donuts than their American counterparts, he wasn't opposed to a custard centered donut, much to the delight of the curious junior student.

Under the watchful eye of Principal Wendy Nicol and fellow teachers, students assisted A/SGT Cadman and drone operator LSC John Hynd in recording a short piece to camera that will feature in coming weeks on Bass Coast Police socials, reminding young and mature alike to Lock Up their cars, houses, windows, garages, gates and sheds; Bring In their valuables from the car, yard and patio; and Turn On exterior lights, security cameras and alarm systems.

It's the 9pm routine.

"Powlett River Primary kindly volunteered to assist us in our endeavours on Friday," AS Cadman explained.

"We are actively tasking and

patrolling the streets reminding people to Lock Up, Bring In and Turn On. It's 9pm. As Leading Senior Constable Carlson explained (at Cuppa With A Cop), we have found a large number of vehicles unlocked or with valuables in sight, it's opportunist crime for thieves."

And to ensure you're not next, AS Cadman is switching up a similar American campaign that was created to educate the community about best safety practices and help reduce the number of preventable crimes.

"It's simple. It's 9pm (or earlier), go outside and check your car, bring in your belongings, lock up sheds, garages and the house. Turn on exterior lights, sensor lights and security systems, etc. And make sure keys are not left by the front door and are also safely out of sight.

"It's a habit people can get into, and once they are into it, it's second nature."

The first step in tackling crime is preventing it in the first place.

And students were more than happy to support their local police officers who came from both the uniform branches and highway patrol, and although a one student noted it wasn't that bad inside the back of the divvy van, they had no intention of being on the wrong side anytime soon.

"Thank you to the students and staff at Powlett River for helping us prevent crime."



It was thumbs up for students and Leading Snr Constable Dengerink on the motorbike on Friday at Powlett River PS. C31_3424



The students were keen to test out the space and darkness in the divvy van with teachers carefully closing the door for a few seconds. C30_3424

Inverloch Library loved by the locals according to feedback



Inverloch Library Branch Manager Jo Bowler and Librarian Shaun Gardner happy to be surrounded by books.

INVERLOCH loves its library according to the community support received in the latest round of feedback sessions for 'Our Bass Coast – Our Future'.

Happy to see multiple ticks of approval for the Inverloch library service Branch Manager Jo Bowler and librarian Shaun Gardner were all smiles.

"We do our best," said Jo Bowler.

The environment, natural vegetation, beach erosion and native animals are all rated highly as major concerns for Inverloch residents and visitors.

Governance Officer Chelsea Wilson said footpaths and roads have been a common theme across Bass Coast and were also high on the agenda for Inverloch.

"Being able to access roads and footpaths was seen as vital," explained Chelsea.

There was also strong support

for the \$7.7 million Inverloch to Wonthaggi shared walkway.

Connections across all groups but particularly between the elderly and young rated highly at the feedback session held in the Inverloch Community Centre.

Health services for Inverloch's ageing population rated a mention along with more public housing for the disadvantaged, cheaper rates for pensioners and bigger housing blocks.

One contributor simply remarked, "It's home".

Childcare, families, the local library, climate change, access and inclusion, farming and agriculture, supporting local business and arts festivals, events and tourism were all highlighted for attention.

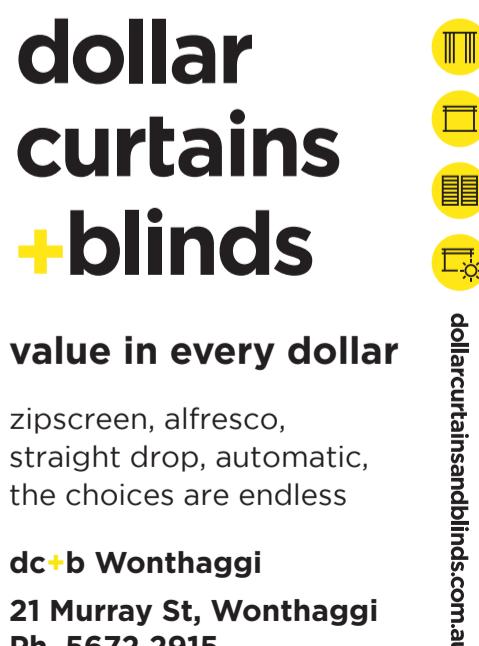
The last community feedback session will be held on the San Remo foreshore from 10am to midday, Friday, August 23.

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Integrated Transport Strategy, have your say

BASS Coast Shire residents are encouraged to have their say on the Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS). A strategy that is aimed to meet people's needs and align with Council's strategic ambition, help better manage car use and provide a more user-focused set of alternatives, such as walking, cycling and public transport. In addition, the ITS is also an opportunity to enhance streetscapes and the vibrancy of townships in Bass Coast.

The Bass Coast Shire is known for its stunning coastline, charming townships, and vibrant community. However, as the population continues to grow and the demand for transport services increases, it is important to develop an ITS that will make the region more accessible and sustainable in the future.

One of the key goals of this strategy is to enhance the townships in Bass Coast by improving connectivity between them. This could involve the development of new cycling paths and walking trails, as well as better public transport connections. By providing residents and visitors with more options for getting around, the shire can help to create a more vibrant and connected community.

In addition to improving connectivity, the integrated transport strategy will also aim to better manage car use in the region. By encouraging people to use their cars less and opt for more sustainable modes of transport, the shire can help to reduce traffic congestion and create a more sustainable environment for future generations.

The background report released in July 2024 looked at transport patterns, population data, car parking, the existing transport network, emerging transport technologies and implications for Bass Coast.

This survey is a chance for the community to have their say on what they believe will make Bass Coast a better place. The survey remains open until August 31. Visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/its.

Members of opening party for the Great Southern Rail Trail extension on Friday, August 16 included (L-R) Wellington Shire Councillors Carmel Ripper and Marcus McKenzie, Rail Trails Australia representative Damien McCrohan, South Gippsland Shire Councillor John Schelling, Wellington Shire Councillor Garry Stephens, Gippsland South MP Danny O'Brien and Judy Kennedy a member of the original Tarra Trail committee.

Toot, toot trail to Yarram open again

THE 21-kilometre extension of the Great Southern Rail Trail, from Welshpool and Alberton near Yarram, is now officially open.

The extension, opened last Friday by officials from the Wellington and South Gippsland shires, increases the total length of the trail, from Nyora to Yarram, to an

impressive 129 kilometres.

It also clears the way to connecting South Gippsland and Bass Coast to the 1100-kilometre Gippsland Odyssey Trail, one of the longest trail networks in Australia, after the completion of "the missing link" from Woolamai to Nyora, presently in the planning stage.

Among those in attendance were Wellington Shire Councillors Carmel Ripper, Marcus McKenzie, and Gary Stephens, Rail Trails Australia representative Damien McCrohan, South Gippsland Shire Councillor John Schelling, the Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien and Judy Kennedy of

the original Tarra Trail committee.

There was also a strong crowd of rail trail supporters, many of whom had ridden out from the Goods Shed at the Yarram Tarra Trail Reserve, ahead of the 2pm opening, to Gellion Street, Alberton for the chance to win a Jamis bike.



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RFT/408 – Korumburra Rail Precinct Stage 2

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 20 August 2024

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

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Korumburra a hive of activity

AS STREETSCAPE works continue in Korumburra's Commercial and Radovick Streets, lots of other projects in the town are moving closer to fruition.

South Gippsland Shire Council's plan to demolish the former newsagency building and create a laneway linking the Community Hub precinct with the centre of town has advanced.

Council's manager of infrastructure delivery, Jareth Goss, said designs are currently being worked on and there are discussions taking place with structural engineers on the best process for dismantling the newsagency building, due to its proximity to other buildings.

The planned skatepark to be built in the railway precinct, a larger and more advanced version than originally intended, has moved closer to reality.

"We have a planning permit, heritage permit and archaeological consent, so we've got all those main approvals that we need for this site, with conditions that we must meet," Jareth said of the area that includes the intended skate park.

Those conditions include the need to create photographic archival records reflecting the precinct's rail heritage, which are to be provided to the State Library before any removal of railway tracks can occur.

The skate park will be located further out than the more basic version that was to replace the existing swing and nearby tree, but will still be near the goods shed, and will be about 50 per cent bigger, suiting both entry-level and more advanced skaters.

That change was driven by community feedback that the original design catered only to entry-level users.

The skate park project is likely to go out to tender late this year or early in 2025.

The approvals now granted open the way for future



South Gippsland Shire Council's acting CEO Tony Peterson and manager of infrastructure delivery, Jareth Goss, stand in the Korumburra Railway precinct at the site of the planned skate park. A07_3424



Streetscape works continue in Korumburra's Commercial Street. A08_3424

improvements in the railway precinct such as lighting, drainage and resurfacing of the section of rail trail running through that area.

It also clears the way to implement plans to create a garden within the walls of the former railway turntable site.

Retention of the turntable shell will further acknowledge the area's past, with the possibility of a raised walkway over the garden area, resembling the appearance of the now-removed turntable.

Railway tracks running alongside the Korumburra Railway Station are likely to remain as an illustration of the town's rail history, with interpretive displays also probable.

Heritage Victoria views

Korumburra's railway precinct as having played a highly significant role in the Great Southern Railway and the town's development.

Increased carparking availability and replacement of the current picnic shelter and public toilet are other improvements planned for the railway precinct, the replacements already being fabricated offsite.

Accessibility to the railway area will also be improved through resurfacing of the pathway running past Melanie Caple's mural and through the connecting railway underpass, using concrete comparable to that in present streetscape works.

Improved drainage and accessibility measures such as ramps are also planned in that area.

The unsightly and roofless 'shelter' that once covered the now departed red hen trains used on the tourist railway will be removed, a tender process having recently been conducted for that work.

Current streetscape works have replaced old pavers with light-coloured concrete surfaces that will provide better grip and eliminate tripping hazards. Jareth saying council has long heard from community members keen to see the pavers removed.

Small garden areas are being created where outstands occur, places where the kerb juts into the road.

Changed conditions in Commercial Street will reduce the number of through traffic lanes to one in each direction.

The intent is to create a buffer zone between through traffic and those entering and exiting parked vehicles, with an expectation it will become easier to turn right from Radovick Street onto Commercial Street.

Current streetscape works are expected to be completed during the first half of next year, depending on the timing of finishing touches such as planting garden areas.

Coal Creek Strategic Plan nears approval

THE COAL Creek Community Park and Museum Strategic Plan is up for adoption at Wednesday's South Gippsland Shire Council meeting, with a couple of alterations made following community feedback on the draft version of the document.

The Strategic Plan focuses on short- and long-term initiatives to ensure the ongoing viability of the Community Park and Museum, with 60 submissions received for the draft plan.

One amendment involved adding detail on how long-term sustainability of the tourist attraction might be achieved, by updating the

'Operations, Marketing and Resourcing' section of the Strategic Plan.

The vague long-term strategic action headed "Explore Alternative Operational Models" has been replaced with the more detailed "To ensure long-term sustainability and growth, consider alternative options for park operations such as management models, commercial partnerships or leases of areas or assets".

The specific mention of management models lends itself to the possibility of considering an eventual move away from the current council management of

Coal Creek to the park being managed by a separate independent body.

That is an initiative Friends of Coal Creek (FOCC) is advocating for.

"We see this as a not-for-profit organisation with an independent Board of Directors who oversee the activities, finances and operation

of the park and report back

into council on a regular basis," FOCC stated in its submission of the draft Strategic Plan.

The other change to the Strategic Plan that will go before councillors on Wednesday was the inclusion of an introductory paragraph on

page 35 in relation to case studies that are provided of other facilities that have undertaken successful and innovative transformations.

Council stressed that all other feedback will be retained and considered when implementing actions of the final approved Coal Creek Strategic Plan.

Given the extensive research and consultation that has been undertaken and the fact the current council is rapidly approaching caretaker mode ahead of October's election, it is probable the proposed Coal Creek Strategic Plan will be adopted with little or no change.

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams



• Friday, September 13 from 7pm at the Bena Hall.

• Saturday, September 14 from 7pm at the Mirboo North Shire Hall.

• Sunday, September 15 from 1.30pm at the Welshpool Hall.

Out on the Weekend
- a blend of international and local artists who will bring country and western music to Coal Creek on Sunday, October 13 from 1.30pm to 7pm.

Crime in South Gippsland

Thank you to those who continue to contact me regarding the crime in South Gippsland. These concerns are shared by everyone at Council and law enforcement agencies.

It is important that we continue to be alert and report suspicious behaviour to the police. This is the only way that the crime will stop, by building a case against the perpetrators and getting them before the courts.

Council is committed to working with local police to ensure your concerns are being heard. Together with the police, we can make our community safer.

Things to Know

VicGrid held drop-in sessions in Korumburra last week and will be in Foster on Thursday, August 22 between 4pm and 7pm. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get your questions answered on VicGrid's draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines and renewable energy zone study areas. For more information and to provide feedback online, please visit: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/vicgrid>

Music Events

If you are looking for an event of musical delight, look no further than these events below.

Casting Off - an acrobatic comedy by a terrific all-women trio, supported by local artists.

• Saturday, August 24 from 1.30pm at the Mirboo Hall.

• Sunday, August 25 from 1.30pm at the Strzelecki Hall.

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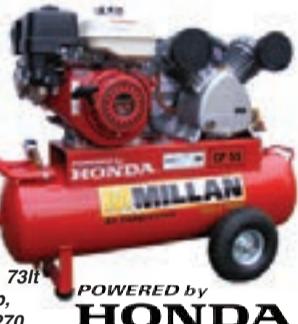
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Michelle Jobson CEO Go Girls and Rita Bottomley Co-Founder Go Girls with this year's Gippsland Go Girls graduation class.

Go Girls go to the top of the class

GRADUATING as a Go Girl woman after, in many cases, years of unimaginable hardship has been described as life-changing.

Go Girl CEO Michelle Jobson and Rita Bottomley co-founder of the Go Girl Foundation started the foundation seventeen years ago to empower women who had been victims of domestic violence.

"East Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley are rated number one and three in the State for violence against women," according to Michelle Jobson.

Ms Jobson and Rita Bottomley with backgrounds in psychology soon discovered there were a lot of women with talent, skills and motivation who just needed a caring hand.

"We give women who have suffered domestic or family trauma a clear pathway to turn their lives around," said Ms Jobson.

This year's class of graduates are as diverse in age as they are in their backgrounds.

"Every woman has their own personal journey and a different story to tell," said Annie Go Girl graduate and mother of five daughters.

Annie entered the Go Girl program with health issues and sudden major life changes.

"The Go Girl program gave me direction and a much more positive and hopeful outlook to realise some of the plans I had been thinking about for some time," said Annie.

A working mother with five daughters, life could not have been easy for Annie.

"I was always on the go," Annie admits.

"My eldest daughter is thirty-four now but my two youngest still live with me and I have a granddaughter."

"I came from a big family myself."

Living on small acreage at Dollar near Dumbalk Annie worked three jobs to pay the bills.

"It is not easy to get full-time work."

"My daughters are like my best friends," said Annie.

"We are all very close and I tell them it's OK to focus on yourself. Women don't do that easily".

Annie's daughters were there through the difficult times.

"We need to give ourselves more time and everything will fall into place."

Annie says her daughters would probably describe their mother as resilient and resourceful.

Fellow graduate Tiana, from Mirboo North, says Go Girls changed her life for the better.

"My life was challenging with a lot of uncertainty," said Tiana.

"Go Girls gives you goals and plans."

"I've already achieved my first goal of travelling interstate to catch up with friends."

A relationship breakdown forced Tiana to move back home.

"I felt really lost," said Tiana.

After fulfilling another goal of gaining full-time employment Tina said she felt really happy and had some simple advice for others in a similar situation.

"Nothing changes if nothing changes. Something's got to give."

Strong supporters and sponsors of the Go Girl foundation, South Gippsland Mayor Cr Clare Williams and local MP's Melina Bath and Jordan Crugnale attended the Inverloch graduation ceremony.

For more information about Go Girls fundraising go to gogirls.org.au

Keeping it simple in the regions

COUNTRY kids are slowly falling behind their city cousins in the basics of reading, writing and number skills according to the latest NAPLAN test results for schools.

Regional schools such as those in Bass Coast and South Gippsland on average scored two per cent lower this year than last year. A lower proportion of students in very remote schools were rated as "Strong" or "Exceeding" compared with similar-aged students in major city schools.

Federal President of the Australian Education Union, Correna Haythorpe said the 2024 NAPLAN results highlight the fact that decade-long delays in fully funding public schools have left the country's most vulnerable students without the essential funding needed for teaching and learning.

Female students generally outperformed male students in writing achieving average NAPLAN scores above boys in every year group. Male students outperformed female students in numeracy.

"Teachers and education support personnel work very hard to cater for all of their students' needs, but they must be backed by governments with full funding," said Correna Haythorpe.

"As a nation, we cannot leave the most vulnerable students without the resources and support they need to fulfil their potential," added Ms Haythorpe.

Retired Lyndhurst Primary School Principal Greg Lacey says teachers are not to blame.

"Teachers, schools, leaders and communities have been nothing but courageous and amazing in some of the most challenging years in education but they are hamstrung by an inequitable system and a culture of blame."

"What is needed is for politicians, policy-makers, educators and the community to have the courage to have honest conversations about complex issues and do some deep thinking about what we want for our children and young people," Mr Lacey said.

Monash University researcher Dr Fiona Longmuir said the NAPLAN results were a 'limited and arguably damaging view of the success of our students in schools', calling out schooling systems for failing both students and teachers.

"It is clear that our school systems are failing students and teachers," said Dr Longmuir. "The simplistic rhetoric centred on teaching approaches implies that our hard-working teachers and schools are not doing enough, or not doing the 'right' things, with little attention to the deep inequity in Australian schooling, or to the challenging post-COVID conditions, including dire teaching shortages."

"NAPLAN results are a limited and arguably damaging view of the success of our students and our schools."

School-level NAPLAN data will be released later this year around December according to the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority.

Inverloch Vietnam Veterans leading the way

KEVIN Walsh is the last surviving member of the Inverloch RSL who saw service in World War II. And according to the guest speaker Inverloch's Vietnam Veterans Day observance last Sunday, August 18, Rod Gallagher, the numbers of former Vietnam War servicemen and women are also way down.

He believes that of the 60,000 men and women who served between 1962 and 1973, fewer than half of them are left.

"I've been taking an interest in the number of Vietnam Veterans registered with the Department of Veterans Affairs over the past 10 years and more than 30,000 of them have passed on from various causes and I'll just leave that there," he said.

Mr Gallagher provided some recollections of his own experiences landing in Saigon to start his tour of duty and then went on to recite the Ode of Remembrance. "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old..."

There was a good turnout of veterans and members of the community at the 12 noon service, with many of them staying on for lunch afterwards.

Inverloch RSL President Ross Gabb and Secretary Lindsay Guerin took charge of proceedings, and as well as the address by Mr Gallagher, immediate past president Bob Sutton laid the first wreath. Bass MP Jordan Crugnale laid a wreath on behalf of the State Government.



Immediate past president of the Inverloch RSL Bob Sutton (right) laid the wreath and Rod Gallagher gave the address.



Kevin Walsh, who saw service as a 19-year-old providing airfield protection at Piva Airfield, Torokina, Bougainville, attended the Vietnam Veterans Day service as the last surviving WWII veteran at the Inverloch RSL.



A good-sized crowd of Vietnam Veterans, family and supporters turned out at the Inverloch cenotaph last Sunday for Vietnam Veterans Day, the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, August 18.

Join Highview's first seminar exploring self-managed super funds



Join Highview's Silvio Marinelli and Carla Morgan – along with Mortgage Brokers Co's Jackson McCarthy and Patten Robins Lawyers' Anthony Murdoch – for Highview Accounting and Financial's first seminar in Bass Coast. The seminar will be held at Wonthaggi's Centennial Centre on August 29.

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How a SMSF could be right for you.

• How taking control now could impact your retirement financial situation substantially.

The seminar details are as follows:

- Date: Thursday, August 29.
- Time: 6:15pm arrival for a 6:30pm start.
- Where: Wonthaggi Centennial Centre meeting room, 1 Bent Street, Wonthaggi (opposite Harvey Norman).
- RSVP email: carlia@highview.com.au by Friday, August 23. Limited seats are available. Bookings are essential.

Meeniyian Community Hub advances

CONSTRUCTION of the Meeniyian Community Hub is on track for completion late this year, with the roof the next stage of the project.

Hempcrete walls are now in place, the material being environmentally friendly and offering durability.

Once the roof is complete, the site will become increasingly busy with multiple trades present, fitting internal linings, completing additional concrete works, fit off works and finishes, South Gippsland Shire Council stated in its most recent update on the building's progress.

The project involves the replacement of the demolished Meeniyian community meeting rooms, storage areas and public toilets, which had reached the end of their useful lifespan and were identified for replacement through council's Asset Renewal Program.

Construction is taking place alongside the Meeniyian Town Hall, with the two buildings to be connected via a series of verandahs.

The Meeniyian Historical Society, the local RSL subbranch, and Take Off Weight Naturally (TOWN) will have a presence in the Meeniyian Community Hub as its main tenants.

Meeniyian kindergarten will use the hub building to run yoga for its young charges, also holding meetings there.

The new building will include a large room with a kitchenette.

Storage systems known as 'compactors' will be installed for the historical society, enabling records to be kept in minimal space and moved around as desired.

Meeniyian Community Hub will also contain new public toilets that include a baby change table.

The total cost of the Meeniyian Community Hub is \$2.35 million, with \$1.6 million of that coming through council's Capital Works Program and \$750,000 funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

New round of Dyson community grants

THE Dyson Group of Companies, incorporating the legendary Cobb & Co brand, is pleased to announce the launch of the next round of the Dysons Community Grants. The program, now in its fourth year, has been established to provide grants in support of the many sporting, educational, welfare and community groups around Victoria.

There are two rounds of grants annually, each with \$10,000 available (maximum grant \$1000). Eligible organisations include pre-schools, primary and secondary schools, sporting clubs, not-for-profit groups, charities, welfare agencies, local societies and volunteer emergency services.

This next round of grants opens on September 1 and closes September 30, 2024.

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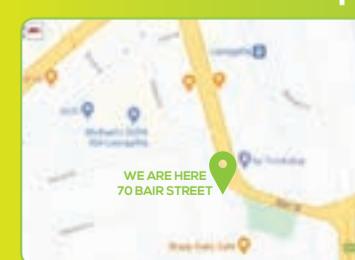
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Ramada nabs Resort Style Accommodation of the Year

TRAVEL + Leisure Co. has won the prestigious Resort Style Accommodation of the Year and Revenue Management Employee of the Year categories at the Victorian Accommodation Awards for Excellence.

The awards, held last week at the Palladium on Crown in Melbourne, are an annual event to recognise the leading hotels, industry professionals and onsite amenities in the Victorian accommodation industry.

Ramada Resort by Wyndham Phillip Island – managed by Travel + Leisure Co. – won the Resort Style Accommodation of the Year Award. The 210-room resort is spread out over a unique setting of 65 acres of natural bushland and features an enviable array of amenities. Families can try a pedal kart track inspired by Phillip Island's famous racing circuit, while a full kids' program including dive-in movies and a jumping castle is rolled out during the school holidays.

"Our guests and club members regularly praise the beauty and tranquillity of the bushland setting at Ramada Phillip Island. We believe it offers people the opportunity to relax and recharge at their own pace, and we are grateful the industry has chosen to recognise our vision for the property," said Emma Todd, General Manager.

Revenue Analyst Kylie Hayles was also acknowledged with the Revenue Management Employee of the Year award.

Hospital celebrates its cancer nurses

BASS Coast Health paid tribute to its wonderful nurses who provide cancer care to patients on Cancer Nurses Day, August 15.

Bass Coast Health (BCH) cares for cancer patients in the L. Rigby Centre at Wonthaggi Hospital, where patients receive chemotherapy and immunotherapy, and can consult medical oncologists, haematologists and a radiation oncologist. All this without the need – in most cases – for patients to travel further afield for consultations and treatment.

The amazing nurses are essential to the care of cancer patients, as they offer them empathy, support and expert clinical advice.

Cancer patient Fiona Lavis has been receiving treatment for cancer at Wonthaggi Hospital since May and is grateful for her nurses.

"The nurses just make it a calm space here. As a patient, you're under a lot of stress already and it's absolutely fabulous here," she said. "The nurses are friendly and they're really efficient. They handle everything so well."

Registered nurse Hayley Weaver sees her role as an honour.

"I like helping people when they are at their most vulnerable and providing reassurance in tough times," she said.

Registered nurse Jyoti Sharma described her role as personally rewarding.

"I love being able to help cancer patients because I feel good when they are feeling good, and I love being able to make their journey easier," she said.

To learn more about cancer care at Bass Coast Health, go to basscoast.org.au/patients-visitors/cancer-support-page.

Come along for nature, wildlife and community!



Take in the choir at Churchill Island. C03_3424



Hear from rangers and experience the nightly penguin waddle after a jam-packed day of wildlife, nature, adventure and community. C04_3424

PHILLIP Island Nature Parks invites Bass Coast Shire residents to visit its eco-tourism attractions for a complimentary day of fun on Saturday, September 14. Locals can enjoy experiences at Churchill Island, Koala Conservation Reserve and the Penguin Parade and learn about the island's diverse beach and bush environments and wonderful wildlife.

This year marks the 13th annual Community Open Day where locals can discover all the Nature Parks attractions, celebrate the remarkable conservation work being done on Phillip Island (Millowl), and connect with rangers, volunteers and staff.

In 2023 the Nature Parks welcomed over 4000 Bass Coast Shire residents and this year the community can choose to attend complimentary General Viewing at the Penguin Parade on either Friday, September 13 or Saturday September 14. In addition, locals can obtain free entry to Churchill Island and the Koala Conservation Reserve during the day on Saturday.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Chief Executive Officer Catherine Basterfield highlighted the Community Open Day provides an opportunity for residents and community to experience the remarkable wildlife and conservation projects occurring in their backyard.

"The island is one of Australia's most cherished destinations, our team and our community share a deep love of this unique place," Ms Basterfield said.

"The Community Open Day is our way of expressing gratitude to our local supporters and engaging with people in our community of all ages. By showcasing the important research and conservation work we undertake, we hope to inspire others to act for nature and proudly share the wild side of the island with families, friends and visitors from all over the world."

This year Churchill Island and the Koala Conservation Reserve will be open all day on Saturday, September 14. If you want to catch all the action, plan your day around

the program with activities scheduled for Churchill Island in the morning, the Koala Conservation Reserve from lunchtime and then out to the Nobbies and Penguin Parade for the afternoon and evening.

The day will start with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony by the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation. This is a special opportunity to experience and learn about this important traditional ceremony of the Bunurong.

At Churchill Island, the café will be open from 9am with access to the heritage farm area from 10am. Visitors can enjoy the farm demonstrations, wagon rides, hear from the Friends of Churchill Island Society about the site's history, listen to the choir and play old-time lawn games.

Grab some lunch at the Koala Conservation Reserve and

connect with staff and volunteers to learn more about the iconic koalas and meet the charismatic Critically Endangered bush stone-curlew and learn about its recent reintroduction to Phillip Island.

Community Open Day ticket holders can enjoy 15 per cent off all food menu items at all locations (Churchill Island's Farmhouse Kitchen, Koala's Café, Nobbies Fish & Chippery, and the Penguin Parade's Shearwater Restaurant) with our Create Catering partners.

Out at the Nobbies, the incredible coastal cliff views are eternal and something every local can be proud of. If you require a sweet treat, visit Ben and Jerry's ice creamery for 10 per cent off any Ben & Jerry's ice cream cone.

At the Penguin Parade, activities kick off at 3.30pm with a demonstration from the furry

and fabulous conservation dogs. The Penguin Parade Visitor Centre will open doors at 4pm with a Conservation Expo.

The expo offers a deep dive into conservation stories and programs with partners from the Penguin Foundation, Westernport Water, the Association of Rangers and Conservationists, Phillip Island Fire Brigade, Phillip Island Land Alliance, Birdlife Bass Coast, the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group and more, all hosting interactive stalls.

Penguin Parade Attraction Manager Stuart Stevens will share some exciting new parade experiences followed by a 'Secret Life of Penguins' walk-and-talk from 4.15pm. All of this before residents can enjoy the thrill of penguin viewing, watching the magical waddlers emerge from the ocean and return to their burrows.

Entry to all attractions is free throughout the day for residents, students and landholders of the Bass Coast Shire and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members.

The event is ticketed, and you can see the full timetable of events and register for your free tickets at www.penguins.org.au/openday

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2024 Parliament Prize for Wonthaggi Primary School

IT'S hard to stand out from the crowd when there are 1126 entries received from more than 200 schools right across Victoria for the annual 2024 Parliament Prize for engagement with civics and society.

But that's just what the Wonthaggi Primary School has been able to do in the past week.

Students from the school and Grade 6 teacher Janine Wynen attended State Parliament last Monday, August 12 together with other winners from regional Victoria and Melbourne to receive acknowledgment for their efforts and a very welcome prize of \$1000 in cash.

A spokesperson for the Wonthaggi Primary said the whole school community was proud of the work that the grade 6 students produced.

"Grade 6 students from Wonthaggi Primary School won the Alicia Katz award for an outstanding school contribution to the competition," said a spokesperson for the school.

The accolade is named in honour of the first female candidate to stand for the Parliament of Victoria in 1924.



Students from the Wonthaggi Primary School with Grade 6 teacher Janine Wynen attended State Parliament last week to receive the Alicia Katz Award for an inspiring contribution to the 2024 Parliament Prize for engagement with civics and society. Photo: Darcy Scales.

"The students wrote passionate speeches covering a wide range of local, state and federal issues. The judges were impressed at how professionally the students spoke during their 90-second speeches.

"On Monday, August 12, six students travelled to Parliament House in Melbourne on behalf of the whole cohort to accept the award.

"We would like to thank Bass MP Jorgan Crugnale for contributing a substantial sum to cover the cost of the bus."

The 2024 Parliament Prize competition received a record-setting 1126 entries from pupils in grades 5 through to year 12 on issues important to them and their communities.

From issues as common as bus routes and music

programs in school to teaching indigenous language and Auslan, the subjects addressed by students in submissions, and many in the video, were as widely spread as the schools which entered the competition.

"You should be very proud of what you have achieved," said Legislative Assembly Speaker, Maree Edwards, at the awards reception.

Science Week explored at Newhaven College



Newhaven College's Year 3 students enjoyed celebrating Science Week.



Year 3 students conducting an experiment in the outdoors for Science Week at Newhaven College.



Field of Daffodils

After an outstanding day last year, GSHS is inviting our community to join us on

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Winter Fantasy Festival dazzles

BASS Coast Adult Learning recently hosted its first Winter Fantasy Festival.

This was an innovative project by art teacher Camille Monet.

Creating a vibrant and surreal world, the event featured a fashion parade and art exhibition aimed at fostering community connection.

With the prevalence of mental health issues and anxiety in Bass Coast, Camille wanted to offer 'an enjoyable and interactive winter event' and give people something fun to talk about.

During the festival, participants and their support workers, who attend Camille's two weekly art classes, dedicated weeks to crafting intricate costumes using repurposed materials like papier mâché, sequins, feathers and cardboard to embody fairytale characters.

Shelley, who dressed up as Groot from Guardians of the Galaxy in memory of her late brother, said, "I enjoy the art class as it helps me bring out my creative side."

The festival was a collaborative effort involving students and participants from various courses.

Hairdressing students showcased their creativity by styling participants and staff with bold hair and makeup.

Their teacher Kate McNish said they were 'directed by participants to finish off their style'.

Photography and Friends teacher Geoff Ellis inspired the art exhibition, where his students displayed their impressive artwork featuring fantasy events and action figures.

Aunt Lizzie described her painting as a 'Koori warrior woman who comes from the gods, gives us blessings and shows us the way forward'.

Dr James Chong delivered an inspiring speech on the significance of fantasy and living in the moment.

The festival offered a variety of delicious food options from dhal and rice to sausages and salads, ensuring attendees were well-fed throughout the event.

The entertainment included a performance by the band Eagles and Snakes from Interchange Gippsland, a community-based NDIS organisation.

Jade, a BCAL participant, joined the band and mesmerised the audience with her beautiful voice.

Looking ahead, Camille plans to open the festival to the public next year, aiming to make it even more grand and exciting.

The anticipation is high for what's to come.

Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day

MIRBOO North Primary School are preparing their pyjamas for September 6 when they take part in Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day for A Better Life For Foster Kids (ABLFFK). This exciting event aims to bring together the Gippsland community in a fun and impactful way, all while raising crucial funds to support children and young people in foster and kinship care.

The funds raised through Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day will go directly to A Better Life For Foster Kids, an organisation dedicated to improving the lives of children and young people in foster care. The support will help provide essential resources for children and young people, and their carers.

ABLFFK is extremely grateful for all the schools and kinders who have been part of Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day over the last two years. In 2023 they had 37 schools involved across Gippsland, in which nearly 7000 kids enjoyed a fun day in their pyjamas and gained awareness of the challenges faced by kids in out-of-home care. In 2024, they hope to make the day even bigger, and encourage local businesses and organisations to get involved and have a fun PJ day, to help raise funds and to make the day as successful as possible.

"We are incredibly excited for Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day 2024," said Heather Baird, Founder of A Better Life For Foster Kids.

"This event is more than just a fundraiser; it's an opportunity for our community to connect and support an organisation that makes a real difference in the lives of children in out-of-home care. We invite everyone to join us for a day of fun and giving back."

To get involved, participants can register online at Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day – A Better Life For Foster Kids or contact Lisa Abbott at 0410 407 034 or ablffk@gmail.com for more information. Follow them on social media @Gippslands Biggest PJ Day 2024 and @A Better Life For Foster Kids Inc for updates and event highlights.

Join in making Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day 2024 a memorable and impactful event. Together, we can create a brighter future for children and young people in out-of-home care across Victoria.



Smooth Cajan for Saturday treat

SOUTH Dudley Tom delighted the audience on Saturday at Wonthaggi library as he brought a multitude of instruments to life, even taking time out of his performance to explain the various instruments and allow the children to look closely.

The lively performance "Music Fun with South Dudley Tom" included dancing wooden dolls, tap-dancing on wooden boxes, vintage harmonicas, homemade instruments and singing.

Nursery rhymes even got a fresh twist, as Cajan and Blues sounds wafted through the library.

A brilliant voice and exceptional talent, South Dudley Tom delighted both young and parental.



Artwork: Jess Raclyest © The Children's Book Council of Australia



Characters, stories and costumes delight



Stories celebrated at Tarwin Lower PS

THE Book Fair came to Tarwin Lower Primary School from August 6 to 16.

The fair supplied the school a large range of books and other educational related product to put on display, where the students could look through and place an order – which they absolutely love.

This also coincided with (an early) Book Week, and to celebrate students, teachers and support staff dressed up and came to school looking like a character from a book.



The students of Tarwin Lower Primary School enjoyed the Book Fair and Book Week recently.



Oliver Silcock, Ellie Holmes of Free 3D Hands, Cooper Rose, Caitlin Hibberson, Lilly Tivendale, Scarlet Riseley and teacher Tristan Cross enjoy Art and Technology Week at Leongatha Secondary College. A06_3424

3D potential on show at Leongatha Secondary College

By Andrew Paloczi

A GROUP of Leongatha Secondary College (LSC) students, ranging from Years 9 to 11 enjoyed an inspiring session on Thursday learning how they could establish a career in 3D printing, during a visit from biomedical engineer Ellie Holmes who works for Free 3D Hands in Newhaven.

The not-for-profit business was established by former Toyota senior engineer Mat Bowtell to break down barriers for those needing assistive technology due to limb differences, providing its devices for free when they would otherwise be unaffordable for many people.

It even pays the postage, with Mat also sharing his designs under an open-source licence so others can make and repair their own devices, and to encourage further innovation.

Students passed some of the devices around, operating the kinetic hands and seeing how they function and enabling those they assist to pick up objects and perform other tasks.

The young audience learned the devices comprise a mixture of 3D printing materials, with some sections made using PLA, a bioplastic derived from corn starch, and others printed from the more flexible TPU, the latter recyclable but less eco-friendly.

Ellie spoke about some of the challenges in developing the



Ellie Holmes of Free 3D Hands shows Leongatha Secondary College students one of the assistive devices the not-for-profit business creates. A04_3424

devices and the need to take account of individual requirements, explaining there are many variations in limb differences.

As well as talking about Free 3D Hands and the technology used, Ellie outlined an array of other applications for 3D printing across various industries.

That includes modelling and prototype applications in architecture, production of art, home décor, fashion and jewellery, and medical uses.

Aviation and aerospace industries also benefit from 3D

printing.

The session was part of the school's Art and Technology Week, with product design and technology teacher Tristan Cross providing the opportunity for students to see what is possible.

The fact Ellie grew up in Korumburra and has returned to the region to pursue her career highlighted what students can achieve.

She spoke of the pathway into her current role, having volunteered with Free 3D Hands while studying at RMIT

University, then taking a graduate position she discovered wasn't for her and returning to the Phillip Island business.

Ellie told students there are pathways into careers involving 3D printing for those pursuing an ATAR and for others choosing to undertake a Vocational Major.

Year 9 student Cooper Rose was thoroughly engaged throughout the session, having a passion for 3D printing that prompted him to make extensive modifications to a 3D printer, improving its performance.

He was fascinated to learn how big the 3D printing industry is in general.

Fellow Year 9 pupil Lilly Tivendale also found the session interesting, declaring "I want to do stuff like this," with her love for maths sure to be advantageous if she pursues a similar career to Ellie.

As for Free 3D Hands, much of its funding comes from philanthropists, with few suitable grant opportunities available.

However, Ellie said Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale has done a tremendous job raising awareness of Free 3D hands in the Victorian Parliament.

During Art and Technology Week, LSC students learned about engineering, food technology, sculpture, music, prop design, film and television and gaming design, with a mix of facilitators visiting the school.



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Trees that grow on you

A CLEARING Auction involving thousands of Evergreen and Deciduous advanced trees are to be sold on behalf of local nurseryman Nicholas Rivett.

Most trees are priced at wholesale prices, or below, for planting now to grow into established trees by spring.

Glen Forbes nurseryman Nicholas Rivett said trees could be purchased one-off, or in multiples, and transport can be arranged.

The Timed Auction is to be held Sunday, August 25 concluding 7pm.

To be eligible to bid, contact meauctions.com.

Funding boost for independent schools

THE State Government is ensuring every Victorian student can learn in the best facilities with independent schools to receive funding to upgrade classrooms and build new facilities.

Minister for Education Ben Carroll announced 11 independent schools across regional and metropolitan Victoria would share \$24.8 million to expand and modernise existing facilities or build new schools.

In regional Victoria, St Paul's Anglican Grammar School will receive \$6 million to build a junior campus in Drouin.

These projects are being delivered through the government's \$450 million Building Fund for Non-Government Schools.

An announcement of successful independent schools under the second round of funding is expected in October, with a further two rounds of funding to be available in coming years.

Non-government schools are an important part of Victoria's education system, with more than one third of Victorian students studying at Catholic or independent schools.

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Smartphone distraction, it could be the last thing you read

WHETHER on the road or the footpath, Bass Coast Highway Patrol are urging pedestrians and motorists to avoid distractions, particularly smartphones and digital displays, and take extra care, particularly as days become longer and the sunrise and sunsets impede one's visibility.

In recent years, the pervasive use of smartphones has led to a significant increase in distractions for both drivers and pedestrians, raising serious safety concerns.

"We are seeing more people distracted, particularly pedestrians when crossing the road," Acting Sergeant Williams, Bass Coast Highway Patrol explained.

"Pedestrians are distracted by their mobile phone, walking with ear plugs in, often unaware of their surroundings.

"Likewise, drivers are also distracted behind the wheel. And whilst we are not always seeing fatal or serious accident collisions there are a large number of near misses."

According to the Transport Accident Commission one in three pedestrians admit to looking at their phone while crossing the road, whilst data from the 2022 TAC Road Safety Monitor survey revealed that nearly half of the respondents admitted to using their mobile phones whilst driving with drivers 10 times more at risk of crashing if they are texting, browsing or emailing on their mobile phones.

And smartphones are not the only distraction, with an accident earlier this year in South Gippsland involving a school crossing guard, poor road design and the sun.

Police noted multiple factors were at play, and whilst the driver was not to blame in this scenario, drivers do need to take extra precautions, particularly as pedestrians can be distracted, and weather conditions can also play a significant role in visibility.

The consensus among safety experts is clear: both drivers and pedestrians need to be more mindful of their surroundings. Unplug, focus and arrive alive.

Operation Vulnerable

BASS Coast Highway Patrol recently conducted a two-week operation around schools in Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

Aptly named, Operation Vulnerable, 38 motorists were spoken to with 10 speed related offences issued and eight other offences detected.

Motorists are urged to drive to road and speed conditions and take care around schools and crossings.

1967 HR Holden holds rich history



Car enthusiast Kris Baker's first HR Holden at the age of 16.



1967 HR Holden modified with V8 engine.

OFTEN a car enthusiast's story begins with their connection to their first classic. Not influenced by family, but simply with a passion for high-performance vehicles, owner of Tyrepower Wonthaggi Kris Baker owned his first HR Holden at 16 and has recently restored his Blue 1967 HR Holden that he's preserved for the past 14 years.

The modifications he has made to the car have taken it to the next level, with the V8 engine providing an extra boost of power and the redone diff, brakes, and transmission ensuring a smooth and efficient ride.

"It was a passion for classics that drove my career," said Kris.

"This classic is one for fun. It is fully registered as an everyday drive and certainly drives well on a track."

Kris recently raced in Sydney to experience the thrill and power.

As a local business owner in the Bass Coast community, Kris immersed himself in the Kilcunda-Bass Football Netball Club and the Wonthaggi Football Netball Club for the past 16 years – making the annual car show a fundamental fundraiser for Wonthaggi Power.

"After 16 years I'm stepping back from my official role within the club, but the car show will continue. I never had time to showcase the 1967 HR Holden at the show due to the amount of work that went into running the fundraiser."

As he steps back from his official role in the club, Kris is looking forward to focusing on his own classic projects – a '77 Kingswood Wagon his latest endeavour. With his experience and expertise, there's no doubt that he will turn it into another impressive classic.

The condition of the 1967 HR Holden is a testament to his skills and dedication as a car enthusiast.



Leading Snr Constable Dengerink is urging motorised scooter drivers to adhere to the speed regulations.

Gotcha! Adhere to the speed

motorised scooters for speed related infringements.

"It's more of an educational moment," he explained.

New speed laws also apply for motorists on the road in many parts of Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires and Senior Constable Dengerink is keen for drivers to slow down.

"There are new speed limits in designated school zones and for the Wonthaggi to Cape Patterson Road," said Snr Constable Dengerink.

How to be a MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC



Wonthaggi Motorcycles apprentice Ben Silcock.

THE FIRST speedsters riding motorised scooters have been nabbed exceeding twenty kilometres an hour on local footpaths. Speeding hotspots for motorised scooters are Wonthaggi, Cowes and Inverloch where dozens of offenders have been handed 'on-the-spot' fines of \$192 each.

Bass Coast Highway Patrol Leading Snr Constable Matt Dengerink says riding on the footpaths is a danger to pedestrians with the Senior Constable forced to pull over

A DIRT bike rider from age twelve Wonthaggi Motorcycles apprentice Ben Silcock always wanted to be a motorcycle and light engine mechanic.

"I left high school when I was seventeen to go to TAFE at Leongatha and Warragul."

Now nearing the end of his apprenticeship as a motorcycle and light engine mechanic, the former enduro competition rider was taught to ride motorcycles by his father.

"I now ride a KTM 150 EXC," says nineteen-year-old Ben.

"I was placed second a couple of times at Gippsland and state level."

A love of motorcycles runs in the Silcock family.

Younger brother Jack currently races a KTM 250 SXF and

250 XC.

Ben Silcock works on a variety of engines from day to day including motorcycles, chainsaws and ride-on mowers.

A Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology is available to apprentices who are currently employed in the automotive industry and can attend a TAFE campus one day per week.

The four-year apprenticeship is made up of 36 units of competency which covers the skill and knowledge required to perform a broad range of service and repair tasks within the light vehicle industry.

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OH WHAT A FEELING

Include truck drivers in national road safety campaign

THE Chair of the Australian Trucking Association, Mark Parry is requesting the Australian Government include truck drivers in its planned road safety education and awareness campaign.

The Government provided \$10.8 million for the campaign in the 2024-25 Budget.

Mr Parry said the trucking industry's safety record had improved markedly over the decades, but the National Truck Accident Research Centre's 2024 major incidents report, released this week, raised concerns.

"Our industry is much safer than it used to be. For example, there were 56 fewer fatal crashes involving articulated trucks in 2023 than in 2003," Mr Parry said.

"The increase in safety is even more marked when you consider that the number of articulated trucks on the road almost doubled from 2003 to 2023.

"But the NTARC 2.0 report highlights issues we must address. The report found that driver inattention or distraction incidents have increased since 2022. Incidents due to inappropriate speed have increased, as have incidents involving tailgating.

These findings show that the Government's planned road safety campaign needs to reinforce good safety practices by truck drivers as well as car drivers.

"We all need to be reminded to pay attention, slow down and stay back from the vehicle in front.

"The growing number of alerts from in-cab technology is also a distraction issue. Drivers need alerts that are urgent and important – such as warnings about drowsiness or lane keeping – but don't need unimportant alerts while they are focused on driving," he said.

Mr Parry urged the Government to support businesses to upgrade their fleets to trucks with the latest safety technologies.

"Technologies like electronic stability control and advanced emergency braking save lives, but trucking businesses need support to buy new trucks," he said.

"We are arguing that the Government should permanently reinstate full expensing, so businesses can bring forward their fleet upgrades to improve their safety, productivity and sustainability now."

The call for the national road safety campaign to include truck messages was a key recommendation of the ATA's 2024 Workforce and Driver Training Summit.

The summit brought together leaders from the ATA's ten member associations, as well as staff from road transport businesses involved in driving, training, scheduling, compliance, regulation and other activities that influence on-road behaviour.

NTARC 2.0 is a partnership between the Monash University Accident Research Centre, the National Road Safety Partnership Program and NTI. The ATA received an early version of the 2024 report for summit participants.

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THE all-new Mitsubishi Triton GSR continues to make waves in the motoring world with its blend of rugged capability, advanced technology, and stylish design. This latest iteration of the popular ute is designed to cater to both the adventurous off-roader and the urban commuter, offering a versatile and reliable driving experience.

One of the first things you'll notice about the Triton GSR is its bold and aggressive styling. The ute features black 18-inch alloy wheels, a body-coloured front grille, and black wheel-arch flares, giving it a distinctive and sporty look. The LED headlights and daytime running lights not only enhance visibility but also add to the vehicle's modern aesthetic. The GSR's exterior is designed to turn heads, whether you're navigating city streets or tackling rugged terrain.

Stepping inside the Triton GSR, you'll be greeted by a well-appointed cabin that combines comfort with functionality. The leather seats with orange stitching provide a touch of luxury, while greater front and rear space ensures ample room for both passengers and cargo. The driver's seat is equipped with lumbar support, making long drives more comfortable. Additionally, the GSR comes with a dual-zone climate control system, allowing both the driver and passengers to set their preferred temperatures.

Under the hood, the Triton GSR is powered by a 2.4-litre bi turbo diesel engine that delivers impressive performance and fuel efficiency. With 150kW



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Safety is a top priority for Mitsubishi, and the Triton GSR is no exception. The first dual cab ute to be tested and assessed against the current 2023-2025 rating criteria, the GSR is equipped with a range of advanced safety features, including Forward Collision Mitigation, Blind Spot Warning, and

Rear Cross Traffic Alert. One of the standout features is the recently enhanced (July 2024) Driver Attention Alert system, which monitors the driver's behaviour and provides warnings if it detects signs of fatigue or distraction. This feature is particularly useful for long drives, helping to ensure that the driver remains alert and focused on the road.

In terms of technology, the Triton GSR comes with an nine-inch touchscreen infotainment system that supports Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. This allows you to seamlessly connect your smartphone and access your favourite apps, music, and navigation. The multi-around monitor provides a 360-degree birds eye view of the vehicle, making parking and maneuvering

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ATA request government to act on new licensing

THE Australian Trucking Association (ATA) have declared that Australia's governments must take a new approach to truck driver licensing to increase safety and encourage more people to join the industry.

The ATA Chair Mark Parry released the ATA's plan for truck driver licensing, which was developed with the advice of a Workforce and Driver Training Summit held in June.

Mr Parry said the licensing arrangements for truck drivers were inadequate.

"The association of government transport agencies, Austroads, has done an extended review of driver licensing, but governments now need to act.

"Many driving training organisations do a great job. Others train to a price or a time. Driver trainers must be assessed more rigorously, by experienced auditors who understand driver training and competencies.

"There should be minimum behind-the-wheel training times, with the driver training experts at our summit proposing longer training times for

discussion than the ones put forward by Austroads.

"At present, truck drivers progress through the licensing classes on a time basis. For example, once you have a medium or heavy rigid truck licence, you must wait a year before you can get a heavy combination (HC) licence.

"You are not required to use your licence and build up your driving skills and experience.

"Austroads has proposed that drivers should also be able to advance through the licence classes based on their driving hours, with accelerated progression for drivers who are supervised. There would still be training and assessment requirements.

"We support these new pathways, but the existing time-based option should be removed. There is no connection between the passage of time and driving skill," he said.

Mr Parry said the current MC class should be split into two classes, to reflect the extra skills required to drive combinations such as triple road trains, quads and quins.

"Drivers with existing MC li-

cence would be automatically assigned to the higher MC2 class," he said.

Mr Parry said driver medicals should be part of the licensing process and should be done before training gets underway.

"Our summit participants told us about job applicants who had gone to the time and effort of getting a licence and then being offered a job, only to discover during their employer induction that they did not meet the driver medical standards," he said.

Mr Parry said that strengthening driver licensing and training would encourage more people to join the industry.

"Truck driving is highly skilled, but the issues with the licensing system mean that many drivers end up having to learn critical safety skills and attitudes on the job," he said.

"Many people who might consider a driving job can't see a connection between getting a licence and having the skills to work safely and confidently in the industry.

"Strengthening driver licensing is a vital step toward encouraging more people with a



Australian Trucking Association (ATA) Chair Mark Parry is requesting government take a new approach to truck driver licensing to increase safety and encourage more people to join the industry.

safety-first attitude to join the industry," he said.

The 2024 Workforce and Driver Training Summit also developed industry approaches to vocational education, short courses and licensing drivers from overseas. The ATA will announce its plans on these issues soon.

Keep active through Probus

PROBUS Clubs, which have a strong presence in Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires, offer a great social environment for active retirees to make friends, learn new skills, hear from interesting guest speakers and enjoy tours and other activities.

Alan Hoy, vice president of Leongatha Probus Club, has been a member since 2009 and finds the activities and social connection with men and women great for keeping the mind active, with members coming from different walks of life.

Chatting to the Sentinel-Times, he mentioned he's looking forward to a French Island ferry trip and tour this month, with a Mount Gambier trip coming up later in the year.

Being a regionally based club, Alan said some trips have an agricultural angle and there is always something to learn, examples being past adventures to a robotic dairy in Drouin, vegetable wholesaler 'Flavorite' in Warragul, and Schreurs market gardeners in Middle Tarwin.

Talks are sometimes given by



Leongatha Probus Club members enjoy a Monday gathering, with president Cherry Anderson, original members Elaine Ollie and Coral Gray and vice president Alan Hoy.
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members with a range of guest speakers also invited.

Museums Victoria palaeontologist Tom Rich will talk to members in November about the Flat Rocks fossil dig in Inverloch, which has boosted knowledge of dinosaurs and the mammals that lived alongside them.

Members also hear from people who have had interesting careers.

With Probus Month coming up in October, Alan would love to see people learning more about their local club and hopefully joining.

Leongatha Probus Club, which meets at 10am on the third Monday of each month at the town's Dakers Centre, is running a High Tea as part of Probus Month, with Alan pointing out it's an ideal chance to see what Probus is about.

Otherwise, pop into one of the monthly gatherings at the Dakers Centre or look up your local club.

As well as Leongatha, there are Probus Clubs in Korumburra, Foster, Inverloch, Wonthaggi, San Remo, Cowes, and Bass (Corinella & District Probus Club), helping ensure there is a nearby option, with several towns having two Probus Clubs each.

New Committee for Grantville Hall brings fresh energy

THE recently elected Grantville Hall & Rec Reserve Committee of Management has a bright vision for the hall and comes with new enthusiasm.

Even before the first committee meeting was held, newly elected secretary, Di Goeman was busy making an inventory of the current hall chattels and organising some extra tables and chairs offered for free by Bass Coast Shire Council.

Long-standing secretary Pat Van served on the hall committee for over thirty years and also coached the junior tennis club for most of that time.

"She was a fixture on market days flipping sausages at the BBQ," said incoming pres-



Fresh faces and new enthusiasm is shaping the recently elected Grantville Hall & Rec Reserve Committee of Management. Back, from left, Annie Loughridge, Christopher Nagle, community volunteer Kathy Power, Zena Benbow, Halina Gwizdzil, volunteer Kat Staggard and Tony Cook. Front, Helen Zervopoulos, Gwen Swan and Di Goeman.

ident Helen Zervopoulos.

The committee will consider the option of setting up a community vegetable and herb garden and hopes there will be strong support for such a project.

"We are looking forward to making the hall a more user-friendly place and we hope to host events aimed at connecting the community and encouraging young families to become involved in the future

direction of the Hall and Rec Reserve," Helen said.

Details on who to contact regarding hall hire can be found on the Bass Coast Shire website or via email: GrantvilleRecHall@gmail.com

Leongatha centre shaped significantly by fire and war

By Lyn Skillern,
Leongatha Historical Society

THE LEONGATHA Memorial Hall is probably the best known building in the town.

This magnificent structure in the centre of Leongatha is used for important events, balls, dinners, celebrations, exhibitions, theatre performances and much more.

It is very special, but how did this icon of the community come about?

One hundred years ago, the original Leongatha Mechanics' Hall and the neighbouring Shire offices were destroyed by fire.

These two buildings were on the site of the present Memorial Hall and had been there since the 1890s, and their loss led to the Memorial Hall and new Shire offices being built in their place.

It is incredible to think that this memorial came about as a result of an horrific event that resulted in our shire losing around 160 young men and dramatically altered the lives of over 300 more.

Something valuable to all of us came from that Great War and the need to commemorate



Leongatha's original Mechanics' Hall on the left and Shire offices on the right are pictured during an early Anzac Day, the buildings occupying the site that now houses the Leongatha Memorial Hall.

those from the shire who served in that war and especially those who did not return.

The Leongatha branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia (RSSILA), now known as the RSL, was formed on January 3, 1919.

Leongatha Memorial Hall owes much to the action of the RSL.

In 1920, the members of the fledgling branch of the RSSILA could not imagine that their simple request for funds to expand their club rooms in Bair Street would turn into massive community support for the building of a 'Memorial' Hall.

On February 24, 1921, a motion was passed by the RSL

committee supporting the construction of a new hall and the donation of 1000 pounds to the hall fund providing the Returned Soldier's Association have absolute control over two rooms in a suitable position.

In 1923, the Woorayl Shire Council agreed to build a new hall and shire chambers provided the public contribute a third of the cost.

These new buildings were to be on the corner of McCartin and Bruce Street's (St Peter's site).

However, the old Mechanics' Hall, built in 1891, and shire offices were destroyed by fire on February 19, 1924.

Fortunately for the town, the Mechanics' Institute next door,

built in 1912, that served as a billiards room, meeting room and library, was saved because it was made of cement bricks and only the skylight caught fire and this was extinguished.

Plans were then developed to build the Leongatha Memorial Hall on the old Mechanics' Hall site.

The Memorial Hall and offices were built between 1924 and 1926.

For the grand opening of the hall on May 24, 1926, the RSL wanted Brigadier General 'Pompey' Elliott to be invited to officiate. So it was that this esteemed soldier came to town, was escorted to the hall by ex-service men and opened this wonderful hall.



Royal Historical Society Victoria guest speaker Dr Rosalie Triolo with Lyn Skillern and Pauline Hitchins, organisers of the regional seminar.
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Exploring research strategies at regional seminar

HISTORICAL researchers gathered at the recent Royal Historical Society Victoria (RHSV) regional seminar in Leongatha to delve into the intricacies of research strategies.

The seminar provided a platform for attendees to exchange ideas, share insights, and learn from experts in the field. From uncovering hidden archives to utilising digital resources, participants explored a range of methodologies aimed at unlocking the mysteries of the past.

Organisers Rosalie Triolo, Lyn Skillern and Pauline Hitchins welcomed guest speakers from RHSV, Wonthaggi & District Historical Society, Leongatha Historical Society and The South Gippsland Historical Network beginning the seminar on Saturday, August 17 through to Sunday, August 18.

The event proved to be a valuable opportunity for both seasoned historians and newcomers to enhance their research skills and expand their historical knowledge.

Guest speaker Sam Gatto captivated the audience with tales of Wonthaggi's pioneering approach to healthcare and community support dating back to the early 20th century.

"Wonthaggi established a social welfare system that was truly unique and ahead of its time," Sam explained.

"From universal healthcare to cooperative businesses, the town's working-class community built an impressive network of self-help institutions."

Sam detailed how Wonthaggi's miners' union, church groups, and other grassroots organisations collaborated to provide members with benefits like free medical care, discounted medicines, and even a cooperative grocery store.

"It was a remarkable grassroots effort that anticipated many of the social programs we have today," Gatto noted.

"The town's pioneering spirit and community-driven approach is an important part of Australia's history that deserves to be remembered."

The audience praised Sam for his engaging presentation and the opportunity to learn more about Wonthaggi's remarkable past before hearing from organiser Dr Rosalie Triolo who discussed local and international historical sources and resources, including words, visuals and sound.

Dr Triolo showed Australian film footage that could provide historical context for future research projects, whilst also discussing sources that can assist with studying a topic, including but not limited to film, music, financial reports, land titles, and paintings.

Rosemary Cameron then addressed the seminar with the impact of new tax laws on historical societies – providing fundamental insight into the best management practice for local historical societies, how to become a charity and comply with Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) governance.

The seminar continued through to an evening dinner at the Leongatha RSL with Lyn Skillern providing background on items on display as well as on significant local identities.

For more information on Victorian research visit historyvictoria.org.au.

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COMMENT

How lack of transparency is costing us

NOMINATIONS for the October shire council elections open soon, on Monday, September 9.

Most of the existing councillors are likely to stand for election again, but hopefully, there are also enough community-minded people willing to put their hands up and have a go so that we have a good choice come election time.

Why is it important that we all take an interest, and for community-connected people to consider nominating? Because it has a direct impact on where our shire's increasingly scarce funding is spent.

And as the state government's rate cap continues to squeeze the value of the money they collect in rates, or receive from government for necessary works and services, there's even more pressure on councillors to identify waste, drive efficiencies in their own workforces, insist on transparency and drop personal agendas.

And the way you choose who to vote for, in the case of sitting councillors, is to look at their record, at what they have achieved, where they failed, and what they've been prepared to put up with while in office.

Take the fiasco of the Environmental Audit Overlays introduced by the Victorian Planning Authority on hundreds of privately owned blocks of land and established houses in Wonthaggi's North East Precinct for example.

Although the shire's administration finally kicked into gear, three months after the debilitating and costly overlays were introduced on titles on January 18 this year, we still haven't received a plausible explanation about how it happened, what the shire's role was in the debacle and how much it cost to rectify, much less receive an apology.

The reality is that if the Bass Coast Shire Council, under CEO at the time, Ali Wastie, had been more open, more transparent and more genuinely engaged with the community, they would have gone public in August 2022, when the final draft of Amendment C152 was released, and we could all have called out the VPA on their plan for a broad application of EAOs.

So, what happened councillors?

The lack of transparency over that issue, as serious as the implications were for ordinary homeowners and those hoping to build in a housing crisis, is not an isolated incident.

Why, for example, did it take the Bass Coast Shire Council more than four years to release a full copy of the Bass Coast Shire Coastal Risk Assessment report recommending action on our dangerous beaches?

Where, for example, is the feasibility study on the likely use of the \$7.7 million trail between Inverloch and Wonthaggi, and how it got so high up on the shire's priority list?

And what about the annual Community Satisfaction Survey? Why isn't that independent report released by Bass Coast as soon as it is made available by the Department of Government Services?

How has this conspiracy of silence and secrecy been tolerated by councillors, to the point where they themselves have been kept in the dark?

Ask them! And if you don't get a satisfactory response, find someone else to vote for at the next election.

Lack of transparency isn't the exclusive domain of local government. In fact, the state government has made an art-form out of it but inevitably, your chickens come home to roost and regrettably, we're seeing that in the fallout from their mismanagement of the state's Big Build program.

Vox Pop

What would be your dream job?



Shannon Little

Inverloch

"Already have my dream job."



David Rodriguez

San Remo

"My dream job would be a mechanical engineer."



Emily Andersen

Leongatha

"Already doing my dream job as a disability support worker."



Lindy Caldeira

Wonthaggi

"Retire and live at home."

Let's go independent in Monash

WITH the selection of Deb Leonard as its candidate for the federal seat of Monash, Voices for Monash (V4M) is offering voters a chance to participate in the political process way beyond just the casting of a vote.

Rather than voting for a local member who's always required to put loyalty to their political party ahead of the best interests of their electorate, Monash voters have the chance to vote for real community representation.

As we see over and over again, good community representation cannot come through political parties that are hierarchically organised, male-dominated and captured by special interests.

Engaging voters through kitchen table conversations and listening events across the electorate means V4M hears directly from the community about the issues that are important and what sort of representation they expect from their local member.

In saying she would maintain kitchen table conversations as an elected parliamentarian, Deb Leonard would be taking local views on national issues into the parliament and feeding them into the debate. There would be no party chiefs telling her what she can and cannot say.

This is getting us towards true deliberative democracy, where the considered opinions and needs of electorates become part of legislative debates. And when multiple independent Voices candidates sit in the parliament politics becomes much more a matter of community representation rather than party and special interest representation.

In sending Deb Leonard to parliament, Monash voters can have their issues and views made part of the national political process, as well as being a part of a growing national movement to put the community above the parties and their backers.

Tony Walker, Fish Creek

Collarette, a new symbol for Bass Coast

THE long-standing mystery of the missing mayoral chains has once again captured public attention in a recent Letter to the Editor.

For those who may have missed the numerous media stories over the years, the mayoral chains were first identified as missing in 2013 and formally reported to police as lost – or possibly stolen – in February 2017. The matter was reported to the police, who are the appropriate authority to investigate such issues, by those responsible at Council at the time.

Despite Police involvement, the chains were never recovered, and no evidence surfaced to shed light on what had happened. As a result, no further action was taken. While Council shares the community's wish that this mystery had been resolved at the time, without new evidence

to warrant further investigation, it seems likely that the case will remain unsolved.

The chains date from many years ago and relate to the former Borough of Wonthaggi. Their specific value has never been established but based on estimates obtained in previous years, may be between \$30,000 and \$50,000. The suggestion that they are valued at up to \$500,000 is inaccurate.

While replacing the chains was not considered, in December 2023 Council officers sourced a collarette, a modern and cost-effective symbol of the office of the Mayor. The new collarette was \$4000 and is a simpler, more progressive design that symbolises the whole of Bass Coast, not only the former Borough of Wonthaggi.

The Mayor has proudly worn the collarette at several significant official functions this year, including citizenship ceremonies, and it will continue to be available for future mayors to wear at important events in the years to come.

Greg Box, CEO Bass Coast Shire

Crime reform is needed

Re last week's headline in the Sentinel-Times 'Invaded and angry'.

TO DATE, there has been little to no action by the government in regard to the crime rate in Victoria. The amount of thefts, assaults, break-ins continues to grow and there is little or no acknowledgement of how the community feels.

We need the government to acknowledge the community's concerns and stand up and act. No one should feel unsafe in their own home. People should feel safe doing their grocery shopping and getting into their vehicles. People should feel safe, full stop.

The system is broken. People are not safe at work. People are not safe in their homes. People are scared to go shopping or do recreational activities. This is unacceptable in Bass Coast and Victoria.

Change MUST be made.

Importantly, the rights of offenders must also not outweigh the rights of the victims.

Declan's Law and Jack's Law have already passed in other states and have examined and advocated for the following:

- Tighten bail laws around offenders charged with alleged aggravated assault, and even if a first offence, it requires bail conversation with a judge to assess the circumstances.
- Tighten laws around what constitutes a deadly weapon.
- Police powers to increase, trial metal wanding following Jack's Law in QLD, and give powers of confiscation and charging for going armed in public.
- Early access programs to identify at risk youth and engage them in positive and skill-based programs as well as education.
- Increase the funding required to cover new facilities, staffing, programs.
- Increase funding for First Line Emergency Services - Police, Paramedics, Firefighters.
- Increase training and powers for security guards, and

• Look at other ways to decrease alcohol fuelled crime.

And now we hear that victims of youth crime would be explicitly banned from having a say over whether young offenders including murderers and rapists are released on parole under reforms to the youth justice system.

Rob Parsons, The Gurdies

Editor: This letter has been edited.

Our Vietnam Veterans

LADIES and gentlemen, as we gathered on Vietnam Veterans Day, it was a time for reflection, remembrance, and gratitude. We came together to honour the brave men and women who served in the Vietnam War, to pay tribute to their sacrifices, their courage, and their unwavering dedication to our country.

For many, the bonds formed during their time in Vietnam are unbreakable. They were brothers and sisters in arms, companions in the darkest of times, and the support system when everything else seemed to falter. On Sunday, we acknowledged and saluted their efforts, their resilience, and their camaraderie that sustained them through the toughest of times.

But we also must acknowledge the hard times that many of them faced upon their return from Vietnam. They were met with indifference, misunderstanding, and even hostility from society, as they struggled to reintegrate and find their place once more. The challenges they faced were immense, and the scars, both physical and emotional, ran deep.

And while the RSL, an organisation that they had hoped would provide them with support and understanding, did not always stand by them in those difficult times, we must remember and appreciate their service and assistance in later years although there are many that find it hard to forget. Despite the shortcomings, we know now that many within the RSL do their best to support us, to advocate for us, and to ensure that our sacrifices were/are not forgotten.

So, as we honour our mates, as we remember their service, and as we acknowledge the hard times they faced upon their return, let us also express our gratitude to the RSL for their efforts, however imperfect they may have been. Let us remember that we are stronger together, that our bonds of camaraderie and support can overcome any obstacle, and that our service and sacrifices will never be in vain. Lest we forget.

Lindsay Guerin, Inverloch

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.

US Blues guitar master heads to Meeniyian

BLUES guitar master, Chris Cain, is headed Down Under following the release of his new album, *Good Intentions Gone Bad*, and he's got a couple of Australian blues artists along for the trip.

Following tours across the USA, Europe, and South America, Cain will captivate audiences from as south as Meeniyian to as far north as the Gympie Music Muster.

Joining him on Saturday, August 31 at Meeniyian Hall is Australian blues artist Bill Barber.

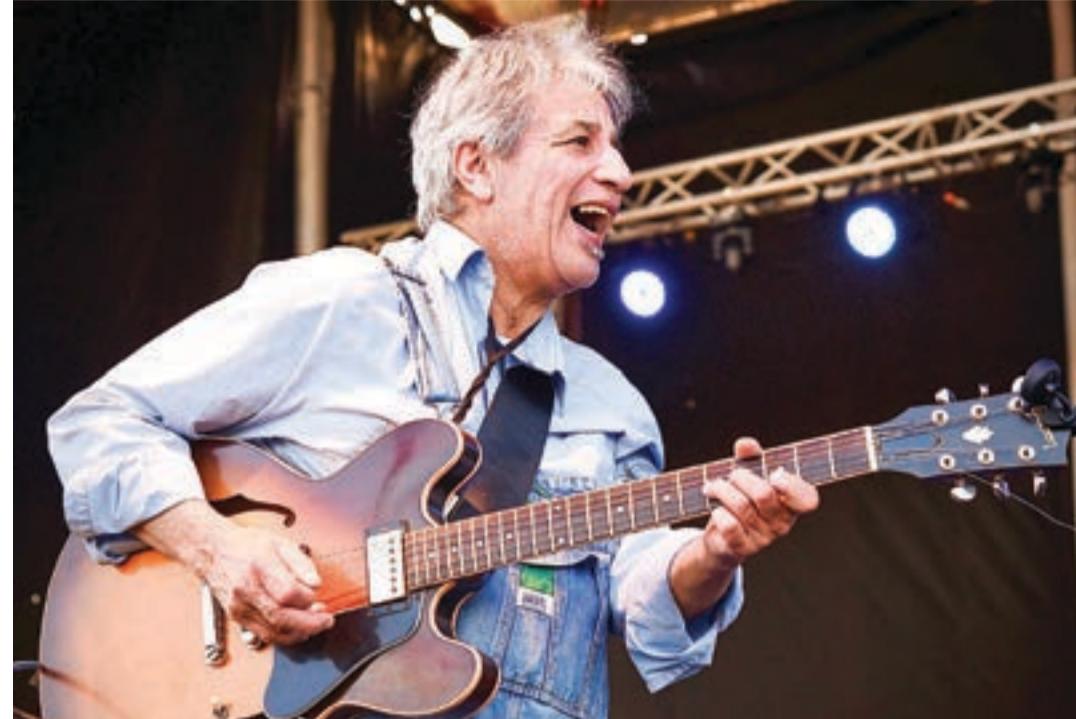
On *Good Intentions Gone Bad*, Cain delivers thirteen lyrically fresh original songs, seven of which add a swinging horn section to the mix. The album was produced by Christoffer "Kid" Andersen (of Rick Estrin & The Nightcats) at his famous Greaseland USA studio in San Jose, California.

"I'm so proud of this record," he said.

"I know I've never sung or played better. Kid's ideas, the vibe he created... he makes you better while having a great time. This album is the logical next step after *Raisin' Cain*. Everything I hoped for doubled."

The tour promises to be a celebration of blues mastery, with Cain's powerful vocals and jazz-inspired guitar riffs leaving an indelible mark on every stage he graces.

"This next album is a special project for me, and I can't wait to share it with the incredible



Blues guitarist Chris Cain delivers a soulful performance in Meeniyian on August 31, set to captivate the audience with his electrifying sound. Photo: Jim Mills.

blues-loving audience in Australia," he said.

"Each track on the album reflects a piece of my journey, and I am thrilled to bring these stories to life on stage."

Cain, whose musical prowess draws inspiration from the legendary BB King and Albert King, has had a career spanning more than four decades.

He has earned a reputation as a true virtuoso, seamlessly blending traditional blues

roots with contemporary influences.

"Australia has a rich history of appreciating and embracing the blues," he said.

"I'm looking forward to connecting with the vibrant blues community Down Under and sharing the magic of my music live. It's going to be an unforgettable experience for everyone in the audience."

The tour dates promise a musical journey through

Cain's extensive catalogue, including tracks from his latest album, as well as earlier releases that showcase his evolution as an artist. Audiences can expect an evening filled with soulful melodies, blistering guitar solos, and the raw emotion that defines the blues genre.

For more information or to secure tickets head to lyrebirdarts council.oztix.com.au/outlet/event/2c8226da-3e0e-42a3-a335-721b663fc509



Melbourne Symphony cellist Rohan de Korte, a member of the cello quartet CellOZ, will perform at Prom Recitals upcoming concert.

Prom Recitals welcomes world-class cello quartet

PROM Recitals invites you to enjoy the talented cello quartet, CellOZ, coming to South Gippsland with an exhilarating concert program of classics, jazz, rock anthems and more. Delight in a program of music from Strauss to Sting's *Roxanne*, Bizet's *Carmen* to Nat King Cole's *Nature Boy* – this concert in September has it all!

And, of course, the cello was voted Australia's favourite instrument in the 2023 ABC Classic 100, and this quartet's distinctive music shows why we are always drawn to the warm, rich tones of this beautiful instrument. The CellOZ musicians live by the philosophy that beautiful music is even more captivating when played on a cello.

Joining Melbourne Symphony cellist Rohan de Korte will be, internationally renowned Bulgarian cellist Kalina Krusteva, the fabulous Josephine Vains, whose work features on many albums including the ABC Classics, and the head lecturer in cello at the Melbourne Conservatorium, Richard Narroway.

Rohan is internationally known for his cello quartet arrangements; his version of *Bohemian Rhapsody* is being played by quartets worldwide and will be a feature of the September program. Attendees can also look forward to his arrangements of a *Carmen* fantasy and a *Don Quixote* salsa.

With members from Germany, Bulgaria and Australia, their individual performances have graced some of the most prestigious venues, including Sydney Opera House, Chicago Symphony Center and Koerner Hall. Members have also played with the Melbourne and Sydney Symphony Orchestras, as well as smaller quartets and chamber works across Victoria.

Prom Recitals is proud to bring intimate and immersive live concerts with world-class performers, such as CellOZ, to our local towns and halls. The group, which shares a love of classical music, encourages community members to join the Prom Recitals "Friends" program. In 2023, the Prom Recitals Friends supported music workshops and events for more than 500 secondary school music students across South Gippsland, culminating in an amazing end-of-year student concert. Friends of Prom Recitals will also receive priority seating at the CellOZ performance, an invitation to a post-concert gathering to meet the performers, along with a complimentary glass of wine.

The program being presented on Sunday, September 8 is as versatile as the performers. We invite you to come and enjoy the rich sounds and virtuosic effects of the amazing CellOZ.

Doors at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre open at 2pm and the concert starts at 2.30pm.

Adult tickets are \$60; children \$20.

Further details on the CellOZ concert and members program can be found at promrecitals.org.au, or head to trybooking.com/CTZCX to secure your seat.

Bright Star set to shine this September for WTG

THE Wonthaggi Theatrical Group is intensely rehearsing for its fresh new production of comedy king and banjo player Steve Martin's beautiful musical *Bright Star*.

Set between 1920 and 1940s in America's South this rich tale of resilience, love and redemption will sweep you up in its uplifting story alongside music to move both your feet and your soul.

Featuring a committed and talented cast of 19 players

and 10 musicians bringing the blue grass music to life in WTG's intimate theatre at The State Coal Mine this performing arts event exposes audiences to a different style of musical.

Director Karen Milkins-Hendry, Musical Director Jane Chambers, Choreographer Angela Hogan and Vocal Coach Toni Osborne have been so impressed with the dedication of all involved in the first two weeks of a relatively short

rehearsal period. Familiar and new faces shine in different ways for our generous and receptive audiences.

Tickets are on sale now @ Trybooking for the short two weekend season September 26 – October 5. You will not be disappointed – well, only if you miss out!

RIGHT: Jonah Van Stekelenburg and Leisel Burrow will sweep you off your feet this September.



Postcards visits Block Island

THE Postcards team headed to "Block Island" to check out Shaynna Blaze's favourite spots, on Sunday on Channel 9 and 9Now.

Guest presenter and long-time judge on *The Block*, Shaynna Blaze, shared her favourite spots on Phillip Island (Boonwurrung Country) while filming the show's new season.

First up was The Store, a cosy cafe and larder in Ventnor, just five minutes out of Cowes. Next, she headed to San Remo jetty to chat with Wildlife Coast Cruises' Georgia Bisset about the best way to experience the island's incredible marine life on their boat tours. Her day ended at the wine bar Shearwaters & Bandicoots featuring a BYO meal from Nat's Rustic Beach Feed.



Shaynna's stops in for fish and chips at Nat's Rustic Beach Feed.



Shaynna Blaze chats to Sales and Environmental Officer Georgia Bisset about all things Wildlife Coast Cruises.

A boot full of...

'A BOOT Full of Piss' is the title of an autobiography by Robert O'Brien who now resides at Prom Country House in Foster.

When the phenomenally talented actor/director/film maker and voiceover artist, Dan Lawrie, was in Foster rehearsing for FAMDA's production of 'The Architect', he was handed a copy of Robert O'Brien's book.

Dan was so enthralled with Robert's remarkable ability to cope with adversity and becoming an advocate that he decided to convert Robert's story into a play script.

Dan envisioned it as a one man play and, working with director Joel Stevenson, the pair has created a vivid and entertaining depiction of incidents in Robert's extraordinary life with Dan playing all the characters.

FAMDA is staging 'A Boot Full of Piss' at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre on Sunday, September 1 for only two performances at 2pm and 7pm with Robert O'Brien himself in the audience.

Come along and find out the story behind the 'pissy' title.

Remember the best seats go to those who book.

Tickets are now on sale through Trybooking and with a link from famda.org.au.

Afternoon tea or supper included in the \$25 ticket price and yes, tickets will also be available at the door.

Let South Gippsland entertain you

A SUITE of outstanding performers and acts are heading to South Gippsland. As our local halls are set to be brimming with outstanding talent, here's a preview of the exciting events to come.

Casting Off

An acrobatic comedy of three women who wear multi-coloured hand-knitted costumes will grace the stage of the Mirboo and Strzelecki Halls. The terrific trio will share their lives and ideas while holding each other up both literally and metaphorically. Here are the details for their two shows:

- Saturday, August 24 from 1.30pm at the Mirboo Hall – 19 Clear Creek Road, Mirboo. Local singer-songwriter Aeroforms will be supporting this show, enchanting you with her mesmerising looping folk songs.
- Sunday, August 25 from 1.30pm at the Strzelecki Hall – 1476 Korumburra-Warragul Road, Strzelecki. This event will be supported by local favourites Stony Six who together create joyous and buoyant contemporary acoustic music. Tickets are \$20 for anyone over 16 and free for children under 15.

Sound of Silent

The Sounds of Silent are a five-piece ensemble featuring some of Melbourne's most



Sounds of Silent will transport audiences back to the 'Circus' by Charlie Chaplin.

versatile and accomplished musicians.

Recreating the silent movie experience from the 1920s and 30s, blended with improvised performances featuring music that was in style during that period. While in South Gippsland, the Sound of Silent will be taking their audience back to the 'Circus' by Charlie Chaplin.

The event is a vibrant and entertaining musical and movie the whole family can enjoy. There are three events to choose from:

- Friday, September 13 from 7pm at the Bena Hall – 41 Main Road, Bena.

• Saturday, September 14 from 7pm the Mirboo North Shire Hall – 30 Ridgway, Mirboo North.

- Sunday, September 15 from 1.30pm at the Welshpool Hall – Main Street, Welshpool.

Tickets are \$20 for anyone over 16 and free for children under 15.

Out on the Weekend

Out on the Weekend is bringing a wagonload of international and local artists to Korumburra in a joyous adventure of country and western music.

Fresh from the United States of America, the line-up includes Harray for the Riff Raff, Uncle

Lucius, Nick Shoulders, Rose City Band, Margot Clinker, Johnny Fritz and Joshua Hedley, who will be joined by local talent, Freya Josephine Hollick and friends.

This hoedown will be taking place at Coal Creek on Sunday, October 13 from 1.30pm to 7pm.

Tickets are \$73.95 for adults, \$38.25 for youth (12 to 17 years). Children under 11 are free.

To purchase tickets and to browse other events happening in South Gippsland, please visit: visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events

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All three women wear multi-coloured hand-knitted costumes as they share their lives and ideas while holding each other up both literally and metaphorically.

Through comedy shines an important message – the voices and bodies of women of all ages are worthy of being heard and celebrated.

Talented local singer-songwriter Aeroforms will support Casting Off on Saturday, and local band The Stony Six will accompany them on Sunday.

LOCATIONS AND DATES

Mirboo Hall – Saturday 24 August.

Strzelecki Hall – Sunday 25 August..

COST

\$20 (Adults 16 and over).

Children 15 and under are free.

Afternoon tea provided.

To book, please scan the QR code below or visit:

visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events





At the 2022 play festival: awardees, black clad cast members of Here, There & Everywhere from Traralgon, Anglesea and Peridot Theatre, are bookended by FAMDA award recipients, Edwin Coad, winner of the Playwright's prize (L) and Bruce Crowl, most outstanding support actor (R).

Theatrics, drama, comedy and fun... do not miss out

A WEEKEND of theatrical fun, comedy and drama is on offer when FAMDA's 22nd South Gippsland One Act Play Festival hits the Foster stage with eighteen different performances this Saturday and Sunday.

This annual celebration is generously supported by the Bendigo Community Bank of Toora, Foster & Welshpool with sponsorship enabling FAMDA to offer generous prize money to motivate theatre and school groups to enter their plays plus the carrot of very low ticket prices for locals and visitors to see the plays on offer.

The festival is a very social event providing locals and visitors with an opportunity to be thoroughly entertained with new works written and performed by emerging theatre-makers, while soaking up the convivial atmosphere.

Local entrants this year include school groups from Phillip Island's Village High School and Koonwarra Village School along with Leongatha Lyric Theatre Youth Committee, Wonthaggi Theatre Group, and FAMDA on stage.

Other Gippsland groups, Bairnsdale Production Line Theatre and Here There & Everywhere Theatre, will be there

plus companies from Melbourne and even further afield.

The festival is divided into sessions, generally with three or four completely different plays in each.

People usually stay for an entire session, but it is possible to come and go during the short breaks between plays so make the most of this opportunity to come and sample some (or all) of the amazing theatrical entertainment.

The Young Players Festival launches the event at 9.30am on Saturday morning with a junior as well as a senior section.

The Open Age Festival begins

at 2.30pm on Saturday afternoon and resumes in the evening at 7pm. Sunday sessions start at 10.30am and 1.30pm.

A detailed up to date festival program is available online at famda.org.au

There will be door sales but to reduce congestion in the foyer it is helpful if people book online via famda.org.au.

Tickets for the Young Players Festival cost \$8 with no charge for children.

The Open Festival price is \$12 per day while a Festival Pass, allowing entry to the entire festival, is just \$20.

Tickets will be on sale at the door on both days.

What's happening next week

FAMDA's One Act Play Festival
Saturday and Sunday,
August 24 – 25
Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Cowes Market on Church
Saturday, August 24, 9am – 2pm
102 Thompson Avenue, Cowes

Casting Off
Saturday, August 24, from
1.30pm
Mirboo Hall, 19 Clear Creek
Road, Mirboo

**Maddy May with support
acts Jasmine & Robson**
Saturday, August 24,
4.30pm – 8pm
Phillip Island Boardriders Club

**Inverloch Community
Farmers Market**
Sunday, August 25, from 9am
The Glade, Inverloch

Grantville Community Market
Sunday, August 25, 8am – 2pm
The Esplanade

Casting Off
Sunday, August 25, from 1.30pm
Strzelecki Hall, 1476
Korumburra-Warragul Road,
Strzelecki

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre
August 24-25, 2024

ONE ACT PLAY
SOUTH GIPPSLAND
PRESENTED BY
FAMDA

Young Players: Saturday 9:30am
Open Section: Saturday 2:30 & 7:00pm
& Sunday 10:30am & 1:30pm

Tickets at the door or go to: famda.org.au

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a play written and performed by Dan Lawrie

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Sunday, September 1
2:00pm & 7:00pm
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The event is a vibrant and entertaining musical and movie event for the whole family.

LOCATIONS AND DATES
Bena Hall – Friday 13 September.
Mirboo North Hall – Saturday 14 September.
Welshpool Hall – Sunday 15 September.

COST
\$20 (Adults 16 and over).
Children 15 and under are free.
BYO food and drinks.

For more details and to book, please scan the QR code below or visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/sounds-of-silent





Georgia Clarke and Gemma Buckley from TheirCare in Wonthaggi, Leongatha, Sale, Mirboo North and Inverloch at the Wonthaggi Jobs Expo.



Fabio Panarese Go Girl volunteer from the Yarra Valley with Go Girl facilitator Liza Clarkson attended the Go Girl graduation in Inverloch.



Marli and Cara Hammond from Bass Coast Health with Sabine Aeschlimann from the Wonthaggi Library at the Go Girl graduation in Inverloch.



Faith Hilda from Singapore and Eric Weber from Luxembourg at the Go Girl graduation in Inverloch.



Tracey Bilson and Fiona Williamson from Berry Street, Morwell at the Wonthaggi Jobs Expo.



Calvin Rees Exec. Mgr. Aldi Store Operations, Nagislea Mayes Aldi Leongatha Store Mgr. and Shaun Prestage Aldi Wonthaggi Store Mgr. at the Wonthaggi Jobs Expo.



Administration trainees Ruby McGillivray and Emlyn Blackman with Arboriculture apprentice Rhett Wilson from Bass Coast Shire at the Wonthaggi Jobs Expo.



Andrew Cotton and Vanessa Chapman from Skillinvest in Bairnsdale at the Wonthaggi Jobs Expo.



Kylie Hodge, Jacob Hitchcock-Yoo and Louise Gale of Inverloch from Mecwacare Aged Services at the Wonthaggi Jobs Expo.



Pictures of you and your friends at Wonthaggi Jobs Expo, Go Girls graduation, VicGrid session in Korumburra and Royal Historical Society Victoria Regional Seminar in Leongatha.



Heather Stone, Zoe Baillie, Helen Ebery and Rosemary Abbey in Leongatha for the Royal Historical Society Victoria Regional Seminar. Z05_3424



Branch Manager Jo Bowler and Librarian Shaun Gardner at the Inverloch Library.



Claire and Sam Gatto attended the Royal Historical Society Seminar on behalf of the Wonthaggi Historical Society with Sam as a guest speaker. Z04_3424



Margaret and Daryl Hook of the Leongatha Historical Society attended the Saturday seminar - learning of valuable research practices. Z06_3424



Johanna Haajes with Robert and Ruth Sage of the Leongatha Historical Society helped with afternoon tea and lunch preparations for the regional seminar. Z07_3424



Pete Houston and Miranda Schooneveldt from Gippsland Water at the Wonthaggi Jobs Expo.



Lorraine Bull ventured from the Latrobe Valley for Wednesday's VicGrid session in Korumburra. A02_3424



Cr Jenni Keerie and South Gippsland Shire Council's manager of regional partnerships Christian Stefani were keen to hear community views on renewable energy at Wednesday's VicGrid session in Korumburra. A03_3424



MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

NOW everyone is thawing out and we have some sunny weather, there is a positive feeling in the air! We have some interesting one-day sessions for you, coming up in the next fortnight

Myli and Milpara will hold two movie sessions – Wednesday, August 21 Crybaby screening for parents and kids, and

our regular Monday screening, on August 26.

Everyone is aware we need to be scam conscious. On Wednesday, August 28 you can learn about this in a fun way, by coming to an info and Scams Bingo session at 2pm.

We are commencing Easy Home Cooking class next week which has had a lot of

interest. If you would like to put your name down for the next course, please get in touch.

What else would you like Milpara to offer in Adult Education? We are currently programming next term and aim to deliver what the community really wants and needs.

Don't forget you can get JP

services, or technical help here at Milpara, by appointment.

If any of the above are of interest to you, please get in touch, we're happy to help.



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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

COMING up on Wednesday (or that is to say, every Wednesday, except for the school holidays) is our Free Community Lunch from 12.30pm (Book it in today, Tuesday, to get a seat at a table this week.) Booking in is important so we know how many to cater for. It is lovely food cooked up by our wonderful Emma and her team in our kitchen. The lunch is a great way to spend time with friends known and yet to know. A gold coin donation would be much appreciated, if you can manage it, to help offset costs.

And when it comes down to deciding if the lovely lunch at the WNC, packed with fresh food and prepared with consummate culinary skill is to be on your dining experience in your weight management journey, then come along

to our Weight Management Group. They hold a friendly informal weekly meeting and discuss how their week has been and provide support to one another. Accountability is probably the best tool on this quest and doing it with a friendly group of people is a good way to start. They meet Thursday evenings from 5pm to 6pm, due to dark and cold weather of winter evenings. Having said that, isn't it lovely spring type weather we've been having?

The Adults Living on the Spectrum Social Group (ALOTS) meet on the fourth Saturday of the month, 1.30pm to 2.30pm. This month it's on this Saturday, August 24. It is for Autistic people and their supporters, and they are supported by AMAZE, the peak body in Victoria. Contact Kate

Harmon on 0438 730 119 for more information.

Here at the WNC our volunteers find it can be a rewarding experience knowing that in such a role there exists an opportunity to help the centre fulfil one of its most important goals, to assist in building community and to reach out to those most in need to make a difference. If you have a spare few hours each week to do a shift on the reception desk or some other role, we would be very pleased to have you. Complete the online volunteer form available on the website, phone the office for a chat or better still drop in for a face-to-face conversation with our manager Leslie Adams.

Just remember: That it's good for you, brings people together, you learn a lot, it promotes growth and self-esteem

and strengthens your community, and you make a difference.

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

<https://www.wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com/>



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

CAMILLE Monet, facilitator of the Exploring Art sessions for NDIS participants led an amazing event recently. It involved a winter fantasy fashion parade and an exhibition of the participants' work. See the main article elsewhere in this issue for full details.

The art class is a wonderful way for people with disabilities to express themselves visually in ways they can't put into words. Some of the images they come up with give a real insight into their personalities which could not be accessed any other way.

It also gives people a way of expressing themselves in a free and unencumbered way. The feeling of empowerment and validation this offers is invaluable to self-esteem and community participation.

BCAL's new Health Services

course has received an amazing response with the possibility of having to put two classes on. Places are still available on the course which starts this Friday so don't delay.

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

WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden volunteers asked themselves an important question last week: how to prune the fruit trees, to improve their shape and make the harvest easier to reach while not sacrificing too many fruit-bearing twigs and branches?

The answer was to use a little science mixed with common sense, the right tools and willing helpers.

So two plums and an apple

were trimmed and tidied with three more to do next time. The mature fig and the grapevine were cut back hard earlier this month.

The volunteers are now looking forward to the beautiful spring blossom and, of course, the fruit they share come summer.

For more information about the garden contact tgordon@westnet.com.au, BCAL on 5672 3115, or drop in on a Thursday between 10am and noon to chat with the hard-working volunteers.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Last week, the Woodies had their AGM with a new executive appointed. Syd Gordon takes the reins as president this year with Peter Myers as vice president, Frank

Kisvarda as treasurer and Michael Bladen as secretary. All members wish them a prosperous year.

Coming up on Thursday, August 29, the group will be holding a special Father's Day event at Bunnings. There will be displays of their work and sales, with the intent of getting parents and kids to bond over woodworking.

The evening event will be the only sales display in Wonthaggi before the annual Christmas store.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or visit workshop.



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Fish Pudding

By Meg Viney

THIS week a delicious savoury pudding. You can halve the recipe if it suits.

Ingredients

- 1 2/3 cup cream
- 4 slices day-old bread, crusts removed
- 1 kg white fish (ling is excellent, but you could use your favourite fish)
- 5 eggs
- 125 gm butter
- 2 tablespoon fresh dill, or 1 tsp dried
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp dry mustard powder (or same of Dijon)
- 1/4 tsp white pepper (black will grey the dish)
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg

Method

Soak the bread in 2/3 cup cream, then beat to a paste.

In a food processor, paste the chopped fish, 1 cup cream and 5 egg yolks.

Add the melted butter and the flavourings.

Blend the two mixtures.

In a clean bowl, beat 4 egg whites with a pinch of the salt until it holds stiff peaks, then gently fold into the fish mixture.

Have a buttered pudding dish ready and coated with day old fine breadcrumbs. Gently transfer the mixture into the basin and top with buttered foil. As an extra measure, moisten a tea towel and place over the basin, tie with string.

Put the pudding on a rack in a pot of boiling water that comes 2/3 of the way up the basin, return the water to the boil and cook over a very low heat for an hour.

Remove from pot, rest 5 minutes then unfold onto a serving dish.

Serve with a hollandaise sauce, or even a white wine sauce (look up sauces that appeal to you), some steamed green beans and a salad.

• FAITH FACTOR

Running the race with perseverance

By Amanda Hart (Captain), South Coast Gippsland Salvos

EVERY four years, the world turns its attention to the Olympic Games, and this year is no different. In fact, over half of the world's population is expected to have engaged via broadcast or digital channels with the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

For many athletes, these Games represent the culmination of years of relentless training, discipline, and sacrifice. Their stories – of triumph, perseverance, and heartbreak – resonate deeply. Who can forget the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, where sprinter Gail Devers fell at the last hurdle but crawled across the finish line? Or Derek Redmond, who, after tearing his hamstring, hobbled to the finish line with his father's support?

These stories remind us of the power of perseverance. In the same way, the Christian life is a marathon, not a sprint. The Apostle Paul encourages us to stay the course, inspired by those who have gone before us. He urges us to prepare for the struggles we will inevitably face, just as marathon runners' pace themselves to avoid "hitting the wall."

Finally, Paul advises us to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Like Derek Redmond's father, God helps us when we falter, lifting us up so we can finish the race. So, as we have watched the Olympics and now the Paralympics, let's be inspired not only by the athletes but also by the call to run our spiritual race with endurance, keeping our eyes on Jesus, who leads us to the ultimate victory.



Exceptional Investment Opportunity

DISCOVER a unique investment opportunity with this expansive 81-acre property in Leongatha, South Gippsland. This prime parcel includes approximately 46.9 acres of Industrial 1 Zoned Land and 34.7 acres designated for farming. It is the only Industrial 1 zoned property currently available for sale in Leongatha, offering unparalleled potential for future development (S.T.C.A.).

Leongatha, located less than two hours' drive from Melbourne's CBD, is a thriving economic hub known for its robust growth and strong farming community. This property is ideally positioned in the heart of South Gippsland, a region that combines economic potential with agricultural excellence.

Whether you're a developer looking to capitalise on the growing demand for industrial spaces or a business seeking a strategic location, this 81-acre parcel presents an outstanding opportunity to invest in Leongatha's future.

For a copy of the Information Memorandum, Vendor Statement, or to arrange a private inspection, please contact selling agent Kellie Thomas on 0438 647 449.

For Sale by Expression of Interest – Closing Monday, September 16 at 4pm (E.S.T.). Terms: 60/90 Days



Land Approx 81 Acres

5190 Strzelecki Hwy, **Leongatha**
EOI Closing Mon, Sept. 16 at 4pm
Agent Nutrien Harcourts
 Kellie Thomas 0438 647 449
 kellie.thomas@nh.com.au

Nutrien Harcourts Leongatha

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DUMBALK
 JUST LISTED
 Charming Weatherboard Homestead
 • 3 BR, 2 bathroom homestead on 4 acres.
 • 3-bay shed with power, a hot house & wood shed.
 • 5 varied-sized paddocks, two with shelters.
 \$920,000



LEONGATHA
 JUST LISTED
 Ready to build!
 • This 2030m² block is titled and ready to go!
 • North/South orientation in the Springs Estate.
 • All essential services, including natural gas.
 \$420,000



LEONGATHA
 FOR SALE
 Spectacular Family Home!
 • Generous 2094m² block. 3 bed, 2 bath home.
 • Open plan living, dining area with natural light.
 • Three bay shed, low maintenance gardens.
 \$1,100,000



KOONWARRA
 FOR SALE
 Little Gem
 • 3 Bed, 1 Bath country cottage on Approx. 1000m².
 • Compact kitchen/dining area & cozy lounge.
 • Central bathroom plus large laundry/mud room.
 \$465,000



TARWIN LOWER
 JUST LISTED
 Eurong Eurong
 • Approx 106 Acres perfect for horse lovers.
 • Contemporary 2 storey 4 bed, 2 bath residence.
 • 24m x 12m lock-up shed, 60m x 20m horse arena.
 \$2,000,000 - \$2,200,000



LEONGATHA
 JUST LISTED
 Stylish Executive Residence
 • Stylish 4 bed + study, 2 bath, 2 living area home.
 • 2048m² landscaped flat block with garden.
 • Alfresco area & 3 Bay LU shed with concrete floor.
 \$1,295,000



LEONGATHA
 FOR SALE
 Stunning Home
 • 3 bed, 2 bath on 797m² located in a quiet court.
 • Executive kitchen with large breakfast bar.
 • 1.5kw solar, double carport & additional parking.
 \$730,000



MEENIYAN
 FOR SALE
 Almost Half an Acre in the Heart of Meenyan
 • Open-plan integrating kitchen, dining, lounge.
 • Front veranda overlooking expansive front yard.
 • Backyard featuring two sheds with water tanks.
 \$699,000 - \$729,000



LEONGATHA NORTH
 FOR SALE
 Stunning Views, Town Convenience!
 • 4 BR, 2 bath brick home on approx. 3.7 acres.
 • A fruit tree-planted area, and several sheds.
 • Sweeping views of picturesque farmland.
 \$750,000

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WOOREEN
 FOR SALE
 Charming Cottage!
 • 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom cottage style home.
 • Cosy lounge and dining with solid fuel heater.
 • 669m² block, flat with stunning views.
 \$565,000



Start your farming venture here!

NESTLED among the picturesque rolling hills of South Gippsland, this highly productive 231 acre (approx.) rural property offers the perfect blend of modern living, privacy and quality farmland.

The Homestead

Full of warmth and character, the modern home-stead boasts an inviting and spacious living room complete with solid fuel heater and plenty of windows to take in the picturesque landscape wherever you look. The contemporary kitchen/dining space has had no expense spared with granite bench tops, attractive brass splashback, quality Bosch appliances including a dishwasher and 900mm upright oven, and stunning blackbutt veneer cabinetry. The charming timber staircase leads to a second storey with gorgeous rural views from every window. The substantial master suite has a walk-in robe and dual access ensuite with marble vanity, with two further bedrooms completing the upstairs level. The remainder of the home is a transformed dairy complete with its own kitchen, bathroom, mudroom, lounge area with Coonara, as well as two

further large bedrooms – perfect for the extended family, teenagers retreat or could even be used as a B&B. A wisteria covered alfresco area is the perfect place for a morning cuppa or afternoon wine, while the verandah to three sides provides shelter from the weather.

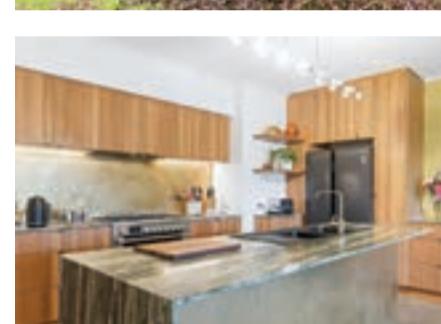
The Land

The 231 acres (approx.) of scenic undulating land over two titles is divided into 18 paddocks, watered by a mixture of dams and water troughs. The land is well fenced and has established tree areas creating perfect protection from the weather.

The Infrastructure

There are two sets of cattle yards/loading ramps; one near the house/sheds and the other is a larger, heavy duty set up accessed off the main road and complete with a hut/bungalow which is currently used as an office. Shedding is in abundance with two machinery sheds as well as a separate double garage.

Whether you're looking to expand your current farming operation or get started out, this exceptional property will wow you from start to finish. Contact us today to arrange a private viewing.



5 | 2 | 2 93.48ha

520 Clear Creek Road, **Mirboo**
For Sale \$2,750,000
Agent Ray White Leongatha
 Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196



For Sale

16 Gibson Street, **Leongatha**

TOP OF THE TOWN

- Spacious open plan, modern family home
- Covered decking area & manicured yard
- Inground solar heated pool
- 9m x 8m colourbond shed with high clearance

Mick Hanly 0417 311 756

\$895,000 4 | 2 | 2 | 6 |



For Sale

17 Church Street, **Leongatha**

RENOVATE OR SUBDIVIDE

- Charming cottage on large 1202m2 block
- Open plan living space & some period features
- Development opportunities (STCA)
- Just meters from ALDI & IGA

Paige Matthews 0418 794 468

\$550,000 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |



For Sale

44 Bent Street, **Leongatha**

ENTRY LEVEL HOME OR INVESTMENT!

- Quaint, well lit home with good living space
- Good sized BRs & mud room entry at rear
- Single garage plus garden shed
- Flat block close to sporting precinct

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$485,000 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Ray White

Michael Hanly



Paige Matthews



Dave Trotman



Kasey Bowman



Ray White Leongatha

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For Sale

628 Korumburra-Wonthaggi Rd, **Jumbunna**

PARKLIKE SETTING WITH VIEWS TO DIE FOR!

- Picturesque land in sought after Jumbunna
- 3.33 acres, water, power & planning permit
- Amazing views from potential house sites
- Beautiful trees creating a sheltered block

Mick Hanly 0417 311 756

\$550,000 Land: 3.33 acres



For Sale

17 Blair Crescent, **Leongatha**

IDEAL START UP

- Quiet location close to schools
- Large lounge area & spacious kitchen
- Plenty of parking space & undercover outdoor
- Elevated views & solar power

Mick Hanly 0417 311 756

\$575,000 3 | 1 | 2 |



For Sale

48 Bells Road, **Mount Eccles**

VIEWS OF MOUNT ECCLES

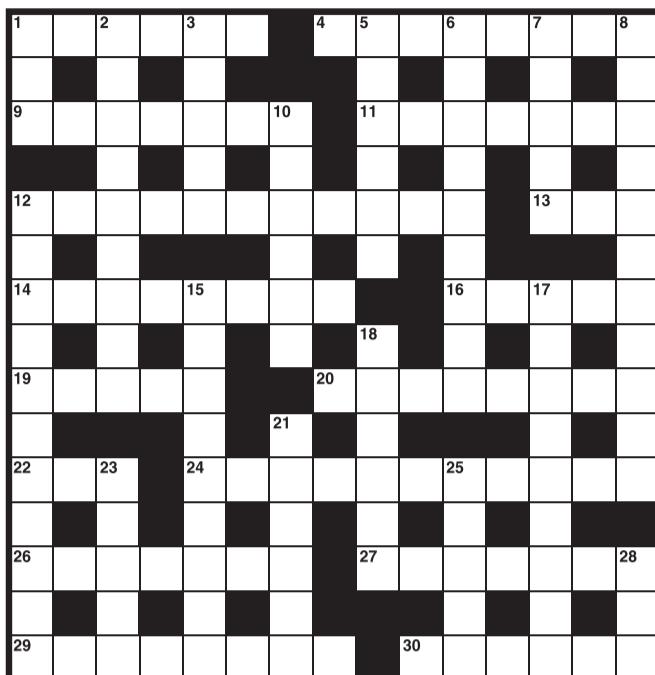
- Secluded BV on 16 acres of picturesque land
- Open plan kitchen/living/dining, rural views
- Reverse cycle A/C plus wood heater
- Disused dairy & cattle yards with loading race

Dave Trotman 0418 589 805

\$795,000 3 | 1 | 2 |



CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Ensnare (6)
4 Amorous (8)
9 Elegance (7)
11 Non-professional (7)
12 Fruitless (11)

- 13 Large flightless bird (3)
14 Authenticity (8)
16 Alloy (5)
19 Liquid part of blood (5)
20 Love song (8)
22 Mischiefous devil (3)

9-LETTER

No. 242

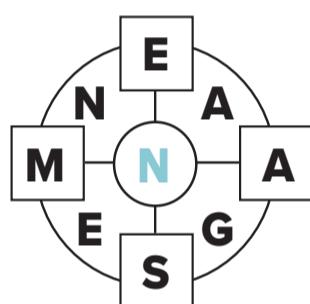
Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".

Today's Aim:

14 words: Good

21 words: Very good

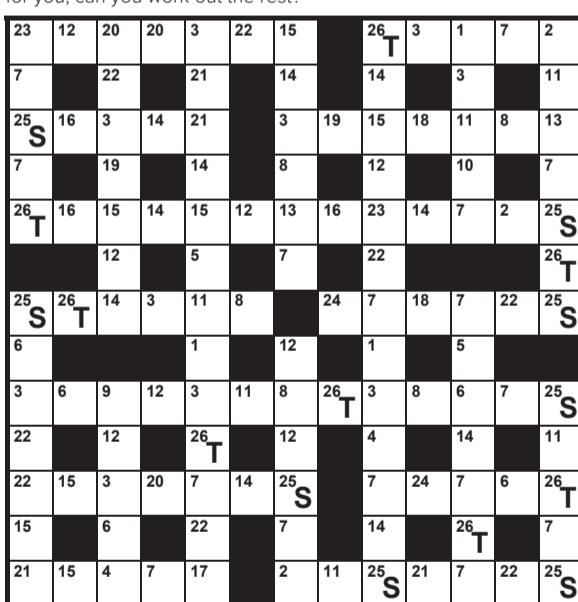
27 words: Excellent



CODEWORD

No. 191

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



QUICK QUIZ

- Which country produces the most wine?
- What is the name of the media production company founded by Reese Witherspoon (pictured) in 2016?
- Which Olivia Rodrigo song was the most streamed on Spotify in 2021?
- Astigmatism affects what body part?
- The Shinano River is the longest and widest river of which country?
- Sandra Bullock starred in which 2018 post-apocalyptic thriller film?
- Udon, soba and glass are all types of what?
- Who wrote the Shadow and Bone young adult fantasy series?
- Butterfly pea flower tea is naturally what colour?
- And what colour does it become when lemon juice is added to it?



8. Leigh Bardugo 9. Blue 10. Purple

ANSWERS: 1. Italy 2. Hello Sunshine 3. Drivers License 4. Eyes 5. Japan 6. Bird Box 7. Noodles

No. 241

WORDFIT

- 24 Fake (money) (11)
25 Give life to (7)
27 Leader of an Indigenous group (7)
29 Commonplace (8)
30 Globe (6)

DOWN

- 1 Goad, – on (3)
2 Explorer (9)
3 Distant (5)
5 Unclear (6)
6 Handy (9)
7 Subject (5)
8 Wary (11)
10 Repeat (6)
12 Inquire into (11)
15 System of government (9)
17 Ballet position (9)
18 Full of frantic activity (6)
21 Archimedes shouted it when making a discovery (6)
23 Group of lions (5)
25 Summary (5)
28 Day before (3)



SOLUTION

3 LETTERS 5 LETTERS

- ACE ADORE
AID AGILE
AIL ALOUD
AMP ANGST
ASH APING
AYE AROMA
BAT ASIDE
COG AWARE
CUE BLESS
EAR COSTS
EVE DIALS
FED DRAFT
GAL DRAMA
ICE DRESS
INS EASES
MEN ESSAY
MET ETHIC
ODE ETHOS
RIM GATES
SPA HABIT
URN HARMS
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CEDE OCEAN
HAGS PREYS
RIMS REVEL
SAND REVUE
SNOB RILES
STAB RIPER
STIR RISEN
SWAB ROPE
TOED TOED

4 LETTERS

- MADE SEDAN
MAUVE SEEDS
MEDIA SENDS
BEET NATTY
CEDE OCEAN
HAGS PREYS
RIMS REVEL
SAND REVUE
SNOB RILES
STAB RIPER
STIR RISEN
SWAB ROPE
TOED TOED

6 LETTERS

- MADE SEDAN
MAUVE SEEDS
MEDIA SENDS
BEET NATTY
CEDE OCEAN
HAGS PREYS
RIMS REVEL
SAND REVUE
SNOB RILES
STAB RIPER
STIR RISEN
SWAB ROPE
TOED TOED

8 LETTERS

- MADE SEDAN
MAUVE SEEDS
MEDIA SENDS
BEET NATTY
CEDE OCEAN
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10 LETTERS

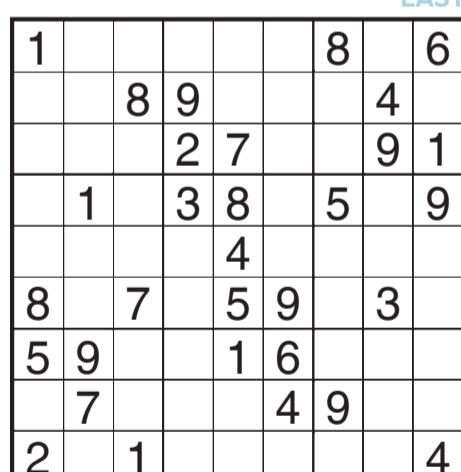
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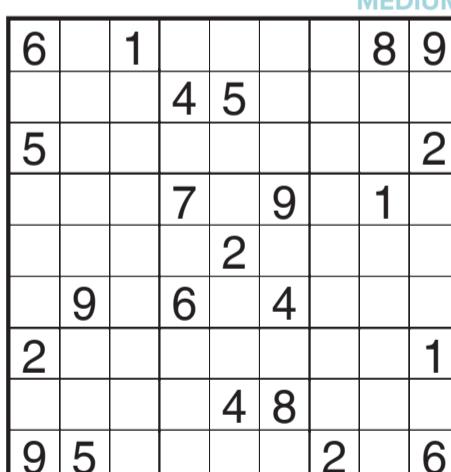
SUDOKU

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3x3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.

EASY



MEDIUM



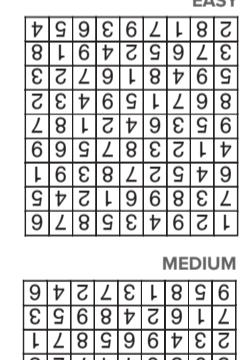
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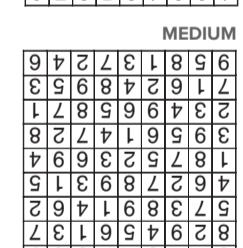


SOLUTION

EASY



MEDIUM



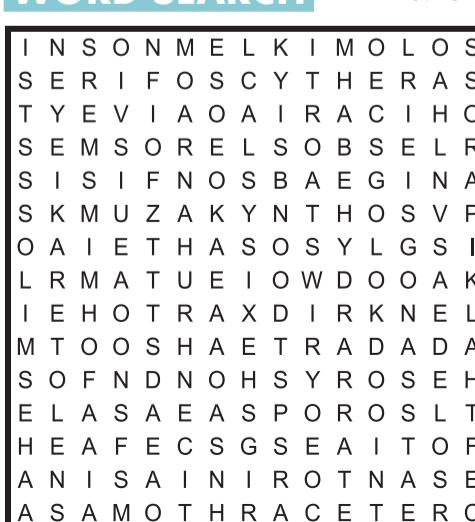
CODEWORD: 1 = M, 2 = D, 3 = A, 4 = K, 5 = X, 6 = C, 7 = E, 8 = N, 9 = Q, 10 = Z, 11 = L, 12 = U, 13 = G, 14 = R, 15 = O, 16 = H, 17 = Y.

No. 151

WORD SEARCH

No. 151

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



AEGINA	ICARIA	SAMOS
ANAFI	IOS	SAMOTRACE
ANDROS	ITHACA	SANTORINI
ARTEMIS	KEA	SERIFOS
AVGO	KIMOLOS	SIFNOS
CORFU	KOS	SKIATHOS
CRETE	LEMNOS	SYMI
CYTHERA	LEON	SYROS
DELOS	LEROS	THASOS
DIA	LESBOS	ZAKYNTHOS
ELASA	MILOS	
EVIA	NAXOS	
FOTIA	PAROS	
HALKI	POROS	
HYDRA	RHODES	

SECRET MESSAGE: In the blue waters of the Aegean Sea



'Too far to take cattle to Leongatha' they say

THE closure of the Pakenham Saleyards and the expansion of Leongatha hasn't suited everyone.

And according to an article published by 'Beef Central' on Tuesday, August 13, the Yea Saleyards, 120 kilometres north of Pakenham, looks set to expand its operations to cater to beef producers in the Yarra Valley and elsewhere who say Leongatha is too far away.

They've reported that Alex Scott & Staff are planning to launch new monthly store sale at Yea next month.

Alex Scott & Staff's Warragul branch livestock manager, Neil Darby, said there was still some adjustment going on.

"We have clientele over in the Yarra Valley, and it's just too great a distance to take the cattle to Leongatha," he told Beef Central.

What's coming up this Spring... on the land

Farm Business Success workshops

Tuesday, August 27 and Wednesday, August 28 – Module 1 – 3

Tuesday, September 10 and Wednesday, September 11 – Module 4 – 6

Join Agriculture Victoria for their future planning Farm Business Success workshops.

Gippsland farmers are invited to attend these free workshop series to strengthen their business and plan for managing risks in a changing climate.

Sessions will cover:

- action planning and farm risk management
- farm finances and profitable decision making
- managing people and farm safety
- adaptation and natural resource improvement.

"We've been talking to both Elders and Nutrien since November, when Victorian Livestock Exchange announced it was closing Pakenham, about becoming involved in their monthly sale, and possibly building that into a fortnightly sale," Mr Darby is reported as saying.

But he said the other agents wouldn't let them join in on their own terms so they were looking at starting their own store sale.

Elders and Nutrien's monthly Yea store sales are held on the first Friday each month. The first new Alex Scott & Staff sale will be held on Friday, September 13, with monthly sales booked for the second Fridays each month thereafter.

Mr Darby said he expected some vendors from West Gippsland would also book their cattle into Yea.



Berry farmers Jeanette and Mark McIlwain of Grantville attending the Agriculture Victoria and Bass Coast Shire biosecurity workshop at The Gurdies.

Crooked hoofs, teary eyes and running noses

BIOSECURITY is defined as a set of procedures or measures designed to protect the population against harmful biological or biochemical agents.

South Gippsland and Bass Coast may be free of most of the world's most serious biosecurity risks, but local graziers have still been warned to stay alert for the dangers of mad cow disease, poorly pared hooves, teary eyed cattle and Bovine Johne's Disease.

Speaking to farmers and graziers at a biosecurity workshop hosted by Bass Coast Shire, Agriculture Victoria biosecurity expert Hunter Wardale took time to carefully explain how some of the more exotic diseases may be spread and what they might look like.

Biosecurity risks can come in the form of viruses, bacteria, animal parasites and vectors or third-party agents such as mosquitoes or flying foxes.

Thirty-two attendees sat transfixed as Hunter Wardale took time to explain the problems caused by tick borne diseases, lumpy skin disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy or mad cow disease in cattle and animals with painful hoofs.

Foot-and-mouth disease is an ever-present threat and in Victoria there are strict laws concerning prohibited pig feed to protect against the inadvertent spread of the disease.

Bovine anaemia although rare is not unknown to Gippsland and is transmitted by ticks.

Agriculture Victoria advises the

best defence against pests and diseases is to implement sound biosecurity practices on every farm.

"Quick and simple measures built into everyday practices will help protect your farm," said Hunter Wardale.

Honeybee pests and diseases were also discussed over lunch at The Gurdies Winery.

Varroa mite is a parasite of adult honeybees and honeybee brood. The mite weakens and kills honeybee colonies and can also transmit honeybee viruses.

Grape and berry growers are not immune to disease and pests with downy and powdery mildew both major problems in Gippsland's wet climate.

Champion Gippsland grape variety Pinot Gris is susceptible to Grapevine Pino Gris Virus which is spread by grapevine bud and blister mites harbouring in propagating material.

The Pino Gris virus has also been detected in fat hen and white campion suggesting weeds can harbour the disease.

According to Agriculture Victoria it is important to maintain good on-farm biosecurity to the prevent spread of GPGV.

This can be done by controlling weeds and insect pests, inspecting vines, using virus tested propagation material and reminding visitors of good on-farm hygiene.

More information on biosecurity can be obtained at agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity or your local Agriculture Victoria office.

Applications open for Rural Women's Leadership and Mentoring Program

AGRICULTURE Victoria's Rural Women's Network is now accepting applications for its flagship 2024 Leadership and Mentoring Program. The program, designed to empower women across the agriculture sector, is open to women living in regional and rural Victoria, including those on the peri-urban fringe. Applications close at 11.59pm on September 2, 2024.

This year's program has been redesigned to provide participants with an immersive experience through two three-day residential sessions. These retreats, delivered by LeadershipVic, aim to develop and empower women as leaders and change-makers in both their careers and communities.

Recognising the financial barriers that can prevent women from participating in leadership programs, all study and accommodation costs for successful applicants are covered. Additionally, capped allowances for childcare and travel will be available to those who require support.

For more information visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/networks/rural-womens-network

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Join Colin Gray and Ancret Shipton and listen to what challenges have been thrown at them, and how they have adapted to their new life. Along with Chloe Brown, podcaster and dairy farmer come along and join us to hear about the stories and challenges she holds from the people that confide in her.



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SOUTH Gippsland farmer Rowen Foote likes his dairy shelter so much that he's built a second one and is planning a third.

Rowen, who farms with his brother Chris and family near Fish Creek, built a small Dairy Shelters Australia structure in 2019 for rearing calves on automatic milking feeders.

Last year, the brothers added a second larger shelter for their calving cows and now they're planning a third to provide protection for growing calves.

The Foote family milks 900 Holstein cows on 688 hectares, rearing their own calves and Friesian and Angus bulls.

This herd produces an average of 10,000 litres for 720kg/Ms.

The Foote family has been farming in South Gippsland for the past 120 years, moving from the hills of Korumburra to Fish Creek about 20 years ago.

"The Korumburra farm was quite steep, and it was hard to expand," Rowen said.

"Chris and I both wanted to come back to the farm, and we took the opportunity to sell up and move down to Fish Creek where it's a lot flatter and with more room to expand."

Since moving further south, the farm has grown from 600 to 900 milkers as more land was acquired.

The family has also been through succession planning with Rowen and Chris taking over management from their parents John and Maryan.

Rowen said the Fish Creek area is good for dairy farming, with fertile and relatively flat land and a reliable rainfall averaging 950mm a year.

"We've been very fortunate," Rowen said.

"The past 18 months have



Rowen Foote of Fish Creek (pictured) and his brother Chris have installed two Dairy Shelters Australia structures with plans of building a third.

been really good here. Other parts of the state have been really dry, but we've been lucky to keep getting rain."

But that rain can also cause problems.

"Before the shelter, our biggest challenge calving in steel sheds in winter was that they stayed very wet," Rowen said.

"The farm can get incredibly wet."

The first Dairy Shelters Australia structure helped to address that.

"We rear all our own calves and Friesian and Angus bulls, and we needed more room," Rowen said.

"The shelter doubled our capacity to house the cows, and the pens stayed dry. It was a lot easier because it stays so warm and dry, and the calves thrived in that environment. It was noticeable that they were growing

better and stronger.

"We were attracted to the shelters because we liked the idea of the sun being able to come through and dry the pens out."

They built a second shelter in 2023 for calving, freeing up paddocks and avoiding muddy births in bad weather.

"We used to calve them in a sacrifice paddock, and you'd end up with three sacrifice paddocks and cows up to their bellies in mud walking into the hay feeders and around the troughs. You'd be out there at midnight picking up calves, so they weren't lying in the mud and exposed to the elements."

Both stock and the farmers embraced the new shelter.

"The calves have been a lot stronger and healthier, and the cows a lot happier because they're not out in the elements," Rowen said.

The family has a split calving system in February-March and June-August. For the summer calving, cows are given the choice of grazing in the paddocks or coming into the shelter.

"Typically, when we'd pick them up in the morning, all the un-calved cows would be waiting at the gate and the cows that had calved would be in the shelter," Rowen said.

"When they calve, they prefer to be in the shelter. This proves the point for us."

Over winter, the cows have access to the paddock but when it's really wet, Rowen and Chris just shut the gates and keep them in the shelters.

"They're happy with that," Rowen said.

"We've got hay rings, and they come to the dairy every day to get grain and feed."

The second dairy shelter is 2200 square metres, double the size of the first shelter and triple the previous calf shed.

"It has a deep woodchip base, and we run scarifier rippers through every day for cleaning," Rowen said.

"It's pretty quick and easy, and it's incredible how dry it is."

Rowen and Chris are planning a third shelter in the next few years.

"We're happy with the investment because it makes it so much easier. We'd like to put in a third one for calves that are outside to give them some more shelter," Rowen said.

"From a cow health and cow management perspective, it's certainly good. We're very happy with it. We don't know how we coped before."

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The initiative has been spearheaded and funded by food and agribusiness banking specialist Rabobank's Rabo Client Council, a group of the bank's farming clients who volunteer their time implementing programs that contribute to the sustainability of rural and regional communities.

Offered at no cost to participants, the interactive workshops

provide practical, hands-on advice for understanding financial statements and banking requirements and explore topics, such as taxation versus management accounting, essential business management ratios and understanding key components of a business' financial profile.

Online workshop dates:

Measuring Financial Performance workshops –

Tuesday, August 27, and Wednesday, August 28.

* East Coast: 8.45am to 11.30am AEST.

* West Coast: 6.45am to 9.30am AWST.

Monday, September 2, and Tuesday, September 3.

* East Coast: 10.45am to 1.30pm AEST.

* West Coast: 8.45am to 11.30am AWST.

Gross Margin Analysis and Cash Flow Budgeting workshops –

Thursday, September 5, and Friday, September 6.

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Thursday, September 19, and Friday, September 20.

* East Coast: 8.45am to 11.30am AEST.

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To register to participate, head to rabobankaunz.eventair.com/financial-skills-workshops/registration/Site/Register.

Varroa mite detected in Victoria

AGRICULTURE Victoria has confirmed varroa mite has been detected for the first time in Victoria at a property in Nangiloc near Mildura.

The infested hive was identified during Agriculture Victoria's surveillance activities which are carried out each year during almond pollination.

Agriculture Victoria Acting Chief Plant Health Officer Dr Stephen Dibley said Agriculture Victoria is working with the affected beekeeper and others close by to minimise spread and guide management actions.

"This early detection of Varroa mite enables Victorian beekeepers to prepare and manage their hives effectively," Dr Dibley said. "With varroa mite established in New South Wales and measures in place to slow the spread nationally, the detection this week was not unexpected despite the

requirements in place to enter the state," Dr Dibley said.

"I encourage all beekeepers to be prepared to manage varroa in their hives by attending one of the free workshops, engaging with varroa development officers and accessing all the resources available."

Beekeepers with concerns can contact Victorian varroa development officers at Victorian.VDO@agriculture.vic.gov.au or on 1800 958 485. Beekeepers in Victoria are urged to check their hives and to report suspected cases of varroa mite to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881.

All Victorian beekeepers are encouraged to record all hive movements and inspections, and the results of mite testing in BeeMAX.

For more information and updates on this detection, and any further Victorian varroa mite detections, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/varroa.

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A/c M&J Elliott "Glencairn" Licola (SEJ)

44 Angus steers, 20-22 mths, Rennylea blood, VB, GF, ABF, very quiet

A/c G & A Trewin, Newmerella (NUTRIEN)

35 Angus & BB steers, 14-16 mths, Landfall New Ground & Leewood Stern blood, Drenched Eprinex Pour On 26/7

6 Limo Angus X steers, 14-16 mths, Broadlands Limo blood, Drenched Eprinex Pour On 26/7

A/c D Layton, Yanakie (SEJ)

40 Angus steers, 18 mths, East Gippsland bred

A/c D.C. McGrath, Phillip Island (ALEX SCOTT)

32 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, by stud Fernleigh bulls

A/c K, P & R Hourigan, Buffalo (ALEX SCOTT)

30 Hereford steers, 20-22 mths by Mawarra Stud Hereford bull, NE Accred, GF, ABF

A/c Est AA Birss, Stradbroke (NUTRIEN)

22 Angus steers, 20 mths, Kunuma blood

A/c Churchill & Sly, Kilcunda (ALEX SCOTT)

10 Angus steers, 22-26 mths by stud Fernleigh bulls

10 Hereford steers, 22-26 mths by stud Hereford bulls

A/c T Crooke, Boisdale (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, Innesdale blood, NE

Accred, weaned, VB GF & ABF

A/c C & G White, Foster (SEJ)

18 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, Pure Banquet blood, VB, GF & ABF

A/c Wildwood Pastoral, Inverloch (SEJ)

18 Angus steers, 16 mths, Fernhill blood

A/c T & S Cuff, Moyarra (SEJ)

18 Angus steers, 18-20 mths

A/c Hurford & Knelange, Korumburra (NUTRIEN)

16 Angus steers, rising 2 yo

A/c "Peedamulla Springs", Tarwin (SEJ)

15 Angus steers, 16-18 mths

A/c Kara-Mia, Drouin (SEJ)

15 Angus steers, 20 mths

A/c M & K Hyland, Officer (PHC)

14 Charolais x steers, 18 mths

A/c A1 Holdings, Drouin (SEJ)

12 Angus steers, 20 mths

A/c Cattleman Shahin (ELDERS)

10 Angus steers, 20 mths, GF, ABF

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c P Jackson, Clydebank (NUTRIEN)

25 Angus heifers, 2yo

A/c G & A Trewin, Newmerella (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus heifers, 14-16 mths, Landfall New Ground & Leewood Stern blood, Drenched Eprinex Pour On 26/7

A/c R & E Newnham, Sale (NUTRIEN)

13 Angus Hereford X heifers, 16 mths, Innesdale blood

A/c P & J Boddy, Woodside (SEJ)

12 Angus heifers, 20 mths, Pure Dunoon blood

A/c P & M Hanratty, Traralgon (ELDERS)

22 Hereford heifers, 15 mths

A/c Woods/Craddock, Deven North (ELDERS)

4 Angus heifers, 16 mths

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A/c Mirrabooka, Tarwin Lower (NUTRIEN)

150 Angus & Angus X mixed sex weaners, 10-12 mths

A/c Dave Harris Earthmoving, Tarwin (SEJ)

130 Angus heifers, 11-12 mths, Battersby blood, tops of the drop, VB, GF

A/c MR Higgins, Yallourn North (SEJ)

90 Angus & Hereford steers, 9-10 mths, By Pinora & Mawarra Bulls, SureShot 2 weeks, weaned

A/c Medowra (ELDERS)

26 Angus steers weaners

30 Angus heifers

VB, weaned, GF & ABF

A/c G Hoekstra, Myrtlebank (ELDERS)

70 Angus m/s weaners 11 mths, Battersby blood, yard weaned, VB, GF & ABF NE Accred, very quiet

A/c D Kroger, Main Ridge (NUTRIEN)

70 Angus mixed sex weaners, 10-12 mths, By Tibooburra Angus Bulls

A/c CT Ferguson, Seaspray (ELDERS)

60 Angus heifers, 12 mths, pure Pinora Blood

A/c P & J Boddy, Woodside (SEJ)

36 Angus heifers, 12 mths

6 Angus steers, 12 mths

Pure Dunoon blood

A/c Annsfield (NUTRIEN)

40 Angus steers, 12-13 mths, Millah Murrah & Hazelwood blood, NE Accred

A/c "Barooma", Giffard (SEJ)

40 Angus mixed sex, 9-11 mths, well weaned, VB

A/c A Orchard & E Garth, Mirboo North

40 Angus mixed sex weaners, yard weaned, VB, GF ABF, NE Accred

A/c Behmer Past P/L, Pound Creek (NUTRIEN)

30 Angus mixed sex, 14-15 mths

A/c DT & DJ Cameron, Bushy Park (NUTRIEN)

30 Angus steers, 12 mths, GF, AF & NE Accred

A/c Scanlon Angus Stud P/L, Yering (NUTRIEN)

30 Angus mixed sex, 10-12 mths, Alpine Angus blood, VB, GF & weaned

A/c M Haupt, Tarrawile (PHC)

27 Angus mixed sexes 10 mths, by "Smiths" Angus bull, weaned

A/c Ketelea Pastoral, Glen Alvie (SEJ)

25 Angus heifers, 10-12 mths, Banquet & Rennylea sires, VB, GF & ABF

A/c D & L White, Fernbank (SEJ)

24 Angus steers, 10 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred

A/c P&M Hanratty, Traralgon (ELDERS)

12 Angus heifers, 12 mths

12 Angus/Hereford x heifers, 12 mths

A/c M & C Russell, Glen Forbes (SEJ)

10 Hereford/Angus steers,

10 Hereford/Angus heifers

12 mths, weaned, VB, GF & ABF, Ponderosa & Battersby blood

A/c AJ & BR & N Moyle, St Clair (ALEX SCOTT)

20 Angus steers, 9-10 mths, weaned by stud

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A/c G & S Wiggins, Berrys Creek (ELDERS)

20 Angus/Hereford x steers, 12 mths, yard weaned, VB, GF & ABF

A/c Berry Ridge P/L, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus X BB mixed sex, 9-10 mths, weaned, VB

A/c L Missen, Kilmany (NUTRIEN)

15 Angus steers, 10-11 mths, Leewood blood

A/c Hoghton & Sharman, Boolarra (SEJ)

8 Angus heifers, 10 mths

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VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred

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GODRIDGE, Raie Linda:
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GODRIDGE, Raie:

Sincere condolences to the wonderful family of our dear friend Raie.

We were all privileged to have had her in our lives. Much love from the Lomax family.

HARRISON, Lindsay Gordon:

04.03.1936 - 13.08.2024.

Husband of Gwendoline Elizabeth (dec.). Father of Robyn, Pamela, Kathleen, and Michael. Grandfather of Leeanda, Shelby, Kelly, Trevor, Emily, Cassandra, and Dale. Great grandfather of Marcus, Adayua, Braxton, Harper, Mahala, Ruby, and Myles. Reunited with Mum.

DEATHS

HARRISON, Lindsay Gordon:
Dad, you have my love forever. We shared one amazing journey together.

I am so glad I was by your side through thick and thin.

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Love you Dad your daughter Kathy and Ray.

Dad, Miss you already. Rest now. Love from your son Mick.

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Till we meet again.

Lots of love from your grandkids Emily, Cassandra, Dale

Son-in-Jacob.

On Tuesday August 13, 2024, we lost our beloved Dad, Poppy and Great Poppy H.

We will miss your 3pm Sunday phone calls with you chatting about the weekend footy, what's happening at school and work this week, what you were having for dinner and how your cows are going.

Our memories at "poppy's farm" with you will be etched forever in our hearts.

A loved dad to Robyn, a devoted Poppy to Leeanda and James, Shelby and Liam, and an adored Poppy H to Braxton, Harper and Mahala.

We love you Poppy H - Give Nanna a big hug for us!

DEATHS

MCKENZIE (nee Sommers), Barbara Fay:
01.03.1934 - 12.08.2024.

Passed away peacefully at Woorayl Lodge.

Formerly of Cora Lynn, Mardan South, and Leongatha.

Dearly loved wife and best friend of Ian (dec.), married 62 wonderful years.

Loving mother of Annette, Heather, Kathy, Susanne, and Margaret.

Loved and respected mother-in-law of Ed, Ron, Robert, Steven and Grant.

Much loved grandma of fifteen:

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DEATHS

SETH (Jepson), Shirley Phyllis:
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Loved wife of Peter for 59 years. Loving mother of Paul (dec.). Sister of Eunice (dec.), Lorna and Marie (dec.). Loving aunty and great aunt to all of her nieces and nephews.

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STALEY, Robert:

Passed away 06.08.2024.

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-- Maureen, Graeme (dec.), Paul, and Craig Hams.

TOWNLEY, Geoffrey Alan (Fonzie):

Passed away peacefully at Korumburra Hospital on Saturday, August 17, 2024.

Loved son of Jack and Wilma (both dec.).

Loving brother of John (dec.), Diane, Neil, Robin, Glen, Ken, and partners.

Uncle to Jai, Tamara, Luke, Chloe, Cassie, and Penelope.

Grand uncle to Jahi.

His special ones Hudson, Hallie, Ryder, Harper, and Tatum.

Forever in our hearts, now at rest, will be greatly missed.

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FUNERALS

HARRISON:
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Mick, next to Leongatha's Dyson Heppell, leading the team in singing the theme song in the rooms after the Bombers victory over North Melbourne on May 19, 2024.

Korumburra favourite celebrates his 40th

KORUMBURRA personality Mick Speekman celebrated his 40th birthday with more than 40 family and friends at the Austral Hotel on Sunday, August 18, 2024.

Mick, a favourite of the Essendon Football Club was presented with a quilt embossed with photos of himself with his favourite players at the Essendon Club.

Happy Birthday Mick!

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Gippsland locals give this Daffodil Day

WITH about 690 people in the Gippsland region diagnosed with cancer in 2022, chances are that most people have been touched by cancer in one way or another.

This August, Cancer Council Victoria is urging Victorians to give to this Daffodil Day, Thursday, August 22, to fund life-saving research.

Head of Fundraising and Communications at Cancer Council Victoria Lyrian Fleming-Parsley said the dedication and compassion of supporters and donors has helped secure a \$130 million investment in research over the past five years.

"With almost one in two people heartbreakingly impacted by cancer during their lifetime, it is essential we continue to invest in life-saving cancer research," Ms Fleming-Parsley said.

More than \$410,000 was raised through daffodil sales, donations and community fundraising events in 2023.

"For all cancer takes, we encourage everyone to give all they can this Daffodil Day," she said.

"Thanks to our amazing supporters, we've made huge strides in cancer prevention, screening and treatment over the past 38 years – but there's still a long way to go."

The five-year survival rate has decreased by 48 per cent over the past 30 years, however, cancer is still the leading cause of death in the state.

"You can support Daffodil Day by buying flowers at a local site, donating online at daffodilday.com.au or phone 1300 65 65 85, buying a limited-edition eCard, hosting a fundraiser or joining the Daffodil Day Dip."

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Members of the Woolamai Beach SLSC, lifeguards and Westpac helicopter crew who responded to the Forrest Caves incident in January 2024. Accepting the State Rescue of The Year Award. From left, Finn Dripps, Phoebe Clark, Ellie Ryan, Christos Argyropoulos, Jason Close, Darrel Clark, Jordan Tomas, and Peter Nelson. Front: Nick Giblin and Jordan Kuerschner. Photo: Nish Paranavitana.

WBSLSC recognised for excellence and awarded Victorian Rescue of the Year

ON Saturday, August 10 at the Life Saving Victoria Awards of Excellence held at the Sofitel on Collins, Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC) won the prestigious Victorian Rescue of the Year.

This award aims to recognise exceptional rescues performed and first aid treatments administered, which are deemed to be over and above the normal patrol duties and showcase excellence in lifesaving training, skills and procedures.

On January 24, WBSLSC lifeguards, other Club members and emergency service workers attended a call-out at Forrest Caves on Phillip Island. Despite their best efforts, the incident resulted in the tragic loss of four lives.

WBSLSC president Jason

Close said whilst our efforts at the Forrest Caves incident did not achieve the results we wanted, our team did everything they were trained to do, worked together with other emergency services, and never gave up.

"Through this award, we were acknowledged for our professionalism and our response that went above and beyond what a normal life-saving situation would deal with.

"In the hours, days and weeks after the incident we looked after each other. These sorts of events have a pretty profound impact on first responders - we were quickly able to debrief and organise counselling for everyone involved to ensure their wellbeing was looked after."

Jason was part of the team that accepted the award on

Saturday night. "It was a huge honour for our Club to win such a prestigious award, although also a bittersweet experience given the impact that the Forrest Caves tragedy has had on the family and friends of those who lost their lives, as well as the effect it has had on Club members, other emergency services and the local community," Jason shared.

"Our hearts still go out to those who lost their loved ones."

"These awards are very hard to win and to even be a nominee or finalist means our members are up there with the best in the state."

Throughout the evening WBSLSC member Bonny Dickie won the Victorian Education Trainer of the Year Award. Bonny is from San Remo and grew up doing Nippers with

WBSLSC, then gained all her awards as a lifesaver and has dedicated her last few years to training others.

"Our Club is very proud of Bonny Dickie being named the Victorian Education Instructor of the Year. Bonny is a very deserving winner. It is a huge honour and is a great reflection on the amazing work Bonny puts in training others through Lifesaving Victoria's education programs on beach safety, lifesaving skills and first aid."

The WBSLSC also recognised Ellie Ryan, a finalist in the Lifesaver of the Year (Wishart Memorial Medal) and Alan 'AquaMole' Hailes, a nominee in the Lifesaver of the Year (Wishart Memorial Medal) as well as Riley Fyffe, a finalist in the Lifeguard of the Year Award.

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The Phillip Island Boardriders Club 24/25 committee, from left, Geoff Russell (Vice President), Nala Taylor (Longboard Coordinator), Melanie Wright (Supergroms Coordinator), Jake Eisen (President), Ash Easton (Club Captain), Joanna O'Reilly Stubbs (Treasurer) and Emily Scott (Secretary). Absent for the photo - Dylan James (Vice Club Captain), Tim Anagnostou (Youth Development Coordinator), Natalie Van Der Heyden (Clubhouse Manager), Alisha Hill, Keitch Richards, and Jasmine Koegh.

Phillip Island Boardriders elects new committee for 2024/2025 season

THE Phillip Island Boardriders Club, Australia's oldest surfing club founded in 1963, is excited to announce its newly elected committee for the 2024/2025 season. At the helm is Jake Eisen, who has been a dedicated lifelong member, and now steps into the role of president. Joining him are Geoff Russell as vice president, Emily Scott as secretary, and Joanna O'Reilly Stubbs as treasurer.

This season, the club is placing a strong emphasis on youth development. Recognising the importance of nurturing the next generation of surfers, the new committee is dedicated to providing young surfers with the resources, training, and support they need to excel. From beginner sessions to advanced coaching sessions, the club is committed to creating a supportive environment where young athletes can thrive.

Tim Agonoustou will be overseeing the youth development initiatives, ensuring that young surfers receive top-notch training and guidance. The long-running Super Grommet Program, overseen by Melanie Wright, has been a staple of the club for about 15 years and sees around 150 kids each year enter, providing a fantastic platform for the youngest surfers to develop their skills in a fun and engaging way.

"Our goal is to inspire and equip the youth of Phillip Island to pursue their surfing dreams," said Eisen.

"By focusing on their development, we are not only ensuring the future of our club but also contributing to the growth of the sport as a whole."

The Phillip Island Boardriders Club is dedicated to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of its members. By keeping kids active, off their phones, and out of the house, the club teaches valuable life skills that extend beyond the surf. This holistic approach helps provide a sense of purpose and confidence that is beneficial both in and out of the water. Eisen himself has experienced the supportive nature of the club, which played a significant role in his recovery from a significant spinal cord injury last year. With the club's support and the encouragement of its members, he made a remarkable comeback.

As part of its commitment to holistic wellbeing, the club has incorporated regular yoga sessions into its schedule. These sessions, held at the renovated clubhouse, focus on mental health and performance, helping surfers maintain peak physical condition while also managing stress and improving focus. The positive impact of such activities is evident in Australia's recent success of young athletes at the

Olympics, showcasing the benefits of well-rounded training programs.

This year, the club plans to include more team events to foster camaraderie and teamwork among its members. Ash Easton - in his third year as club captain, will assist with these initiatives, ensuring that members have ample opportunities to engage and compete together. Dylan James will be supporting Easton in a newly created role as Vice Club Captain. James, recognised as one of the most underrated and talented surfers on Phillip Island, brings a fresh dynamic to the leadership team, making him a valuable addition.

New team format contests will be introduced to help develop leadership skills while keeping the activities fun and engaging for all participants. There will also be a greater emphasis on surfing events, providing numerous opportunities for surfers of all ages and skill levels to showcase their talents and enjoy the thrill of competition.

Celebrating Milestones

Geoff Russell, returning as vice president, was instrumental in the club's 60th birthday celebrations and played a significant role in assisting outgoing president Hannah Eisen with the

clubhouse renovations. The upgraded clubhouse now serves as a vibrant community hub, hosting regular activities that benefit both members and the wider community. Joanna O'Reilly Stubbs, as treasurer, has also been instrumental in securing government grants over the last 24 months, further bolstering the club's resources and capabilities.

The club is also encouraging past members to rejoin this year with the new approach. The season aggregate celebrations in October will be a highlight, where the club will announce a life member as nominated by past life members.

Under this new leadership, the Phillip Island Boardriders Club is poised for an exciting future. With a focus on youth development, mental health, and team events, the club is ready to build on its storied history and continue its tradition of excellence. Members and the wider community can look forward to a season filled with thrilling competitions, skill-building workshops, and community events that celebrate the vibrant surfing culture of Phillip Island.

"We are looking forward to a great season ahead," Eisen added.

For more information about the Phillip Island Boardriders Club and its upcoming events, visit pibc.com.au.



Logan Brown and Peter Campbell showcase their top August catches.

ANDERSON INLET ANGLING CLUB

LAST Sunday a crowd of over 50 members attended the Anderson Inlet Angling Club's monthly weigh-in and BBQ. The fish of the month was salmon, and several fish were weighed in with the winner being former club champion Peter Campbell. Peter accepted his award with an 890-gram salmon narrowly beating gun youngster Logan Brown's 1.3-kilogram snapper.

Jan Millington was a popular winner of the members draw.

September's fish of the month will be trevally and with the temperature rising it will be interesting to see what the anglers can produce on the third Sunday of the month.

PHILLIP ISLAND TENPIN BOWLING

2S COMPANY: 1st place on 11pts Jail, 2nd place on 11pts the Hounds and 3rd place on 10pts Mustang Alley.

ABL: 1st place on 58.5pts Fairlanes, 2nd place on 58pts Storm and 3rd place on 54.5pts Dreamers.

Business Early: 1st place on 11pts Old Timers, 2nd place on 11pts Turkey Slappers, 3rd place on 10pts The Redundants and 4th place on 7pts Heros of Steel.

Business Late: 1st place on 11pts Holy Splits, 2nd place on 10pts Getting Some, 3rd place on 8pts City Lights and 4th place on 8pts The big D's.

Phantom: 1st place on 51pts Shadow Strike, 2nd Place on 59pts Laid and 3rd place on 49pts Nookie.

Top scores this week:
Men: Justin Porthouse 246, Laid 233 and Lindsay Becker 215.

Woman: Tricia Niessink 172, Mary Dardha 167 and Valma Peterson 167.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND BRIDGE CLUB

AUGUST 13 at Wonthaggi RSL:
Master point winners:

Equal first Alan Johnston and Lois Dwyer with Phillip and Nev Chapman both pairs with a massive 77.08 per cent average board score.

August 16 at Inverloch Angling Club:
North/South pairs:

First: John Quayle and Matti Shub with 58.75.

Second: Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 57.08.

Third: Chris Hall and Doug McIntosh 55.83.

East/West pairs:

First: Bronwyn Sund and Marie Sands 57.86.

Second: Peter Campbell and Tom Kudelka 55.71.

Third: Kathy Dowd and Anne Somerville 53.21.

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 20
4.50am 0.41m
12.21pm 1.52m
5.40pm 0.85m

WEDNESDAY
August 21
12.01am 1.39m
5.57am 0.38m
1.11pm 1.59m
6.40pm 0.70m

THURSDAY
August 22
1.06am 1.60m
6.55am 0.37m
1.56pm 1.65m
7.31pm 0.55m

FRIDAY
August 23
2.03am 1.67m
7.47am 0.39m
2.37pm 1.68m
8.20pm 0.41m

SATURDAY
August 24
2.58am 1.67m
8.37am 0.43m
3.15pm 1.69m
9.07pm 0.30m

SUNDAY
August 25
3.50am 1.71m
9.24am 0.49m
3.53pm 1.68m
9.53pm 0.23m

MONDAY
August 26
4.42am 1.70m
10.09am 0.57m
4.31pm 1.64m
10.38pm 0.21m

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Ken Harding (S), Jenny Smith (L), Zac Bakker (3) and Colin Scales (2) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners.



Friday's Breakaway Bowls winners were Pat Novak, Gordon Peters and Jan Clark.



Winners of the Thursday social bowls at Inverloch were, from left, Shirley Turton, Bill Selby and Patrick Bowd.



The South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group runners up were Nick Arnold (S), Marianne Scales (2), Wayne Stevens (3) and Margaret McConville (L).



Bruce Rodwell, Pat Novak and Gordon Peters were the Breakaway Bowls winners on Monday.



Runners up in the Thursday social bowls at Inverloch were, from left, Graeme Dunlop, Yvonne Kee, Carol Thorn and Richard Cove.



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's best one game winners were John Nicholson, Frank Verco, Frank D'Univille and Michael Saunders.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Norm Evans, Giulio Marcolongo, Amanda Gray and Peter Morgan.



Robert McLaren, Glenda Binch, Betty Huitema and John Postlethwaite were the Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls winners on Friday.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

ON such a beautiful day on Monday, the club had 18 intrepid bowlers turn up – well done.

The winners were Bruce Rodwell, Pat Novak and Gordon Peters.

They won with plus 14.

The club also had a visit from Deb from Bass Coast Shire Council, which was a great surprise – well done to her for visiting.

Another great day was enjoyed by 20 bowlers on Friday.

The day was won by the team of Pat Novak, Gordon Peters and Jan Clark with a score of 26 up.

The club also had a new member join – well done to all concerned.

Don't forget Fridays and Mondays at 1pm at the Cape Patterson Community Hall.

INVERLOCH

AGAIN, there was an excellent roll-up for the social bowls last Thursday, October 15, with 44 participants on what could only be described as an overcast but balmy day and despite the gentle breeze generally out of the north-east, it was quite warm.

Two matches were played over 10 ends, each contested by eight fours and four triples with three teams managing to win both of their matches, two fours and one triple.

The hard luck story went to the team of Reg Varty (skip), Tracey Cove (third), John Turner (second) and Judy Parker (lead) with 31 points from wins of 12/4 and 7/6.

The match committee needed to go to shots up to determine the winner.

Runners-up were the team of Richard Cove (skip), Graeme Dunlop (third), Carol Thorn (second) and Yvonne Kee (lead) with 34 points, with 17 shots up from wins of 15/12 and 15/1.

Winners of the Thursday social bowls were the team of Bill Selby (skip), Patrick Bowd (third) and

Shirley Turton (lead), also with 34 points and 22 shots up from wins of 14/5 and 17/4.

Congratulations to the winners and match committee members for their sterling effort in running the show.

It was good to see Robbie Howard back on the green after undergoing a recent hip replacement and without his bowling arm as well.

Also sighted Patrick Sheedy in the clubhouse on Thursday afternoon – good to see you, Pat.

A reminder to all members that Season Opening Day is on Thursday, September 5, with the registration sheet for this most important date is in the clubhouse so don't forget to get your name down for some competition.

Pennant season is almost upon us with the first matches scheduled for October 12 for weekend Pennant and October 15 for mid-week Pennant.

The club would love for you to seriously consider participation in these events and if you feel that you would like to, please record your names on the respective lists situated in the clubhouse.

Give it a go.

Pennant season practice matches have been scheduled as follows – midweek, Tuesday, September 24, against Wonthaggi at Inverloch.

Saturday, September 14, against Tarwin/Corinella, followed up with Saturday, October 5, against Wonthaggi at Wonthaggi, competing for the Bunurong Shield, currently being held by the Wonthaggi Bowling Club.

You can brush up on your bowling skills on Saturday mornings at the club where Carol Thorn sets some situations for you to hone your skills and starts at 9.30am each Saturday morning.

The club's fortnightly roast dinner was held last Friday, August 16, where the menu included roast pork, potatoes and pumpkin with green beans followed by a

delicious apricot slice with cream.

A block of chocolate went to Milvia and Sylvia, and the club also caught up with those who would have received a block of chocolate at the last dinner which was cancelled due to the annual Inverloch Jazz Festival using the venue.

So along with every horse in the Southern Hemisphere celebrating their birthday, Betty and Robbie collected their block of chocolate.

Neil and Reg emceed the evening and for once Reg's jokes attracted much joviality during the evening. Of course, the largest spinning wheel in Inverloch can't be forgotten, on which rested the fate of a dozen meat packs.

The next club-hosted dinner is scheduled for August 30 so make sure your names are down on the board to ensure you don't miss out.

Next Friday evening, August 23, the club's membership draw will take place where the jackpot will be \$120, so ensure that you are in the clubhouse when the draw is made, randomly.

The next member whose number is drawn can have first pick of anything from the prize table.

Also, there will be many more chances of you winning something from the door prize tickets, including the lucky envelopes and then the goodies on the prize table.

All are welcome so come and join in the fun.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

WHAT a superb day.

Low to mid-twenties in temperature and no wind to speak of.

The friends at Corinella really turned it on for the fifty-five of the family of bowlers who turned up to once again fight it out for team of the week.

What competition it was – so many great players all chasing victory.

This did not slow down the usual banter between the players.

Laughter could be heard from all around the green.

Hayden went above and beyond to ensure the bowlers had background music for the day – this always lifts players' spirits.

The group was greeted as usual by Pauline and John, with Peter and David busily arranging the teams for the day.

Robyn looked after the kitchen while Phil looked after the thirst.

There were a few "donations" to the Royal Children's Hospital tin – it's always good to see the generosity of the players.

As always, there are winners and there are losers, and Thursday was no different.

The winners on a score of 35 were Ken Harding (S), Jenny Smith (L), Zac Bakker (3) and Colin Scales (2).

Runners up also on 35 points were Nick Arnold (S), Marianne Scales (2), Wayne Stevens (3) and Margaret McConville (L).

Best one game on a score of 19 were John Nicholson (S), Frank Verco (L), Frank D'Univille (2) and Michael Saunders (3).

A big thank you to all the behind-the-scenes crew.

They can be overlooked some weeks, but the group truly appreciates all their hard work.

Next week, the bowlers will be meeting at San Remo to once again lay down the gauntlet and fight it out once again.

The group hopes to see everyone at the clubhouse by 10am.

Till then, please stay safe and most of all, enjoy yourselves.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

Guilio Marcolongo, Amanda Gray and Peter Morgan with a score of two wins and 35 points.

The runners-up were Ray Hin, Ken Webb, Jan Jeeves and John Kappler with a score of two wins and 34 points.

Saturday was a cool, but pleasant day to greet 28 bowlers.

Three bowl pairs were the order of the day.

Four teams were two game-winners, with the winners being a pair of real gentlemen.

They were Frank Cimino and Rod Vaughan with a score of two wins and 36 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

A little note about the start of the season, with the Opening Day being Saturday, August 31.

Normal start time and please bring a plate to share.

The first Turkey Triples will be on September 4 and Thursday morning social bowls start on September 5 at 10am.

Coaching starts on Friday, September 5, at 10am.

Friday night is going very well with good vibes with a mix of members and visitors.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

IT was another enjoyable and fun week of bowling with a total of 45 players competing.

Tuesday's winners with a plus-eight, winning two games, were Jeannie Slocombe, Robert McLaren and Jim Wilson. Runners up on plus 11, winning one game only, were Thelma Kavanaugh, Judy Sweetnam, Pam Russell and John Bird. Friday's winners on plus 19, winner of two games, were Glenda Binch, Betty Huitema, Robert McLaren and John Postlethwaite.

Runners up on plus 13 with a win and a draw were Jan Milkins, Judy Sweetnam, Jeannie Slocombe and Mario Toffoloni.



Winners and place getters at Leongatha Golf Club's Gentsomes event were Michelle Roberts, Karen Castledine Briggs, Wendy Brown, Marg Griffiths, Colleen Touzel (sponsor), Ev Indian, Maryanne Gartner, Helen Mackenzie, Alison Strong and Loris Clark.

FOSTER

THE ladies managed to play their August Medal on Wednesday.

It was wonderful to see Geraldine Sinclair back at the club.

She was the trophy donor, and she had the pleasure of spending the day with medallist Kylie Collins (13).

Kylie continued her great form with a runaway win.

She took out a scratch (79 strokes), net (66) and nearest to pin on the 17th.

Kylie was 10 shots clear of Barb Warren (15), who also had a good day by winning the putting with 30 putts on a countback from Kylie, as well as taking the 'down the line' ball with 76 net.

Jenny Mountford was accurate off the tee and won the second nearest to pin (sixth) for the day, while Alayne McKenzie (41) won not only the raffle sponge but was the best of the nine holes, taking the win with 15 points.

This week coming, it's a full week of Stableford events – ladies' Wednesday as well as open Stableford on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Chicken Run is on throughout the week from Sunday to Friday across the back nine holes.

Neil Henry (28) will be out to repeat his efforts from this week after clocking up an awesome 22 points late Friday afternoon.

There were 24 players throughout the week.

Peter Riedel (23) finished in second spot with 21 points, Jasmine Manne (35) and Leigh Roberts (12) came in third and fourth place with 19 each while Bernd Amesreiter (38) had 18.

For Thursday's open Stableford, the sun shone.

With the sun came the shorts – you could have been forgiven for thinking that spring had sprung except for the pasty white legs.

Robin "I only ever win every six months" Smith (21) won for the second time in three weeks with 38 points.

Jake Cochrane, who was visiting from Korumburra Golf Club, managed to get closest to the hole on the 17th to win nearest to pin, while none of the 15 players could find the fourth green off the tee.

Even though he was skipped over in the presentations, John Pruyne (20) took the first ball down the line with 36 points which was closely followed by Neil Coates (21) 34 points and Peter Dight (9) 33 points.

On Tuesday, 16 players took to the sun-drenched course.

Graham Cottam (28) came out trumps with 40 points.

Continuing the high scoring, Peter Riedel (16) took the first 'down the line' ball with 39 points as well as taking the win in his WE Tuer knockout, seven and six.

Craig Bourne (16) and Peter Dight (8) shared the other two

balls 'down the line' with 34 points.

Nearest to pins for the day were sixth and 13th with Graham Cottam and Kevin Flett the recipients.

Saturday was men's and women's 4BBB Par, which was big-heartedly sponsored by Geof Prue and Garry Clavarino.

There were two beautiful meat trays on offer for the winning pair.

Neil Henry and Jake Pilkington took them home with an outlandish score of +13.

There were 10 pairings on the day.

Peter Dight and Robin Smith, along with Bernie Esser and Chris Riddell would have been quietly confident with their scores of +9 and +8, but alas they had to settle for second and third.

The nearest pins went to five separate individuals – Chris Riddell (fourth), Jake Pilkington (sixth), Kevin Flett (13th), Bernie Esser (15th) and Robin Smith (17th).

It was a great day, albeit a little cold.

The weather held out which led to some truly staggering scores.

The 80's degustation night is coming up next Saturday night.

Chantelle and her staff can't wait for the night and are certainly looking forward to cooking for you.

The live music is set to bring the club alive and is surely a night not to miss.

Contact the club and book a table – for more information and to hear about what other exciting events are coming up, follow the club on socials or call the club on 5682 2272.

Until next week, happy golfing and keep swinging.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, August 13. Stableford: 25 players.

A Grade: Wayne Knights (19) 37 points.

B Grade: Doc Dixon (35) 36 points.

NTPs: first Chris McConnell, seventh Wayne Knights, 10th Peter Hornibrook and 13th Mat Wrigley.

Thursday, August 15: Stableford: 14 players.

Winner: Greg Wilson (17) 37 points.

NTPs: first Ian Cash, seventh Jaarl Enbom, 10th Steve Rose and 13th Peter Johnson.

Saturday, August 17: Par: 32 players.

Sponsor: Monacellars.

A Grade: Mat Wrigley (2) +1 C/B.

B Grade: Athol Worthy (31) Square C/B.

NTPs: first Malcolm Garnham, 10th Peter Hornibrook and 13th Malcolm Garnham.

Ladies

LAST Wednesday, Kerri Besley (19) had a fabulous 40 points to win the day's competition.

Kim Enbom (41) also had a

great round to be runner-up with 36 points and Diarne Maskell (39) won a BDTL with 32 points.

The nine-hole event was won by Lynne Schwennesen (54) with a nice 18 points.

NTPs were Kath Welsh first, Deb Wrigley 13th and the second shot on the seventh and Kerri on the 10th.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, August 13: Stableford.

Tuesday's Stableford round had 68 members/guests take to the course in good conditions for scoring.

A Grade winner: John McInnes (10) with a score of 35 points.

Runner up: Ross McRobert (12) with a score of 34 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Rob Abschinski (14) with a score of 37 points. Runner up: David Forbes (17) with a score of 35 points.

C Grade winner: John McLennan (20) with a score of 37 points. Runner up: Graeme Clark (30) with a score of 36 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Rob Abschinski at .79m. NTP 14th: David Richards at .97m. NTP 16th: Christopher Leaver at 1.75m.

Thursday, August 15: Stableford.

Thursday saw a good field of 76 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: Jeremy de Silva (6) with a score of 39 points. Runner up: John Ryan (10) with a score of 38 points.

B Grade winner: Malcolm Legge (16) with a score of 36 points on a countback. Runner up: Gary McGrath (15) with a score of 36 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Gerald Free-stone (26) with the highest score of the day of 40 points. Runner up: Peter Waters (22) with a score of 39 points.

No NTPs this Thursday.

Saturday, August 17: Par.

Excellent winter weather had a field of 73 members/guests tackle the course for this ever-challenging Par event.

A Grade winner: Stuart Harry (12) with a score of 0 on a countback. Runner up: Tony Morganti (8) with a score of 0.

B Grade winner: Peter Read (13) with a score of 0 on a countback. Runner up: Renato Monacella (13) with a score of 0 on a countback.

C Grade winner: Gordon Allan (18) with a score of +2 on a countback. Runner up: William Fuller (18) with a score of +2 on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: Jeremy de Silva at 1.68m. NTP 14th: Jeremy de Silva at .66m. NTP 16th: Colin Martin at 5.00m.



Doc Dixon was the B Grade with 36 points in Korumburra Golf Club's Tuesday Stableford.

Ladies

THE golfers were blessed with wonderful weather again last week for the special Gentsomes event, sponsored by outgoing club president Colleen Touzel.

Chocolate and Champagne were the theme for the day with all the prizes being well supplied with both, and all 50 players were "forced" to partake in a complimentary glass of bubbles – thank you, Colleen.

The winning team of Wendy Brown, Michelle Roberts and Karen Castledine Briggs scored 91 points, well ahead of the runners-up Maryanne Gartner, Alison Strong and Helen Mackenzie with 84 points.

Marg Griffiths had the best individual score on the day finishing with 42 points.

A kind sponsor also awarded a prize for the smallest score, but the club has been asked not to reveal their identities.

Nearest the pins were won by club manager Kate Rowe, Lianne Adamson and Ev Indian.

A side event, a putting challenge, was held during the luncheon.

Three lucky winners were given flowers.

Sue Wylie, incoming captain, made a point of thanking all the volunteers who had contributed to the success of the day and in particular thanked Colleen for her enormous contribution to the club during her term as president.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, August 13: Stableford.

A Grade: N. Rutledge, (15) 40 points.

B Grade: P. Comber (27) 39 points c/b.

DTL: R. Thompson, R. Matthews 39, S. Van Baalen 36 and G. Renwick 35 c/b.

NTP: fourth R. Matthews, sixth J. Kus, 13th G. Renwick and 16th Tom Traill.

Birdies: 13th J. Hughes and 16th R. Matthews.

Saturday, August 17: Stableford.

A Grade: B. Bradshaw (10) 42 points.

B Grade: P. Draper (12) 39 points.

C Grade: J. Smeriglio (18) 37 points.

DTL: G. Renwick 37, R. Matthews and T. Baker 36, N. Whichello 35, and P. Woodall 34 c/b.

NTP: fourth B. Woodall, sixth A. Heatfield, 13th G. Shandley and 16th R. Matthews.

Birdies: fourth J. Hughes, and 16th R. Matthews and N. Whichello.

RESULTS: August 15, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Ball sweep to 32 C/B.



The Tuesday Stableford A Grade winner with 37 points was Wayne Knights at the Korumburra Golf Club.

Winner: Ian Johnson 38. Runner up: Jim McEachern 35.

Ball sweep: Gary Youlten 34, Ian McNish 34, Graeme Campbell 33 and Andrew Hooton-Shandley 32 C/B.

Results: August 15, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford nine-hole 10 to 18.

Ball sweep to 15 C/B.

Winner: Blake Cornelis 19.

Runner up: Norm Burne 18.

Ball sweep: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 17, Graham Ryan 16, John Davies 16 and Ray Hender 15 C/B.

Results: August 17, S.R. 71.

Competition: Par.

A Grade: Julian Wintle +2.

B Grade: Geoff Huther +3.

C Grade: Ron Pennefather +3.

BDTL to +1.

Ball sweep: Ben Clark +3, Bill Howard +2, Ross Lovett +2, John Walsh +2, Scott Williams +2, Ray Hender +1, Ian Baker +1, Peter Handley +1, Paul Cornelis +1 and Eric Van Agtmael +1.

Eagles: Ben Clark first and Michael Scott seventh.

NTPs: Peter Dell second, Alan Jones fourth, Ian Baker pro pin eighth, Steven Brann 13th and Steven Brann money hole 17th.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was so hot that arms and legs were bared to enjoy the rays.

19 players were enjoying a game of Stableford.

A Grade's winner was Irene Walsh (25) 32 points on c/b.

B Grade's winner and round of the day was Layla Robertson (33) 34 points.

BDL went to Anne Poulton 33, Anne Tschiderer 32, Marg Johnson 32, Heather Wintle 31 and Lisa Brusamarello 31.

The only NTP was claimed on the second by Sharon Patullo.

WOORAYL

Ladies

IT was a beautiful day for golf in spring-like conditions with some fabulous scores carded by the ladies.

The course is drying out with carts able to access the majority of the fairways without restriction.

Thanks to Melissa and Jareth Hume for their sponsorship of the Stableford event.

The winner of the day with a fantastic score of 42 points was Anne Grist (26) and the runner-up was Melissa Hume (45) with a great score also of 39 points.

Balls down the line went to Joan Smith (43) 37 points, Linda Forrester (27) 37 points and Kath Davis (35) 35 points.

Nearest the pins went to the eighth Inge Giliam, 11th Elly Berryman and 17th Melissa Hume.

Special mentions were gobblers to Joan Smith fourth and Anne De Leeuw 13th.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: August 15, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.</

Gippstar Annual Awards Night

THE Gippsland Sports Academy hosted the 64th Annual Gippstar Awards on Thursday, August 8, drawing in 120 guests from across Gippsland, including athletes, teams, and clubs who savoured a delightful buffet dinner at the Morwell Bowling Club before the awards ceremony. The evening unfolded seamlessly under the skilful direction of MC Judi Buhagiar, the Eastern Region Manager of Netball Victoria, who engaged with award recipients while discussing their future goals and accomplishments.

The Gippstar Awards boast a rich legacy, celebrating exceptional athletic accomplishments by gifted individuals from Gippsland in a diverse array of sports. This year, the event showcased a wide range of disciplines, including Lawn Bowls, Athletics, Swimming, Golf-Croquet, Clay Target Shooting, Showjumping/Modern Pentathlon, Golf, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Weightlifting, Tetrathlon, Scootering, Polocrosse, Cross Country Running, BMX, Surfing, Surf Life Saving Beach Sprint and Flags, and Triathlon. There were 26 awards received by the successful nominees for the monthly awards from July 2023-June 2024 in both Open and Junior categories. The Overall Junior and Open winners were announced – decided by votes from the Gippstar Panel.

Daniel Barry from Traralgon emerged as the champion of the Annual Open Award, celebrated for his exceptional talent in Triathlon. Daniel competed in the 2024 Ironman New Zealand where he was crowned Overall Age Group Champion and also in the 2024 Ironman 70.3 Port Macquarie where he became the back-to-back Overall Age Group Champion. Daniel has qualified for 2024 Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii (October) and the 2024 Ironman 70.3 World Championship in Taupo, NZ (December) and is undefeated in all Triathlon events in 2024.

The recipient of this year's Annual Junior Award was Ashley Nicholes from Traralgon, recognised for his achievements in swimming.

Each year Gippstar has four additional awards.

Gippstar Team of the Year: Given to a Gippsland Team based on their performance over the Gippstar year. This year's six finalists were:

- Nilma Darnum U16 Football Team
- Sale United Football Club Womens Team
- Traralgon Basketball T'Birds U12 Boys Squad
- Maffra Basketball Eagles U14 Boys Squad (winner)
- Traralgon Basketball T'Birds U18 Girls Squad
- Yarram & District Cricket Club 1st XI

Gippstar Club of the Year: Given to a Gippsland club based on their club achievements over the Gippstar year. The four finalists were:

- Churchill United Soccer Club
- Phillip Island Boardriders Club
- Sale United Football Club (winner)
- Wellington Hockey Club

Gippstar Special Achiever Award: Provided for outstanding service to sport over a significant period of years. This year there were two recipients of the Special Achiever Award.

Barry Lawrence of Morwell, Umpire Coach, Latrobe Valley Umpires Association and Del Ahern of Sale, Volunteer, Wellington Hockey Club.

Gippstar Gippsland Champion: To receive this award the athlete must have commenced their sporting career with a Gippsland Club and/or Association and continued to achieve in their sport outside of the Gippsland area, whilst maintaining family connections in Gippsland.

This was awarded to Emily Beecroft from Traralgon for her sport Para - Swimming.

July and August nominations for Gippstar are now open and will close on September 2, 2024. If you would like to recognise the sporting achievements of a Gippsland athlete, coach, administrator or official (amateur or professional), nomination forms can be downloaded from Gippsland Sports Academy webpage: sportgippsland.org.au/gippstar-award-nomination-forms

Sights set for Brisbane

By Chloe Kent

IT WAS always a long-haul game for Aislin Jones as she headed into Paris 2024. In a sport that not only requires optimum physical condition, but also mental clarity, one can go from bottom of the ladder to the world's best, as Dave Jones explained, "the competition is so closely matched here that Francisca Croveto Hadid from Chile who placed gold (at Paris) finished 27th in Tokyo."

"It's a bit like trying to pick the Melbourne Cup," Mr Jones said.

"There's always a couple of favourites, but everyone here was capable of making the final if a few things went their way."

And whilst the events may not have gone Aislin's way, she still shot incredibly well placing 25th (112/125) in her individual event and 11th in the mixed teams (141/150) alongside Josh Bell.

"It's so easy at events particularly the Olympics to be hyper-critical of your performance," Aislin explained.

"Whilst I know I am capable of better, I am really proud of the work I've put in particularly over the last 12 months. It has absolutely reinforced my goals to continue on for LA and Brisbane because I want to see what I'm capable of on the world stage."

"Everybody who makes it to the Olympics is the best in the world and has the technical skills to perform. At that level it is largely a mental sport, and I will continue to work on my mental skills in the next Olympic cycle."

Surrounded by her strong support team including personal coach Lauryn, dad (Dave Jones) and support staff, Aislin noted that her team communication was a 'big positive' in Paris and something she 'will be leaning on in the future.'

"(The Olympic) range is next level!"



Aislin has long had sights set on Brisbane and LA and is even more determined after Paris. Photo: Nathalie Gallois ISSF

"It was a phenomenal range to compete on with an excellent background and great weather. It's always special having the Olympic rings across a range as a reminder of what you have achieved."

"The sun first thing in the morning was a big challenge but one that I managed really well and wasn't an issue for me."

Surrounded by an incredible atmosphere and super friendly volunteers, the Olympics is simply like nothing else.

"Experiencing the crowd is something we don't get except at an Olympic Games," Aislin said.

"My mixed team's partner, Josh, and I had the unique experience of competing in the mixed team's event in the same squad as the French team and the crowd was going absolutely crazy for the French team. Then, we had a small Aussie support team who banded together to try and make as much noise as the French. It was such an amazing feeling and something I can't

quite describe."

Playing indoor and beach volleyball when she was younger, Aislin had the opportunity to watch the semi-finals beside the Eiffel Tower.

"That was so cool to experience. We happened to have tickets to the semi-finals the Aussie girls were playing in, so we got to cheer for Aus!"

And whilst she didn't stay inside the Olympic village, she did manage to pop inside once back in Paris.

"It's huge!! It accommodates up to 14,250 athletes and staff so it's basically a small town. There are so many sights to see in the village that a day there didn't even put a dent in it but a few of my highlights included an Aussie coffee from the barista at Aus team HQ, getting stamps at the post office with my face on them to send postcards home from the village, the Olympic rings of course! And the dining hall with the famous 'chocolate muffins'."

As highlighted in The Sentinel-Times coverage before

her departure to Paris, Aislin competed in a third 'Olympic' event, albeit unofficial – The Marathon Pour Tours, which was as brutal as described.

"The Marathon Pour Tous was something I will never forget... to go and run my first marathon on the Olympic course, at night, after competing at my second Olympic Games felt so surreal. Something I could only dream of doing."

"They weren't kidding about how brutal the course is, especially with the famous hill just before 30 kilometres, but I'm incredibly proud to have finished with a time of 4:28:23!"

"Running past the Eiffel tower with the Olympic rings is cool for a lot of people but so special to me and something I'll remember forever."

"To all the businesses and community in Leongatha and South Gippsland who've fundraised or supported me on this journey, thank you!"

Here's to seeing the next chapter in Aislin's remarkable shooting journey.

Victorian Kneeboarding team in South Africa for World Titles



Victorian Kneeboarding Team representing Australia in the 'Parade of Nations'.

KNEEBOARD Surfing Victoria (KSV) has sent a strong team to South Africa this month to compete in the Kneeboard Surfing World Titles to be held at the iconic Jeffreys Bay from August 19 – 24, 2024.

The team includes past champions of the Neil Luke Classic Kneeboard Event and father-son duo Peter Fairweather (Father) and Owen Fairweather (Son) both from St Andrews Beach as well as Bruce Sherlock (Kilcunda), Paul Wright (Kilcunda), Paul O'Neill (Fish Creek), Rod Paarlberg (Yarram), Paul Manix (Phillip Island) and James Anderson (Hampshire Haven).

KSV President Rod Paarlberg said he is confident the team can deliver on the world stage and get some big results.

"We were really looking forward to travelling over here as a team and hopefully getting one of the best waves in the world on tap for the contest."

"There will be over 120 of the world's best 'Kneelos'

gathering from 11 countries for what will be a great showcase of kneeboard surfing."

Bruce Sherlock of Kilcunda shared that six out of the nine kneeboarders from Victoria – competing for Australia – live in South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

"Any of these six have a great chance to bring home some silverware."

"Jeffreys Bay is well known as one of the best waves in the world and the boys have already been warming up in some magnificent surf up to three metres high," said Bruce.

Last Saturday all the competitors came together in their country's uniform for a 'Parade of Nations'.

The kneeboard surfing world titles are held every two years at different locations around the world including Portugal, New Zealand and Australia. The event will be livestreamed on YouTube and live heats will have score updates in real time.

Gippsland Soccer League

Round 16 Results – August 15, 16 & 18

SENIOR Mens:

Trafalgar Victory 3 d Leongatha Knights 1, Drouin Dragons Maroon 8 d Inverloch Stars 1, Phillip Island Breakers 6 d Korumburra City 3, Trafalgar Victory 7 d Lang Lang United 1, Leongatha Knights 6 d Wonthaggi United 0

Senior Womens: Leongatha Knights 1 d Trafalgar Victory 0, Inverloch Stars 4 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 2, Trafalgar Victory 4 d Lang Lang United 3, Wonthaggi United 1 d Leongatha Knights 0

Mens Reserves: Drouin Dragons Maroon 3 d Inverloch Stars 0, Phillip Island Breakers 10 d Korumburra City 2, Trafalgar Victory 4 d Leongatha Knights 0

Under 17 Mixed: Phillip Island Stingrays 2 d Phillip Island Penguins 1, Wonthaggi United 2 d Leongatha Knights 1

Under 14 Mixed: Korumburra City 6 d Phillip Island Penguins 3, Drouin Dragons Maroon 8 d Inverloch Stars 2, Leongatha Knights 2 d Wonthaggi United 0, Phillip Island Stingrays 5 d Mirboo North United 2

Under 13 Girls: Korumburra City 3 d Phillip Island Breakers 0, Wonthaggi United 3 d Leongatha Knights 0

Under 12a Mixed: Phillip Island Penguins 7 d Korumburra City 1, Wonthaggi United 3 d Leongatha Knights 1

Under 12b Mixed: Phillip Island Sharks 5 d Korumburra City 3, Inverloch Stars 7 d Drouin Dragons Yellow 2, Wonthaggi United 5 d Leongatha Knights 2, Mirboo North United 5 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 1

Round 17 Fixtures

SATURDAY, August 24 – Battle of Baw Baw

Senior Mens at 7pm, Senior Womens at 5pm, Mens Reserves at 3pm

Drouin Dragons Maroon V Trafalgar Victory

Sunday, August 25

Senior Mens – 3pm

Phillip Island Breakers V Lang Lang United, Leongatha Knights V Inverloch Stars

Senior Womens – 1pm

Mirboo North United V Wonthaggi United, Phillip Island Breakers V Lang Lang United, Leongatha Knights V Inverloch Stars

Mens Reserves – 1pm

Leongatha Knights V Inverloch Stars, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Korumburra City

Under 17 Mixed – 9.30am

Drouin Dragons Maroon V Drouin Dragons White, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Phillip Island Stingrays

Under 14 Mixed – 11.20am

Mirboo North United V Wonthaggi United, Leongatha Knights V Inverloch Stars, Phillip Island Stingrays V Korumburra City

Under 13 Girls – 8.30am

Phillip Island Breakers V Drouin Dragons Maroon

Under 12a Mixed – 10am

Drouin Dragons Maroon V Trafalgar Victory, Phillip Island Stingrays V Korumburra City

Under 12b Mixed – 11.30am

Mirboo North United V Wonthaggi United, Phillip Island Sharks V Lang Lang United, Leongatha Knights V Inverloch Stars, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Korumburra City



Bass Coast College is proud to be sending its senior girls' netball and basketball teams to the state titles in September. Pictured back from left, Isla Cousins, Marli Box, Olivia Bramley, Amy Scott, Lara Mullin, front from left, Macy Peterson, Baia Pugh, Eva Garnham and Keely Dennerley. Absent: Mataya Maloney, Sienna Tiziani and Sophie Carter.

Two teams bound for state titles

By Tayla Kershaw

TWO Bass Coast College sporting teams have excelled to state level.

Remarkably, several of the girls feature in both finals.

Marli Box, Olivia Bramley, Amy Scott, Macy Peterson, Eva Garnham, Mataya Maloney and Sienna Tiziani will represent the school on both teams.

Bass Coast College's senior girls' netball team will compete in the state final on September 9 at the Waverley Netball Centre.

The team progressed to the state final after winning at Gippsland level in Traralgon recently.

"They were brilliant. They were undefeated after winning every game convincingly," netball coach Saskia Schmidt said.

"They were missing a key shooter on that day, so they have a great chance going into states."

"Our girls are very excited to represent the Gippsland region. What's really lovely is they are mostly Year 12s, so this is their last shot, and we want them to have a good time. They're a very close-knit group of girls."

This team competed at the state level last year.

Although they were unsuccessful, they are going into this year's state final with confidence having had that experience.

The senior girls' basketball team lost at the Gippsland level last year and was thrilled

to make it to this year's state final.

Also playing their Gippsland competition in Traralgon, the girls came up against Trafalgar in the grand final.

"It should've been a competitive match, but the girls played exceptional basketball and really dominated a game that should've been a lot closer," basketball coach and McKenzie campus principal Ross Bramley said.

"Probably what's the most pleasing for me is this is their last year, so it's a good opportunity to represent the school one last time."

"It's also pleasing that I've coached this same group of girls in rep basketball for the Wonthaggi Coasters. They've

gone right through from U10s to finish with Year 12 basketball, and to see them be successful through that whole journey and still enjoy getting on the court together and having fun is wonderful."

The basketball state final will be held on September 19 at the State Basketball Centre in Wantirna South.

Bass Coast College congratulated the girls on their success.

"For any group of girls who are able to play on two teams that make it through to state titles is an exceptional effort," Mr Bramley said.

"You probably only come across a group of students with that sort of ability once in a decade. It's an amazing achievement."

Cheryl from Kernot in cricket's Hall of Fame

SOMETIMES cricket provides the community with a pleasant surprise.

Amongst the community, and unbeknown to the community, is one of cricket's support staff that so often go unrecognised.

The Victorian Country Cricket League addressed this by inducting Cheryl Connolly into the Victorian Country Cricket League's (VCCL) Hall of Fame last Sunday.

Her presentation mentions her as "a very important part of the off-field leadership team supporting the Victorian men's team at the National Championships over a period stretching from 2003 to 2018."

Cheryl provided physiother-

apy services to the state team on a voluntary basis for most of the fortnight long annual tournaments.

Cheryl's cricketing journey started with the Ferntree Gully Football Cricket Club. She massaged the Ferntree Gully Cricket Association's team at Melbourne Country Week for 15 years.

Her support role with the VCCL has taken her to every state in Australia except Tasmania, and she often came across Test cricketers the calibre of Merv Hughes and Jason Gillespie.

The Victorian team won the National Championship in 2004 and 2007.

Cheryl came to Kernot six years ago and her involvement

with the Victorian Country Cricket's peak body has been a well-kept secret.

If only those who played in the Kernot Boxing Day charity cricket match knew of Cheryl's healing hands.

Cheryl is a sports and remedial therapist, works as an ambulance community officer and her company Healthguard First Aid – amongst other health related service – are instrumental in installing and managing heart defibrillators and conducting CPR courses throughout the community.

The Victorian Country Cricket League will celebrate its 100th season in 2026/27.

It is the organisation responsible for Country Week cricket in Melbourne.



Kernot's Cheryl Connolly was recently recognised for her contributions to cricket with her induction in the Victorian Country Cricket League's Hall of Fame.

Four SGB swimmers compete with Victoria's best

THE best of Victorian swimming was at MSAC for the weekend for the Victorian Open-Aged Short Course Championships. Four South Gippsland Bass Swim Club members competed at the event, enjoying the chance to race against top-level swimmers.

Trinity O'Keefe, Cormac Flynn, Tomei Dal Pozzo and Molly Dettbarn competed in a range of 50m to 200m events, improving on personal times. Trinity managed to finish 20th for the 100m Breaststroke and 17th for the

200m Breaststroke, with the others managing to finish within the top 50 for the events.

To swim at the event, tough qualifying times had to be met.

The event was open age, meaning anyone who met the times of any age could compete.

Cormac and Molly will return in a few weeks to compete in the Victorian Age Championships where they will compete against people the same age as them. \

RIGHT: Trinity O'Keefe competes in the 100m breaststroke.



MDU 39 It Foster 61
Stony Creek 13 It Yinnar 66
Mirboo Nth 46 It Fish Crk 49
Newborough 57 d Toora 48
T'dale 19 It Morwell East 101

MDU 32 It Foster 75
Stony Creek 35 d Yinnar 30
Mirboo Nth 41 d Fish Crk 40
Newborough 65 d Toora 43
T'dale 21 It Morwell East 105
Tarwin 32 It Hill End 61

MDU 42 d Foster 29
Stony Creek 15 It Yinnar 47
Mirboo Nth 38 d Fish Crk 33
Newborough 48 d Toora 30
Thorpdale 7 It Morwell East 61
Tarwin 42 d Hill End 36

MDU 39 d Foster 24
Stony Creek 20 It Yinnar 32
Mirboo Nth 27 It Fish Crk 44
Newborough 28 d Toora 21
Thorpdale 6 It Morwell East 70
Tarwin 38 d Hill End 23

Stony Creek 9 It Yinnar 57
Mirboo Nth 16 It Fish Crk 36
Newborough 18 It Toora 64

MDU 60 d Foster 19
Stony Creek 16 It Yinnar 43
Mirboo Nth 41 d Fish Crk 9
Newborough 14 It Toora 44
Tarwin 12 It Hill End 47

MDU 44 d Foster 18
Stony Creek 1 It Yinnar 61
Mirboo Nth 16 d Fish Crk 12
Newborough 35 d Toora 18
Tarwin 14 It Hill End 29

A GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	188.11	64
Fish Creek	148.16	64
Morwell East	151.54	62
MDU	117.08	52
Foster	106.20	50
Mirboo North	107.67	48
Toora	106.62	40
Newborough	100.00	36
Boolarra	78.96	32
Stony Creek	70.78	30
Tarwin	65.65	22
Thorpdale	40.45	12

Foster	159.64	68
Boolarra	128.63	58
Fish Creek	143.11	52
Mirboo North	124.78	52
Morwell East	128.82	50
Stony Creek	115.70	42
Newborough	101.91	40
Hill End	112.73	36
MDU	89.04	36
Yinnar	97.64	34
Toora	95.78	32
Tarwin	43.59	10
Thorpdale	39.45	10

Yinnar	169.48	68
MDU	137.91	60
Morwell East	134.74	52
Mirboo North	133.49	52
Newborough	126.07	52
Toora	126.56	50
Tarwin	125.68	40
Boolarra	101.72	38
Fish Creek	93.36	32
Hill End	100.82	30
Stony Creek	76.50	22
Foster	71.96	16
Thorpdale	15.03	8

Fish Creek	189.09	72
Stony Creek	146.45	60
Yinnar	134.22	56
MDU	133.51	52
Newborough	120.87	44
Tarwin	119.15	44
Morwell East	138.89	42
Toora	113.54	42
Mirboo North	121.03	38
Hill End	90.34	30
Boolarra	74.59	20
Foster	53.91	12
Thorpdale	14.81	8

Boolarra 231.00 72
Toora 213.03 68
Yinnar 191.48 56
MDU 167.23 56

Fish Creek 126.52 48
Hill End 70.02 44
Mirboo North 63.51 28
Newborough 48.04 28
Stony Creek 41.52 20
Morwell East 36.84 20

Toora 240.00 72
Boolarra 203.00 68
MDU 187.50 56
Hill End 154.60 54
Yinnar 178.72 52

Mirboo North 156.97 50
Stony Creek 92.64 40
Foster 52.21 34
Newborough 54.04 26
Morwell East 42.04 24
Fish Creek 42.51 20
Tarwin 30.19 16

Yinnar 496.70 72
Hill End 217.86 60
MDU 130.52 60
Newborough 131.74 52

Boolarra 129.12 52
Mirboo North 118.64 48
Fish Creek 105.24 44
Tarwin 79.86 32
Toora 60.85 32

Stony Creek 29.12 24
Foster 17.18 20



Mia Blackwood soars for the Magpies as Poowong takes on Neerim South in A Grade. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Abbey Henshall displays athleticism for Poowong in its Under 17 match against Neerim South. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Brianna Weaver, Gabby Maynard, Bec Browne, Jeanette Brown, Caitie Patten and Jaime Chila in Saturday's clash between Stony Creek and Yinnar. Photo: G. S. Bruning



Skipper Ellie Bates has possession for Wonthaggi during its A Grade match against Drouin. Photo: Paul Landells.



Bairnsdale keeper Brielle Malady performs a perfect arabesque as she tries to guard the long-range shot by Leongatha A Grade shooter Mikaeli Hilliar.

Dalyston 38 d T-Dalmore 35
KWR 52 d Kor-Bena 46
Warragul Ind 47 It Garfield 57
Cora Lynn 44 d K-Bass 38
Phillip Island 45 It NNG 80
Bunyip 24 It I-Kongwak 60

Dalyston 48 d T-Dalmore 46
KWR 52 d Kor-Bena 48
Warragul Ind 46 It Garfield 51
Cora Lynn 34 It K-Bass 37
Phillip Island 42 It NNG 54

Dalyston 31 It T-Dalmore 33
KWR 34 It Kor-Bena 37
Warragul Ind 25 It Garfield 48
Cora Lynn 36 d K-Bass 28
Phillip Island 21 It NNG 54

Dalyston 16 It T-Dalmore 42
KWR 21 d Kor-Bena 16
Warragul Ind 20 It Garfield 67
Cora Lynn 27 It K-Bass 34
Phillip Island 19 It NNG 39

Bunyip 24 It I-Kongwak 31

A GRADE	%	pts	C GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Inverloch-K.	165.44	72	Nar Nar Goon	140.86	64	Nar Nar Goon	139.48	62	Tooradin-Dal.	244.44	66
Dalyston	125.48	52	Inverloch-K.	163.53	60	Inverloch-K.	181.44	60	Nar Nar Goon	214.43	64
Tooradin-Dal.	114.38	50	Cora Lynn	132.39	60	Tooradin-Dal.	161.76	60	Cora Lynn	260.15	62
Kilcunda-Bass	113.11	46	Tooradin-Dal.	120.91	56	Phillip Island	157.23	58	Warragul Ind.	119.09	50
Cora Lynn	115.86	44	Kilcunda-Bass	114.44	38	Kor-Bena	167.13	54	Kor-Bena	134.58	40
Nar Nar Goon	105.89	42	Garfield	97.25	34	Garfield	125.51	50	Garfield	73.87	34
Koo Wee Rup	105.12	42	Dalyston	96.60	30	Cora Lynn	108.38	28	Kilcunda-Bass	73.32	32
Kor-Bena	105.04	36	Bunyip	95.76	28	Koo Wee Rup	77.41	20	Phillip Island	91.16	30
Garfield	80.25	16	Kor-Bena	88.34	28	Bunyip	66.04	16	Inverloch K.	75.38	30
Bunyip	75.37	16	Koo Wee Rup	92.91	26	Dalyston	77.16	12	Bunyip	38.22	12
Phillip Island	77.39	12	Warragul Ind.	60.48	8	Kilcunda Bass	64.49	12	Dalyston	52.86	8
Warragul Ind.	61.32	4	Phillip Island	49.64	0	Warragul Ind.	18.14	0	Koo Wee Rup	28.23	4
B GRADE			D GRADE			15 & UNDER			11 & UNDER		
Tooradin-Dal.	149.92	64	Inverloch-K.	241.38	68	Phillip Island	206.91	62	Nar Nar Goon	292.21	68
Nar Nar Goon	140.97	62	Nar Nar Goon	208.70	66	Nar Nar Goon	192.10	58	Tooradin-Dal.	480.18	66
Inverloch-K.	127.63	56	Garfield	167.06	66	Warragul Ind.	153.40	58	Phillip Island	282.52	62
Garfield	101.63	42	Koo Wee Rup	139.37	48	Tooradin-Dal.	200.69	54	Cora Lynn	203.24	52



Emma Allman looks to pass the ball down court as Leongatha surges back into it late in the second quarter at Bairnsdale on Saturday.



Heidi Burgess applies pressure for Poowong against Neerim South in A Grade. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Alana McRae makes a great intercept for Wonthaggi during its A Grade clash with Drouin. Photo: Paul Landells.



It's play on for Abbie Tapsell, Gabby Maynard, Bec Browne, Jeanette Brown, Caitie Patten and Brianna Weaver. Photo: G. S. Bruning.



St Joseph's Primary School Wonthaggi enjoyed success at the School Sports Victoria Gippsland Regional Netball Competition.



St Joseph's Primary School Wonthaggi will compete in the State Championships for netball on September 18.

St Joseph's off to States

ST Joseph's Wonthaggi Primary went to the School Sports Victoria Gippsland Regional Netball Competition on Wednesday, July 31.

After a long trip down to Sale, we arrived at 9.45am at Gippsland Regional Sports Complex Sale.

This day was the result of success at district level and divisional netball tournaments.

After the briefing at 9.50am, the games started at 10am.

For the first round, we had the bye which gave us an opportunity to see how the other teams played and by the end of the round we knew it was going to be hard.

We played Maffra Primary in our first game.

They were pretty tall,

By Mila Wylie and Maya Newton

but we came out on top with our first win of the day.

After a short break we came up against Garfield Primary School.

It was a close first half but after a strong second half we ran away with another win.

We had another short break and went into our third game, determined to keep up our winning streak.

We played against Yinnar Primary School, which was our toughest game yet, but came out with a tight victory.

The next, and final game, we came up against Lucknow Primary School, with tired legs after the last three amazing games.

Lucknow was by far our closest match of the whole day; we only just came out on top.

The second the siren sounded, we realised that we had won Regionals and were going through to States.

In the presentation, we went up and received the blue flag for our school.

It was an amazing day and everyone had fun.

A big thank you to our coach Mrs Bertacco, our PE teacher Mrs Richards, the stadium, School Sport Victoria, the other teams, family and friends, umpires and to the team for helping us achieve our goal and making our day possible.

We can't wait for State Championships on September 18 at Waverley Netball Centre.

ELLINBANK

RESULTS

A GRADE

Ellinbank 71 d Lang Lang 41
N-Darnum 82 d Buln Buln 48
Longwarry 38 lt Trafalgar 76
Catani 27 lt Yarragon 42
Poowong 30 lt Neerim Sth 65

B GRADE

Ellinbank 66 d Lang Lang 28
N-Darnum 46 lt Buln Buln 52
Longwarry 34 lt Trafalgar 52
Catani 39 d Yarragon 24
Poowong 14 lt Neerim Sth 59

C GRADE

Ellinbank 29 d Lang Lang 26
N-Darnum 44 d Buln Buln 21
Longwarry 22 lt Trafalgar 31
Catani 46 d Yarragon 27
Poowong 18 lt Neerim Sth 59

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	171.10	64	Catani	248.78	68
Nilma-Darnum	159.34	52	Yarragon	184.92	54
Ellinbank	149.92	48	Trafalgar	164.32	54
Trafalgar	113.80	36	Poowong	179.19	52
Buln Buln	90.03	32	Nilma-Darnum	170.27	48
Yarragon	92.32	24	Longwarry	128.71	48
Lang Lang	82.27	24	Lang Lang	76.02	24
Poowong	76.95	16	Ellinbank	71.86	24
Longwarry	68.35	16	Buln Buln	60.75	16
Catani	60.72	8	Neerim South	35.56	8
Nyora	0.00	0	Nyora	14.06	0

B GRADE

Ellinbank	175.93	68	Buln Buln	191.28	70
Buln Buln	138.60	60	Poowong	164.16	52
Neerim South	139.21	52	Lang Lang	159.03	52
Nilma-Darnum	113.52	48	Catani	141.49	50
Trafalgar	111.00	46	Trafalgar	121.14	44
Lang Lang	108.29	36	Neerim South	116.46	40
Catani	98.08	36	Yarragon	117.18	36
Poowong	74.89	18	Nilma-Darnum	87.42	28
Nyora	74.60	18	Ellinbank	75.44	20
Longwarry	59.43	12	Longwarry	59.40	4
Yarragon	66.97	2	Nyora	4.96	0

C GRADE

Ellinbank	205.90	68	Buln Buln	559.56	64
Neerim South	184.25	68	Poowong	290.80	64
Lang Lang	153.30	56	Yarragon	202.81	64
Catani	135.62	48	Lang Lang	253.70	60
Nilma-Darnum	129.62	44	Trafalgar	141.18	36
Trafalgar	90.30	36	Ellinbank	111.18	32
Yarragon	108.67	32	Longwarry	90.86	28
Buln Buln	92.64	24	Neerim South	72.73	24
Poowong	70.12	12	Nilma-Darnum	86.25	20
Longwarry	65.48	8	Catani	12.95	4
Nyora	17.14	0	Nyora	2.62	0

15 & UNDER

Buln Buln	559.56	64
Poowong	290.80	64
Lang Lang	202.81	64
Catani	141.49	50
Trafalgar	121.14	44
Neerim South	116.46	40
Yarragon	117.18	36
Nilma-Darnum	87.42	28
Ellinbank	75.44	20
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Neerim South	86.25	20
Nilma-Darnum	86.25	20
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Nyora	2.62	0

C GRADE

Ellinbank	116.43	58
Drouin	125.10	56
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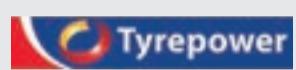
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TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

 102	 26
TARWIN	HILL END

Tarwin	3.3	10.4	11.9	14.18 (102)
Hill End	0.2	1.3	3.7	3.8 (26)

GOALS, Tarwin: Ben Ellen, Brandon Griffiths, Brodie Senior-Gibson 3, Ricky O'Loughlin 2, Josh Chalmers, Daniel Houston, Jason Kennedy 1 each

BEST: Jason Kennedy, Ben Ellen, Lachie Jones, Brandon Griffiths, Matt Zagni, Ricky O'Loughlin

GOALS, Hill End: Jason Halligan, Marko Kulas, Amburupa Uliando 1 each

BEST: Harry Moore, Rohan Marra, Joey Conley, Luke Ravenhorst, Amburupa Uliando, Jason Halligan

RESERVES

Tarwin	1.3	2.6	5.9	10.10 (70)
Hill End	3.1	5.2	5.3	6.5 (41)

GOALS, Tarwin: Hudson Guymer 4, Joshua Carmody 2, Sam Burns, Travis Cameron, Lachlan Cann, Marc Trusco 1 each

BEST: George Bountris, Jacoa Cameron, Brenton Taber, Hudson Guymer, Joshua Carmody, Jamie Cann

GOALS, Hill End: Adam Forth 2, Lachlan Answer, Ned Bain, Ryan Broberg, Benjamin Thatcher 1 each

BEST: Ned Bain, Joshua Hammond, Adam Forth, Jake Schiavello, Joshua Coombs, Brody Hams

THIRDS

Mirboo North	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.5 (17)
Fish Creek/Tarwin	1.3	4.7	4.10	8.13 (61)

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Archie Moore 3, Zak Bright, Asher Hamlett, Kye McMillan, Tom Piasente, Harrison Watt 1 each

BEST: Asher Hamlett, Tom Piasente, Shea Griffin, Joseph Rysko, Archie Moore, Rye Cicero

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

 52	 42
STONY CREEK	YINNAR

Stony Creek	1.2	1.5	5.9	7.10 (52)
Yinnar	0.1	1.9	3.11	5.12 (42)

GOALS, Stony Crk: Chris Verboon 3, Hayden Bull, Jacob Byrnes, Colby Michael, Cameron Stone 1 each

BEST: Chris Verboon, Darcy Atkins, Cameron Stone, Sam Marriott, Jayden Battersby, Tylah O'Connor Linke

GOALS, Yinnar: Luke Cheffers 2, Kane Grinstead-Jones, Stuart Patten, Jay Rogalsky 1 each

BEST: Brendan Chapman, Luke Cheffers, Luke Linton, Blake Van Der Meer, Flynn Schill, Sebastian Famularo

RESERVES

Stony Creek	4.2	6.2	8.3	11.7 (73)
Yinnar	2.2	4.3	4.6	7.6 (48)

GOALS, Stony Crk: Matthew Coutts, Nathan Trotto 3, George Batten, Lucas Byrnes, Brett McKnight, Lachlan Park, Nick Svenson 1 each

BEST: Nathan Trotto, Lucas Byrnes, Ryan McKnight, Jack Stuart, Mitchell J Rowe, Tyson Davies

GOALS, Yinnar: Jarryd Garlick 5, Daniel Schneider, James Shea 1 each

BEST: Daniel Webster, Kyle Alexander, Wayne Rowley, Jarryd Garlick, Daniel Schneider, Patrick McGrath

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

 112	 60
NEWBOROUGH	TOORA

Newborough	5.2	9.5	11.7	17.10 (112)
Toora	3.2	5.2	8.3	9.6 (60)

GOALS, Newborough: Nathan Wheildon 5, Wade Anderson 3, Tyler Mander, Hayden Prestidge, Daniel Risol 2, Patrick Charles, Max Edebohls, Joshua Hecker 1 each

BEST: Nathan Wheildon, Peter Ainsworth, Wade Anderson, Patrick Charles, Hayden Prestidge, Darnell Grech

GOALS, Toora: Peter Grant, Jack Weston 3, Lachlan Osborne 2, Tex Dyson 1

BEST: Jonathan Pintus, Oscar Cashmore, Jack Weston, William Goosey, Jake Dows, Ben East

RESERVES

Newborough	4.4	8.6	12.10	17.11 (113)
Toora	0.2	1.2	1.3	1.5 (11)

GOALS, Newborough: Ben van Dyk 9, Brodie Burgess 3, Joshua Bland 2, Joel Jacovou, Matt Rowlings, Will Troy 1 each

BEST: Robert Wilson, Ben van Dyk, Matt Rowlings, Lachlan Gilroy, Macally Brosnan, James Grant

GOALS, Toora: Leigh de Boer 1

BEST: Aron Rhodes, Cory Jenkins, Cooper Butinar, Nathan Nicholls, Matthew Hoppner, Luke Anedda



Sharks Matt Zagni with Hill End on his tail in the second quarter. Z12 3424



Robert Houston takes a mark and kicks the ball out of Hill Ends forward half. Z12 3424

Tarwin wrap up 2024 with win

By Rob Popplestone

THE Sharks were coming up off a "touch-up" at the hands of Toora in round seventeen and were expecting a visiting Rovers side keen to grab the ascendency early in the hope of claiming just their second victory of the year.

However, with the Hillsmen short of their best personnel available and Tarwin keen to rebound, it was all the home side in a comfortable 14-18-102 to 3-8-26 win.

"We hosted our final game for the season against Hill

off a well-fought season."

The Sharks may have been a few wins short of finals contention, but provided great competition for every opponent, every week, as did, for the most part, the Rovers who through lack of personnel found themselves limping towards the end of the season.

"I'm proud of the boys' effort for the last game of the year. We were very short in the seniors and reserves and had seven players double up and play both games and

multiple players pushing through injury. Tarwin just ran us ragged," Ambu Uliando, Hill End coach said.

The Rovers only a few years ago, were minor premiers and white-hot favourites for the MGFNL premiership before COVID cruelly took their opportunity.

From where they sit now, it may seem a million miles away, but with patience and hard work maybe another chance awaits in the years ahead.

Lions land final victory over flag contender

By Rob Popplestone

AS FATE would have it, all but one match (MDU V Foster) would have a finals contender up against a side from outside the six, and each of the clubs with no pressure and no expectation were capable of stealing a victory to finish off their season.

Yinnar were acutely aware of what the Lions were capable of and were prepared for a spirited opposition, the Magpies however were caught short in a surprise ten-point loss to the home side.

"It was an awesome effort by our boys to get over the line against a quality opponent," Chris Verboon, Stony Creek coach said.

"We have threatened teams all year but haven't been able to play four quarters. We knew we had to be at our best to win and 21 blokes played a good hard game of footy. Good luck to Yinnar in the finals."

The Magpies remain second on the MGFNL ladder only a



Stony Creek's Hayden Funnell takes the mark against Jay Rogalsky. Photo: G. S. Bruning.

Newborough dominates ahead of another finals campaign

By Rob Popplestone

TWO teams that were bringing some pretty impressive form to the table met at the Kennels, in what loomed, in some ways at least, as a perfect preparation for Newborough prior to their first final in a week's time.

The Magpies are honest and aggressive and would ensure that the Bulldogs knew they were in a game of football, an environment that the home side excelled in.

defeats, the courage that the Bulldogs have shown to fight their way into a position for a third attempt has them sentimental favourites heading into the finals.

Toora did what they could, an early lead slowly whittled away by a side that has what it takes to go all the way.

"It was another game where the score line blew out late. Yet again we were really competitive against a side heading

where we want to be. Envious of all sides playing over the next few weeks," Jack Weston, Toora coach said.

The Magpies are close to where they want to be, but only some savvy off-season recruiting will close the gap and have them a part of the action that can create memories for players that last a lifetime, something the Bulldogs are striving for with the hope of being third time lucky.

Back-to-back showdowns set for elimination finals

By Rob Popplestone

ROUND eighteen marked the end of the home and away season for all, but the start of the "real" season for some.

Thirteen clubs became six and all of a sudden things will start to get real.

Of most interest was how those clubs that were assured finals would approach games that for the most part had nothing on the end of it.

Pregame there was every chance that these two clubs would meet both on the weekend just gone, and also on the weekend ahead in what would be the Elimination semi-final A clash.

The inevitable question was, do coaches nurture their players through the afternoon, do they trial any plays or the tagging of players, how much do they learn about their opposition and particular players and still get what they need to bring their very best in another seven days' time?

The result was that Foster got the points and hopefully a psychological advantage with an eight-point win 11-11-77 to 10-9-69.

"Really happy with the group's efforts to finish equal top after the home and away season – we really only had one off day throughout the season which hurt us in the end," Sam Davies, Foster coach said.

"We now saddle up and play Meeniyan again next week – we'll watch a lot of footage after today's game. I thought they were on top for a lot of the day, but we found a way and played

a great twenty minutes to create a big enough lead and held on."

The evenness of the competition means that the Tigers finish third, just a percentage behind both second-placed Yinnar and top-of-the-table Fish Creek, but it also means they play in an elimination final rather than an opportunity for a direct route to the 2025 MGFNL Grand Final, even the smallest things matter.

"The weekend was a great preview of what the finals will be like. Really tight game all day with plenty of momentum swings," Nathan Allen, MDU coach said.

"Foster was able to convert when going forward better than us at the end of the day and get the win. We are all really looking forward to finals footy next week. We come up against Foster again, it will be a tight battle across the ground and whoever can take their opportunities up forward will move on."

Two very good teams to clash at Toora in an elimination final gives the South Gippsland sporting community an opportunity to support in their numbers and in doing so also continue to play their part in one of the state's most even and most vibrant footballing competitions.

There is some work to do in the MGFNL, but showcasing our game in front of a big crowd and with hundreds of potential junior footballers is as important a step forward as it is winning for both Foster and MDU.



MDU's Ben Perry out reaches his opponent for the mark.

Photo: Monique Wightman

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 18

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

MDU **69** **FOSTER** **77**

MDU 3.1 4.6 5.8 10.9 (69)
Foster 1.3 3.5 8.8 11.11 (77)

GOALS, MDU: Thomas Corry 3, Nathan Allen 2, Jess Hickey, Jarrod Hoy, Joel Leeden, Blake Moscript, Ben Perry 1 each

BEST: Jake Bromley, Thomas Corry, Connor Krohn, Toby Goss, Blake Moscript, Jess Hickey

GOALS, Foster: Jake Best 5, Michael Cooke 2, Leevi Lidstone, Jack Rathjen, Eddie Smith, Jake Thornell 1 each

BEST: Dylan Williams, Jake Best, Matthew Clark, Todd Bastion, Jake Thornell, Leevi Lidstone

RESERVES

MDU **3.3** **FOSTER** **0.0** **17.13** **18.15** (123) **0.2** (2)

GOALS, MDU: Brendan Tomada 4, Tyson Harris 3, Ben Cantwell, Jack Dunn, Mitchell Hooper 2, Martyn Beacham, Rylie Checkley, Hunter Fennell, Ryan Giliam, Michael Smith 1 each

BEST: Rylie Checkley, Brendan Tomada, Tyson Harris, Aaron Trease, Charlie McInnes, Jason Riley

BEST, Foster: Jedd Davy, Alej Lacanaria, Simon Gibson, Ben Smith, Angus Lomax, Josh Prior

THIRDS

MDU **6.2** **YINNAR** **0.0** **14.4** **18.10** **20.13** (133) **3.0** **5.3** (33)

GOALS, MDU: Angus McInnes 6, Finn Dunn, Hunter Fennell, Lincoln Hamilton, Kyra Helms 2, Timothy Hibberson, Raph Jefferis, Edward Kratz, Harry Scrimshaw, Bailey Taylor, Billy Trotman 1 each

BEST: Jordan Cleator, Hunter Fennell, Lachlan Hibberson, Kyra Helms, Angus McInnes, Lincoln Hamilton

GOALS, Yinnar: Harry Bugeja, Billy Durea, Dylan Hobbs, Xavier McCafferty, Harvey McKay 1 each

BEST: Hudson McCulloch, Luke Douch, Harvey McKay, Dylan Hobbs, Beau Chessum, Harry Bugeja

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

MIRBOO NORTH **21** **FISH CREEK** **172**

Mirboo North 0.0 0.1 2.3 3.3 (21)
Fish Creek 5.6 12.9 22.17 25.22 (172)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Leigh Jowett 2, William Lewis 1

BEST: Harrison Mahoney, Beau Peters, Jordan Cummaudo, Damien Turner, Leigh Jowett, Hayden Barnes

GOALS, Fish Crk: Darcy Berryman 9, Tom Buckley 6, Jordan Shaw 5, Jai Stefani 2, Thomas Cameron, Blaine Coates, Damien Scully 1 each

BEST: Tom Buckley, Darcy Berryman, Thomas Cameron, Jack Hayes, Lachlan Gale, Harrison Smith

RESERVES

Mirboo North **1.0** **Fish Creek** **6.2** **2.2** **12.4** **17.11** **22.14** (146)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Shannon Kennedy, William McDonald 1 each

BEST: Noah Jackson, Michael Daly, Cameron Young, William McDonald, Michael McLean, Harrison Reville Gent

GOALS, Fish Crk: Anthony Wilson 5, William Brydon Waldren 4, Colin McPhee, Toby Redpath 3, Adam Bright, Owen Straw 2, Brandon Busutil, Matthew Pocklington, Thomas Sorrell 1 each

BEST: William Brydon Waldren, Brad Pulham, Thomas Sorrell, Josh Harry, Tye McGannon, Anthony Wilson

THIRDS

Mirboo North **1.4** **Fish Creek/Tarwin** **1.3** **1.4** **4.7** **4.10** **2.5** (17) **8.13** (61)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Jacob Daly, Lachlan Poljak 1 each

BEST: Noah Jackson, Jacob Daly, Archie Mahoney, Jack Jagusch, Charlie Malady, Billy Jennings

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Archie Moore 3, Zak Bright, Asher Hamlett, Kye McMillan, Tom Piasente, Harrison Watt 1 each

BEST: Asher Hamlett, Tom Piasente, Shea Griffin, Joseph Rysko, Archie Moore, Rye Cicero

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Clean and clinical Roos trample the Tigers

By Rover

REIGNING Mid Gippsland premier Fish Creek obliterated Mirboo North by 151 points to close its 2024 home and away campaign on a high at Tigerland on Saturday.

It was also the Kangaroos' first victory from three starts at Mirboo North since joining the Mid Gippsland Football Netball League (MGFNL) in 2021.

Inside the Kangaroos' forward 50, Darcy Berryman, Tom Buckley and Jordan Shaw all had field days, recording nine, six and five goals respectively for the visitors.

Other Kangaroos frequently running amok and causing chaos for their opponents all around the ground, included Thomas Cameron, Jack Hayes, Lachlan Gale and Harrison Smith.

serious siege and had more holes in it than a block of Swiss cheese.

Some of Fish Creek's skilful foot passing, clean contested marking, slick handballing, acceleration through the midfield and cohesive corridor use, had to be seen to be believed.

As one Mirboo North supporter remarked, "These Fish Creek boys have all the ploys, when it comes to playing top-quality country football."

At the long break, Fish Creek was 80 points in front of the Tigers, who had registered one behind only in half a game of one-sided football.

Fish Creek's dominance continued unabated during the third quarter, before successful set shots from William Lewis and Leigh Jowett late in the 36-minute term, finally placed

two goals on Mirboo North's score sheet.

The Tigers restricted Fish Creek to 3.5 in the last quarter, whilst Jowett booted his second goal for Mirboo North.

Harry Mahoney's in-and-under work around the packs for Mirboo North was commendable and earned him many hard-earned possessions.

Jordan Cummaudo was another strong performer for the Tigers, whilst Jowett's two majors made him Mirboo North's only multiple-goal scorer for the match.

Beau Peters, Hayden Barnes, playing coach Damien Turner and Taj Wilkins all battled diligently in defence for Mirboo North, as the Sherrin consistently kept coming into the Kangaroos' scoring zone all afternoon.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 18

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Fish Creek.....	13	3	193.27	60
Yinnar.....	13	3	164.17	60
Foster.....	13	3	147.44	60
Morwell East.....	11	5	163.18	52
Newborough.....	11	5	136.92	52
MDU.....	10	6	128.35	48
Thorpdale.....	9	6	113.68	46
Tarwin.....	7	9	87.17	36
Stony Creek.....	5	11	95.43	28
Boolarra.....	4	12	82.49	24
Toora.....	3	12	71.53	22
Mirboo North.....	3	13	38.76	20
Hill End.....	1	15	32.75	12

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Newborough.....	15	1	457.14	68
MDU.....	13	3	263.51	60
Yinnar.....	12	4	265.08	56
Stony Creek.....	12	4	199.83	56
Morwell East.....	11	5	197.40	52
Fish Creek.....	10	6	228.13	48
Toora.....	6	10	70.27	32
Hill End.....	6	10	61.57	32
Boolarra.....	6	10	55.28	32
Tarwin.....	5	10	64.95	28
Thorpdale.....	5	11	57.63	28
Mirboo North.....	2	14	17.82	16
Foster.....	1	15	17.19	12

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
MDU.....	12	1	295.48	66
Newborough.....	8	6	86.73	48
Yinnar.....	6	8	102.61	40
Fish Creek/Tarwin.....	5	8	103.75	38
Mirboo North.....	3	11	34.91	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

Why Wonthaggi still have it all to do

THE Gippsland Football Netball League season is set for a thrilling finish after a sensational result on Saturday that no one saw coming.

Before Saturday's penultimate round of matches, the obvious scenario for Wonthaggi, who had won their way into the top five only a week earlier after seven wins in nine games, was to beat Drouin at Drouin and for Morwell to beat Sale at Morwell thereby securing Wonthaggi their final action in September.

But, in a season that has already had dozens of twists and turns, Sale had other ideas.

After trailing for most of the day, the Pies took the lead late when Mitch Dowse got out the back for an easy goal but Tyler Brown responded quickly for Morwell and the scores were locked at 87-all until the last seconds when Sale coach Jack Johnston found Cody Henness directly in front... siren!

Unfortunately, Henness missed the lot from 25 metres and the match was a draw.

The result did nothing for the finals' security of Sale, Morwell or Wonthaggi which each have to win this Saturday to make it.

On paper, Sale has possibly the easiest task of the three, playing Bairnsdale at Sale but last time out, Bairnsdale thumped the Magpies by 10 goals and while they were soundly beaten by top team Leongatha last Saturday, there was still a lot to like about the Bairnsdale defence led by captain Logan Austin and the on-ball brigade featuring big Ethan East in the ruck, Will Mitchell and co.

The two feature matches of the final round; Wonthaggi hosting Moe and old rivals Traralgon versus Morwell at Traralgon, could not have been scripted better.

Wonthaggi simply must win against second-placed Moe at Wonthaggi which will be no easy task.

If they don't win, either one of the following results will see them slip out of the finals' race; fifth-placed Morwell beating third-placed Traralgon, or Sale turning the tables on Bairnsdale, which would also not be a surprise on their own home ground.

So, it's all set up for a thrilling finale to the home and away season in the Gippsland League, fitting after such an even season, but coming as no comfort to the fans and players still full of hope for what 2024 might bring.

Gippsland netball

Gippsland League netball could be set for an equally thrilling finale as Bairnsdale makes a late run for the finals in A Grade, potentially at the expense of fifth-placed Wonthaggi who need to beat the undefeated, top side Moe next Saturday to be sure of a place in the finals.

Bairnsdale sixth play ninth-placed Sale and their task looks a lot easier.

Last Saturday, Bairnsdale got the win over Leongatha by six after a highly competitive match controlled at various stages by both teams.

Bairnsdale threatened to run away with it halfway through the second quarter but the Leongatha goalers Mikaeli Hilliar and Kate Browne found their range in windy conditions and the Parrots cut a six-point spread to just one goal by half time, 35-34.

The effort may have taken its toll however, and Bairnsdale set up the win with a strong third quarter. A win by Leongatha would have secured Wonthaggi's finals' place but it wasn't to be.



Jarryd Blair snaps a goal early in the second quarter. Photo: Paul Landells.



Cooper McInnes flies for Wonthaggi during his commanding display against Drouin in which he kicked six goals and delivered a powerful marking performance. Photo: Warragul Drouin Gazette.

Wonthaggi Powers on as finals loom

WONTHAGGI delivered a powerful warning to potential finals rivals that it means business; relentless pressure and authoritative marking highlights of an 85-point demolition of Drouin.

From the moment Jack Blair drove Power into attack seconds into the match, Wonthaggi looked in control on its way to a 33-point quarter-time lead, the visiting team never challenged throughout the match.

From the outset, Power moved the Sherrin with purpose, while the Hawks struggled to find fluency. Wonthaggi's fierce tackling and intercept marking rattled Drouin.

Jack Blair had a terrific game, his efforts often pro-

pellng Power into attack, his skipper Josh Bates and Mitch Hayes also doing damage on ball for the dominant side.

Drouin's inability to apply pressure to Wonthaggi through the midfield made the assignment unmanageable for the Hawks' backline, particularly given the marking prowess of Cooper McInnes, Jaxon Williams and Jakeb Thomas up forward.

Williams, who provided one of the day's highlights with a stunning snap from a tough angle, also pulled in a string of solid grabs around the ground, while Thomas worked hard in the ruck.

Shannon Bray also did his share in the ruck and showed composure down back when required. Fergus O'Connor

another thwarting Drouin's forward forays.

Wonthaggi's ability to maintain its intensity throughout the game despite the one-sided nature of the scoreboard and the willingness of Power forwards to pass to others in a better position demonstrated a team-oriented approach likely to put Power in the running come finals.

McInnes finished with six goals for the day, with Thomas and Williams booting three each and Jack Blair snatching a couple of majors to go with his fine work around the ground.

Jordan Kingi was named Drouin's best ahead of Kye Quirk while Edward Morris was the beaten side's only multiple-goal scorer with a

couple of majors.

After losing its first three games of the season and suffering misfortune on the injury front, Wonthaggi looked at long odds to feature in the September action but now appears a genuine chance to advance deep into the finals.

However, Power must first see off a premiership contender in Moe, which sits second on the ladder, with Wonthaggi otherwise reliant on sixth-placed Sale not beating Bairnsdale in the final home and away round or Morwell losing to Traralgon.

Wonthaggi will be giving everything in front of its home fans to see off Moe and keep its finals destiny in its own hands, in what looms as an exciting contest.

Like father, like son, 400 games for McKnight



McKnight was carried off the field by his teammates on Saturday. Photo: Bec Casey Photography.

RYAN McKnight played his 400th club game for Stony Creek, becoming just the second player in club history to reach this achievement, joining his father and club legend Don McKnight.

"It is hard to put into words the amount of effort that a single man has put into this club. Ryan shows us week in and week out what it means to bleed maroon and white, and I don't think anyone can deny that," Cindy McKnight smiled.

400 club games is a huge achievement and what a journey it's been for a loyal one club player who is one of the most loved characters around the club.

Over the years, Ryan has accumulated numerous accolades, including:

- 1997 – Fourths Premiership Player
- 1999 – Fourths Most Consistent Player
- 2002 – Thirds Alberton Runner up League Best & Fairest
- 2002 – Thirds Captain
- 2002 – Under 18's Interleague Player
- 2x – Thirds Most Consistent (2001 & 2002)
- 2003 – Seniors Best First Year Player
- 2005 – Reserves Best & Fairest
- 2x – Reserves Best in Finals (2005 & 2010)
- 2008 – Reserves Best Utility
- 2010 – Reserves Runner Up Best & Fairest
- 2015 – Seniors Most Consistent
- 2x – Reserves Premiership Player (2017 & 2018)
- 2022 – Reserves Runner up Best & Fairest

Parrots freshen up for finals campaign

NECESSITY, they say, is the mother of invention and Leongatha continued to find players who might be part of their finals' mix come September, in the absence of regular senior players, at Bairnsdale last Saturday.

Lesser-known players including Mitch Bentzelzen, Adam Trotto, Jay Walker, Tim Sauvarin, Jesse Burns and Jarrod Stewart all contributed strongly to the 58-point win by Leongatha which featured the 200th senior game of Leongatha captain Tom Marriott.

Add to that the sublime skills of Ned Hanily up forward, returning to the seniors after recovering from injury, and the rejuvenation of Jack Hume, also showing what he can do around the goals, and you have a refreshed Parrots' line-up on the brink of their next finals campaign.

Both Hume and Hanily finished with four goals on the day, including an absolute cracker from the boundary by Hanily to get the scoring started in the first quarter.

However, while Leongatha went on to record a near 10-goal win, they didn't have it all their own way especially in the first half when they didn't



Typically, tenacious action shot of Tom Marriott from his 200th game against Bairnsdale on Saturday when he was named among the best. Photo: Bairnsdale Advertiser.

make good use of the wind in the first quarter and continued their inaccuracy in the second.

Bairnsdale was well served by big Ethan East in the ruck and around the ground, often dropping back to mark in defence, onballers Will Mitchell and Tom Blenheim with Matt Corbett trying to put a loose

tag on Marriott.

Down back they were well organised too with their captain Logan Austin calling the shots and it was sometime before the Parrots got full reward for effort.

Leongatha came out smoking after halftime with goals to Jarrod Stewart, two to Ned Hanily and a terrific solo

effort by Jack Hume where he ran at the ball, took possession and snapped over his head for the team's fourth in just a few short minutes to ice the game.

They moved the ball more methodically to teammates in good position with Garnham and Ginnane providing good targets and a good contest up forward and Trotto with a fine snap for goal joining in.

Kim Drew, Jay Walker and Jake van der Pligt moved the ball well, Cade Maskell led a solid defensive effort and both Tom Marriott and Ben Willis got the ball going Leongatha's way with hard work in and around the stoppages.

The big downside from the day was the knee injury to versatile forward-defender Jackson Harry who came down awkwardly in the first marking contest of the day.

He was helped from the ground and played no further part. Scans this week will show the extent of what looks to be a season-ending injury.

But the day ended on a bright note for the whole club with its most decorated player, Tom Marriott chaired off the ground after 200 of the best games of country football you are ever likely to see.

200 of the best from Leongatha's Tom Marriott



Leongatha's long-serving captain, Tom Marriott, breaks through the banner for his 200th senior game in a highly decorated career with daughter Ollie at Bairnsdale on Saturday.

senior club B&F winner
 • 2018 & 2022 Gippsland League Trood Award and Rodda Medal winner (Senior B&F)
 • 2022 named best footballer in country Victoria
 • Four times senior premiership player: 2017, 2018, 2016, 2018 & 2022 LFNC

2022 & 2023 (twice named BOG)
 • LFNC's longest-serving senior captain (2018-present) making him a three-time premiership captain.

"Tom's achievements on field are well documented and known but as a teammate and

within the inner sanctum is where he's at his best," they said.

"Tom has been a part of the coaching team for the U18s for a long time now and his loyalty to the club is something that will inspire the future of the club to stick around."

So, is his record at Leongatha second to none? We put that question to club president Mal Mackie.

"I can't think of a better one," he said on the sidelines of the footy at Bairnsdale on Saturday.

Standing next to him club stalwart Frank Welsford, a member of the Leongatha Football Netball Club for more than 60 years, had a broader perspective.

"You'd have to include Curly Salmon and Tim Maxwell in that discussion but he's in pretty good company," said Welsford.

However, as they said in relation to Black Caviar at the weekend, you shouldn't try to compare champions, just celebrate them.

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LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

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BAIRNSDALE

LEONGATHA

Bairnsdale	1.2	3.2	3.3	7.5 (47)
Leongatha	1.5	4.10	9.15	15.15 (105)

GOALS, Bairnsdale: Logan Austin, Brayden McCarey 2, Reece Carstairs, Ethan East, Max East 1 each

BEST: Ethan East, Will Mitchell, Max Neate, Lachlan Byrne-Jones, Tate Clay

GOALS, Leongatha: Ned Hanily, Jack Hume 4, Jack Ginnane 2, Jenson Garnham, Thomas Marriott, Jarrod Stewart, Adam Trotto, Jay Walker 1 each

BEST: Kim Drew, Jay Walker, Jack Hume, Ned Hanily, Cade Maskell, Thomas Marriott

RESERVES

Bairnsdale	1.2	2.4	3.8	6.8 (44)
Leongatha	5.2	11.3	13.5	18.10 (118)

GOALS, Bairnsdale: Nato Desio 2, Oscar Clarke, Jamie Dore, Jobe Froud, Campbell Moresi 1 each

BEST: Jamie Dore, Rohan Blandford, Liam Bleyswyk, Bryce Lind, Jason Waddell, Logan Dunkley

GOALS, Leongatha: Trent McRae 7, Matthew Borschman, Rhett Kelly, Nick Nagel 2, Nicholas Argento, Noah Fixter, Beau Graham Andrews, Flynn Matera, Robert Reardon 1 each

BEST: Trent McRae, Nicholas Argento, Matthew Borschman, Jaxon Hayes, Jacob Lamers, Rhett Kelly

THIRDS

Bairnsdale	0.2	2.2	3.3	3.3 (21)
Leongatha	2.6	6.7	9.12	12.18 (90)

BEST, Bairnsdale: Jesse Bills, Tanner McMillan, Campbell Reed, Chidi Otuonye, Matthew Hamilton, Charlie Cook

BEST, Leongatha: Finn Donohue, Mitchell Croatto, Julian Callahan, Zavier Lamers, Hamish Gill, Aydan Williams

FOURTHS

Bairnsdale	1.2	3.2	6.4	8.5 (53)
Leongatha	0.0	0.1	1.1	4.2 (26)

BEST, Bairnsdale: Jobe Froud, Xavier Cook, Douglas Ashby, Oscar Baylis, Kael Frith, Chidi Otuonye

BEST, Leongatha: Charlie Bickerton, Thomas Geary, Eamon Berryman, Archie Gannon

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

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DROUIN

WONTHAGGI

Drouin	0.2	3.5	3.6	5.7 (37)
Wonthaggi	5.5	9.5	16.6	19.8 (122)

GOALS, Drouin: Edward Morris 2, Timothy Hancock, Aden Quirk, Jacob Sandman 1 each

BEST: Jordan Kingi, Kye Quirk, Jaxon Huston, Timothy Hancock, Jarrod Marshall, Jack Fraser

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Cooper McInnes 6, Jake Thomas, Jaxon Williams 3, Jack Blair 2, Joshua Bates, Jarryd Blair, Mitch Hayes, Hunter Tiziani 1 each

BEST: Jack Blair, Jake Thomas, Joshua Bates, Cooper McInnes, Jaxon Williams, Kaj Patterson

RESERVES

Drouin	3.0	3.1	3.1	6.5 (41)
Wonthaggi	4.3	6.6	9.9	11.10 (76)

GOALS, Drouin: Jesse Depasquale 2, Zachary McMillan, Charlie Stone, Jack Walsh, William Young 1 each

BEST: Zachary McMillan, Peyton Saddington, Jack Walsh, Jesse Depasquale, Kallis Keady, Eli Bracken

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Reeve Moresco, Thomas Murray 3, Adam Busana 2, Cade Brown, Troy Harley, Riley Lindsay 1 each

BEST: Cooper Lindsay, Charlie Dawson, Troy Harley, Thomas Murray, Harry Dawson, Cade Brown

FOURTHS

Drouin	0.2	1.3	5.7	7.8 (50)
Wonthaggi	2.1	6.4	7.4	11.5 (71)

BEST, Drouin: Jett Proctor, Kaiden Walmsley, Caleb Kleeven, Brody Rogers, Blake Bibby, Cooper Amey

BEST, Wonthaggi: Heath Bowen, Ayden Fawaz, Sam Carter, Jaxon Brouwers, Robert Hullick, Jackson Glen

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Sale	13.9.87	drew	Morwell	13.9.87
Traralgon	16.12.108	d	Maffra	6.8.44
Moe	11.15.81	d	Warragul	7.8.50

RESERVES

Sale	13.10.88	d	Morwell	4.7.31
Maffra	10.9.69	d	Traralgon	7.7.49
Moe	12.12.84	d	Warragul	4.3.27

THIRDS

Sale	10.12.72	d	Morwell	7.5.47
Maffra	10.9.69	d	Traralgon	6.5.41
Warragul	10.13.73	d	Moe	1.3.9

FOURTHS

Sale	10.13.73	d	Morwell	2.6.18
Traralgon	8.12.60	d	Maffra	3.8.26
Moe	19.13.127	d	Warragul	4.3.27

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	14	3	168.47	56
Moe	12	5	114.84	48
Traralgon	11	5	124.14	46
Wonthaggi	10	7	123.36	40
Morwell	9	6	102.89	40
Sale	9	7	99.25	38
Bairnsdale	8	9	95.14	32
Drouin	4	13	77.39	16
Warragul	4	13	73.06	16
Maffra	2	15	66.95	8

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	17	0	430.75	68
Maffra	14	2	243.87	56
Bairnsdale	13	4	161.09	52
Traralgon	12	5	219.62	48
Sale	8	9	78.31	32
Wonthaggi	6	11	68.37	24
Moe	5	12	44.11	20
Morwell	4	13	61.23	16
Drouin	4	13	51.41	16
Warragul	12	15	29.29	8

THIRDS	W	L	%</
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LEAGUE RESULTS

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

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POOWONG **NEERIM SOUTH**
Poowong 2.3 3.5 4.7 4.10 (34)
Neerim South 2.2 5.5 9.6 11.14 (80)

GOALS, Poowong: Steven McInnes 2, Connor Cunningham, Micah Williams 1 each

BEST: Zac Gray, Joel Norton, Jack Hazendonk, Andrew Logan, Connor Cunningham, Mitchell van't Hof

GOALS, Neerim South: Matthew Roberts 7, Declan Bagot, Tyssen Morrow, Kai Mounsey, Chris Urie 1 each

BEST: Matthew Roberts, Matthew Edwards, Declan Bagot, Ayden Ramm, Kody Wilson, Dean Stringer
RESERVES
Poowong 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.3 (3)
Neerim South 5.2 11.5 14.12 17.20 (122)

BEST, Poowong: Lachlan Waters, Connor King, Caspian Jackman-Riches, Mitchell Gowland, Ben Carter, Lachlan Dunn

GOALS, Neerim South: Toby Bayne 5, Aaron Mitchell, Jackson Williams 3, Trent Cooley, Lachlan Ramage 2, Luke Bottom, Christian Robertson-Edgar 1 each

BEST: Aaron Mitchell, Jack Erickson, Lachlan Ramage, Christian Robertson-Edgar, Timothy Beaureain, Noah Jarred
THIRDS
Poowong 6.1 6.3 7.6 11.7 (73)
Neerim South 0.2 2.7 4.10 5.13 (43)

GOALS, Poowong: Rory Nettle 5, Calvin Langford 2, Jett Blackwood, Patrick Dorian, Angus Halliwell, Bryce Riddell 1 each

BEST: Thomas Burgess, Rory Nettle, David O'Neill, Calvin Langford, Jett Blackwood, Bryce Riddell

GOALS, Neerim South: Patrick Sheehan 3, Samuel Ladds, Ash Mounsey 1 each

BEST: James Welford, Isaac Guy, Xavier Cox, Keegan Friedlander, Kai Withers, Patrick Sheehan
FOURTHS
Poowong 0.1 0.3 0.3 1.5 (11)
Neerim South 4.1 6.3 8.7 10.9 (69)

GOALS, Poowong: Cruze Deal 1

BEST: Kohen Mandemaker, Lochie Wilson, Zachary Sherar, Ryder Dowlan, Raffi Van venrooy, Christian Dorian

GOALS, Neerim South: Ash Mounsey 5, Jet McDonald 2, Jesse Etchell, Blair Loft, Blake Macdonald 1 each

BEST: Ash Mounsey, Joab Ferguson, Jesse Etchell, Declan Shortis, Daniel Christian, Jet McDonald
IN OTHER GAMES...**SENIORS**
Ellinbank 12.9.81 d Lang Lang 6.7.43
Buln Buln 25.12.162 d N-Darmum 5.5.35

Catani 10.14.74 d Yarragon 7.3.45

Longwarry 16.7.103 d Trafalgar 7.15.57
RESERVES
Ellinbank 8.14.62 d Lang Lang 6.4.40
Buln Buln 6.10.46 d N-Darmum 3.10.28

Catani 6.6.42 d Yarragon 6.5.41

Longwarry 8.4.52 d Trafalgar 4.14.38
THIRDS
Ellinbank 7.15.57 d Lang Lang 2.3.15
Buln Buln 10.12.72 d N-Darmum 4.2.26

Trafalgar 7.9.51 d Longwarry 6.12.48
FOURTHS
Ellinbank 15.16.106 d Lang Lang 1.1.7
Buln Buln 14.9.93 d N-Darmum 2.2.14

Trafalgar 11.14.80 d Longwarry 6.5.41
THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SAT. AUGUST 24 & SUN. AUGUST 25

ELLINBANK **1ST ROUND FINALS****Qualifying Final - Saturday, August 24****Trafalgar Recreation Reserve**

Seniors: Neerim South v Ellinbank

Reserves: Lang Lang v Neerim South

U18: Catani v Ellinbank

U16: Buln Buln v Neerim South

Elimination Final - Sunday, August 25**Catani Recreation Reserve**

Seniors: Longwarry v Lang Lang

Reserves: Buln Buln v Longwarry

U18: Longwarry v Trafalgar

U16: Poowong v Nilma-Darnum

MID GIPPSLAND **ELIMINATION FINALS****Elimination - Saturday, August 24****Toora Recreation Reserve**

Seniors: Foster v MDU

Reserves: Yinnar v Fish Creek

U18 Qualifying: Yinnar v Newborough

Elimination - Sunday, August 25**Willow Grove (Hill End) Recreation Reserve**

Seniors: Morwell East v Newborough

Reserves: Morwell East v Stony Creek

U18: Fish Creek/Tarwin v Mirboo North

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Magpies ruffled by the finals bound Cats

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG welcomed Neerim South on Saturday in all grades of netball and football, with a large crowd in attendance as there has been all season. Great weather for football in the last home and away game of the 2024 season. It has been a good year for the Poowong Football Club with a young Senior side playing well and the junior netball and junior football teams all playing in the finals, the Club fielded teams in every fixture.

The day started with the fourths, though defeated they played well hopefully we will be at full strength next Sunday at Catani against Nilma Darnum, the thirds do not play next weekend after finishing on top of the ladder after having a good win against Neerim South.

The Reserves had a tough game, as has occurred most of the season, they did allow many local footballers to play football every Saturday, but there was improvement as the season went on, thanks to the players and the Coach for showing up each week.

The Seniors coming off a bye made one change, Andrew Logan back in from injury with U/18 player Anthony Orisini rested. Poowong kicking to the Drouin Road end started positively going forward. Unfortunately, the first three kicks for goal were all points, a missed opportunity to put Neerim South under pressure. Steven McInnes from the forward pocket kicked



Poowong's Charlie Koscal flies for the Magpies during the Senior match against Neerim South. Photo: Jeff Tull.

Poowong's first goal, Neerim South came back with two goals to take the lead. Players from both sides were working hard, Poowong added a goal when Steve McInnes kicked his second to give Poowong the lead. The play was stopped when Poowong lost a player after a tackle on the boundary line.

The second quarter started with Neerim South kicking a good goal from the bound-

ary, Poowong was going forward but was unable to finish off as Neerim South's defence cleared the ball. Neerim South kicked another goal from the boundary before Micah Williams kicked Poowong's third from centre half forward.

Poowong were right in the game at half time but their failure to finish off forward was hurting them, Zac Gray, Joel Morton, Jack Hazendonk,

Connor Cunningham and Andrew Logan were playing well.

The third quarter started with Neerim South adding two goals to open up their lead to 25 points, Poowong added a point from a kick off the ground before a Neerim South kick rolled through an open goal. Poowong was not giving up with a kick hitting the post, Connor Cunningham kicked Poowong's fourth. Jack Hazendonk then went for the long run with three or four bounces to hit the post.

Poowong needed a good start in the last term.

Connor Cunningham marked at CHF, the kick was offline for a point and Neerim South put the game out of Poowong's reach with two goals. The game played out with Poowong kicking across the goal no score then hitting the post, including a kick out of bounds, Neerim South finished off with six points.

Poowong needs to find a focal point up forward between seasons to make the most of the opportunities from downfield. Poowong allowed many junior players to play seniors during the season and this is showing up in the Under 18's performances late in the season.

The PFNC would like to thank all the volunteers, coaches and trainers, canteen and bar staff for their assistance during the season. Watch out for the windup dates on the website for juniors and seniors and keep supporting our junior netballers and footballers in the finals.

Big day of junior footy finals coming up



THE Leongatha U14s won through to the grand final in the Fairhaven Homes Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition last Sunday at Inverloch when they defeated Wonthaggi Power by 35 points.

Leongatha started strongly to be five goals up by half time, with Louis Read, Frazer Livingstone, Harry Whelan, Jacob Dean, Nicolas Botha, and Tyson Tumino among the best but it was a more even second half as Wonthaggi added some respectability to the scoreboard with goals to Tige Dowie (2), Cobie Milner and Hayden Bell.

Leongatha will meet Inverloch-Kongwak in the grand final at Dalyston next Sunday

at 1pm.

The final score was Leongatha 10.4.64 to Wonthaggi 4.5.29.

Inverloch had a good win over Phillip Island in the Under 14 Girls and play Dalyston at Dalyston in the grand final next Sunday.

Leongatha won the Under 12s preliminary final against Wonthaggi by two goals and play Inverloch-Kongwak in the grand final next Sunday at Dalyston.

LEFT: Leongatha's Frazer Livingstone takes a nice mark on the way to kicking two goals for the Leongatha Under 14s in Sunday's preliminary final win against Wonthaggi at Inverloch.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 20

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	18	0	313.06	72	Ellinbank	18	0	552.33	72	Poowong	15	2	227.64	88.2	Ellinbank	17	1	417.99	94.4
Neerim South	14	4	221.53	56	Lang Lang	16	2	371.13	64	Catani	13	3	184.68	81.2	Buln Buln	16	2	411.70	88.8
Ellinbank	14	4	203.47	56	Neerim South	15	3	389.64	60	Ellinbank	13	4	222.46	76.5	Neerim South	14	4	260.11	77.7
Longwarry	13	5	151.99	52	Buln Buln	13	5	316.17	52	Longwarry	11	7	150.67	61.1	Poowong	11	7	146.02	61.1
Lang Lang	12	6	150.21	48	Longwarry	9	9	118.06	36	Trafalgar	10	8	122.07	55.5	Nilma-Darnum	8	10	92.90	44.4
Trafalgar	9	9	94.41	36	Nilma Darnum	9	9	96.60	36	Neerim South	9	9	132.71	50.0	Trafalgar	6	12	64.18	33.3
Nilma-Darnum	8	10	81.46	32	Trafalgar	8	10	110.31	32	Lang Lang	6	12	56.63	33.3	Lang Lang	5	11	38.34	31.2
Poowong	4	14	73.04	16	Yarragon	5	13	40.34	20	Buln Buln	1	17	31.05	5.5	Yarragon	2	14	25.47	12.5
Yarragon	4	14	49.07	16	Catani	3	15	33.51	12	Nilma-Darnum	1	16	30.09	5.5	Longwarry	3	18	33.74	0.0
Catani	3	15	48.50	12	Nyora	3	15	21.53	12	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Nyora	0	18	23.08	0	Poowong	0	18	10.48	0	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	



Dalyston Jack McNally out paces his Tooradin-Dalmore opponent, supported by Kurt Thomas.



Jesse Orchard-Moore contests the stoppage as Rob Davey looks on. Photos: Michelle Chisholm.

Magpies see out 2024 season

DALYSTON ended its 2024 season on a sombre note with a 104-point loss to Tooradin-Dalmore.

With three key players out – two due to concussion the previous week – it was going to be a tough ask to face the fifth-placed side.

Despite this, Dalyston played competitively and pleased their fans with its brand of footy.

Coach Mitch Hallahan led from the front and has been a warrior all season.

Under his guidance many of Dalyston's young brigade have blossomed and will be better for the senior experience gained throughout this season.

Unfortunately, Tooradin-Dalmore got the jump on Dalyston and kicked seven goals to the Magpies' two in the first quarter.

The second quarter was just as slow-moving on the scoreboard for the Magpies, who were still competitive out on the field.

However, Tooradin-Dalmore showed its superior class and continued to widen the margin.

Dalyston bounced back in the third quarter, getting more of the ball out of the centre and putting six goals

on the scoreboard.

Hayden Wallis led Dalyston's goal-kicking efforts with three.

Co-captain of the senior side, Wallis has provided an excellent target for Dalyston up forward all season and kicked some great goals from deep in the pocket on the day, showing real skill.

Dalyston's pressure down back was also solid.

Ben Lewis, first game back after injury, had the huge task of controlling man-mountain Piva Wright and evened the contest on the day.

Fellow backmen Armstrong, Alexander and Karamoshos also stuck diligently to their defensive roles.

However, the momentum died out by the fourth quarter and Tooradin-Dalmore was able to comfortably walk away with the points.

Dalyston Football Netball Club congratulated Luke Scholz for umpiring his first senior game.

The Magpies will now be taking a well-earned break in the lead-up to preseason, set to start in November.

They are also looking forward to supporting the A and B Grade netballers who will represent the club in the upcoming finals series.



Ever reliable Brad Monson rises to grab the mark.

Demons comfortably calm the Giants

KORUMBURRA-Bena ended its season battling in a hard-fought match against Koo Wee Rup.

Koo Wee Rup was quick to establish a lead, which it held onto for the whole game and ultimately won by 77 points.

The first quarter was a let-down for Korumburra-Bena, as Koo Wee Rup took control of the game and put seven early goals on the scoreboard.

The Giants were slow to get organised and struggled to adapt to the physicality of Koo Wee Rup's game, buckling under the pressure.

Coach Josh Hopkins copped a lot of attention from the opposition, which subdued one of the Giants'

key players.

At quarter time, Hopkins reminded his team to hold their heads up and sent them back onto the ground with some positional changes.

Paul Fermanis had been playing up forward and was moved into an on-ball role to ease the tagging pressure on Hopkins.

The boys responded well to the coach's address and settled well before halftime.

Koo Wee Rup still outplayed the Giants in the second term, but the boys had managed to build their tally on the scoreboard.

The third quarter has been a trial for the Giants in recent weeks, but the boys were determined not to have another

ordinary quarter.

The Giants for once stepped up their game throughout the second half, showing its ability to compete.

Korumburra-Bena's backline connected strongly with Zach Walker taking several important marks.

Tom Crocker had another good game up forward, kicking three for the day.

Evan Allaway once again played impressively in the ruck, showing he is learning his craft quickly.

Korumburra-Bena continued to pressure persistently and put up a contest through the fourth quarter, matching it with Koo Wee Rup.

Both sides managed to add three goals each in the

final stanza.

Although this ends the 2024 campaign for Korumburra-Bena, the club atmosphere is extremely positive as it looks toward 2025.

The Giants have begun discussion with its players to get a feel for their movements leading into next year and believes it is heading in the right direction.

After a break, the club will be looking to get back into pre-season training in November.

The club still had plenty to celebrate with its Youth Girls team winning its grand final against Woodside on Sunday.

It was a great reward for the girls and coach Tyson Findlay after a season of hard work.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 18

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

DALYSTON 57 **TOORADIN-DAL** 161

DALYSTON 2.2 3.2 9.3 9.3 (57) **TOORADIN-DAL** 7.2 12.9 16.11 24.17 (161)

GOALS, Dalyston: Hayden Wallis 3, Stewart Beaumont, William Clarke 2, Mitchell Davey, Mitch Hallahan 1 each

BEST: Mitch Hallahan, Louis Armstrong, Benjamin Lewis, Joe Alexander, William Clarke, Dino Karamoshos

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Brad Butler 5, Xavier Shinners, Cooper Shipp, Piva Wright 3, Matthew Buntine, Lewis Hill, Anthony Mirauta, Adam Oxley 2, Brody Campbell, Johnny Duff 1 each

BEST: Johnny Duff, Brad Butler, Xavier Shinners, Piva Wright, Andrew Proctor, Matthew Buntine

RESERVES

Dalyston 0.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 (6) **Tooradin-Dal** 7.5 12.6 18.7 20.13 (133)

GOALS, Dalyston: Jake Gheller 1

BEST: Dean Wylie, Ethan Osborne, Sebastian Ori, Troy Alford, Philip Waugh, Riley Johnson

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Julian Suarez 10, Brodie Matthews, Stewart Scanlon 3, Jordan Jones 2, Joshua Cope, Lauchlan Gregson 1 each

BEST: Scott Szucs, Stewart Scanlon, Jordan Jones, Justin Smaluch, Julian Suarez, Connor O'Riordan

THIRDS

Dalyston 2.2 3.5 6.12 7.16 (58) **Tooradin-Dal** 2.0 2.2 2.3 3.3 (21)

GOALS, Dalyston: Chase Krause, Harry West 2, Riley Brinkman, Jesse Dugard, Flynn Peters 1 each

BEST: Edward Wines, Harry Howell, Max Toler, Ziggy Bowman kissane, Riley Brinkman, Angus Rosenow

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Chayse Campbell, Harrison Hetherington, Aaron Knight 1 each

BEST: Riley Sherwood, Harrison Hardy, Aaron Knight, Kyan Kerslake, Koby Peck, Elias Curry

FOURTHS

Dalyston 0.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 (6) **Tooradin-Dal** 1.2 6.8 10.8 15.16 (106)

GOALS, Dalyston: No name supplied.

BEST: Malachi Ori, Tom Humphris, Riley Pearson-Rutland, Luke Franks, Zack Hughes, Jarvis Hynes

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Hudson Rogers 8, Jayden Worrall 6, Joel Cochrane 1

BEST: Hudson Rogers, Cooper Webb, Jai Carroll, Joel Cochrane, Luke Lombard, Jayden Worrall

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

KOO WEE RUP 141 **KORUMBURRA-BENA** 64

Koo Wee Rup 7.4 11.5 18.10 21.15 (141) **Kor-Bena** 1.0 4.2 7.3 10.4 (64)

GOALS, KWR: Zak Banks, Luke McMaster, Seth Ohehir 3, Travis Bindley, Tyler Evans, Tyson Twite, Brodie Yapp 2, Timothy Miller, Nathan Muratore, Nathan Voss, Archie Whitta 1 each

BEST: Travis Bindley, Caleb Milojevic, Zak Banks, Seth Ohehir, Timothy Miller, Nathan Muratore

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Tom Crocker 3, Joel Cuman, Josh Hopkins 2, Nicholas Besley, Tyson Findlay, Kodie Walker 1 each

BEST: Kye Benson, Kodie Walker, Joel Cuman, Josh Hopkins, Lachlan Smith, Byron Walker

RESERVES

Koo Wee Rup 7.3 12.7 15.12 20.15 (135) **Kor-Bena** 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.2 (8)

GOALS, KWR: Matthew Drommel, Luke Edwards, David Ramos 3, Matthew Cameron, Jarrod Edwards, Nathan Hopwood, John Ramos 2, Joel Anderson, Shannon Deszcz, Zane Stanton 1 each

BEST: Ethan McDonald, John Ramos, Matthew Drommel, Ryan Wilby, Joel Anderson, Luke Edwards

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Boyd Robertson 1 **BEST:** Jed Harris, Jesse Harris, Terence Sanderson, Boyd Robertson, James Dunn, Chris Axford

THIRDS

Koo Wee Rup 3.1 7.4 9.7 17.9 (11) **Kor-Bena** 0.0 2.0 2.3 2.3 (15)

GOALS, KWR: Luke Brigant 8, Hunter Cairns 3, Levi Ducasse 2, Cullen Anderson, Nick Booth, Josh Iannantuono, Seth Lawler 1 each

BEST: Ethan Neill, Luke Brigant, Seth Lawler, Robbie McMahen, Nick Booth, Lachlan Bertone

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Max Fowles, Jesse Gollop 1 each

BEST: Charlie Carew, Harvey Webb, Bailey Fowles, Dylan Parry, Jake Fowles, Tanner Walker

FOURTHS

Koo Wee Rup 1.3 1.4 2.5 5.5 (35) **Kor-Bena** 1.0 3.1 4.2 7.2 (44)

GOALS, KWR: Lukas Palmer, Matthew Simpson 2, Liam Pirotta 1

BEST: Cody Mannix, Zach Ducasse, Alastair Earl, Lochy Loveday, Jake Shuttleworth, Campbell Wood

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Chase De Grandi 3, Jayden Douglas, Sam Hill, Blake Hopwood, Lucas Jones 1 each

BEST: Jayden Douglas, Kaiden De Grandi, Indie Cameron, Max Fowles, Chase De Grandi, Jesse Gollop

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Inverloch-Kongwak 20.17.137 d Bunyip 3.5.23

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RND 18

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

78 **82**

PHILLIP ISLAND

Phillip Island 3.3 5.7 10.9 11.12 (78)

Nar Nar Goon 2.0 5.6 8.10 11.16 (82)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Thomas Baulch, Cameron Pedersen, Billy Taylor, Jack Taylor 2, Charlie Bruce, Zac Walker, Jaymie Youle 1 each**BEST:** Zac Walker, Charlie Bruce, Daniel Pearce, Jack Taylor, Coby Olarenshaw, Hayden Bruce**GOALS, NNG:** Dermott Yawney 5, Harrison Brain, Jarrod Smith 2, Jai Hamilton, Troy McDermott 1 each**BEST:** James Cairns, Tex Marsham, Harrison Brain, Jed Smith, Dermott Yawney, Flynn Parker**RESERVES**

Phillip Island 3.4 4.5 5.9 8.12 (60)

Nar Nar Goon 2.0 6.4 11.5 12.7 (79)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Alex Duyker 3, Ash Salter 2, Jack Keating, Ethan Michaelides, James Nicolaci 1 each**BEST:** Ash Salter, Brayden Kleverkamp, Ethan Michaelides, Max Mattock, Alex Duyker, Tyce Kleverkamp**GOALS, NNG:** Cooper Pursell 4, Nicholas Bransgrove 3, Jack Gribbin 2, Max McGreal, Chris Power, Harrison Waters 1 each**BEST:** Bailey Christie, Max McGreal, Harrison Waters, Lachlan Graham, Jack Gribbin, Dan Cross**THIRDS**

Phillip Island 1.5 5.5 5.8 7.9 (51)

Nar Nar Goon 1.2 2.3 4.3 5.4 (34)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Max Arceo, Jack Huther 2, Jasper Cashman, Benjamin Chihotski, Oliver Duggan 1 each**BEST:** Darcy Thompson, Oliver Duggan, Bailey Hennessy, Charles O'Garey, Eden Goldsbury, Max Arceo**GOALS, NNG:** Tarrant Millar 2, Jack Murphy, Clancy Pope 1 each**BEST:** Matthew Cross, Tarrant Millar, Oliver Ratten, Archer Shorey, Kaelen Henry, Toby Cramer**FOURTHS**

Phillip Island 1.2 3.2 3.4 5.5 (35)

Nar Nar Goon 0.3 3.5 6.5 9.5 (59)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Archie Ross 2, Harrison Carlon, Lachlan Eastwood, Jack Larsson 1 each**BEST:** Harrison Carlon, Jack Mascaros, Lachlan Eastwood, Charlie Fischer, Blake Murphy, Parker Trappett**GOALS, NNG:** Oscar Henwood, Kai Jones, Xavier Ladbrook 2, Ryan Fox, Jackson O'Brien, Aidy Patterson 1 each**BEST:** Bailey Kezik, Mitchell Varty, Austin Schram, Oscar Henwood, Xavier Ladbrook, Kai Jones

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SAT. AUGUST 24 & SUN. AUGUST 25

GIPPSLAND ROUND 18

Sale v Bairnsdale
Traralgon v Morwell
Warragul v Maffra
Wonthaggi v Moe
Leongatha v Drouin

WEST GIPPSLAND ELIMINATION FINALS

Elimination - Saturday, August 24**Inverloch Recreation Reserve**Seniors: Nar Nar Goon v Kilcunda-Bass
Reserves: Inverloch-Kongwak v Koo Wee Rup

U18: Nar Nar Goon v Koo Wee Rup

U16: Inverloch-Kongwak v Korumbura-Bena

Elimination - Sunday, August 25**Bass Recreation Reserve**

Seniors: Inverloch-Kongwak v Tooradin-Dal

Reserves: Cora Lynn v Phillip Island

U18: Inverloch-Kongwak v Garfield

U16: Warragul Industrials v Tooradin-Dalmore



Deputy Vice-Captain Daniel Pearce moves the ball up out of reach of Nar Nar Goon. Photos: Carol Ratcliff.

Island's narrow loss sets up thrilling finals

THE last round was upon the Island, top two secured, the Island managed some key players ready for finals. On a sunny day, it was first versus third. This would be their second meeting after Nar Nar Goon had a big win in round two.

The Island came out firing and a classy snap from 40 metres from Pedersen his team on the board. The Island had most of the play but was wasteful in front of the goal and at one point were two goals six behind. The first quarter ended, and the Island had nine scoring shots two but only held a 12-point lead.

In the second quarter, the Goon found their rhythm and started to apply scoreboard pressure. Daniel Pearce was intercepting everything while Coby, Holmes and Mark Griffin were doing well to curtail the advantage of the wind blowing towards the scoreboard end.

Jaymie Youle, Charlie and Hayden Bruce were starting to get on top through the midfield while Jack, Billy and Tom Baulch were finding space up forward. In a sign of things to come at the half Phillip Island went in with a narrow 37-36 lead.

The Island came out firing in the third and lifted their conversion. Slotting five goals and two behinds to extend their lead to 11 points. Zac Walker was marking everything and becom-

ing a real handful for the opposition.

Down the other end, Finn O'Brien was winning his one-on-ones and using the ball well to rebound from defence. A tight tussle ensued, and some questionable decisions cost the Island some goals.

Late in the fourth Nar Nar Goon took the lead, but the Island would not go away after playing with one down on the bench the Island found another gear. Jack Taylor was found by Nick Anderson and went back and slotted a goal to put the Island two points ahead. The next centre bounce Goon rushed the ball forward and was able to kick a goal.

Thirty seconds left Mark Griffin intercepted the mark, pulled the trigger inside, Kai McKenzie took the mark and played on to Tom 70 metres out, siren sounds! In the shortest quarter of the game, the Island fell to a four-point defeat.

A remarkable effort considering playing with 17 players for 15 minutes after the yellow card. With Daniel Bourke, Jesse Patullo, Alex Duyker and Yianni Caffieri coming back in, the Island looks set for an exciting finals campaign.

The Island have 16s, 18s, reserves and seniors all in the finals which is a credit to the development and strength of the club.



Zac Walker takes the mark for the Dogs.

Panthers rattle the Cobras

A COMPETITIVE Kilcunda-Bass side went toe-to-toe with top-of-the-table Cora Lynn and was narrowly defeated by 17 points.

Cora Lynn needed a win to retain its minor premiership title, so it was not resting in the final game of the season.

Kilcunda-Bass started the game well, gaining a nice 13-point lead in the first term.

Anthony Daraio and Dean McRae played well up forward, kicking three and two goals for the game respectively.

However, the Panthers also kicked three points that on any other day could've been goals, which would've made the difference.

These were set shot misses that couldn't be converted under pressure, but Kilcunda-Bass is taking the positives from the experience, knowing it has the capability to make plenty of forward entries against the most dangerous sides.

Cora Lynn adjusted to Kilcunda-Bass' brand of footy in the second quarter and increased the pressure, tying up the scores before halftime.

Dale Gawley dominated in the ruck for Kilcunda-Bass, with the club hoping to see him in contention for the league medal after a sensational season.

By the third quarter, it was all guns blazing for Cora Lynn.

The Panthers' Lochlan Scott played an excellent game in defence, holding Nathan Gardiner back from his 100th



Nathan Gardiner under pressure from his Panthers opponent. Photo: Rob Gardiner.

goal for the season until the third quarter.

Scott has been in great form all year and has been crucial in defensive contests.

Gardiner acknowledged the strength of Scott's game at the end of the match.

Sam Watson also gave an impressive performance in defence, which saw him named in Kilcunda-Bass' best alongside Scott.

Cora Lynn was a goal in front with one term left in it.

With 11 points in it with five minutes to go, Kilcunda-Bass

had its chance to decrease the margin but was unable to convert.

Cora Lynn kicked one last goal on the siren, taking the margin up to 17 points.

Regardless, Kilcunda-Bass proved it was up for the fight against the best and was encouraged by the fact Cora Lynn played an extra man in defence to try and slow the Panthers' run.

Kilcunda-Bass ended the season sixth – three games clear of seventh – and will play Nar Nar Goon in the first

elimination final on Saturday.

This game is set to be played at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve.

Nar Nar Goon defeated Kilcunda-Bass convincingly earlier in the season, but the Panthers were not playing with a full-strength team.

This time, the Panthers feel they are up for the task ahead with a full lineup ready to go.

This is the first time Kilcunda-Bass has made it through to the West Gippsland finals series and they're eager to show what they can do.

Sea Eagles deemed winner in headcount confusion

A FINAL quarter controversy threatened Inverloch-Kongwak's last game of the home and away season, but ultimately the Sea Eagles were awarded a 114-point win over Bunyip.

For Inverloch-Kongwak, this game was about preparing the entire team for finals and the opportunity was taken to change the team up a bit.

Young and upcoming midfielders Joe Soumilas, Will Turner, Lachlan Scott and Tyler Leonard – making his debut – were sent out to control the action through the centre and handled the responsibility impressively.

Soumilas and Turner gave their best performances for the year.

Tate Short was also a standout, kicking four goals from the middle in the first quarter.

Short went on to kick six goals for the game, his efforts matched by Nicholas Baltas.

The Sea Eagles continued to show its consistency through

the second quarter and had a strong 67-point lead heading into halftime.

To Bunyip's credit, the embattled home side continued to fight and managed to get two more goals on the board.

It also forced some important turnovers, which kept Inverloch-Kongwak working hard.

The Sea Eagles were dominant and were not deterred, kicking seven goals with one quarter to go.

Inverloch-Kongwak's game was on the line 12 minutes into the final quarter.

A player was yellow-carded from both teams and sent off, but this caused confusion over at the Sea Eagles' bench.

Believing their player had been sent off due to the blood rule, Inverloch-Kongwak sent in a player to replace him – a detail that was not missed by Bunyip.

Bunyip called for a headcount, and it was found that Inverloch-Kongwak had an

extra player on the ground.

In times gone by, this blunder would have seen Inverloch-Kongwak's score completely wiped.

Unsure how to proceed, the score was wiped for the remainder of the game, and Inverloch-Kongwak was tasked with chasing down Bunyip's score of 23.

This had Bunyip fans on their feet, excited to potentially see a win.

Inverloch-Kongwak was ready to stand up to the challenge.

Over the last few weeks, the Sea Eagles have been focused on setting targets each quarter, and resetting the score allowed them to see if they could reach their target with a time crunch.

With 15 minutes left in the game, Bunyip threw all it had into stopping Inverloch-Kongwak from kicking another four goals.

It succeeded, with the Sea Eagles only managing two

goals and four points.

However, it was later determined that the rule had been changed a few years ago, and wiping the score for the quarter is now the penalty.

This sent Inverloch-Kongwak back to its three-quarter time score of 121 points at the time of the incident, allowing it to run away with the 114-point win in the end.

Due to the confusion, both teams sang their song at the end of the match.

Inverloch-Kongwak finished the season fourth on the ladder and will play Tooradin-Dalmore in the second elimination final on Sunday.

This match will be played at the Bass Recreation Reserve.

Inverloch-Kongwak played Tooradin-Dalmore once this season and lost by just six points.

Without the luxury of a second chance this year, Inverloch-Kongwak will be focused on stepping up to the challenge.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Cora Lynn	15	2	233.33	62	Tooradin-Dal	16	2	709.09	64	Phillip Island	15	0	495.20	4.00	Phillip Island	16	1	501.50	3.77
Phillip Island	15	2	200.83	62	Nar Nar Goon	16	2	461.05	64	Warragul Ind	12	3	252.84	3.20	Nar Nar Goon	13	3	275.07	3.25
Nar Nar Goon	15	3	264.80	60	Inverloch-K	15	3	356.41	60	Cora Lynn	9	4	193.67	2.67	Inverloch-K	12	4	292.40	3.00
Inverloch-K	14	4	217.84	56	Phillip Island	12	6	293.90	48	Koo Wee Rup	6	8	96.67	1.73	Warragul Ind	12	4	226.15	3.00
Tooradin-Dal	13	5	216.29	52	Kilcunda-Bass	9	9	116.67	36	Dalyston	6	10	87.20	1.50	Tooradin-Dal	11	5	290.44	2.75
Kilcunda-Bass	10	8	102.07	40	Garfield	7	11	56.63	28	Tooradin-Dal	4	9	77.24	1.29	Kor-Bena	9	7	106.01	2.25
Warragul Ind	7	11	90.19	28	Dalyston	4	14	17.79	16	Kor-Bena	2	12	18.63	0.57	Koo Wee Rup	6	11	96.42	1.41
Koo Wee Rup	7	11	85.36	28	Garfield	3	15	31.27	12	Bunyip	0	15	11.26	0.00	Garfield	5	11	57.95	1.25
Dalyston	4	14	63.24	16	Warragul Ind	3	15	29.78	12	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00	Bunyip	3	14	27.76	0.71
Garfield	4	14	38.74	16	Cora Lynn	0	18	5.18	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Dalyston	2	15	12.57	0.47
Kor-Bena	3	15	45.12	12	Bunyip	0	18	5.18	0	Tooradin-Dal	1	15	14.79	0.25	Kilcunda-Bass	1	15	14.79	0.25
Bunyip	0	18	11.25	0											Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 18

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

79 **62**

CORA LYNN **KILCUNDA-BASS**

Cora Lynn 2.3 6.6 8.8 11.13 (79)
Kilcunda-Bass 4.3 6.6 7.8 9.8 (62)

GOALS, CORA LYNN: Nathan Gardiner 3, Jaxon Briggs, James Munro, William Thomas 2, William Stephenson, Tristan Warkuss 1 each

BEST: Ryan Spierings, William Thomas, James Munro, Luke Ryan, Lachlyn Peluso, Gus Da Costa

GOALS, K-BASS: Anthony Daraio 3, Dean McRae, Travis Tuck 2, Bradley Aldwell, Callan Brinkmann 1 each

BEST: Lochlan Scott, Sam Watson, Bradley Aldwell, Owen Thomas, Travis Tuck, Joseph West

RESERVES

CORA LYNN **KILCUNDA-BASS**
Cora Lynn 6.1 10.2 14.6 19.8 (122)
Kilcunda-Bass 0.1 2.2 4.4 5.4 (34)

GOALS, CORA LYNN: Matthew Ryan 7, Heath Briggs 5, Luke Foreman 4, Jake Bocardi, Matthew Ferguson, Jayden Frazer 1 each

BEST: Heath Briggs, Matthew Ryan, Corey Brook, Thomas Arnett, Luke Foreman, Jake Bocardi

GOALS, K-BASS: Angus McGillivray 2, Trent Cartmel, Jack Rosenow, Travis Stuckey 1 each

BEST: Angus McGillivray, Jack Rosenow, William Campbell, Darcy Clay, Trent Cartmel, Blake Baker

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

23 **137**

BUNYIP **INVERLOCH-K**

Bunyip 1.0 1.4 3.4 3.5 (23)
Inverloch-K 6.5 11.11 18.13 20.17 (137)

GOALS, BUNYIP: Alex Dijkstra, Brandon Pompei, Benjamin Wright 1 each

BEST: Alex Dijkstra, Reid Jenkin, Tahj Murphy, Seth Ashton, Dylan McDougal, Ben Stewart

GOALS, I-K: Nicholas Baltas, Tate Short 6, Jordan Bertacco, Tom Hams, Luke Johnson, Clinton McCaughan, Ethan Park, Jamieson Soumilas, Jordan Tomas 1 each

BEST: Clinton McCaughan, Luke Johnson, Jamieson Soumilas, Tom Hams, William Turner, Jordan Bertacco

RESERVES

BUNYIP **INVERLOCH-K** 0.1 0.1 - 1.1 (7)

GOALS, BUNYIP: Samuel Hughes 1

BEST: Samuel Hughes, Alex Squires, Alexander McKenzie, Riley Simpson, Nick Roberts, Paul Stow

GOALS, I-K: Owen Fitzpatrick 9, Dale Lawton 5, Harry McInnes, Callan O'Flynn, Dylan Taylor, Robert Taylor 2, Adam Cross, Mitch Hewitson, Brayden Hone, Matt McCaughan, Malachy O'Flynn, Jacob Strickland, Andre Toussaint 1 each

BEST: Patrick Jobling, Owen Fitzpatrick, Dale Lawton, Trent Bacon, Adam Cross, Matt McCaughan

THIRDS

BUNYIP **INVERLOCH-K** 6.5 11.11 17.14 28.14 (182)

GOALS, BUNYIP: Ethan Cooke 1

BEST: Ryan Cooke, Lochlan Makin, Samuel Hughes, Alexander McKenzie, Ethan Cooke, Brendan Vandborg

GOALS, I-K: Rem Dal Pozzo 16, Maxwell Scott 4, Bayleigh Cowell

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Proud of their efforts, the Giants ended their 2024 season with a clean sweep through the finals series to take the Youth Girls premiership.

Premiership glory for Korumburra Bena girls

KORUMBURRA-BENA is celebrating premiership success after its Youth Girls Under 18 side edged out Woodside in Sunday's Division 2 Grand Final at Churchill's Gaskin Park.

The Giants triumphed by seven points, 4.5(29) to 3.4(22), with midfielders Molly Boulter, Melissa Diggerman, Hannah McCraw and Jada Burggraaff standing out with their ability to apply pressure around the contest and create attacking opportunities for the winning side.

It was a big couple of days for Diggerman who took out the Youth Girls Division 2 Best & Fairest in the lead up to the Grand Final.

"She's probably one to watch going forward," Giants coach Tyson Findlay

said of Diggerman who still has a season of Under 18 footy remaining.

He praised her work ethic, clearance work and kicking efficiency.

Hannah Thomas was Korumburra Bena's dominant forward in the decider, booting a couple of majors, with Diggerman and Faith Jonathan managing one goal each for the winning team.

Woodside midfielder Grace Dillow excelled for her side.

A trio of Giants, McCraw, Moneve Egeberg and Chloe Brown celebrated reaching the 50 game milestone in style with a flag.

"The team has done an amazing job all season and worked hard for the opportunity to play on the big stage," Findlay said.

"Woodside was a fantastic competitor but our girls stuck to our brand of football and put a hundred percent effort in at every moment, resulting in the win."

"Overall, it's a massive team effort, and everyone came together and took home the premiership cup."

Findlay said those at the club are proud of what the team has achieved, having built a fantastic culture that allows the girls to excel both on and off the field.

RIGHT: Korumburra-Bena's Jada Burggraaff looks for an option during Sunday's Youth Girls Grand Final, the Giants prevailing in a competitive match.



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