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ONE of the scenarios for dealing with the impact of storm surge, combined with predicted high tides, and, in the future, sea level rise of up to 0.8 metres by 2100 could be to permanently close Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road to through traffic.

Other methods of "adapting" to either temporary or permanent inundation by the sea, along the coast between Cape Paterson and Cape Liptrap, might be to avoid the problem in the first place by introducing planning controls, designing structures that can accommodate the risk, legislating a "retreat" from

impacted areas including from private property along Surf Parade and engineering solutions such as groynes, sea-walls, breakwaters and major dune and beach renourishment.

It's all part of the information contained in the long-awaited Cape to Cape Resilience Plan, looking at existing erosion and problems that might arise in the future as a result of climate change.

The report from the government-appointed Inverloch RaSP committee, headed up by the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) with membership from the

two local shires, the Bunurong Land Council, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, Parks Victoria and Gippsland Ports was released last Friday.

However, while the report contains plenty of information about possible risks and response options, there are no clear recommendations for action nor funding from the government to implement the plan.

A paragraph in the introduction to the report makes that clear:

"Detailed decisions about the implementation and timing of actions will be

made in line with the normal government policy and budget processes."

Nonetheless, the release of the plan for public consultation, after several years' wait, has been welcomed by local MP Jordan Crugnale, Bass Coast Councillor Leticia Laing and Philip Heath of the South Gippsland Conservation Society.

"SGCS welcomes the release of the draft Resilience Plan and encourages community members to have their say through the online survey," said Mr Heath, who is monitoring the Cape-to-Cape project for the group.

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Inverloch at risk, they say

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"Based on a very preliminary review, the draft plan outlines a comprehensive framework for staged coastal adaptation actions over the next 50 and more years," he said.

"Meanwhile, SGCS continues to advocate for urgent action on the number one immediate threat to Inverloch, namely protection of the remaining dunes at the surf beach."

A key aspect of the report is a table which sets out the percentage of area at risk (medium to high) by Planning Scheme Zones in the study areas in Bass Coast and South Gippsland, with particular emphasis on Inverloch.

It concludes that while the risk from erosion, storms/tides and even permanent inundation to public parks, recreation areas and conservation zones in Inverloch is high, just one per cent of General Residential Zone land in the town, that is existing houses and building blocks, will be at risk from permanent inundation through to at least 2100, indicating that modest

engineering solutions may be all that's needed.

But it doesn't mean there's no risk at all from erosion and storm surge combined with predicted high tides.

"Presently, around 13 per cent of Inverloch's general residential areas are at medium to high risk from coastal hazards, increasing to about 15 per cent with 0.8m SLR by 2100," according to the report.

"For South Gippsland, at-risk roads include Inverloch-Venus Bay Road both between Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower, and north of Tarwin Lower township. Sections of this key access road are increasingly impacted at and beyond 0.2 m SLR (2040 onwards), potentially cutting access to these townships. Tides will regularly inundate over three kilometres of roads within South Gippsland, once 0.8 m SLR is reached (by 2100)," in other excerpts from the plan.

The draft plan is open for public comment for 28 days on the Engage Vic website. Go to engage.vic.gov.au/cape-cape-resilience-project



South Gippsland Conservation project officer Philip Heath is encouraging members of the community to have their say about the plan by completing an online survey.

Man charged with series of tobacco store arsons and ram raid

DETECTIVES from Taskforce Lunar have charged a man following a number of arson attacks on tobacco stores and vehicles as well as the theft of vehicles.

A 20-year-old Endeavour Hills man was arrested in the afternoon of August 21 and charged with five counts of criminal damage by fire (two relating to buildings and three relating to vehicles), three counts of theft of motor vehicle and burglary.

One of those charges relates to the ram raid at the yet-to-be-opened tobacco and retail store on McBride Avenue in Wonthaggi on August 19 around 3am, and the subsequent arson

on a previously stolen Mazda 3, which was used in the ram raid.

The offender was remanded to appear at Melbourne Magistrates' Court on November 14.

"The estimated cost of the damage from these arson attacks is well and truly above a million dollars," Detective Inspector Graham Banks, Taskforce Lunar stated.

"Since Taskforce Lunar was established last October, we have arrested almost 80 people involved in serious and violent offending linked to the illicit tobacco trade, and we will continue to do so.

"The reckless nature of these

fires poses a significant risk to the life and property of innocent parties and that is completely unacceptable. While we have arrested a number of people already, we will relentlessly keep working our way up until we get all the way to the top of these organised crime groups."

The other charges relate to a number of incidents, including:

- An arson at a tobacco store on High Street in Melton on 11 August. A previously stolen Audi rammed the store around 3.25am, before both were set alight.
- An arson at a tobacco store on Belair Avenue in Glenroy on 17 August, and an arson

on a van at the same address around 4.45am that morning.

The three counts of theft of motor vehicle relate to the allegedly stolen Audi on August 11, the theft of a Volkswagen Tiguan on August 11 and theft of the Mazda 3 on August 19.

Nobody was inside any of the premises at the time, but the buildings sustained damage.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone with information on illegal activity related to illicit tobacco is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or crimestoppersvic.com.au

'Local' trial a win of sorts for Erin Patterson

ERIN Patterson, the 49-year-old Korumburra woman charged with killing three family members after a lunch at Leongatha in July 2023, will stand trial at the regional court closest to where the crime was allegedly committed.

It will not be the first time the Latrobe Valley Court complex at Morwell has hosted a murder trial but given the level of media interest the case has already attracted, both here and overseas, it could become the biggest.

Ms Patterson appeared by video link in the Melbourne Supreme Court on Wednesday, August 21 where it was decided that the trial will be held in Morwell, likely to commence on April 28.

As well as three counts of murder, following the deaths of her former in-laws, Don and Gail Patterson, and Gail's sister Heather Wilkinson, allegedly as a result of eating a meal of Beef Wellington laced with Death Cap mushrooms, Ms Patterson has also been charged with five counts of attempted murder.

These charges relate to allegedly attempting to poison Heather's husband, Reverend Ian Wilkinson, the pastor of the Korumburra Baptist Church, who also attended the family lunch at Erin Patterson's Leongatha house on Saturday, July 29, 2023, and her estranged husband Simon Patterson, whom she is charged with trying to kill on four separate occasions.

Ms Patterson has always maintained her innocence.

Youth remanded to appear at a future date

A 14-YEAR-OLD offender from Leongatha appeared in Wonthaggi Children's Court last week and was remanded to appear before the court next month for sentencing.

It's alleged the individual was responsible for a string of offending in Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

A second 14-year-old offender from Wonthaggi remains on remand to appear at a later date.

"We'd like to thank the community for their patience and assistance in relation to providing information that led to the youth's arrest," a Bass Coast police spokesperson said Tuesday afternoon (August 20).

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Wind PM: N 25-35km/h
7° 17°



FRI | Aug 30
Showers.
Wind AM: N-NW 25-35km/h
Wind PM: W-NW 25-40km/h
10° 17°



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Wind PM: NW 25-35km/h
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Wind PM: W 30-40km/h
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IN BRIEF

WGHG to partner with Monash Health

WEST Gippsland Healthcare Group (WGHG) will partner with Monash Health under the newly established South Metro Network as part of Victorian healthcare reforms.

WGHG will maintain its independence, identity, and leadership while strengthening ties with Monash Health to enhance patient care and staff development. This partnership aligns with Victoria's Health Services Plan, which promotes collaboration without mandating the amalgamation of healthcare services.

WGHG CEO Dan Weeks welcomed the change, acknowledging the challenges ahead in transitioning from the Gippsland Network, but emphasised the benefits of partnering with Monash Health to better serve the West Gippsland community.

Maintenance boost for Meeniyian Primary School

STUDENTS in Meeniyian will continue to have access to world-class facilities with maintenance works to be carried out at the Meeniyian Primary School.

Last week, Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh announced that Meeniyian Primary School would be included in the Planned Maintenance Program (PMP), with funding for high priority maintenance across Victoria's government school network.

The school will receive \$290,813 for the complete rebuild of one ramp, and the partial reconstruction of another.

"Local students deserve the best facilities close to home. By upgrading and maintaining local schools, we are giving young people in Meeniyian the best chance of a quality education," said Mr McIntosh.

The PMP provides fund-

ing to address high-priority maintenance across Victoria's government school network.

Works are determined by a rolling facilities evaluation process, which provides up-to-date information on the condition of schools to create a faster and more targeted allocation of funding.

The State Government is building and upgrading the schools across the state so every student can access a great local school and a quality education no matter where they live.

Garlic Festival Annual General Meeting

THE South Gippsland Garlic Festival invites members and groups of the Korumburra community to attend its Annual General Meeting (AGM), to help make the upcoming festival a great success.

The South Gippsland Garlic Festival celebrates the rich agricultural heritage of the region, focusing on the versatile and flavourful garlic.

The festival showcases local produce, offers a variety of activities, and provides a platform for community engagement and enjoyment.

This is an opportunity for local residents and community organisations to engage with the festival's ongoing development, future direction and success.

Passionate individuals and community organisations with the relevant skills and experience are sought to join the committee, to contribute to the management and delivery of this popular event.

The expertise, enthusiasm, and commitment from locals is vital to ensuring the event remains a highlight of the community calendar.

The South Gippsland Garlic Festival has grown into a cherished community event,

celebrating local produce and bringing together people from across the region.

The upcoming AGM will focus on reviewing the past year's achievements, discussing future plans, and recruiting dedicated committee members to support the festival's continued success.

The meeting will be held on Monday, September 2, with registrations from 6pm and the meeting to commence at 6.30pm, at the Korumburra Community Hub, 2 Stanley Street, Korumburra.

For more information, contact Joel White, President, South Gippsland Garlic Festival at White100@ozemail.com.au or 0402 029 658.

Reptile experience zoo for Island

WINNER of the Education Services category at the prestigious 2024 Business Excellence Awards recently, Melbourne-based interactive zoo Reptile Encounters looks set to add to the visitor experience at Phillip Island.

The firm was named last Friday, August 23 as a recipient of an Enabling Tourism Fund 2024 grant to develop plans for a new state-of-the-art zoo on the island, which is already renowned for its nature and wildlife experiences.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos announced last Friday that 29 projects across regional Victoria would receive development funding.

"The grants of up to \$500,000 will support regional tourism projects to reach investment-ready status by funding feasibility studies and designing future infrastructure," said the government.

"Visitors to Phillip Island will have even more wildlife adventures at their fingertip."

More support for South Gippsland's tiniest towns

BIG things are coming to Victoria's tiniest towns. Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh announced a new round of the Labor Government's \$20 million Tiny Towns Fund open on Monday, with grants between \$5000 and \$50,000 to boost tourism, livability and community pride in towns with up to 5000 people.

From new barbecues, bike tracks and walking trails to club and community hall upgrades, the grants will support towns to bring to life projects that celebrate community spirit and make a positive difference to locals.

Townships that have not yet received a Tiny Towns grant, or that have worthy project ideas to boost community resilience, recovery and economic growth are encouraged to apply in this second round, with updates made to the application process to make it even easier for smaller, volunteer-run community groups to apply.

For more information visit rdv.vic.gov.au/tinytownsfund or suburbandevelopment.vic.gov.au/grants/tiny-towns-fund

Operation Christmas Child

IT'S Shoebox Season again. There is still time to pack a shoebox with simple gifts to bring joy and hope to a child in extreme poverty.

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Foster's final chance to query transmission plan

IF YOU blinked you missed it. The date for making comment on the guiding principles by which the State Government will decide where to place its renewable infrastructure; the turbines, the solar farms and the high-voltage transmission lines, has passed.

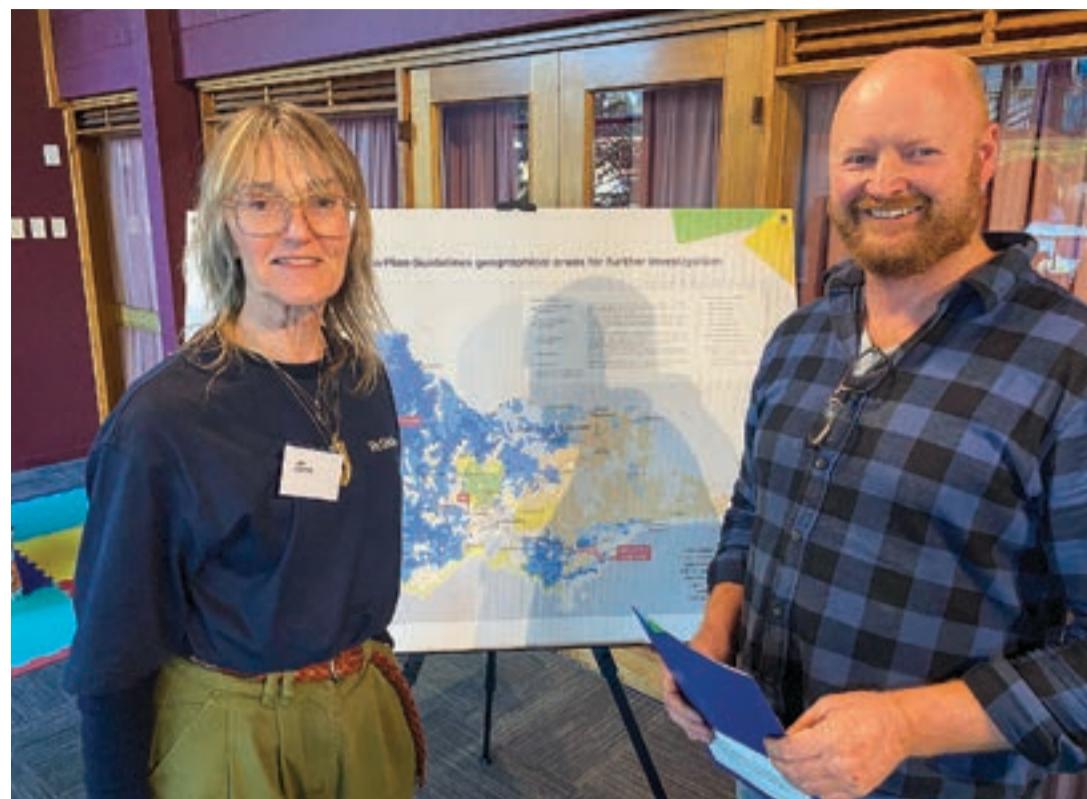
Community consultation closed on Sunday, August 25, just a couple of days after VicGrid, the government's renewable transmission plan authority, staged its final consultation session at Foster.

All that remains now is for the community to comment on the study areas selected on the Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) map including Tier 1 sites at Korumburra and between Foster North and Fish Creek, designated as "most suitable for investigation".

"We will prioritise these areas to investigate for future renewable energy zones, based on the combination of high opportunities and low constraints for wind and solar."

At the drop-in session at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre, a steady stream of interested people called in last Thursday evening to gather some information about the government's plans for the rollout of its renewable network which it hopes will replace the doomed coal-fired power stations in the Latrobe Valley.

One of them was Foster North farmer Joe McGrath,



Foster North farmer Joe McGrath chats with media and communications representative from VicGrid about the implications for farming properties in the area of being nominated as a 'Tier 1' site as the "most suitable for investigation... for future renewable energy zones".

who also has an interest in the Gippsland offshore wind transmission study area, from the coast near Giffard to Loy Yang at Traralgon, where the powerlines from the offshore wind developments will come ashore.

"They think they can buy off all the landowners on the route for \$400,000 a year, as little as \$1000-a-kilometre per year to have high-voltage

powerlines on their properties."

Mr McGrath believes you'd lose much more than that in reduced farm value if they put transmission lines on your property.

"I think they've still got a long way to go with that," he said.

VicGrid and the State Government have already ruled out putting the transmission

line from the Gippsland Offshore development area underground to Loy Yang mainly because of the cost, but also because it will take too long to build.

"After careful analysis, undergrounding the transmission line was ruled out as an option due to challenges including cost, engineering complexity, procurement and timing."

Community fails Bass Coast Shire Council on 'engagement'

YOU'D have to wonder why the Bass Coast Shire Council delayed the release of their 2024 Community Satisfaction Survey, a benchmarking of council's overall performance against other councils state-wide and their own group of large rural councils.

Because they didn't do too badly this year.

In fact, the 800 people who were independently surveyed in Bass Coast, 414 men and 382 women, by the Department of Government Services, scored Bass Coast's performance better than other large rural councils on every measure except on waste management.

And apart from customer service, which got a big tick from the residents and ratepayers, the shire's performance with waste management was 63/100, their second-highest score across the categories.

On such things as overall performance, value for money, maintenance of sealed roads and even community involvement in decision-making, Bass Coast came out ahead, and in the case of the condition of its sealed roads, well ahead of its peer group.

But it's not all good news.

Non-residents rated the shire's overall performance highest at 61 out of 100, but local residents scored the shire's overall performance much lower at 47.



Phillip Island residents were particularly scathing on the council for 'waste management' with the fortnightly collection of red bins during the holidays and delays in establishing a new transfer depot on the Island among the issues.

So, we look good from the outside, but locals aren't all that impressed.

And while the 'value for money' response, at a score of 46, is better than both the state average and the rating given to large rural councils generally, only one in five residents (22 per cent) in Bass Coast rate the value for money they receive from Council in infrastructure and services as 'very good' or 'good'. Twice as many reckon Council is 'very poor' or 'poor' (41 per cent) when it comes to value for money measure.

The response to waste management is more nuanced in the survey as well. While the residents of Bunurong ward, that is from

Wonthaggi to Inverloch, hold more favourable views of Council's waste management performance (index score of 68), in a clear indication that they aren't happy with fortnightly red bin collections during the holidays or accessibility of transfer depot services, people on the Island gave the council the much lower score of 59.

"Despite being the highest rated service area, 15 per cent of people volunteer waste management as one of the top three areas for improvement, along with community consultation (16 per cent) and sealed road maintenance (15 per cent)."

Council scored lowest in the areas of making

decisions in the interest of the community and consultation and engagement (index score of 48 each), with residents particularly scathing giving the council a clear 'F' on both categories, 43 for community decisions and 45 for engagement.

On the measure of community decisions, in particular, residents scored Council significantly lower than non-resident ratepayers (43 compared to 55). Perceptions about the success of consultation and engagement declined significantly in the Bunurong ward, down seven index points from 2023 to 49.

This may tie in with the community's attitude to several things including the poor outcome on the Surf Parade path, delays in delivering neighbourhood character guidelines, the beach erosion response, and something which emerged in the past week, consultation fatigue.

"You're damned if you do and damned if you don't," said Bunurong ward councillor Leticia Laing.

Previously the Bass Coast Shire Council has said it would not release the satisfaction survey results, made available to councils state-wide in July, until it published its annual report in November but this year the shire published the full report on its website on August 12.

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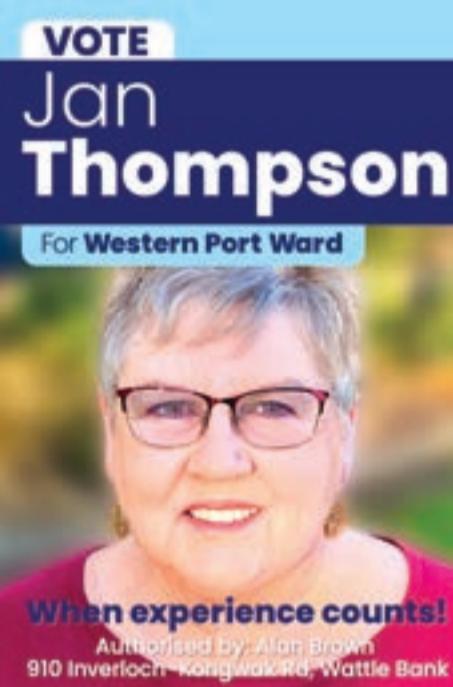


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Environmental Sustainability

Winner and Hall of Fame inductee Wildlife Coast Cruises
Runner Up Native Seed Box Pty Ltd

Event Excellence

Winner Ocean Sounds
Runner Up Tidal Seafood Festival

Marketing and Communications

Winner NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park
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Winner Native Seed Box Pty Ltd
Runner Up Made By Bronte

People's Choice Awards:

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Winner Anchor Belle Holiday Park
Runners Up Maru Koala and Animal Park
Runners Up NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park

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Winner The Muffin Lady
Runner Up Harman Wines

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Winner Hair By Karra
Runner Up Dead4eva Designs

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Winner Cor Pilates
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Winners C&K Welding and Fabrication
Winner ESI Solutions Pty Ltd



It was a fantastic night on Friday at RACV Inverloch as businesses from across Bass Coast came together for the annual awards.
Photo: Karli Michelle Photography.

Bass Coast celebrates the 2024 Business Awards

THE BASS Coast community came together for the 2024 Bass Coast Business Awards on Friday night.

One hundred and seventy business owners, operators and supporters gathered at the RACV Resort at Inverloch for an evening to recognise and celebrate local business success.

This year's awards highlighted the incredible diversity and talent within the Bass Coast region.

The event featured locally sourced food and beverages, trophies crafted by local artisans and local entertainment all coming together to underscore what makes Bass Coast unique.

The People's Choice Awards were a standout moment.

This year saw a remarkable increase in community engagement with over three thousand votes cast indicating the strong support local businesses receive from the Bass Coast community.

"We are incredibly proud of the exceptional talent and innovation showcased at the 2024 Bass Coast Business Awards."

said Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve.

"Congratulations to all the winners for their outstanding achievements."

"These awards highlight not only the diversity of our local businesses but also the strong sense of community that supports them."

"Thank you to everyone who made this event such a wonderful celebration of all that makes Bass Coast unique," said Mayor Le Serve

Organisers were thrilled to receive fifty-four applications from businesses for the judged categories across a wide range of industries, including home-based businesses, construction, health, retail, tourism, hospitality, and professional services.

Two new businesses were added to the Hall of Fame, Wildlife Coast Cruises in the Environmental Sustainability category and TerraLab in the Business Innovation category.

To be inducted into the Hall of Fame, a business must have won that category three consecutive years in a row.

The judging panel, consisting of seven distinguished industry leaders, dedicated their time and expertise to selecting this year's winners.

Organisers extended their gratitude to Chris Francis from Sustainability Victoria, Jennifer Carroll, GoTo Solutions; Kim Storey, Destination Phillip Island; Melissa Cashman, Phillip Island Nature Parks; Nicole Harman, Harman Wines; Rebecca Massaro, Interchange Gippsland and Terry Robinson of Destination Gippsland.

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Greens Senator calls Gippsland childcare deserts shameful

GREENS Senator Steph Hodgins-May visited Inverloch on Saturday to hear from communities concerned about the lack of early childhood education and care in the region.

New research published this week by Victoria University Mitchell Institute found 700,000 Australians live in childcare deserts.

"It's shocking that in a wealthy country like Australia, one in four people have no access to early childhood education and care because of their postcode," said Ms Hodgins-May.

"In South Gippsland, like in so many communities across Victoria, children are slipping through the cracks."

With the exception of a few regional hubs, much of South Gippsland has a lack of childcare, where there are more than three children per childcare place, according to the report.

In South Gippsland's Stony Creek, 8.3 children compete for each childcare place and in Fish Creek up to 50 children compete for each childcare place.

"I'm hearing from parents whose kids are on multiple waiting lists, who are missing out on an early education because they can't secure childcare. As a result, parents are missing out on critical paid work in the middle of a cost of living crisis," said Ms Hodgins-May.

"Access to childcare shouldn't



Senator Steph Hodgins-May and Bass Coast Shire Council Green Candidate, Mat Morgan met with community members in Inverloch on Saturday, who are concerned about the vast lack of childcare places in our region. ob35_3524

be subject to a postcode lottery."

Bass Coast Shire Council Green Candidate, Mat Morgan was meeting with community members alongside Ms Hodgins-May on Saturday.

"Early childhood education is one of the most common things that's being brought up, even at a local council level. It obviously crosses the community and all levels of government, but one of the most pressing things that's coming up is the lack of affordable housing, particularly as our feminist industries are so underpaid across the board," said Mr Morgan.

"I'm speaking with early childhood educators, I'm speaking with parents who are either renting and can't afford their

rents, they're one rate rise away from being on the streets. There's people that are leaving Bass Coast altogether because there's no affordable housing, there's no childcare."

Senator Hodgins-May commented that childcare shortages are being compounded by a workforce leaving in droves.

"This is a workforce that is overwhelmingly comprised of women, who continue to take home less than two-thirds of the average weekly adult wage."

"Even with the Government's announced pay rise, early childhood educators are underpaid and simply can't afford to stay."

"Our early childhood educators perform the critical role of educating and caring for our

kids in those crucial early years and they deserve the 25 per cent pay rise that they have consistently called for."

Senator Hodgins-May says Australia's broken childcare system is in urgent need of repair.

"The Greens have consistently said that early learning is a fundamental right. Childcare should be treated like primary and secondary school – free, universal and high quality."

"We will continue to support families across Victoria who are urging the Government to properly fund and regulate the childcare sector, to make childcare free and universal, and to pay our educators what they deserve."

More must be done to bring crime rates down

INDEPENDENT Candidate Deb Leonard has worked extensively in criminal law, she is often in the local Magistrates Court and sees and hears first-hand the circumstances that lead to offending.

"Family violence is at critical rates across Gippsland," says Deb.

"More must be done to prevent family violence from occurring in the first place, as well as increased support for victims. We need safe houses and early support for potential victims, to enable them to not be locked in financially to a dangerous situation.

"We also need to address the perpetrators, where a lack of available counselling services, lack of positive lifestyle opportunities, drug and alcohol use and strained financial circumstances, all contribute to increased violence and crime. None of these realities are an excuse but addressing them will lead to lower rates of offending."

Deb states that more funding needs to be put into crime reduction in regional and rural areas. That in terms of youth crime, local police have noted youth offending is often motivated by boredom.

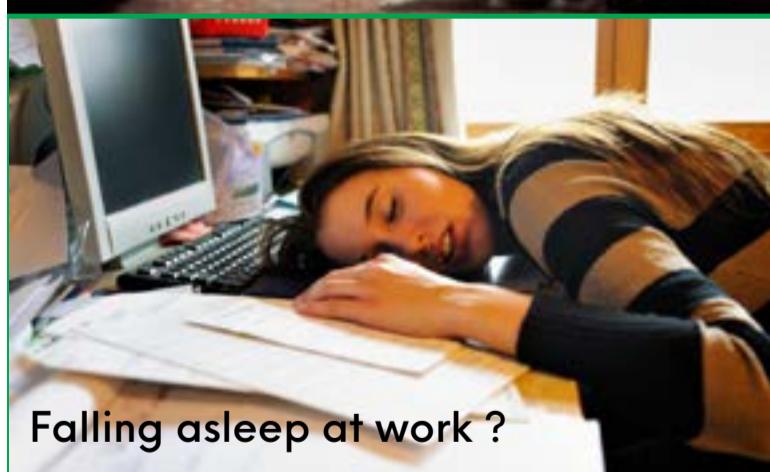
"There is a lack of positive activities and opportunities for social connection for young people in the area. I've been involved in several youth programs and can see the positive effect it has on kids. It is vital to keep these kids off the streets and out of trouble," says Deb.

Baw Baw PSA inspector Peter Fusinato recently stated to the Warragul and Drourin Gazette that police were focusing on proactive policing approaches, including youth outreach programs and reaching out to victims of family violence to engage police for assistance.

Deb plans to speak more to the community and support groups over the coming months, to determine exactly the best way to address these issues for the community. "I'm not constrained by party politics, so can concentrate my efforts 100 per cent on delivering better outcomes for our electorate."



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Protesting students march into the entrance of Westpac in Wonthaggi.

Students slam bank loans to big polluters

STUDENTS from Newhaven and Bass Coast Colleges marched through Wonthaggi to protest over major banks providing loans to the world's biggest polluters.

Protesting outside three major banks the students, supported by local activists, called for the big banks to save the future by not lending to companies responsible for climate change.

The Commonwealth Bank has already moved to address its climate commitments by not lending to fossil fuel companies without credible plans for transition to clean energy.

Nearly ten years ago all four

of the big four banks confirmed their commitment to the global climate goals of the Paris Agreement, yet, the Commonwealth Bank is the first and only one of the big four to confirm that it is formally cutting ties with oil and gas companies without credible intentions to protect Australian communities and the economy by pursuing safe energy production.

The protestors called on ANZ, NAB and Westpac to cease lending to Santos which is seen as a major contributor to climate change.

"Every year Aussies suffer the

worsening effects of climate-fuelled disasters, like fires, floods and cyclones and it's high time the banks ended funding for fossil fuel expansion," said Newhaven College student Joey.

Taking a half day from school Joey applauded the Commonwealth Bank for not providing loans to fossil fuel companies.

"We want all banks to stop funding fossil fuels," said Joey.

Taking the protest into the entrance of the Wonthaggi branch of the Westpac Bank the students' shouted slogans and waved placards before quietly moving on.



Newly commissioned war murals by the Leongatha RSL pay respect to the returned services community. ob12_3524

New murals to pay respect

LEONGATHA RSL have begun stage one of what will be a three-stage process in adorning the building with painted murals that pay ode to returned services personnel.

Artist Rob Wood has begun the first mural of poppies, soldiers, an armed forces emblem and the words Lest We Forget on the wall to the entrance of the RSL.

It's his first large-scale mural after having done some smaller ones on the ladies toilet walls at the Koonwarra Cricket Club and a water tank in Foster.

It was only in 2021 that Rob began painting again after suffering from a retinal problem that didn't allow his eyes to properly accommodate and made painting frustrating.

In the intervening decades, he taught physical education and coached cricket for Gippsland and all over the state and while he completed drawings for Cricket Victoria's publications, he was unable to paint.

That was until he was asked to decorate cricket bats for an autism fundraiser – of which he ended up painting five, after not feeling happy with the first ones he created – and they sold for over \$250 each.

Having only 40 per cent vision in his right eye, Rob discovered his eyes could accommodate enough for painting to become possible.

"I realised that from doing that – because it was such fine work – I realised that I could actually paint what I wanted to paint," explained Rob.

The new General Manager of Leongatha RSL Greg Nugent was informed of Rob's talents and decided to get him on board for the murals.

"It's something that we thought was appropriate being an RSL to pay our respects to the return service community and it's a great spot for a mural," said Greg.

There are plans for a mural to also go on the wall facing the car-park and around the top section of the club.

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- South East Australia Carbon Capture & Storage (SEA CCS) Project
- Bream Greenhouse Gas Appraisal Environment Plan (SEA CCS)
- Pipeline Network Decommissioning

The Esso Consultation Team will be hosting community drop-ins between 5pm and 6pm on:

- **Wednesday, 21 August 2024** at The Criterion Hotel, Sale, 90 MacAlister Street
- **Thursday, 22 August 2024** at Off The Wharf café, Bullock Island, Lakes Entrance
- **Tuesday, 27 August 2024** at the Welshpool Memorial Hall, 49 Main Street, Welshpool
- **Wednesday, 28 August 2024** at Manna Gum Community House, 33 Station Street, Foster

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Your feedback and our response will be included in the relevant regulatory application documentation and submitted to the regulator.

Please connect us with other interested people

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

August Council Meeting Update

At the August Council Meeting, South Gippsland Shire Councillors reflected on several implementation reports and celebrated the progress of many projects and initiatives.

Over the past 12 months, actions from Council's Economic Development Strategy, Arts Culture and Creative Industries Strategy and Visitor Economy Strategy have been successfully delivered including:

- The Business Concierge service responded to 239 business enquiries.
- 170 face-to-face business visits were conducted.
- A second successful Jobs Expo was held in Leongatha attracting 150 attendees.
- ArtCube activations occurred in Mirboo North, Fish Creek, Meeniyana and Tarwin Lower.

- Two major murals were painted in Korumburra and Leongatha.
- A South Gippsland marketing video was launched and has already been viewed over 25,000 times.
- An extension to the Great Southern Rail trail between Welshpool to Alberton was completed, in partnership with Wellington Shire Council.

With successful events, strategic developments, and innovative solutions, South Gippsland continues to thrive and evolve, ensuring a vibrant future for all residents.

You can view the Strategy updates at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings

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Time is running out to get an application in for the next round of Community Grants. If you're part of a not-for-profit group or know of a local community group that would benefit from additional funding, please let them know that applications close Saturday 31 August. We don't want our valuable community groups to miss this fantastic opportunity to support new initiatives and projects in South Gippsland. For more information and to submit your application, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 11 September 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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Put turbines in the desert, not on our productive farm land

DESPITE providing in-principle support for the Draft Vic Grid Transmission Guidelines (DVG TG), Council has outlined a number of areas that need strong consideration prior to any commitment to the establishment of windfarms.

In a submission to DEECA, the South Gippsland Shire Council states while it is in support of renewable energy developments, the potential negative impacts on agriculture, tourism, land use, economy, natural landscape, culture, existing infrastructure and the communities of South Gippsland need to be considered.

Councillors expressed shock, disappointment and dismay at the lack of consultation and engagement that has occurred between levels of government and the community about the plan.

Referring to the release of the DVG TG and the Study Area Map, in last Wednesday's council meeting, and finding out about it at the same time as the community, Cr Jenni Keerie said, "It was disappointing that we weren't involved in it and we could have saved a lot of upset and concern if we'd been consulted about what had already happened, what had gone before. That didn't happen."

Cr Sarah Gilligan reiterated the notion.

"It came as a bit of a shock when we'd been working so closely around the offshore wind and really working hard and getting results that the community wanted as well as making sure that we don't, as a country, run out of energy."

Both Councillors stated that the submission outlines what needs to happen to protect the region, how to do that and why, from the perspective of the people who live in South Gippsland.

Both Councillors also expressed a need for better relationships and improved engagement and consultation with the government moving forward, and Cr Schelling backed this assertion.

"Being informed and working with us, rather than shovelling it down our neck is the way to go," he said.

However, the hope for more appropriate engagement and



Cr Scott Rae asks why wind turbines can't be put out in the desert rather than on South Gippsland's productive farmland. ob08_3524

consultation from the government incited strong scepticism and ire from Cr Scott Rae.

"I don't see improved relations. This is repetitive. This is happening to you, get used to it."

"If these were such wonderful, wonderful items that were so good and not intrusive in your life, Port Phillip Bay would be full of them and so would the Dandenongs."

"The cost of transmission lines is massive. Imagine how much the government could save by putting wind turbines in Port Phillip Bay and on the Dandenongs. They don't seem to want to because maybe the votes in South Gippsland don't count for the state or federal government at the moment."

With South Gippsland having the largest agricultural production industry in Victoria, with over 1500 businesses employing over 2000 people and an annual output of just over \$1 billion, making up nearly 22 per cent of the Shire's economic output, appropriateness of the region for wind turbines was also discussed.

Cr Gilligan pointed out that 50 per cent of South Gippslanders live outside town centres, and Vic Grids policy is to not put wind turbines within one kilometre of a residence.

A council map highlighting the available areas according to this policy shows there is little room left to place turbines.

However, Cr Rae pointed out that the one-kilometre policy only applies if a landowner agrees and this he believes could create divisiveness.

"This will pit neighbours against each other based on a windfall. You might be living in the shadow; you might be listening to the beat of the blade, but you might not get a dollar."

"This assertion of no wind turbine within a kilometre of a dwelling – it only actually applies if the dwelling owner says no. We know that these massive international companies have got huge chequebooks. You turn up, you buy a couple of three or four-hundred-acre farms and look at that, bingo, you've got spots to put wind turbines."

"I support that we need a

way to support electricity but dropping turbines all over productive farmland ain't it. We've got thousands of acres of desert in this country why isn't that suitable?" asked Cr Rae, who didn't vote for the council submission to be carried, as he believes it encourages the government to continue to treat council with disregard.

A line from VicGrid states that South Gippsland has been chosen as a tier one and tier two area – based on strong wind and solar opportunities and the likely low impact on land values such as biodiversity, agriculture and rural residents – in answer to this Mayor Williams said, "It's not low impact. It's high impact. It's our agricultural land."

"We're lifting our weight in principle with offshore wind. We don't need it on our land. We need to protect our agricultural land."

"We're all collectively saying the same thing, we need our land to stay the same."

Mayor Clare Williams has implored the people of South Gippsland to show up and have their say.

Flexibility helps council achieve economic development actions

WHEN South Gippsland Shire Council adopted their Economic Development Strategy in July 2021, there was no way they could have foreseen the number of energy renewal projects and natural disasters that the Shire would face.

As such, many of the actions detailed in the strategy for 2023 – 2024 are focused around renewable energy and emergency response and Cr Sarah Gilligan commended the department and entire organisation for the fluidity and flexibility which allowed council to complete 97 per cent of the actions, and highlighted the positive outcomes from these projects and

disaster events.

"We can't and we shouldn't be facing all of this alone, and it's good to see in the development of regional partnerships that has happened through this department as well, that we're working with our regional partners and we're working with all levels of government and agencies. And a big shout out to the staff for helping us rebuild trust in the region as the council... we are being seen as leaders in this space of how we're dealing with energy transition, how we're dealing with disaster management, how we're looking at adaptation planning. There's a whole lot of things

to be really proud of in here as well as the business development."

Other highlights from the strategy that were achieved, as detailed by council, include the delivery of the South Gippsland Latrobe Renewable Energy Impact and Readiness Study, engagement with offshore wind developments, progress of the Industrial Land Supply Strategy, ongoing delivery of Business Concierge and Better Approvals Program to assist businesses, advocacy on port development, supporting the South Gippsland Dairy Expo, stakeholder roundtables, job and careers expo and small business support.

Cr John Schelling believes the success of the strategy tells a great story.

"We've set a strategy and our people have gone and achieved it. Things like engagement with the renewable sector which is a big talking point now with electricity and so on. The ongoing delivery of business concierge and better approvals, advocacy to help our people to find jobs. The stakeholder roundtables, the job expo, supporting small businesses and most especially the emergency response and recovery with the Welshpool floods and Mirboo North storms. It's quite a great effort by the team," he said.

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams

EVERY week as Mayor of our beautiful region is so varied, and I love it! Here's some of what I've been up to.

August Council Meeting

During the Council Meeting, Councillors were updated on the progress of the following important Council Plans and Strategies:

- Economic Development Strategy.
- Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy.
- Visitor Economy Strategy.
- Great Southern Rail Trail Visitor Experience and Marketing Plan.
- Early Years Position Paper.
- Domestic Animal Management Plan.

It was pleasing to see how much progress has been made and how many actions have already been completed or are significantly progressed. Highlights for me were Council's continued and significant engagement with the renewables sector, the response to emergency events such as the Boxing Day floods and 13 February storm event, the ArtCubes that have already visited six towns across South Gippsland – and counting!

Our small halls have been supported to host live music, five major events received funding through the Events Acquisition Fund, work on a new Great Southern Rail Trail website has commenced, Council is working closely with 14 rescue organisations to ensure unclaimed lost animals can find a new home, and more. Across all of these documents, one thing is consistent – the amount of work Council staff have put in to keep ticking off actions. I'm sure I speak on behalf of all Councillors when I say they all do a fabulous job.

Councillors also considered and endorsed a submission to VicGrid's draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines engagement. Council's submission covers the key challenges we have identified such as, but not limited to, impact to agriculture (our largest industry) and visual amenity. My heart has been full seeing so many community members turn up to provide their feedback and ask questions as part of this engagement. It is important that all community members continue to take these opportunities – one voice is not loud enough, we all need to provide our thoughts. If you would like to read Council's submission, you can do so here: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/VicGrid-submission

In exciting news, the Coal Creek Community Park and Museum Strategic Plan was adopted at this Council Meeting. This Plan would not have been possible without the feedback from our community, so thank you to everyone who provided their thoughts either through the engagement periods, or as part of the Community Assembly.

We also considered a new kindergarten for Mirboo North. There has been lots of community feedback on this prior to the meeting. This was taken on board by Councillors, however we felt it was extremely important to take advantage of the grant funding currently available. This is Stage One of the renewal of early years education in Mirboo North, and I am excited to see what the future holds.

To watch the meeting back, you can do so at any time at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Meeting with Local MPs

Taking opportunities to talk to our local Victorian Government members is extremely important. I was happy to see both Danny O'Brien MP, Melina Bath MP, Tom McIntosh MP and Renee Heath MP accept my invitation to talk about our submission to the Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Services.

Councils across the state are struggling in the current rate-capped environment, and the shifting of costs and services from the Victorian Government has not helped. It is vital that we urgently address this and lend our voice to the discussion.

Celebrations for Coal Creek

By Roger Powell, President, Friends of Coal Creek Inc

THE people of South Gippsland should be celebrating as the South Gippsland Shire Council has adopted the Strategic Plan and secured the future of our unique historical village Coal Creek for the foreseeable future. The Friends of Coal Creek support the strategic plan and look forward to the implementation process and turning words into action.

When the park reopened after the COVID closure two and half years ago it was in an extremely poor state, with buildings requiring extensive maintenance, vegetation out of control, all activities suspended, volunteers not existent and the community concerned about potential closure. However, in the past two years, the Park has seen a revitalisation, and work carried out by dedicated Council staff and volunteers has seen the park commence the process of returning to the wonderfully historic facility we all knew decades ago.

Activities and events have returned – Easter, Carols, Halloween, and music festivals. The community has been re-engaged with volunteers returning, stores opening, tours commencing, and school groups attending to learn about the past and the importance of the coal fields of South Gippsland. Work has commenced on the maintenance of buildings and park facilities. The tramway is being reconstructed to run again, the dam and waterways cleaned, the rotunda rebuilt, and the front building turned into an exhibition and art space.

More early years places planned

FUNDING to plan and design a kindergarten on a site at the Mirboo North Primary School was approved by councillors during last week's meeting.

Design One has been endorsed which is estimated to cost \$2.2 million and encompasses a two-room kindergarten and a maternal child and health facility with scope for an additional room to be installed at a later time.

The location of the kindergarten was supported by 92 per cent of survey respondents, primarily local parents.

The initial phase involves planning and pre-construction work with a \$150,000 State Government grant from the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), and council funding of an additional \$40,000 for the project.

This project marks progress on another one of seven key priority areas for council as outlined in their Early Years Position Paper (EYPP).

The Paper supports advocacy for increased access to early years services across the whole shire, including kindergarten, playgroups, and childcare and for equitable access to health and social services for communities.

Over the past year, four of the seven priorities have been completed, with two priorities currently in progress and one priority ongoing – this includes the Mirboo North Kindergarten project.

Donations from the public are eagerly accepted on the "FOCC tap and go" device and funds have been secured from the Tiny Towns Grants to assist with the repairs required on the three large train carriages. So much has been done, but there is so much more to do.

The strategic plan that has been developed over the past year is needed to provide that direction. It has involved extensive community engagement and fortunately, the community has spoken about how important Coal Creek is to them and our region. The Friends of Coal Creek actively participated in providing input as to how the park can move forward to becoming financially sustainable and a gateway to South Gippsland. We want to thank everyone who has been involved in this process, our members, supporters, local businesses, community representatives, Council management and Counsellors.

There is still an enormous amount of work to be done as the words and proposed activities that are contained in the strategic document must be put into action. The Friends of Coal Creek are ready to assist and work with Park Management to restore our historical park for the enjoyment of our community and visitors to our Region.

Congratulations everyone, this is truly a momentous and wonderful occasion for Coal Creek.



Cr Jenni Keerie believes the Coal Creek Community Park and Museum Strategic Plan is a good starting point to creating a sustainable community asset that will be of benefit to all of South Gippsland. ob07_3524

Council approves ambitious strategic plan for Coal Creek

THE Coal Creek Community Park and Museum Strategic Plan for 2024-2034 was presented for council approval at the August meeting. The plan aims to capitalise on Coal Creek's strengths to create a vibrant and sustainable community asset for South Gippsland.

Coal Creek Community Park and Museum opened in South Gippsland in 1974 and since the pandemic its operation has seen a significant decline in visitor numbers; therefore, the South Gippsland Shire Council initiated a major review, recruiting the Coal Creek Community Assembly (CCCA) who reflects the community's aspirations to preserve the heritage whilst seeking to provide value to the shire.

The initiative was long awaited and reflects the council's desire to guide Coal Creek's future. The consultation included 60 submissions,

with 42 written submissions during community engagement.

This plan underlines the importance of a new vision for Coal Creek, with Cr Jenni Keerie moving the motion and speaking to the recommendation, expressing excitement about reaching this point and stating that the plan is seen as an opportunity to maximise South Gippsland's economic footprint and create a significant asset.

"I think we all wanted to make sure it happened during this term," said Cr Keerie.

"Having the strategic plan gives us the opportunity to be able to explore many of the different potentials for Coal Creek. I understand that Cr Sarah Gilligan wants to see the business case, and so do I, but everything has to start with a plan."

Cr Gilligan spoke to the motion, sharing the need for business

modelling to ensure financial sustainability, whilst Cr Adrian Darakai critiqued the consultation as flawed, predicting the long-term financial damage.

Despite these concerns, councillors supported the renewal of Coal Creek, citing its potential as a tourism gateway, hoping the new direction would reduce costs and make Coal Creek viable.

The support to the ten-year strategic plan passed with Cr Darakai clarifying, "It's not my intention to close Coal Creek. That's not my position. My position is that it has been a fundamentally flawed process, so we therefore cannot trust the data, and I think that's important to note," he said.

The approval sets the stage for a new chapter for Coal Creek, and the CCCA invite the community to embrace the vision and work with them to help make it a reality.

Restraint on leash orders for dogs in South Gippsland

OVER the past year the South Gippsland Shire Council received 23 reports of dog attacks and despite considerable feedback about 'dogs off leash' from the community, no action has been taken on the matter.

According to the Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) 2022-2025, Annual Implementation Report May 2024, carried in last week's council meeting, many actions have been implemented but not two that concern community safety.

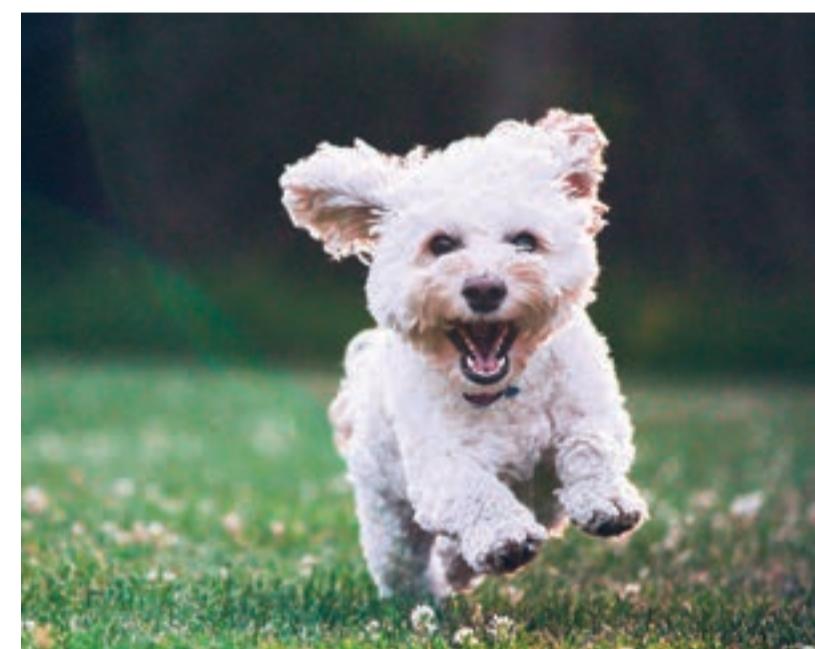
The actions which are categorised as 'Nuisance' are detailed as: Investigate the introduction of a 'Leash Order' to reduce the incidence of wandering/unrestrained dogs in public places and number of dogs causing a nuisance and; Investigate the need for designated 'Dog Off-Leash' parks if a leash order is introduced.

The progress update states that: Considerable feedback was received during the development of the DAMP, and also the review of Council's Local Law, in relation to dogs off-leash. Once the new Local Law is in place, we will begin investigating Council's options for Orders under the Domestic Animals Act 1994.

While the Implementation Report was generated in May, the local laws were adopted in March 2024, and it is now August, yet no further updates were offered at the meeting.

Councillor Scott Rae made mention on Wednesday.

"As Councillor Keerie mentioned there are people who would love to see a 'dog on leash' law for



Dogs are able to wander free in South Gippsland, as no leash orders are yet in place.

some suburban type areas. There will be some people in agriculture who would go, 'Why would I ever put my dog on a leash, he doesn't know what it is'; So, we are working through it."

The DAMP includes 34 action items to be completed during its three-year life cycle, 10 of which are completed, 18 actions are in progress with high confidence levels for completion by the end of the DAMP life cycle, five actions are for commencement in the 2024/25 financial year; and one action is being monitored and will continue to be reviewed in relation to 'Dangerous, Menacing and Restricted Breed Dogs'.

Some of the key achievements of the plan include Authorised Officers completing a Certificate IV in Animal Management and practical bite prevention training, with a focus on understanding animal psychology. A test online animal registration application system has been developed, whilst issues relating to nuisance dogs and cats continue to be addressed, with clear processes established to manage common complaints. Council have also successfully negotiated another 18 months with the Korumburra Veterinary Clinic to lease their facilities for their in-house pound service.

New restrictions placed on use of mayoral car

THE Mayor of South Gippsland Shire Council will no longer be entitled to drive outside of shire boundaries unless on council business, in a new amendment made in last week's meeting.

The Councillor Support and Expenditure Policy, section 3.22 states that: A Mayoral vehicle can be provided for full Council and private use restricted to within Victoria. The Mayoral vehicle will be insured, maintained and allocated a fuel card by Council.

The policy was adopted in March 2022, alongside the Councillor, Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy.

It was the mayor herself, Cr Clare Williams, who called for the change, to the disagreement of some Councillors.

"It was stated that the mayoral vehicle could be used within the whole state of Victoria. I find it completely unnecessary," said Mayor Williams.

"Yes you are a mayor wherever you go, but really that's within our borders, that's within the South Gippsland boundary. There is no need

for you to drive on our ratepayers dollar around Victoria, wherever that may be, and be supported through that by our ratepayers. Completely unnecessary."

Additional amendments have also been made to allow for incidental items while using the mayoral vehicle with South Gippsland.

"I believe there's so many incidentals when you're driving your car. As it is now, the mayoral car is purely for council use. You cannot stop on your way home to get two litres of milk. No. You have to take the car back. Get in your own car, go back to the supermarket."

"So, this amendment provides for those little incidentals within the South Gippsland boundary and I just think with the financial state and where we're at, we've all talked about it, so why would we support further money being spent on what I see as leisure."

Cr Jenni Keerie agreed with Cr Williams, stating that, "Financially our council is in a tight economic position. There are many options for

somebody in the role of mayor to be able to use the mayoral vehicle to be able to travel anywhere and it could be as far as Canberra if its on council related business. I think within the shire boundary is perfectly reasonable."

Cr Schelling, Cr Rae, Cr Dakai, and Cr Felton all disagreed with the amendment believing that there is scope for the mayoral vehicle to be used for reasonable personal use.

Cr Schelling stated that "I believe it passes the private sector pub test for the mayor to be able to travel in Victoria unbounded. I understand what it could lead to going forward, you could have the mayor driving around Victoria on holidays for a month with the shire car, but I don't see that as being the worst thing on earth."

However, Cr Williams reiterated, "This is not private money. This is community money."

Cr Keerie, Cr Davies and Cr Gilligan voted to pass the amendment and as Cr Williams had the casting vote, it was carried.



Mayor Clare Williams has made an amendment to policy to help councils economic situation. ob10_3524

Kathy's ambitions realised at Admire Hair and Beauty



All Australian made De Lorenzo products are available at Admire Hair and Beauty with Kathy offering free consultations. ob04_3524

beautifully blended foils, highlights, lowlights, balayage, and full-colour treatments.

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"It's been lovely, really," said Kathy.

Admire Hair and Beauty caters to children's, women's and men's haircuts and styling, including a simple trim or complete makeover; as well as hair colouring including

Kathy is offering free consultations, so clients can select the product that is perfect for their hair and scalp needs.

In addition, Admire Hair and Beauty also offer waxing and eyebrow and eyelash tinting.

"I've never stopped loving what I do, and everything about it. I love meeting new people and making them feel

special when they walk out. It can really lift someone's mood after being in the salon, and I love that," said Kathy.

To celebrate the opening and to thank current clients, Kathy is running a competition with the winner receiving a hair treatment and scalp massage, a trim and blow wave and a De Lorenzo evening essentials pack, which includes an elements vapour mist, instant quick fix and hair perfume.

To enter, like, share and follow Admire Hair and Beauty's Facebook and Instagram pages and write your name in the comments. The competition will be drawn on Friday, September 20.

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Nikole Schellekens. Candidate for Western Port Ward, Bass Coast Shire Council 2024. Photo: Morgan Fisher Photography.

Dedicated farmer enters Bass Coast election race

LOCAL council election candidate Nikole Schellekens has emerged as a formidable contender, bringing a unique blend of experience and passion to politics.

With a background as a farmer and a mother of two, Nikole is deeply entrenched in the mental health sector, boasting a career spanning two decades – where she has worked in community mental health crisis teams and is currently supporting military veterans.

Standing as a candidate for the Western Port Ward in the Bass Coast Shire Council, Nikole's recent completion of her Masters in Mental Health, with a focus on the mental health of Australian farmers further underscores her commitment to addressing pressing issues in the community.

As the election season unfolds, voters can expect to engage with a candidate who combines personal experience, professional expertise, and a strong dedication to advocating for the wellbeing of residents.

"I am eager to engage with members of our community who may have insights, ideas, or feedback pertinent to our ward's future, both during the election period and beyond, should I have the privilege of serving as your council representative," said Nikole.

"I have served as President of San Remo Preschool for three years, recently co-founded the Bass Playgroup, and have volunteered with the CFA and various business associations. My dedication to serving our local community is unwavering."

"I believe in building on these strengths to further enhance our region by engaging with the community, expanding our services and supporting our land," Nikole explained.

Living and working within the Bass Coast Shire, Nikole had seen firsthand the impact that local government decisions can have on the lives of residents. That's why when the opportunity arose for her to run for the Western Port Ward seat, Nikole knew she had to seize it.

"I have a deep passion for rural communities and supporting those in mental health crisis," said Nikole.

"I am eager to bring my experience, passion, and dedication to council, working together to strengthen and support our community."

Shire adopts Industrial Land Use Strategy to secure future growth

BASS Coast Shire Council adopted the Bass Coast Industrial Land Use Strategy (BILUS) at Council's August Council Meeting. Stating that this is an important step in ensuring sustainable industrial growth across the Shire for the next 15 years. This strategy sets a long-term framework for industrial land use and development, supporting the local economy and preserving the unique character of Bass Coast.

The BILUS outlines a comprehensive vision for the Shire's industrial precincts, addressing current and future land use needs. The strategy will be integral in shaping the future of industrial land use, ensuring that Bass Coast remains a thriving hub for industry while maintaining its environmental and community values.

Currently in Bass Coast, there are seven industrial precincts. However, the increasing demand for industrial space was putting pressure on these precincts and creating challenges for existing operators. The strategy will be a key tool to manage and influence planning and investment decisions relating to the Shire's industrial land, and rezoning.

However, regarding rezoning, Cr Rochelle Halstead raised concern on the "tax grab" on land taxes and the fact that it is not flowing through to the places where it is needed most.

"The state governments requirement for any landowners who have a rezoning of land that supports and accommodates the growth of our community is



Melanie Wright of Bass Coast Shire Council with Alan Miller of VCF and Patrick Barry of the Wonthaggi Lifestyle precinct during a drop-in session held at Council in Wonthaggi. Z02_3524

expected to pay 60 per cent of the capital gains from that rezoning to the state government, and in my view that is a money grab," said Cr Halstead.

"It doesn't offer fair compensation to the land owners which are often farmers who have invested in and worked that land for, in some cases, many generations only to be ultimately handicapped by a huge state government tax and I think that's shameful given that we don't see in Bass Coast any of those funds and I also see it as a disincentive for land owners to want to progress even though council is opening up the opportunity."

"You couldn't blame them for sitting on the land until there is a change of policy in another level of government," Cr Halstead stated.

Cr Ellis second the motion; complimenting the officers involved in the strategy.

The BILUS will form the key linkage between the strategic land use policy and the Bass Coast Planning Scheme (BCPS). The BCPS provides guidance on industrial and economic strategies for the Municipality and recognises industrial activity as a significant local economic driver.

Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve emphasised the importance of the strategy in accommodating growth and supporting local businesses.

"The Bass Coast Industrial Land Use Strategy is a forward-looking plan that balances the need for industrial development with the intrinsic values that make Bass Coast unique. This strategy will help us manage growth effectively, ensuring that our industrial areas continue to support our community and economy in a sustainable way."

Key features of the strategy include:

- A Shire-wide vision and objectives for industrial land use.
- Precinct-specific visions and directions to guide the development of each industrial area.
- Identification of potential expansion areas to secure long-term industrial land supply.
- Actions to address land use conflicts, infrastructure needs, and environmental considerations.

The strategy was developed following an extensive public consultation process, during which the Council engaged with local businesses, landowners, and the broader community. Feedback from these consultations was instrumental in shaping the final strategy, ensuring that it reflects the needs and aspirations of the community.

"The adoption of this strategy is a significant milestone for Bass Coast. It provides a clear roadmap for industrial development that will support our local economy, create jobs, and protect our environment. We are committed to working with all stakeholders to implement this strategy and ensure a prosperous future for our region," said Mayor Le Serve.

Three potential expansion areas have been identified, including:

1. Wonthaggi (Carneys Road and Cape Paterson Road)
2. Heslop Road, Wonthaggi
3. Bass Highway, Grantville

For more information on the Bass Coast Industrial Land Use Strategy, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/industrialland.

More parking spaces for Watt Street in Wonthaggi

ROADWORKS set to start next week in Watt Street, Wonthaggi will eventually provide twenty-six new angled car parking spaces.

Budgeted to cost four hundred and twenty thousand dollars, the extensive roadworks will mean delays to traffic in the form of road closures and appropriate traffic and pedestrian controls including speed reductions.

The benefits include twenty-six new car spaces on the south side of Watt Street angled at forty-five degrees including one accessible parking space.

Drainage, kerb and channel and rectification works will result in extended kerb outstands and resurfacing of the existing road pavement.

Bass Coast Shire says as Wonthaggi continues to grow and attract more visitors, the availability of convenient and accessible parking becomes increasingly important.

The formalisation of these new parking spaces is a proactive effort by Council to improve parking availability in the heart of Wonthaggi, ensuring that residents and visitors alike can continue to enjoy easy access to the town's shops, services, and attractions.

Over the ten-week construction period, there will be temporary disruptions, including lane closures and noise from heavy machinery.

The safety and convenience of

the community are Bass Coast's top priorities, and all efforts will be made to minimise disruptions.

While the immediate focus is on adding these parking spaces, this project also lays the groundwork for future improvements in Wonthaggi's town centre.

The next stage, which will be the beautification of Graham Street via street tree planting, commences in early 2025.

The Watt Street parking formalisation works are the first part of the first stage of the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Project designed to transform the amenity, functionality, connectivity and safety of Wonthaggi's town centre.

The second part of stage one will be the greening of Graham Street with the planting of twelve Crepe Myrtle trees to improve the look and feel of the Graham Street precinct.

The provision of more car parking spaces on Watt Street will offset the loss of parking on Graham Street.

Council will keep residents, businesses, and road users informed throughout the project via the Engage Bass Coast website, onsite QR codes as well as direct communications when necessary.

Read more about the Activity Centre Plan for Wonthaggi at engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/streetscapes-wonth

Calls for dog to be removed after repeated attacks

CONCERNS about repeated attacks on elderly walkers by a white collie crossbred dog in Cape Paterson has led to calls for the dog's removal.

An eighty-six-year-old woman, still shaken a week after she was attacked pleaded for the dog to be removed before anyone else was injured.

"What if it had been a child," the woman warned.

Suffering extensive bruising to her arms and legs the woman said the dog lunged at her after escaping from a home across the street from where she was walking near Marine Street and Blue Water Circle.

The attack lasted three minutes. "It's not the first time," the woman said.

Repeated posts on a popular online message board tells the story.

'Dog attack alert'

'This month has seen two attacks each resulting in both physical and mental trauma.'

'Meetings have been held with council rangers.'

Council rangers have described the dog as menacing which is not normally serious enough to warrant the dog's removal.

The online blog was critical of the rangers' actions.

'The resident was told her injuries were not serious enough to warrant further action.'

'This is obviously a community safety issue.'

'Everyone should be vigilant.'

The woman claimed there have now been four dog attacks in Cape

Paterson.

"There was no muzzle on the dog," the female victim observed.

"Each attack has been the result of the dog escaping from the property."

The owner was fined the victim believes and restrictions placed on the dog.

"Each attack caused both physical and mental trauma."

"Several layers of winter clothing offered the only protection," added the Cape Paterson woman.

"I can confirm there was a complaint made in Cape Paterson on Wednesday (August 14) in relation to an incident concerning a dog. Unfortunately we cannot provide any further information for privacy reasons," a spokesperson for Bass Coast Shire Council stated.

Following community consultation Bass Coast has now developed a Domestic Animal Management Plan.

The plan is aimed at promoting and encouraging responsible pet ownership and establishing guidelines so pets and the community can live together peacefully and in harmony.

Patrols by rangers have been increased to improve and increase opportunities for education, regulations and enforcement.

A twenty-four-hour, seven day a week cat containment act has also been introduced.

For more information contact the Bass Coast Community Safety Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or email basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au.

Male artists need not apply, it seems

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has just announced that Expressions of Interest (EOI) are open for a significant Public Art Commission to be purchased and located at the Berninnett Cultural Centre in Cowes.

The budget for the artwork is \$140,000.

But if you consider the criteria by which art will be acquired, according to Shire's new Art Collections Policy, blokes need not apply.

Art will be selected for acquisition based on, among other things, "artworks that increase gender equity in number and value."

And as Cr Leticia Laing pointed out at the council meeting last Wednesday, the number of artworks in the council's collection is already heavily weighted towards male artists and is a situation that should be addressed.

Cr Rochelle Halstead, also speaking in the debate at the last council meeting, after moving the motion to adopt the policy, said she would prefer to see art selected on merit rather than on the gender of the artists.

"As Chair of the Bass Coast Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, I am aware of the input by the committee and the broader arts groups across Bass Coast on this policy, supportive of a framework for the collection of artworks by Bass Coast. It is important to ensure the long-term benefits, sustainability, relevance, preservation and accessibility for all to enjoy," said Cr Halstead.

"I am however cautious when discussing equity in the arts, although I wish to see more representation of gender equality, I'm also mindful that the arts should be considered on



The Berninnett Cultural Centre at Cowes already has its Harmony Bells, their recent return welcomed by Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve, after a mysterious theft but now there'll be a new \$140,000 piece of public art.

merit, being an expression of the artist, rather than based on gender.

"That would be my only concern, and it was also expressed by the committee themselves at a recent Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting."

Cr Leticia Laing, also a former chair of the arts and culture advisory committee did not shy away from the point of wanting to have more work from female artists in the shire's collection.

"I don't know why I feel like I have to say this, but I do, because it seems like this concept of merit comes up when gender equity is discussed in the community, and I find it bizarre because the reality is that art isn't

evaluated historically on the basis of merit.

"It's men that are prioritised because people aren't recognising their own internal biases in favour of male artwork when they're evaluating art.

"Now it's interesting to note, and it says this in the report, that 71 per cent of artists who graduate from art school are women, but our arts collection does not reflect that statistic.

"We have a disproportionate amount of male artists, and it does not follow that male artists are better artists. It just actually follows that women are consistently having to come across this merit-based argument when we are faced with discrimination on a daily basis.

"So, I just wanted to highlight that. I think it's excellent that the arts collection policy is addressing the inequity in our arts collection and it also recognises legislative requirements to abide by the terms of the Gender Equality Act."

All may well be revealed when council selects the major piece of public art it is looking for at Berninnett.

"The Berninnett Public Art Commission aims to celebrate the region's unique cultural heritage and foster community engagement by creating an integrated artwork that will become a focal point of this vibrant new venue," the council said while inviting artists to apply.

Applications close at midnight on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for an on-site interview.

The outcome of the EOI process will be announced in November 2025.

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Le Serve



sourced locally.

I was particularly moved by the enthusiastic participation in the People's Choice Awards, with over 3,000 votes cast this year. This overwhelming response shows just how much our community values and supports its local businesses. It's a powerful reminder of the impact that our businesses have on everyday life here in Bass Coast.

Congratulations to all the winners for their outstanding achievements! I was thrilled to see such a wide range of industries represented - from home-based businesses to construction, health, retail, tourism, hospitality, and professional services. Special congratulations to Wildlife Coast Cruises and TerraLab for their well-deserved induction into the Hall of Fame. Your dedication to excellence over the years is truly inspiring.

A big thank you to our judging panel of seven distinguished industry leaders for their time and expertise, and to our sponsors for their invaluable support. Your commitment to this event and our community is appreciated.

The 2024 Bass Coast Business Awards was more than just a ceremony - it was a celebration of the hard work, dedication, and positive impact that our local businesses have on our community. I left the event feeling inspired by the stories I heard and incredibly proud to be part of such a supportive and vibrant community.

To all the winners, runners-up and nominees, congratulations once again. Thank you for all that you do to make Bass Coast a wonderful place to live, work, and visit.

Something offered free for the people of Bass

THE offer of free land for a marine park adjoining Bass River and Western Port Bay is something Michael Tsaousidis wants to do for the people of his local community.

"Call it Tsaousidis Marine Park if you like," said the popular local trader.

Mick's offer is for Bass Coast Shire to take possession of just over twelve hectares of grazing land, free of charge, at the end of Pilots Lane as long as they undertake to design and construct a park area that can be accessed by road and used by the people of Bass.

"I want to see if it's a good idea," said Mr Tsaousidis.

Currently located at the end of an unsealed road Michael Tsaousidis

says if Council is prepared to do something with the land, it is available free of charge.

"The land is probably worth one million dollars," Mick believes.

"As long as government is prepared to put in the infrastructure."

Michael Tsaousidis moved to Bass in 2011 to establish 'Bass Bazaar' just off the Bass Highway in Acton Road.

"The adjacent wetlands of Bass River could greatly extend the area of the proposed marine park," says Mr Tsaousidis.

Many would consider Mick's offer to be a very generous gift.

"A generous gift?"

"I've always been generous," says Mr Tsaousidis.



Michael Tsaousidis is offering Bass Coast Shire free land for a marine park.

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Mental Health for Phillip Island

THE Phillip Island RSL will proudly sponsor the PIMHAG mental health forum to be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at the RSL in Cowes from 5.15pm to 8.45pm.

"The purpose of the forum is to bring together those involved in any way, shape or form in Mental Health programs," President of PIMHAG Peter Paul said.

"We are privileged to engage three wonderful guest speakers - Cameron Schwab, Jan Child and Dr Howard McCormick. This forum is about getting together to commence advocating for appropriate Mental Health services for the Phillip Island community and beyond. There will be a follow up forum in February next year to further plan the best way forward."

Finger food and tea and coffee will be supplied. If you wish to attend, please request an invite from info@pimhag.com.au as this is an invitation only event.

Entries open for Victorian History Award

THE 2024 Victorian Community History Awards are now open for entries. There are 10 categories including best History Publication, Article, Collaborative Project, Oral History, Community Diversity and Digital Storytelling.

All entrants go into the running to receive the prestigious Victorian Premier's History Award (\$5000 prize).

Past award winners have included local exhibitions and anniversary projects, books, websites and even theatrical productions based on historical research.

Local history and community groups, historians, museums, writers and creators are encouraged to enter.

Entries close on Wednesday, October 2, at 5pm. Enter online at historyvictoria.org.au/victorian-community-history-awards-2024. For more information, head to prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards/community-history-awards.

BASS COAST SHIRE COUNCIL BRIEFS

No penalty for being ethical

CHOOSING financial institutions that don't invest in "fossil fuel" development has not cost the ratepayers of Bass Coast according to the answer to a question posed by Clint Heinze recently.

And the decision to allow a difference of between 0.3 per cent to 0.5 per cent in return on investment has been an issue.

"Records maintained since this policy was adopted on 13 December confirm that the largest interest rate differential applied was 0.10 per cent and that the mean differential was 0.037 per cent, well within the parameters of the prior policy," said shire CEO Greg Box.

Different strokes for other folks

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has revealed that it will be prepared to tailor-make street and drainage treatments to suit different parts of the Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay estates in response to a letter from local resident Susie Wickes.

"Yes, there are different styles of treatment being considered for road and drainage projects," responded Bass Coast CEO Greg Box, following the tabling of several petitions from residents in a number of streets across the two estates.

Council also noted in answer to a separate question from Philip Davy that council is looking at ways to eliminate drainage outfall into the precious foreshore environment.

"Drainage outfall treatments will be considered as part of

the road and drainage upgrade works," said the council but illegal drainage connections are the responsibility of Westernport Water.

No Passivhaus yet

THE multi-award winning Cowes cultural centre, Berninnett, still hasn't achieved Passivhaus accreditation according to a statement by the shire CEO at last week's council meeting.

In answer to a question from Bill Wilson, also asking if the council would apply for separate accreditation for the theatre, Bass Coast CEO Greg Box confirmed approval had still not come through.

"Council will not be modifying the Passivhaus requirements of the building. Council continues to work with the builder in achieving Passivhaus certification at no cost to council."

Give waste charge a break

AVID council watcher Graham Jolly has uncovered a council waste rort that is costing some ratepayers money and not others.

In a question to council last week, he put council on the spot about when it would spread the cost of picking up public waste bins across the whole rate base.

"The impact of any legislative changes to the waste charge will be considered through the 2025/26 budget development process. The community will have the opportunity to provide comment on the draft 2025/26 budget when it is released in 2025."

When are paths cleaned?

QUESTION time at last week's Bass Coast Council meeting turned up plenty of interesting information including how often the council sweeps the footpath in Cowes.

In answer to a question from Fred Morris, CEO Greg Box said footpath sweeping is undertaken by Council on a regular cycle, with street sweeping undertaken twice-a-week, this does increase during peak periods and events.

Don't wait for EV charging

LOCAL resident Terry Parke, didn't get a lot of joy when he asked the Bass Coast Council about delays in getting the new EV Charging Stations at Newhaven up and running.

It might take a while.

"Installation of the EV charging station at Newhaven Information Centre is scheduled to be completed by the end of the financial year."

That could make it as late as June next year.

Gap in estate funding

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has revealed a gap in the funding of infrastructure needed for the Wonthaggi North East Precinct housing project.

Melissa Dagg put it to council that the developer contributions would not meet the cost of future infrastructure for the full development.

"Council is reporting a shortfall funding gap. How is council going to fund the shortfall for future infrastructure?"

The CEO Greg Box said Council was leveraging

developer contributions to seek additional funding.

"Council has also developed an Infrastructure Priority Listing to schedule and prioritise works and land acquisitions that accelerate development. Additionally, the Council continues to seek other funding opportunities, acknowledging a funding gap in the development.

"Council is also advocating with Peri Urban Councils across Victoria for a future fund to be established by the Victorian Government," he said.

Seven homes funded, more on the way

THE BASS Coast Shire Council has provided an update on its Social and Affordable Housing plan following a community question from Joe Waralow at last week's council meeting.

"The State Government allocated \$25 million some time ago towards Social and Affordable Housing for the Bass Coast Shire. Would council please provide progress so far in terms of build numbers and total expenses as of 31 July 2024."

The news from council is good.

"While Council has an Affordable Housing Strategy and it is included in our advocacy priorities, delivery of this program is the responsibility of the state government," said Bass Coast CEO Greg Box.

"To date, the State government has committed \$16.5 million of the \$25 million guaranteed investment to eight projects. Seven homes funded through the Big Housing Build have been completed, with 31 homes currently under way and 149 local jobs created through the investment."



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Advice from our dads...

THERE'S advice we take on board, some we wish we'd listened to and others we have perhaps ignored. But with Father's Day around the corner what advice do you remember? (As shared to us on South Gippsland Sentinel-Times's Facebook page).

**Work hard, save hard,
set yourself up and enjoy** ~ Bec

In the summer when it had rained and I was heading back to uni Dad would always say 'It's been hot, the roads are wet, it will be slippery'. It just has to rain now and I remember his words ~ Andrea

To your own self be true ~ Gaz

Never leave your education up to your teachers. He meant keep searching beyond just what we learn in school, never stop learning, seek knowledge and learn all you can ~ Heidi

Don't go to bed angry. The new day doesn't need to wake up to anger or misery ~ Garrey

I've got a good thing in the last at Flemington!!! 2321 times and it still hasn't actually happened... ~ Jason

If you're not in bed by midnight... come home, it's a wasted night ~ Russ

Stand up for yourself, don't let that bully hurt you ~ Charlene

Always own your own piece of land ~ Margaret

Brewers Droop and how to change a tyre ~ Maryla

Believe nothing you hear and only half what you see ~ Glenno

Get a receipt after you paid the bus ticket ~ Leon

Manners cost you nothing, use them ~ Tanya

Never put sunscreen on your forehead, it just melts and runs into your eyes ~ Wayne

Don't eat yellow snow ~ Mark Plews

Growing up dad would say, 'Don't be a Collingwood supporter or you can cook your own dinner and wash your own clothes' ~ Lenny

After you turn 50, never pass a toilet and never trust a fart! ~ Greg

Your favourite memories with dad...

I loved fishing with my dad Steve. In particular, I loved the times we spent at Lakes Entrance fishing and taking me prawning. Happy 'farters' day Pop Dawg ~ Chloe Carter

My dad, Steve, used to take me for the occasional treat at Robs takeaway shop when I was a kid. I have very fond memories of having my very first burger with the lot and sharing milkshakes together sitting on the stools in the window watching the world go by. Good times ~ Ashlee Cuttriss

Having a day off school to lay and nap with dad in his final days will always be the most treasured time for me. Miss him so much ~ Jordi Hodgetts

Cherishing the memories made together this Father's Day

FOR South Gippsland Shire's Deputy Mayor, Nathan Hersey, Father's Day is a time to cherish family and create quality memories together.

"Being a dad is a huge blessing," Nathan shares, as the proud father of Hugo.

"The part I love most is watching Hugo grow and develop into a fantastic, thoughtful, and caring person. He is a very intelligent and articulate boy who is caring and kind. My biggest desire, as a dad, is to raise a son who is respectful, responsible and who is a kind person with a kind heart."

As Father's Day approaches, Nathan looks forward to the small, heartfelt traditions that mark the day.

"I'm looking forward to being woken up with some sort of adorable handmade craft and a morning snuggle," he says, smiling at the thought. A special lunch at The Grove Gippsland will also play a part on Father's Day.

Nathan's approach to fatherhood is deeply influenced by the values instilled in him by his own father.

"My dad has always been good at encouraging and supporting me to do whatever I put my mind to. He has always said that nothing is out of reach and that hard work and dedication can pay off," Nathan reflects, noting his dad ingrained his good financial sense onto him and his siblings.

"As a really young boy, I was encouraged to do 'jobs' and pay half towards things that I really wanted to buy, such as a CD player and later in life my first car."

"This is the same approach I am taking with Hugo so that he understands that things don't just come to him and that he understands the value of working and money."

One of Nathan's favourite memories with Hugo is a family adventure to the Northern Territory, where they explored the outback and visited Uluru.

"Hugo is a really good traveller and gets into 'holiday mode' very quickly," Nathan recalls. Beyond travels, the simple pleasures of building Lego together and working on the family farm are treasured activities.

"Hugo is also a great helper on the farm with rounding up the cattle. He helps by waving his arms in the laneways to steer them in the right direction."

Balancing the responsibilities of being a father and a deputy mayor is no easy task, but Nathan has found ways to integrate both roles with Hugo of-



This Father's Day, Nathan reflects on the joy of fatherhood and the importance of creating lasting memories with his son.

ten accompanying him to local meetings and events, becoming a familiar face in the community.

"It's tricky at times, particularly given Hugo is only in kinder for half days and my wife works also," Nathan explains.

"Anyone who has seen me out and about will know that Hugo is a frequent guest at local meetings and events.

"It's a balance between making sure that we have quality time together and that I can meet my community expectations and the commitment I made to serve others. I have been encouraged by so many people in our community who make Hugo feel very welcome and comfortable at events and meetings, he also enjoys coming with me. I particularly recall the Legacy celebration in Korumburra last year, where so many local people came and said hello to Hugo and shared stories of their past experiences and memories.

Hugo was given little gifts including a Legacy Bear and lapel pins and was really made to be a part of the event."

Nathan's role as a father has also influenced his perspective on council policies. Advocating for initiatives that will benefit future generations, such as the creation of an undercover playground for families to enjoy during inclement weather.

"I'm conscious as a dad that we need to improve the offerings for our families and young people – something I might not have realised so clearly if I wasn't raising my son here," he says.

The most rewarding part of fatherhood for Nathan has been the sense of belonging and connection he feels within the South Gippsland community.

As he continues to serve on the council and has put his name forward for re-election later this year, he is determined to leave a legacy that benefits not only Hugo but all the young people in the region.

"I want South Gippsland to be a strong community with a healthy environment and a good local economy that provides opportunities for our young people locally," Nathan envisions.

"I want to see our young people have more opportunities to stay close to friends and family and be prosperous without having to relocate to the city or interstate for work and education."

To other fathers juggling demanding careers, Nathan offers this advice: "Make sure you take the time to make memories with your kids. In these times when families have a lot of financial pressures and time constraints, dads, myself included, particularly feel the pressure to ensure that bills are paid, the mortgage is covered and meals are on the table. What's clear is that kids will always be more interested in time with their dad than those other important things that are often not understood."

"My dad was a very hard-working man who spent many hours at work. As I got older, he took the time to apologise to me for the times he was too busy working and running the family business to spend time with me. It's not something I hold against my dad in any way. I can, however, see it has actually impacted him greatly as time has gone on and that he has regrets. I'm determined not to have the same regrets my dad has now in my own future years."

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OH WHAT A FEELING

2024 Daffodil & Floral Show

A strawberry pot without the strawberries

AS THE much-anticipated 2024 Daffodil Festival approaches, the Leongatha Horticultural Society is thrilled to introduce a fresh and creative challenge in its lineup of competitive categories: a special section featuring "A Strawberry Pot Without the Strawberries." This whimsical twist is sure to stir the imagination of both seasoned gardeners and newcomers alike.

Traditionally, a strawberry pot is a container with several side openings, designed to allow multiple plants to grow in tiers. The concept for this year's special show event is to utilise this unique structure, not for the cultivation of strawberries, but for showcasing other floral or foliage arrangements. Participants are encouraged to let their creativity bloom, filling the pot with anything but strawberries—think cascading daffodils, vibrant succulents, or a medley of colourful annuals.

This special 2024 show event category falls under Class G – Pot Plants, where the art of container gardening takes centre stage. In addition to the strawberry pot challenge, the class includes a variety of other intriguing sections, from blooming orchids and daffodils to collections of cacti and succulents.

With a blue ribbon and trophy up for grabs, this special section is open to all exhibitors and is bound to inspire a diverse array of entries. So, get your hands dirty, let your creativity flow, and be a part of this year's festival by participating in the "Strawberry Pot Without the Strawberries" category.

Check out the courtyard display

TO HELP celebrate this year's Daffodil Festival the Leongatha Art and Craft Gallery will be open all day over the festival period from nine in the morning until five in the afternoon Thursday and Friday, and nine to four on Saturday.

This year the Leongatha Art and Craft Gallery has been working with the Leongatha Horticulture Society and Deep Creek Nursery to set up a display in the gallery courtyard. The gallery is run by volunteers and daffodil festival visitors are welcome to come and browse the unique artwork from local artists. Art and craft demonstrations will be held from Thursday, August 29 until Saturday, August 31.

Ceramic figurine and jewellery making will be demonstrated from 1pm to 5pm on Thursday, August 29, painting, beading, weaving from 9am to 1pm, and wool spinning and needle felting from 1pm to 5pm on Friday, August 30, and wool spinning and pyrography from 9am to 12.30pm and ceramics and ornamental lead lighting from 12.30pm to 5pm on Saturday, August 31.

All the plants on display in the gallery courtyard will be for sale so if you are looking for that special gift look no further than the Leongatha Art and Craft Gallery.

Don't miss the raffle

THERE will be a special raffle of an original artwork created by Melanie Caple that has formed the basis of promotional posters used for previous shows.

Raffle tickets have been available for sale before the show at Leongatha IGA and Leongatha Nextra Newsagency. But, don't panic if you missed them at the retailers, tickets are available for the three days of the daffodil show, with the prize winner announced at 3pm on Saturday, August 31 in the Memorial Hall.

For those after a bite to eat, St Peter's Anglican Church will again be transformed into a pop-up café, serving light refreshments throughout the Daffodil and Floral Show, a selection of homemade soups available and served with a roll, as well as a variety of tempting cakes and a hot cuppa.

Members of the St Peter's Anglican Church Auxiliary will provide their friendly hospitality between 12pm and 5pm on Thursday, August 29, from 9am until 5pm on Friday, August 30, and from 9am until 4pm on Saturday, August 31.



I wandered lonely as a cloud when all at once I saw a crowd at Leongatha – a host of golden daffodils (apologies to William Wordsworth).

A host of golden daffodils create a sea of yellow

LEONGATHA's spectacular festival of daffodils will open this year with a dazzling display of hundreds of daffodil bunches from West Gippsland flower growers Blyth Bros.

Freshly picked from the vast Blyth Bros daffodil fields at Ellinbank the iconic blooms will create a sea of yellow for the Leongatha Daffodil Floral Show and Artists Showcase.

The Blyth family are Australia's largest daffodil producer, growing over one hundred different varieties of daffodils on three hundred and fifty hectares of rolling picturesque West Gippsland countryside.

A stunning sight this time of year the cold climate, fertile volcanic soil and plentiful rainfall are ideal for growing daffodils.

Daffodils are picked from June right through until spring for sale to markets in Australia and overseas.

Bulbs are available from mid-January to March and are sold to various retail and mail-order companies that pre-package the bulbs for home gardeners.

Blyth Bros have some helpful tips for growing daffodils.

Daffodils are very adaptable and can be grown in almost any home garden.

Daffodils prefer full sun



Leongatha Art and Craft Gallery will be open all day during the Daffodil Floral Show.

during winter but will tolerate partial shade for part of the day.

They can be grown in pots, rock gardens, naturalised along driveways, in lawns or clumped under deciduous trees.

Daffodil bulbs are planted in autumn and can be left undisturbed for several years.

The soil should be well cultivated prior to planting and as the bulbs are hardy they can

usually be grown without fertiliser.

If there is a need for added fertiliser daffodils respond well to a good commercial bulb fertiliser high in potash rather than nitrogen, working well into the soil before planting.

Too much nitrogen in the soil will encourage too much leafy growth and give fewer flowers.

When flowering has

finished, allow the leaves to wither naturally.

Do not cut the leaves even though they may look a bit unsightly as this is the time when the embryo flower forms for the next year.

Most importantly do not water the bulbs in Summer as this can rot the dormant bulbs.

Bulbs can be top-dressed with a complete fertiliser in March each year.

Blooming daffodils around Leongatha



2024 Daffodil & Floral Show



The hard working ladies who make the Daffodil and Floral Show a success every year are Meryl Pyle, Glenys Paterson, Wendy McDonald, Anne Larking, Sue Thompson and Faye Marshman. ob13_3524

A good growing season signals a great show

PULLING together the Leongatha Daffodil and Floral Show takes dedication, time and effort with many hands involved and promoting the event is a key aspect of the ongoing success of the show.

The posters and signs that pop up around town are organised and coordinated by volunteer Wendy McDonald who works closely with local artist Melanie Caple, who has been designing the artwork for the show for the past three years.

The artwork includes an

original painting from Melanie, which this year will be raffled off and go to a good home, in anticipation of newly designed artwork for the show next year.

Wendy works tirelessly in the weeks leading up to the event to ensure it is well and widely publicised by writing articles that feature in the Burra flyer, the Meenyan newsletter, the Mirboo North Times and for online sites such as What's On South Gippsland; she liaises with the media, including 3GGG

radio and South Coast FM and The Sentinel-Times.

Each year alongside the committee, Wendy looks to how they can best promote the show, but she said, some things will always remain the same.

"Every year the show encompasses the same categories, it's something that people can rely upon. We'll always have daffodils, we'll always have camellias, we'll always have cut flowers, and that sort of thing."

And she believes if the

weather holds out this year's show will be special one as the season has been good and they're expecting to receive many great entries.

"It's looking as good as it ever has been. The weather's been really good, lots of sunshine for daffodils to bloom when they should be blooming. It's been nice. All the early flowering daffodils are out, so everyone's holding their breath that what's good in the garden now will stay at their peak until next week."

Stewards set up for another sensational show

HUNDREDS of colourful displays arrive the day before the Leongatha Daffodil and Floral Show opens and about twenty volunteer stewards are responsible for co-ordinating where they all go.

The stewards set out the stands in their section, determine which class entries should be placed in, guide people to where their entry will be displayed, help stage the arrangements, ensure everything is labelled and record how many entries are in each section.

This is no easy feat as the show doesn't take any entries beforehand so there is no way to gauge how many will come in.

"It's easier for our exhibitors, which is the main reason we do it, but it makes it a lot harder for the stewards, so the stewards are really an integral part of the show. They really make our show," said Secretary and Show Manager, Sue Thompson.

"We set it all up into different sections and display



Wendy McDonald with Secretary and Show Manager Sue Thompson, who makes sure, along with the stewards that the floral displays wow everyone who attends the Leongatha Daffodil and Floral Show. ob15_3524

them so they look nice when the judges come in and so they all get a chance to win."

Sue is the primary decision maker on how many stands they will need and where they will be placed, for maximum effect for the attendees, exhibitors and judges.

The Lions Club assist in doing the heavy lifting and as the exhibitors begin bringing in their floral displays on Wednesday afternoon, the stewards get to work.

There are many different categories and the stewards are kept on their toes when

determining which section an arrangement will go in.

There are about thirteen categories for daffodils alone; there are camellias, cherry blossoms, hyacinths and hellebore categories; there are also floral art displays that showcase the creative talent of the region, native foliage, pot plants and cut flower displays to name a few.

"There's some really unique things about the show," explained Sue.

"We try and have lots of different things for people to see, who might be interested in different things, different plants."

The show also caters to art lovers with displays from primary school students, photographers, and workshops from artists of the Leongatha Art and Craft Society.

"Once the show is set up, it looks amazing. You wouldn't see a better show anywhere in Victoria or Australia. It's a terrific show and there's a certain satisfaction in that," said Sue.

The blooming showcase

AS THE vibrant colours of spring begin to paint the landscape, the 2024 Daffodil Festival is set to delight garden enthusiasts, florists, and the local community alike, so what categories will be on display?

Class A – Daffodils: A Symphony of Yellow and White

The heart of the festival lies in Class A, dedicated entirely to daffodils. This category features a Championship Award Card for the Champion Daffodil, selected from the impressive array of entries across all sections. From the VDS L.P. Dettman Trophy, showcasing nine distinct varieties from divisions 1-3, to the George Jones Perpetual Trophy for three stems of a single variety, the competition in this class is fierce and breathtaking.

Exhibitors can enter a variety of divisions, ranging from Trumpet Daffodils (Division 1) to the more unique Split Corona (Division 11) and the charming Miniature Daffodils. Whether it's a single stem or a carefully curated container of blooms, the entries in this class are sure to impress both judges and spectators.

Class B – Other Bulbs: Beyond the Daffodil

For those who appreciate the beauty of bulbs beyond daffodils, Class B offers a diverse range of categories. From Hyacinths to Tulips, and even the less common Lachenalias, this class is a tribute to the variety of bulbous plants that thrive in our gardens. The Alf Ladson Trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most impressive aggregate score in this class, thanks to the generous donation of bulbs by C & M Drett.

Class C – Cut Flowers: A Riot of Colors

Class C is a feast for the senses, with entries ranging from Polyanthus and Helleborus to Wallflowers and Marguerites. Whether you're presenting a simple container of Violets or a lavish display of Primulas, this category allows for creative expression and showcases the diversity of flowering plants, dedicated to the memory of Joy Johnson.

Class D – Camellias: Elegance in Bloom

Camellia lovers will find their place in Class D, where the best blooms will be judged across several sections. From the deep reds to the delicate whites, each Camellia entry will compete for the coveted Trophy provided by Camellias Victoria. This year, the section is dedicated to the memory of Norm Cornthwaite.

Class E & Ea – Magnificent Shrubs and Spectacular Australians

Class E and Ea highlight the beauty of flowering shrubs and Australian plants. Class E features vibrant Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Daphne and other garden shrubs, while Class Ea showcases Australiana, from single stems to containers of Boronia, Acacia and Eucalyptus, to name but a few. Class E's trophy this year is in memory of Olive Laurie, whilst Class Ea's trophy donation is thanks to Kuranga Native Nursery.

Class F – Floral Art: Where Nature Meets Creativity

Floral Art takes centre stage in Class F, where exhibitors are invited to create masterpieces using plant material. Whether it's the "Clever Contrasts" pedestal design or a hand-tied bouquet, this class celebrates the artistry that can be achieved with flowers. The Floral Art Group's Special Award will be given to the most creative exhibit, offering a \$20 prize for ingenuity and beauty.

Classes for All Ages and Interests

The festival also includes sections for school students (Class H), allowing young horticulturists to showcase their creativity and a fruit and vegetable category (Class I) where gardeners can display their best produce. Photography enthusiasts can enter Class J, capturing the beauty of daffodils, trees, and life in the garden through their lenses.

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a first-time exhibitor, the 2024 Daffodil Festival offers a category for everyone. Join in celebrating the joy of gardening, the beauty of flowers, and the creativity of our community at this year's event.

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COMMENT

Why Inverloch's erosion report is a camel

A CAMEL, they say, is a horse designed by a committee.

And that rings true of the Cape-to-Cape Resilience Plan produced by the Inverloch RaSP, a committee which draws its membership from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (lead partner), the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Bass Coast Shire Council, South Gippsland Shire Council, Department of Transport and Planning, Parks Victoria, South Gippsland Water, the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, Heritage Victoria and Gippsland Ports.

Local stakeholders, including the Inverloch Tourism Association, have long since given up taking part in an advisory capacity as a complete waste of time.

And four years into their work, and upwards of \$1 million in admin costs later, the final report produced by the Inverloch RaSP last Friday has pretty much proved them right.

Yes, if you read deeply enough into the 78-page report, you'll find where risks to Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road, homes along Surf Parade, infrastructure including Inverloch's sewerage system, and parks and open space are highlighted.

There's also reference to risks in the South Gippsland Shire as well, including to farming properties and roads with Inverloch-Venus Bay Road one of those listed.

But the key paragraph in the report comes early: "Detailed decisions about the implementation and timing of actions will be made in line with the normal government policy and budget processes."

In other words, we're no closer to a more comprehensive action plan to deal with, principally, the ongoing erosion problems at Inverloch, beyond the ad hoc actions already taken at either end of the foreshore.

The report contains no clear recommendations, seemingly on purpose in order to thwart the chances of the local community and local councils pursuing the state government for funding to address defined problems.

What we have been presented with is a reworking of the RaSP's colourful community briefing papers, not a report in the traditional sense of the word, without a list of clear recommendations to implement.

If it wasn't for the years of wasted time and the fact that such an unwieldy committee has proved itself incapable so far, you'd send them "back to the drawing board" to produce a proper report with actionable recommendations.

There is also the risk that other agencies, including the Bass Coast Shire Council, will draw their own conclusions from the report and seek to introduce highly-restrictive planning controls, along Surf Parade for example, where a simple engineering solution would protect the very small number of properties potentially impacted, and virtually none of them from permanent inundation (less than two per cent) out to 2100 and beyond.

Honestly, the report is a disgrace, an almost total waste of money, demonstrating a lack of respect for the problem here, and missing the chance to create a template that other coastal communities might reference.

Vox Pop

How will you be celebrating Father's Day this year?



Azni Aziz

San Remo

"This year will be my second Father's Day, so I plan on spending some time with my wife and my son kicking the ball around."



Jas Jasni

San Remo

"As a family we will have a nice meal and spend some quality time together; Father's Day is a good bonding time."



Fadhlil

San Remo

"Usually, we spend time as a family. My dad is a man of few words so we will enjoy playing a game of billiards together."



Farhan

San Remo

"Father's Day brings the family together; we will have a picnic, maybe down the beach and enjoy a nice meal."

Prefers independents

I AGREE with the sentiments expressed by Tony Walker in last week's Sentinel regarding his support for electing an independent, non-party member to parliament. We have been let down by the party system for years and I almost always vote independents first then work down placing my least preferred choice last.

To those who say voting independent, or for a small party (or even voting at all) is a waste of time, I say that's the beauty of the preferential voting system. Voting for independents is not a wasted vote, your vote, via preferences, usually ends with one of the big parties but independents do get elected to parliament as we see at each election.

Other reasons for supporting independent candidates are to show our displeasure with the ruling duopoly and to reduce their taxpayer contributions for elections, which is based on first preference votes.

Now to see which independent's (or small party's) position best suits, we in South Gippsland, no Teals thanks.

Steve Finlay, Leongatha

Keep up the good news

THANK you for the news you send out each week.

As a person born in Foster in 1943 and a resident and business owner at Fish Creek from 1985 to 2004, I appreciate your news coverage mainly from a family history aspect these days.

My family were the McMasters who lived in Korumburra and Foster as my mother was born there in 1919.

We rely on your paper for the history of the Gippsland area. So sorry that the Foster Mirror has ceased publication but know that you will try to cover the loss.

Laurie Marlin, Bairnsdale

No serious effort to investigate theft

LAST week's letter from Bass Coast Shire CEO Greg Box (Sentinel Times, August 20) reflects quite poorly on him in my opinion. His letter contains errors and continues successive council efforts to gloss over, play down and cover-up the theft of the mayoral chain and robes.

The CEO's claim of numerous media reports over the years is wrong. This theft only came to public attention via the media earlier this year (Sentinel Times January 30, 2024).

Successive CEOs, mayors and councillors have concealed this major theft from our community for more than a decade.

And Mr Box's claim that the theft was reported to police in February 2017

is also wrong.

Council records show that the theft wasn't reported until October 10, 2018, at least five years after the theft was discovered.

I agree with Mr Box, however, that Victoria Police is the appropriate authority to investigate the theft but from information presented so far, it is obvious to me that the last thing council wants is a police investigation.

As for Mr Box's claim that the matter was reported to police, council information indicates that it was not a sincere report. Council admits it didn't provide a written report and it is seen that the supposed verbal report did not describe the items nor their value. So, nothing to investigate.

Mr Box's claim that "Council shares the community's wish that this mystery had been resolved at the time" rings hollow. If this current council were sincere, they would now right this past wrong by immediately making a written report and proper request for police to urgently investigate.

Instead, they seek to bury the issue and have advised that they won't allow further public questions on the matter.

Any council with integrity would have engaged police as soon as it was realised the items were missing.

Unfortunately, our current councillors and CEO continue to allow the perpetrator(s) to evade justice.

Kevin Griffin, Inverloch

A chance to honour great Gippslanders

GIPPSLANDERS are being encouraged to nominate locals who have left a lasting legacy to lend their name to a local place.

The State Government is seeking to create a name bank for councils to assist with naming new places such as new streets, parks, community facilities and buildings.

Gippsland's history is bursting with notable characters who are fondly remembered, and this is a great opportunity to honour their legacy.

Nominees might be remembered for any positive impact they had on our community whether that be sporting achievements, activism, contribution to healthcare, science, arts or philanthropic endeavours just to name a few examples.

There is a long history of high achieving and notable Gippslanders and I am encouraging locals to come forward with nominations.

To be eligible to be commemorated the person must:

- be deceased;
- have left a lasting legacy; and
- have a long association with the nominated area.

For more information or to submit a nomination visit engage.vic.gov.au/name-a-place.

Danny O'Brien, The Nationals Member for Gippsland South



This photo taken a year ago shows the larger than standard 60km/h signs used on the Cape Road entrance to Wonthaggi.

Beware of new Cape Road speed limits

Re. Changes to speed limits on Wonthaggi-Cape Paterson Road.

I'M sure that you're aware that the speed limits were reduced for motorists traveling between Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson recently.

For decades the limit was 100km/h between Mitre 10 and Cape Paterson.

The limit was reduced to 80km/h recently and the start of the 60km/h approach into Wonthaggi was moved approximately one kilometre further away from town despite there being no obvious indication that you are approaching a built-up area.

Recently police have been enforcing the new limits and zone at the invitation of the council, according to the officer that stopped me and issued me with a ticket.

Previously, on the approach into town from Cape Paterson there were two clearly displayed "60 Ahead" signs followed by two larger than standard 60km/h signs.

Identical signage exists on the approach to Wonthaggi from both Inverloch and Korumburra with a clear warning of a change ahead and larger than standard speed limit signs indicating the start of a 60km/h zone. This historical signage can be seen on Google Maps' street view and is attached.

Sadly, the residents of Cape Paterson have lost both of the "60 ahead" warning signs and no longer have a larger than standard 60km/h sign. Further, the new 60km/h limit zone begins immediately after a rise in the road that obscures the signs on approach into Wonthaggi.

I was detected speeding immediately after this new change of speed limit and location zone but it is my intention to request a review of the fine. I have a clean driving record, and my last speeding offence was approximately 30 years ago.

I believe it is incumbent on the council to ensure the signage is clear, consistent and that motorists are warned ahead of any significant limit change and location after decades, before they invite police to enforce the new limit.

Indeed, a similar situation occurred in Seaford in 2022 when a large number of fines were scrapped following a reduction in limit from 60km/h to 40km/h.

Rowan Salger, Cape Paterson



CFA Catchment Commander Gavin Parker presenting twenty-five-year service award to Michael Blogg.



CFA Catchment Commander Gavin Parker presents a ten-year service award to Jarred Haw.



CFA Catchment Commander Gavin Parker presenting forty-year service award to Michael Austin.

Celebrating 165 years of combined CFA service

KORUMBURRA Fire Brigade has honoured CFA members and their families for their valuable dedication with service awards representing one hundred and sixty-five years of combined service.

Korumburra CFA volunteers Jenni Denney and Joe Sheppard were presented with five-year service awards. Jarred Haw ten-years, Michael Blogg twenty-five years, Ross Harris thirty-years, Michael Austin forty-years and Bill Rodda an exceptional fifty-years of service award.

The annual presentation night with fire brigade members, CFA leaders and members of the local community celebrated one hundred and twenty-five years of service by the Korumburra Fire Brigade at The Grove, Krowera.

Catchment Commander Gavin Parker said he was honoured to be able to present service awards recognising the long history of the brigade serving the local community.

The Rodda family's Firefighter of the Year was awarded to Sarah Davies for the second year running.

The Firefighter of the Year award is voted by fellow brigade members and was presented by Bill Rodda, a recipient of the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM).

Captain Shane Maskell said the CFA is like a family.

"We are a very social and welcoming brigade, and I believe that is one of the reasons we are able to retain and hopefully continue to attract new members," said Captain Maskell.

"We really pride ourselves on our representation in firefighting strike teams.

"We consistently have members putting their hands up to go away and help both in Victoria and interstate including Queensland."

Members from the Korumburra Fire Brigade Captain Shane Maskell and Sarah Davies together with Captain Dannielle O'Loughlin of the Berrys Creek Fire Brigade were recently involved in the Hawthorn vs Richmond AFL emergency services round.

Korumburra and Berrys Creek members along with CFA volunteers from Drouin West, Warragul and Erica travelled to the MCG with the Korumburra tanker and Drouin West ultralight to be involved in this special event.

Operating from Yarra Park with two CFA education vans the Korumburra members and their families were privileged to be a part of a fun-packed afternoon at the Emergency Service's Foundation Family Matter Expo before the match.

Captain Shane Maskell was invited to represent CFA District Nine in a guard of honour and all members were part of an emergency service lap of honour at half time.

The special AFL match highlighted the role of emergency services personnel and raised awareness of mental health and wellbeing within the sector.

CFA members were proud to stand side-by-side with partner agencies to celebrate the valuable work emergency services do to keep Victorians safe.

"At the end of the day, we're volunteers and we're there to help our community and I think that's appreciated," said Captain Maskell.



Brigade Captain Shane Maskell and fifty-year service award recipient Bill Rodda with CFA Catchment Commander Gavin Parker.



CFA Catchment Commander Gavin Parker presenting thirty-year service award to Ross Harris.

Probus club welcomes football legend David McKay

THE Probus Club of Anderson's Inlet in Inverloch recently had Dr Dan Eddy, who interviewed David McKay, at its August meeting.

David McKay is a well-known Carlton legend and enthralled the club with stories of his football career.

He played for Carlton for 12 seasons in the 70's and 80's, and was the best on ground in the 1970 grand final.

David played 263 games with Carlton and he kicked 277 goals.

Dan's talented interviewing skills with David brought

many AFL matches back clearly to the club members.

The Anderson's Inlet Probus meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Inverloch RSL at 10am.

They always welcome visitors to the club and can be contacted by ringing secretary Jill Widmer on 0478 227 072.

RIGHT: Carlton legend David McKay, Anderson's Inlet Probus Club treasurer Pat Tudden and local author Dan Eddy at the Probus Club's recent 'Footy and Pie' day.



Can you help find a new home for the old police lock-up?

What next for the old police lock-up?

By Mirboo and District Historical Society Inc

THE members of the Mirboo and District Historical Society are disappointed that we cannot find somewhere to place the old historic Police lock-up owned and rescued by the Society several years back and moved by a group of volunteers when the Police Station in Baromi Road was sold.

In the late 1900's these lock-ups were sent from England by ship in flat kit form and erected on site. This structure is held by rods and bolts through the walls holding the three-inch thick boards in place that are slipped in from the top.

The first lock-up for Mirboo North around 1910 was behind the former Police Station on a site in Main Street which served the district until 1963. This lock-up was used until the closure of the Baromi Road Police Station when it became redundant once the new 2010 Police Station was built in Ridgway.

This lock-up was extensively renovated and painted to match the chocolate shop (on the site now Lamezleighs new extension), where it sat for many years. It attracted much attention and interest from visitors in the courtyard of the former Mirboo North Police Station. The Historical Society held an official opening on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 with the courtyard filled with interested members and visitors. With the change of business and ownership, it had to be removed from its home at very short notice prior to Christmas 2023.

When it was removed, we had to find a new place for this piece of Mirboo North history to sit until our Society found a new site. We thank the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation for letting the old lock-up rest at the back of their block until it can find a new home which we thought would have been long before this.

We were hopeful that it could be placed in Baromi Park where it would once again be visible to locals and visitors to our great town. Loch village also has their old police lock-up in the township park as a visitor's attraction that looks great.

In need of some repair, the members of our Historical Society were ready to undertake further restoration of the building, at the Society's own cost, but unless we find a new home it may be lost to Mirboo North, be demolished or end up at the tip. Unfortunately, the members have had no assistance with finding a new home and are extremely disappointed with this outcome.

A piece of Mirboo North history that should not be lost.

What next for the Mirboo and District Historical Society's structure?

Either the Society finds a new site in the township somewhere so it can be seen, give it away to another organisation out of town or do we fight to keep it here?

A petition is planned for signatures to assist the Historical Society to show just how important it is to the Mirboo North township and district people. Hopefully, members of the public will sign our petition so we can present it to Council in the hope of finding our historical building a new home.



Apple pudding with cognac cream sauce

By Meg Viny

AND another very special pudding Apple. This recipe makes a large pudding, so you may wish to halve it...

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 80 gm butter
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup molasses – treacle could be substituted
- 1 1/2 tablespoon grated lemon rind (see note)
- 3/4 cup plain yoghurt
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 cups chopped Granny Smith apples (peeled and cored)

NOTE: to maximise the flavour of the lemon rind, peel the lemon with a potato peeler and grind it with the sugar in a food processor. You will retain the delicious lemon oil.

Method

Grind the lemon rind with the sugar, then cream in the butter. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, then the molasses (or treacle). Blend in the yoghurt and vanilla.

In another bowl, mix the dry ingredients, then add into the wet mixture. Finally stir in the chopped apples.

In a buttered pudding basin, transfer the mixture. Cover the pudding with buttered foil and tuck in or tie securely with string.

Transfer to a rack in a pot of boiling water that comes 2/3 of the way up the pot. Return to the boil and simmer over a very low heat for 2 hours.

Remove and rest fifteen minutes, then turn out onto a serving platter and serve with whipped cream, ice cream or both.

Alternatively, you can serve it with

Cognac cream sauce

Cream 80 gm butter with 3 tablespoons sugar and a pinch each salt and cinnamon. Beat in an egg and sit the bowl in a pot of water (or use a double boiler) that is barely simmering. Cook, stirring, until thick. Stir in a tablespoon cognac (brandy), cool and chill. Whip 1/4 cup cream and fold into the sauce.

Bass Coast Fine Film Group

10.45am SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER
THE PROMISED LAND.

In 1755, impoverished Captain Ludvig Kahlen (Mads Mikkelsen) sets out to conquer the harsh Danish heath with an impossible goal: to build a colony in the name of the King. But the local ruler, the merciless Frederik de Schinkel believes this land belongs to him.

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Mads Mikkelsen in *The Promised Land*. Photo: Magnolia Pictures.

A Promised Land for fine film

THE Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proud to present "The Promised Land", a sweeping historical drama from acclaimed Danish director, Nikolaj Arcel ("A Royal Affair").

As the protagonist, Ludvig Kahlen, portrayed by Mads Mikkelsen, attempts to cultivate a barren expanse, he grapples with his identity as a soldier turned landowner, highlighting the conflict between personal ambition and societal expectations. Initially depicted as haughty and ambitious, Kahlen's journey reveals layers of vulnerability and moral conflict as he confronts the harsh realities of land ownership and the exploitation of labor.

One of the central themes in "The Promised Land" is the exploration of identity and belonging, particularly set against the backdrop of mid-18th-century Denmark. The film delves into the complexities of race, class, and social dynamics as characters navigate their aspirations and limitations

within a harsh and often unforgiving environment. The film poignantly illustrates how individuals seek belonging in a world that often marginalises them, making the audience reflect on the broader implications of identity in the face of adversity.

Visually, "The Promised Land" is a stunning cinematic experience, thanks to the atmospheric cinematography by Rasmus Videbæk. The film employs a format which enhances its sweeping landscapes and intimate character moments, creating a striking visual narrative that complements the story's emotional depth. The meticulous attention to detail in costume design further immerses viewers in the historical context, showcasing the art form of fashion during that era. This blend of visual elements not only captures the stark beauty of the Danish marshes but also emphasises the themes of isolation and survival that permeate the film, effectively transporting the audience

into the heart of the 18th-century struggle.

Mads Mikkelsen's performance as Ludvig Kahlen stands out as a remarkable portrayal of complexity and nuance. The supporting cast also contributes to the overall richness of the narrative, embodying the film's themes of legacy, family, and duty. As characters evolve in response to their circumstances, the audience is drawn into their struggles and triumphs, making the film an exploration of the human experience in a challenging world.

Screening at 10.45am, Sunday, September 1 at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi. BCFFG members entry free, with general public welcome at usual box office prices.

To find out more, visit the website: basscoastfinefilmgp.weebly.com/current-season, and follow the links to the film.

The Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proudly sponsored by the Bass Coast Shire.



Wonthaggi Men's Shed Garden Group volunteers.

Recycle your goods and shop free for Spring

TRADE your trash for free spring seedlings at the Wonthaggi Men's Shed Garden Group.

The popular Spring Free Shop is on again from 9am to midday on Sunday, September 1 at the Wonthaggi Men's Shed Garden across Apex Park on the rail trail.

"Unwanted items, clothes, household goods, cuttings,

seedlings and seeds are all welcome but no furniture, beds or electrical goods," says Garden Group Coordinator Jessica Harrison.

"Time for a spring clean, your trash could be someone else's treasure," says Jessica.

"Rain or shine have a spring clean then find something to take home."

Produce grown at their

garden is shared between volunteers or given away to local free food larders to help people who are struggling to make ends meet.

Jessica Harrison loves the community that has been built around the Men's Shed Garden.

"We have fifteen regular volunteers, but everyone is welcome."

Record participation shines at FAMDA's 22nd One Act Play Festival

A RECORD number of eighteen entries graced the Foster stage over the weekend when FAMDA hosted its 22nd One Act Play Festival.

The jam-packed program included the ever-popular Young Players Festival, adult plays and, for the first time, incorporated monologues into the event.

Judged by experienced Melbourne director and adjudicator, Richard Keown, the program got underway on Saturday morning with a large audience enjoying the junior and senior youth sections.

In the junior section, Mimi Vale presented the trophy for the Llew Vale Community Bank Award for best production to Koonwarra Village School for their performance of 'The Grimmuss' with Outstanding Achievement Awards going to Willow Rosen and Layla Hechinger for performances in 'The Grimmuss' plus Ella Thomson as Mrs Wolf in 'The Good Little Wolf'.

Jane Vale was the presenter for The Llew Vale Community Bank Senior Award which was awarded to Wesley Student Year 10 Student Workshop from Glen Waverley who staged 'Sticks & Stones'.

Recipients of Outstanding Achievement Awards were Liam Fuery, as Shakespeare Romeo in 'A Tale of Two Balconies' staged by Leongatha Lyric Youth Committee, Olive Roodenburg from Wesley College's 'Sticks & Stones', and Nathanael Johnston, the Troubadour in 'Of Gods & Cows' staged by Phillip Island Village High School.

The prestigious Victorian Drama League Youth Encouragement Award was presented to Julia Millson from Wesley College.

Saturday night featured two stunning monologues, each written by the actor who performed them.

They were so compelling that both actors finished up taking home an award; Julia Lambert received the Monologue Award for 'Un-TIT-led' and Gavin Williams from Frankston Theatre Group was awarded in the Adjudicator's Choice category.

Melbourne group, Theatre Box earned the Bruce Cowl Best Production Award, with its \$1000 prize money for their stylishly frenetic play, 'Beyond the Vows'.

TheatreBox participants also landed other awards, Tanya Ryder – Phillips as director, plus Matt Phillips in Lead and Kate McManus in Support Actor categories.

Other nominees for best production included Gemco Players' cute 'Uke Belong to Me', recipient of the Runner-Up Award, plus trophies for Design and Michelle Drinnan in the Lead Actor category; Here There & Everywhere Theatre 'Theatre is Life' for which also earned Phillip A Mayer the playwright's trophy.

A totally unexpected surprise was Aran Mulholland receiving the Most Outstanding Male Support Actor trophy as Steven in host company FAMDA's staging of 'The Midnight Muse'.

The festival vibe was a very happy one.

FAMDA's next theatrical venture comes this Sunday at 2pm and 7pm in the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre with Dan Lawrie's one-man show, 'A Boot Full of Piss', about one man, Robert O'Brien.



Low Rez Melbourne Male Choir with local choirs on stage.

Low Rez Melbourne Male Choir all set for Foster Tour in September

IF YOU hear unexpected harmonies emanating from the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre as you head down Main Street on Saturday September 7, it may just be Low Rez Melbourne Male Choir warming up for their 7pm show.

Known for their vibrant celebration of pop music, Low Rez has a long and proud association with Gippsland, having toured here each year for more than a decade as part of their mid-year focus on regional Victoria.

The theme of this year's show is '16 and Young at Heart', which not only recognises the choir's coming of age (they were established in 2008), but also a repertoire of pop classics that will remind many of their youth.

The 40-strong ensemble – celebrated for its rich diversity and its inclusive spirit – is musically directed by renowned conductor and mezzo soprano Ursula Paez, complemented by assistant musical director and noted accompanist Geoff Urquhart.

Sid Arur, President of Low Rez, expressed his excitement about the upcoming showcase.

"Our annual regional concert is always a special occasion for us. It's not just about the music; it's about coming together as a community and sharing that joy with others," Arur says.

"In many ways Gippsland is our second home – so we're excited to collaborate with local choir, Bec's Bonny Boners, to make the evening extra special, and Fish Creek CWA will

provide refreshments at interval," he adds.

While the choir is self-funded through membership and ticket sales, use of the venue for this concert is made possible thanks to a generous grant from South Gippsland Shire Council.

Repeat fans and newcomers alike are invited to attend and experience the unique blend of harmony and heart that defines Low Rez's performances – so if you pass by the hall and hear their dulcet tones, be sure to make an evening of it.

From page to stage Dan brings Robert's story to life

ROBERT O'Brien is a resident of Prom Country Aged Care in Foster.

He has Cerebral Palsy and first started writing as a way to communicate with people when his speech could not be understood.

He has since written several thousand pages of stories of his life and published an autobiography titled 'A Boot Full of Piss'.

The book is outspoken, yet full of humour and lets us know that people with disabilities are no different from everyone else, and that they too, have feelings, loves, hopes and dreams!

Multi-talented thespian, Dan Lawrie, has translated O'Brien's book from the page to the stage of the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre where he recently impressed with his

dynamic and engaging performance as Lennie in FAMDA's 'The Architect'.

This time he is both writer and performer in an intriguing one man show, directed by Joel Stevenson, with Dan bringing to life various characters and incidents from Robert O'Brien's remarkable life story.

'A Boot Full of Piss' is unapologetically forthright, proudly inelegant, full of unexpected contents, and good for a laugh!

FAMDA is presenting it for two performances at 2pm and 7pm next Sunday, September 1.

Get the best seats for this remarkable theatrical experience book online via famda.org.au or trybookng.com/CUGNZ.

Tickets will also be available at the door.



It's on this Sunday for two performances only, do not miss Dan Lawrie in 'A Boot Full of Piss' at Foster.

Swinging rhythms at Inverloch Jazz

THE Inverloch Jazz club are holding their next jazz day on September 1 at the RSL Inverloch from 2pm – 4.30pm. The band for the day will be 'Wade and Jackson B3 Shuffle'.

The members of this group are Jon Wade on Hammond, Wendy Wade on vocals, Peter Jackson on vocals and percussion and Larry Keane on drums and vocals.

This group is driven by the distinctive sounds of the majestic Hammond B3, overlaid with female and male vocals in rich harmony, underpinned with the swinging and groovy rhythms in a combination of great jazz and blues classics.

This promises to be a great afternoon of music. Visitors \$18, cash only at the door.

Three Men in a Boat coming to Meeniyian

JOIN three local authors in a discussion about their work. Nice Stack of Books is presenting Three Men in a Boat, highlighting the creations of Simon Carey, Peter Fitzpatrick and Leslie Kilmartin.

They are all renowned Victorian authors with plenty of five-star ratings and three very different novels to present.

This event is for lovers of books – there's something for everyone to enjoy.

The event will discuss a work of historical fiction, an Australian suburban-noir murder mystery, and a satirical look at an Open Day at an Australian university.

To be held at the Meeniyian Town Hall, the event is ticketed at \$15 per head with books available for purchase on the night.

Tickets are available instore or online at nicestackofbooks.myshopify.com.

Come along at 6.30pm on September 24 for an evening of discourse and joviality.

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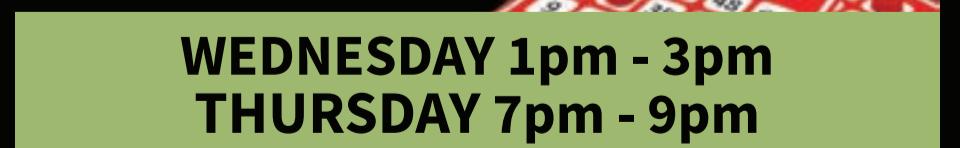
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Kate Williamson and Anna Moore from Inverloch enjoying Book Week.



Year 3 Thomas Hardy, Theodore Wilson and Sonny Brebner at the Newhaven College Book Week parade.



Year 3 students Emily Hardy and Venus Herath Mudiyanselage dressed up as Dr. Seuss' The Lorax.



Year 1 students Avana Zonneveld as a cheerleader and Yuri Chaseling as Miraculous Ladybug for Newhaven College Book Week.



Tracy Stiff and Amy Williams with Ivy from Inverloch at Book Week.



Christina Lomagno from Inverloch and Shell Herman of Dalyston watching the Book Week parade at Inverloch PS.



Dads Mick Minis, Shannon Houlahan and Pete Houston of Inverloch waiting for the Book Week Parade at Inverloch PS.



Louise O'Donnell, Ally Pellizzer and Donna Wells of Inverloch enjoying Book Week.



Cazz McCaughan from Inverloch watching the Book Week parade at Inverloch PS.

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Book Week celebrations at local schools, Wonthaggi Men's Shed Garden volunteers and Biosecurity Workshop at The Gurdies



The Preps enjoyed their first Book Week Parade, with Sophie Smith, George Armstrong, Iona James, Emerald Northover and Archer Ferretto getting into the spirit of the event.



Year 6 students Zara Schnerring and Abigail Birch enjoyed playing dwarfs for Book Week.



Librarian, Lenora O'Neill, Caroline Blakely, Learning Support and Ronan Harris Education Support celebrating Book Week at WNPS.



Teacher Sarah McAdam as Little Red Riding Hood for Book Week at WNPS.



Volunteers from the Wonthaggi Men's Shed Garden Group preparing for the Spring Free Shop on Sunday.



Grazier Kerena McLaren of Kongwak and Carolyn Charles of Kernot attending a biosecurity workshop at The Gurdies.



Beef Farmer Lew Potter at a recent Agriculture Victoria Bass Coast biosecurity workshop at The Gurdies.



Wonthaggi Men's Shed Garden Group volunteers ready for the Spring Free Shop on September 1.



MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WE ARE programming the upcoming term now! As well as new courses, we will be continuing some of our yearlong activities such as Yoga, Tai Chi and many social groups like Mahjong, 500 and craft groups.

If you missed out this term, please let us know what you're interested in. It helps a lot with planning to know what

our community needs and wants. If you have something you would like to learn, a skill to share, a community event or ideas of your own, feel free to contact us to help make it happen.

We are calling out to IT savvy people who may be able to offer a workshop or course of classes on and around computer skills and online processes.

We would also like to hear from the gardeners of Korumburra. Would you teach others about compost and planting, pruning and weeding and the world of gardening wisdom?

If you can offer your expertise, please get in touch.

A reminder that the Emergency Food bank is open from 9.30am-3pm Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Please bring

your own bag. Donations of grocery items are always appreciated.

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

ARE you or someone you know need assistance to access aged care services? It can be overwhelming to get what you need in the aged care system. Well, Sam from the Care Finder service will be at Mitchell House WNC on Thursday, August 29 at 2pm to discuss the aged care system, how you can access services, what services are available locally and the Care Finder service. Any questions? Then come along. You can contact Sam on 1800 242 696 for more on this event. To book in contact the WNC.

Have you visited the web page of the WNC? It's the place to be in the know of what's on or been that may pique your interest for next time, information on groups and

programs and what services are available. There is the Grapevine program which comes out each term and a flashy newsletter called Connections which reports and comments on what's happening each month. Our website is a great place to find out about us and perhaps tempt you to become a volunteer. Read up about it while visiting our home page. So, visit us at wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com and welcome to your community world that is the WNC.

Are you aware of the power of meditation and mindfulness and yoga, standing or seated? They can do wonderful things for your health. Belief is an important component to optimise the beneficial results. If you do, then that's

great. If you are wondering and perhaps hesitant, then take yourself by the hand and come on in and give it a try. Many would testify to their efficacy. We have two groups which provide these opportunities.

There is Yoga with Linda on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11.45am. Linda has extensive training in yoga as well as relaxation and meditation. Then there is Maree on Thursdays from 2pm to 3pm providing seated yoga, suitable for all abilities. You can stand using the chair for support or remain seated. Improve your flexibility, movement, concentration and strength. You are most welcome to come along and give these classes a try to determine if the practices will

be of benefit to you.

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



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

BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

A FEW weeks ago, we mentioned how there's always something interesting to talk about in the English and Maths for Life course. This is down to tutor Annie's broad experience in teaching English, maths, and science – quite the polymath.

It all came together last week when the class's entry won a prize at Bass Coast Community Foundation's inaugural Science Fair as part of National Science Week. The theme was Sustainable Science in our Everyday.

It was a great boost to the learners' confidence and shows BCAL's ethos towards learners that everyone is an expert at something, and everyone is a novice at something. So, while many people come to BCAL to

fill gaps in their learning, that in no way implies they are lacking in knowledge, intelligence and experience.

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

Sharing what you grow is one of the many pleasures of all kinds of gardening. But when the plants you share are food for the table the pleasure is multiplied.

Last week, five garden helpers shared a whole pumpkin, the first cauliflower, heads of broccoli, mixed lettuce, carrots, lemons and mandarins; enough to save a trip to the supermarket for fresh

produce for a few days at least. And it doesn't stop there. The volunteers planted up a shared onion bed, to complement the new carrot, potato and garlic crop.

Doing a few hours of light work at the garden is all it takes to be a part of the shared harvest.

For more information contact tgordon@westnet.com.au, BCAL on 5672 3115, or drop into the garden on Thursdays between 10am and noon to chat to the friendly volunteers.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

A nice knock-on effect of people part of a group like the Woodies is being able to take part in special events like the one last weekend.

Last Saturday, the group held a bring, buy, sell and swap day. Members with tools and equipment which were surplus to their own requirements brought them in to sell or swap with other members. For example, if a member has replaced a set of gouges, the old ones might be perfect for someone starting out.

In the interests of sustainability, one crafter's trash can be another's treasure.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or visit workshop.



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CONGRATULATIONS to Zack and Amanda Follett on the arrival of beautiful daughter Lucy Marie on August 13 at Warragul Hospital. Lucy is a little sister for Natalie 4 and Emma 2.

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• FAITH FACTOR

So tell me, what was Jesus on about?

By Janet Snashall-Woodhams, In Ministry at Wonthaggi-Inverloch Uniting Church

AS YOU can imagine I spend a fair bit of my busy week chatting to people about the Jesus story. So where do I anchor my chat with people?

For me that's easy – the Sermon on the Mount.

Don't think a stuffy, boring or hard to understand preachy sermon.

Think pithy and punchy. Words that cut straight to the point.

It may be better to describe The Sermon on the Mount as a collection of Jesus' teachings and sayings.

You can find the 'sermon' at the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew (chapters five-seven) in the Bible

In Matthew's story Jesus has just become a public figure and has started to gather a following of women and men. The Sermon gives them a glimpse into Jesus' vision for the way we should live in relation to one another and God.

The Sermon starts with the Beatitudes because who doesn't want to start with the good news first.

In the Beatitudes Jesus is saying Blessings to You or Honour to You.

Bless/Honour those who hunger and thirst for what is right, for they will be filled.

Jesus is calling out the things we should bless or honour. Jesus is saying: how amazing would it be if we all lived in a community that honoured people who strive for things other than status and wealth, who pursue justice and peace, and who are humble and pure of heart. How wonderful would that be!

The Sermon outlines a way of living so that everyone can live a full and productive life.

It goes well beyond the Ten Commandments. It calls us to a life that honors justice, radical inclusion and hospitality. It says that upholding the law is one thing, but we need to think about what is ethically and morally right as well.

Love your neighbour as yourself. Love your enemies. Forgive your accuser. Share your wealth. Worry Less. Don't broadcast your virtues. Be humble in all you do. Let your light shine. Be a peacemaker.

So, if you really want to know what Jesus was on about, read the Sermon on the Mount. Then come and have a coffee and chat with me.

I reckon I could even stretch to a biscuit.



Martin Carlson lifelong philanthropist and patron of the arts.

Charitable foundation honours a lifetime of giving

A CHARITABLE foundation formed by lifelong philanthropist and former resident of Korumburra's Hillside Lodge and Koorooman House in Leongatha Martin Carlson is providing financial support for the education and training of young people in Gippsland.

The Martin Carlson Foundation is seeking to partner with local charities willing to select and support young trainees wanting to further their education and work experience overseas.

Trustee Gary Brittle said the Martin Carlson Foundation wants to sponsor young people to upskill in the United Kingdom and has approached the King's Foundation in England for assistance.

The Martin Carlson Foundation was formed on the request of Martin Carlson OAM to advance the education, welfare and health of children residing in rural cities or towns in Victoria.

"Assisting young people to grow and align with new technologies, trade skills, knowledge and opportunities that will benefit regional areas, cities and towns within Victoria."

Funding from the Martin Carlson Foundation Trust will allow young people to travel internationally and participate in structured learning opportunities to improve trade-based knowledge and skills.

The Trust places significant importance on sustainable technologies, aiming to enhance skills and knowledge in various trades and industries through a strong focus on apprenticeships.

One young person will be chosen each year through a chosen charity and the Foundation will work with that young person to develop skills and communicate their growth and experience through presentations and information sessions to industry partners, communities, education and other young people.

The only son of Harold and Elvera Carlson, Martin Carlson was born in 1929 living in East Melbourne close to his beloved Melbourne Cricket Ground for most of his life.

Martin Carlson was dedicated to helping others through various roles in education, consulting and executive leadership within the arts.

Bug Blitz was a Martin Carlson initiative encouraging primary school age children in Gippsland to explore and take photos of bugs then report their findings to the Melbourne Museum.

As Chair of the Australian Association of Philanthropy Martin Carlson had an ongoing role in linking leadership with philanthropy and fundraising both in Australia and overseas.

Martin Carlson was also a long-time supporter of the Royal Children's Hospital and inaugural Executive Director of the RCH Foundation.

For more information go to martin-carlson-foundation.com.au

Community groups unite to bring Dolly's library to town

COMMUNITY groups across South Gippsland have joined forces to bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to the region.

It will mean that over the next five years, books will be sent every month to more than 50 local children aged from birth to five years.

Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) speech pathology and allied health team drove the campaign and Transformation Lead Sandra Panagiris said getting the library was a great example of the power of community supporting the community.

"GSHS isn't funded to deliver programs such as these, so we called upon community organisations for support and the response was magnificent," she said.

"This shows what we can do as a group to support our children to make sure they are all as ready as possible for school."

Uncle Bobs Club, Koringal Womens Service Club, Korumburra Community Development Association, Lyrebird Auxiliary, Korumburra Lions, Korumburra Freemasons and South Gippsland Shire Council all contributed in partnership with GSHS to introduce the program.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a book gifting program supporting vulnerable or high-risk families with high-quality, age-appropriate books sent monthly in the mail, free of charge.

Ms Panagiris said research demonstrated that the Imagination Library leads to marked improvements in school readiness among children through inspiring a love of books and reading.

The books also come with tips for parents and carers on



Community supporters. Back: Paul Etherington (Uncle Bobs Club), Russ Anthony (Korumburra Freemasons), Sandra Panagiris, Billy Hanch (Korumburra Uncle Bobs Club), Jan Hutton (Korumburra Lions Club) and Alex Monacella (GSHS). Front: Sara Mallery (GSHS), Shelley Fixter (South Gippsland Shire Council), Chris Ward (Korumburra Uncle Bobs Club), Sue Van Sinderen (Koringal Women's Service Club), Nadine James (Koringal Women's Service Club) and Stacey Ramadge (Uncle Bobs Club).

how to engage and engender the love of reading and provide an opportunity to bond over books.

United Way Australia coordinates the program in Australia and will mail the books to children registered in South Gippsland. More than one million books have been sent to Australian children over the past decade.

GSHS speech pathology team leader Alex Monacella said the rollout was being planned with the first books expected to be distributed in about two months.

"We're trying to target the most vulnerable children in our community who would most benefit from this program," Ms Monacella said.

"South Gippsland has lower literacy levels compared to other parts of the state and we hope this program will help to address that," she said.

Ms Monacella said the team was working with stakeholders in maternity child health nursing, supported playgroups, hospital midwifery services, kindergartens and daycare services to identify and refer children who would benefit from the program.

The program has funding for 50 spots over five years. "There would be scope to increase that if the local program was able to source more funding or donations," Ms Monacella added.

Ms Monacella said there was clear evidence about the benefits of exposing children to books from an early age. "Reading books not only supports language development but is also found to support a child's imagination, concentration and attachment through building relationships with their loved ones."

Uncle Bobs Club has contributed funds to the program

and fundraising and volunteer manager Stacey Ramadge said it would benefit local children.

Uncle Bobs Club started 82 years ago to help Victorian children with medical needs and has fundraising groups around Victoria.

"The Korumburra group reached out to Gippsland Southern Health Service to see if they had any funding needs and they suggested the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for children's mental health and wellbeing," Ms Ramadge said.

"Especially post-COVID everyone has noticed a decline in children's mental health and that's why we are raising funds not just for medical equipment but to ensure the mental health and wellbeing of children is being looked after as well. The library will certainly assist in this regard, especially for children who otherwise wouldn't have access to books."



Leongatha Secondary College students captivated the audience with their diverse musical talents at the Mid-Year Music Showcase.



There were many musical highlights throughout the evening.

Leongatha Secondary College shines at Mid-Year Music Showcase

LAST Wednesday night, a packed audience of family, friends, and teachers filled the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) for Leongatha Secondary College's highly anticipated Mid-Year Music Showcase.

The evening was a celebration of the hard work and dedication of the college's music students, featuring a diverse array of performances from large ensembles, smaller groups, and talented soloists.

There were too many highlights to mention them all individually, but some of the standouts included a captivating opening performance by the amazing choir, led by Annette McMaster, delivering a dramatic rendition of a track from "The Hunger Games." the amazing guitar ensemble featuring some genuinely face-melting solo

work from Year 9 guitar wizard Will Langley-Jones, the concert band performing toe-tapping rock and roll composed by percussion teacher Roy John, and the ultra-professional compèring provided on the night by the fantastic Music Captain, Year 12 student Olivia Bott, which tied the whole evening together perfectly.

Leongatha Secondary College

would like to thank all the wonderful instrumental teachers for their hard work and many hours working with the students, and also to everyone who came along on the night to support the LSC music program.

"Most importantly of all, congratulations and thank you to all the students who represented the college so wonderfully on the night!"

Formal celebrations for Newhaven College Seniors

IN recent weeks, Newhaven College Senior School students have enjoyed the chance to celebrate their school, teachers, parents, and each other. Dressing up and joining together in celebration is an important way to connect with peers, especially before the hard work of final exams and assessments kicks in. Year 11 and Year 12 students at the College value the privilege of celebrating in such a memorable and stylish way.

The celebrations kicked off on Saturday, August 3, with the Year 12 cohort arriving at RACV Inverloch Resort. After making their entrance on the red carpet and enjoying mocktails, the students gathered for group photos and selfies. Once dinner was over, the night truly came alive as everyone hit the dance floor, embracing the festive spirit.

On Saturday, August 17, the Year 11 students and their parents or guardians gathered at Silverwater Resort in San Remo for their own celebration. The excitement of dressing up and spending time together was all the buzz they needed. A dance competition between students and parents added to the fun, bringing everyone onto the dance floor.

As they near the final stages of their time at Newhaven College, students begin to reflect on their school years. The memories created during these special events will stay with them for years to come. Principal Tony Corr is impressed with the 2024 Year 12 cohort, "Our Year 12s looked resplendent in their evening attire and a thoroughly enjoyable night was had by all. An occasion such as this makes you realise how grown up our students have become as they prepare for their exams and the world beyond school. The formal is one of several important milestones that our Year 12s experience as they enter their final few months of secondary schooling."

Seeing senior students venture into the world with confidence and self-awareness is an important part of a Newhaven College education.



Newhaven College Year 11 student celebrating at Silverwater Resort. From left, Abby Papas, Matilda Russell, Grace Morris, Grace Howlett, Molly Russell, Lola Afford, Matilda McKenna and Jasmine Crooks.



Newhaven College Year 11 students Andrew Nowell, George McCausland, Yianni Caffieri, Patrick Dwyer, Finn O'Brien, Jasper Cashman, Lucas Allen and Isaac Savona.



Wonthaggi Workmen's Club 2024 Winter Debutante Ball

WONTHAGGI Workmen's Club hosted the spectacular 2024 Winter Debutante Ball on Friday night, August 23. Organised by Naomi Dizane and choreographed by dance instructors Shane Gray and Heather Power, over 155 guests enjoyed seven pairs as they were presented to VIP guest Captain Arnaud Marion of Wonthaggi Fire Brigade. After formal dances concluded a DJ had the crowd dancing away into the night.

Photo: Back Row: Codi Duscher, Joe Wylie and Bailey Webster. Middle Row: Archie Foon, Georgia Goldsmith, Dyclan Sweet, Riley Eden, Darcy Dizane, Chloe Lawson and Ava Foon. Front Row: Elizabeth Lewis - Barnett, Julia Hitchings, Shane Gray, Captain Arnaud Marion, Heather Power, Zoe Hunt and Lara Dizane. Photo: Foons Photography.



Loch Village is in good hands with the Loch Community Development Association at the centre of many great community projects, events and activities. ob05_3524

Loch village in good hands

THE LOCH Community Development Association (LCDA) recently held their annual general meeting with all members of the committee standing for re-election, in continued benefit to the village.

With many of the members representing other sub-groups in the town, such as the Lions Club, CWA, the op shop, and the Loch Reserve, the LCDA looks to ensure it encompasses a good cross-section of the community and keeps everyone informed.

"We're bowling along quite nicely, and I have to say, it's a pretty cohesive, and a pretty talented committee. So, we're lucky in that regard," said LCDA President Ron Barnacle.

Following another successful and well-attended Loch Food and Wine Festival and a moderate income generated from the Loch post office, the LCDA is also in good financial shape.

The year ahead for Loch and the surrounding towns of Nyora and Poowong looks promising with many activities, events and projects in motion or planning.

Joining forces with neighbouring towns helps to raise the profile of the whole area, as well as making it easier to gain grants for a range of training, maintenance and other community-based initiatives.

The Loch Express, a monthly publication run by the LCDA also includes stories from Nyora, Poowong and the surrounding areas.

"We're all tiny, tiny towns, and it gives us a bit more of a voice with the Shire and one thing or another," said Ron.

A subgroup of the LCDA is the Loch Village Projects Group, responsible for interacting with the Shire and discussing maintenance work or getting general projects off the ground and they will continue their work.

A business group is coming together with the help of another LCDA member and across the three towns, ten to fifteen interested businesses are meeting regularly with a view to formalise the group.

Coming up in November, the Loch Village Garden Club, an offshoot of the LCDA, are planning their open gardens event which will also link in with gardens in Poowong.

For the second year in a row, the village will run their Christmas in December event to be held on Friday, December 6. Last year the event was a huge success with approximately 30 stalls on the main street, which was closed off, and all businesses want to run the event again.

A committee is also being established to start pulling together celebrations for the town's 150th anniversary which falls in in mid-2026.

The LCDA meets every two months and every second meeting is open to any individual or group who wishes to attend, to keep the community included, interested and informed.

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Ready, Set, Prep at Wonthaggi North Primary

WONTHAGGI North Primary School is offering Ready, Set, Prep! for their 2025 Foundation (Prep) students, a program designed to create a smooth transition into the school year.

On Thursday, August 29 families are invited to attend a parent information evening to take a tour of the school grounds and classrooms, learn about the school curriculum and ask any questions they may have about their child's transition.

The information session is open to all new families transitioning to Wonthaggi North Primary School.

In term four, the prep transition will begin. Teaching staff welcome the Prep students over 10 weeks to help them become familiar with the classrooms, their peers, and their teacher.

The program has a focus on early development in numeracy and literacy, giving the teachers an insight into each child's knowledge and understanding, as well as helping the child build a relationship with their teacher.

The Buddy program will also begin in term 4, giving the current grade five students responsibility for their 2025 year when they become school leaders.

This program is designed to help the prep students develop trust and have peer support



Transitions are easy thanks to Ready, Set, Prep! As this year's preps will tell you, who recently celebrated 100 Days. C03_3524

when they begin their new chapter in primary school.

As part of the Victorian curriculum, Wonthaggi North have adopted the Sounds-Write program, and in response have seen an increase in NAPLAN results.

The Sounds-Write program is part of Primary School from Foundation (Prep) to grade six, allowing children to develop an understanding of literacy in their early years of schooling.

Wonthaggi North Primary School also offers before and after school care for families requiring outside care for their children during work hours.

Additionally, the new Kinder opening in 2025 will be a wonderful asset for the local community where children can comfortably transition from Kinder to WNPS.

For more information on Wonthaggi North Primary School or to register for the parent Information evening, call 5672 4697 or visit wonthagginorthps.vic.edu.au

RIGHT: Play & Explore not only gets pre-school aged little ones out and about but familiarises them with the school grounds for an easy transition. C1_3524



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- Sounds-Write phonics
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- Extensive playground and facilities refurbishment
- Kids as Catalysts Program
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Enhancing life skills through education

THREE new specialist classrooms are nearing completion at Bass Coast Specialist School (BCSS) in Wonthaggi as the school prepares for further expansion, including the addition of a hydrotherapy pool in 2026.

Designed for students aged 5 to 18 who have been diagnosed with an intellectual disability, BCSS is now welcoming enrolments for 2025, with the pre-prep transition starting next term.

The pre-prep transition program invites new students and their families onto the school grounds to help students feel safe and comfortable, ensuring they begin their school year in a familiar environment. An introduction to educators and peers prior to starting school is important for all ages, and at BCSS, the teaching and therapy staff offer every opportunity for a child to settle in and feel supported.

Teachers and staff, including horticulture specialist Grace, have developed an applied learning program that encourages students to interact with peers and develop social skills through hands-on activities.

Students work together in the on-site garden, engaging in biodiversity projects, the current food around the world cooking project and the canteen program, where they learn



Tyler records vocals ahead of the annual Bass Coast Specialist School concert next term. C13_3524

to plant, harvest, and cook with seasonal produce. The school is eagerly anticipating the development of a Market Garden in the future.

The horticulture program has recently expanded, with students of all ages now participating in the produce gardens. Senior students utilise the space twice a week to complete their School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships, with students from South Gippsland Specialist School also attending BCSS.

Teacher Natalie said that through projects like the canteen program, senior students acquire essential life skills, from menu planning with seasonal produce to catering for the

school community. Senior students also have the opportunity to complete their Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC), which enhances their access to future employment.

In the junior school, students focus on building a sense of belonging in a safe and supported learning environment. They learn new ways of engaging with their peers and make new discoveries through daily routines; with teaching and support staff dedicated to each child's interests and abilities.

For more information on eligibility for enrolment at Bass Coast Specialist School or to take a tour, contact 5672 4474 or email bass.coast.ss@education.vic.gov.au.



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Supporting higher education in the region

CUC Bass Coast is a not-for-profit community-driven dedicated learning space that aims to make higher education more accessible for students of all ages across the region. Working closely with schools, tertiary partners and other educational organisations to increase access and opportunity for rural and regional students in Higher Education.

Centre Manager Sarah Bourke shared that in partnership with South Gippsland and Bass Coast Local Learning Education Network, CUC has developed the 2025 Scholarship Guide to support young people in the region who may be looking at university study next year.

With 57 per cent of CUC students being the first in their family to study higher education, the guide is an important resource to assist students from across the Bass Coast and South Gippsland region as they explore future education pathways.

"Research tells us that people living in regional and rural parts of Australia are 50 per cent less likely to engage in higher education, so CUC helps in building the capacity of our local community and workforce. Since inception, we have supported over 350



CUC Bass Coast Education Program Team Rhett McLennan and Amanda McMahon join Centre Support Sibby Wilson, and Centre Manager Sarah Bourke.

local students to attain higher education qualifications from over 35 universities across the country, with our top areas of study being health, education, psychology, social work and community services. We are always happy to help in any way and the door is always open to new students who may benefit from being a part of the learning community."

Registering means that there are two supports available

to regional students, some working part-time/studying part-time, or a blend of on-campus and online study or other combinations. The CUC team work with each student to provide a holistic approach to academic, well-being, motivational and social supports along with access to technology and quiet study spaces.

The centre is open for access to registered students

seven days a week between 5am and 12 midnight, providing high-speed technology, academic mentoring and a network of like-minded students to create a community of learning environment.

For more information, please give the team a call on 0472 741 451 or visit cucbasscoast.edu.au

The 2025 Scholarship Guide is available for download via the QR Code.

Message in a bottle for young students

VICTORIA'S Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic) is calling on primary school students to lend their voice to an interactive 'Message in a Bottle' installation at Scienceworks, to showcase the importance of recycling.

To mark the first anniversary of the Scheme's launch, CDS Vic is launching the installation at Scienceworks, to be on display from November 1, 2024 until January 27, 2025.

Victorian primary school children are invited to share a message about why recycling is important to them through a digital portal at cdsvic.org.au/message-in-a-bottle from now until September 20. Selected submissions will be included in the interactive installation as a message in a bottle, with visitors able to read the responses as part of the display.

It aims to educate younger Victorians about the value of recycling and the meaning of a circular economy.

Message in a Bottle will demonstrate the circular economy, showcasing the recycling process of PET plastic bottles. The installation will be made from recyclable materials that will either be processed into new products, or repurposed at the end of the exhibition period.

CDS Vic has also developed fun classroom materials focusing on the circular economy, including activities that encourage students to submit their message via the Message in a Bottle digital portal.

To submit your message for the chance to be displayed within the installation, visit cdsvic.org.au/message-in-a-bottle.

To find out more about CDS Vic, visit cdsvic.org.au.



Educating our students to communicate, to be kind, to be safe and to be lifelong learners.

Bass Coast Specialist School is a prep to year 12 school in Wonthaggi. We cater for students with an intellectual disability who live in the Bass Coast Shire.

Our exceptional staffing levels enable us to deliver individualised programs for every student with class sizes of 4-12 students. As well as nine classrooms, we have an indoor gym, sensory room, art room, music room, consulting room, a teaching kitchen/garden and horticultural sheds.

We are also very proud to be delivering the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) program for our senior students to prepare them for employment. We are looking forward to our new three specialised classroom building to open in the coming year, along with a Hydrotherapy pool in 2026.

Our staff include specialised teachers, classroom support staff and a team of allied health therapists whose services comprise speech pathology, counselling, music therapy and visiting occupational therapy and physiotherapy.

Bass Coast Specialist School works in partnership with our parents and the community and is committed to developing the skills required for independence and community inclusion.

Please contact us if you would like more information or to make an appointment. 5672 4474

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Breathtaking views will greet students next year as they enter Corner Inlet College.

Academic excellence meets wellbeing at Corner Inlet

NESTLED in the serene landscape of Foster, Corner Inlet College is set to open its doors in 2025, welcoming Year 7 and Year 8 students to a learning environment unlike any other. Situated at 615 Fullers Road, this new secondary college boasts a picturesque setting overlooking the pristine Corner Inlet Marine National Park and the iconic Yirruk Wamoon/Wilsons Promontory National Park. The stunning surroundings are just the beginning of what makes Corner Inlet College an exceptional choice for your child's secondary education.

At Corner Inlet College, education is about more than just academics; it's about fostering the whole child. The college emphasises a strong wellbeing focus, recognising that students excel when they feel supported and heard. Small class sizes – starting with just 11 students per year level – allow for personalised attention, ensuring each student's voice is heard and their learning needs are met.

The curriculum at Corner Inlet College is both comprehensive and innovative. Delivering the Victorian Curriculum and the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), the college places a strong emphasis on outdoor learning and the arts, integrating these elements into a broader explicit teaching and learning program. The

school's approach is rooted in evidence-based strategies, utilising a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) to differentiate learning and meet students where they are. This ensures that every student, whether they need extra support or are ready for academic extension, can thrive.

Committed to rolling out year levels progressively, with the full complement of Year 7 through Year 12 by 2029, parents will appreciate the convenience of the new school bus service, planned to serve families from Yarram, Mirboo North, Leongatha, and Walkerville.

With its stunning location, dedicated staff, and focus on academic and personal development, Corner Inlet College is poised to become a beacon of educational excellence in South Gippsland. Discover a school where your child's potential will be nurtured and their achievements celebrated.

Welcome to Corner Inlet College Information Event

Sunday, September 8, 10am-12pm, 615 Fullers Road, Foster.

We invite you to join us on our new school site to learn all about our College's philosophy, curriculum, sporting and cultural activities, enrolment, fees, etc!

Morning tea provided.

Please register your attendance: admin@cornerinletcollege.org, 0456 821 095



St Laurence O'Toole Primary School Foundation (Prep) students celebrate Book Week.

Broad education at St Laurence O'Toole Primary School

STUDENT'S overall development and wellbeing are supported at Leongatha's St Laurence O'Toole Primary School.

"We have a strong emphasis on education for the whole child, the academic, the social, emotional, and the physical, every aspect," Principal Liz O'Loughlin said.

Students are supported by a strong wellbeing program that includes the school accessing additional services to meet student needs.

That includes offering a variety of programs that vary from term to term, such as 'mindfulness through movement' sessions, or dance therapy.

St Laurence O'Toole also thrives in sports.

"We consistently do well in interschool swimming and athletics for a small school," Ms O'Loughlin said, with high jumper Eleanor Patterson and middle-distance runner Kaila McKnight a couple of former St Laurence O'Toole students who have gone on to compete at an Olympic level.

The principal explained that children gain academic benefits through physical activity, with research linking movement to cognitive progress.

Further supporting student wellbeing, the school has an onsite speech therapist and a counsellor.



St Laurence O'Toole Primary School pupils have fun getting into character.

Ms O'Loughlin detailed St Laurence's academic approach to help students reach their potential.

"We use evidence-based practices to ensure that we get the best possible outcomes for our students and I have a team of very well-qualified and committed staff," she said.

While it is a Catholic school adhering to gospel values, the principal stressed that St Laurence O'Toole Primary School offers an inclusive environment with all welcome regardless of their religious beliefs, with at least half the school's student population

not religious.

"There is a strong social justice focus in our religious education," Ms O'Loughlin said, questioning who would not want their child to grow up to be a generous, honest person of integrity who is a good global citizen.

"You don't have to be Catholic here; we're welcoming and inclusive of all religions or none at all," the principal said.

Foundation (Prep) enrolments are open, with enquiries encouraged and school tours available upon request.

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San Remo Primary School students stand united against bullying, wearing purple on 'Bullying No Way' Day. Z03_3424

Exciting events and initiatives abound at San Remo Primary

SAN Remo Primary is buzzing with excitement this semester! The school is celebrating its 150th anniversary, with plans for a community-filled festival in November. Families can look forward to classrooms open for exploring, history displays, food stalls, games, and an outdoor cinema night under the stars.

Principal Karen Bowker said the community will share in the history of the Primary School and have the chance to look at the design of the school's future master plan.

"This way we will celebrate the next stage of learning and building," said Karen. "Sharing how San Remo Primary is going to evolve over the next 150 years."

But the celebrations don't stop there! The students took a stand against bullying this term, each wearing purple last Friday for 'Bullying No Way' Day. The school is also hosting a Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser, where students will be jumping rope to support the

Heart Foundation. And, last week, the school transformed for Book Week, with students dressing up as their favourite literary characters.

Not to mention, the school has just had a fantastic school disco that everyone is still talking about. The grade six students are preparing for their big transition to high school, with transition sessions to help them make new friends and further develop their confidence as they near the end of their primary learning.

The grade six transition is a social program, the staff will teach the students how to manage the change from grade six to year seven; focusing on how to make social connections and provide coping mechanisms for when they may be feeling nervous in a new environment.

San Remo Primary is still inviting enrolments for all year levels. Preps will begin the transition in November; however, Karen shared that at San Remo Primary

transitions are a little different and involve all children within the school.

"We really focus on a whole school transition and the whole school transition involves every class," said Karen.

"This way each student goes into the summer holidays knowing who their new teacher will be, where their new classroom is and it allows the student and the parents to start building a relationship with the new teacher."

The students will partake in an English, math and wellbeing session in late November which then culminates with the state transition day.

The San Remo Primary School are looking forward to an active semester where they will see the community come together to honour the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to an exciting future. For more information on enrolment at San Remo Primary School visit san-remo-ps.vic.edu.au.



VHS Mentor Max Sainsbury works with students on their 3D printing projects in VCE Vocational Major course.

Make VCE work for you at Village High School

VCE doesn't have to be the grind that it often becomes for many of our young people. Nor is an ATAR required to progress to tertiary education or to feel successful in Year 12. There are other excellent senior secondary pathways available to Victorian students who prefer to avoid the pressure of exams and traditional VCE learning, pathways that lead to a wide range of in-demand careers.

"In 2024, we found that more than half of our VCE students chose the VCE VM (Vocational Major) pathway when given the option," says Fiona McKenzie, VHS Principal.

"This trend seems likely to continue into 2025. Students are both happy and relieved when they experience the practical approach of the literacy and numeracy classes, as well as the wide range of VET (Vocational Education and Training) subjects available to them."

Each week, VHS takes students to Frankston TAFE to access courses not available locally. This year, students are enrolled in Fine Arts, Photography, and IT Systems, and next year, the school plans to offer courses in Horticulture, Sport & Recreation, and Equine Studies.

Additionally, some students are completing the La Trobe University Aspire Program, which provides early entry into their chosen La Trobe university course.

"That's the strength of

being a school willing to break new ground," said Ms McKenzie.

"We can tailor what we offer to the needs and interests of our students, which can change from year to year, just like the education and employment opportunities in the community."

Starting in Year 9, VHS students engage with the Morrisby career counselling program and participate in various micro-credentials, camps, and work experience programs to ensure they feel confident as they take their first steps after secondary school.

To stay at the forefront of student assessment and accreditation, the school is also participating in the Melbourne Metrics program run by Melbourne University. This involves designing and implementing learner profiles, which are increasingly seen as a valuable addition to formal VCE assessments. These profiles provide employers and tertiary institutions with a more comprehensive view of the individual, beyond just a score.

It will be a proud moment for the school community when the first Year 12 students graduate from VHS later this year.

The school is accepting applications for students seeking an alternative senior secondary schooling experience in 2025. For more information, contact admin@villagehighschool.org.

SAN REMO PRIMARY SCHOOL



San Remo Primary offers quality educational programs that engage and support our children to achieve their best.

San Remo Primary has:

- Experienced teachers who deliver a comprehensive and engaging curriculum prep to year 6
- A stimulating and supportive learning environment for all students
- Specialist subjects of Art, Japanese, Music, Physical Education, STEM and Library
- Caring and Nurturing Before School Care and After School Care programs. Holiday program also available



CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR ALL ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES
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Make VCE work for you!

Get ready for VCE in 2026 by joining us in Year 10 in 2025. Limited places available.

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2025

EDUCATION CHOICES

Academic excellence at Tarwin Lower

TARWIN Lower Primary School offers a nurturing and personalised educational experience in the serene coastal township surrounded by gum trees and abundant local wildlife, an ideal environment for learning and growth.

One of the standout features of Tarwin Lower Primary is its small class sizes. With fewer students in each class, teachers can tailor their instruction to meet the unique needs of every child. This personalised approach allows staff to know each student by name, fostering a close-knit community where everyone feels welcome and valued. The school's warm, family-like atmosphere ensures that new students and their families are immediately embraced and supported.

Tarwin Lower Primary School is dedicated to delivering high-quality education through evidence-based methods. Students at the school consistently achieve strong results in numeracy and literacy, often surpassing state averages. The school employs the Gradual Release model across all learning areas, ensuring consistency and effective scaffolding across grade levels. To further enhance student support, the school offers a targeted Tutor Program focused on literacy and numeracy, led by an experienced teacher who provides small group learning assistance.

Extending beyond academics, Tarwin Lower PS believe in a holistic approach with a strong emphasis on student



Hands-on learning, smaller class sizes and evidence-based approaches has led to consistently strong performances in numeracy and literacy at Tarwin Lower PS, often surpassing state averages.

wellbeing. The Wellbeing Leader, School Chaplain, and therapy dog, along with programs like Smiling Minds and The Resilience Project, help create a positive environment where students can thrive. The school's core values of Cooperation, Kindness, Resilience, and Respect are instilled in students, shaping them into well-rounded individuals who proudly represent their school.

Tarwin Lower PS also accentuates student voice, agency, and leadership, giving students numerous opportunities to actively participate in school life. This focus on wellbeing has led to a higher sense of confidence, inclusion, and safety among students, with the school consistently

performing above state averages in these areas.

"Small School, Big Opportunities," encapsulates the diverse programs and opportunities available to students. From a one-to-one ICT program and Australian sessions to physical education, art, music, and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, Tarwin Lower PS offers a broad range of experiences, where care, curiosity, innovation and progressive practices ensure students thrive in an ever-changing world.

Tarwin Lower Primary School invites prospective families to visit and see firsthand what makes the school so special. To arrange a tour, please contact the school at 5663 5263.



Small school, big opportunities

Our school features:

- Small class sizes, providing individual attention, laying strong foundations in literacy and numeracy & enabling our children to learn in a supportive environment.
- Strong connections with the local and broader community
- Before & after school care provided
- Thursday playgroup
- Stephanie Alexander - Kitchen Garden Program
- School wellbeing dog - Graham the Groodle
- Dedicated, professional teachers committed to supporting your child to succeed at school and for life.
- Spacious, modern facilities with plenty of open spaces for children to play, grow and learn.

WE WELCOME ALL ENQUIRIES AND SCHOOL VISITS

School Road, Tarwin Lower p: 5663 5263

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Shaping future leaders through sustainability and innovation

POOWONG Consolidated School (PCS) are not just shaping minds – they're shaping the future.

Committed to sustainability and excellence in Science, PCS earned a well-deserved place as a finalist in the prestigious 2024 ResourceSmart Schools Awards. Competing in the "Student Action Team of the Year" and "Community Leadership School of the Year" categories, the awards proudly recognised the efforts of both staff and students in the sustainable Science space.

At the heart of these achievements is the "Green Team", driving initiatives like the Harvest Festival, where surplus produce from the school and the community was collected, cooked and shared, reducing food waste.

Equally passionate is the Garden Club, one of several lunchtime clubs' students have the opportunity to participate in that also includes sports, sensory activities and board games.

But sustainability is just one part of the Poowong experience. With small class sizes, PCS offer a personalised approach to education that ensures every student is seen, heard, and supported.

Their evidence-based practices in English and Mathematics lay a strong foundation for academic success, while their outside hands-on STEM classes bring learning to life in exciting and innovative ways.

Did you know they even have 'The Forest', a creative



Small class sizes at Poowong mean every student gets the attention they need to excel in their studies and beyond.



Lunchtimes are filled with lots of activities thanks to an array of lunchtime clubs from board games and sports to sensory activities.

space for students to connect with the outdoors?

At PCS, student voices matter. An active student leadership team ensures every student has a platform to contribute ideas, lead initiatives, and make a difference. Whether it's through the Student Voice Captain organising gold-coin donation dress-up days or the Sports Captain mentoring younger students in specific sports and activities, PCS's leaders are at the forefront of creating a vibrant school culture.

Poowong Consolidated School invite you to see the school in action. Come witness the passion, the innovation, and the sense of community that make their school special. From their award-winning sustainability programs to their commitment to academic excellence, PCS is where your child's future begins.

Discover what makes Poowong Consolidated School a leader in education and sustainability – they might be small but they're accomplishing great things.

POOWONG CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

is a Government School providing quality education for children in years Foundation to Year 6.



Come see PCS in action:

- Small class sizes
- Camps/excursions/incursions
- Evidence based best practice in English & Mathematics
- Outside hands-on STEM classes
- Active student voice team
- Onsite councillor for social/ emotional wellbeing



ENROLMENTS FOR 2025 ARE NOW OPEN

For further information, please email poowong.cs@education.vic.gov.au or contact our office on (03) 5659 2356

Alternatively, book a tour via <http://poowongcs.vic.edu.au/enrolment/>

2025

EDUCATION

CHOICES



Inverloch Primary School is eagerly preparing to welcome their 2025 Prep students, with a supportive transition program and a warm, inclusive environment ready to nurture their journey into school life.

Inverloch gears up for prep transition and beyond

AT INVERLOCH and Kongwak Primary Schools, we believe in giving our best to be our best.

Our two school communities are eagerly awaiting to meet our new 2025 Prep children. Our staff have been busy preparing to provide a supportive transition program, our senior students can't wait to be connected as a 'buddy' and the rest of us look forward to the joy and laughter that new Preps inject into our schools each year.

It is such a delight and privilege to have the responsibility of supporting young children as they begin their journey through school and for many parents, carers and guardians, it's their first time in a new role too.

At Inverloch and Kongwak Primary Schools we're committed to providing a supportive experience for our families. We aim to strengthen the relationship between the school and our families so that we can better provide for the individual students in our care.

Our Prep students can expect a warm and welcoming environment where our passionate teachers and committed aides

are skilled in making adjustments to ensure our school is inclusive for all people. We offer a high-quality program that covers all the key components of the Victorian Curriculum. On a daily basis our students are immersed in English, mathematics and humanities and each week they engage in visual art, performing arts, STEM, Auslan and PE.

Our school is also incredibly proud of our approach to supporting the social and emotional needs of our students and their families. We invest in supporting our staff to build the personal and social capability of our students because we feel that it is essential that members of our communities can regulate their emotions, develop empathy for others, build positive relationships and handle challenging situations constructively.

If you're interested in enrolling at either of our two schools, please contact our admin team at our Inverloch office to organise a visit. We'd love to meet you, tour you around our schools and talk more about how we can provide a positive experience for your family.



Senior students practise maths fluency through card games at Kongwak Primary School.

Community-focused learning environment offering quality education

KONGWAK Primary School is a small country primary school situated in the lovely hamlet of Kongwak, located centrally to the townships of Inverloch (14 kilometres), Korumburra (14 kilometres) and Wonthaggi (16 kilometres).

KPS is a mainstream setting that offers an intimate multi-age learning environment whilst delivering the Victorian Curriculum. Classroom teachers Sally Dunn and Fiona Moldrich present a high-quality program using evidence-based teaching approaches to provide our students with the essential knowledge and skills to be successful lifelong learners. We meet our students at their point of need to grow their skills and knowledge in all areas, particularly Literacy and Numeracy. Our students are active participants in their own learning, working with staff to set goals, work towards achieving them and celebrating success. The

multi-age environment provides ample opportunities for student leadership, voice and agency in how the school operates.

The hub-annex relationship with Inverloch Primary School means that the two schools share Principal Ben Soumilas, Assistant Principal Mel McRae, Specialist Teachers (Visual Art, Performing Arts, PE, STEM and Auslan) and Education Support Staff. There are also frequent opportunities for collaboration between students from both schools for multi-age learning days, camps, excursions, performances, and participation in teams for inter-school sports events.

KPS has a strong focus on sustainability and environment, with 'Sustainable Kongwak' teacher Damian Howard and his dog Banjo running whole school sessions each Friday. Pruning fruit trees, propagating native plants on National Schools Tree Planting Day, planting

vegetable seedlings, soap making and cooking lunch for staff and students have all featured in Term 3's program.

"Having Damian teach Sustainable Kongwak is the best because it's different from normal school learning. We get to do things other schools won't let you do, like use tools and light the fire." – Hayden, Grade 5.

"Kongwak is the best school because it's small, everybody is friends with everybody else! We always play games with the whole school together at lunch and recess like 40:40, Aussie Walls and gang-up tiggy." – Norah, Grade 5

Kongwak Primary School welcomes enquiries from families with primary school aged students at all levels, as well as potential Foundation students for 2025, 2026 and beyond. Please contact the Inverloch PS office on 5674 1253 if you would like to organise a tour – we'd love to see you out at Kongwak!



INVERLOCH & KONGWAK PRIMARY SCHOOLS

We Give Our Best To Be Our Best

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be an Active Learner



For more information or to book a tour at either of our two schools contact Inverloch Primary School

Phone 5674 1253 or visit our website
www.inverlochps.vic.edu.au

Principal: Ben Soumilas | Assistant Principal: Mel McRae

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Care, Lead, Achieve

Welcoming 2025 Prep enrolments and new families.

- Small Class Sizes • Sustainability
- Community - Family orientated • Kitchen Garden/Cooking
- Library Van • Specialist Subjects
- Care for Country • Passionate Staff.

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2025

EDUCATION CHOICES

Discover Newhaven College Learning for Life - Prep to Year 12



Head of Junior School Cath Huther believes in offering a broad, balanced curriculum that exposes students to new ideas and experiences, fostering a passion for learning. Pictured with Elise Kim (Prep), Kiela Dennis (Year 2), Joseph Leary (Prep) and Junior School Captain Edward Lee (Year 4).



Music opens the mind and the soul.
Year 3 student Indyana Van Damme learns violin during regular music classes provided for Junior School students.



As part of the Year 9 community program, students join with younger students to assist with their reading skills. Taya Herbert and Dougal Zachariah meet regularly to read together.



Learning for Life

At Newhaven College, we believe in Learning for Life. Our holistic approach ensures students are equipped with the skills and knowledge for lifelong learning and a successful life beyond school. Our size lets us know each student personally. We explore their interests and strengths and help them reach their full potential.

When you set foot on Newhaven College's grounds, you know you've arrived somewhere special. If you're considering Newhaven College, book a tour & come and see us in person. We'd be delighted to show you around.

To find out more contact our Admissions Officer, Bec Anderson on 03 5956 7505 or email admissions@newhavencol.vic.edu.au



**NEWHAVEN
COLLEGE**

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WHEN you set foot on Newhaven College's grounds, you know you've arrived somewhere special. With only 900 students from Prep to Year 12, Newhaven College creates an intimate environment where every student is known, seen and heard. A strong sense of belonging and care is a feature of their time with us. Students of all ages become the best possible versions of themselves in a happy, safe and challenging environment.

Junior School

The Junior School years are a precious time for laying the foundations for future success. From Prep to Year 4, our focus is on fostering a supportive environment where students can excel. With small class sizes and an engaged teaching approach, we create a space where children can truly thrive. Our students are encouraged to be curious, take risks and cultivate a lifelong love of learning. We personalise lessons to meet each student's individual needs, ensuring that every child receives the attention they need.

Middle School

We see the Middle School years as a crucial period in a child's life, much like tending to young saplings requiring care and nourishment. During these formative years, students build the essential skills needed for future growth. From Year 5 to Year 8, students expand their academic knowledge across various subjects. As they develop and discover their passions, a broader range of study areas becomes available, allowing them to explore and grow further.

Senior School

Year 9 Environmental Centre

The Year 9 program embodies our commitment to igniting students' curiosity and fostering active participation in their learning journey. Students spend their time at our purpose-built Environmental Centre, located within its own expansive area on campus, overlooking Western Port Bay. Dressed in ranger-style uniforms and hiking boots, students embrace a different pace of learning.

The Year 9 Environmental Centre was created to support an innovative, hands-on program that keeps students active and deeply engaged in their education. We've crafted a curriculum that allows for a variety of teaching styles, with a strong emphasis on experiential learning. This approach not only enhances their academic achievements but also fosters significant personal growth.

Years 10 – 12: Choosing a path for the future

Years 10 to 12 at Newhaven College are pivotal as students begin to carve out their future paths. Building on their prior learning, growing confidence and an expanding awareness of their place in the global community, these years are where it all comes together. Our approach is rooted in mutual respect between teachers and students, fostering an environment where high academic and social standards are actively encouraged.

Students in Years 10 to 12 benefit from a wide range of subject options, supported by personalised career guidance. This ensures that every student receives the support they need to make informed decisions about their future. We cater to individual differences among students and place great importance on strengthening each student's self-esteem and sense of community.

Co-curricular Opportunities

Newhaven College provides a diverse array of experiences beyond the traditional classroom setting. We offer a rich blend of activities designed to expand the mind, challenge the body and nurture the soul.

Our students develop self-confidence and team spirit through a wide range of co-curricular opportunities. Every student is encouraged to embrace new challenges and fully engage in college life by participating in activities that complement their academic journey.

- Music
- Dance
- Drama
- Surfing Academy
- Equestrian Team
- Mountain Biking
- House Competitions
- Interschool Sport
- Cultural Events
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Public Speaking and Debating
- Language Studies
- International Tours – Japan and Cambodia

Bursary Scholarship Opportunities

Thanks to the generosity of members of the school community, Newhaven College has a limited number of bursary places for students entering Newhaven College in 2025. If you, a family member or someone you know would like to join us in 2025, but may not have the means to do so, this opportunity may be for you. Expressions of Interest for these bursaries are now open and close on Friday, September 13.

For enrolment enquiries or to book in for the next Newhaven College tour on Thursday, August 28, please contact our Admissions Officer, Bec Anderson on 5956 7505 or discover more at newhavencol.vic.edu.au



A warm and welcoming environment for students of all ages. Year 7 student Ambrose de Gooyer, College Captain Alice Mabilia, Year 7 students Abigail Derham and Zachariah Coldora.

2025

EDUCATION CHOICES



Flexible learning spaces both inside and out have students learning and wellbeing at the forefront. Pictured: Mia and Savannah.

Stars are shining at Our Lady Star of the Sea

OUR Lady Star of the Sea school has come such a long way in the last six years, not only have our numbers increased, but so have our facilities. Our gardens and grounds are spectacular and offer creative spaces for students to play and learn. We have won several awards both at the regional and state level through the Victorian Schools Garden Program and also through Landcare.

The flexible general learning areas allow the children to learn both inside and outside the classroom. We are very proud of our sporting program; our soccer team won the division and district level at the

interschool sports and did a superb job coming third at the regional competition. Our Aerobics teams competed at the division level and did an amazing job at the state level. We have individual students who have also represented us at all levels. We have qualified dance instructors and a gymnastics instructor who runs sessions for our students regularly.

We run a playgroup each Monday morning for preschool-aged children which is a great way to meet other parents.

At present, we are refurbishing our portable so that we can offer before and after-school care for our families from 2025.



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Catholic Primary School - Cowes



Courage, Compassion & Creativity

We believe in providing a welcoming, friendly and safe environment where everyone is respected and treated fairly and justly. Taking pride in environmental sustainability, the surrounding wetlands and "green areas" on the school site will engage students in authentic studies within a natural environment.

Information evening: Monday, September 2 from 5-6 pm

Please contact us for further information on 5951 1700

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Nurturing community with dynamic learning and exceptional resources

WE ARE a warm and welcoming community here at St Joseph's. We value each student for their unique personality, talents and gifts. We have high expectations of student achievement with a focus on each child reaching their full potential.

The curriculum is taught in an engaging manner which targets each student's learning needs. We have vibrant dynamic learning areas across the school, each taking into consideration the stage, age and development of the children. We are very fortunate to be extremely well resourced with each classroom being an inviting space with comfortable and colourful furniture, teaching aids, a variety of books, equipment and technological tools.

Students from Grade 3 have access to their own Chromebook device. In the Prep - 2 area students access iPads to support learning.

We have a Performing Arts area, designated STEAM and Italian room and a gymnasium to engage the students in these



Students participate in excursions that have previously taken in the Wonthaggi Historical Society.

important specialist subjects.

We highly value and prioritise staff collaboration and sharing of expertise. Along with qualified teaching staff we have several Education Support Officers who work at each class level to provide extra learning

support to students. Our facilities boast expansive playgrounds including two basketball courts, an oval, soccer pitch, sand pits and a fully equipped gymnasium.

We welcome any inquiries from families who may be interested in joining our community.



Faith, Compassion, Courage and a love of learning

2025
SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Accepting Enrolments for 2025

Contact the office to make an appointment for a tour or for Enrolment information

Enrolment Packs available on our website or from the School Office www.stjwonthaggi.catholic.edu.au
Ph: (03) 5672 1052

ENROL NOW



• Fee concessions available*

* Health Care Card Holders - 2024 Fees & Levies:

\$520 per family

*Enrolments subject to class size limitations

2025

EDUCATION CHOICES

There's something special about Powlett River

THE heart of a close-knit community, Powlett River Primary School offers a unique and enriching educational experience that goes beyond the standard curriculum. Fostering a strong sense of family among its students, staff, and parents, Powlett River PS creates a nurturing environment where every child is celebrated and encouraged to succeed.

One of the standout features of Powlett River Primary is the deep connection between the school community and its students. This isn't just a school where children attend classes; it's a place where every achievement is recognised and celebrated by all. Whether it's an award at assembly or a milestone in learning, the excitement is shared by everyone, creating a warm, supportive atmosphere that feels like a second family.

Powlett River PS is also at the forefront of educational innovation, particularly in its approach to literacy and social-emotional learning. The school has been a leader in implementing phonics-based instruction using the Sounds-Write program for the past three years, which has significantly improved students' reading, writing, and spelling skills. The school's commitment to academic excellence is reflected in its impressive NAPLAN results.

In addition to its strong academic programs, Powlett River

PS places a high value on the emotional wellbeing of its students. The school is developing a comprehensive social-emotional learning program that will help children understand their emotions, communicate effectively, and build resilience. This program, inspired by the school's belief in the healing power of nature, includes an innovative "Outdoor School" initiative.

Starting in 2025, students will spend three days each term learning outdoors, with plans to expand this to one day a week by 2026. The program is designed to connect students with nature and improve their overall wellbeing, rain, hail, or shine.

Powlett River PS also offers a rich array of incursions and excursions, providing students with hands-on learning experiences. From Melbourne Museum, where students explore fossils and dinosaurs, to engaging on the land with the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority on environmental projects, these experiences are designed to spark curiosity and a love of learning.

With its dedicated staff, innovative programs, and strong parent community, Powlett River Primary is more than just a school—it's a place where children thrive. There's just something special about Powlett River Primary School.



Students participate in paired fluency, rotating in pairs, students take it in turns to read in one-minute increments. Evidence-based this routine enhances reading fluency and expression. C10_3524

POWLETT RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

LOCATED IN DALYSTON

Community • Growth • Individuality • Safety • Respect



Offering small class sizes, high quality evidence-based teaching and learning, belonging, inclusion and opportunities beyond the school gate.

Specialist subjects, music, Auslan, library, sport, art, science, cooking and drama.

Playgrounds, hall, library, art room, music room, bush track, technology, playgroup, OSHC, vegetable gardens

Coming in 2025 Outdoor School pilot project, in 2026 weekly Outdoor School program.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ARRANGE A TOUR PLEASE CONTACT US AT

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Students, staff and families assisted Uncle Steve Parker on the new mural in the gym.

Memories that transcend generations

WONTHAGGI Primary School, with its rich history spanning 113 years, recently added a new chapter to its story.

The school kicked off Term 3 in spectacular fashion with a whole-school Art Show, an event that not only showcased the incredible talent of its students but opened the doors to families and friends.

"It was so exciting to see all of the amazing art created by the students in a gallery space and to have the school community support the art show. I am so proud to be the teacher of so many talented artists!" visual arts teacher, Luke Parker said.

"To have Uncle Steve Parker back to collaborate on this new mural was special too; he has worked with us on a few different art projects and to have him create a 'live' artwork during the art show with the community was a real highlight of the event."

The spectacular mural tells the story of the Wonthaggi Primary School and the greater community coming together, children led and protected by adults to learn and grow.

Art is just one of the many specialist subjects offered at Wonthaggi Primary School which also includes music, water safety/swimming, PE and science.

The teaching staff at Wonthaggi Primary School continue to support and challenge each student from foundation to grade six to set and achieve goals in their individual learning journey, helping them learn and develop confidence in the classroom.

Student wellbeing and cultural awareness is at the forefront of the school with teachers and staff working closely with each student to ensure each child is developing social connection with peers and forming an understanding and appreciation of the land of which the school resides.

Wonthaggi Primary School continues to build on its long-standing tradition of excellence, creating new memories and milestones that will be cherished for generations to come.

For more information on 2025 enrolment, visit Wonthaggi Primary School – Womindjeka – Welcome – Together we learn and grow (wonthaggipps.vic.edu.au)

2025

EDUCATION

CHOICES

Fostering learning and a smooth educational journey

KORUMBURRA Primary School (KPS) has close ties with the Karmai Community Children's Centre and Korumburra Secondary College (KSC), helping provide a smooth educational pathway for children from preschool through to senior school.

The Children's Centre now has a presence at the school through its new building, where a four-year-old kindergarten is run.

Korumburra Primary School acting assistant principal Nicholas Besley elaborated on the relationship between his school and Korumburra Secondary College, which includes regular visits between students of the two schools.

"They came here for Science Week and ran experiments with our junior kids; last month our Year 5 students went there as part of a transition program and did some languages as well as science," Mr Besley said, adding that Year 6 students will complete a three-day transition program at KSC at the end of this term.

The partnership between the schools promotes social and emotional growth and builds the confidence of the primary school students as well as creating a sense of connection with KSC.

"It really helps to have that connection and familiar faces



Korumburra Primary School students enjoy a celebration after completing their first 100 days of school education.

so that the adjustment is really quick and they can get stuck into the learning side of secondary college," Mr Besley said.

The primary school offers a supportive learning environment in which the needs of individual students are met.

"We aim to professionally develop the capabilities of our staff so that we can ensure every student is being taught at their point of need," Mr Besley said.

KPS also communicates with the senior college about pupils transitioning into Year 7 who are likely to benefit from joining KSC's 'Like Minds' program to extend them academically.

The primary school takes into

consideration various challenges students face, be they academic or behavioural, and assesses the appropriate support available to an individual student.

KPS students can look forward to modern playground facilities, with the school recently receiving \$540,000 towards replacement of its two playgrounds, one of which caters to its younger students and the other to those between grades 3 and 6.

The funding came through the State Government's Victorian School Building Authority, with Mr Besley certain an upgrade is needed given one of the playgrounds is the same one he once enjoyed as a young student.



Years 1 and 2 Korumburra Primary School students recently conducted science experiments with Year 9 pupils from Korumburra Secondary College.



Wonthaggi Primary School



Come and join the Wonthaggi Primary School community in 2025

- Step into Prep transition program commencing Week 1 of Term 4
- Onsite Water Safety Program Terms 1 & 4
 - Before and After School care offered onsite for all students

Enquiries and enrolments for all ages are welcome
For information or a school tour please contact the office on 5672 1600

Regular updates on student learning on our Facebook Page

Be Safe, Be a Learner, Be Respectful

Enquiries and enrolments for all year levels are welcome 5672 1600
E: wonthaggi.ps@education.vic.gov.au W: www.wonthaggips.vic.edu.au

KORUMBURRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our purpose: To empower each individual to reach their full potential & become a lifelong learner.
Our values: Aim High, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Resilient



2025 ENROLMENTS

2025 PREP ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

To facilitate planning for 2025 classes, we ask parents to please enrol their child by

Friday, September 13, 2024

Enrolments will be accepted after this date.

To enrol please contact the school office on 5655 1309.

Parents are warmly invited to tour our school at 4:30pm on
Wednesday, September 11, 2024

PRINCIPAL: Nathan Pirouet ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS: Dan Wells & Nicholas Besley
Address: 6-16 Mine Road, Korumburra Telephone: 5655 1309
Email: korumburra.ps@education.vic.gov.au Website: www.korumburrap.s.vic.edu.au

2025

EDUCATION CHOICES



Powlett River Grade 1 student Madison and Prep Ready! Miah.

Powlett River – Prep Ready!

POWLETT River Primary School have started their Prep Ready! transition program.

The sessions are coordinated by Lucy Camenzuli and Callie Foster and this term Powlett River offer five sessions for children enrolled for 2025. The sessions include, maths, English, art and a special incursion with Melbourne Museum, Dinosaurs... traces of the past.

Principal Wendy Nicol said it's a great opportunity for a gradual transition into the school, as parents and care givers are welcome to stay.

"The various times also mean families that are new to our community can meet other families. These sessions are completely optional as we know it's hard to juggle kinder, work, activities," said Wendy.

Lucy Camenzuli is the current Powlett River prep/1 teacher and will be the prep teacher next year. The sessions help Lucy and the Prep Ready! kids get to know each

other. Lucy also gets an opportunity to see what their strengths and interests are, this helps with planning the transition program for term four.

"Today she ran a Sounds-Write session, which is the systematic synthetic phonics program we use, most of the Prep Ready! kids were able to write sounds, and some were writing and reading the words," said Wendy.

"We have nine children enrolled in our 2025 prep class, and they are definitely Prep Ready. Our early childhood educators do an amazing job in getting children ready for school. We had some parents stay and help today, and it's easy to see why this is a great group of preps. The parents helped and were so kind in helping kids who were a bit nervous and teaching their children how to support those kids too. We can't wait for the next session, which will be a maths focus on August 27."



Students are thriving at St Joseph's Korumburra thanks to the dedication of their teachers.

Learning is thriving at St Joseph's

ST JOSEPH'S Korumburra has long been known for its warm, nurturing environment, and while this strong sense of community continues to flourish, teaching and learning are what they are all about.

At St Joseph's, the students are thriving under a Science of Learning approach. Very simply, this means that the teachers understand how children learn.

They are delivering a learning experience which is rich in knowledge and innovation and are using teaching strategies which are drawn from the most up to date research and evidence.

As a result, the children at St Joseph's are achieving excellent learning outcomes.

St Joseph's approach to literacy is based on the key elements of phonics (the sounds that letters make in words), reading fluency

and understanding, and exposure to rich language in texts and when speaking and listening.

With small classes, expert teachers and support staff are able to recognise and meet the needs of individuals who then go on to achieve an accelerated rate of progress.

Mathematics is an integral part of the learning day.

Students are taught how to use strategies to express their thinking and to creatively solve problems.

The curriculum is enriched with specialist teaching in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Physical Education (including swimming, bike education and access to state level sporting opportunities), Art and Italian, as well as an intensive dance program culminating in a family concert in Term 3.

Annual camps and excursions

provide diverse learning opportunities for the students and create memories which last a lifetime.

Principal, Sharon Anderson, describes her staff as passionate and dedicated educators.

"I am inspired by their openness and energy for best practice teaching. They are all about creating an engaging and safe environment where each child is known and cared for. We are excited about our direction, and I couldn't be prouder of our school."

St Joseph's is delighted to offer affordable, high-quality education in Korumburra.

Sharon and her staff welcome you to St Joseph's and invite you to make an appointment for a tour and a chat about enrolling your child.

Please contact the office on 5655 2040.



You are always welcome at St Joseph's Primary School, Korumburra

We nurture our children as curious, creative learners and as active, caring members of our community.

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2025

EDUCATION CHOICES

Supportive learning environment at Mary MacKillop

LEONGATHA'S Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College is in the process of enrolling new Year 7 students for 2025, with 115 already enrolled, more than in recent years.

Positive word of mouth and tours of the school have encouraged more families to become part of its community.

Year 12 students are about to complete their 13 years of primary and secondary education, with the school celebrating their achievements.

"Many students have already secured employment, further education opportunities, or placements, while the rest are diligently preparing for their upcoming VCE exams, and we wish them all the best and hope they achieve the results they are aiming for," Principal John Freeman said.

"We are proud to witness our students achieve some of the best results in the area."

Mr Freeman explained that pupils are supported through a structured program that works collaboratively with them and their families, providing guidance to ensure subject choices align with each student's short and long-term academic and career goals.

"Whilst we are not a large secondary school, we endeavour to offer a curriculum relevant to student aspirations that allows them to engage in a six-year learning journey at the college," Mr Freeman said.

The school also forges positive relationships with employers and other education providers, helping create

career and study opportunities for its students.

Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College offers a range of options to holistically develop each young person in its charge.

That includes having an accelerated VCE program in place for high-achieving academic students, enabling them to commence VCE subjects in Year 10.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) options are offered to students on-site, in areas such as Building and Construction, Information Technology, Music Industry, Textiles, and Sport and Recreation, enhancing both employment and further study opportunities.



Kate Dwyer, Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College's Wellbeing Leader Year 11 and Careers Leader with students.



Students enjoy their time at Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College.

MARY MACKILLOP Catholic Regional College

Considering Year 7 for 2026?

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Thursday 24 October 2024 - St Joseph's Korumburra and St Laurence Leongatha

Monday 28 October 2024 - St John's Koo Wee Rup and all other primary schools



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Students plan for the future

BASS Coast College is heading into the business end of the school year, with preparations already in place for 2025.

Year 10 and 11 students recently underwent course counselling, determining their subject selections for VCE and VCE Vocational Major.

"We talk to every student in Year 10 and ask what they want to do when they leave school, then we see if they have the subjects they need and if there are any prerequisites," Senior Campus Principal Ross Bramley said.

"If they don't know, we try to keep their subjects as broad as possible, so we don't limit their opportunities, beyond their secondary schooling. We also say they should choose a subject they like, particularly, if they are very good in the Arts area, we make sure they have an Arts subject."

The students are asked to have conversations with their families about course selections, then head online to choose their subjects.

Students going into Year 11 choose six subjects and three reserve choices.

"One thing that we are particularly proud of at Bass Coast College is the large variety of VCE and Vocational Education (VET) subjects we are able to offer our students. The variety we offer gives our students the opportunity to study their areas of interest and passion, pre-requisites for university courses, and the opportunity to gain additional certified qualifications."

All VCE students must study English, but the rest of their course plan is tailored to suit their individual needs and ambitions.

The main process is focused on setting Year 10 students up for VCE, but Year 11 students can access course counselling if required.

The entire course counselling process took three days to complete, with up to eight teachers involved in conducting interviews.

The school is expecting four Year 11 VM classes and two Year 12 VM classes in 2025.

VM students will study three days a week at school, one day a week doing an external VET course – either at TAFE or AGA – and one day a week of work placement, which they need to organise with a local employer.

"We've made sure that we've maintained and enhanced our VET program" Mr Bramley said.

"This is partially due to the skills and the qualifications of the staff we have at the school, as well as the willingness of our staff to provide more options for VM students."

Students step inside the southern hemisphere's largest biomedical precinct

Budding scientists embraced Biomedical Sciences Day during National Science Week.

Year 10 and 11 students from Bass Coast College were amongst 280 students, from across Melbourne and regional Victoria to attend Biomedical Sciences Day at the University of Melbourne.

Local students and their science teachers had the exciting opportunity to experience life as a biomedical scientist at the event presented by the University of Melbourne's School of Biomedical Sciences and the Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC).

Students worked alongside researchers in the Gene Technology Access Centre Laboratories learning about a range of disease states, working with the specimens to photograph them using light, fluorescence and scanning electron microscopes, and had the opportunity to enter the images into their own 'Under the Microscope Coverslip' Competition.

They also took a behind the scenes look at the University's Harry Brookes Allen Museum of Anatomy and Pathology, a rare opportunity to uncover real tissue specimens and historical anatomical models in a space that isn't open to the general public. Time spent in the AdaptLab allowed students to experience how innovative digital technology is used to study the human body utilising 3D VR heart models giving the opportunity to 'hold' the heart in the hand and examine the various structures making a human heart.

"Living in a rural area we don't get to use all this advanced technology, it's really cool to have the opportunity to use it," reflected Samuel.

"We are currently learning



Bass Coast College students explored future possibilities through behind-the-scenes tours, innovative digital tech trials, and insights from university students, leaving with valuable tools for their current studies and future aspirations.

about the immune system, and it's almost full circle seeing it in real life... I can't believe what we learn at school is true" said Mila, who is starting to think about university study.

Her teacher said, "the students all had a wonderful learning experience that sometimes took them out of their comfort zone."

A panel of current Bachelor of Biomedicine University students, spoke about their courses, sharing the diverse subject and research topics they are pursuing, life after VCE including life on campus with newfound freedoms and friends, and for some the move to living in Melbourne.

The Bass Coast College students also learned about Scholarships and Access Melbourne, a program that helps students

from rural or regional areas gain entry to undergraduate courses at the university. Each year, 20 per cent of domestic undergraduate places are reserved for Access Melbourne applicants.

The University's Head of School of Biomedical Sciences, Professor Jennifer Wilkinson-Berka, encouraged the students to think about the science behind what creates, sustains and threatens people's lives in Australia and beyond and spoke of the revolutionary work underway at the school, and the Gene Technology Access Centre— including biological processes to better understand human health, computational biology, 3D printing to replace bones, genomics: new tools for cancer treatments, and new vaccines to combat disease.

Professor Wilkinson-Berka encouraged students to consider the Bachelor of Biomedicine after completing their VCE studies.

"When you come to Melbourne, you don't just come to the School of Biomedical Sciences," she said. "You have access to the whole of the Melbourne Biomedical Precinct, a collaboration of hospitals and research institutes that are right on our doorstep, not to mention the diverse range of career opportunities upon completion of your studies."

For all, the day provided insights into what biomedicine is today and the diverse range of opportunities and impact biomedicine offers, and importantly what a life studying at University could look like for these students.

Launching better money managers with Centsible

FOURTEEN Bass Coast College Year 11 students are this term learning how to build good money management habits through participation in financial literacy program Centsible.

Delivered by local experts Rebecca Casey and Jackie Newman, this term's program is the first cohort funded by the generosity of Bass Coast Community Foundation donors.

Foundation Chair Phil Friedlos said the organisation's new partnership with Centsible aims to address a key concern about local financial disadvantage, starting with a focus on Bass Coast teenagers.

"We know that there are many people in our region struggling to budget, save, invest and manage debt. Even more so in these difficult financial times, having a good understanding of financial management can be key to achieving financial stability and security."

The Centsible program teaches participants about budgeting and financial management through topics such as budgeting, how to buy a house, affluenza and the Diderot effect, money management, credit



Year 11 students Riley, Rhys and Harry from Bass Coast College with Rebecca and Jackie from Centsible and James Lees (teacher).

scores, banking, credit cards, resumes, cybercrime, superannuation and insurance.

A survey of the program's participating students found that 87 per cent said it helped them understand more about key financial concepts; 93.5 per cent said that they now have more financial strategies that they will implement and follow; and all said they would apply the information they learned within the next month, and most said they'd do this immediately.

Feedback from the students:

"Great people, great class, there should be more of this."

"I learned that budgeting is easy, and I will start with a micro budget and that if you can't afford something twice you can't afford it."

"I learned what affects my credit score and how I can make sure I have a good one."

"Making positive patterns with saving and spending."

"I will open more bank accounts for my savings."

By helping participants make more informed decisions, avoid financial pitfalls, and make the most of their money, ultimately the program aims to support people to avoid debt and invest in their future, achieve financial security and independence, and lead a more fulfilling life.

More info about the Centsible program can be found at centsible.au/programs. For more information about the Foundation go to bccf.org.au.

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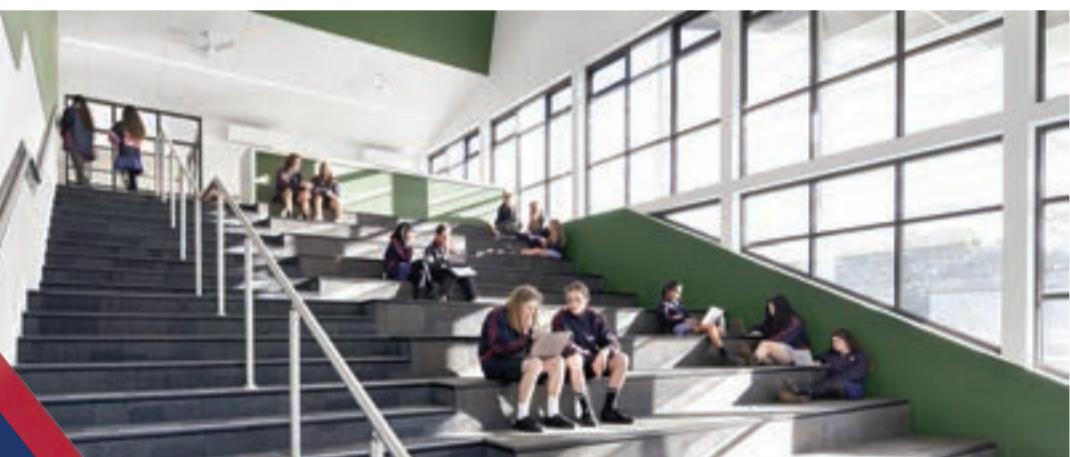
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Principal
Leith Cummins



• Inverloch Primary School

Kids love books

BOOKS as gifts are always popular with children according to teachers at the Inverloch Primary School.

Dressed as dalmatians from the classic book and later Disney film *The Hundred and One Dalmatians* written by Dodie Smith teachers are just as enthusiastic about reading as their students.

Grade three and four teachers Sarah Trezise and Chantelle Brown say children's classics such as the Dr Seuss books are always popular with youngsters along with picture books and shortlisted titles from the Children's Book Council of Australia.

Inverloch Primary School is currently working through 'Can You Teach a Fish to Climb a Tree' in multi-age groups as a Book Week activity.

Classroom reading is done every day using the Seven Sets of Writing principles.

"We ask the children to describe characters in enough detail for others in the class to guess who they are," says Sarah.

"Children love going to the library and they love parents reading books to them."

Chantelle Brown says reading is taught as an 'I do, we do, you do' activity.

"Children can learn to read from computers but there is nothing better than a hard-cover book," says Chantelle.

"Quite often students will read from a book and record their reading on the computer."

Book Week is celebrated at the school as a way of getting together to share a love of books.

"Can't go wrong with a book" all the teachers agree.



Josie as the Cat in the Hat for Book Week at Inverloch PS.



Jack, Jamo, Alby, Reef and Brody from Inverloch PS.

• Bass Coast College



Catherine Sand, Courtney Tzires and Cassie Sand dressed as Alvin and the Chipmunks for Book Week at Bass Coast College.



Harvey Green and Spencer Ferguson joined in on the Book Week festivities at Bass Coast College.



Bass Coast College's Kelly Power and Indi Elliott were in costume for Book Week.

Reading celebrated at Bass Coast College

THE Book Week celebrations at Bass Coast College culminated in a dress up day on Friday.

Students and staff were encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character.

"It has been a tradition here at the senior campus for the last few years to come up with a theme for the office staff in particular, so this year it was Dr Suess," senior campus principal Ross Bramley said.

"We've got all the displays downstairs to reflect that. This is a celebration of Book Week and we've had lots of little events going on in the library and around the school to promote reading."

The activities including a book hunt – in which students were tasked with finding books hidden around the school – and information sessions about the importance of literacy, Book Week and reading.

Mr Bramley thanked Anna Gebhardt, who has worked tirelessly in the library to head up the promotion of Book Week and the dress up day.

"She created a wonderful video of the staff talking to the students about what books they've been reading to try and encourage students to pick up a book. She'd done a great job."

Today (Tuesday, August 27), the students will be visited by guest author Amy Caufman.

Amy will be talking to the students about writing and books and will then do some writing workshops with interested students to try to help them improve their writing techniques and increase their passion for literacy.

• Powlett River Primary School



Teachers encourage a love of reading with prep and grade one students during Book Week at Powlett River Primary School.

For a full photo gallery of Book Week celebrations please visit our website:

www.sgst.com.au

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 17-23 AUGUST 2024

• Wonthaggi North Primary School



Minions Indigo and Nevada in character for Book Week at WNPS.



Incredible Hulk Keith enjoying Book Week with Pickle Cooper, Charlotte and Aysha.

Favourite characters on parade for Book Week

STUDENTS dressed as their favourite book, film and game characters paraded for Book Week at Wonthaggi North Primary School last week.

This year's theme was 'Reading is Magic'.

Much loved children's characters from Harry Potter, Incredible Hulk, Nightmare Before Christmas, Minions, Pickle and Pete and many other stories were all featured.

Book Week is much loved at Wonthaggi North Primary School according to Librarian, Lenore O'Neill.

"Reading is always popular," said Lenore.

Each class at Wonthaggi North Primary School spends at least one hour each week in the library.

Books are shortlisted for the library from the Children's Book Council of Australia.

"Kids are keen to read," said Caroline Blakely Learning Specialist.

"We have a beautiful library."

For more information about Book Week and books recommended for children go to the Children's Book Council of Australia at cbca.org.au



Cooper, Jett and Lucas dressed as their favourite characters for Book Week.



Lincoln, Nate and Annistacia celebrating Book Week at Wonthaggi North Primary School.



Max dressed as a banana for Book Week at Wonthaggi North Primary School.



Will as Jack Skellington from 'Nightmare Before Christmas' at WNPS.



Willow dressed as a character from Harry Potter for Book Week at WNPS.

• Bass Coast Specialist School



Spiderman Rhys and Bob the Builder Dwayne on the swing together.



Snow White Sara and a clown, student Ava.

Favourite characters on display at BCSS

BASS Coast Specialist School embraced the magic of literature today with its annual Book Week Dress-Up Day. Students and staff showcased their favorite book characters in a colorful morning parade, celebrating creativity and reading.

The day kicked off with a lively parade through the school grounds, where students, dressed as characters from beloved stories and struttled their costumes with pride. This was followed by an energetic whole-school dancing session, where everyone came together to enjoy music and movement, embodying the joyous spirit of the event.

The Book Week activities not only highlighted the importance of reading but also fostered a sense of community and fun among students and staff.



'There Was an Old Bloke Who Swallowed a Chook' was the book of choice for Charlie.



'If I Ran the Circus' Clown Matthew.

• Newhaven College



Year 2 students Paige Matthews, Macey Schenk and Harper Van Brummelen at the College Book Week parade.

Newhaven College celebrates Book Week

'READING is Magic'. Newhaven College acknowledges the vital role reading plays in a child's growth, boosting academic abilities while nurturing imaginative thinking.

Students from the Junior and Middle Schools enjoyed their annual Book Week parade, cheered on by teachers, parents, guardians and younger siblings. Everyone embraced the spirit of the occasion with some wonderful and creative costumes on display.

Book Week provides an opportunity to cultivate a lifelong love of reading, allowing students to express their creativity and connect with literature in a fun and memorable way.



Many of the Middle School students came as Things by Dr Seuss! Back, from left, Millie Thom, Abigail Simpson, Scarlette Hill, Levi Sylvio, Magnus Bathgate, Micah Helps, Miller Micallef. Front, Oliver Morgan, Indiana Eden, Jesse James Skepper, Ruby Mowlam, Chantai May, Ruby Pedersen and Ivy Addison.



Wonthaggi Volunteer Adele gives back

LOCAL Wonthaggi resident, Adele Byers, began volunteering with EdConnect Australia in June this year. Adele gives two hours per week and volunteers at Wonthaggi North Primary School.

Adele places a huge importance on helping people of all ages, and that is part of the reason she was drawn to volunteering with EdConnect.

For twenty-five years EdConnect Australia has brought together volunteers from all walks of life to work in schools with students who may be struggling with fundamental literacy and numeracy skill development.

Statistics, including for example the Commissioner for Children and Young People Review finding that one in five students are at risk of disengagement from school, drive EdConnect to recruit and train volunteers who want to see this number fall.

Adele is just one of almost 230 volunteers who gave up over 10,900 hours to support an amazing 5820+ students through EdConnect in Victoria in Terms 1 and 2.

Adele talks about her experience volunteering and connecting with the students.

"At present, I have four grade 1 and 2 boys that I am helping with their sounds and spelling. Everyone is so friendly at Wonthaggi North Primary School. Occasionally I will hear a little voice saying, 'Hello Adele' and it makes my heart swell," she smiles.

EdConnect Australia places volunteers who want to make a difference, with young people in school who need extra help and guidance, be it mentoring or learning support.

Giving their time and the benefit of their lived experience, volunteers share a passion to make a positive difference in young people's futures.

When asked why she volunteers, Adele responds.

"If I can help one or two little ones to gain some confidence at school and then beyond, I would be so pleased," she says simply.

EdConnect Australia Area Manager Melinda Spiteri explains what makes Adele a great volunteer.

"Adele is a wonderful volunteer and has very quickly made an impact on the students she is supporting. It is a pleasure to see that she is also immensely enjoying her time at the school," she said.

"Our volunteers at EdConnect Australia are passionate, driven by the greater good, are the force behind social change and give their time and energy to make a difference in the community."

To become an EdConnect Australia volunteer and help equip young people with the life skills they need to succeed visit edconnectaustralia.org.au, contact edconnect@edconnect.org.au or call 1800 668 550.

Newhaven College welcomes Japanese Student Exchange

NEWHAVEN College was thrilled to welcome students from their sister school, Ibaraki Christian Junior High School, a continuation of the Japanese exchange program.

From Sunday, July 29 to Thursday, August 9, the College had the pleasure of hosting 12 Year 9 students and two teachers from Ibaraki School in Honshu, Japan.

This enriching experience brought together students from diverse backgrounds, fostering cross-cultural friendships and promoting mutual understanding. It also provided a perfect opportunity for Newhaven College students studying Japanese to practice their language skills.

During their stay, the Japanese students were welcomed by college homestay families, embracing the chance to experience the Australian way of life firsthand. Many ventured out across Phillip Island, Melbourne, and beyond, to experience Australian life.



It didn't take long for the students from Ibaraki Christian Junior High School to make friends during their time at Newhaven College. From left, Year 5 students Dae Anderson, Molly Baud and Airlie Holmes with Ritsuka and Natsuki.

Japanese Exchange Program Coordinator, Mitsuko Horiguchi reflected on the experience, "The Japanese exchange program has left an indelible mark on all involved, fostering global connections and promoting cultural awareness. We extend our heartfelt gratitude

to the Japanese students and teachers for enriching our lives and contributing to the vibrant tapestry of our school community. Special thanks go to our host families for their warmth and generosity in welcoming these students into their homes."

Scheduled for September, the exchange program will continue with nine Year 10 and 11 Newhaven College students visiting Ibaraki School, again, staying with host families. All students participating in the program are anticipating an incredible experience.

Preps mark their learning milestone at St Joseph's Wonthaggi



St Joseph Primary School Wonthaggi's Prep students celebrated 100 days of school recently.

THE Prep children at St Joseph's Primary School Wonthaggi had a fabulous day celebrating their 100th Day of Prep recently.

The theme was 'what I want to be when I grow up'.

There were vets, nurses, police officers, farmers, an artist, firefighters, an engineer, garbage collector, hairdresser and lots more.

Some of the Prep students were interviewed and asked what their favourite thing about the day was.

Harry: "I liked doing the fun activities with our buddies".

Leo: "I loved the party food and the balloons".

Saiorse: "I really liked our big 100 Day poster and the lolly bags".

Archie: "The disco was so much fun".

Jasmine: "I loved the balloons".

Tessa: "I loved dancing at the disco".

100 Days of Prep at Newhaven Primary



The Newhaven Primary School student celebrated their 100 days of Prep with a rainbow theme. The students had a party, followed by a disco in their classroom after lunch.





Marketing and communications underscores top performance

IT WAS all smiles from the team at Ray White in Leongatha last week when the two Directors of the firm, Michael Hanily and Kasey Bowman, stood up at the annual Ray White Victoria and Tasmania awards night in the Melbourne Convention Centre as the market leaders in their local community.

As much as it was confirmation of the position they hold in the market today, in front of more than 1300 Ray White representatives, it's been the situation they've enjoyed for well over a decade in the Leongatha district.

Their performance, on behalf of both buyers and sellers, has been further enhanced by the adoption of the Ray White franchise in 2021 and its superior marketing and communications system, which gives their vendors the best opportunity to maximise the returns from their sale and those looking to buy, the widest possible choice.

"Ray White employs a team of innovative marketing specialists, including PR, social media, customer experience, internal communications, property management and in-house designers, who support the whole group on all aspects of marketing and communications enabling us to deliver exceptional property marketing solutions for our clients," said Kasey.

The night also marked a change at the top of Ray White Leongatha with one of the partners, Jason Harris, moving on in recent times to concentrate on other priorities, including land development, and Kasey stepping up to a bigger role



Teamwork, leading-edge marketing and customer satisfaction is what it's all about at Ray White Leongatha. Members of the team include, from left, David Trotman (Sales Consultant), Rebecca Wylie (Senior Property Manager), Kasey Bowman (Director), Michael Hanily (Principal), Lisa Burge (Receptionist) and Heidi Kaldvee (Property Manager).

in the ownership and management, alongside experienced real estate professional, Mick Hanily.

Kasey has been a director of the firm for four years, starting in property management, and now in sales, with a special interest in expanding rural listings and sales, including farms and rural lifestyle properties.

Also, in the key role of office manager, Kasey is responsible for the trust accounts, staff management and payroll, planning and performance.

"We take very much a team approach to sales here. We're right across each other's listings and

support each other wherever we can. It's a response that's really appreciated by our clients and we believe gets the best results," said Kasey.

As well as recognition for local market leadership, Ray White Leongatha had two team members nominated for individual awards on the night, Heidi Kaldvee for the Property Management Rising Star of the Year Award and Paige Matthews for the Sales Administration award.

So, what's happening in the market locally?

"The lower end of the market has continued to sell well, and we

are starting to see more inquiry for residential blocks and other residential categories as well which is pleasing," said Mick Hanily.

"We've got three excellent estates that we are responsible for and there's a good choice of building blocks here in Leongatha.

"Most of the inquiry is local but we are starting to get some inquiry coming out of the city again as well."

But it's not just residential. Ray White Leongatha sells all categories of property in the district from residential to lifestyle, commercial, industrial, rural and farming.

"We're valuing a couple of commercial properties at the moment, but there's little turnover in business and industrial property locally. It's a pretty strong market," said Mick.

Farms and other rural properties are a growth area for Ray White in Leongatha with several staff coming from farming backgrounds and enjoying good networks in the sector.

"Since the closure of the Pakenham saleyards and the increased emphasis on Koonwarra we're getting more inquiry about the availability of rural property," said Mick.



Ray White.

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- Solar power & fully fenced with automatic gate

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Meet Elders Ben Townsend

REAL Estate goes beyond sales; it's about building relationships and creating connections. Nowhere is this more evident than selling rural properties and land, because here it's not just about buying a parcel of land, but about embracing a whole new lifestyle, and local agent Ben Townsend of Elders Real Estate is dedicated to finding that perfect fit.

Elders in Leongatha and Korumburra, specialise in the sale of rural property and land in South Gippsland and surrounding areas, and recently welcomed Ben to the sales team.

With a strong background in sales, Ben brings knowledge and expertise in the agriculture industry, helping his clients navigate the complexities of buying and selling rural properties.

"My family-in-law have been involved in real estate and property development for their entire careers, so I have a long connection with the industry. I have been in the textile sales industry around Australia, managing agriculture and industrial textiles," said Ben.

"Only recently stepping into the real estate market in April this year, the team at Elders provide an endless amount of training; training that covers environmental regulations, local zoning laws as well as changes in the industry."

Ben shared that it's his passion for the rural lifestyle and the

conversations with each client that help him develop a deeper understanding of the local market and taking on a significant role in managing a vast geographical area within the real estate sector is a challenge that he is valuing so far.

South Gippsland spans Bunurong and Gunaikurnai Country and is a superior setting for farming; home to farmers working livestock and meticulously caring for crops. As a resident of South Gippsland himself, Ben shared that despite the change in the market, good-quality properties are still attracting buyers.

"It is certainly always about having a realistic price on the sale. To each vendor the love and hard work they have put into the land will always be worth more and coming into spring – it's a good time for growth."

"Farmers all around the country look at the rain fall in this area, and it is quite attractive to them," said Ben. "The business is still there we just have to turn over a few more stones."

To Ben, this industry is about being on the land and speaking with real people.

Committed to providing exceptional service to his clients and ensuring a smooth and successful transaction every step of the way, whether you are looking to buy or sell a farm, acreage, or rural land, Ben is determined to help his vendors achieve their goals.



Winner of the first two week's on Channel 9's *The Block*, Mimi Belperio, right, shares a coffee with another member of *The Block* team during filming on Phillip Island earlier this year.

Block bust looms for Island renovation show

LOCALS suspected it but now it has been confirmed by regular *Block* bidder and buyer's advocate Frank Valen-

tic, director of Advantage Property, that Channel 9 is unlikely to make a profit from its *Block Island* exper-

iment. And they're likely to have to price in that loss when the Phillip Island properties go to auction to give contestants any chance of walking away in front.

The details were released in the past week, in an article by property journalist Lisa Calautti for *realestate.com.au*, where it is claimed the

producers won't even cover the original purchase price of \$8.758 million they paid for the Island Cove Villas site in Justice Road.

All five homes have been given a price guide of between \$1.7 million to \$1.85 million, meaning each property would need to sell at the top of that range for the hit show to recoup the cost of purchasing the site.

Mr Valenitic, who has had an insiders' look at the Phillip Island homes, said while everything was not completed at the time, the homes were going to be a bit "special and different" with the gated

community featuring communal facilities, such as a tennis court and pool.

This, he said, was a different offering for the Island and also likely to have the curiosity factor, which could boost the price above what you'd expect for other houses in this part of town.

Whatever the case, Phillip Island and Bass Coast has received invaluable publicity as the show rolls into its third week, with images of the Island, its beaches, native animals and stunning landscapes constantly providing the backdrop for the *Block Island* experience.



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Superbly constructed modern home with picturesque outlook

SET on approximately one hectare of useable fenced land in the popular Golden Creek area at the base of the Hoddle range, just eight minutes from Foster, 10 minutes from beautiful Waratah Bay beach and 15 minutes to Wilson's Prom gateway, this appealing property has been fastidiously maintained inside and out.

Cleverly designed to maximise the outlook over the surrounding countryside and glimpses of Wilsons Prom. Offering the perfect alternative to a new build.

Energy saving features include double glazing, solar power on a high feed in, zoned RC/AC for heating and cooling in living areas, office and main bedroom. Stunning polished jarrah flooring complements the neutral décor and every living space opens out onto a deck – perfect for entertaining.

Light filled living room with stylish Jotul wood heater. Superbly appointed central kitchen with rich timber cabinetry, stainless steel appliances and a large breakfast bar to the dining room. Master bedroom with walk-in robe and ensuite bathroom plus a light filled home office or fourth bedroom with perfectly placed picture windows. Upstairs to a spacious family room with raked ceilings, extensive glazing and balcony with pastoral views. Two further fitted bedrooms are serviced by a central family bathroom.

The interior layout is ideal for accommodating a growing or extended family, or even to utilise part as a BnB. There are so many thoughtful inclusions – a large light filled laundry with stone bench, extra-large double garage with auto doors, storage area and direct access to the home.

Additional garage/shed/workshop/studio with concrete floor, lights, power and water plus gravelled parking area for a boat/caravan. Established vegetable beds and 60,000L of static water.

Fenced paddock with room for a few sheep, alpacas or a pony. Sure to delight even the most fastidious buyer this is a property you will love to come home to.

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Charming townhouse in Cowes Central - Walk to everything!



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6/8 Park Street, **Cowes**
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DISCOVER the perfect blend of convenience and coastal living with this delightful townhouse located in the heart of Cowes, Phillip Island. Ideal for those who appreciate a vibrant lifestyle, this property offers easy access to many local amenities and attractions.

Situated just a short stroll from the pristine beaches of Phillip Island, this townhouse allows you to enjoy the sun, sand, and surf whenever you desire. Additionally, it's a quick walk to the charming cafes and restaurants, providing many dining options right at your doorstep.

Boasting a large open-plan living area, this home is perfect for entertaining friends and family. The expansive space seamlessly connects to a well-appointed hostess kitchen, making meal preparation and socialising a breeze.

The townhouse features two generously sized bedrooms, providing ample space for relaxation and rest. The family bathroom is modern and well-maintained, catering to all your needs.

Unwind in your own private outdoor space, ideal for alfresco dining, gardening, or simply enjoying the fresh coastal air. This secluded area offers a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle.

Benefit from entry through a private garage, ensuring your vehicle is safe and providing additional storage options.

Stay active and fit with the nearby Phillip Island Recreation Reserve gym, just a short walk away. Enjoy the convenience of having fitness facilities within reach.

Despite its tranquil setting, this townhouse is located in the heart of Cowes, ensuring all essential services and entertainment options are within easy reach.

Don't miss this opportunity to own a beautiful townhouse in one of Phillip Island's most sought-after locations.

Contact Alex Scott & Staff today to arrange a viewing and experience the best of Cowes living!

Country charmer set on 1858 sqm

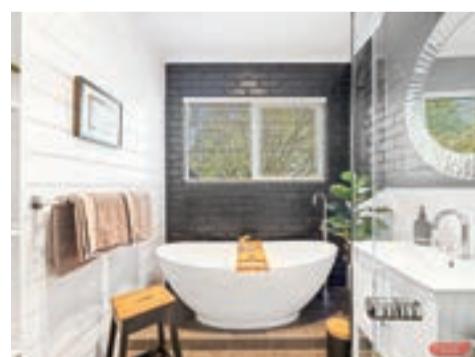
WELCOME to 3B Louise Simon Court, Leongatha, a dwelling that has been lovingly kept by its current owners and encapsulates what a true country escape should offer. This stunning property is set on an approx. 1858 sqm block with fully landscaped gardens to enjoy all year round. Located in a highly desired court, a short walk to schools and the Gippsland Tafe with the Leongatha town centre, sporting facilities, Great Southern Rail Trail, hospital and medical centres all within a brief drive.

Stepping inside the home, you will be instantly impressed by the immaculate presentation followed by the homely feel from the natural materials on show with the slate tiles and pine timber-lined ceilings. This stunning family-friendly residence combines space and functionality offering so much potential and comfortable living for the next owners. The layout was well designed to keep the master bedroom separate from the remainder of the bedroom and offers a large walk-in wardrobe and updated ensuite, not to forget the private garden directly outside the window. Centrally located is the formal living area featuring a wood fire heater that is showcased between beautiful timber built-in cabinetry and opposite is the formal dining area that also captures a garden view. Magnificent, raked ceilings follow through to the heart of the home, the standout kitchen is one you won't forget and features a large freestanding Belling oven, dishwasher, stone benchtops, and plenty of cupboard space with a clever appliance space to top it

off. From the dining area through the barn door, you are led to the three-bedroom and updated family bathroom highlighting a deep freestanding bath. Situated to the end of the home sits the large family room, light-filled throughout the whole day with the added comfort of the gas log fireplace. Completing the home is the user-friendly laundry, study, and the attached three-car garage that also includes a workshop or fourth-car parking space making this property ideal for those needing secure weathertight space for storage or a man cave.

Outside, there's a gardener's dream with many established plants and trees providing all different colours all year round. Keep busy and live sustainably by growing your own fruits and vegetables, kick back in your private garden spaces and enjoy the peace and tranquillity on offer. Finishing the yard is the cute and handy shed that has been lined and is perfect for storage as well as a handy mower shed and undercover wood storage. The real bonus is the outdoor entertaining area that branches off the kitchen/dining. This space is designed for entertaining with outdoor blinds to all sides making this area usable all seasons. Large in size, there is room for the whole family plus friends, making your new home the pick for gatherings.

With four bedrooms in total plus a study, multiple living areas, and plenty of undercover car spaces, this property is one to impress. Buy the lifestyle today! Contact the friendly Alex Scott Leongatha team today to arrange your inspection.



4 | 2 | 4 1858m²

3B Louise Simon Crt, **Leongatha**
For Sale \$899,000
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 Emily Hillberg 0422 622 299
 Tony Giles 0407 528 192

DUMBALK



12 Miller Street

- 3 bed, 1 bath, carport and shed
- Great value home on a generous block
- New roof, new kitchen, well maintained

\$449,000

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KORUMBURRA



12 Queen Street

- Prime Position
- Flat 876m² block
- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom

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17 Anchorage Road

- Walking distance to beach
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WONTHAGGI



33 Parkes Street

- Renovated brick home
- 3 bedroom, 3 living
- Large block

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Unit 5, 49 Guys Road

- 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom brick
- Ducted heating and cooling
- Great Investment

\$390,000

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COWES



5 Bellavista Road

- 150m from the beach, recently renovated
- Open plan living, semi covered deck area
- 3 bedroom, 2 living, 1 bathroom

\$949,000

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WONTHAGGI



16 Lyndhurst Street

- Low maintenance block
- 3 bedroom brick home
- Great outdoor

\$425,000

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UNDER
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LEONGATHA



2/15 Allison Street

- Tenanted, 2 bed, 1 bath unit
- Quality built by local builder
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Lot 2, Wolonga Estate Road

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- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car

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WONTHAGGI



12 Gordon Street

- 2 bedroom hardiplank home
- Private yard
- Great investment

SOLD \$370,000

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SOLD

LEONGATHA



10a Worthy Street

- 5 bed 2 bath over two storeys
- Open plan living/ kitchen, back deck
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\$649,000

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1005 Loch-Wonthaggi Road

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- Approx 78 acres
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COWES



14 Currawong Close

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WONTHAGGI



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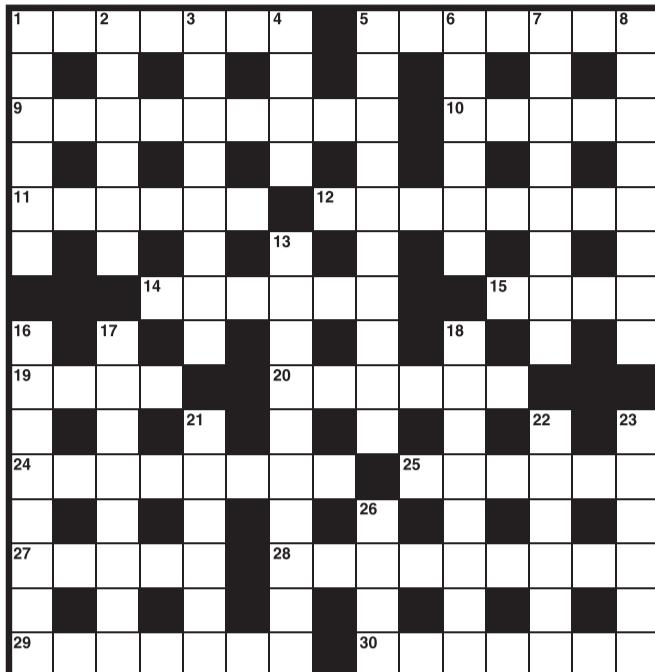
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1 Squirm (7)
5 Progress (7)
9 Provider of information (9)
10 Pliant (5)
11 Resulted from (6)
12 Aircraft pilots (8)
14 Say or do again (6)
15 Intend (4)
19 Electrical unit (4)
20 Vigour (6)
24 Income streams (8)
25 Motorcycle brand (6)

9-LETTER

No. 243

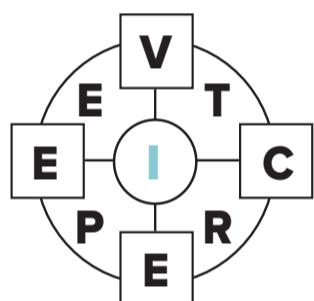
Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".

Today's Aim:

14 words: Good

21 words: Very good

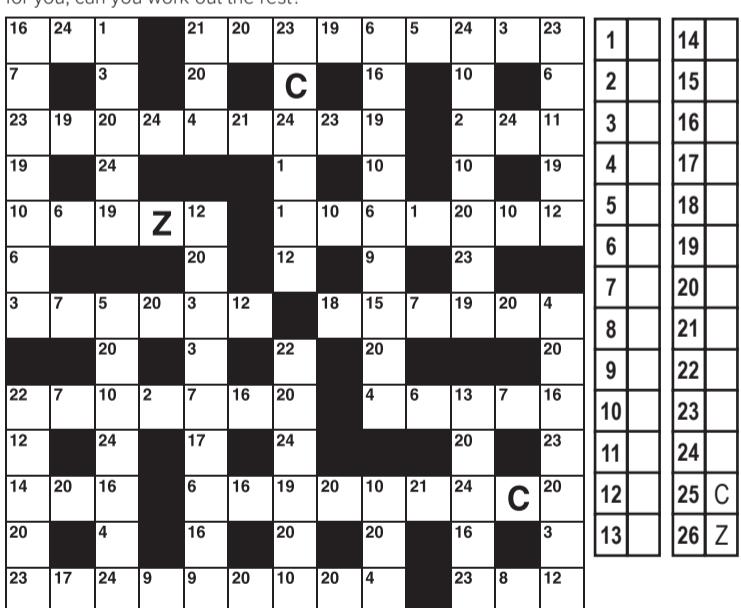
29 words: Excellent



CODEWORD

No. 192

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

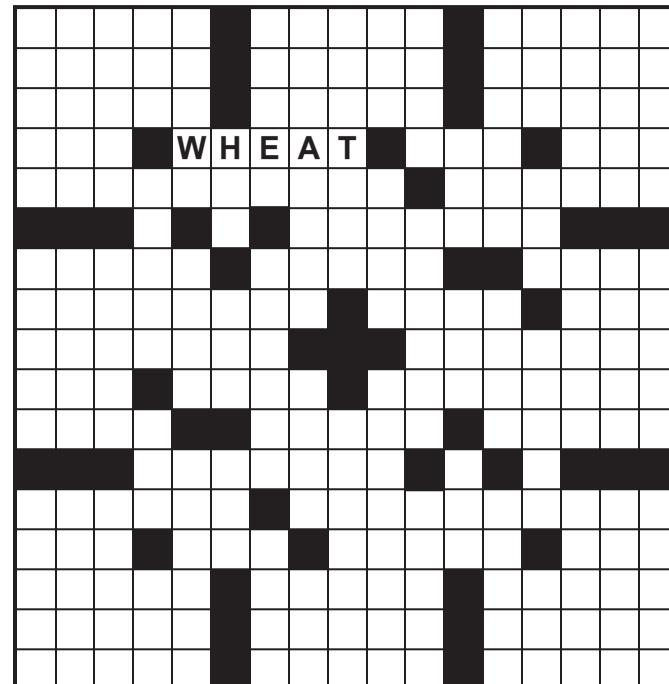


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WORDFIT

3 LETTERS 5 LETTERS

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NEE ATOMS
NON AVERT
ONE AWAIT
ORE AWAKE
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4 LETTERS

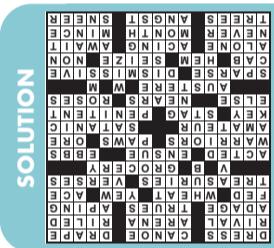
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EBBS DRAWER
ELSE PENITENT
GEED PRESENTS
MAMA WARRIOR
PAWS
SOUP
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6 LETTERS 8 LETTERS 10 LETTERS

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EVADE SEAMS
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7 LETTERS

AMATEUR
TRAYS
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QUICK QUIZ

- What is the silkworm's preferred food plant?
- Which former English monarch is known as Good Queen Bess?
- What are the names of Queen Mary's (pictured) twins?
- Who were the inaugural winners of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1901?
- In which state or territory is the Barkly Tableland located?
- The 2007 film *The Mist* is based on a novella by which author?
- Who composed the opera *Don Giovanni*?
- True or false: persimmon is a citrus fruit?
- Who was the first Australian to play in the NBA?
- What is the world's smallest owl?



ANSWERS: 1. Mulberry tree. 2. Queen Elizabeth I. 3. Vincent and Josephine 4. Frederick Passy and Jean Henry Dunant 5. Northern Territory. 6. Stephen King 7. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 8. False 9. Lucien Longy 10. The elf owl

WORD SEARCH

No. 152



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

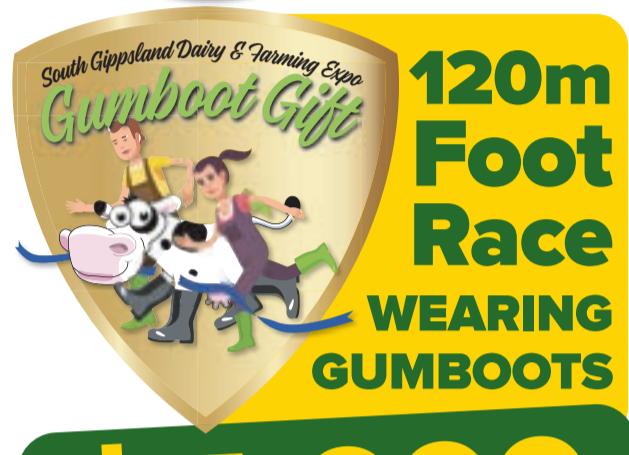
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| CORE | KUMBHAKA | SHALA |
| DHARMA | MANAS | STRETCH |
| DHYANA | MANTRA | SUTRA |
| DRISHTI | MAYA | TAILBONE |
| DUHKHA | MUDRA | TANTRA |
| FLOW | NADI | UJJAYI |
| GURU | NAMASTE | VINYASA |
| HATHA | PADA | YAMAS |

SECRET MESSAGE: Inhale the future, exhale the past



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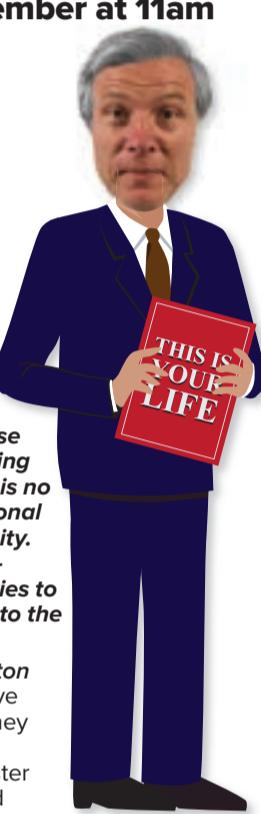
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With the dairy industry as diverse as it is, and our dairy people being the backbone of the industry, it is no wonder there are so many personal stories out in our dairy community. Our panel members have heart-wrenching and challenging stories to tell, which have shaped them into the resilient people they are today.

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.

Panel members: *Colin Gray* Dairy farmer *Nilma, Ancret Shipton* Dairy farmer *Bega* and former *Nar Nar Goon* Focus Farmer, *Chloe Brown*, Western Victorian Dairy farmer and podcaster.



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\$4,000 PRIZE POOL

WHAT IS THE GUMBOOT GIFT?

- The gumboot gift is a 120 metre foot race wearing gumboots that will be held on Thursday 5th September 2024 at 1 pm
- The prize pool is \$4,000 - Male & Female categories
- There is no entry fee, participants will just need to turn up with an 'I can win' attitude.

RULES OF ENTRY

Participants must:

- Arrive at the checkpoint in front of the amenities complex to receive their race number **before** 12.30 pm, ready for a 1.00 pm start
- Provide and wear standard knee length gumboots with no modifications
- Provide their age upon registration; handicaps will apply
- Complete the race registration form prior to racing either online or at the racing checkpoint on the day. Registration forms can be found at www.dairyexpo.org.au
- Be over 18 years of age to enter the race
- Participants must not be wearing fitted gumboots. A small supply of gumboots are available; however participants will need to notify event organisers
- Last year's first prize winners will start on their age handicap + an extra marker back.

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Collect a showbag at the gate for your chance to win some cash!

WHAT IS THE UDDER TRUTH SHOW BAG?

- The Udder Truth Show Bag is a competition where one lucky farmer can become significantly richer
- First Prize \$3,000, Second Prize \$1,000, Third Prize \$500
- There is no entry fee, participants will just need to turn up and collect a show bag at the gate.

RULES OF ENTRY

- Answer 16 out of the 18 questions and request your card to be stamped to go in the draw for the \$4,500 cash prize pool
- Place completed cards in the designated 'entry box' which can be found at any of the Dairy & Farming Expo gates
- The first three cards drawn with 16 correct answers and stamps from the corresponding companies will win \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500 respectively
- Participants must be farmers and over 18 years of age to enter
- The prize will be drawn at 2.30 pm on Thursday 5th September 2024
- Registration information will be used for 'competition purposes only' and will be destroyed after the draw
- You do not need to be present at the Dairy & Farming Expo to win the prize money!



SOUTH GIPPSLAND DAIRY & FARMING

EXPO



It's all about the tech at dairy expo

IT'S a fact that South Gippsland's dairy farmers are among the most efficient milk producers in the world, and whether it's at the pointy end of genetics, or as early adopters of technology, better nutrition or methods of pasture production; you'll find it locally.

And this year's South Gippsland Dairy Expo is going to have a firm focus on technology.

"We'll have two examples of robotic milking machines, one from Lely and one from GEA which farmers will be able to see working," said chair of the dairy expo organising committee Cliff Wallace.

"There will also be demonstrations by two types of farm drones, showing their fertilising and spray capabilities.

"And we've also encouraged the other exhibitors to highlight their new products and equipment. It should be pretty interesting," said Cliff.



Celebrating 25 years of the South Gippsland Dairy Expo this year at Korumburra are some of the organisers, Deanne Kennedy co-managing director of Jaydee Events, Strzelecki Lion Phil Ould, John Hutchinson co-managing director of Jaydee Events and organising committee chair Cliff Wallace.

25 years for South Gippsland Dairy Expo

TWENTY-five years ago, when the Strzelecki Lions Club settled on the idea of running a showcase event for the local dairy industry, it wasn't even part of the plan.

They were simply looking for a way to raise money for the local community and decided to play to their main strength – dairy farming.

"There were quite a few dairy farmers in the group, and we were looking for some new fundraising ideas," said one of the originals, Cliff Wallace.

"The only thing we knew anything about was dairy farming," said Cliff, chairman of the organising committee for 24 of the 25 years.

"We'd seen some of the other events and really wanted to focus on dairy farming, bringing together all the services dairy farmers might be looking for in one place and we've pretty much stuck with that, although we've expanded out to beef and other farming, especially where there are services in common."

"That's been the secret to success."

So, this year the South Gippsland Dairy Expo celebrates 25 years of showcasing the latest innovations, products and services available to the local dairy industry.

And the goal of raising funds has been exceeded many times over, according to Cliff, with upwards of \$750,000 going back into local causes and projects, as well as supporting Lions' projects here and overseas as well.

Planning for the expo starts in January each year, and the committee meets

monthly until the last week before the event to ensure all the plans are in place.

The committee of gold sponsors includes Apiam Animal Health – ProDairy, Brandt, Burra Foods, Dairy Pumping Systems, Easy Dairy Automation Systems, Evans Petroleum BP/Castrol, GEA Farm Technologies Australia Pty Ltd, GippsDairy, Greenmate Agriculture Pty Ltd, Lely Center Gippsland, Metalform Ag, nbn Local Gippsland, Rabobank, Reid Stockfeeds, Saputo Dairy Australia and Vic Silos.

Silver sponsors and media partners include Poowong Dairy & Hardware, SRH Milk Haulage, South Gippsland Shire Council, Dairy News Australia, The Warragul Gazette and the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times.

This year there will be 110 stallholders, according to dairy expo organiser, Deanne Kennedy, managing director of Jaydee Events.

"The sites are always full and honestly, there wouldn't be a dairy expo if it wasn't for the businesses and farm service people wanting to come here each year and support the expo and the local dairy industry," said Deanne.

"We've got all the usual features, with support from Saputo, Burra Foods and the South Gippsland Shire, including dairy farm consultant Matt Harms who'll be channelling Roger Climpson with a segment titled 'This is Your Life', the Udder Truth Showbag and the Gumboot Gift."

"We welcome the children along from Karmai Kinder because they love seeing the big farm machinery and we have the children's art and craft activity but it's predominantly an event for the farmers, a one-stop shop where they can make contact with people from the industry, see what's new and shop around," Ms Kennedy said.

Udder Truth Show Bag

Don't miss your chance to win a share of \$5000 in the Udder Truth Show Bag competition, sponsored by South East Organic Fertiliser.

Participants must be farmers and over 18 years of age. Collect a show bag at the gate (there are only 200 of them), answer 17 of the 20 questions and request your card be stamped by the corresponding exhibitor.

The first card drawn at 2.30pm on Thursday – with 17 correct answers, with the exhibitor stamps – will win \$3000. Second place will receive \$1500 and \$500 for third.

Sponsors include Easy Dairy Automation Systems, Jantec Systems, Brown's Fertiliser, Dairy Shelters Australia, Max-Care, Ridley, East Coast Generators, Travel Managers – Poowong, Burra Foods, Achmea Insurance, Green Mate Agriculture,

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Farmers tell their stories

Matt Harms from OnFarm Consulting is hosting a session on Wednesday at 11am, called: 'This is your life. Everyone has a story to tell'.

With the dairy industry as diverse as it is, and dairy people being the backbone of the industry, it is no wonder there are so many personal stories in the dairy community.

Panel members are: Colin Gray, a dairy farmer from Nilma; Ancret Shipton, a dairy farmer from Bega and a former Focus Farmer from Nar Nar Goon; and Chloe Brown, a western Victoria dairy farmer and podcaster.

Panel members have heart-wrenching and challenging stories to tell, which have shaped them into the resilient people they are today.

Colin Gray and Ancret Shipton will talk about the challenges that have been thrown at them, and how they have adapted to their new lives.

Chloe Brown will share the stories and challenges she hears from the people on her podcast.

The Gumboot Gift

On Thursday at 1pm, the prestigious 120-metre gumboot footrace will take place.

It is a must-see and do event, with both male and female sections and a prize pool of \$4000.

There are two new rules this year: the participants must be wearing authentic farm-type gumboots (no fitted gumboots allowed); and last year's winners will be handicapped.

The event is sponsored by: Lardner Cattle Sales, Jefferis Livestock & Transport, Walker Electrical Contracting, Countrywide Clothing, Levey Engineering, Farm Depot, Ag-Crete Industries, Nacas Truck 'N' Ag, Devin Hance, Carringtons at Loch, Lectaire Auto Electrics & Air Conditioning, S.G. Hire & Sales, The Burra Barber, Nutrien Ag Solutions, JJ's Waste and Recycling, Notman Pasture Seeds, Area Specialist Jack Gilchrist and T & G Mechanical Repairs.

The South Gippsland Dairy & Farming Expo is on Wednesday and Thursday, September 4 and 5, at the Korumburra Showgrounds, Korumburra, from 10am to 3pm each day.

Cost is \$15; children under 16 years have free admission.

For more information for exhibitors or visitors, phone Deanne Kennedy on 0419 878 055 or email dairyexpo@jaydee.net.au

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DAIRY & FARMING**

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Setting out the site plan for the erection of marquees at the Korumburra Showgrounds last week, ahead of the South Gippsland Dairy Expo on Wednesday and Thursday, September 4 and 5 were Brad Harris (left) and Matt Jolley and Luca Trevisan (right) of marquee suppliers A3 Event Hire. They are pictured with expo organisers John Hutchinson, Cliff Wallace and Deanne Kennedy.

Tent city ready to rise at Korumburra

THE South Gippsland Dairy Expo will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year, when they open the gates at the Korumburra Showgrounds on Wednesday and Thursday, September 4 and 5.

But, if there's one thing that characterised the outdoor field

days, especially since their move to Korumburra, it's been the weather.

Which is why it has been so important to have the very best in the business setting up the marquees for 110 exhibitors who spread themselves out around the arena.

Last week, organisers of the dairy expo had their final meeting with marquee-hire firm A3 Event Hire and from next week you'll see them start building the tent town at Korumburra that will become home for the hundreds of agricultural supply personnel, representatives of

milk factories and all the others who make the expo what it is.

It won't be A3 Event Hire's first rodeo.

They supply marquees and equipment to many major festivals and events in regional Victoria, Melbourne and Geelong. Field days are a specialty.

Colourful faces and whimsical twisted creations

THE 2024 South Gippsland Dairy & Farming Expo is not just about showcasing the latest in agriculture; it's also a family-friendly event with plenty to keep the kids entertained.

While parents explore the latest farming innovations, kids can dive into a world of fun and fantasy with Airy Fairy Fun & Faces, where children can enjoy a splash of color and creativity with professional face painting. Whether they want to become a tiger, butterfly, or their favorite superhero, the talented team will bring their imaginations to life.

In addition to face painting, kids can also delight in the whimsical world of balloon animals. Skilled balloon artists will twist and shape colorful balloons into all sorts of fun creatures and designs from dogs to swords.

This vibrant activity is proudly sponsored by Poowong Dairy & Hardware, ensuring that even the smallest visitors have a memorable experience at the Expo. With so much to see and do, the Dairy Expo truly has something for everyone, so don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to bring the kids along for a day full of smiles, colorful faces, and playful balloon creations.

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Dairy Expo 2000, being staged by the Lions Club of Strzelecki, has selected providers to display products which directly relate to your daily role of getting the milk and the dollars into the vat in the most efficient way.

If you're considering changing your milking plant, your vat or supplement feeding, Dairy Expo 2000 will be the place to make the comparisons between the suppliers who will best cater for your aspiration, your shed, your



A few things have changed in 25 years, including the location, but some things remain the same.

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Growing concerns and declining optimism among Australian farmers

THE 2024 National Farmer Priorities Survey has revealed a complex and challenging landscape for Australian farmers, with significant concerns about various external pressures and a shift in industry sentiment compared to previous years. The survey, which garnered 1026 responses between August 6 and 15, 2024, highlighted the critical issues facing farmers and their outlook on the future of the agricultural sector.

Protecting Australia's biosecurity emerged as the top concern among farmers, with 94 per cent of respondents expressing concern, marking a significant 12.7 per cent increase from the previous year.

Closely following biosecurity is the market power of processors and supermarkets, with 93.9 per cent of farmers concerned about the dominance of these entities. This issue has seen a 10.8 per cent increase in concern, reflecting the growing frustration among farmers who say 'they feel squeezed by increasing costs while market prices for their products are stagnant or in decline'.

Federal environmental laws also remain a significant concern, with 92.5 per cent of farmers highlighting this issue, up 10.4 per cent from 2023. The complexity and perceived restrictiveness of these regulations are seen as 'burdensome or disconnected from the realities of farming'. With farmers calling for a 'reduction in red tape and creating more supportive policies for the agricultural sector'.

Despite the passion for their work, with 89 per cent of farmers agreeing with the



It's a grim outlook for the government from farmers according to the latest National Farmer Priorities Survey from the National Farmers Federation.

statement "I love what I do," there is a noticeable decline in optimism about the sector's future. Only 51 per cent of respondents believe that the volume of Australian food and fibre will increase over the next decade, a drop of five per cent from last year. The outlook for family-run farms is even more concerning, with just 23 per cent of farmers believing in a bright future for these businesses, down from 46 per cent in 2023.

The survey also indicates a growing sense of dissatisfaction with public perception and government policies. Only 25 per cent of farmers feel that their work is valued by the Australian public, a significant decline from 42 per cent the previous year.

Moreover, just 17 per cent believe the outlook for farming is better than it was a year ago, down from 37 per cent in 2023.

A new metric introduced in the survey shows that 87 per cent of farmers feel the burden of red tape on their business is increasing, underscoring the growing frustration with regulatory pressures.

The relationship between the agricultural sector and the Federal Government appears to be deteriorating. The survey shows that 73.3 per cent of farmers believe government policies are harming the industry, a significant increase of 19 per cent from last year. Additionally, respondents feel that the government is not doing

enough to address key issues such as rural infrastructure, red tape reduction, and levelling the playing field for farmers.

The 2024 National Farmer Priorities Survey paints a picture of an industry under pressure, with increasing concerns about external factors and a growing sense of frustration with government policies.

'There is a strong desire for the Prime Minister and government officials to engage more directly with rural communities and understand their challenges.'

Twenty-two per cent of respondents were from Victoria with 26.6 per cent of Australian respondents in beef and 3.4 per cent in dairy.

AFREN webinar – Southern region seasonal update

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8415 cattle sold in a week at Leongatha

IT WAS another big week at VLE's Leongatha Saleyards last week with 2715 cattle sold on Tuesday, 89 more, including 2400 export cattle and 320 young cattle, and a further 5700 store cattle sold on Friday, August 23.

It was reported that the prime market was generally dearer with a full field of buyers in attendance, and while some classes of cattle sold at easier rates, including the bulls, a big yarding of dairy cows and manufacturing steers continued to be in good demand with the cows selling in a range from 226 cents per kg to 286 cents per kg.

The prime market set up the store market on Friday for a good result with the quality of the yarding was very good including some excellent lines of steers and heifers but with a few more plainer-bred types mixed in with the offering.



It was another busy week at the Leongatha Saleyards at what is traditionally a quieter time in the local beef production cycle.

Here's the full report from South Gippsland Stock Agents Association (SGSAA).

Agents yarded another large yarding of around 5700 cattle at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale.

The quality of the yarding was still very good with some excellent lines of steers and heifers but there were a few more plainer-bred types mixed in with the offering.

In the steer section prices

generally held firm overall with the top end selling somewhere near previous sales and slightly cheaper for the plainer types.

Most of the regular feeder buyers attended although a couple of orders did not operate with more graziers now in action with the season looking great.

The better-quality heifers with weight sold close to previous sales but eased a little on the lighter end with secondary and plainer lighter types discounted \$50 - \$100.

Xbred and dairy types sold firm to slightly easier with plainer and secondary lots cheaper.

REMINDER – The next store sale is on Thursday, September 5 and commences the start of the split weekly store sales with Alex Scott, Elders, Baw Baw and ES&B on the first week then followed by SEJ, PHC and Nutrien on September 12.

MARKET REPORT

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Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024

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| Cattlemen Shahin 10 Angus | 593kg | \$4.04 | \$2400 |
| Est A Birss 20 Angus | 580kg | \$3.95 | \$2290 |
| A1 Holdings 11 Angus | 580kg | \$3.96 | \$2300 |
| I Hornby 10 Angus | 580kg | \$3.79 | \$2200 |
| Calder 12 Angus | 552kg | \$3.99 | \$2200 |
| Carney 14 Bb | 552kg | \$4.04 | \$2230 |
| Elliott 15 Angus | 530kg | \$4.05 | \$2150 |
| K Board 14 Angus | 528kg | \$3.69 | \$1950 |
| Carney 13 BB | 527kg | \$3.98 | \$2100 |
| H Hotchkin 10 Angus | 514kg | \$4.18 | \$2150 |
| White 18 Angus | 512kg | \$4.04 | \$2070 |
| Peedamulla 15 Angus | 505kg | \$3.86 | \$1950 |
| Carney 18 BB | 504kg | \$4.19 | \$2110 |
| Cuff 17 Angus | 504kg | \$4.13 | \$2080 |
| Johnston 18 Angus | 503kg | \$4.12 | \$2070 |
| Wildwood 18 Angus | 498kg | \$4.13 | \$2060 |
| TR Waite 16 Angus | 491kg | \$4.18 | \$2050 |
| Layton 18 Angus | 482kg | \$4.10 | \$1980 |
| DC McGrath 12 Angus | 476kg | \$4.07 | \$1940 |
| D & C Rieniets 15 Angus | 475kg | \$4.16 | \$1980 |
| M Kespri 10 Angus | 470kg | \$4.25 | \$2000 |
| T Davies 12 Angus | 467kg | \$4.17 | \$1950 |
| G & A Trewhin 21 Angus x | 467kg | \$3.98 | \$1860 |
| Shima Nojo 11 Angus | 455kg | \$4.30 | \$1960 |
| D Scott 11 Angus | 452kg | \$4.09 | \$1850 |
| B Brady 11 Angus | 452kg | \$4.24 | \$1920 |
| Heggett & Hornby 11 Angus | 443kg | \$3.95 | \$1750 |
| Rb & Km Fleming 12 Angus | 440kg | \$4.20 | \$1850 |
| Gippy Rural 12 Angus | 438kg | \$4.10 | \$1800 |

Weaner Steers

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| Annfield 14 Angus | 391kg | \$4.80 | \$1880 |
| D & D Cameron 16 Angus | 379kg | \$4.16 | \$1580 |
| GB & SC Wiggins 15 Angus | 367kg | \$4.25 | \$1560 |
| T Crooke 23 Angus | 363kg | \$4.38 | \$1590 |
| Standfield 22 Angus | 350kg | \$4.43 | \$1550 |
| A Orchard & E Garth 19 Angus | 337kg | \$4.18 | \$1410 |
| P Davis & D Towns 14 Angus | 333kg | \$3.99 | \$1330 |
| Higgins 20 Angus X | 330kg | \$4.30 | \$1420 |
| Harris 20 Angus | 330kg | \$4.27 | \$1410 |
| Conargo Ridge 23 Angus | 328kg | \$4.87 | \$1600 |
| L Missen 14 Angus | 326kg | \$4.17 | \$1360 |
| Mirrabooka 26 Angus | 325kg | \$4.18 | \$1360 |
| Staley Farms 17 Angus | 316kg | \$4.46 | \$1410 |
| Higgins 20 Angus | 315kg | \$4.73 | \$1490 |
| D Kroger 16 Angus | 304kg | \$4.57 | \$1390 |
| Rp & J Lomagno 19 Angus | 298kg | \$4.06 | \$1210 |
| Mirrabooka 23 Angus | 295kg | \$3.89 | \$1150 |
| Staley Farms 14 Angus | 278kg | \$4.28 | \$1190 |
| D Scott 15 Angus | 271kg | \$4.13 | \$1120 |
| D&M Birss 13 Angus | 260kg | \$4.30 | \$1120 |

Heifers

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| A & L Sage 10 Angus | 445kg | \$3.59 | \$1600 |
| P & R Jackson 11 Angus | 445kg | \$3.39 | \$1510 |
| D Jelbart 19 Angus | 414kg | \$3.81 | \$1580 |
| P & R Jackson 12 Angus | 408kg | \$3.57 | \$1460 |
| TJ Buckley & L Keogh 11 Angus | 398kg | \$3.67 | \$1430 |
| Boddy 12 Angus | 396kg | \$3.48 | \$1380 |
| Doonagatha 18 Angus | 394kg | \$3.86 | \$1520 |
| D Jelbart 18 Angus | 394kg | \$3.80 | \$1500 |
| G & A Trewhin 12 Angus | 392kg | \$3.52 | \$1380 |
| R & N Newnham 11 BB | 391kg | \$3.58 | \$1400 |
| G McCreedy 11 Angus | 382kg | \$3.27 | \$1250 |
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| P & M Hanratty 12 Angus | 343kg | \$2.76 | \$950 |
| A Batten 16 Angus | 328kg | \$3.62 | \$1190 |
| Ranleigh Downs 16 Angus | 327kg | \$3.36 | \$1100 |
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| R & C Farrell 20 Angus | 320kg | \$3.28 | \$1050 |
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Monday, August 19, 2024

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| Jersey & Jersey x | | \$14 to \$40 |
| Friesian Bulls | | \$25 to \$60 |
| Friesian Heifers | | \$30 to \$80 |
| Beef Bulls | | \$35 to \$205 |
| Beef Heifers | | \$30 to \$155 |
| Number of Calves: | 631 | |
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GA bulls secure a gold medal performance

GENETICS Australia bulls have taken out the gold in the August 2024 ABV release, topping the rankings across the major breeds.

DataGene released the latest Australian Breeding Values and bull rankings on August 19, highlighting Australia's highest BPI bulls across all dairy breeds.

Genetics Australia dominated the release, prompting CEO Anthony Shelly to describe it as a "gold medal performance".

"The ABVs release is like the Olympics of the breeding industry," Mr Shelly said.

"Bulls from around the world are measured on the performance of their progeny or genomic tested and compared to each other. We can be very proud that Australian bulls match it with the very best and, in many cases, stand on top of the podium as the very best bulls for Australian farmers."

"The August breeding values clearly demonstrate the strong performance of both Genetics Australia and TLG bulls, with several the best in their respective breed for many traits."

Genetics Australia has the top three Australian proven Holstein bulls with daughters



PILBARA hold a top three position in the Australian proven Holstein Bulls for Genetics Australia.

milking, with PILBARA, LAS-TIN and PEMBERTON. These popular bulls now have hundreds of daughters milking.

The performance on the BPI Holstein list is even more impressive with Genetics Australia holding the top four positions with AUS-TRALIND, JOBOLT, FENDER and JORDLIV, with POLMAX following at six.

The 2024 Holstein bull team offered by Genetics Australia and Total Livestock Genetics holds 10 of the 20 leading positions on BPI.

Australian Jerseys are building in demand around

the world and the highest bull in Australia with daughters milking and a publishable ABV is DOUGGAN 396 BPI. BORUNG at 465 BPI is the highest overall BPI Jersey, delivering No. 1 Daughter Proven and No. 1 Genomic Proven to Genetics Australia.

"While the world took notice of the strong performance of Australian athletes at the Paris Olympics, the breeding world has long recognised that Australia has one of the best populations of Jersey cows and is an elite source of Jersey genetics," Mr Shelly said.

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The Jersey team offers a great balance of production with type and it is this combination that sets Australia Jersey apart from other Jersey populations.

Genetics Australia also has the number 1 BPI Illawarra bull in CNLYONS, and several new Australian Red sires have been added to the team.

Mr Shelly said the success of Australian genetics stemmed from the efforts of local breeders.

"The cow families our elite breeders have developed are making a solid contribution to genetic improvement in Australia and are clearly matching it with the best in the world," he said.

"We also understand that it's just not all about BPI; breeding goals can be different across farms and many of our bulls rank well for other indices such as health and sustainability as well as for overall type and mammary improvement."

Mr Shelly said the BPI considers the economic weighting based on producing milk in Australia and the August ABV release has clearly shown the strong and deep pool of genetics for Australian farmers is the best available.

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How dairy farmers are doubling up at the saleyards

WHILE dairy farmers have been caught by the dichotomy of milk processors wanting to pay a competitive price for the milk but also wanting to rebuild their own profitability, there's a real positive for dairy farmers at the saleyards.

Last week, chopper dairy cows attracted bids of between 226 cents per kg and 350 c/kg at the prime sale on Tuesday as buyers looking to fill export orders bid strongly on dairy-bred cows, steers and crossbreds which made up a significant portion of the 2720 head on offer.

"There's prices would be up to double what they were six months ago which is a good thing for dairy farmers looking to move cattle on," said Terry Ginnane of Nutrien Leongatha.

"There's been consistently 1000 dairy cattle at the market

here since Pakenham closed and with the US market very strong at the moment, these cattle are in demand."

Mr Ginnane said there was also a unique circumstance at play where the usual field of buyers had been boosted at some sales by manufacturers in Tasmania looking to buy Gippsland cattle and ship them back over there to be killed.

"They got rid of the cattle they could during the drought and it's going to take some time for them to rebuild so the abattoirs over there need cattle in the interim."

It's all good news for local dairy farmers, making the decision to move underperforming cattle on to the saleyards much easier, but also giving the milk factories something to think about as well.



The good prices being paid for dairy cattle at the moment makes it an easy decision to move underperforming cows on to the saleyards.

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Love Ma and Pa Follett xx

DEATHS

CLARK, 'Ned' Percy Francis:

09.10.1941 - 21.08.2024.
Loved husband of Margaret.

Loving dad of Jeff (Clarky), Anne-Marie and Bob.

Adored Pop of Rene and Keenan, Sarah and James; Mathew, Jamie and Katelyn, Nicholas and Kirsten, Daniel and Brianna, Cameron, and Jack.

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DENT, Jenny:

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JEFFERIS, Leonard:

13.08.1947-18.08.2024.
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Devoted dad to David, Rohan, Kylie, and their partners.
Loved Poppy of 6 grandkids.

JOYCE, Ron:

A much loved pal who enjoyed a beer, old movies, records, and Collingwood.

A kind funny mate who will be missed.
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HANNA, Del Elizabeth:

In Loving Memory of Del Elizabeth Hanna.
It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Del Elizabeth Hanna, aged 87, of Leongatha. Beloved wife of 60 years to the late Denis.

Del was a cherished mother to Russell, Elizabeth, and Michael, who will all miss her dearly as will the beautiful Croger family, especially her sister Hilary.

Del's gentle and caring nature left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her kindness and warmth will be remembered by family and friends alike.

A private funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 2024.

DEATHS

MILLETT, Edwin George:

14 July 1936 - 21 August 2024.
Passed away peacefully at Woorayl Lodge. Formerly of Leongatha South.

Cherished husband of Marlene for 57 years. Loving father of Nathan and Dale.

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REED, Dr. Chris:

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24.02.1951 - 11.07.2024.
Younger brother of Jessie, and Molly. Loved by lots of folk.

Now with Mum and Dad, Bluey, Bob, and Lassie.

Now at peace. ♡♡

STREET, Robert (Bob):

09.05.1951- 18.05.2024.
Loved father of Michelle, Jonathan, and Connie.

Loved grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle.

Forever in our hearts.

Family and friends are invited to attend a graveside service at the Wonthaggi Lawn Cemetery on Friday August 31, 2024, commencing at 1.30pm.

In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held at the Coalfield Chapel, 102 Graham Street, Wonthaggi, followed by a burial at the cemetery.

For further details call Jenny on 0439 320 099.

TOWNLEY, Geoffrey:

Passed at Korumburra Hospital on August 17, 2024.

Deepest sympathy to Di, Cloe, and family.

Three weeks of lovely friendship.

Love Lyne and family.

--R.I.P

DEATHS

WILLIAMS, Frederick Hosking (Fred):

02.02.1934 - 20.08.2024.
Loved and respected brother of Gerald (dec.), brother-in-law of Irene, uncle to Kymme, Glenn, Brett, and families.

A devoted farmer, sportsman, and family man whose considerate, unruffled, friendly manner, and sense of humor leaves us with many happy memories.

Sincere condolences to Shirley, Vicki, Alan, Craig, Dale, and families.

FUNERALS**CLARK:**

The Funeral Service for Mr. Percy Francis 'Ned' Clark will be held at the Tarwin Lower Bowls Club, 43 Walkerville Road, Tarwin Lower

TODAY TUESDAY
August 27, 2024, commencing at 11am.

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LUDENIA:

Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Maria Ludenia will be offered at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 6 Guys Rd, Korumburra on Thursday August 29, 2024, at 12 pm.

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Korumburra Scout Group celebrates achievements at 2024 ARAP Event

ON TUESDAY, August 20, the Korumburra Scout Group hosted its 2024 Annual Report and Presentation event, a special evening dedicated to recognising and celebrating the achievements of its young members. Families, youth, and community supporters gathered to hear about the impressive accomplishments of the Joeys, Cubs and Scouts and their contributions to the local community.

The evening was a showcase of the vibrant activities and opportunities provided by the Scouting program. Members spoke about the camps they had attended, their various activities, and their significant community involvement. Highlights included visits to aged care facilities, participation in Clean Up Australia Day, and their role in the ANZAC dawn service. These experiences underscored the Scouts' commitment to community service and personal growth.

The event featured presentations from the Joeys, Cubs, and Scouts, each group reflecting on their experiences over the past year. The enthusiasm and achievements of the young members highlighted the success of the engaging programs led by their dedicated leaders.

A highlight of the event was the award presentation, which acknowledged outstanding individuals from each section.

- James Nieuwesteeg received the Joey of the Year award.
- Kyran Barns received the Cub of the Year award.
- Blake Manks received the Scout of the Year award.

These awards celebrated their exceptional contributions and accomplishments within the Scouting program.

Councillor John Schelling and Danny O'Brien MP both attended and spoke at the event, both emphasising the vital role of organisations like Scouts in fostering youth development and strengthening community bonds.

The Korumburra Scout Group extends its sincere gratitude to all its leaders for their commitment and dedication. Their efforts play a crucial role in creating meaningful and enriching experiences for the youth and continue to shape the future of the Scouts and their contributions to the community.

The group always welcomes new members. More information about how to get involved can be found at scoutsvictoria.com.au



Kyran Barns received the Cub of the Year award at Tuesdays presentation evening.



James Nieuwesteeg was presented with the Joey of the Year award.



Blake Manks received the Scout of the Year award for Korumburra Scout Group.

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Loading Seventh Battalion RAR on 8 April 1967 at Garden Island. J. Carroll holds a length of timber at the bottom of the gangway.

The magnificent seven

ON THE afternoon of August 18, a commemorative service in honour of Vietnam Veterans' Day was held at Leongatha RSL. With a large crowd in attendance, the highlight of the afternoon came when the stories of seven veterans were shared with those in the room. It was definitely a case of not being able to talk to everyone, while wishing it was possible. Meanwhile, the stories of the Magnificent Seven were memorable and greatly appreciated by all. Here is an outline of what they had to share:

Vince Campisi – First Among Equals. Vince, whose Italian immigrant story brought him to Leongatha, was the first to deploy from home, flying into Saigon on an Air France plane. "I was asked to go, and I was happy to go". Vince was a Private and was in the infantry. He lived through the horror of Long Tan; initially as part of 1RAR, which was a reinforcement unit, he was subsequently attached to 6RAR. His experiences of that action have had a lifetime impact, and he remembers "Fear... that was true fear." Recognised as TPI post-war, Vince's wife Noela thanks the family farm for keeping him going over the years. "If we didn't have the farm, we wouldn't have Vince."

Richard Lester – From the Green, Green Grass of Mardon. A National Serviceman

whose number came up and saw him conscripted in 1966, Richard went from training at Puckapunyal to ultimately serve with the infantry. He spent 371 days in 2RAR, based at Nui Dat. Richard's involvement in the Vietnam War left a profound legacy. "I have never taken my medals out of the box – I don't wear them. And I have never taken up a rifle again." It was a difficult return home for Richard, who says "it has been a long personal battle to feel normal". He appreciates being able to look out and see trees he and his mother planted in the 1970s; that is the wonderful part of life for him.

Tony Kamphuis – A Veteran by Another Name. Tony worked with the Water Board in the Latrobe Valley. "I didn't do it as tough as some", he says. A big part of this was family: married to Pauline, and with baby son Shane born before he left for Vietnam, Tony had two very special people waiting back at home for him. Both Tony and Pauline numbered their letters, so that they could read their correspondence in order. Tony finished the war as a Lance Corporal, part of 17th Construction Squadron.

John Carroll – Out of Sight, Out of Mind. We couldn't make it all Army, and John is Navy through and through.

Having made the move from Williamstown Dockyard, where he trained as a shipwright, John was already in the RAN when the Vietnam War broke out. The ships that sailed to dangerous Vietnamese waters played a major role in transporting men and equipment into the conflict, with HMAS Sydney – the 'Vung Tau Ferry'. The battle continued for many sailors after the war, fighting well into the 1980s to be recognised for their service. John continues to be one of the main figures in the ongoing fight for entitlements.

Rob Fennell – A Symbol for All. Quiet and unassuming, Rob did it tough. He joined up at the age of twenty, while working in a bank. "I didn't realise I may be sent overseas to Vietnam". His experiences in the Army changed Rob for life. From losing mates in the war, to burying the dead after a battle – "It was awful" – Rob has memories that will never fade, and still finds it hard to talk about his wartime experience. His supportive family gives him strength, and he has returned to Vietnam several times, gaining strength from "the smiling faces of the kids – it didn't take long to feel good about being back".

Frank Jones – Arriving on A Jet Plane. Homeless at thirteen and getting into trouble, Frank's choices were clear;

"Army or the boys' home". He decided that the Army was the better option and flew to a war zone on Qantas. "I still have my boarding pass". Frank was trained as a signalman and radio operator, and saw a different side of the war to many others, from delays in the mail arriving on Jeparat to medical evacuations, which were – ironically – relatively efficient. Frank struggled due to his unstable younger years, and even now considers that "We have repeated some of the same mistakes with more recent veterans", like those from Afghanistan, leading to homelessness and instability.

John 'Fish' Fisher – We Grew Up Quick. Originally from Western Australia, John was part of the 32 Small Ships Squadron, serving both Australia and the US, particularly with the moving of Centurion tanks, and recalls floating down the rivers of Vietnam. "There we were, sitting in the middle of it all." Remembering his friends from WA who died in a car crash – John knows even now that he was the lucky one. It has been tough going for him at times; both John and Vince are TPI, Totally and Permanently incapacitated, courtesy of their service in Vietnam.

Leongatha RSL thanks all Veterans for their service. Lest we forget.



Yadin, Nate and Flynn from Newhaven Primary School entered the inaugural Bass Coast Science Fair last week.



Newhaven Primary School students Marlo, Harper and Lachie with their Bass Coast Science Fair project.

Science fair wows in Wonthaggi

THE Bass Coast Community Foundation proudly brought the inaugural Bass Coast Science Fair to Wonthaggi last week.

In celebration of National Science Week, the three-day event showcased the scientific works of local schools and the broader community.

All schools were invited to be part of the fair and there were 18 entrants across multiple categories.

Those that got involved included Bass Coast Specialist School, Newhaven Primary School, Tarwin Valley Primary School, Wonthaggi Primary School, Bass Coast Adult Learning, NDIS participants from VCAL and the specialist school, and people from the wider community.

Bass Coast Community Foundation's Deb Watson has a background in science and was delighted to bring the fair to Wonthaggi.

"It seemed to be something we could do to engage more people in the area. We do a lot of work with the schools already with the Kids as Catalysts program, so it was another way to connect with kids, parents and teachers," she said.

Entrants had two months to prepare their projects and prize money was made available to individuals and schools through a National Science Week grant.

Bass MLA Jordan Crugnale congratulated Deb and the Bass Coast Community Foundation for the successful event.

"You walk around and see the kids who worked through their lunch breaks to get these experiments finished. They are so inquisitive, and science is a great way to capture that," she said.

"We just want to see this grow and have more schools involved each year."

Deb thanked those who volunteered their time to help throughout the duration of the fair.

Success at CWA state exhibition for Gippsland Hills Group



Maryke Dann (Bena – Treasurer) (Branch Aggregate – small branch – Bena) won best exhibit handcrafts, best exhibit patchwork/applique/... and Sharon Melbourne (Inverloch – President) won best piece of crochet gaining a Green Star.



Vanessa Fisher (Meeniyan – Secretary) (Home Industries Aggregate) and Marilyn Mackie (Meeniyan – President) (Branch Aggregate – medium branch – Meeniyan), who also won individual prizes in Home Industries.

Tightlines

Around the Bay

By Jim's Bait and Tackle

IT FEELS like only a week ago we picked up the keys to our new business, Jim's Bait and Tackle, and started to build on what had been started a dozen years before by the original owner Jim. The reality is we are heading into our 19th year, we are in a much bigger premises, carrying over twice the stock we used to, built a relationship with almost every company that sells tackle and a customer base from all types of fishing. There have been one hundred challenges along the way, none the least COVID, which sadly saw several businesses of this type close. There will be plenty of challenges to come in the future no doubt, but one thing smaller family owned and run shops like ours will always have is someone behind the counter that can give you the right advice for all your fishing needs. Over the 18 years we have built a large, loyal customer base and we have finally got our act together and created a loyalty program with special discounts, pricing and offers only available to loyalty customers. To find out more about the program drop into the shop and ask myself or Mel. Daily we are getting deliveries of new seasons stock and the shelves are filling up again. We have put in some more shelving and increased our range of some products and Mel has just come back from the national tackle show in Queensland where she met with some new potential suppliers for the future.

"I have caught more calamari in the last two weeks than I caught for the whole season last year" that is a statement we have been told several times already this season. The weather through August has been excellent and plenty of people have been out and about chasing calamari both from the land and from boats. Because of the good weather, the water is a bit clearer and both baited and artificial jigs have worked well. This time of the year when people ask, we normally would advise them straight to the baited jigs and although we have had a good start we will pay for this weather and the baited jigs will be needed for a little while yet. Those asking about colours of artificial jigs, we normally go to the white because, of all the colours, it's the most productive and probably still is, however this season we are seeing a definite trend back 10 years to the reds and pinks working well. We have also had reports from those using darker colours like black, greens and browns. The reports have been much the same from land or boat and it's also a throwback to some of the times that used to work better, especially the land where the weeks with the evening high tide is the best. Boats have worked well in the popular calamari areas and use a bit of berley to help bring them to you. Something we hear often is customers fishing shallow, skipping the jigs over the surface, which is ok in the

very shallow areas or heavy weed areas, also when using baited jigs, but for the most part with artificial jigs you need to get the jig down near the bottom where the calamari are. Let the tide be your friend and cast up current to allow the jig to sink as it goes past, give it a small flick, and let it sink again and don't forget to have that second rod ready to go to cast in behind because calamari will often be in pairs.

Snapper reports have started, although very random and by no means in big numbers yet they are starting to show up. We have had the odd report from the channel along the island between Gardners channel and Elizabeth Island. The majority of the reports have come from high up in the bay towards the fingers and while we only know of a couple over 5kg the ones we are hearing about are a respectable 4 to 4.5kg. As I said they aren't in big numbers yet and a bit of time is needed for a bag of one – it's because of the good weather with boats on the water that we are seeing reports at all.

A few gummies, handful of salmon, plenty of draught boards near the entrances, some big seven gills and the usual species through this change of season time. We will probably have another period of rubbish weather and then when it settles it will be on. The bay has warmed up quickly this year because of the sunshine but expect that to drop a little before we get the constant warmer temperature in the water. Whiting reports have been slow, but many have changed their focus, and the whiting tend to get left alone this time of the year. If I was heading out, I would be looking to do some bait collecting sessions getting ready for the season to come.

More than 40 years ago commercial fishermen in the area started a bit of a festival with a blessing of the fleet ceremony, a gala dinner and a day of activities and demonstrations. While the name has changed over the years and the organisations that run it have changed, the principles of the event have stayed the same. The weekend is now organised by the San Remo Traders Association with plenty of help from the local San Remo community and has become an event that sits well in the Victorian events calendar attracting visitors from far and wide. The Tidal Seafood Festival is over the weekend of September 20 – 22, starting with a Seafood Cocktail Dinner in the marquee on the fore-shore followed up by a Saturday and Sunday full of activities for the whole family. It would take me all my space to list what is on so for more information or to purchase tickets head to tidalseafoodfest.com.au. The event is supported by over forty volunteers from the local community and a share of the profits is donated to the local emergency services, SES and CFA.

SPORTS



Eleanor Patterson of Australia competes in the Women's high jump competition during the World Athletics Diamond League Athletissima athletics meeting at the Stade Olympique de la Pontaise in Lausanne, Switzerland. Photo: Laurent Gillieron / EPA

Patterson and Olyslagers reverse Paris placings

THREE global medallists have carried the momentum of Australian athletics from Paris to Lausanne, with the high-flying Eleanor Patterson, Nicola Olyslagers and Kurtis Marschall all landing on the podium at the Swiss leg of the Diamond League.

Reversing their placings from the Olympic Games last fortnight, Patterson and Olyslagers reinforced Australia's dominance in the Women's High Jump, with Patterson taking silver to Ukraine's Olympic champion Yaroslava

Mahuchikh, as Olyslagers rounded out the podium.

Patterson sailed over season's best of 1.96m on her first attempt – using all three attempts to clear 1.92m, while Olyslagers needed only two jumps to land third place.

"I'm very excited to come away with a season's best. Honestly, I just had a ball out there. My parents were there with me and I enjoyed having them in the crowd so much – I just had so much fun. I'm happy and I'm in good form so I feel like I can go higher again," Patterson said.

"Post any major championships is difficult, but especially an Olympics. I certainly felt quite exhausted after the excitement and build-up of the Olympics. The post Olympics slump is real, I've been sleeping so much and giving my mind and body time to play catch-up. It's only been in the last few days that I've been feeling a little bit more energised again. Staying in a familiar and home-like space in Italy for the last 10 days has helped me fill up the cup and just enjoy the end of the season."



SES Members volunteered on Saturday at Inverloch parkrun in a sea of orange.

A sea of orange at Inverloch Parkrun

INVERLOCH parkrun was flooded with fluoro-orange this week as we welcomed several local SES members into volunteer roles for the day. Most of the SES members had not attended parkrun before but performed their various roles perfectly. Inverloch parkrun thanks the SES members for their help and

hopes to see them participating out on the parkrun course in the weeks ahead.

This week we had 98 participants aged from four to 91, who enjoyed walking or running our course in the sunshine. First timers to Inverloch included visitors from Sunbury, Coburg and Healesville; all travelling

to Inverloch to collect the 'I' for their parkrun alphabet.

Inverloch parkrun is held every Saturday morning from 8am at Rotary Centenary Park, Ramsey Boulevard. It is free to participate, and you can register on parkrun.com.au to get your barcode. We look forward to seeing you soon.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woorlami (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY
August 27

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| 11.23pm | 0.24m |

WEDNESDAY
August 28

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| 5.52pm | 1.52m |

THURSDAY
August 29

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| 6.40pm | 1.44m |

FRIDAY
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| 1.10pm | 0.87m |
| 7.36pm | 1.36m |

SATURDAY
August 31

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| 9.31am | 1.38m |
| 2.14pm | 0.92m |
| 8.47pm | 1.29m |

SUNDAY
September 1

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| 3.06am | 0.51m |
| 10.38am | 1.37m |
| 3.41pm | 0.92m |
| 10.05pm | 1.26m |

MONDAY
September 2

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Premiership honours shared by three clubs



2024 U14 girls' premiers Dalyston.



Dalyston was presented with the U14 girls' premiership cup.



From Dalyston, the Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition best on ground Teianna Winmar and the AFL Vic Country best on ground Paige Yann.



An U12 girls' exhibition match was played ahead of the Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition grand finals on Sunday.



Madison Oxley protected the ball from Makenzie Kranen in the U12 girls' exhibition match.

Dyson's gone but not forgotten

LEONGATHA'S Dyson Heppell got the farewell he deserved at the GABBA last Saturday night, with the whole family including brother Jamin there to send him off.

And he went out with such a bang, not a whimper, racking up 34 possessions at an 80 per cent hit rate making Essendon second-guess why they let him go.

Memories of his junior days as a ball magnet came flooding back during the week, and also his first game of little more than a handful for the Parrots' seniors as a 16 year old.

"It was my first year back at Leongatha and I seem to recall he was a late inclusion for a game against Garfield at Leongatha. I'm going to say five or six rounds into the season when I think Chris Rump didn't come up after injury," said former teammate Rhett McLennan.

"He was selected to play next to me on a half forward flank and I remember thinking he looked a bit nervous as we came out on to the ground.

"I put my arm over his shoulder and reassured him that the ball was still the same size, the goals were just the same distance away and he'd be fine.

"I needn't have worried, he killed it," said McLennan.

"By quarter time, he'd had 10 touches and set up two goals," said McLennan now head coach of Gippsland Power.

Dyson will be back in Leongatha on Sunday, October 6 for a sportsman's night at the Leongatha RSL with former teammates, Bombers' games record holder Dustin Fletcher and Anzac Day hero David Zaharakis. And who knows, he might just bob up in the green and gold next year.

Paralympians take to the stage this Thursday

BEAU Vernon is set to make his Paralympic debut at the Paris 2024 Paralympics this Thursday, a momentous achievement in his journey from a star football coach to an elite wheelchair rugby player. The opening ceremony will be held on Thursday, August 29 (4am), with Vernon taking to the court later that day (Australian time) when Australia faces Great Britain at 7.30pm in the Group B preliminary round.

Australia's wheelchair rugby team, the Steelers, will then compete against France on Saturday, August 31, at 3.30am, followed by their final preliminary match against Denmark later that day at 9.30pm before finals, all taking place at the Champ-de-Mars Arena. This marks the beginning of what Vernon hopes will be a successful campaign, as the Steelers aim to reclaim their gold medal-winning status.

Vernon's selection for the Paralympics comes after an intensive period of training and dedication. He first began playing wheelchair rugby in 2013 but took a hiatus to focus on coaching Australian rules football, where he led Leongatha and Phillip Island to premiership victories. However, the passion for rugby remained, and he returned to the sport in 2022, quickly regaining his form and earning his spot on the national team.

"I'm proud to be making my Paralympic debut and to be part of this great Australian Steelers wheelchair rugby team," Vernon said in a recent interview with the Sentinel-Times.

"To represent your country is extremely humbling and exciting."

With the support of his family and the experience gained from 16 appearances with the Steelers, Vernon is poised for Paris. The Steelers, led by seasoned players Ryley Batt and Chris Bond, are confident in their squad's strength, aiming to build on their World Championship success from two years ago and gold medal wins in 2012 and 2016 Paralympics.

With the Paralympics just days away, Vernon and the Steelers are ready to give their all on the world stage. To read Beau Vernon's recent interview with the Sentinel-Times head to sgst.com.au/sport/vernon-named-for-paralympics-debut-in-paris

Similar to the Olympics, the Nine Network and Stan will be broadcasting the Paralympics.



Peter Morgan, Marg Hender and Ken Webb won Breakaway Bowls at the Cape Paterson Community Hall on Friday.



The Saturday winners at the Wonthaggi Bowls Club were John Kappler, Michael Raman and Hans Bishofberger.



The Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls winners were Jeannie Slocombe, John Postlethwaite and Elaine Graham on Friday.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

IT was another day of good bowling with 21 enthusiastic bowlers turning up to enjoy the laughs and social interaction.

The winners were Jenny Baker, Rhonda Rattenbury and Maggie Scapin.

They won with a score of +9.

Well done to all who continue to support their club.

Another entertaining day was enjoyed by 18 very keen bowlers on Friday.

The winners with +26 were Peter Morgan, Marg Hender and Ken Webb.

Congratulations to the winners and well done to all who continue to attend and enjoy a great day.

Don't forget to come along to bowls every Monday and Friday at 1pm at the Cape Paterson Community Hall.

INVERLOCH

ON what was supposed to have been a possibly wet day, according to the forecasts earlier in the week, Thursday, August 22, turned out to be a fine but cloudy day with a breeze that was at best, fickle and generally out of the west with the clubhouse turning it around at times to the east.

Forty-one bowlers registered for a fours match over two games, each of ten and despite the blustery conditions, four teams managed to overcome them and win both games.

The scoring system was points then shots up.

Just out of the podium places with 32 points from wins of 14/8 and 10/7 was the team of Steve Snelling (skip), Gavan Butler (third), Graham Turton/Liz Jacobs (second) and Bill Massier (lead).

Taking third place on the podium and being the hard luck story was the team of Malcolm Marshall (skip), Joyce Arnold (third), Dennis Turner (second) and John Cook (lead) with a score of 33 points and 14 shots up from wins of 10/5 and 12/3. Taking second place on the podium, also with 33 points but with 17 shots up from wins of 13/6 of 14/4 was the team of Richard Cove (skip), Robbie Howard (third), Patrick Bowd (second) and Harry Dunn (lead).

Taking top place on the podium this week, was the team of Reg Varty (skip), Jenny Haydon (third), Peter Gentsch (second) and Sean Lee (lead) with a score of 35 points from wins of 10/3 and 14/2.

Congratulations to the winners and to all who participated in the event, with special thanks to Jeff and Jenny for emceeing the afternoon and to Jim and Jenny

for the wonderful chicken and corn soup with the extra special sauce that went with it.

Also, a warm welcome to Greg Forte for his first outing with the club.

Friday, August 23, saw the club host the membership draw where the jackpot for the evening was \$120 and of course, to claim the jackpot, you need to be in the clubhouse at the time of the draw.

Electronically, and randomly, membership number 231 was drawn and unfortunately Kevin Woolstencroft was not present which means that the next draw, September 6, will jackpot further to \$140.

First pick of the table went to member number 202, Pam Sutcliffe while the major lucky envelope winners were David Murfin and Chris Nevill.

The emcees extended a happy birthday to both Veronica Muir and Pam Sutcliffe in the usual manner.

The club thanks those volunteers who gave of their time to make the night a success, Judy Parker on the door, Carol Hughes and Pam Sutcliffe who slaved over the ovens and Di and Craig Selby behind the bar, and not forgetting the emcees for the evening, Bob Plowright on the microphone and Bill Massier fiddling with the electronics.

Please note that at the next membership draw evening, September 6, due to the influx of new members, the membership list will be reset to alphabetical order so there is every likelihood that your membership number will have changed, so please be aware of this detail.

With the club's season-opening on September 5, the club will be holding a working bee day on September 3 to ensure that the club is spick and span for the opening, which is an important day of the bowling calendar.

If you can spare the time, please be at the club at 9.30am on the day where a list of jobs needs to be completed.

The season opening on September 5, will begin at 11am when the club's Singles Champions, Anne Tschiderer and Marty Hannaford, will deliver the opening bowls, following which will be two games of 10 ends each with lunch being available for a gold coin donation.

Club uniform should be worn by all participants on this occasion.

The social bowls on September 26 will be a footy theme in celebration of the AFL grand final being held on September 28. Get your names in early and wear your teams' colours on the day.

Lunch will be footy-orientated as well, with hot dogs, pies, and sausage rolls.

The Club Championships will run very shortly, and entry forms will be available in the clubhouse. This is your opportunity to challenge yourself against your peers, so the club encourages you to register for the competitions.

To assist you with your bowling skills, the club is where you need to be each Saturday morning at 9.30am where you will be given some testing situations that you may find yourself in on the greens at some stage – well worth the effort of attending and learning.

Next Friday, August 30, is the fortnightly club dinner, for which your name needs to be registered by tonight, Tuesday, August 27 to avoid missing out.

There will be action aplenty on the evening, emceed by Neil with his sidekick Reg and his mailbag gags, the giveaways include the birthday chocolates, door prizes and the dozen or so meat packs whose fate rests upon the spin of the biggest spinning wheel in town.

LEONGATHA

THE birds are singing, and the nomads are returning as it is time for the bowls club to get into gear and make use of the wonderful facility that members have available to them.

Very little activity occurred on the bowling greens over the winter months and structural issues were addressed such as a modernised kitchen for the ladies to show off their talents.

The club welcomes new members who wish to become involved in the sport.

Hopefully, the bankers' personnel who had coaching of late are champing at the bit to enjoy the hospitality of the club. Commissions to members who have lost partners during the winter period, and the club expects that support will be forthcoming from the members.

A program of activities that have been compiled by the match committee follows:

Social bowls: Up and running. Wednesday and Saturday. Names on a sheet in the board room or phone entries 5662 3855 by 12pm. Cost \$7.

Opening day: Saturday, September 7. Entries as per social days. Uniform please for those members that have a uniform. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

John Richards Memorial Day: Friday, September 27. Start at 2pm. Names in by 12pm. Cost \$10 entry.

Finishing off with sausages /

hamburgers for tea. This is the day before AFL grand final so dress up in your footy colours if you desire. Sponsored by Robin and Faye Bland

Monthly Triples: Resumes Wednesday, September 25. Single or team entries on board in the board room. Cost \$12.

Played every fourth Wednesday of the month.

Club event: Entry sheets are up on boards in the board room.

Please enter to make these successful.

Leongatha open pairs: Sunday, January 12. This is the major and prestigious tournament.

Entry sheet in the board room. Cost \$40 per team. Prizes to the value of \$2000. Sponsored by Edney's.

A big thank you to Sue Wakefield for running social bowls on Saturdays over the winter break.

The weather was kind to you and it was enjoyed by quite a few.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

IT was another great winter's day with 47 of the bowlers turning up at San Remo for the weekly challenge.

The bowlers were welcomed to the club by the hardworking Pauline and John.

Tony arranged the teams.

When the teams were all arranged, the bowlers went out to be met with wonderful sunshine along with a heavy breeze – just right to keep everyone on their toes for the day.

The highlight of the day, as always, is the great company both on your own team as well as the opposing teams.

Yes, quite a bit of friendly banter among the players, but that is always a lot of fun as a fair bit of laughter can be heard around the green.

This week's overall winners were Wayne Stevens (3), Shirley Corcoran (L), Sue Stansfield (S) and Neil Andreatta (2).

Runners-up for this week were Pauline McWilliams (2), Margaret McConville (L), Michael Saunders (3) and John Nicholson (S).

Best one-game winners were Ken Harding (S), Raff Merante (3), Colin Scales (L) and Chris Sharpe (2).

A big thank you to Mark in the bar as well as Robyn in the kitchen.

Also thank you to all the others who helped out both outside and inside – the bowlers really do appreciate the hard work.

Next week, the group will be meeting at Loch Bowls Club.

As always, please be at the club by 10am to allow time to arrange the teams.

Till then, be safe, be happy.

WONTHAGGI

FINE weather all week is a bonus at this time of the year.

Wednesday was a fine, but cool day, with a tricky breeze to greet 28 bowlers.

Two games of 10 ends were the order of the day.

Two teams were two game-winners, with the unlucky team being Lyn Tagell, Aldo Sartori and Frank Seaton with a score of two wins and 32 points.

The winners were Ray Hin, Chris Graham and Jim Mitchell with a score of two wins and 33 points.

Saturday saw a perfect day for bowls to welcome 37 bowlers to the greens.

Teams of three plus one team of four was the order of the day.

Four teams were two game-winners, with the McBain and the Griffiths teams being unlucky.

The runners-up were Ray Hin, Lorraine Day and Colin Ormerod with a score of two wins and 32 points.

The winners were John Kappler, Michael Raman and Hans Bischofberger with a score of two wins and 34 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

Saturday is the opening day – wear your uniform and bring a plate to share, please.

Friday night was another success with Nat Wolfe winning the member's draw to take home \$310.

The raffles were also well received with photos on the Facebook page.

Next Friday night, the club will have a burger night with a pot or a glass of wine for \$15.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

RESULTS of the week beginning August 20:

The club had a total of 43 players this week – a great turn up with numbers increasing each week.

Tuesday's winners with a win and a draw on plus 11 were Pat Smith, Pam Russell, Glenda Binch and John Postlethwaite.

Runners up on plus 15 on one win only were Judy Sweetnam, Lia Smith and John Bird.

Friday saw a close finish between the two teams.

The winners on plus 19 were Elaine Graham, Jeannie Slocombe and John Postlethwaite.

Runners up on plus 16 were Thelma Kavanagh, Sylvia Mattock, John Rook and John Bird – both teams won two games each.



An 80s degustation night was held at the Foster Golf Club with Janine Garvey performing.

FOSTER

A LITTLE bit of rain throughout the week didn't stop the golfers.

They got a full week in and some days the course was enchanting.

Saturday saw a field of 20 play a round of Stableford golf in warm but blustery conditions.

David Lucas (16) took home the trophy donated by John Pruyne with 40 points.

His day only got better as he also won nearest to pin on both the sixth and 13th holes.

David was playing Trent Price (11) in their WE Tuer knockout, which he won as Trent amazed with 34 points to take one of the three balls down the line.

The B Grade winner for the day was Steve Vuillermin (18) with 38 points, while David (Dickie) Knee (9) and Robin Smith (20) each took home a ball down the line with 38 and 36 points.

Trevor (Kiwi) Jones won himself nearest to pin on 15th along with Kylie Collins (fourth) and David Hutchinson (17th).

Throughout the week, there were 30 entries into chicken run, which was played on the back nine.

Neil Coates (21) played on Monday, and no one could catch his 21 points.

Sam Davis (25) was the runner up with 20 points winning on a count back from Kylie Collins (12).

John Pruyne (19), Peter Dight (18), John Collins (16) and Kelly Pruyne (32) all won themselves a ball down the line.

Although there were many birdies this week, there weren't any on the par threes.

Next week, the club is getting back to playing chicken run on the front nine.

Tuesday, Wednesday (ladies) and Thursday will be the weekly Stableford events.

On Saturday, the club has a Four Ball Stableford event that is generously sponsored by Rod Couglen-Lane.

On Wednesday, nine ladies played for the Josie Parisi Trophy.

Kylie Collins (12) took out the day with a modest 33 points whilst also winning nearest to pin on the 17th.

Jenny Alexander (37) won the first ball down the line with 30 points while Beth Curram (21) took home the other with 29. On Friday, Beth, Jenny and Kylie headed to Lang Lang Golf Club to take part in the Lang Lang Bowl (three-person combined Stableford).

Although the ladies didn't manage to come home with any awards, the club is still proud of their achievements.

On Thursday, there were 15 players.

Peter Cambridge (14) was the winner on the day racking up 35 points.

Peter also took out nearest to pin on the 17th.

Close behind was Peter Dight (9) with 34 points, Mick



Winner of Woorayl Golf Club's Stableford event Linda Forrester with runner-up Ann Poole.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's daily winners were Pam Hanley and Catherine Bolding. Absent: Lisa Brusamarello.

Connellan (19) and Brad Coates (13) came in third and fourth with 32 points each.

Tony Vanin played in his brief visit back to Foster and won nearest to pin on the fourth.

Thirteen players played on Tuesday on a course that had a lot of run.

Larry Giddy (18) finished the day on top with an excellent 39 points winning on a countback from Robin Smith (20).

Leigh Roberts (11) got the day off work and finished in third with 37 while Robert Fulton was the most accurate and won nearest to pin on the sixth.

In the clubrooms, the 80s degustation night that was put on by Chantelle and the crew at 19 on Saturday.

The night was an absolute blast. The dining room came up a treat as it was transformed back to the 80s.

Janine Garvey was in perfect pitch as she performed 80s classics, and the guests were treated to a tastebud delight of dishes. Footy finals are here, and Bistro 19 have you covered with an exciting new spring menu coming as well as their Friday night footy deal, come in and grab yourself two parmas, garlic bread and two pots of your choosing, all for just \$50.

The committee of management has set down a date of Thursday, September 12, for the annual general meeting to be held at the clubrooms at 7pm.

The meeting is open to all voting members.

There is also another volunteer day coming up on Friday, September 6, at 12pm, at the last volunteer day was spent cleaning up the rough along the 12th as well as raking bunkers.

The course is in amazing condition at the moment and ground staff are to be congratulated for all their hard work next time you see them.

KORUMBURRA

TUESDAY, August 20: Stableford: 21 players.

A Grade: Greg Jones (16) 37 points.

B Grade: Godfrey Strong (20) 36 points.

NTPs: first Steve Duffield, seventh Wayne Knights, 10th Chris Corr and 13th Chris McConnell.

Thursday, August 22: Stableford: 13 players.

Winner: Jaarl Enbom (13) 38 points.

NTPs: first Chris McConnell, seventh Jaarl Enbom and 13th David Enbom.

Saturday, August 24: Three-Man Ambrose: 36 players.

Sponsor: Don Hislop and Chris Clements.

Winners: Rob Gallagher, Shayne Harland and Rooster Dunn 56.333.

NTPs: first Brian Pope, 10th Paul Hopkins and 13th Ross Crawford.

Ladies

THE weather last Wednesday was cool but remained fine for the golfers.

Kerri Besley (16) won the competition with 31 points.

Heather Grist (23) was runner up, 28 points after a c/b with Deb Wrigley (30).

The nine-hole event was won by Barb Walker (32) with 14 points.

NTPs were Kerri first and Heather second shot on the seventh green.

The club had a super win on Friday, winning the Lang Lang Bowl.

Congratulations to the winning team of Kerri Besley, Kim Embom and Heather Grist.

Diarne Maskell had a NTP and Deb Wrigley and Heather won BDTL for their individual scores - well done to all.

Saturday's weather was ideal, and Aliesha Wrigley (24) had a great round to finish with 39 points. Kerri Besley had the NTP on the seventh green.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, August 20: Stableford.

Tuesday's Stableford round had 54 members/guests take to the course in good conditions for high scoring on very slick greens.

A Grade winner: Patrick Mitchell (11) with the high score of the day of 42 points. Runner up: John McInnes (11) with a score of 38 points.

B Grade winner: David Forbes (16) with a score of 39 points on a countback. Runner up: Michael Wrigley (21) with a score of 39 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: John McInnes at 1.96m.

NTP 14th: Rob Abschinski at 1.65m.

NTP 16th: Norman Hughes at .45m.

Thursday, August 22: Stableford.

Thursday's field of 75 members/guests played in delightful winter conditions tackling a Stableford event with golfers selecting their own choice of tee marker hitting off a shotgun start at 9am.

A Grade winner: John Ryan (10) with a score of 34 points on a countback. Runner up: Renato Monacella (13) with a score of 34 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: David Child (17) with the high score of the day of 43 points. Runner up: Trevor Steer (15) with a score of 37 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Frank Gill (19) with a score of 36 points. Runner up: Ian Moorhouse (24) with a score of 34 points on a countback.

Great score by David Child with an eagle two on the eighth hole.

NTP fifth second shot: Norman Hughes at .32m.

NTP 14th: Mark Lafferty at 1.15m.

NTP 16th: Colin Bear at 2.90m.

Saturday, August 24: Stableford.

Another excellent day of winter weather greeted the 105 members/guests as they tackled the course for this Stableford event.

A Grade winner: Paul Deery (10) with a score of 37 points. Runner up: Rebecca Thomas (8) with a score of 33 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Gordon Morrison (15) with a score of 37 points. Runner up: Ken Smirk (13) with a score of 35 points.

C Grade winner: Christopher Brown (18) from the Commonwealth Golf Club with a score of 34 points. Runner up: Bruce Christison (17) with a score of 33 points on countback.

D Grade winner: Ben Broome (37) with a score of 37 points. Runner up: Alan Black (24) with a score of 35 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Glenn Marshall at .81m.

NTP 14th: Malcolm Gin at 1.26m.

NTP 16th: Mark Allison at 2.65m.

Ladies

THIRTY-FOUR women competed in a Stableford event last week on a course that continues to have good run despite being the closing weeks of winter.

Two exceptionally good scores were recorded by the winner and runner up.

Else Gedye (35) finished the day with 44 points and runner up Bronwyn Debenham (31) had 42 points - her best score ever.

Down the line balls were awarded to Neryl Hopcraft 36 points, Lianne Adamson, Jo McNaughton, Jill Moor, Trish Owen, Sue Woods and Alison Strong 34 points, Dot Stubbs 33, and Kay Dumbleton and Deb Miller 32 points.

Jo McNaughton was closest to the flag on the fifth (second shot), Marg Griffiths on the 14th and Alison Strong on the 16th hole.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, August 20: Stableford.

A Grade: C. Johnson (9) 39 points.

B Grade: C. James (23) 38 points c/b.

DTL: N. Rutledge, S. McKenzie 38, S. Duff and N. Whichello 37.

NTP: fourth M. Payne, sixth W. Reynolds, 13th L. Visser and 16th C. Johnson.

Birdies: fourth M. Payne and T. Donnison, sixth W. Reynolds and B. Atkins, and 16th C. Johnson and N. Rutledge.

Saturday, August 24: Two-Person Ambrose.

Day winner: T. and N. Baker, (7.75) 60.25.

Scratch: P. and S. Woodall, (5.25) 67 net.

DTL: N. Bracecamp, B. Bradshaw and T. Whitelaw 61.6, Tim Traill and N. Bickerton 66, and

R. Matthews and J. Robbins 66.75.

NTP: fourth D. Jerram, sixth S. Evison, 13th A. Liebe and 16th S. Woodall.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: August 22, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole. Winner: Ian McNish 36. Runner up: Keith Ridout 34.

Ball sweep: Chris Wilkinson 34, Gino Hennequin 34, Graeme Clark 34 and Ian Johnson 32 C/B.

Results: August 22, SR. 34.5.

Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.

Winner: Willy Williams 19.

Runner up: Ray Hender 18.

Ball sweep: Peter Magnussen 16, Paul Cornelis 15, Kevin Bayley 15 and Keith Ridout 15 C/B.

Results: August 24, S.R. 71.

Competition: Stableford. A Grade: Peter Dell 36.

B Grade: John Walsh 36.

C Grade: Clive Kilgour 37. BDTL to 33.

Ball sweep: Ray Hender 36, Kevin Bayley 35, Paul Cornelis 35, Andrew Hooton-Shandley 35, Doug Putt 34, Alex Geyer 34, Frank Loughran 34, Jim McEachern 33, Joshua Kilgour 33 and Willy Williams 33.

Eagle: Robby Geyer seventh.

NTPs: Ian Baker second, Alex Geyer fourth, Alex Geyer propin eighth and Rob Geyer money hole 17th.

Ladies

ON Wednesday, the club had 20 players for a round of Stableford.

While the rain stayed away, the wind did not, so it was a bit of a challenge with the quick greens.

As usual, there were some players with steady golf, and they were the daily winners.

A Grade's winner was Catherine Bolding (18) 29 points on c/b Bev Sloan.

B Grade's winner was Lisa Brusamarello (27) 33 points.

C Grade's winner was Pam Hanley (32) 33 points.

NTP on eighth was Betty Bowmar and 17th Kaylene Hodgetts.

BDL went to Layla Robertson 30, Bev Sloan 29, Kaylene Hodgetts 28, Donna Brosnan 28 and Karen Sheerin 27.

WOORAYL

Ladies

ON a breezy morning, eight women contested a Stableford event, sponsored by Melissa and Gareth Hume.

The winner of the day was Linda Forrester 36 points. Ann Poole was runners up on a count back also with 36 points.

BDL went to Elly Berryman 34 points and Jenny Risiely 32 points.

NTP on eighth was Jenny Risiely, 11th Sherrill Winkler and 17th Trish Berryman.

Elly Berryman had a gobbler on the sixth.

Gippsland Soccer League

Round 17 Results – August 24/25

Senior Mens: Drouin Dragons Maroon 3 d Trafalgar Victory 2, Phillip Island Breakers 8 d Lang Lang United 0, Leongatha Knights 6 d Inverloch Stars 0

Senior Womens: Drouin Dragons Maroon 3 d Trafalgar Victory 1, Wonthaggi United 12 d Mirboo North United 0, Phillip Island Breakers 4 d Lang Lang United 1

Leongatha Knights 8 d Inverloch Stars 0

Mens Reserves: Trafalgar Victory 2 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0, Inverloch Stars 9 d Leongatha Knights 2, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 3 d Korumburra City 2

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 6 d Drouin Dragons White 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 7 d Phillip Island Stingrays 1

Under 14 Mixed: Wonthaggi United 4 d Mirboo North United 0, Korumburra City 5 d Phillip Island Stingrays 0, Leongatha Knights 5 d Inverloch Stars 0

Under 13 Girls: Phillip Island Breakers 7 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1

Under 12a Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 7 d Trafalgar Victory 1, Phillip Island Stingrays 7 d Korumburra City 1

Under 12b Mixed: Mirboo North United 4 d Wonthaggi United 0, Phillip Island Sharks 5 d Lang Lang United 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 7 d Korumburra City 2, Inverloch Stars 7 d Leongatha Knights 1

Round 18 Fixture – Sunday, September 1

Senior Mens – 3pm

Lang Lang United V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Korumburra City V Leongatha Knights, Trafalgar Victory V Phillip Island Breakers

Senior Womens – 1pm

Lang Lang United V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Inverloch Stars V Mirboo North United, Trafalgar Victory V Phillip Island Breakers

Mens Reserves – 1pm

Korumburra City V Leongatha Knights, Trafalgar Victory V Phillip Island Breakers

Under 17 Mixed – 9.30am

Phillip Island Stingrays V Leongatha Knights, Drouin Dragons White V Phillip Island Penguins, Wonthaggi United V Phillip Island Penguins, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow

Under 14 Mixed – 11.20am

Korumburra City V Leongatha Knights, Inverloch Stars V Mirboo North United, Wonthaggi United V Phillip Island Stingrays

Under 13 Girls – 8.30am

Korumburra City V Leongatha Knights

Under 12a Mixed – 10am

Korumburra City V Leongatha Knights, Trafalgar Victory V Phillip Island Penguins, Wonthaggi United V Phillip Island Stingrays

Under 12b Mixed – 11.30am

Lang Lang United V Drouin Dragons Yellow, Korumburra City V Leongatha Knights, Inverloch Stars V Mirboo North United, Wonthaggi United V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow

Lady Knights obliterate opponents with eight goal win

FOLLOWING their first leg loss to Inverloch, the Lady Knights were keen to take the win at home when they faced the Stars in their second match up on the weekend. With a slight change up in midfield and striker set ups, the Knights started strong with dominant possession.

Though Inverloch's forward line made headway on the win or their attack, Leongatha's experienced defence continued to successfully shut them down. A link up in the forward line resulted in the first goal of the match from the foot of Naomi Eaton. The second half saw the Knights play with the advantage of the wind which aided their fast-attacking runs. The Knights concluded the game with a solid 8-0 win.

SENIOR MEN: LKFC v Inverloch

Following a string of injuries and some difficult games, the Knights were keen to put on a good showing in their last home round of the season against their neighbours Inverloch Stars.

With the advantage of the wind in the first half, the Knights were keen to capitalise and secure a solid lead. Inverloch's defence was organised and compact, forcing the Knights to work at finding the space to attack.

It was a free kick by Ethan Bath outside the box that was initially denied by the Inverloch keeper but followed up by PJ O'Meara that secured Leongatha's first goal.

A foul in the box shortly after, saw the first of three penalties awarded that game, with Ethan Bath confidently sending the ball into the net. A



Captain Luke Knights put in a dominant game in midfield.

beautiful finish by Oscar Murdoch resulted in a solid 3-0 lead at halftime for the home team Knights.

With the wind working against them in the second half the Knights stood firm to deny Inverloch any advantages. Player of the match James Heneghan in centre back, played an epic game shutting down the attacking play with goalkeeper Charlie Dougherty pulling off a magnificent save on the goal line.

Two hand balls in the box saw two penalties awarded to the Knights, again converted by Ethan Bath, and a wonderful finish by right winger River Thomas saw the Knights walk off the pitch with a 6-0 win.



LKFC Winger Leanda Michael pressures Inverloch's Myrid Bartlett.

Gippsland United women step up for State 1 League victory

GUFC State 1 Women's Seniors:

The morning of August 25 at Barton Reserve seemed to promise perfect conditions for a soccer match, as GUFC's State 1 Senior Women's team took on Barton. However, shortly after the game commenced, the weather took an unexpected turn, with the wind picking up dramatically, presenting a new challenge for both teams.

The first half saw both sides battling not only each other but also the relentless wind. GUFC struggled to push the ball towards Barton's goal, as the wind seemed determined to thwart their every move. Despite these challenges, the women from both teams displayed remarkable tenacity, running hard and fast to create opportunities. Yet, by the time the halftime whistle blew, the score remained a frustrating 0-0.

During the break, GUFC regrouped, knowing that the wind would soon be in their favour. With this advantage, they entered the second half with renewed determination. It didn't take long for the shift in momentum to pay off. The ever-reliable Hollie Ryan, known for her sharp instincts and technical skill, seized the opportunity to break the deadlock. From a difficult angle on the side, she curled a shot with the wind, sending the ball into the back of the net. The GUFC supporters erupted in celebration as their team took a 1-0 lead.

With the wind now aiding

their efforts, the team pressed on with even more vigour. Alice Townsend, whose flair and creativity have become a hallmark of her play, soon followed up with a glorious second goal. Her strike, precise and powerful, left Barton's goalkeeper with no chance, securing a 2-0 lead for GUFC.

As the final whistle blew, GUFC celebrated a well-deserved victory. The 2-0 win was not just a testament to their skill and adaptability on the field, but also to their resilience and hard work throughout the season. Originally a State 3 team, these women have surprised everyone with how seamlessly they have adapted to the challenges of the State 1 league. Their position high on the ladder reflects the dedication and effort they have put into every match.

GUFC's State 1 Senior Women's team continues to prove that they belong in the upper echelons of the competition. With victories like this, they are well on their way to making a significant impact in the league.

GUFC State 1 Women's Reserves:

IN WHAT can only be described as a testament to resilience and determination, Gippsland United's State 1 Women's Reserves fought tooth and nail to secure a 1-1 draw against Barton, despite being heavily outnumbered

on the field. With only nine players available, Gippsland faced a full-strength Barton squad of 11 players plus a well-stocked bench, yet they stood firm and delivered a performance that won them respect and admiration from all in attendance.

From the opening whistle, Gippsland United displayed remarkable cohesion. Their passing was crisp, communication was sharp, and the defensive line held strong against Barton's repeated advances. Both teams had several opportunities to break the deadlock in the first half, but the score remained 0-0 at halftime, a credit to the unswerving effort of Gippsland's outnumbered squad.

The second half began with a renewed sense of urgency from Barton, who managed to capitalise on their numerical advantage with an early goal. However, rather than being disheartened, Gippsland United responded with even greater determination. The turning point came when Emily Robinson, with skill and precision, netted a fantastic equaliser that lifted the spirits of her team.

Despite Barton's continued pressure, Gippsland United held firm. Every player dug deep, covering more ground, making critical tackles, and ensuring that their opponents could not regain the lead. By the final whistle, the 1-1 scoreline felt like a victory for the visitors.

After the match, the Gippsland United squad was elated, and

rightfully so. Holding Barton to a draw under such challenging circumstances was a true reflection of their growing strength and unity as a team. Week after week, these women continue to defy the odds and show that they are a force to be reckoned with in the State 1 competition.

GUFC Under 18 NPL

The U18 Lads travelled to Wembley Park Box Hill on Sunday for a 12.30pm kick off, right from the get-go United were under the pump against a switched-on Box Hill side, keeper Jed Foster was kept busy making some great saves, however it was just a matter of time before Box Hill put two in the net at the nine- and 11-minute marks. Whilst Gippsland showed some good patches of play at times it was Box Hill that dominated possession, having three corner kicks and eight shots on target to Gippsland's two shots on target in the first half. The second half showed more promise from the Gippsland United team winning more challenges although Box Hill had nine shots on target to Gippsland's three, with both teams taking one corner kick each. final score Box Hill 3 - Gippsland United 0.

Next week we are off to take on top of the ladder Ashburton for a 3pm kick off.



Daniel Edey was immense in the second half of the game vs Malvern on the weekend, scoring and assisting to help United clinch consecutive league titles.



Reserves goalkeeper Liam Anderson has been pivotal in helping United clinch back-to-back league titles this season.

Gippsland United reserves win back-to-back league titles

By Solomon Nash

appearance for the club.

Both players have played a huge role in the success of United's reserves this year, and therefore they were trustfully given the nod by coach Stephen Maselli in the senior domain.

However, on the day, it was all about United's reserves as they clinched a second consecutive league title with two games to spare.

Going into match week twenty, United had a five-point gap over Eltham in second and a seven-point buffer over South Springvale in third.

Advantageously for United, Eltham and Springvale were playing each other meaning one outfit would lose points in the title race.

Best-case scenario for United would be a draw between the two sides, if they held their end of the bargain up at Kooyong Park, the gap to Eltham in second would increase to seven points with two games remaining, meaning they would become champions with two games to go.

This best-case scenario is exactly what transpired, as Eltham and Springvale drew nil all and United defeated Malvern 0-3.

After an uncharacteristically below-average start in the first half by United, they would enter the change rooms with the score locked at 0-0 at the break in play.

It is safe to say that it was a game of two halves, as United went on to score three goals

with no reply to win the game.

Some inspiring and encouraging words from Coach Jason Dastey plus the half-time substitute of Daniel Edey that paid dividends, saw United cruise past Malvern in the end.

After returning from a brief break from football, Edey who was last year's league-leading goal scorer and an ever-present talisman for United, put his mark on proceedings almost immediately.

Off the back of a more promising start to the second half compared to the first for United, Edey picked up the ball in some space about 25 metres out from goal.

In typical Daniel Edey fashion, he shot from outside the area and his effort was pinpoint and sublime, to say the least.

It was a magnificent curling effort off that right boot of his that undid Malvern and broke the deadlock.

The ball nestled into the top right corner and United were on the board.

Fifteen minutes later United doubled their advantage through Paul Cooper.

Edey was again involved, but this time he turned provider from a free kick.

The set piece from United's halftime super sub was delivered perfectly into the box and Paul Cooper connected with his header sweetly, rifling the ball into the bottom right corner.

United's third and final goal was from another set piece, this time a corner kick.

Edey, the creator in chief yet again, found Paul Cooper at the back post.

The scorer of United's second goal headed the ball back across the face of the goal followed by two more headers, first from Julian Colantuono who found Lucas Vick who flicked the ball past the keeper.

United were simply irresistible in front of goal in the second half and did enough to earn a clean sheet too.

This took their points total to 50 as they made their way into the changing rooms and sang their song loud and proudly.

After some time had passed and the senior game had kicked off, the news broke that Eltham and South Springvale drew, meaning United were champions.

Champions again, two years in a row, this time with two games to spare.

United's reserves will now get to revel in their glory and relish their achievement during the final two games of which both are at home.

Next week's fixture against South Springvale will be under the lights at Baxter Park and you won't want to miss this slice of history that United have just achieved.

This Saturday, August 31 Gippsland United's reserves will be presented the league trophy at the conclusion of their game that commences at 4pm.

The senior fixture kicking off at 6.15pm will then follow before celebrations flow long into the night.



Joe Brusamarello and Aurora Quintana-Laing celebrated their 50th match day game.

Spectacular weather as Wonthaggi U14s and women score wins

WHAT a beautiful morning for soccer, when the Wonthaggi Soccer Club travelled to Mirboo North for the Round 17 clash on Sunday, August 25.

Our U12 B side battled hard against the top-of-the-ladder Mirboo North team. With the help of some U10 players, they held a strong defence line. Both sides showed big improvements and great sportsmanship, with the ball swapping sides continuously.

On the other side of the grounds, our U14s team enjoyed a fierce game and displayed some great passing and teamwork, scoring four goals and taking the win.

The Wonthaggi Women proved too strong for the Mirboo North Ladies taking the points to finish off a great season and are getting ready for the finals series.

The Club also celebrated two milestones with Joe Brusamarello and Aurora Quintana-Laing playing their 50th match day game.

Darts finals kick off with high drama and triumph on Phillip Island!

THE atmosphere was electric last night at the Darts Centre as eight teams clashed in the highly anticipated first week of the finals in the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League. The stakes were high, the competition fierce, and the results nothing short of thrilling.

In the A-Final, The Vikings proved why they're a force to be reckoned with, storming past their rivals, Storm, with a decisive 5-2 victory. Their precision and teamwork were unmatched, earning them a well-deserved spot in the Grand Final. The Storm, despite the setback, will have another chance to prove their mettle in the semi-finals, where they will face the tenacious That's All team.

That's All delivered one of the evening's most nail-biting performances, narrowly defeating the Breakers 4-3. In a match that went down to the wire, That's All kept their cool and clinched victory by winning the last two doubles matches. With momentum on their side, they now set their sights on Storm in what promises to be a thrilling semi-final showdown.

Meanwhile, in the much-coveted Gumboots Final, the Riverboys were unstoppable, delivering a crushing 6-1 defeat to the Jammers. The Riverboys' dominance was clear from the outset, securing their place in the Grand Final. The Jammers, however, still have a fighting chance and will face Joe's Hornets for a spot in the final after the Hornets comfortably defeated Dart Vaders 5-2.

In the midst of the fierce competition, a special congratulations is in order for the club's beloved Treasurer, Meredith, who won the San Remo Butchers' meat tray raffle. Meredith, the heart and soul of the club, is well known for her dedication, selling raffle tickets each and every week. Her win was met with cheers and applause, a well-deserved reward for her tireless efforts.

Next week promises more excitement as four teams battle it out in two matches for the coveted spots in the A-Grade and Gumboots Grand Finals. For those not competing, come along and support your fellow members, and enjoy the evening's raffle and tunes. The stage is set for another unforgettable night in the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League.

Stay tuned for more darts action – it's going to be a week to remember!

GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Sale 29 lt Bairnsdale 42
Traralgon 46 d Morwell 28
Warragul 87 d Maffra 30
Wonthaggi 33 lt Moe 57
Leongatha 56 d Drouin 47

B GRADE

Sale 44 d Bairnsdale 42
Traralgon 70 d Morwell 36
Warragul 76 d Maffra 31
Wonthaggi 38 lt Moe 49
Leongatha 44 lt Drouin 54

C GRADE

Sale 33 lt Bairnsdale 51
Traralgon 31 lt Morwell 33
Warragul 34 lt Maffra 53
Wonthaggi 23 d Moe 20
Leongatha 44 d Drouin 40

17 & UNDER

Sale 28 lt Bairnsdale 37
Traralgon 49 d Morwell 17
Warragul 27 lt Maffra 47
Wonthaggi 41 d Moe 19
Leongatha 33 drew Drouin 33

15 & UNDER

Sale 26 lt Bairnsdale 42
Traralgon 38 d Morwell 21
Warragul 22 lt Maffra 43
Wonthaggi 26 lt Moe 41
Leongatha 33 lt Drouin 34

13 & UNDER

Sale 23 drew Bairnsdale 23
Traralgon 55 d Morwell 5
Warragul 5 lt Maffra 52
Wonthaggi 2 lt Moe 52
Leongatha 55 d Drouin 12

LADDERS

| A GRADE | % | pts |
|------------|--------|-----|
| Moe | 164.75 | 70 |
| Drouin | 131.97 | 56 |
| Warragul | 130.16 | 52 |
| Traralgon | 106.76 | 44 |
| Bairnsdale | 100.75 | 38 |
| Wonthaggi | 100.49 | 36 |
| Leongatha | 101.71 | 32 |
| Morwell | 95.28 | 22 |
| Sale | 65.37 | 8 |
| Maffra | 46.43 | 2 |

B GRADE

| | | |
|------------|--------|----|
| Drouin | 124.97 | 60 |
| Leongatha | 159.14 | 58 |
| Moe | 127.82 | 58 |
| Traralgon | 133.24 | 56 |
| Wonthaggi | 106.02 | 34 |
| Warragul | 101.99 | 32 |
| Sale | 85.46 | 30 |
| Morwell | 84.60 | 22 |
| Maffra | 52.00 | 6 |
| Bairnsdale | 70.14 | 4 |

C GRADE

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|------------|--------|----|
| Morwell | 136.86 | 62 |
| Drouin | 135.97 | 58 |
| Maffra | 119.40 | 56 |
| Leongatha | 113.78 | 48 |
| Wonthaggi | 110.52 | 40 |
| Traralgon | 103.36 | 40 |
| Bairnsdale | 89.29 | 24 |
| Moe | 85.16 | 12 |
| Warragul | 67.93 | 12 |
| Sale | 63.19 | 8 |

17 & UNDER

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|------------|--------|----|
| Traralgon | 215.55 | 72 |
| Leongatha | 172.21 | 60 |
| Bairnsdale | 137.54 | 52 |
| Sale | 125.37 | 46 |
| Drouin | 110.04 | 42 |
| Wonthaggi | 99.37 | 36 |
| Maffra | 91.38 | 28 |
| Moe | 60.22 | 16 |
| Morwell | 57.14 | 8 |
| Warragul | 37.20 | 0 |

15 & UNDER

| | | |
|------------|--------|----|
| Bairnsdale | 211.51 | 70 |
| Sale | 154.42 | 62 |
| Traralgon | 160.57 | 52 |
| Moe | 124.82 | 44 |
| Maffra | 90.54 | 32 |
| Drouin | 83.68 | 28 |
| Wonthaggi | 75.72 | 28 |
| Morwell | 73.79 | 24 |
| Leongatha | 69.34 | 20 |
| Warragul | 48.68 | 0 |

13 & UNDER

| | | |
|------------|--------|----|
| Leongatha | 247.76 | 68 |
| Maffra | 199.72 | 60 |
| Traralgon | 196.48 | 52 |
| Sale | 218.42 | 50 |
| Moe | 192.00 | 48 |
| Bairnsdale | 126.30 | 34 |
| Drouin | 67.05 | 24 |
| Wonthaggi | 26.29 | 16 |
| Morwell | 26.51 | 8 |
| Warragul | 12.41 | 0 |



Mirboo North B Grade netballer Jessie Holland finds an opening in the goal circle. Photo: Maleigha Wallace.



Abbey Henshall lands the ball for Poowong U17s. Photo: Jeff Tull



Yinnar's Meg Renwick swings seamlessly into the wing attack role against Tarwin's Kelly Kemp in closely fought D Grade final at Toora.



Stony Creek secures the ball in the goal circle, setting up a critical scoring opportunity. Photo: G. S. Bruning.



Toora's goal attack gets high to take this pass in a strong win over Morwell East at Toora on Saturday.



Alana McRae leaps for the rebound against Moe. Photo: Paul Landells.



Fish Creek's Emma Hodgson looks for a way through the block put on by Stony Creek's Jessica Brown during Stony's Elimination final win in B Grade.

MIRBOO NORTH

THE Mirboo North Football Netball Club netballers experienced a weekend of highs and lows as the first round of elimination finals unfolded under warm conditions. Despite the unseasonably warm weather, the teams delivered memorable performances, setting the stage for an exciting continuation of the finals series.

Saturday's Highlights:

The 13 & Under netballers faced MDU at Toora and put up an admirable fight. With the young Tigers leading by one goal at halftime, the scene was set for an exciting second half. Unfortunately, the young Mirboo North side fell short as MDU pulled ahead to secure a 23-17 victory. Although the result was disappointing, the team's competitive spirit was evident throughout the match and the season.

In a thrilling 15 & Under clash, Mirboo North showcased their resilience by overcoming a two-goal halftime deficit to defeat MDU 36-32. The team's ability to turn the game around in the second half was a testament to their determination, composure and skill. The girls gave 100 per cent for all four quarters, showcasing full court defensive pressure and skilful passages of play down the court.

Later in the day the Mirboo North A Grade netball team encountered a tough battle against Morwell East. The match was closely contested, with scores level at the first quarter break and Morwell East leading by two at halftime. A strong third quarter from Morwell East proved decisive, and despite Mirboo North's best efforts, they were unable to close the gap, resulting in a 53-47 defeat. Unfortunately, this loss means the A Grade team bows out of the final's series.

Sunday's Successes:

The Mirboo North B and C Grade netballers made the journey to Willow Grove, where they both secured vital victories.

In the C Grade match, Mirboo North delivered a dominant performance to defeat Newborough 35-23. The team's consistent effort over all four quarters was a key factor in their commanding win. Mirboo North's Aleisha Kerr was awarded best on court for the match.

The B Grade team faced a particularly challenging contest against Morwell East. In warm and gusty conditions, the game was evenly poised with scores level at halftime and Mirboo North leading by just one goal at three-quarter time. The final quarter was fiercely contested, with Mirboo North capitalising on turnovers thanks to some exceptional defensive work which were crucial in securing a 40-37 victory. Jessie Holland's elite work rate earned her the best-on-court award.

Looking Forward:

While the 13 & Under and A Grade teams have exited the finals series, the weekend's successes mean that the 15 & Under, B Grade, and C Grade netballers progress to the semi-finals. All three teams will be in action next Sunday at Yinnar, with the matches offering opportunities for further triumphs.

Congratulations to all teams for their hard work and dedication throughout the finals so far. We wish our advancing teams the best of luck as they prepare for the semi-finals.



Isla Cousins (WD) looks to intercept the ball from Jessie Meade (WA). ob16_3524



Isabella Santorini (Kilcunda-Bass) reaches for the ball during the A Grade Elimination Final on Sunday.



Kiara Brusamarello delivers a pass to Kilcunda-Bass GA Jessica Egan during the C Grade Elimination Final.



Jessica Gysberts (WA) secures the pass. ob19_3524



Dalyston's Mollie Bloch positions well for a pass during the B Grade Elimination Final.



Dalyston's Kathryn Scott in a physical contest against her Garfield opponent in the B Grade Elimination Final.



Aisha Hibbert (GS) looks for a pass to set up for a goal. ob21_3524



Esther Evans intercepts for Kilcunda-Bass during the C Grade Elimination Final on Sunday.



Jemma Osborne takes the pass for the Panthers under pressure from her Cora Lynn opponent during the A Grade match.



Bass Coast Thunder's Purple Rain

ON SATURDAY the Bass Coast Thunder Netball team competed in the Leongatha District Netball Association's 15 & under semi-final game against top of the table side Leongatha Town.

The sun was shining as the Thunder, comprising of nine girls from the Bass Coast area, fought back against rigid winds and a determined Leongatha side to chip away at a first quarter deficit of seven goals down to tie the opposition in

regulation and then claim victory in extra time by a measure of two goals. It was a team effort from the team with three different girls scoring 37 goals for the Thunder to Leongatha's 35 with solid defence and passing all round. The skill and work ethic of these young players uplifted by their accomplished Coach Barb Lumby.

The team comprises of Keely Stephens, Macey Stubbs, Mia Caile, Pepper Burke, Rose Iverach, Scarlet Jongejan,

Scarlette Hill, Tahlia Jessup and Chelsea Stephens as interchange, with Ghani Lenne being absent on the day.

Regardless of the result of next Saturday's Grand Final the Thunder are ecstatic with the incredible results of their inaugural season thus far and win or lose this season has been an enormous success due in no small part to their team manager Kimberley Stephens and the incredible efforts by all the players parents who have willingly

volunteered their time to support the growth of BCTNC.

The Thunder's maiden Premiership campaign will come to its finale this Saturday with the club facing a fierce Mt. Eccles team in the Grand Final at the Leongatha Netball courts at 11am. The Bass Coast Thunder would like to thank their generous sponsors, On The Go RV Accessories, Endeavour Energy Fuels, San Remo Fisherman's Co-Op and Gutter-Vac.

MID GIPPSLAND

ELIMINATION FINAL

A Grade: Morwell East 53 d Mirboo Nth 47
B Grade: Fish Creek 22 It Stony Creek 26
C Grade: Morwell East 22 It Toora 33
D Grade: Yinnar 26 d Tarwin 23
17 & Under: Yinnar 39 d Hill End 15
15 & Under: MDU 32 It Mirboo North 36
13 & Under: MDU 23 d Mirboo North 17

ELIMINATION FINAL

A Grade: MDU 36 d Foster 27
B Grade: Mirboo Nth 40 d Morwell East 37
C Grade: Mirboo Nth 35 d Newborough 23
D Grade: MDU 25 It Newborough 33
17 & Under: MDU 42 d Fish Creek 39
15 & Under: Hill End 30 It Yinnar 35
13 & Under: Newborough 32 d Boolarra 21

WEST GIPPSLAND

ELIMINATION FINAL

A Grade: Tooradin-Dal 43 It NNG 54
B Grade: Inverloch-K 36 It Phillip Island 51
C Grade: Cora Lynn 27 d Garfield 24
D Grade: Inverloch-K 22 d Bunyip 18
17 & Under: Tooradin-Dal 33 d Garfield 27
15 & Under: Warragul Ind 33 d KWR 20
13 & Under: Cora Lynn 40 d Garfield 10
11 & Under: Phillip Island 24 d KWR 13

ELIMINATION FINAL

A Grade: K-Bass 31 It Cora Lynn 40
B Grade: Garfield 25 It Dalyston 48
C Grade: Tooradin-Dal 27 d K-Bass 25
D Grade: KWR 32 d Kor-Bena 26
17 & Under: P-Island 39 d Kor-Bena 33
15 & Under: Tooradin-D 34 d Cora Lynn 19
13 & Under: Warragul Ind 32 d Kor-Bena 26
11 & Under: Cora Lynn 21 d Inverloch-K 15

ELLINBANK

QUALIFYING FINAL

A Grade: Nilma Darnum 57 d Ellinbank 45
B Grade: Buln Buln 46 d Neerim South 33
C Grade: Neerim South 36 d Lang Lang 34
17 & Under: Yarragon 35 d Trafalgar 30
15 & Under: Poowong 23 It Lang Lang 32
13 & Under: Poowong 13 It Yarragon 19

ELIMINATION FINAL

A Grade: Trafalgar 44 d Buln Buln 41
B Grade: Nilma Darnum 39 d Trafalgar 31
C Grade: Catani 37 d Nilma Darnum 35
17 & Under: Poowong 39 d N-Darnum 32
15 & Under: Catani 37 d Trafalgar 24
13 & Under: Lang Lang 26 d Trafalgar 22

THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES

MID GIPPSLAND

2nd Semi - Newborough (Sat, Aug. 31)

A Grade: Yinnar v Fish Creek
B Grade: Foster v Boolarra
C Grade: Yinnar v MDU

D Grade: Fish Creek v Stony Creek
17 & Under: Boolarra v Toora
15 & Under: Toora v Boolarra
13 & Under: Yinnar v Hill End

1st Semi - Yinnar (Sun, Sept. 1)

A Grade: Morwell East v MDU

B Grade: Stony Creek v Mirboo North

C Grade: Toora v Mirboo North

D Grade: Yinnar v Newborough

17 & Under: Yinnar v MDU

15 & Under: Mirboo North v Yinnar

13 & Under: MDU v Newborough

WEST GIPPSLAND

2nd Semi - Nar Nar Goon (Sat, Aug 31)

A Grade: Inverloch-K v Dalyston
B Grade: Tooradin-Dal v Nar Nar Goon

C Grade: Nar Nar Goon v Inverloch-K

D Grade: Inverloch-K v Nar Nar Goon

17 & Under: Nar Nar Goon v Inverloch-K
15 & Under: Phillip Island v Nar Nar Goon

13 & Under: Tooradin-Dal v Nar Nar Goon

11 & Under: Nar Nar Goon v Tooradin-Dal

1st Semi - Cora Lynn (Sun, Sept. 1)

A Grade: Nar Nar Goon Cora Lynn

B Grade: Phillip Island v Dalyston

C Grade: Cora Lynn v Tooradin-Dal

D Grade: Inverloch-K v Koo Wee Rup

17 & Under: Tooradin-Dal v Phillip Island

15 & Under: Warragul Ind v Tooradin-Dal

13 & Under: Cora Lynn v Warragul Ind

11 & Under: Phillip Island v Cora Lynn

ELLINBANK

2nd Semi - Longwarry (Sat, Aug. 31)

A Grade: Neerim South v Nilma Darnum

B Grade: Ellinbank v Buln Buln

C Grade: Ellinbank v Neerim South

17 & Under: Catani v Yarragon

15 & Under: Buln Buln v Lang Lang

13 & Under: Buln Buln v Yarragon

1st Semi - Neerim South (Sun, Sept. 1)

A Grade: Ellinbank v Trafalgar

B Grade: Neerim South v Nilma Darnum

C Grade: Lang Lang v Catani

17 & Under: Trafalgar v Poowong

15 & Under: Poowong v Catani

13 & Under: Poowong v Lang Lang

GIPPSLAND

Qualifying Final - Maffra (Sat, Aug 31)

A Grade: Drouin v Warragul

B Grade: Leongatha v Moe

C Grade: Drouin v Maffra

17 & Under: Leongatha v Bairnsdale

15 & Under: Sale v Traralgon

13 & Under: Maffra v Traralgon

Elimination Final - Bairnsdale (Sat, Sept. 1)

A Grade: Traralgon v Bairnsdale

B Grade: Traralgon v Wonthaggi

C Grade: Leongatha v Wonthaggi

17 & Under: Sale v Drouin

15 & Under: Moe v Maffra

13 & Under: Sale v Moe

FOOTY TIPPING

competition

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PHIL HARDY

 2024 Premiers:
Sydney

 2024 Runner-up:
Brisbane

 Norm Smith Medallist:
Isaac Heeney

 Brownlow Medallist:
Lachie Neale

 2024 Rising Star:
George Wardlaw

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 7

Bass Coast LIGHT ENGINES

 317 White Road,
Wonthaggi
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KRIS BAKER

 2024 Premiers:
Brisbane

 2024 Runner-up:
GWS

 Norm Smith Medallist:
Lachie Neale

 Brownlow Medallist:
Marcus Bontempelli

 2024 Rising Star:
Oliver Dempsey

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 7

 78-80 Watt Street,
Wonthaggi
5672 5760

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KEITH KELLY EDDIE CHANDLER

 2024 Premiers:
GWS

 2024 Runner-up:
Sydney

 Norm Smith Medallist:
Jesse Hogan

 Brownlow Medallist:
Patrick Cripps

 2024 Rising Star:
Oliver Dempsey

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 8

 54 Graham Street,
Wonthaggi
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BEN FISHER

 2024 Premiers:
GWS

 2024 Runner-up:
Sydney

 Norm Smith Medallist:
Toby Greene

 Brownlow Medallist:
Caleb Serong

 2024 Rising Star:
Oliver Dempsey

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 8

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Korumburra
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ADAM WARE

 2024 Premiers:
GWS

 2024 Runner-up:
Sydney

 Norm Smith Medallist:
Toby Greene

 Brownlow Medallist:
Marcus Bontempelli

 2024 Rising Star:
Oliver Dempsey

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Wonthaggi
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MCGANNON**

 2024 Premiers:
Port Adelaide

 2024 Runner-up:
Sydney

 Norm Smith Medallist:
Zak Butters

 Brownlow Medallist:
Patrick Cripps

 2024 Rising Star:
Oliver Dempsey

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 8

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Leongatha
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BRAD HODSON

 2024 Premiers:
Sydney

 2024 Runner-up:
GWS

 Norm Smith Medallist:
Isaac Heeney

 Brownlow Medallist:
Lachie Neale

 2024 Rising Star:
George Wardlaw

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 6

 15/17 Murray Street,
Wonthaggi
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DAVID ENGLAND

 2024 Premiers:
Hawthorn

 2024 Runner-up:
GWS

 Norm Smith Medallist:
James Sicily

 Brownlow Medallist:
Marcus Bontempelli

 2024 Rising Star:
Oliver Dempsey

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 2

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Wonthaggi
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SHANE COOKE

 2024 Premiers:
Sydney

 2024 Runner-up:
Port Adelaide

 Norm Smith Medallist:
Errol Gulden

 Brownlow Medallist:
M. Bont/L Neale

 2024 Rising Star:
George Wardlaw

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 6

 Leongatha Toyota
7-13 Hughes Street,
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PETER FORT

 2024 Premiers:
GWS

 2024 Runner-up:
Sydney

 Norm Smith Medallist:
Toby Greene

 Brownlow Medallist:
Patrick Cripps

 2024 Rising Star:
Oliver Dempsey

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 6

 47 Station Street,
Korumburra
0417 332 141

134


HAYDEN POPPE

 2024 Premiers:
Brisbane

 2024 Runner-up:
Fremantle

 Norm Smith Medallist:
Lachie Neale

 Brownlow Medallist:
Lachie Neale

 2024 Rising Star:
Josh Draper

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 6

 6/6 Cyclone Street,
Wonthaggi
5672 2543

119


JACK GILCHRIST JASSY BATROUNNEY

 2024 Premiers:
Sydney

 2024 Runner-up:
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 Norm Smith Medallist:
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**WARREN
STEWART**

2024 Premiers:
GWS

2024 Runner-up:
Sydney

Norm Smith Medallist:
Tom Green

Brownlow Medallist:
Patrick Cripps

2024 Rising Star:
Oliver Dempsey

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 8



Wonthaggi Toyota

346 Bass Highway,
Wonthaggi
5672 3503

122

**ROD
O'NEILL**

2024 Premiers:
Geelong

2024 Runner-up:
Hawthorn

Norm Smith Medallist:
Jai Newcombe

Brownlow Medallist:
Marcus Bontempelli

2024 Rising Star:
Oliver Dempsey

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 2

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Southern

28 Inverloch Road,
Wonthaggi
5672 4770

136

**DYLAN
CLARK**

2024 Premiers:
GWS

2024 Runner-up:
Sydney

Norm Smith Medallist:
Jesse Hogan

Brownlow Medallist:
Lachie Neale

2024 Rising Star:
Oliver Dempsey

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 7



1 A'Beckett Street
Inverloch
5674 1432

133

**ANT
COOK**

2024 Premiers:
Sydney

2024 Runner-up:
Western Bulldogs

Norm Smith Medallist:
Tom Papley

Brownlow Medallist:
Lachie Neale

2024 Rising Star:
Oliver Dempsey

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 7



15-19 Hughes Street,
Leongatha
5637 3300

130

**CARL
LINDSAY**

2024 Premiers:
Sydney

2024 Runner-up:
GWS

Norm Smith Medallist:
Isaac Heeney

Brownlow Medallist:
Patrick Cripps

2024 Rising Star:
Calsher Dear

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 8



145 Graham Street,
Wonthaggi
5672 1137

140

**ALEX
GEYER**

2024 Premiers:
Hawthorn

2024 Runner-up:
GWS

Norm Smith Medallist:
Jack Ginnivan

Brownlow Medallist:
Marcus Bontempelli

2024 Rising Star:
Oliver Dempsey

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 7



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Wonthaggi
5672 5522

110

**STEVE
CURTIS**

2024 Premiers:
Brisbane

2024 Runner-up:
Western Bulldogs

Norm Smith Medallist:
Lachie Neale

Brownlow Medallist:
Nick Daicos

2024 Rising Star:
Colby McKercher

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 7



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Wonthaggi
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138

**AARON
RIGBY**

2024 Premiers:
Sydney

2024 Runner-up:
Port Adelaide

Norm Smith Medallist:
Isaac Heeney

Brownlow Medallist:
Nick Daicos

2024 Rising Star:
George Wardlaw

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 7



24 Inverloch Road,
Wonthaggi
5672 5906

137

**CRAIG
FARRINGTON** **DARREN
TILEY**

2024 Premiers:
Port Adelaide

2024 Runner-up:
Sydney

Norm Smith Medallist:
Chad Warner

Brownlow Medallist:
Nick Daicos

2024 Rising Star:
Calsher Dear

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 8



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Wonthaggi
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Craig 0415 641 845

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**PHIL ROCHE &
CATHAL O'FLYNN**

2024 Premiers:
Sydney

2024 Runner-up:
GWS

Norm Smith Medallist:
Isaac Heeney

Brownlow Medallist:
Nick Daicos

2024 Rising Star:
Oliver Dempsey

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 7



62-64 McBride Avenue,
Wonthaggi
0421 162 530

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**JUSTIN
CAPORALE**

2024 Premiers:
Brisbane

2024 Runner-up:
Sydney

Norm Smith Medallist:
Cam Rayner

Brownlow Medallist:
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2024 Rising Star:
Oliver Dempsey

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QUALIFYING FINAL

 **34**  **71**

Neerim South 1.2 3.5 3.7 4.10 (34)
Ellinbank 2.2 4.2 7.4 11.5 (71)

GOALS, Neerim South: No names supplied.

BEST: No names supplied.

GOALS, Ellinbank: No names supplied.

BEST: No names supplied.

RESERVES

Lang Lang 3.1 7.3 7.4 8.5 (53)
Neerim South 0.3 4.5 5.6 7.6 (48)

GOALS, Lang Lang: Kurt Batt 3, Tadhg O'Riordan 2, Rhys Simmons, Geordie Wells, Zach Williamson 1 each

BEST: Kalin Parker, Rhyce Harvie, Devlin Parker, Andrew Thompson, Kurt Batt, Trent Harvie

GOALS, Neerim South: No names supplied.

BEST: Harry Notman, Aaron Mitchell,

Jack Erickson, Toby Bayne, Christian Robertson-edgar, Timothy Beaurein

THIRDS

Catani 1.1 2.7 2.7 3.7 (25)
Ellinbank 4.0 5.1 6.4 8.6 (54)

GOALS, Catani: William Kouris 3

BEST: William Kouris, Logan Running, Brodie Cameron, Riley McLeod, Callum McDonald, Cohen McPherson

GOALS, Ellinbank: Hugh Cunningham 3, Charlie Armour, Riley Butters, Ayden Clarke, Ashley Debenham, Nate Murphy 1 each

BEST: Ayden Clarke, Ashley Debenham, Thomas Halloran-Lavelle, Ripley Pyle, Adam Mills, Hugh Cunningham

FOURTHS

Bulin Bulin 1.2 4.4 5.10 8.14 (62)
Neerim South 0.3 0.5 1.6 1.6 (12)

GOALS, Bulin Bulin: Cruze Ross 3, Flynn Bravington, Riley Eastwell, Jack Hutchison, Ty Kindermann, Max Steenholdt 1 each

BEST: Max Steenholdt, Cruze Ross, Lewis Aubrey, Charles Kilmartin, Flynn Bravington, Jack Hutchison

GOALS, Neerim South: Blake Macdonald 1

BEST: Jett Muir, Declan Shortis, Joab Ferguson, Blake Macdonald, Jack Marsden, Ash Mounsey

QUALIFYING FINAL

 **58**  **51**

LONGWARRY 0.1 2.4 2.4 8.10 (58)
LANG LANG 3.2 3.2 6.3 8.3 (51)

GOALS, Longwarry: Jason Wells 4, Jedd Serong 2, Darren Granger, Bailey Stephens 1 each

BEST: Jedd Serong, Angus Adamiak, Ben Cuckson, Liam Kirkman, Thomas Wyatt, Kane Oldham

GOALS, Lang Lang: Marc Holt 3, Bradley Clark, Mitchell Davey, Riley Dolan, Mitchell Tribuzi, Dylan Wilson 1 each

BEST: Dylan Wilson, Mitchell Davey, Joseph Dalglish, Dylan Gallasch, Kyle Van Der Pluym, Lachlan Barwick

RESERVES

Bulin Bulin 2.5 4.10 7.10 12.15 (87)
Longwarry 1.2 1.3 3.5 3.5 (23)

GOALS, Bulin Bulin: Ryan Bradshaw,

Bryce Monahan, Logan Wallmeyer, Lex Wright 2, Reece Campbell, Dylan Cann, Sean Symes, Nathan Thomson 1 each

BEST: Jared Lane, Sean Symes, Reece Campbell, Brendan Wall, Dylan Cann, Ryan Bradshaw

GOALS, Longwarry: Paul Williams 2, Luke Clarkson 1

BEST: John Werner, Zach Murphy, Janik De Silva, Leigh McDonald, Paul Williams, Mitchell Young

THIRDS

Longwarry 1.4 3.5 6.9 8.12 (60)
Trafalgar 3.3 6.4 6.7 8.10 (58)

GOALS, Longwarry: Liam Smith Butterworth 3, Tyler van der Heyden 2, Jake Knights, Harrison Mills, Wil Taylor 1 each

BEST: Liam Smith Butterworth, Bailey Hill, Tyler van der Heyden, Seth Knights, Josh Downes, Riley Delaney

GOALS, Trafalgar: Isaac Caroleo 4, William Bremner, Archie Fraser, William Mills, Riley Timbs 1 each

BEST: Isaac Caroleo, Juddson Ryan, Toby Radford, Joshua Mills, Andrew Daly

FOURTHS

Poowong 1.0 2.3 4.5 6.9 (45)
Nilma Darnum 0.1 0.3 0.3 1.4 (10)

GOALS, Poowong: Cruze Deal 3, George Edwards, Lachie Moriarty, Zachary Sherar 1 each

BEST: Zachary Sherar, Gavin Monson, Kohen Mandemaker, Bryce Broadmore, Lachie Moriarty, Ryder Dowlan

GOALS, Nilma-Darnum: Jaxon Cook 1

BEST: Jaxon Cook, Albert McAuley, Jacob Egan, James Demicoli, Archie Cook, Joshua Taranto

Poowong steady in elimination final

PLAYING a strong, consistent game, Poowong's U16s won its elimination final against Nilma Darnum on Sunday.

The game garnered a lot of excellent support from the Poowong club, with plenty of members, footballers and netballers turning out to get behind them at the Catani Recreation Reserve.

Playing in near-perfect conditions for footy, Poowong went into the game quietly confident with a good record against Nilma Darnum through the home and away season.

Poowong faced Nilma Darnum four times, with three wins and one loss.

The first quarter was full of finals intensity and Poowong was able to settle the nerves quicker.

Poowong established a lead with one goal late in the quarter, kicked by Lachie Moriarty.

With a couple of game plans in place, Poowong was able to maintain its momentum in the second quarter.

The boys were focused on its attack and putting pressure on the ball to win the footy.

During the halftime break, the boys were reminded that you can't let up in finals footy and it drove enough motivation for a consistent third quarter.

Poowong continued on the right track and didn't allow Nilma Darnum to get back in it.

Zac Sherar started as half-back, but it was obvious from early in the game that he was

going to have a great impact on the game and was moved to onball, where he dominated.

Gavin Monson was back on the ground after three weeks out with a collarbone injury.

Monson sustained the injury after Poowong's last battle with Nilma Darnum.

Playing in the midfield, Monson was straight back into his old form and was tagged for a lot of the game but didn't let that get to him.

Kohen Mandemaker was a huge presence in the ruck and around the ground, making it difficult for Nilma Darnum to exit Poowong's forward 50.

When the ball wasn't in the air, he was putting his body on the line to go hard at the footy alongside the midfielders.

By the fourth quarter, the Poowong boys were hyped up with a win in sight.

They kept striving to put a few extra goals on the board before the final siren, resulting in a pleasing 35-point win.

Poowong will play Neerim South in the semi-final next Sunday at the Neerim South Recreation Reserve.

Although it'll be nervewracking to come up against Neerim South with a home-ground advantage, Poowong is determined to be competitive on the day.

Neerim South beat Poowong by seven points in its first meeting during the home and away season and beat them again by 58 points in the last game.

Poowong is expecting a challenge but it's ready to compete.



Kohen Mandemaker takes a specie for Poowong U16 in their 35-point win over Nilma Darnum Bombers. Photo: Jeff Tull

Top of the table battle it out this weekend

By Rob Popplestone

FISH CREEK will start the qualifying final as warm favourites, the reigning premiers have managed to do what was needed in order to give themselves the best chance of a shortcut to the 2025 MGFNL Grand Final.

Their opponents, Yinnar have shown outstanding form at various times of the season, interrupted by a couple of concerning "flat" spots that could have cost them dearly given the closeness of the competition, however, the Magpies hung tough, their early and mid-season group of wins doing enough to give themselves a shot at this year's title.

Possibly the biggest hurdle for the Magpies is believing they deserve and can bounce back after their surprise last-round loss to Stony Creek.

"We really let ourselves down in a number of areas in our last home and away match, we identified these after the game, and will make sure we sharpen up this week and last and prepare ourselves to be ready for Fish Creek," Sam McCulloch, Yinnar coach said.

Fish Creek haven't been without their problems, but you sense that a healthy group of experienced finals players have the ability to lift on the big occasions and the opportunity to find a way to another big dance is offered up as this weekend's reward.

"We earned a week off in the first week of finals but come this week we will be raring to go," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach said.

The Magpies will unquestionably have to be at their best to overcome what is one of the state's very best regional clubs, but good clubs and good players respond to these sorts of challenges and Yinnar is and has the personnel required to secure their second premiership in just three years.

Last time they met:

Round 3 - April 27, 2024.
 Yinnar 11-7-73 defeated Fish Creek 7-10-52

What the coaches said at the time:

Sam McCulloch, Yinnar: "We were happy to come away with the win, we played our brand of footy in the second half which was pleasing to watch, very impressed with the even contribution right across the board."

Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek: "A tight tussle for most of the day, we couldn't get the game on our terms for most of it, with credit to Yinnar's pressure and spread. A few key moments we didn't win, allowing Yinnar to kick away a little. A late surge saw our intensity get to where it should have been all day, in the end, we left it too late."



Yinnar ran away with victory the last time they met Fish Creek in April. A27_1824

A brave MDU bows out of the race

COMING from sixth, everything had to go right for MDU in their do-or-die Elimination Semi Final at a windy Toora last Saturday and they copped a serious blow to their chances in the first minutes of the match when ruckman Kieran Bohn was helped off with a serious knee injury.

The Demons got the opening goal after a very scrappy start to the game when Jake Brydon set Shay Walsh off on his way to an easy running goal before Foster steadied and maintained some measure of control throughout.

It took a solo effort from Foster's Jack Rathjen to break through for their first goal, after a great smother and an over-the-shoulder free kick, they were in front soon after via a goal to Best.

But MDU kept coming closing the final margin to 12 points with two late goals by Foster had done more than enough, dominating possession in a dour last term, without adding a goal.

Foster coach Sam Davies commended their opponents for their efforts.

"Really tough battle again all day - MDU have some elite mids that run and use the footy really well. They

Thrilling semis ahead as Foster take on the Dogs

THIS one is worth the entry price, two of the best in the MGFNL competition, both in form and both deserving of moving a step closer to their ultimate goal.

In round 10 of the home and away season it was Foster that were comfortable victors accounting for the Bulldogs by better than five goals.

Tigers coach, Sam Davies saying at the time "Dominant display from the boys, really proud of the group for our four-quarter effort."

Newborough were never in the hunt on this day, but never giving up either as coach Skinner highlighted "Got beaten in a lot of areas by a better team. We brought effort but couldn't execute."

A new day brings new opportunities, and for the Tigers, an extra days break and a strong block of games has them ready to go.

Sam Davies, Foster: "Our processes really stood up and we will take a lot out of the first final win going forward.

copped a few injuries early so to be able to battle it out all day is a credit to them. Our processes really stood up and we will take a lot out of today going forward. We will get the recovery in and be ready for the next challenge at Yinnar."

Foster's best included Dylan Williams, Jack Rathjen, Jake Thornell, Todd Bastion and James Morris, the handful of players instrumental in the Tigers getting the upper hand despite the best efforts of MDU's Steve Forrester, Tim Harris, Jarrod Hoy, Thomas Corry and Jess Hickey.

The Demons did everything they could and showed the same honesty at every contest as they have done all year, and despite their best efforts, the disappointment of bowing out at the first hurdle hit hard.

Nathan Allen, MDU coach: "Tough loss, the boys gave it their all and just fell short. A couple of injuries early, putting us down to one rotation hurt us in the long run. Foster were really well drilled. Made it very hard for us to move the footy all day and were very strong at the contest. Good luck to all teams still in the hunt!"



Foster winger Dylan Williams taking one of several strong marks in Saturday's match against the Demons. Photo: David Bradsworth.



Foster spearhead Jake Best managed two goals but you had to give the honours to his opponent Steve Forrester who constantly thwarted the talented forward's efforts.



After a close first quarter, Morwell East ran away with the ball winning over Stony Creek Reserves by 35-points. Photo: G. S. Bruning.



Stony Creek Reserves tackle their Morwell East opponent. Photo: G. S. Bruning.

Life membership warmly welcomed

THE Mirboo North Football Netball Club has awarded Life Membership to Matthew Snell.

The principal of the Mirboo North Primary School has been praised for his "phenomenal contribution to the Tigers' junior club in particular", appropriate then that the award was announced at the Junior Presentation Night over the weekend.

But his contribution goes right across the club; as a player (even coming out of retirement to help out this season), coaching, committee roles, umpiring, facilities and ground work, cleaning, the list goes on.

The award will be made official at the club's senior presentation night.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

ELIMINATION FINAL

 **70**  **58**

| | FOSTER | MDU | | |
|--------|--------|-----|------|------------|
| Foster | 2.5 | 8.6 | 10.6 | 10.10 (70) |
| MDU | 1.1 | 5.1 | 7.2 | 9.4 (58) |

GOALS, Foster: Jake Best, Michael Cooke, Jack Rathjen, Jonathan Segat 2, Leevi Lidstone, Jake Thornell 1 each

BEST: Dylan Williams, Jack Rathjen, Jake Thornell, Todd Bastion, James Morris, Craig Wray

GOALS, MDU: Lachie Wright 4, Shay Walsh 3, Ashleigh Allen, Ben Perry 1 each

BEST: Steve Forrester, Timothy Harris, Jarrod Hoy, Thomas Corry, Jess Hickey, Nathan Allen

RESERVES

| | Yinnar | Fish Creek | 5.2 | 7.3 | 12.4 (76) |
|--------|--------|------------|-----|-----|-----------|
| Yinnar | 2.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 4.3 | 7.3 (45) |

GOALS, Yinnar: Cameron Le Page 3, Jarryd Garlick, Matt Nelson, Daniel Schneider 2, Kyle Elphick, Patrick McGrath, Daniel Webster 1 each

BEST: Daniel Schneider, Matt Nelson, Jack Chessel, Kyle Elphick, Ryan Mayo, Daniel Webster

GOALS, Fish Creek: Adam Bright 4, Josh Harry, Colin McPhee, Toby Redpath 1 each

BEST: Josh Harry, Liam Howard, Brad Pulham, Owen Straw, Travis Manne, Bradley Perks

THIRDS (QUALIFYING FINAL)

| | Yinnar | Newborough | 5.2 | 6.3 | 8.7 (55) |
|--------|--------|------------|-----|------|-----------|
| Yinnar | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 3.10 | 4.10 (34) |

GOALS, Yinnar: Harry Bugeja, Jay Rogalsky 2, Noah McCafferty, Xavier McCafferty, Hudson McCulloch, Harvey McKay 1 each

BEST: Luke Douch, Oliver McColl, Hudson McCulloch, Harry Bugeja, Bailey Beecher, Harvey McKay

GOALS, Newborough: Macally Brosnan, Cooper Hanson, Oscar Hanson, Lincoln Mulley 1 each

BEST: Cooper Hanson, Harrison Gallagher, Brody Young, Noah Tunks, Oscar Hanson, Ethan Mounsey

ELIMINATION FINAL

 **58**  **59**

| | MORWELL EAST | NEWBOROUGH | | |
|--------------|--------------|------------|------|-----------|
| Morwell East | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.14 | 7.16 (58) |
| Newborough | 2.0 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 8.11 (59) |

GOALS, Morwell East: Nik Kyriacou 2, Michael Diaz, Jay Francis, Tanner Higgins, Robert Michaelides, Lucas Towns 1 each

BEST: Lucas Towns, Bradley Kimberley, Isaac Abas, Robert Michaelides, Tanner Higgins, Michael Diaz

GOALS, Newborough: Nathan Wheildon 3, Jack Robinson 2, Peter Ainsworth, Max Edebohls, Joshua Hecker 1 each

BEST: Jarryd Movchan, Jack Robinson, Nathan Curtis, Nathan Wheildon, Darnell Grech, Joshua Hecker

RESERVES

| | Morwell East | Stony Creek | 5.6 | 8.10 | 10.10 (70) |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----|------|------------|
| Morwell East | 1.3 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 5.5 (35) |

GOALS, Morwell East: Jacob Blair, Nathan-Lee Nikodemski 2, Kaleb Chapman, Shae Duncan, Dustin Heyden, Liam Little, Zachary Mangion, Steven Tobin 1 each

BEST: Shae Duncan, Aaron Dodd, Jacob Blair, Kye Farley, Corey Hall, Zachary Mangion

GOALS, Stony Creek: Matthew Coutts 3, Lachlan Park, Private player 1 each

BEST: Tom Jenkin, Jayden Battersby, Lachlan Park, Matthew Coutts, Brett McKnight

THIRDS

Fish Creek/Tarwin d Mirboo North by forfeit.

Premiership honours shared by three clubs



2024 U14 mixed premiers Leongatha.



Leongatha captain Beau Elkin and coach Stuart Mackie hold up the U14 mixed premiership cup.



From Leongatha, Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition best on ground Louis Read and AFL Vic Country best on ground Harry Whelan.



Leongatha's Harrison Cooke takes an impressive grab in the U14 mixed grand final.



Inverloch-Kongwak accepts the U12 mixed premiership cup.



U12 mixed best on ground Franklin Boyd-Munro from Inverloch-Kongwak with mum Kelly Boyd.



Inverloch-Kongwak's Wilco Stubbs gets the ball out of danger in the U12 mixed grand final.

Parrots into finals in top form

LEONGATHA has finished the home and away season in the top spot, two and a half games clear of the pack in the Gippsland League, and they had the perfect tune-up for the finals with an all-the-way win over the visiting Drouin side on Saturday.

But as comfortable as their 123-point victory was, featuring 10 goals by key forward Jenson Garnham, four from emerging ruck-forward Jarrod Stewart and three each from Jack Ginnane and Jack Hume, the Parrots went away from the day with several injury worries going into the finals.

During the week they received confirmation that versatile premiership forward/defender Jackson Harry had ruptured his ACL against Bairnsdale the week before and the Parrots came out of Saturday's game with a couple more injury concerns.

The good news from Saturday's game, apart from the tune-up win, was the chance to get more game time into defenders Guy Dickson and Sean Westaway, coming back from injury, while the club's younger brigade also continued to impress.

So, while Leongatha goes into the finals as warm favourites to win their fifth premiership in eight years, or six in seven years if you count the 'minor premiership' in 2021 and exclude the COVID year 2020, they are by no means certainties.

During the season they were twice beaten by Morwell and once by Moe and both Traralgon and Wonthaggi tested them as well.

But Leongatha could not have been more impressive in their last gallop before the finals, notwithstanding the initial enthusiasm by Drouin before opening their account at the 11-minute mark through Garnham, adding a couple more a few minutes later, after Drouin also pressed forward, through Ginnane and Hume with Ginnane looping that one over the top to his waiting teammate.

The Parrots got the next centre break through Willis, Marriott and van der Pligt, and found plenty of space up forward until Jesse Burns chased down a tap from Willis, before kicking the easiest of goals.

They put the full stop on the first quarter with a goal to Garnham, five goals to nil for the term, but Drouin had their chances.

The second quarter was more of the same, eight goals to one as Leongatha's onballers and forwards enjoyed more space than they have all season, while the back six had no trouble turning the Hawks out in defence.

Garnham added another four and Jarrod Stewart three in a row during a purple patch from him while Kye Quirk pulled one back for Drouin during a strong contribution from Drouin's Number 10 all day.

The Parrots added another seven goals to one in the third quarter and cruised to the line with a relatively even last quarter.

Kim Drew, Thomas Marriott and Jay Walker were all goers on the ball and Jarrod Stewart continued to underscore his importance to the success of Leongatha's campaign this year.

Their forwards including Garnham, Hume coming off a wing and Ginnane were all given more latitude than they've enjoyed all year and made the most of it.

Earlier, stalwart Reserves' coach Rhett Kelly had celebrated his 300th club game in the best possible style, with a whopping 26-goal win to finish the season unbeaten on top of the ladder.

The Leongatha Under 18s won through to the finals with a strong showing against fifth-placed Drouin, and while the Parrots' Under 16s will miss out on finals action, they finished the season on a high note.

Wonthaggi powers into finals

WONTHAGGI Power has won a place in next week's Gippsland League final series following an impressive win over second-placed Moe at Wonthaggi on Saturday.

Their prize is a trip to the Bairnsdale Recreation Reserve next Sunday, September 1, to play Sale in the Elimination Final after the Pies made a last-minute charge for finals action with a big win over Bairnsdale at Sale.

A place in the final five was up for grabs until the last round of a very even 2024 Gippsland season after an unexpected turn of events the previous week when Sale and Morwell played out a draw leaving Wonthaggi with the task of beating Moe at home to be sure of finals action.

In the end, while Sale beat Bairnsdale to get in, Morwell couldn't get over Traralgon to hold on to fifth and Wonthaggi would have retained its place regardless of the result against Moe. But the win by Power certainly boosted their confidence ahead of the finals where Wonthaggi is seen as something of a wild card.

Having lost seven of their first nine games this year, after key injuries and several high-profile departures, most notably Jack Hutchinson who racked up 24 possessions and a goal for the West Coast Eagles against Geelong on Saturday, Wonthaggi won eight of their next nine to earn a place in the finals on their own merit.

It all started quietly enough on Saturday with Moe's Jesse Chila scoring an opportunist goal at one end and Wonthaggi's Jaxon Williams producing a carbon copy at the other end to make it a goal-a-piece after a tight opening 10 minutes.

The play switched end to end with both on-ball units evenly matched and Isaac Chugg taking it upon himself to play a zone defence down back, constantly mopping up any loose ball, getting plenty of help from the likes of Fergus O'Connor and Josh Schulz. Power was also getting plenty of drive away from the stoppages from Ryan Sparkes, Jack Blair, Aiden Lindsay and co but there were few scoring chances for either side.

Finally, with only a couple of minutes to go in the quarter, Jack Blair marked the ball out wide and slotted a terrific goal from the angle, especially given the windy conditions.

He might have had an easier shot minutes earlier when he was the victim of a sling tackle, 25 metres in front of the goal, but unseen by the umpires.

With the aid of the breeze in the second, Moe was constantly in attack, finally cracking through when beampole



Wonthaggi's Jaxon Williams was in everything on Saturday, kicking a couple of crucial goals and earning the high praise of his teammates afterwards.



Wonthaggi's Jakeb Thomas is having one of his best seasons for the Power, taking up the challenge of playing in the ruck, as well as performing strongly in his more customary role down back.

forward Nick Prowse marked an incoming kick from on-ball Ben Daniher before evening up the scores.

They were to have the better of the quarter adding two goals to Wonthaggi's one, again in a tight match between two committed teams.

Moe got the opening goal of the third quarter but Wonthaggi assumed more control with the wind, and both Nathan Brown and Kaj Patterson had good chances to reply before Jaxon Williams earned a free kick to balance the scores again.

The quarter featured some brutal tackling, plenty of pressure on the ball carrier and

fierce contests but Wonthaggi was able to kick two crucial goals, one to Noah Anderson after a nice pass from Ryan Sparkes and another after Jack Blair got the ball forward to where Anderson and Sparkes combined again.

Moe's Declan Keily continued to be a force to be reckoned with, however, and he took a fine contested mark, after good lead-up work by Jacob Wood and Trent Baldi before Bryce Collings kicked an important goal from the angle to make it just nine points the difference in a low-scoring game at three-quarter time.

At the opening of the last

quarter, Jack Blair earned a free kick at the bottom of a pack and found Noah Anderson who missed from 35 metres out. Fergus O'Connor produced a goal-saving tackle at the other end before Isaac Chugg featured in the play of the day.

Again it was O'Connor who found Chugg at half-back before the speedster took two bounces around the wing and kicked to the advantage of Noah Anderson, running on ahead of Anderson who trapped the loose ball, Chugg took the handpass and slotted through one of the best goals you'd hope to see at this level.

The teams exchanged goals in the run to the line but the Power's defence held up strongly, featuring Schulz, O'Connor and Gilmour and with the likes of Bray or Thomas in the ruck and Sparkes, Jack Blair or Bates and Lindsay on the ball opposed to Lachie McGrath in the ruck and Baldi, Daniher and Masters in an even tussle.

At the siren, Wonthaggi had produced a memorable 10-point win to secure their place in the finals, and not just as a number, but as a team in form who could make a real run at ultimate success in 2024.

Moe lost little on the day, shaping as one of the teams to beat in the finals, and as the players exchanged handshakes at the end, you could sense a strong level of respect between the two.

Afterwards, Wonthaggi coach Jarryd Blair remarked on how the team had continued to build through the season and his expectation was that there is still more improvement across the group.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 18

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

 146 23

LEONGATHA

DROUIN

Leongatha 5.1 13.6 20.9 22.14 (146)
Drouin 0.2 1.2 2.4 3.5 (23)

GOALS, Leongatha: Jenson Garnham 10, Jarrod Stewart 4, Jack Ginnane, Jack Hume 3, Nicholas Argento, Jesse Burns 1 each

BEST: Jenson Garnham, Kim Drew, Thomas Marriott, Jay Walker, Jarrod Stewart, Jack Hume

GOALS, Drouin: Dan Clebney, Kye Quirk, Kaiden Walmsley 1 each

BEST: Kye Quirk, Sebastiano Amoroso, Jordan Kingi, Edward Morris, Jarrod Marshall, Jack Fraser

RESERVES

Leongatha 7.3 12.9 24.12 28.15 (183)
Drouin 0.0 1.0 1.0 2.0 (12)

GOALS, Leongatha: Flynn Materia 6, Trent McRae 5, Darcy Hume 4, Noah Fixter, Beau Grabham Andrews, Ty Hall, Jacob Lamers, Justin Pellicano 2, Jaxon Hayes, Rhett Kelly, Joshua Schelling 1 each

BEST: Jacob Lamers, Darcy Hume, Flynn Materia, Noah Fixter, Ty Hall, Justin Pellicano

GOALS, Drouin: Jesse Depasquale, Ross Stapleton 1 each

BEST: Charlie Stone, Corey Nickels, Jesse Depasquale, Ben Lucas, Ross Stapleton, Jayden Smart

THIRDS

Leongatha 2.2 4.3 6.6 8.6 (54)
Drouin 1.3 3.5 3.6 5.7 (37)

BEST, Leongatha: Finn Donohue, Klayton McGrath, Jett Garnham, Julian Callahan, Tadhg Gannon, Kade Berryman

BEST, Drouin: Rylee Baker, Max Williams, William Virtue, Ewan Croucher, Jacob Obernheimer, Kyron Smith

FOURTHS

Leongatha 2.4 3.6 4.8 7.12 (54)
Drouin 0.0 3.0 4.1 4.1 (25)

BEST, Leongatha: Angus Livingstone, Sam Kreutzberger, Shem Hogarth, Eamon Reardon, Willis Patterson, Hamish Gill

BEST, Drouin: Caleb Kleeven, Jett Proctor, Brody Rogers, Dean Brown, Brayden Allan, Billy Hanneysee

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

 56 46

WONTHAGGI

MOE

Wonthaggi 2.0 3.1 6.6 8.8 (56)
Moe 1.0 3.3 5.3 7.4 (46)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Jaxon Williams 2, Noah Anderson, Jack Blair, Jarryd Blair, Isaac Chugg, Cooper McInnes, Ryan Sparkes 1 each

BEST: Isaac Chugg, Ryan Sparkes, Jack Blair, Joshua Bates, Fergus O'Connor, Kaj Patterson

GOALS, Moe: Trent Baldi, Jesse Chila, Bryce Collings, Lucas Forato, Liam Masters, Nick Prowse, Max Woodall 1 each

BEST: Lucas Forato, Scott van Dyk, Ben Daniher, Luke Mulqueen, Thomas Blackshaw, Jordan Shields

RESERVES

Wonthaggi 1.0 4.1 7.5 9.8 (62)
Moe 0.0 2.0 2.1 3.2 (20)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Thomas Murray 6, Blake Cornelius, Ollie Dawson, Cooper Lindsay 1 each

BEST: Andrew McNeil, Thomas Murray, Cade Brown, Harry Dawson, Ethan Dickison, Jarvis Brown

GOALS, Moe: Shaun Curtis, Liam Durkin, Tajh Eden 1 each

BEST: James Maslen, Tajh Eden, Lachlan Rock, William Jenkinson, Aaron Wilson, James Declan Pace

FOURTHS

Wonthaggi 0.0 2.3 2.4 3.4 (22)
Moe 6.5 8.8 10.8 12.11 (83)

BEST, Wonthaggi: Ayden Fawaz, Heath Bowen, Jackson Glen, Archie Luke, Billy Wyhoun, Sam Carter

BEST, Moe: Max Moroney, Keller Holmes, Memphis McQuaile, Tae Palridge, Ethan Wildblood, Darcy Walsh

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Sale 19.10.124 d Bairnsdale 9.10.64
Traralgon 12.11.83 d Morwell 9.10.64
Warragul 13.11.89 d Maffra 6.12.48

RESERVES

Bairnsdale 8.10.58 d Sale 5.7.37
Traralgon 7.12.54 d Morwell 5.12.42
Maffra 15.10.100 d Warragul 1.3.9

THIRDS

Bairnsdale 7.9.51 d Sale 5.14.44
Traralgon 6.24.60 d Morwell 1.4.10
Warragul 8.4.52 d Maffra 4.7.31

FOURTHS

Sale 8.12.60 d Bairnsdale 4.9.33
Traralgon 24.18.162 d Morwell 3.1.19
Maffra 15.14.104 d Warragul 0.1.1

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 18

| SENIORS | W | L | % | pts |
|------------|----|----|--------|-----|
| Leongatha | 15 | 3 | 181.62 | 60 |
| Traralgon | 12 | 5 | 124.43 | 50 |
| Moe | 12 | 6 | 113.24 | 48 |
| Wonthaggi | 11 | 7 | 123.28 | 44 |
| Sale | 10 | 7 | 103.57 | 42 |
| Morwell | 9 | 7 | 101.09 | 40 |
| Bairnsdale | 8 | 10 | 91.11 | 32 |
| Warragul | 5 | 13 | 77.22 | 20 |
| Drouin | 4 | 14 | 71.61 | 16 |
| Maffra | 2 | 16 | 66.23 | 8 |

| RESERVES | W | L | % | pts |
|------------|----|----|--------|-----|
| Leongatha | 18 | 0 | 463.66 | 72 |
| Maffra | 15 | 2 | 259.03 | 60 |
| Bairnsdale | 14 | 4 | 160.87 | 56 |
| Traralgon | 13 | 5 | 213.54 | 52 |
| Sale | 8 | 10 | 77.43 | 32 |
| Wonthaggi | 7 | 11 | 72.86 | 28 |
| Moe | 5 | 13 | 43.56 | 20 |
| Morwell | 4 | 14 | 62.01 | 16 |
| Drouin | 4 | 14 | 45.49 | 16 |
| Warragul | 2 | 16 | 27.77 | 8 |

| THIRDS | W | L | % | pts |
|------------|----|----|--------|-----|
| Warragul | 14 | 2 | 332.78 | 56 |
| Leongatha | 12 | 4 | 214.13 | 48 |
| Traralgon | 12 | 4 | 181.80 | 48 |
| Maffra | 12 | 4 | 179.84 | 48 |
| Drouin | 10 | 6 | 142.10 | 40 |
| Bairnsdale | 6 | 10 | 55.71 | 24 |
| Moe | 4 | 12 | 56.22 | 16 |
| Sale | 2 | 14 | 40.52 | 8 |
| Wonthaggi | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |

| FOURTHS | W | L | % | pts |
|-----------|----|---|--------|-----|
| Traralgon | 18 | 0 | 526.15 | 72 |
| Moe | 15 | | | |

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

ELIMINATION FINAL 1

Seniors: Nar Nar Goon 10.12.72 d Kilcunda-Bass 6.9.45

Reserves: Inverloch-Kongwak 9.4.58 d Koo Wee Rup 4.3.27

ELIMINATION FINAL 2

Seniors: Inverloch-Kongwak 10.11.71 d Tooradin-Dalmore 10.6.66

Reserves: Phillip Island 12.9.81 d Cora Lynn 5.4.34

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GIPPSLAND 1ST ROUND FINALS

Qualifying Final - Saturday, August 31

Maffra Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Traralgon v Moe
Reserves: Maffra v Bairnsdale
U18: Leongatha v Traralgon
U16: Moe v Maffra

Elimination Final - Sunday, September 1

Bairnsdale Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Wonthaggi v Sale
Reserves: Traralgon v Sale
U18: Maffra v Drouin
U16: Wonthaggi v Bairnsdale

ELLINBANK SEMI FINALS

2nd Semi Final - Saturday, August 31

Longwarry Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Buln Buln v Ellinbank
Reserves: Ellinbank v Lang Lang
U18: Poowong v Ellinbank
U16: Ellinbank v Buln Buln

1st Semi Final - Sunday, September 1

Neerim South Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Neerim South v Longwarry
Reserves: Neerim South v Buln Buln
U18: Catani v Longwarry
U16: Neerim South v Poowong

MID GIPPSLAND SEMI FINALS

2nd Semi - Saturday, August 31

Newborough Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Fish Creek v Yinnar
Reserves: Newborough v MDU
U18: MDU v Yinnar

1st Semi Final - Sunday, September 1

Yinnar Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Foster v Newborough
Reserves: Yinnar v Morwell East
U18: Newborough v Fish Creek/Tarwin

WEST GIPPSLAND SEMI FINALS

2nd Semi - Saturday, August 31

Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Cora Lynn v Phillip Island
Reserves: Tooradin-Dalmore v Nar Nar Goon
U18: Phillip Island v Warragul Industrials
U16: Phillip Island v Nar Nar Goon

1st Semi - Sunday, September 1

Cora Lynn Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Nar Nar Goon v Inverloch-Kongwak
Reserves: Inverloch-Kongwak v Phillip Island
U18: Nar Nar Goon v Inverloch-Kongwak
U16: Inverloch-Kongwak v Warragul Ind

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Kilcunda-Bass fought back in the second quarter coming to within one point of Nar Nar Goon. ob33_3524

Panthers fall to Nar Nar Goon

ALTHOUGH they couldn't get it done on the day, Kilcunda-Bass put up a strong contest in their first-ever final in the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition.

The Panthers came up against Nar Nar Goon in the first elimination final, held at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve on Saturday.

A strong wind favoured one end and made it nearly impossible for both sides to get a score on the board at the other.

The Panthers played their hearts out and did everything they could to get themselves into every contest, but ultimately fell short.

Different tactics were required to combat the wind.

The Panthers couldn't make an impact on the scoreboard, so had to rely on its defensive ability, working hard to keep Nar Nar Goon to a manageable score.

Nar Nar Goon gained a 23-point lead at quarter time, which proved to be well within the Panthers' reach.

The Panthers levelled the score in the second quarter, now with the breeze on their side.

Travis Tuck was instrumental for Kilcunda-Bass throughout the game – his experience clearly demonstrated in the way he put his body on the line.

He played everywhere, going down back and playing defensively when required, then coming forward to kick a couple of goals for the Panthers.

Jed Rosenow was a standout.

This was his first year of

Senior footy and he saved his best game of the season for the final, playing off the wing.

Dale Gawley was once again a strong presence in the ruck.

The wind wasn't as strong in the second half but still had an impact on the game.

Nar Nar Goon used the wind advantage well in the third quarter and regained a 29-point lead.

Unfortunately, Kilcunda-Bass missed some of its opportunities during the fourth quarter but remained competitive throughout the game.

A huge crowd turned out at Inverloch and got around the boys.

"It was a disappointing outcome, but it's a great opportunity to reflect on the experience. It was a good experience for players who have put in the hard yards for years and it was a good experience for the young kids getting to play in a final in their first year in Seniors," coach Lee Rowe said.

"We have a lot to look forward to now we've had a taste of finals. The Cora Lynn game at the end of the season proved we are playing at the standard we have been working towards."

The 2024 season has come to an end for Kilcunda-Bass, with preseason scheduled a few weeks before Christmas.

Rowe has signed for another two years as Senior coach.

"Retention is a key focus for us, as well as finding our deficiencies and working on those," he said.

"It'll also be about maintaining our strength and depth in both the Seniors and the Reserves."



Dale Gawley escapes the pack with the ball and gets it away. ob28_3524



Bradley Aldwell and Dean McRae take their focus off the ball. ob29_3524

Sea Eagles swoop in

INVERLOCH-Kongwak will compete in the semi-final after defeating Tooradin-Dalmore in a nailbiter on Sunday.

The second elimination final was played at the Bass Recreation Reserve and the game went down to the wire.

The wind was favouring the scoreboard end and Inverloch-Kongwak kicked with the gale in the first quarter.

However, the Sea Eagles were unable to make the most of the advantage and gave away a two-point lead at quarter time.

Tooradin-Dalmore played exceptionally well against the wind and Inverloch-Kongwak had to maintain its focus to keep the scores close.

The Sea Eagles played a good second quarter and held Tooradin-Dalmore to a manageable margin while it had the wind at its back.

Luke Johnson played an impressive defensive game.

Johnson took more than 10 intercept marks throughout the day, playing his best game of the season by far.

Although playing predominantly as a backman, he was moved forward during the second quarter to execute a man-on-man defence strategy.

During this term, he took a big contested mark and kicked a goal as a reward.

Midfielders Andy Soumilas, Ethan Park, Jordan Tomas, Will Turner and Nick Baltas also played important roles.

Baltas kicked two goals to be Inverloch-Kongwak's leading goal kicker on the day.

Conditions were pretty warm out on the field and both sides needed to adjust with the second half still to come.

The third quarter produced more tight contests, but Inverloch-Kongwak managed to nudge its way in front.

With one point in it, the excitement grew amongst the crowd.

Inverloch-Kongwak came out hard in the fourth quarter to find itself two goals up.

However, controversy struck when Tooradin-Dalmore kicked a goal that appeared to hit the post.

The goal was counted – a decision that upset one of Inverloch-Kongwak's players.

This player gave away a free kick – which resulted in another goal – and was carded.

The scores were now even again and Inverloch-Kongwak only had 17 players on the ground with 10 minutes to go.

Enter the man of the moment, Jim Soumilas.

Keeping cool under pressure, Soumilas snapped the match winning goal from 35 metres out boundary side – awarding Inverloch-Kongwak a five-point win.

It was a huge effort from Inverloch-Kongwak in the last quarter and the game was played with a lot of heart.

Inverloch-Kongwak's finals campaign continues with the semi-final against Nar Nar Goon, to be played at Cora Lynn Recreation Reserve next Sunday.

Nar Nar Goon has been a challenge for Inverloch-Kongwak all season and the Sea Eagles are expecting a good battle.



Andrew Soumilas looks to handball to teammate Ethan Park. Photos: Anna Carson.



Xavier Hughes takes an impressive mark in the Elimination Final on Sunday.



Jamieson Soumilas navigates around his Tooradin-Dalmore opponent.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

ELIMINATION FINAL



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NAR NAR GOON

KILCUNDA-BASS

Nar Nar Goon 3.5 5.5 9.11 10.12 (72)

Kilcunda-Bass 0.0 5.4 5.6 6.9 (45)

GOALS, NNG: Matthew Gentile, Jarrod Smith 2, Harrison Brain, Ryan Bromley, James Cairns, Matthew Homfray, Aidan Pipicelli, Clancy Pope 1 each

BEST: Luke Bettio, Trent Armour, Jake Smith, Harrison Brain, Flynn Parker, Jarrod Smith

GOALS, K-Bass: Travis Tuck 2, Callan Brinkmann, Dale Gawley, Dean McRae, Jake Weightman 1 each

BEST: Travis Tuck, Jed Rosenow, Dale Gawley, Jack Soroczynski, Lochlan Scott, Dean McRae

RESERVES

Inverloch-K 0.0 5.2 5.2 9.4 (58)

Koo Wee Rup 1.2 1.2 3.2 4.3 (27)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: No names supplied.

BEST: No names supplied.

GOALS, KWR: No names supplied.

BEST: No names supplied.

THIRDS

Nar Nar Goon 0.1 2.4 6.5 8.11 (59)

Koo Wee Rup 2.0 3.1 4.2 4.3 (27)

GOALS, NNG: Tom Carney, Tarrant Millar, Oliver Ratten 2, Todd Lester, Mitch Moresco 1 each

BEST: Archer Shorey, Noah Airdrie, Oliver Ratten, Matthew Cross, Flynn Allen, Tarrant Millar

GOALS, KWR: Hunter Cairns 2, Luke Briganti, Noah Pugsley 1 each

BEST: Ethan Neill, Seth Lawler, Mack Brown, Merrick Stewart-Wells, Nick Booth, Noah Pugsley

FOURTHS

Inverloch-K 3.3 4.3 7.6 8.6 (54)

Kor-Bena 1.0 4.1 4.1 4.4 (28)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Augustus Finsterer 5, Harry Ashmore, Riley Harris, James Martin 1 each

BEST: Augustus Finsterer, Froley Anderson, Mitchell Ward, Riley Harris, Cooper Newman, Harvey Sorensen

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Chase De Grandi 2, Ben Camp, Phoenix Lorkin 1 each

BEST: Max Fowles, Evan Belvedere, Indie Cameron, Chase De Grandi, Sam Hill, Hamish Withall

ELIMINATION FINAL



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66

INVERLOCH-K

TOORADIN-DAL

Inverloch-K 2.5 3.7 6.10 10.11 (71)

Tooradin-Dal 3.1 5.3 7.3 10.6 (66)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Nicholas Baltas 2, Jordan Bertacco, Dylan Clark, Taite Cumming, Tom Hams, Luke Johnson, Jamieson Soumilas, Archie Terlich, Jordan Tomas 1 each

BEST: Luke Johnson, Andrew Soumilas, Ethan Park, Tom Hams, Jordan Tomas, William Turner

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Brad Butler, Xavier Shinnies 2, Daniel Ahern, Logan Downe, Johnny Duff, Nicholas Lang, Stewart Scanlon, Piva Wright 1 each

BEST: No names supplied.

RESERVES

Cora Lynn 2.1 4.3 4.3 5.4 (34)

Phillip Island 3.3 4.6 10.7 12.9 (81)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Matthew Ferguson 2, Josh Arena, Luke Foreman, Corey Smerdon 1 each

BEST: Dylan Ross, Corey Brook, Jake Boccaro, Josh Arena, Sam Black

GOALS, Phillip Island: Nick Anderson, Brady Ross 5, Jack Keating, Brayden Kleverkamp 1 each

BEST: Thomas Macrokanis, Nick Anderson, Brady Ross, Connor Thompson, Brayden Kleverkamp, Jack Keating

THIRDS

Inverloch-K 2.1 4.3 5.3 7.4 (46)

Garfield 2.2 3.3 5.5 5.6 (36)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Rem Dal Pozzo 4, Lucas Allen 2, Zak Box 1

BEST: Zak Box, Lucas Allen, Jasper Cousins, Andot Mankhong, Luke Williams, Callum McLeod

GOALS, Garfield: Chara Wangkaew 2, Aaron Braaksma, Kai Kelsey, Jake VanDenBerghe 1 each

BEST: Chara Wangkaew, Joachim Hayward, Joseph Zaccari, Nathan King, Samuel Grundy, Tyler Lovell

FOURTHS

Warragul Ind 0.1 1.2 1.3 2.5 (17)

Tooradin-Dal 0.2 0.3 0.6 0.8 (8)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: James Patterson, Brody Walsh 1 each

BEST: Cohen Dent, Melvyn Podmore, Adrian French, Zachary Thompson, Brody Walsh, James Patterson

BEST, Tooradin-Dal: Jayden Worrall, Luke Lombard, Will Murray, Kasy Deren, Joel Cochrane, Noah Baker

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The 2024 U12 mixed premiers Inverloch-Kongwak.

Premiership honours shared by three clubs

THREE clubs enjoyed premiership glory following the Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition on Sunday.

Hosted by the Dalyston Football Netball Club, an U12 girls' exhibition game launched the day.

This game was open to any U12 girls, regardless of previous experience.

Forty girls turned out to participate and had an amazing time.

It is hoped these girls will now be inspired to play in their local teams next season.

The U12s mixed match followed with Inverloch-Kongwak taking on Leongatha.

Inverloch-Kongwak won an early lead, kicking one goal and four points in the first quarter.

Both sides played competitively

through the rest of the game with Leongatha stepping it up for the fourth quarter.

A goal to Leongatha saw the Parrots closing in on Inverloch-Kongwak's score, but the Sea Eagles rose to the occasion and held on to the win.

Final score: Inverloch-Kongwak 1.10.16 to Leongatha 1.2.8.

Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition best on ground: Franklin Boyd-Munro – Inverloch-Kongwak.

Dalyston took on Inverloch-Kongwak in the U14 girls' grand final, with Dalyston ultimately claiming the win.

The Magpies were strong from the beginning, kicking three early goals and demonstrating a lot of skill across the board.

Dalyston's leading goal kicker was Kyesha Welling, with singles kicked by Rubi Oxley and Paige Yann.

Although Inverloch-Kongwak was kept scoreless for the first three quarters, its pressure intensified to slow Dalyston's run.

Dalyston kicked one goal per quarter to the end of the game and Inverloch-Kongwak kicked one behind in the last quarter.

Final score: Dalyston 6.4.40 to Inverloch-Kongwak 0.1.1.

AFL Vic Country best on ground: Paige Yann.

Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition best on ground: Teianna Winmar.

The final showcase of the day was the U14 mixed match – again between Inverloch-Kongwak and

Leongatha.

This time, Leongatha claimed the victory after a thrilling game.

Leongatha came into the match as the underdog but quickly made its mark on the game with two goals in the first quarter.

Beau Elkin was Leongatha's leading goal kicker, who scored three goals.

Harry Whelan kicked two goals and singles were kicked by Jacob Dean and Logan Misale.

Inverloch-Kongwak began to make its comeback in the second quarter, getting a score on the board and keeping Leongatha scoreless.

Inverloch-Kongwak's leading goalkicker was Harvey Sorensen with two, and James Martin and Max Tonkin kicked one each.

Leongatha had a surge through the third quarter, which ultimately decided the match.

Rallying together as a team, Leongatha gained momentum and added five goals to its score.

Despite a scoreless fourth quarter for Leongatha, Inverloch-Kongwak could not regain the ground.

The Sea Eagles didn't give up and continued to put goals on the board until the final siren, but Leongatha gave its all on the day and reaped the rewards.

Final score: Inverloch-Kongwak 4.6.30 to Leongatha 7.4.46.

AFL Vic Country best on ground: Harry Whelan.

Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition best on ground: Louis Read.

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