



‘PITILESS’ ERIN GETS 33 YEARS

A downcast Erin Patterson is led to the waiting prison van at the Supreme Court in Melbourne on Monday this week after being sentenced to life imprisonment, with a minimum of 33 years to serve for the murders of three of her in-laws, Don and Gail Patterson and Heather Wilkinson and the attempted murder of Ian Wilkinson, all of Korumburra. Photo credit with thanks to Jason South, The Age.

THE trial of Leongatha mushroom murderer Erin Patterson is over. For the ‘horrendous’ murders of three of her in-laws; Don Patterson, Gail Patterson and Heather Wilkinson all of Korumburra, she was sentenced to life for each offence. For the attempted murder of Ian Wilkinson, the only lunch guest to survive the deadly meal of Beef Wellington, laced with

death cap mushrooms at her home on Saturday, July 29, 2023, she received 25 years. In handing down his sentence in the Supreme Court in Melbourne on Monday this week, Justice Christopher Beale, said the periods in jail would be served concurrently, setting a non-parole period of 33 years. With two years already served (676 days), Erin Patterson, 50, will be eligible for parole in just

over 31 years’ time, at the age of 82. She will celebrate her 51st birthday in the isolation of the highly restrictive Gordon Unit of the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre on September 30. The five-month trial is over, and the penalty has been handed down, but it’s not over for Erin Patterson or her victims, including Pastor Wilkinson, her own children and the extended

Patterson and Wilkinson families. Justice Beale referenced all of the victims in his sentencing remarks. Ian Wilkinson, he said, nearly died of advanced multiple organ failure and has not fully recovered, experiencing reduced kidney function, ongoing respiratory issues and reduced energy.

Continued page 3

You'll love Snapper House



1 Snapper Crt, Rhyll
6 bedrooms each with private ensuite.
\$1,450,000

ALEX SCOTT AND STAFF 113a Thompson Avenue, Cowes
5952 2633
www.alexscott.com.au

Did you know?

Gendore Tractors & Machinery are your Gippsland agents for:





GENDORE
TRACTORS AND MACHINERY
www.gendore.com.au

GIVE US A CALL!

82-84 Yarragon Road, LEONGATHA p: 5662 4044 | Brett Charlton 0409 861 771

MICHAEL'S

Leongatha & Korumburra Only



SAVE
On Fuel

4¢

OFF Per Litre

SEE INSTORE & OUR STORE'S FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE *Pick of the Crop* FRUIT & VEGETABLE SPECIALS

\$8⁹⁹ kg



STEGGLES CHICKEN
BREAST FILLETS

\$19⁹⁹ kg



AUSTRALIAN GRASS
FED BEEF RUMP STEAK

\$10⁹⁹ kg



HAZELDENES
COUNTRY HERB OR MAPLE
BBQ BONELESS CHICKENS

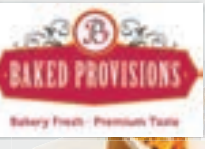
\$13⁹⁹ kg



DON OR KRC
MIDDLE BACON

\$8⁹⁹ ea

Michael's Bakery



BAKED PROVISIONS
LOG CAKES ASSORTED
VARIETIES

\$7⁹⁹ ea

GREAT PRICE!

SNOWDONIA 150G
CHEESE VARIETIES
\$53.27 per kg



\$5 ea

SLAPE & SONS SAUSAGES 480G
BBQ Honey, Old English Pork Thin
or Chicken & Herb
\$14.58 per kg



SLAPE & SONS SAUSAGES 480G
BBQ Honey, Old English Pork Thin
or Chicken & Herb
\$14.58 per kg



Sushi&Co.
Taste the Freshness

Leongatha store only!

\$13 per serve

TEMPURA PRAWN DRAGON

\$14 per serve

BOTAN

\$55 ea

XXXX Gold 375ml Cans or
Hahn Super Dry 3.5% 375ml Cans
30 Pack

2 \$18 for
Multi Buy

Yellowtail
750ml Varieties

2 \$18 for
Multi Buy

McGuigan Single Batch
750ml Varieties

PRICE FREEZE

Specials available from Wed 10th to Tues 16th September 2025. While Stocks Last.
We reserve the right to correct printing errors. Images are for illustration purposes only.
Michael's IGA Liquor supports the responsible service and consumption of alcohol.

Find us on
Facebook

Timeline of Erin Patterson murders...

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Erin Patterson welcomes her in-laws; Don and Gail Patterson, and Heather and Ian Wilkinson to lunch at her Gibson Street home in Leongatha and watches as they eat their deadly meal of Beef Wellington, laced with enough death-cap mushrooms, in each individual pastry package, to kill them.

Monday, July 31, 2023

Erin Patterson attends Leongatha hospital complaining of gastro-like symptoms, where nurses observe she wasn't as sick as her lunch guests. Here she is first made aware that authorities are on to the existence of death cap mushrooms in the meal she served her guests.

Friday, August 4, 2023

Erin Patterson's home raided by police, she hands over the "dummy phone" and lies to police during an interview at Wonthaggi later about ever foraging for wild mushrooms or owning a food dehydrator. Police had already recovered the dehydrator from the Koonwarra tip, as well as a receipt and CCTV footage of Erin Patterson dumping what will later be called "the murder weapon". By that time, two of her lunch guests, sisters Gail Patterson and Heather Wilkinson, have already died in horrendous circumstances.

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Erin Patterson arrested and charged at Wonthaggi Police Station with three counts of murder and five of attempted murder, but four of the attempted murder charges, relating to allegations of historic efforts to poison her husband Simon Patterson, are later dropped after a failed Court of Appeal application.

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Erin Patterson formally pleads "not guilty" to all charges in the Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Court and elects for her case to be fast-tracked to the Victorian Supreme Court.



Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Pre-trial hearings commence in the Supreme Court in Melbourne running through to February 13, 2025. Much of the detail of what transpired in those sessions remained suppressed until after the verdict was delivered in the trial proper.

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Erin Patterson's trial starts in the Supreme Court sitting at the Latrobe Valley Law Courts in Morwell, with her estranged husband Simon Patterson among the first to appear as a witness. It continues for 40 days, through until Monday, June 30, when the jury retires to consider its verdict.

Monday, July 7, 2025

Erin Patterson is found guilty of all charges, three of murder where Gail and Don Patterson and Gail's sister Heather Wilkinson are the victims and one of attempted murder against Heather's husband of 44 years, Ian Wilkinson, the only guest to survive the deadly lunch.

Monday, August 25, 2025

Erin Patterson appears in court to face her victims with Pastor Ian Wilkinson delivering a stunning account of the severe impacts of Erin's actions on his extended family and the wider community. The restrictive nature Ms Patterson's incarceration in the 20-cell Gordon Unit of the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre is also described.

Monday, September 8, 2025

Erin Patterson is sentenced for the murders of Don and Gail Patterson and Heather Wilkinson and also for the attempted murder of Ian Wilkinson. She will now have 28 days to consider lodging an appeal against her conviction and/or the nature of the sentence.



'Pitiless' Erin gets 33 years

From page 1

Ian and Heather's son, David, he said, remembers his mother being 'desperate for water' (which she was not allowed by medical staff) and saying her 'insides were burning'.

"David also mentions his father's tortured appearance - 'black lips, gaunt face, pained and serious expression,'" said Justice Beale.

The damage caused, he said, was far-reaching.

"Your offending involved an enormous betrayal of trust. Your victims were all your relatives by marriage. More than that, they had all been good to you and your children over many years, as you acknowledged in your testimony.

"Not only did you cut short three lives and cause lasting damage to Ian Wilkinson's health, thereby devastating the extended Patterson and Wilkinson families, you inflicted untold suffering on your own children whom you robbed of their beloved grandparents," said Justice Beale.

"Many of your adult victims struggle not only with the loss of their loved ones, and the terrible way they died, but with the distress, even guilt, at their own seeming inability to ease the suffering of those close to them.

"They keenly feel their limitations, and, in particular, the impossibility of shielding the youngest from the incessant discussion of the case in the media, online, in public spaces, even in the schoolyard.

"Many also struggle to cope with work and studies. And many have experienced additional financial burdens.

"There is, of course, great anger at the callousness of your actions. To take just one example, Ian Wilkinson's sister Dorothy Dicker questions 'how anyone could sit there and watch those four kind

and caring people eat that meal'."

Justice Beale said his main issue with the sentencing was deciding whether it was appropriate to fix a non-parole period.

While listing a range of aggravating circumstances, he also took into account the likelihood that Erin Patterson would spend much of her 33-year sentence in protective custody.

"Given the unprecedented media coverage of your case, and the books, documentaries and TV series about you which are all in the pipeline, you are likely to remain a notorious prisoner for many years to come, and, as such, remain at significant risk from other prisoners."

But Erin Patterson's failure to help her victims, even after being informed of their hospitalisation, received special attention in Justice Beale's remarks.

"After learning from Simon on Sunday, July 30, 2023 that some or all of your lunch guests had been hospitalised, you showed no pity for your victims. Instead of informing those treating the Pattersons and Wilkinsons that you had used foraged mushrooms (which you could have done without having to admit that you had deliberately poisoned their meals), you repeatedly denied foraging, insisting that the mushrooms for the Beef Wellingtons were sourced solely from Woolworths and an Asian grocery.

"We will never know whether revealing the use of foraged mushrooms would have made a difference. But the administration of the drug Silibinin - which is a specific antidote for death cap mushroom poisoning - was not commenced on July 30, 2023 because, at that stage, the evidence regarding the type of toxin was inconclusive.

"Similarly, the administration of NAC, to

preserve the victims' livers from toxins, was not commenced until almost midnight on July 30, 2023 for Don Patterson and on July 31, 2023 for the others.

"The prosecution submitted that I should infer from your pitiless behaviour that your intention to kill was ongoing, and that this constitutes an additional aggravating circumstance. I accept that submission.

"As the Wilkinsons' daughter, Ruth Dubois, remarked in her victim impact statement, you 'followed through' on your lethal plan."

Erin Patterson was led into court at the last moment, before the start time of the sentencing hearing at 9.30am on September 8, in a brown jacket and her now familiar paisley shirt and black pants.

She sat with eyes closed throughout the address, only occasionally opening them and briefly fluttering her eyelids, but showing no obvious signs of emotion.

She steadied herself on the court furniture as she was led away afterwards to start her sentence.

Ian Wilkinson, who sat in the front row of Courtroom 4, surrounded by family members, just as he did throughout the 10-week trial, spoke on the steps of the Supreme Court afterwards, preaching kindness and offering prayers and thanks to the health officials, family and friends, locally, across Australia and around the world, for their support.

He saved special mention for the people of Korumburra and Leongatha.

"I thank the people of the Korumburra and Leongatha communities in particular. Your thoughtfulness and care has been a great encouragement to us."

The estranged husband of the convicted woman, Simon Patterson, did not attend.

Danny O'BRIEN MP
State Member for Gippsland South

SHOP LOCAL
AND SUPPORT
LOCAL JOBS

Working for Gippsland South

(03) 5144 1987

danny.obrien@parliament.vic.gov.au

54B Cunninghame St, Sale VIC 3850

dannyobrienmp.com.au

NATIONALS for Regional Victoria



The small local business with a big difference

- ✓ No service agreements
- ✓ No contracts
- ✓ No excess weight charges
- ✓ No on-call charges
- ✓ No equipment removal charges
- ✓ No hidden fees



Commercial, industrial and farm services

HEEL-A-WASTE pty ltd

EPA Registered R000301404

accounts@wheelawaste.com

www.wheelawaste.com.au

5672 2056

CONTENTS

Entertainment	25-26
Puzzles	28
Real Estate	29-33
Farming	37-39
Trades & Services	40-41
Classifieds	42-44

FEATURES

Health & Wellness	22-23
South Gippsland Dairy & Farming Expo	34-36

CONTACT

OFFICE:	47 McBride, Avenue, Wonthaggi, VIC, 3995
HOURS:	Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
PHONE:	(03) 5672 1888
EMAIL:	EDITORIAL & LETTERS news@sgst.com.au
	ADVERTISING ads@sgst.com.au
	ACCOUNTS accounts@sgst.com.au
MANAGING DIRECTOR:	Michael Giles michael@sgst.com.au
OPERATIONS MANAGER:	Jim Akers jim@sgst.com.au
ADVERTISING MANAGER:	Holly McMaster holly@sgst.com.au
EDITOR:	Chloe Kent
JOURNALISTS:	Andrew Paloczi Bruce Wardley Courtney O'Brien Nicole May Tayla Kershaw

ADVERTISING DEADLINES

DISPLAY:	Advertising closes at 3pm on Fridays
CLASSIFIEDS:	Advertising closes at 12 noon on Mondays
The South Gippsland Sentinel-Times is published on Tuesdays.	
*Please note changes occur as a result of public holidays.	

ONLINE

sgsentineltimes
@sentineltimes



www.sgst.com.au

Produced and published by Michael Giles, of 47 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi for South Eastern Newspapers Pty. Ltd. A.B.N. 30 005 353 168. Printed by Express Print, 5 Jones Road, Morwell. Registered by Australia Post Publication No. VAC 336188/00002.

AC0757-V36

6 Day
Weather
Forecast

SOUTH
GIPPSLAND

TUE Sept 9	WED Sept 10	THUR Sept 11	FRI Sept 12	SAT Sept 13	SUN Sept 14
Shower or two. Wind AM: W-NW 15-20km/h Wind PM: W-SW 15-25km/h	Shower or two. Wind AM: Light Wind PM: SE 15-25km/h	Shower or two. Wind AM: S 15-20km/h Wind PM: SW 15-25km/h	Showers easing. Wind AM: W 20-30km/h Wind PM: W 20-30km/h	Possible shower. Wind AM: Light Wind PM: NW 15-20km/h	Partly cloudy. Wind AM: NW 20-30km/h Wind PM: N 25-30km/h
10° 16°	7° 14°	8° 15°	9° 16°	8° 17°	9° 20°

IN BRIEF

Police touched by
community outpouring

THE outpouring of support locally for members of the Victoria Police Force, following the shooting death of two police officers at Porepunkah on Tuesday, August 26 and the critical wounding of another has hit the mark.

Local police posted their heartfelt response on social media over the weekend.

“The last week and a bit have been full of emotions for all the police across Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

“We’ve had immense sadness from the murder of two of our colleagues, and we’ve drawn immeasurable strength from the love and support that our local community has shown us.

“We haven’t been able to thank each and every person who has delivered cards and flowers (and sooo much chocolate) into the local police stations, or stopped us in the street to say they are thinking of us, or have shared their condolences online (especially our great emergency services colleagues in the local area).

“Tonight, we stopped at the Wonthaggi Cenotaph and looked at it lit in blue by the Wonthaggi RSL Sub-branch, and it meant so much.”

Calls for improved
mental health support

MONASH MP Mary Aldred has called for stronger investment in mental health, particularly for young people.

Ms Aldred urged the Federal Government to bring back the 20 Medicare subsidised sessions for mental health that it had reduced to 10 in the previous parliament.

Ms Aldred also met with representatives of Suicide Prevention Australia and Lifeline Australia in Canberra in the lead-up to World Suicide Prevention Day on

September 10.

In a speech to the Federal Parliament, Ms Aldred noted that as a former board member of Lifeline Gippsland, mental health was an issue she was particularly passionate about and went on to pay tribute to the tireless work of many local organisations, including Gippsland Youth Spaces.

Free tickets on offer for
Phillip Island MotoGP™

PHILLIP Island is the place to be in October with the return of the MotoGP™ and free tickets on offer from Bass Coast Shire Council.

The 2025 Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix will once again bring tens of thousands of fans to the Island for three days of exhilarating racing, live music, and family-friendly entertainment.

Highlights include the local community day at the Grand Prix circuit, where Bass Coast residents can enjoy free entry, and the Cowes entertainment precinct in Thompson Avenue, which will be transformed into a hub of music and fun.

The action-packed month of October includes the Rip Curl Phillip Island Grom Search, Australian SUP Titles and the iconic Phillip Island Grand Prix from October 17 to October 19.

To win four double general admission tickets for Sunday only at the Grand Prix or six double general admission tickets for all three days, simply subscribe to Council’s e-newsletter Coastell.

Entries close 2 pm Thursday, September 25 and winners will be announced in the September issue of Coastell on Thursday, September 25.

If you are already a subscriber to Coastell, just enter your details again to automatically be entered into the draw at basscoast.vic.gov.au/coastell.

Melbourne Cup to visit
Meeniyan on Sunday

THE 2025 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour hits Meeniyan this Sunday, September 14, with the iconic \$850,000, 18-carat-gold Melbourne Cup trophy arriving at Meeniyan Town Hall from Stony Creek Racecourse by tractor for a free 11am community event.

That includes a Q&A session with Stony Creek Racing Club CEO Jason Benbow and Melbourne Cup Tour Ambassador Andrew Lemon, kids entertainment, complimentary CWA scones and tea and the chance for members of the public to take photos with the Melbourne Cup.

The Melbourne Cup Tour event launches the 2025/26 summer racing season at Stony Creek, on track action starting with the Brandt Christmas Races on Sunday, December 7.

Award-winning recycled
road paving for Phillip
Island and Archies Creek

AN INNOVATIVE new approach to road recycling has earned Bass Coast Shire the 2025 AustStab Award for Excellence in Recycling Pavements.

First trialled at Berry’s Beach Road on Phillip Island and Archies Creek, the award-winning paver laid in-situ recycling process reuses existing road materials on site.

Bass Coast Shire Council was honoured with the 2025 AustStab Award for Excellence in Recycling Pavements for consistency partnered with innovation leading excellence.

The award was specifically aimed at local government initiatives that adopted innovative pavement recycling and stabilisation practices resulting in better outcomes for residents and ratepayers.

The award recognised

Bass Coast’s leadership in delivering stronger, more sustainable roads while minimising disruption in the community.

The ground-breaking method of recycled paving reduces truck movements, construction time and environmental impact while still delivering a durable road surface.

Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead said it was a proud moment for council.

“Our community relies on safe, accessible and durable roads every day,” said Mayor Halstead.

“By recycling materials on site, we’re not only reducing greenhouse emissions and heavy truck traffic, but we’re also completing works faster, which means less time and interruption for locals, businesses and visitors right across Bass Coast.

“This award shows that Bass Coast is leading the way nationally in sustainable road building.”

The project achieved an 85 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions compared to traditional road reconstruction methods and cut truck movements to site by more than 80 per cent.

By embracing sustainable road building methods and trialling new innovations Bass Coast Shire Council said it was helping ensure the community benefited from safer, longer-lasting roads delivered with less disruption and greater value.

Restaurant heads for
national awards

RAINBOW Palace Restaurant, in Korumburra has progressed to the National Awards for Excellence in the Chinese Restaurant category of the 2025 Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence after securing the state category win last Thursday.

BLUE RIBBON DAY
SEPTEMBER 29



FIND OUT MORE:
remember.org.au



REMEMBERING LIVES
BY SAVING OTHERS

Help fund life-saving hospital equipment.

This
Saturday
COAL CREEK
Farmers'
MARKET

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
8AM - 12.30PM
COAL CREEK CAR PARK

Produce grown and made from the
South Gippsland region.

Contact David 0411 413 716





Cr Meg Edwards, Cr Ron Bauer, Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale MP, Captain Amanda Hart Corps Officer South Coast Gippsland Salvos, Colonel Kelvin Merrett Divisional Commander The Salvation Army Victoria, Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead, Major Mal Davies Assistant Divisional Commander The Salvation Army Victoria and Commissioner Miriam Gluyas Territorial Commander The Salvation Army Australia at the opening of the redeveloped site of the Salvation Army in Wonthaggi.

New look home for the Salvos in Wonthaggi

A NEW look home for The Salvation Army in Wonthaggi has been warmly welcomed by Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead and councillors from Bass Coast Shire.

“Congratulations Salvation Army Wonthaggi on the opening of your newly renovated home,” said Mayor Cr Halstead.

According to Mayor Halstead, the redevelopment marks a milestone for The Salvation Army and will make a real difference for services provided on the Bass Coast.

“The redeveloped space will be a hub for connection, community activities and vital services such as food relief, emergency support and referral pathways.

“Through their support for projects like the Orange Sky mobile laundry, the Salvos

continue to ensure some of our most vulnerable community members are treated with dignity and respect,” said Cr Halstead.

Captain Amanda Hart, Corps Officer, South Coast Gippsland Salvos, said the redeveloped space was far more than bricks and mortar, it represented hope, connection, and opportunity for our community.

“This will be the home of Salvos Community Connect,” said Captain Hart.

“A space where people can find a listening ear, enjoy a simple cheese toastie and a cuppa, and share in friendship and connection.

“It’s a place where food relief will be available for those doing it tough, and where practical help meets compassion.”

Through Doorways Case

Management, Captain Hart said the South Coast Gippsland Salvos would walk alongside people who need support, offering not only immediate help but also longer-term pathways towards stability and hope.

“This building will also be a shared space,” she said.

“A place where other social services, including homelessness support, family violence services, and youth programs will be able to provide case management and care.

“By working together under one roof, we can ensure that people don’t just find help, but the right help, at the right time.

“We’re also committed to listening closely to our community.”

Over the coming months, the Salvos will engage in conversations to understand the real

needs of Wonthaggi and to explore how The Salvation Army can respond together with the community.

“This building is not just for us,” said Captain Hart.

“It’s for our community and we want it to be shaped by the voices of those who call Wonthaggi home.”

The redeveloped site will also be a place of worship, a place where faith can be explored, where questions are welcomed, and where the Salvos will be seeking new and creative expressions of what it means to be the church today.

“Thank you for celebrating this milestone with us today.”

The Salvation Army can be found at 149 McKenzie Street, Wonthaggi and The Salvation Army Thrift Shop at 2/20 Inverloch Road, Wonthaggi.

20 wallabies stuck in drought-impacted dam

FALLING water levels in farm dams and naturally-occurring water bodies on public land are a real issue for farmers needing to keep water up to their stock and also for native animals looking for a drink.

But it’s not just the lack of water that’s the problem.

As water levels fall, swaths of deep mud are exposed and as we saw last week, on a West Gippsland grazing property just north of Bunyip, even the farmers themselves can come to grief trying to release cattle from the mud.

It’s a real trap for unsuspecting players.

Last week, we received a report from a Phillip Island farmer that a large number of native animals have been caught in the same circumstances.

According to their report, in an incident which happened three or four weeks earlier, 25 wallabies had become marooned in an almost empty

dam, and unable to extricate themselves, a large number of them had died.

The local property owner said the dead animals were located and were buried in situ, with the hazard filled in.

The Sentinel-Times contacted Phillip Island Nature Parks to ask if they were aware of the incident, replying that they dealt with a similar incident over the summer months, fortunately, on this occasion only a small number of wallabies could not be saved.

These comments were supplied by a spokesperson from Phillip Island Nature Parks:

“During the summer months, as water bodies were drying up, the Nature Parks’ rangers routinely monitored key sites for drought-affected wildlife as part of our commitment to animal welfare.

“A dam on the Summerland Peninsula was identified as high-risk to wildlife after approximately 20 wallabies became stuck in soft mud. Most

were rescued and released, but unfortunately, a small number could not be saved. Following this, remedial earthworks were undertaken to eliminate this risk.

“We are not aware of any other drowning incidents involving wildlife at Ventnor.”

Asked if the Summerland incident and unconfirmed event at Ventnor indicated some native animals were at unsustainable levels, the PINP spokesperson said it was an issue that was constantly monitored.

“The issue of abundant wildlife is being continually addressed as part of Phillip Island’s Wildlife Plan, which the Nature Parks is working on alongside other local and statewide partners.

“The plan focuses on exploring innovative management options to improve animal welfare outcomes as well as achieve more sustainable wildlife populations in order to maintain agricultural

practices and ecosystem health.”

PINP said the plan included an element of culling as required.

“Lethal control options are considered as a last resort. The Nature Parks ensures necessary authorities under the Wildlife Act 1975 are obtained for all wildlife control activities.

“The plan also supports local landholders in finding more effective ways to manage wildlife impacts and encourages them to adapt and diversify farming practices for sustainability and wildlife conservation.”

A 49-year-old Tonimbuk man was winched to safety by the police air-wing before being transported to hospital for medical assessment after being released from the muddy dam.

According to a report in the Warragul Gazette, the Macclesfield CFA large animal rescue unit helped rescue the calf from the dam.

NEW LOTS

NOW SELLING

Lot Sizes from 409m² to 792m²

Pricing from \$230,000 to \$299,000

Build your dream home and experience Bass Coast living.

Register your interest now!

1300 WONTHAGGI (966 842)

parklandswonthaggi.com.au

Parklands

WONTHAGGI

parklea.

bass coast community foundation

Making a real difference in the lives of people across Bass Coast.

If you can give, please give where you live.

www.bccf.org.au

Need to resolve a family dispute?

Are you getting the outcome you want?

Call our Family Law team today

First interview free of charge and obligation

SIMON PARSONS & CO

LAWYERS

Helping clients Gippsland wide

Morwell 5133 7788

Sale 5144 7788

Warragul 5622 2387

www.simonparsons.com.au

enquiries@simonparsons.com.au

Local news

South Gippsland and Bass Coast

Sentinel-Times

www.sgst.com.au

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SENTINEL-TIMES | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 | 5

Mayor's Message



Cr Rochelle Halstead



AS we step into the warmer months, Bass Coast comes alive with an incredible calendar of events that bring excitement, colour and energy to our region. These events are not just about fun – they're also an important boost for our local businesses, helping our cafes, shops, accommodation providers and service industries thrive as visitors flock to enjoy everything our towns and coastlines have to offer.

We're kicking things off with the **Tidal Seafood Festival in San Remo (September 20-21)**, a celebration of our maritime heritage and world-class seafood. This much-loved event brings our community together while showcasing the very best of San Remo to visitors.

Soon after, the **Rip Curl Grom-Search (September 30 – October 4)** will see the next generation of surfing stars competing right here on Phillip Island, while throughout October the **Great Witch Hunt** will add a playful sense of Halloween adventure across Bass Coast for locals and visitors alike.

October also brings one of the biggest highlights of our year – the **Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix (October 17-19)** at the world-famous Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit. The beauty of the course, set against our stunning coastline, is unmatched anywhere in the world, and it's no wonder that MotoGP belongs here on Phillip Island.

Council is proud to support the Grand Prix and all that it brings to our community – from global recognition to packed hotels and restaurants. The **Community GP Ride (October 18)** adds to the magic, giving local and visiting riders the chance to experience the circuit for themselves.

Later in October, Phillip Island will also host the **Australian SUP Titles (October 21-25)**, drawing top athletes and ocean lovers from across the country. And in November, the ever-popular **Bass Coast Cycle Challenge (November 8)** will once again bring cyclists to Inverloch for a day of fitness, fun and community spirit.

These events bring people together, celebrate our unique lifestyle, and keep our local economy strong. I encourage everyone to get involved – whether as a participant, a volunteer, or simply by coming along and soaking up the atmosphere.

It's a season to be proud of, and I can't wait to see our community and visitors out enjoying everything Bass Coast has to offer.

Phillip Island local gives evidence at wildlife roadstrike inquiry

PHILLIP Island resident Ronald Day was among a range of witnesses, including animal rescue organisations, local government members, academic experts, and insurers who contributed to the inquiry into wildlife roadstrike earlier this month and in August.

While comprehensive figures do not exist, Wildlife Victoria data show a 43 per cent increase in the number of animals killed or injured by a vehicle in the past four years and RACV reported almost 7000 claims that involved impact with an animal in 2024.

Ronald Day has been recording and documenting roadkill for the past seven years and is acknowledged as being a Citizen Scientist by Bass Coast Shire Council (BCSC), Victoria University (VU) and Phillip Island Nature Park (PINP).

In 2018, Ronald suggested three options to the BCSC for mitigating the number of wildlife road strikes on Phillip Island, including virtual fencing, reducing speed limits and a dawn-to-dusk speed reduction.

The BCSC chose to trial virtual fencing and this trial was subsequently conducted by Dr Christine Connelly, environmental lecturer VU, in collaboration with Dr Duncan Sutherland, senior scientist PINP with Ronald collecting the roadkill data on an 80km/h, 3.6 kilometre,



Phillip Island resident Ronald Day has been documenting roadkill for the past seven years and believes dynamic signage will help mitigate the huge number of wildlife strikes.

high-incidence section of the Cowes/Rhyll Road.

In his submission to the inquiry, Ronald stated the trial was comprehensive and robust and held over a three-year period. Unfortunately, the virtual fence trial didn't meet expectations in reducing roadkill.

Since January this year, Ronald has again been conducting daily roadkill counts on the Cowes/Rhyll Road. To June he counted 224 wildlife strikes of 19 species, including 114 wallabies.

Ronald believes that slowing motorists down is the key to reducing wildlife strikes and referred to data from November 2019 to January 2020 where 188,496 vehicles used the road and 43 per cent exceeded the

specified speed limit.

"Ask yourself what hope for example, does a slow-moving echidna or longneck turtle (and there are many in this area) have of safely crossing this road during daylight hours with this volume of speeding motorists, not to mention or overlook the night time nocturnally active wildlife, blinded, confused, and often frozen in position on the road by approaching blinding headlights, particularly on blind-sided curves and bends, also the down-side of hills and crests," Donald stated in his submission to the hearing.

"Many, many studies have proven lower speeds (led to) reduced wildlife impacts (which led to) increased road user safety. The lower speeds

provide more "reaction time" for both the driver and animal to safely avoid an impact."

Donald believes that trialling dynamic signage with a system that is programmed to simultaneously switch at predetermined light levels for a dawn-to-dusk speed could mitigate the incidence of wildlife strikes.

These signs are continually monitored (24/7) for operational performance and battery capacity via the 4G Network and have the ability to record vehicle numbers and speeds, as well as detect and warn speeding motorists to slow down.

"Due to wildlife presence and given that nearly half of motorists ignore the 80km/h speed limit, driving at night on this road is extremely risky for vehicle and occupants, I urge the committee to consider recommending a trial for "Dynamic Signage" on this road," submitted Ronald.

Ronald does not believe that this method, to mitigate wildlife strikes, has been installed or trialled in Australia before.

"The implementation of dynamic signage could set a new benchmark for innovative road safety measures in areas with high wildlife activity. By leveraging real-time data and adaptable speed limits, this trial could serve as a precedent for other regions facing similar challenges," stated Ronald.

Low-flying Mazda hit speeds over 200kmh

POLICE have appealed for dashcam footage from anyone who witnessed the fearful actions of the driver of a red-coloured Mazda 3, on the Strzelecki Highway and Bass Highway between Mirboo North and Wonthaggi last Friday.

Driving at speeds which police described as being "far in excess of 200 kilometres an hour", the car was tracked by the Victoria Police Air Wing's new twin-engine Beechcraft King Air 350ER until the driver was arrested and charged with a long list of offences in Wonthaggi.

Police posted this statement on social media last Friday night.

"On Friday afternoon September 5, at about 2.40pm, it is alleged that a red coloured Mazda 3 sedan overtook an unmarked police car on the Strzelecki Highway near Darlimurla and

drove very erratically.

"It is alleged that Mazda 3 sedan was displaying stolen registration plates.

"At about 3pm, it is alleged that the Mazda 3 sedan again overtook the same unmarked police car on the Strzelecki Highway near Boorool and drove very erratically.

"It is alleged that the Mazda 3 sedan then drove very erratically on the Bass Highway between Leongatha and Inverloch, travelling far in excess of 200 kilometres an hour, and was dangerously overtaking other vehicles and was involved in several near misses with oncoming vehicles.

"Even though it was travelling in excess of 200 kilometres an hour, the overworked 2.3 litre engine of the wannabe low-flying Mazda 3 sedan was no

match for the two Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6 turboprop engines affixed to the Beechcraft King Air 350ER, callsign 'POLAIR35' of the Police Air Wing which was overhead.

"The Mazda 3 sedan then allegedly continued to drive very erratically on the Bass Highway between Inverloch and Wonthaggi.

"The Mazda 3 sedan then drove into the shopping area of Wonthaggi, then drove into a residential property in Broome Crescent, Wonthaggi.

"It is alleged that the driver of the Mazda 3 sedan, who was a 20-year-old male from Warruk, then got onto a motorcycle and attempted to ride away, but before he knew it, multiple police units had converged on his location, and he dropped the motorcycle and in a clear panic ran into a dwelling, locking a

door behind him.

"The locked door was no impediment to the police officers who quickly apprehended the male inside the dwelling, leaving the door worse for wear, and despite his alleged efforts to resist being arrested, the male was dragged out of the dwelling, and ended up in a small room at the Wonthaggi Police Station."

The male was interviewed, and charged with a number of offences and remanded to appear at the La Trobe Valley Magistrates' Court later on Friday.

Police have asked that if you saw the red Mazda 3 sedan on Friday, September 6, on our roads, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at: crimestoppersvic.com.au/report-a-crime.

"We'd love to get any dashcam of the red Mazda 3 sedan."



Veri Shades Spring Sale



order before October 31 for 10% discount

dollar curtains +blinds

value in every dollar

complete light and privacy control at your finger tips

dc+b Wonthaggi

21 Murray St, Wonthaggi Ph. 5672 2915



dollarcurtainsandblinds.com.au

JA23514

IT'S MORE THAN JUST WOOD TO US

Silvertop Ash shiplap cladding. Beautiful. Fire resistant. Durable. Milled & dressed right here.

It doesn't get more local than that!

AMBER CREEK SAWMILL



☎ Dan on 0428 446 967

✉ timber@ambercreek.com.au

Open: Mon to Wed 8am to 4pm

155 Mackins Road, Fish Creek



ME0486-V7

6 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 | SOUTH GIPPSLAND SENTINEL-TIMES

Elena Campbell was inducted into the 2025 Victorian Honour Roll of Women

ELENA Campbell was among 24 women inducted into the 2025 Victorian Honour Roll of Women. The Minister for Women, Natalie Hutchins, announced the new inductees at a ceremony at the Arts Centre Melbourne on Tuesday, September 2.

The Honour Roll recognises outstanding Victorian women whose leadership and achievements make a lasting difference to the community. The late Hon Joan Kirner AC, Victoria's first female Premier, created the Honour Roll to formally acknowledge women for their achievements and to encourage others to follow in their footsteps.

"The Honour Roll is proof that leadership takes many forms – from the classroom to the courtroom, from healthcare to community organising. It's hard to be what you can't see.

"Every one of these women has made Victoria a better, fairer place. They've changed lives, inspired others and strengthened our state in ways that will last for generations."

This year's inductees include Elena Campbell. Elena is committed to law reform, access to justice and social justice in general. Her career has a particular focus on gendered violence and the rights of women and vulnerable groups.

Her expertise includes therapeutic justice, equal opportunity and human rights, and the prevention and elimination of violence against women and children. Elena is co-founder and Associate Director of Research,



Elena Campbell is committed to law reform, access to justice and social justice and was inducted into the 2025 Victorian Honour Roll of Women on Tuesday, September 2, at the Arts Centre Melbourne by The Hon. Natalie Hutchins, Minister for Women.

Advocacy and Policy at RMIT University's Centre for Innovative Justice.

Elena oversees research on family violence and how trauma can push women and children into contact with the criminal justice system. Her work has also looked at young people's use of violence at home.

Elena was a consultant to the Australian Human Rights Commission (2011 - 2013) and adviser to Victoria's Attorney-General (2000-2010), and she led projects to support the implementation of recommendations from Victoria's Royal Commission into Family Violence.

Elena, like many women in public life, has pursued this work with fierce determination while raising four children and supporting her family's active community life in their home on the Bass Coast.

"I am very pleased to be nominated by my colleagues and those that I've worked with over many years," said Elena.

"I feel like it is a collective recognition; my 25-year career has been entirely focused on various law reform objectives, particularly focused on improving system responses to violence against women and children.

"During the awards ceremony,

it was great to see the sheer diversity of fields in which women are working hard to improve the experiences of women in Victoria.

"The crisis that we face in gendered violence is as serious as it's ever been," said Elena.

"However, having worked in government for 10 years supporting and driving reform in this area, so, looking back over 25 years, I know a lot has changed. We are talking about family violence in a way that we never did before. There are services that we've never seen before, and there is an increasingly common understanding and sophisticated response from services," said Elena.

"It's just that we always underestimate the scale, and so it's not until we start talking about it that the scale becomes apparent, and that's when we have to step back and widen our gaze and realise that there is so much more than we first envisioned, and that's where we are at currently."

By celebrating these women's achievements and recognising their contributions, the Victorian Government is playing a vital role in increasing the representation of women in the public eye and building towards a more gender equal society.

More than 770 women have been inducted since the Victorian Honour Roll of Women began in 2001. The full list of inductees is available at vic.gov.au/victorian-honour-roll-of-women-inductees.

30km/h speed limits proposed for Phillip Island

REDUCED speed limits as low as 30km/h have been proposed by Bass Coast Shire Council to help improve road safety across Phillip Island.

Bass Coast Shire said lower proposed speed limits on local roads in the small estates of Surf Beach, Sunderland Bay, Smiths Beach, Silverleaves and Sunset Strip have been driven by community concerns about the current speed limit of 50km/h.

Roads in these estates are unmade and narrow with open drains, no footpaths and often with trees close to the edge, forcing pedestrians and cyclists to share the same space as cars, according to Bass Coast Council.

"Lower speed limits lead to fewer and less severe accidents, making the roads safer for everyone, especially more vulnerable road users like children and the elderly."

Traffic surveys conducted by Bass Coast Shire found that most cars are generally travelling at around 25-40km/h on these unsealed streets, where the current speed limit is 50km/h.

"Lower speed limits not only improve the safety of the area for everyone but also improve amenity by reducing dust."

Not all the streets in the named estates are proposed to change to 30km/h with a speed limit of 40km/h suggested for a few busier roads such as Sunderland Bay Road, Smiths Beach Road and Beachcomber Road.

Council has suggested a 20km/h speed limit in carparks at beach locations.

To have your say before feedback closes on Friday, September 26 go to Engage Bass Coast.

You can now receive certain healthcare treatments at a local pharmacy, without having to get a prescription first.

The Victorian Government's Community Pharmacist Pilot is making healthcare more accessible. Here are some other treatments you can access.

Speak to our specialist pharmacist today

INVERLOCH
P: 5674 1652

LEONGATHA
P: 5662 2183

TerryWhite Chemmart
Dedicated to Care

Treatment for shingles

If you have one of the following symptoms, you may have shingles:

- painful blistering rash
- a tingling, burning sensation on the skin.

If you are aged 18 years and older, you may be eligible for treatment.

Treatment for urinary tract infections

If you have any of the following symptoms, you may have a urinary tract infection:

- stinging or burning when passing urine
- feeling the need to pass urine frequently or bladder still feels full after passing urine.

If you are female and aged between 16 - 65 years you may be able to get treatment.

Treatment for a flare up of mild plaque psoriasis

If you are aged 18 years and older, and currently have a flare-up of mild plaque psoriasis, speak to a participating pharmacist to check if you can get a resupply of your cream or ointment.

Resupply of an oral contraceptive pill

If you are aged 16-50 years and currently take an oral contraceptive pill, speak to a participating pharmacist to check if you can get a resupply.

Travel and vaccines

If you are travelling overseas or need a public health vaccine, pharmacists participating in the Pilot can administer a range of travel vaccinations as well as hepatitis A, hepatitis B, poliomyelitis, typhoid vaccines (for people aged 5 years and older).

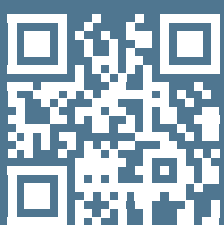
For more information and to find a local pharmacy providing these services visit: go.vic.gov.au/49C6sFc

These treatments are part of the Community Pharmacist Pilot, funded by the Victorian Government.

Victoria has tough new bail laws

These laws are aimed at reducing the risk of reoffending, by making it harder to get bail if you're accused of a violent crime.

There are also new offences if you break your bail conditions or commit a crime while on bail.



Scan to learn more about
Victoria's new bail laws



Authorised by the Victorian Government,
1 Treasury Place, Melbourne

Council wrong to refuse Poowong North farmers' application

A NEW order, just handed down by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), relating to a subdivision application at Poowong North, indicates the South Gippsland Shire Council might need to be a little bit more flexible with its hard and fast rules around not allowing prime agricultural land to be converted to rural-residential living.

In a ruling released earlier this month, in *Attenborough v South Gippsland SC*, VCAT decided to overturn a decision of the South Gippsland Council to refuse an application for the re-subdivision of three allotments of 1.51 hectares, 23.81 hectares, and 44.47 hectares in a farming zone.

The applicant, Maurice Attenborough, wanted the Allchins Road property to be converted into a larger parcel of 68.76 hectares and one of 8300 square metres containing an existing dwelling.

While the council said the proposal was contrary to its planning scheme in that it "resulted in a net loss to agriculture", failed to comply with Clause 14.01-1S for the protection of agricultural land, created a small allotment "purely as a residential outcome", limited the expansion of the agricultural activities and permanently changed the land use of the subject

land; VCAT disagreed.

VCAT Member Michael Deidun said the proposal would in fact "protect high quality agricultural land by consolidating it into a larger parcel, that can continue to be farmed into the future".

He said the change supported surrounding agriculture by placing an existing dwelling onto a separate lot, where it can be owned or occupied by workers engaged in local agricultural production.

"It is actually proposed that the house lot be sold to the daughter of the owner of the larger parcel, who will then assist with agricultural activities from time to time," said Mr Deidun.

He said the proposal was actually encouraged by the shire's planning scheme in that it consolidated the farming land into a lot "of a sufficient size to be of benefit to agricultural production" and that the house-lot excision was not a classic form of the application because a house was being retained on the larger allotment and an existing house on the new, smaller allotment.

Mr Deidun said the proposal in the *Attenborough* application "does the opposite of land fragmentation, instead it seeks to reduce the number of lots in the Farming Zone", in line with council policy.

As submitted by the representatives of the applicant, "this is an outcome that is strongly encouraged by both the Farming Zone, and the policies found in the South Gippsland Planning Scheme".

The VCAT member did, however, agree with the Council that the proposed placement of an existing dwelling on a lot of 8300 square metres has some potential disbenefits, in that it could become a rural lifestyle property, that could then result in conflicts with agricultural production.

"While this may occur, given the zoning of the land, it is the agricultural production that will always have primary support from the Farming Zone and the South Gippsland Planning Scheme. Further, I note that this is not an application for a dwelling, and that instead the dwelling already exists, in close proximity to land used for agricultural production, including land on another lot. The proposed subdivision, therefore, does not create the potential for conflict, that does not already exist."

He set aside council's earlier refusal of the application, and subject to 12 conditions, ordered that planning permit application 2024/2 is granted and directed that it be issued for the subject land.

No change to rate cap but farmers not happy

DESPITE Bass Coast Shire distancing itself from moves by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) to scrap the current three per cent cap on council rates not everyone is happy.

Bass Coast Ratepayers Association treasurer Graham Jolly asked at the last Bass Coast Council meeting if council supported the scrapping of the rate cap.

CEO Greg Box said council had not resolved an advocacy position on rate capping.

Farming advocate Rob Parsons questioned Bass Coast Shire's rate capping policy claiming his rates had gone up by over eight per cent, excluding the new fire levy.

Council explained that the current cap of three per cent is set by the Victorian Government and applies to Council's total rates income, not to individual rates notices.

The cap does not apply to the Waste Services charge or the State's Emergency Services Volunteers Fund (ESVF).

Mr Parsons said he understood the three per cent rate cap applied to council's total rate revenue, rather than to individual properties; however, in practice, this means that individual ratepayers may see an increase well above three per cent.

According to Mr Parsons, overall total property valuations for Bass Coast Shire decreased from \$27.485B in 2024/25 to \$26.413B in 2025/26.

Mr Parsons wanted to know if this reduction was due to reclassification of certain land types, market changes in specific townships, or other valuation adjustments.

"Given the lower total valuation base, it seems that the burden (of rates) has shifted disproportionately to properties whose individual valuations have increased."

"Transparency on valuation shifts across the Shire would go a long way toward helping ratepayers appreciate why these variations occur," said Mr Parsons.

Rate revenue for Bass Coast Shire is expected to grow to \$61.6 million in 2025/26.

The year-on-year increase in rate revenue includes a 0.7 per cent growth in the number of properties within the municipality, combined with an average rate increase of three per cent in line with the rate cap mandated by the State Government.

"The overall rate revenue collected by a council cannot exceed the rate cap, but how much each property owner pays is determined by the value of their property in comparison to other properties," explained Bass Coast Shire.

"Rates are calculated by taking the total rate revenue to be collected and dividing it by the total value of all properties in the municipality."

Bass Coast Shire said farmland properties had typically seen a larger proportional shift in their rates than residential or industrial/commercial properties.

Areas of the Shire other than farmland experienced a drop in CIV values according to Bass Coast Council due to a range of factors, including economic conditions, recent sales data, updated land covenants and planning restrictions.

Council explained that the wealth tax principle for municipal rates implied that rates are linked to the relative value of a ratepayer's property and have no correlation to the individual ratepayer's consumption of services or the perceived benefits derived from council services. Rating differentials are used to offset the impact of this on certain sectors of the community including an 80 per cent differential for farmland.

More information on rate capping can be found at esc.vic.gov.au/local-government/annual-council-rate-caps



After 30 years, the SEC is powering again. Retailing 100% renewable electricity for Victoria's trams, schools, hospitals and iconic places. Investing returns into more renewable energy projects, proving good things do come back around. SEC, powering Victoria with government-owned renewable energy.

secvictoria.com.au



Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne



South Gippsland Shire Council News

Shop Local this Spring

When you shop local, you're not just buying a product, you're investing in South Gippsland. Supporting local businesses rather than shopping online or at metropolitan retail centres keeps money circulating within our community. Every dollar spent South Gippsland supports the jobs, businesses, clubs, and services that keep our community strong.

From freshly-baked bread to handmade gifts and hometown services, South Gippsland has a wide range of retailers and eateries that cater to every taste and occasion. It's one of the reasons this area is such a great place to live.

Shopping and eating locally keeps these businesses in our region, enhancing the liveability of our towns, drawing visitors in and supplying local jobs. The more we support our locals, the stronger our region's economy becomes. This makes for resilient, independent communities with strong services and a great lifestyle.

For more information on where to shop, eat and visit locally, head to:

visitsouthgippsland.com.au

DID YOU KNOW?

- For every \$100 spent locally, around \$68 stays right here in South Gippsland.
- Spending just 10% more locally could boost our local economy by millions of dollars.
- In Spring 2024 \$81.67 million was spent locally, up from \$79 million in 2023.

Local businesses will also be supported to share and promote the message with their customers. Branded stickers, coasters, building vinyls featuring the 'Shop Local, Eat Local' message and a digital toolkit, will be distributed instore and can be collected from customer service.

Businesses who want to find out more can visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/shoplocal

Finders Keepers now on at Coal Creek



Melanie Carlisle, Cultural and Curatorial Officer, is pictured here with two of Rachel Warren's paintings on display at Coal Creek, stating:

"Finders Keepers is a fun and engaging exhibition. The artworks are about the act of collecting, from hunting for treasures in the corners of the farm shed to picking up interesting finds during walks on Bali beaches."

These colourful and adventurous artworks are on view at Coal Creek until 17 November.

To read more visit:
coalcreekcommunityparkandmuseum.com

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 September at 2.00pm.

Details will be available on Council's website:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a new job? We might have the perfect position for you! Check out our current vacant positions here:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/vacantpositions

HAVE YOUR SAY

Council has received a request to rename the oval at Korumburra Recreation Reserve to 'Summerfield Oval' in honour of Allen Victor Summerfield to acknowledge his decades of extraordinary community service.

For more information and to provide your feedback, visit:

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

UPDATED CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS

Leongatha customer service counter is open from Monday to Thursday, 9.00am to 4.00pm.

COMMUNITY IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

On **Thursday 18 September** Council is hosting two immunisation sessions:

Where: Leongatha Early Learning Centre
When: 11.15am to 12.30pm

Where: Maternal and Child Health Services, Nyora Primary School
When: 9.00am to 10.00am

For more information on other sessions or to book, visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/immunisation

CONTACT US

9 Smith Street, Leongatha
03 5662 9200

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Pleas for new sporting facility for Mirboo North

BUILT in the late 1970s, the Mirboo North Gymnasium is the only indoor space the town has for various sports, but with decaying infrastructure, dilapidated equipment and dreadful accessibility, locals are pleading for a new one.

For nearly a decade, the Mirboo North Primary and Secondary Schools, alongside a community working group and Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien, have been advocating to secure funding for this important community facility.

The original gym, built from 50 per cent community donations and 50 per cent funding from the Department of Education, is no longer fit for purpose.

It has no access for those with disabilities and competition basketball cannot be played there as there is no court runoff.

Asbestos has needed to be removed, and areas and equipment can no longer be used, including ropes and climbing frames, because they have deteriorated and will also be costly to remove.

The toilet stall doors are short with inadequate privacy, so they go unused, and sporting clubs can't use the showers as they are open and have no hot water.

"It's definitely a sight to behold," said Mirboo North Secondary College principal, Vaya Dauphin.

"We're hoping for a completely new facility. That would probably be our wish list. If we were really lucky, it would actually include two courts."

Ms Dauphin believes the town and students continue to be overlooked for funding in favour of other towns.



Students and teachers from Mirboo North Primary and Secondary Schools with MP Tom McIntosh, who has committed to getting funding for a new and improved sporting facility.

"Leongatha just got another four million (dollars) for another court, and I think they've got four or five courts in Leongatha, and we've been asking for an upgrade for a long time."

Earlier this year, Leongatha Secondary College secured \$11.7 million from the State Government to upgrade its sports, performing arts and food technology facilities.

"My other frustration has been that there seems to have been a lack of appetite from the Shire to support us with this," added Vaya.

"We had the Minister for Sport out a couple of years ago, we could have applied for good funding there, but it had to go through the Shire, and, of course, the Shire wouldn't

put the application in."

Ms Dauphin is hoping the recent visit from Labor MP Tom McIntosh, who met with the Year 12 students and learnt about the challenges they face, will see inroads made.

"We can't do it on our own. We can't move it without everyone sort of coming together. I think if a politician is going to promote this idea, then certainly that might bring all the parties to the table," said Ms Dauphin.

Fortunately, Mr McIntosh is sympathetic to the plight of the students, the community and their outdated facility and detailed the issue in his member's statement to parliament on Thursday, August 28.

"The gymnasium has been

used, loved and cherished by the school and the town for decades. It is used for basketball, for netball, for badminton, for community fitness, for a variety of things – people get in there and use it. The gymnasium is in need of some love," said Mr McIntosh.

"In talking more broadly with the community, I have heard and can see clearly the absolute passion and the buy-in around the town to get the gymnasium upgraded."

"Things can take time, but I just want everyone in Mirboo North to know that I am really committed to walking alongside them on working towards getting the gym funded for generations to come," added Mr McIntosh.

Local food system shakeup receives government boost

ENSURING access to affordable, fresh and locally grown fruit and vegetables for those in Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires is the motivation driving the members of a newly formed alliance that has been awarded State Government funding.

The Bass Coast – South Gippsland Food Systems Alliance includes the councils of both shires, Bass Coast Health Service, Gippsland Southern Health Service, the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit and Community College Gippsland, along with various community organisations.

Four grassroots organisations will be responsible for providing the food required to make the project a success.

They are Korumburra's Grow Lightly, Leongatha Community Garden and The Commons community farm, which it runs, as well as Buckley Park Community Farm in Fish Creek.

President of Leongatha Community Garden, Neil Barrett outlined the four key initiatives to be implemented, with these being:

1) The Mobile Grocer – "With fresh fruit and vegetables supplied by local producers, we'll offer a service that regularly delivers to locations around South Gippsland and Bass Coast where people can go and



Fresh produce such as this from Leongatha Community Garden will help achieve a new initiative to provide healthy and affordable food in South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires.

access these quality products," Neil said.

2) Preserve and Thrive – "It's about capitalising on seasonal produce that's produced in volume," Neil said, noting the emphasis is on preserving food for later consumption when there are excess quantities for immediate demand.

3) To Market to Market – The focus is on providing fresh food to people in a way that is affordable to them. "That could be through some consumer-supported agricultural scheme, which we're investigating and propose to implement," Neil explained.

4) Healthy Soil, Healthy

People – "That's about education at all levels from childhood through to adult, and encouraging people to produce their own food, not just rely on the food system," Neil said.

The \$750,000 of funding, over three and a half years, came through a Vic Health Local Partnerships for Food First grant, with the Bass Coast – South Gippsland Food Systems Alliance one of nine successful applicants.

"There are a number of what we would describe as food deserts in South Gippsland and Bass Coast, where people, unless they have good mobility, don't have good access to fresh

local food," Neil said, with that explaining the need for the alliance and government support.

A South Gippsland Shire Council spokesperson explained the importance of the alliance and how it ties in with council's objectives.

"The alliance will help to build on local food initiatives in South Gippsland and Bass Coast and is consistent with the principles outlined in council's Municipal Health and Wellbeing plan," the spokesperson said.

Members of the alliance held a face-to-face workshop in late August, following a number of Zoom meetings.

About 30 people attended the workshop at the Korumburra Community Hub, with representatives of all the stakeholder organisations involved.

The workshop was about setting up the required governance for the alliance and determining how to proceed in achieving the intended initiatives.

A group of representatives of the alliance also attended Vic Health sessions in Melbourne, along with other successful grant applicants, with that helpful in generating ideas and understanding what others are doing in terms of food system changes.

Sentinel-Times will provide updates as the local food systems project advances.

Mayor's Message



Cr John Schelling



Advocating for South Gippsland

LAST week, I had a jam-packed visit to Canberra as part of the Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) inaugural Victorian Mayoral Delegation. This was a valuable opportunity to advocate for energy solutions that work for all Victorians.

As part of MAV's Make Good Happen campaign, we advocated to the Australian Government for Fairer Energy and for putting local communities at the centre of planning for new renewable energy projects. Communities impacted by these developments deserve genuine consultation, as well as tangible and lasting benefits.

During the visit, I met with several key federal representatives, including, **Dr Helen Haines MP**, Independent Federal Member for Indi, **Minister O'Neil**, Minister for Housing, Homelessness, and Cities, and **Josh Burns MP**, Special Envoy for Social Housing and Homelessness. I also met with many other federal leaders and advisers – strengthening relationships and ensuring our community's voice is heard at all levels of government.

Shop Local Campaign Launch

We're excited to launch the South Gippsland Shop Local Campaign. When you shop or eat locally, you're not just buying a product, you're investing in our region. To learn more and get involved, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/shoplocal

Celebrating South Gippsland Businesses

Speaking of local businesses, I'd like to say congratulations to all the nominees and winners at the Gippsland Business Awards. I would like to make a special mention to:

- Gippsland Wine Company, Loch – Winner of the *Food and Agribusiness Award*
- Sweet Life Cafe and Cakes, Leongatha – Winner of the *Hospitality and Food Service Award*
- AW Smith & Sons, Leongatha – Inducted into the *Gippsland Business Awards Hall of Fame*

We are incredibly proud of all our local businesses who contribute so much to South Gippsland.

Dairy and Farming Expo

Another successful Dairy and Farming Expo was held last week, and Council was once again a proud sponsor. Thank you to Crs Rae, Hersey, Williams and Snell who attended the event and well done to the organising committee and everyone involved in another successful Expo. I am sorry to have missed it.

The *Gippsland Dairy Strategy* was also launched at the Expo, outlining key actions to strengthen and support our region's dairy sector. Well done for everyone involved in its development.

Korumburra Scouts

Last week I met with the Korumburra Scouts. A special shoutout to the Korumburra Scouts leader Wombat Lyons – thank you for your dedication. It's always a privilege to spend time with our volunteers and community groups who make South Gippsland such a great place be a part of.

September is Rural Road Safety Month

This month the Australian Road Safety Foundation is asking all road users to step up and make safer driving choices on our rural roads. Council is proud to support this initiative and this month, I want to remind everyone to drive safely and work together toward zero fatalities. Any number above zero is too high.

12 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 | SOUTH GIPPSLAND SENTINEL-TIMES

What Nyora needs... is you!

THERE have been plenty of attempts, some successful, many not, to get the capital works and services Nyora needs to meet established demand now, and also for an expected influx of 700 new homes in the town over the next decade or so.

When you consider that means more than doubling the size of the town, from the 595 dwellings recorded in the 2021 Census, to almost 1300, the authorities will need to get their skates on.

However, as much as planning for the growth of Nyora has mostly been a top-down strategy to date, there's a new community-driven initiative to establish a Nyora Progress Association, or something similar, that has already attracted the interest of the South Gippsland Shire Council and a broad cross-section of the town's organisations and community-minded individuals.

The establishment of the group will be formalised at a meeting in the Nyora Community Hall on Tuesday, October 7 at 7pm, and everyone is invited to come along.

"There's been talk about getting something like this going for a while," said Nyora resident Chrissy Evans this week.

"But it was probably the move to take the public toilets away from that park that was the catalyst.

"Families who bring their kids to the park to play don't want to pack up and go somewhere else to go to the toilet," she said.



A steering committee for the formation of a new Nyora community group, to lead discussions about planning future growth in the town, met last week and has called a town meeting for Tuesday, October 7.

Interested members of the community, including Ms Evans, Kerryn Heylen, Sam Shalabi, Peter Lay, Don Garnham, Gilbert Kelly, Daryl Smith and the three ward councillors; Nathan Hersey, Bronwyn Beach and John Kennedy met last week to discuss Nyora's needs and interest in forming a community progress group. And to set a date for the next meeting.

"The council is looking at developing a new community plan for Nyora and they're delighted to see that there's a group of people in the area who want to get on with it."

Ms Evans said updating the town plan was the priority, but what should be included in the plan is up to the community, she said.

"There needs to be a new kinder and childcare centre located somewhere near the school as a matter of urgency.

People are already drifting away for those services elsewhere, and sending their children to school in Loch and Poowong, and they're staying there.

"We want to see Grundy Avenue widened, to the school and the recreation reserve, with work on the drains and a turning lane at the school.

"The hub is a real asset with the café, chemist, doctors and post office, but we're going to need to attract more businesses, including a supermarket."

Cr Hersey said it was the right time to be establishing a community group to lead discussions around planning for the future of Nyora and he encouraged all business owners, representatives of local community groups and interested individuals to attend the October 7 meeting.

"It's a big step forward for the town, as the most recent Nyora community plan is 15 years

old and there's a clear need for strong local community leadership, particularly as Nyora grows and changes with new development and population growth," said Cr Hersey.

"The initial working group decided on setting a date for a town meeting on Tuesday, October 7 at 7pm at the Nyora Hall, where a call will be made for nominations to form a committee, develop a mission statement and choose a name for the association, which will then go on to be incorporated," he said.

"The meeting will be open to all local residents and community groups to attend."

There have been similar groups formed locally, but this new organisation will have a focus on making the improvements the town needs now and also in the future as Nyora grows.

All it needs now is you.

2026 start for Marinus Link power link from Tasmania to Sandy Point

CONSTRUCTION will start next year on the massive \$3.8bn power and data interconnector between Tasmania, Sandy Point, and the Latrobe Valley.

Financing for Marinus Link Stage 1 has now been completed, allowing cable and converter technology suppliers Prysmian Powerlink and Hitachi Energy to finalise engineering designs and commence pre-construction activities.

Marinus Link Stage 1 is fully funded, according to CEO Stephanie McGregor with Commonwealth and State environmental approvals and major contracts in place.

The Clean Energy Finance Corporation will provide 80 per cent of the funding through a concessional loan under the Federal Government's Rewiring the Nation program.

"The CEFC's long-term concessional finance, along with low-returning equity from the government shareholders is expected to deliver \$900 million in benefits to Victorian and Tasmanian electricity consumers during the first five years of the project's operation," said Ms McGregor. "The ability to access a concessional loan through the CEFC enables us to deliver this critical infrastructure at the lowest possible cost to consumers."

Marinus Link is a proposed undersea and underground electricity and data interconnector between North West Tasmania and the Latrobe Valley in Victoria that will enable the flow of electricity in both directions. Marinus Link's total 1500 megawatt capacity is capable of powering 1.5 million Australian homes and its fibre optic cables will increase telecommunications capacity to Tasmania by 150 times.

Stage 1 will provide enough electricity to power roughly 750,000 homes and create around 2400 jobs, driving \$2.4 billion in investment across Victoria and Tasmania.

It is estimated Marinus Link Stage 1 will allow future wholesale electricity prices to fall by an estimated \$15 per MWh for typical households in Victoria, saving between \$25 and \$36 each year on the average power bill.

Stage 1 construction will commence in 2026 and is slated for completion in 2030.



Part of the team

San Remo District Financial Services Limited operates the locally owned Community Banks of San Remo, Cowes and Grantville & District.

Expressions of interest are now being accepted for the voluntary position of **Director**. This is an exciting opportunity for a likeminded person with a connection to the region to join the voluntary Board of San Remo District Financial Services Limited.

As a director you will be motivated, well organised, and community orientated. You will provide leadership and management at a Board level to support and drive the company's strategic direction, goals and objectives to have a real say in the future direction of the branch and community.

For more information or to apply, call Vanessa on (03) 5678 5833 or email admin@srdfs.com.au by September 16th.

San Remo District Financial Services Limited

San Remo District Financial Services Limited ABN 20 102 770 150 A1511558 OUT_46924517



South Gippsland Orchid Society Inc.

35th ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW

Friday, September 12 • 9.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday, September 13 • 9.30am - 4pm

Wonthaggi Workmen's Club
75 Graham Street, Wonthaggi

Admission \$5 (cash sales only)
Plant Sales • Orchid Supplies • Repotting Demonstrations

Enquiries Julie Kilgour 0409 964 476
or Julie Dunn 0419 139 233



APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR THE

Peter Reith Scholarship

Turn your potential into opportunity — apply for a Peter Reith Scholarship at Newhaven College



Scan for more information

On-campus training to continue in 2026

LOCAL training is set to continue from the Chisholm campus in Wonthaggi with three of the five courses offered this year to be offered again in 2026.

“Chisholm will continue to support local workforce development and create career opportunities in areas where skills are in high demand,” said CEO Stephen Varty.

“We are proud to offer training that not only addresses critical workforce gaps but also highlights Chisholm’s ongoing commitment to the Wonthaggi region.”

The three courses to be offered from the Wonthaggi campus in 2026 will be a Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping, Certificate IV in School-Based Education Support, and Certificate III in Individual Support.

Chisholm currently has a total of 34 enrolments across the three courses on offer with the most popular course being the Certificate IV in School-Based Education Support.

The Certificate IV in School-Based Education Support starting from July next year provides students with the fundamental skills for working in a support education role.

Education support workers are also known as learning support officers or education assistants and work with teachers, administrative staff and other people in education to create a positive learning environment for primary and secondary school students.

The Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping, also starting from July next year, provides students with the core skills needed for accounting and bookkeeping.

The course is aligned with professional practice, utilising experienced teachers who can provide an industry perspective on course topics and simulated work scenarios.

Chisholm’s unique pathway for a Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping can help pave the way from a certificate to a degree in accounting accredited by CPA Australia and Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand (CAANZ).

The six-month full-time Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing and Disability) provides students with the skills needed for entry-level roles in residential aged care facilities, community care and nursing homes.

Wonthaggi students can opt for a mixture of on-campus and on-line training.

For more information, call 1300 244 746 or visit chisholm.edu.au/apply.

A mixed bag of job seekers at Bass Coast Jobs & Careers Expo

IT WAS a quieter day on the jobs front at Berninnet for employers and those at the expo compared to the expo at Wonthaggi in early August.

Bass Coast Shire, Aligned Leisure, Bass Coast Health, San Remo Fisherman’s Co-Op, and Phillip Island Nature Parks were just some of the employers at the expo promoting their job vacancies. Joining them were support services, recruitment agencies, and job-seeking sites, which included Re: Think Dyslexia, Mission Australia, Into Jobs, and Gippslander.com.au, among others.

Amongst the job seekers were those who have moved to the area and are looking to shift away from driving long distances back to Melbourne, instead exploring local job opportunities. Parents of young job seekers made up a portion through the doors on Friday, as they chatted with potential future employers of summer juniors.

Aligned Leisure highlighted that the Bass Coast Jobs and Careers Expo was a great initiative and gave them the opportunity to promote vacancies in the areas of gymnastics and the pool, including lifeguards and swim coaches.

Spark Event Group were positioned around the corner from



Phillip Island Fire Brigade were on hand supporting the Jobs expo with free snags. From left, Anita, John, Vicki, Max and Heather. C25_3625

Event Ops, both with vacancies ahead of the upcoming GP and major sporting events.

“We had quite a few people from last year’s jobs expo come on board, and they’re back for this year’s events,” Kathryn said.

Maira and Rachel at Spark added that there is no obligation for individuals to return for future events, if they only wanted to try their hand at this year’s MotoGP.

“We’ve had quite a few people interested,” Maira said.

“There is no ongoing commitment – either do once-off events or come back in the future.”

For those looking to return to the

workforce after raising children, Mecwacare’s Domestic Assistant role could be a suitable, flexible option.

“We can build the roster around your availability – it’s good for those who still need to be available to pick up children. It’s also a popular choice, particularly for females, in the 50-65 age range who are looking to continue working, but want to step back slightly from a full-time role.”

For those exploring their side hobby options, Into Job’s Self Employment Assistance stream offers free business advice, including helping people with business

plans, providing general advice, business coaches and for those who are more established, business health checks. There are also training options available, including Certificate III in Entrepreneurship.

So whilst the job front has quietened down in recent months locally, there are definitely opportunities out there, with more expected to open in the coming weeks ahead of the summer season.

Outside Berninnet in the sunshine, Phillip Island Fire Brigade were on hand with free snags, which were a popular hit.

Celebrating 30 years of adult learning at BCAL in Wonthaggi

EDUCATION doesn’t start and finish at the school gate on the Bass Coast.

Founded in 1988, the Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) in Wonthaggi is celebrating 30 years of adult learning on the site of the former Dudley Primary School.

Partners at the site include Wonthaggi Woodcrafters, U3A and Southcoast FM.

According to BCAL manager David Leslie, Adult Learners Week is an opportunity to encourage everyone to explore new areas of interest and education, from first aid and food safety to photography, responsible service of alcohol and digital literacy.

“Adult Learners Week is part of a worldwide movement to celebrate lifelong learning.”

BCAL programs offered at Wonthaggi include Certificate II Hairdressing, Certificate III Information Technology, Certificate III Horticulture and pre-accredited training in English as an additional language (EAL),



Olivia and Stef, Certificate II Hairdressing students at Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) in Wonthaggi. B06_3625

literacy and numeracy, computer basics, practical music as a microbusiness, work readiness and volunteer training.

“Education beyond the school gate can dramatically change lives,” said Mr Leslie.

“Learning how to do different

things at different times of your life is an opportunity to learn new things or re-learn things you may have left behind.”

The theme for Adult Learners Week this year is ‘Celebrate Learning Together’ to emphasise the role of learning in

improving adult mental health and creating social connections by bringing people together.

“You can make lifelong friends by pursuing an activity together or strengthen a friendship or family bond by motivating somebody to go with you,” Mr Leslie said.

“We’re really pleased to be partnering with TAFE Gippsland, Chisholm TAFE and the Country Universities Centre to build pathways for people.

“It’s not just what you do here, it’s what you do next.

“We’re the first step on the ladder of learning.”

Shae McGregor from TAFE Gippsland spoke about empowering disadvantaged learners.

Passionate about inclusive education, McGregor discussed the barriers faced by learners related to culture, gender, age and socio-economic background.

BCAL is hoping to partner with TAFE Gippsland in 2026 to offer a Certificate III in Hairdressing.

 HYUNDAI

GAME ON

EVENT



KONA

from
\$35,990 drive away.*



TUCSON

from
\$39,990 drive away.*

*T&Cs and exclusions at hyundai.com.au



1 Routhead St, Leongatha

Ph 5662 2327 LMCT 1500

AH Daniel Macafee
0431 184 594

AH Darryl McGannon
0409 151 463

www.edneysleongatha.com.au
sales@edney.com.au

JAZ3535

State Coal Mine upgrade works about to get underway

VITAL work to bring the Main Heading shaft at the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine up to modern safety standards is about to get underway.

Parks Victoria chief executive Lee Miezis said Parks Victoria is making sure the historic, much-loved State Coal Mine can remain open for years to come.

Parks Victoria will appoint a contractor soon and is currently applying for a permit from Heritage Victoria for the works to begin this year.

“While these works are being done we’re continuing to look at how the drift car can be re-stored,” said Mr Miezis.

“We know how important the mine is for the volunteers and the local community, and we will ensure all works are carried out with sensitivity, transparency, and respect.”

The State Government committed \$1.5 million for maintenance and upgrade works at the State Coal Mine in July 2023 and a tender for the works was released in May.

Following extensive specialist investigations and planning, the focus will be on crucial ground stabilisation and maintenance works, which must be done in the Main Heading shaft.

“We will continue to keep volunteers and the local community informed as works progress,” Mr Miezis said.

“Working underground is technical and complex due to its high-risk nature and is



Tour guide and former State Coal Mine President Steve Harrop with Anthony Jones from Parks Victoria. B11_3625

required to meet the same safety standards as a modern working mine.”

The mine’s tracks, timber sleepers and ballast for the drift car will be replaced with new concrete sleepers, improved drainage, and a maintenance inspection pit.

Underground tours of the State Coal Mine continue to be as popular as ever, according to volunteer tour guide and former

State Coal Mine president Steve Harrop.

With school holidays about to start on September 20, the State Coal Mine will be running four tours of the mine each day and possibly more.

“Bookings are essential,” said Mr Harrop.

Up to five or six tours can be run during school holidays, depending on the availability of staff and volunteers.

“It’s a very unique experience,” said Steve.

Black coal seams can still be seen lining the walls of the tunnel.

“Kids love it, particularly girls. “You can pick up a pick or shovel just like the old miners.”

The Wonthaggi State Coal Mine Cafe is open daily from 9am to 4pm with the State Coal Mine itself open from 10am to 4pm daily.

Event tackles housing challenges

NBN proudly sponsored the Regions Rising Victoria event at Federation University’s Gippsland Campus in Churchill on August 22.

Hosted by the Regional Australia Institute (RAI), the event convened policymakers, industry leaders, and community voices to tackle the urgent housing challenges facing regional Australia.

Alex Aeschlimann, NBN Local’s Regional Development and Engagement Manager for Gippsland, played a key role by facilitating a panel discussion focused on innovative housing solutions and the infrastructure needed to support regional growth.

The panel helped highlight the critical role of connectivity in enabling sustainable development and liveability.

The event featured keynote addresses from RAI CEO Liz Ritchie, who launched the Answering the Call for Regional Housing report, and Victorian Minister for Housing Harriet Shing, who shared insights on the state’s Big Housing Build and \$2.25 billion investment in rural and regional housing.

Both leaders emphasised the need for bold reform and place-based strategies to ensure every Australian has access to safe, secure housing.

NBN’s sponsorship reflects their commitment to empowering regional communities through digital infrastructure, helping unlock opportunities for housing, employment, and economic growth.



Community Bank
San Remo District, Cowes and Grantville & District

Navi knows home loans

Need help with your home loan? Call Navi, our talented new Home Lending Specialist/Customer Relationship Manager on 0422 212 621. Navi works across all 3 branches: San Remo, Cowes and Grantville, for your convenience.

Call Navi today or pop into any of our friendly branches for more information: we're open 5 days a week.



Bendigo Bank

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178, AFSL/Australian Credit Licence 237879. A1415949 OUT_46345200 01/08/2025



Discover Chairo Leongatha

Individual family tours by appointment
Saturday 13 September from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

- Now Kindergarten to Year 12 on the one campus
- Education from a Christian worldview perspective
- Small classes, experienced teachers, excellent facilities
- Visit chairo.vic.edu.au/enrolments to book a tour today



Chairo Christian School

Learning That Lasts a Lifetime
www.chairo.vic.edu.au

US Vietnam Veterans Conference

MUSEUM founders John and Krishna Methven and museum board member Bob Elworthy travelled to the US in August to attend the Vietnam Veterans of America Conference in New Orleans.

Approximately 500 Vietnam Veteran delegates from across America, including Hawaii, attended the conference, providing an ideal opportunity to introduce the National Vietnam Veterans Museum to the conference attendees.

There is currently no equivalent to the Phillip Island Museum in the US, and John, Krishna, and Bob manned an information booth where conference visitors were provided with up-to-date

information on the current museum and plans for the construction of a new museum. The existence of the museum created significant interest, with delegates taking away museum brochures.

The Vietnam Veterans of America President acknowledged the presence of the Australians and promoted the museum during his conference address and again at a formal dinner.

A number of US Vietnam Veterans approached John, Krishna, and Bob to reminisce about their contact with Australian Soldiers in Vietnam and their visit to Sydney for rest and recuperation during their tour of duty in Vietnam.



Museum founders John and Krishna Methven and museum board member Bob Elworthy recently travelled to the United States to attend the Vietnam Veterans of America Conference in New Orleans.



2025 LEXUS MELBOURNE CUP TOUR

Come tour with us



APPEARING AT MEENIYAN TOWN HALL, SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

@melbournecup #PeoplesCup #MelbourneCup melbournecuptour.com.au

- Face painting • Colouring competition • Q&A with Melbourne Cup winning jockey
- Complementary tea and coffee • Photo opportunities and more!



Aldred calls for NDIS regional travel cuts to stop

MONASH MP Mary Aldred has called on the Federal Government to pause its cuts to National Disability Insurance Scheme providers in regional areas, saying it is disadvantaging people living with a disability.

Having met a number of National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) providers, allied health professionals and plan managers from South Gippsland, Bass Coast, West Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley, Ms Aldred wrote to the Prime Minister and NDIS Minister in July, asking them to pause the cuts.

Ms Aldred has now used the opportunity to raise feedback from the Monash electorate in Federal Parliament on the NDIS.

“These changes have reduced physiotherapy funding by \$10 per hour and halved travel funding for allied health professionals. For regional communities like Monash, these cuts threaten the sustainability of specialist support services for people who need them most,” Ms Aldred said.

“I want to thank people living with a disability in Monash who have met with me to discuss how these changes will impact them, along with local providers, allied health professionals and plan managers.

“On July 8, I wrote to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Disability and the NDIS, outlining how these changes will hurt regional Australians living with a disability and those who support them.

“There has been ‘crickets’ from the government on this, despite the coalition very reasonably asking for a modest three-month pause on the implementation of these changes, which were due to come into effect from the start of the financial year, to be able to properly account for their impact.”

Ms Aldred said in her speech that these are not ‘hypothetical case studies and numbers on a spreadsheet’ – the consequences of these changes are real to people.

“Among the stories that have most impacted my view on this issue are those of the teenage girl from the Latrobe Valley receiving weekly physiotherapy, without which she would return to being confined in a wheelchair, and the non-verbal child who cannot communicate that he is in pain. His speech therapy is the key that makes the difference each week,” Ms Aldred said.

“The reduction in travel funding poses a significant risk to the provision of necessary and ongoing care for people living with a disability in regional communities. It limits the ability of therapists to reach participants, thereby reducing access to vital services.”

Ms Aldred said that she supported ‘meaningful and practical efforts to ensure the NDIS is run efficiently’, but disproportionately impacting regional communities is not the way to achieve this.

“Many of these providers are small businesses – they are not huge corporations and simply cannot absorb the cuts. They will close their doors or not travel to towns where their services are needed the most,” she said.

“In regional Australia, we lack the market density of city and metropolitan areas. This extends to services like the NDIS. I will continue to advocate for my community on this issue in the strongest terms possible because they deserve better.”

Thorntons Bakery changes hands

AFTER waking up at 1am for over 40 years to knead dough and create delicious baked goods, Darren McInnes, of Thorntons Bakery in Leongatha, said he doesn't need an alarm clock.

With his body clock set to regular early mornings, Darren aka Ginno, is hoping they will soon be a thing of the past, as he's recently sold the bakery and is looking to take a long holiday and semi-retire.

Darren began his career doing an apprenticeship at Home Pride Bakeries in Leongatha in the early 1980s, which was eventually bought out by Buttercup, who closed a few years later.

Following the closure, Darren went and worked for his uncle, Trevor Thornton, who owned Thorntons Bakery, as it stands today.

"I worked for him for a fair while, 20 years or so. He unfortunately passed away from bowel cancer, so I took over the business," explained Darren.

That was over 14 years ago and the dynamic nature of the work has kept Darren thriving.

"It's generally a bit of a go, go job. You're always on the move. You're always doing something. Never really sit down much."

But it's the relationships with people, customers and staff that have been the most rewarding element

for Darren.

"It's that aspect of meeting different people through the customers that are coming to the shop and some become your friends."

"Your staff. When you're in a small business, your staff becomes like family."

It's one of these staff members who has bought the business from Darren.

Anthony Hunt has been working as a baker for Thorntons Bakery for the last eight years and has also completed a pastry apprenticeship in that time.

Leaving the bakery to someone he knows and trusts has made the decision easier for Darren, whose last day will be on Tuesday, September 30.

"Thanks to the community that supported me," he emphasised.

While he hasn't yet got a holiday planned, Darren is weighing up his options.

"I've got a niece who lives in the States, I've been there once before. I hope to get back again to see her. I've just been to Fiji, back in June. We had a family wedding that was quite nice over there, but we'll probably have to get back to the United States again."

"But first, I'll try and have a sleep-in for once," added Darren.

RIGHT: Darren McInnes 'Ginno' has sold Thorntons Bakery to in house baker and pastry chef Anthony Hunt.



See the work of local kids and others at the Steampunk art exhibition at the Rescue Arts Station in Wonthaggi.

Steampunk kids art exhibition

STEAMPUNK, a literary and artistic movement that combines elements of Victorian-era history and fashion with modern technology, has been revived at Rescue Station Arts in Wonthaggi.

This truly wonderful exhibition captures the imagination of local kids placing themselves in the science fiction world of Jules Verne and H.G. Wells.

Imagine yourself flying in an airship or sailing in a submarine while enjoying a good cup of tea and soaking up the rich history of Rescue Station Arts at the State Coal Mine.

The term steampunk was first used in the 80s to describe a new style of fiction being written as an alternative to cyberpunk; however, in more recent years, steampunk has emerged as an artistic and lifestyle movement as well as a literary one.

Steampunk artists look to the Victorian, Edwardian and Industrial eras for inspiration. Sponsored by the Bendigo Bank the Kids Art Club Steampunk Art Exhibition will be officially opened on Tuesday, September 16 at 4.15pm.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 10am to 2pm from September 18 to September 21 at Rescue Station Arts located at 80 West Area Road, Wonthaggi.

For more information go to rescuestationarts.org.au or look for [rescuestationarts](https://www.facebook.com/rescuestationarts) on Facebook.



NAVIGATING THE PATH TO AGED CARE

How will the Aged Care Reforms, effective 1st November, impact you?



LUKE JONES
PRINCIPAL ADVISER & OWNER
SOUTH GIPPSLAND FINANCIAL PLANNING



JULIE DAMON
ADMISSIONS MANAGER
CARINYA LODGE HOMES



JULIAN AMBROSE
PRINCIPLE / DIRECTOR
MCDOWELL AMBROSE LAWYERS

✓ **Free** session on the steps to enter aged care. ✓ **Expert** insights.
✓ **Know** your rights under the upcoming Aged Care Reforms
✓ Understand the **Financial** and **Legal** framework of aged care.

SEPT 2025
18TH

At 6.30 PM
Carinya Lodge Homes
35 Carinya Crescent
Korumburra

RSVP by calling 03 5655 2125 or email info@carinyalodge.com.au
Light refreshments provided



STEAMPUNK ART EXHIBITION



Kids ART Club

Official opening
Tuesday, Sept. 16
4.15pm

Open to visitors
September 18-21
10am-2pm



Wonthaggi RSL's Kevin Walsh, Michael Shields and Andy Foster reflected on 80 years since the end of the Pacific War.

RSL reflects on 80 years since peace treaty

A SMALL ceremony was held by the Wonthaggi RSL on September 2 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of signing the peace treaty that marked the end of the Second World War in the Pacific.

"The Pacific War – also known as the Battle for Australia – was fought by my father's generation and was the only time since European colonisation that war has come to Australia's shores," RSL president Kevin Walsh said.

"The Wonthaggi Sub-Branch conducted the ceremony to pay tribute to those who served and those who sacrificed to keep Australia the country it has now become.

"As the war got closer, the population rose to the occasion, accepting significant restrictions on their freedoms, including conscription, rationing and the temporary cancellation of what was then called the VFL fixture. "Their commitment and sacrifice for the good of their country and community represents a very high standard to live up to."

Men's Sheds strengthen wellbeing and mateship

EVERY week, Men's Sheds help build healthier, stronger communities, one project and one conversation at a time, and during Men's Shed Week from September 8 to September 13, 2025, the theme is "Building Healthy Communities".

Men's Sheds deliver programs and activities that bring together people of all backgrounds to work, share, learn, and support each other – helping to build a more inclusive Australia while improving health and wellbeing.

Giving back is at the core of the Shed movement – with 61.03 per cent of shedders saying one of the main reasons they attend is to contribute to their local community.

Throughout the week, Sheds across the country will open their doors, share their stories, and showcase how connection, purpose and mateship are as valuable as any project completed.

"Men's Shed Week is an opportunity to honour the community that the Men's Shed movement creates and invite more Australians to get involved – whether that be by joining, supporting, or simply learning more," said AMSA Executive Officer David Helmers.

There are several sheds across Bass Coast and South Gippsland. Find your local shed at mensshed.org.



Latrobe Health Services CEO Ian Whitehead (right) is pictured with Gippsland Business Awards Chair Graeme Sennett (left) presenting Louise Matthews, Joan Smith and Matthew Smith with the Hall of Fame Award.

Accolades for four local businesses

FOUR local businesses secured category wins at the 27th annual Latrobe Health Services Gippsland Business Awards.

Leongatha businesses Sweet Life Café and Cakes, and AW Smith & Sons, Dalyston's Empowered Lactation Consulting, and Port Albert's Boat Harbour Jetty B&B were among an esteemed list recognised for their industry success.

AW Smith & Sons has received impressive recognition in the Hall of Fame for its outstanding longevity, innovative practices and unwavering commitment to customer service over decades of operation.

Sweet Life Café and Cakes won the Hospitality and Food Service Award.

The café is a values-driven business that has grown through adaptability, quality service and a strong connection to its local community.

With a clear vision and passion for what it does, the business continues to evolve and diversify to meet changing customer

needs, making it a valued provider in Leongatha's hospitality sector.

Its ability to evolve with industry changes while maintaining strong community ties and delivering consistent quality sets them apart as a leader in regional business excellence.

Empowered Lactation Consulting was recognised in the Micro-business category.

It is a values-driven business that has successfully expanded access to high-quality lactation support through innovative telehealth services.

With a strong focus on inclusivity, strategic planning and community engagement, it continues to grow and evolve, making a meaningful impact for women and families across Gippsland.

Boat Harbour Jetty B&B received an award in the Accommodation and Tourism category.

It is a well-established, award-winning business that has carved out a distinct niche by blending luxury accommodation with immersive local and



Alex Aeschlimann from nbn Local is pictured presenting Sarah Long from Empowered Lactation Consulting with her award.

cultural experiences.

Despite its small scale, exceptional customer focus, strategic marketing and passion-driven approach have earned it strong industry recognition and a loyal following.

Tequa Plumbing & Civil won the region's top business award – taking out Business of the Year.

The awards were presented at a gala dinner at the Federation University auditorium where more than 350 people came together to celebrate the best of the region's business sector.

Awards chair Graeme Sennett congratulated the winners on their achievement.

"The variety and diversity of businesses across the Gippsland region is remarkable," he said.

"Once again, the calibre of the awards' finalist has provided the judges with a huge challenge in selecting winners from such an impressive array of businesses."

Mr Sennett said Tequa Plumbing & Civil's strategic foresight, focus on people and technology, and commitment to workforce

development, was a clear indication of its role as a leader in addressing industry challenges head-on.

"Demonstrating a passion for their industry and their people by delivering initiatives like the Tequa Academy and address industry-wide staffing challenges, show how Tequa Plumbing & Civil is providing for long term sustainability to enable future growth and development."

Chief executive of major sponsor Latrobe Health Services Ian Whitehead also congratulated the winners.

"The winners of the Gippsland Business Awards exemplify the drive and excellence that define our region," he said.

"Latrobe Health Services is proud to support their success in our first year as naming rights sponsor."

Each finalist is assessed and independently rated by five different judges across eight judging criteria.

For more information, refer to www.gba.org.au.

Prom Coast News marks a year of success

THIS September marks a year since the very first edition of The Prom Coast News was printed, put together by a few locals who knew nothing about establishing a newspaper, but who were determined to keep local news alive for the community.

Last June, then South Gippsland Shire Councillor Mohya Davies, wrote a letter to the editor expressing her devastation about the demise of The Mirror, a newspaper which had been informing the Prom Coast community since 1890, and a desire to do something about it.

Kaye Rodden read the letter and got in touch with Mohya, but together realised they didn't have the means to purchase The Mirror.

Instead, the pair sought and gained a wealth of advice and assistance from Deb Lucas, a journalist who established news publication The Bridge in Yarram, the Latrobe Valley Express and Manna Gum Community House, who offered to auspice the venture.

Philanthropic members of the community responded to their calls for help with one local man offering them \$10,000 to get started and seven locals volunteered to form an interim board.

Shortly after, an editor, sub-editor and administration officer joined the team.

"We effectively just cobbled



Prom Coat News interim board members Geoff Treloar, Rosemary Swart, Kaye Rodden, John Davies, Mohya Davies, and Linda Giddy with their Christmas Issue in 2024.

together a group of people who might be able to put together a new newspaper," said Kaye, which was at the end of June last year.

The upcoming footy finals provided the impetus for them to deliver their first edition.

"The first issue that came out was in September, and then the next issue came out (in October) to give the local candidates a voice prior to the South Gippy elections."

Those first issues and each since, have held 32 full pages, with many community

contributions and support from long-standing advertisers, at a circulation of 1200.

"The thing that I get so buoyed about is when you go to an outlet and they've sold out. You have no idea how good that is," declared Kaye.

Prom Coast News was produced monthly until Christmas, and in February ramped up to a fortnightly edition.

They also received a grant from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal to develop a website, and since February have offered online editions,

gaining 260 digital subscribers.

There have been challenges and highlights over the past year, but the group's ambition endures.

"We still don't have enough money. We need a lot more money to keep it going," said Kaye, with the publication being dependent on donations, goodwill and volunteers.

They would also like to increase the circulation across the Prom Coast Ward; an area Kaye describes as being somewhat vacuous of news, but with the strong community support behind the newspaper Kaye believes it's not only possible, but crucial.

"The demise of community and local newspapers, especially in rural and regional areas, is just a terrible thing, and we've got to do everything in our power to make sure that communities have a voice, have an independent voice, and are actually provided with really good information that's not from Facebook. It's vital that the community is not kept in the dark and not led astray."

"The fact that the community is so committed to it, I think, is really positive. The fact that they've now got a voice, and it's now up to them to speak, I think, is really rewarding. I don't think you can do much more than that for the community."

Wonthaggi Toyota



SPRING SALE... OVER 75 VEHICLES READY TO GO



CAR OF THE WEEK

2017 Holden Trax LTZ TJ
18,990 DRIVE AWAY
Compact SUV, 80,726kms, 6 speed auto SUV SN: W102186



2022 Kia Cerato S
24,990 DRIVE AWAY
Low kms, 36,129kms, 6 speed sports auto hatch SN: W102202



2023 Hyundai i30
24,990 DRIVE AWAY
Hurry only 2 left, 16,084kms, 6 speed sports auto hatch SN: W102177



2017 Mazda CX-S Maxx Sport KF Series
21,990 DRIVE AWAY
i-Activ AWD, 134,302kms, 6 speed sports auto SUV, tow bar SN: W102144



2013 Suzuki Swift
14,990 DRIVE AWAY
Great First Car, 155,705kms, 4 speed auto hatch, ABS, airbags SN: W102156



2018 Toyota Hilux Workmate
23,990 DRIVE AWAY
Ready for Work, 69,289kms, 5 speed manual cab chassis SN: W102085



2019 Kia Sorento SLi
24,990 DRIVE AWAY
7 Seater, 149,081kms, 8 speed sports auto SUV SN: W102160



2015 Hyundai Tucson TL Active X
19,990 DRIVE AWAY
Perfect for Family, 146,872kms, 6 speed sports auto SUV SN: W102195

Leongatha Toyota

FINANCE AVAILABLE INSTORE. ASK ABOUT AN EXTENDED WARRANTY.



2022 Mitsubishi Triton GLX+ MR
42,990 DRIVE AWAY
King Cab, 71,500kms, 6 speed CVT auto 4x4 ute SN: L101401



2021 Nissan Navara SL D23
33,990 DRIVE AWAY
Tradie's Dream, 72,943kms, 7 speed CVT auto 4x4 cab chassis SN: L101374



4X4 OF THE WEEK

2019 Holden Colorado Z71 RG
39,990 DRIVE AWAY
Turbo Diesel, 96,234kms, 6 speed CVT auto 4x4 ute, leather seat SN: L101414



2008 Toyota Landcruiser VX
51,990 DRIVE AWAY
Go Touring, 210,810kms, 6 speed CVT auto 4x4 SUV SN: L101396



2021 Toyota Camry Ascent Sport
32,990 DRIVE AWAY
Family Friendly, 78,884kms, 6 speed CVT auto sedan SN: L101371



2016 Ford Falcon XR6 FG X
28,990 DRIVE AWAY
Hard to find, 115,016kms, 6 speed sports auto super cab SN: W102167



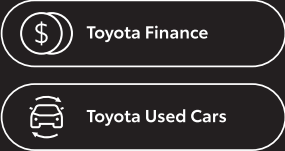
2018 Toyota C-HR Koba
26,990 DRIVE AWAY
4x4 On Demand, 81,347kms, 7 speed CVT auto SUV, alloys SN: L101400



2019 Mazda BT-50 XT UR
32,990 DRIVE AWAY
Workhorse, 95,339kms, 6 spd CVT auto 4x4 cab chassis, alloy tray SN: L101369

Wonthaggi Toyota
346 Bass Highway,
Wonthaggi VIC 3995
T (03) 5672 1722
LMCT 8179
wonthaggitoyota.com.au

Leongatha Toyota
7-13 Hughes Street,
Leongatha VIC 3953
T (03) 5662 2302
LMCT 8179
leongathatoyota.com.au



OH WHAT A FEELING

* Disclaimer: If the price does not contain the notation that it is "Driveaway", the price may not include additional costs, such as stamp duty and other government charges.

Sentinel-Times

COMMENT

Screentime the new smoking or worse

THE ban on anyone under 16 years of age, using online platforms such as TikTok, Snapchat, YouTube, Reddit, Instagram, Facebook, and X, is set to come into effect on December 10, 2025.

I don't expect the ban will work.

If anyone can devise a way around such a ban, it's 'anyone under 16 years of age'.

But the ground-breaking efforts of the Australian Government to at least try to reduce the negative impact of social media on young people's mental health and wellbeing, leading to anxiety, low self-esteem, and depression, is commendable.

As much as young people may be annoyed and disappointed about the upcoming ban, the government believes the risks of harm to the younger age groups far outweigh the positives of social media and has prioritised parents' concerns about their children's online safety accordingly.

But the impact must be bad, right, for the government to take such action?

The initiative should also give all of us pause to consider what time spent on screens is doing to our own wellbeing and to society generally.

Between bingeing a Netflix series, scrolling through info on our phones, tablets and laptops in our free time, and also at work, and watching traditional TV; how much time do you reckon you're spending, sitting down, engaged by the stupid screen? A lot!

They say that 'sitting is the new smoking' which highlights the significant health risks of a sedentary lifestyle, leading to a greater risk of chronic conditions like obesity, heart disease, type two diabetes, and some cancers.

And, like smoking back in the day, it may be some time before we realise how screen time has been killing us and our lifestyle.

While it's up to the parents of young children, and also the schools to get their heads around the ban, we all need to adjust our behaviour so that we're getting the exercise and face-to-face social interaction we need to lead a healthy, happy and fulfilling life.

And one surefire way to be more outward-looking is to join or volunteer for a local service, community or sporting group and with the season of annual general meetings and recruitment coming up, there's never been a better time to put the phone away, get off the couch, get out there and get involved.

You can't have it both ways

THE Legislative Council's Environment and Planning Committee recently released its report into Climate Resilience in which several findings and recommendations were made regarding coastal erosion and corresponding impacts on Inverloch. I understand the Government now has six months to respond but is under no obligation to accept any findings or action any recommendations.

In a recent Facebook post, a press release was uploaded by Inverloch Foreshore Action Group in which IFAG called on the Government to "Pump up sand after the rock bags have been put in place to reinstate the lost areas of sand dunes".

Yet in the same press release, former Woorayl Shire Engineer, Keith Godridge said that "Most concerningly, the present proposal of DEECA to pump sand from the Inlet to the surf beach does not meet the recommendation of the Parliamentary

Vox Pop

Is there too much or never enough football? Who would you like to see win the AFL premiership?



Matt Charlesworth
Wonthaggi

"On the fence – watching it but not a fanatic. Hawthorn."



Vin Childs
Diamond Creek

"Never enough! Gold Coast Suns."



Joseph Broomhall
Cowes

"Never enough. The Giants."



Michael Johnstone
Trafalgar

"The season's too long, but the finals are too short; get rid of the finals bye and get into it. The Cats, of course; I went Friday night and they were impressive but anyone left can win it."

committee"

Moreover, IFAG continues to place their faith in the "engineering" report prepared by Mr Godridge, where he implores that "Expecting fresh sand with newly planted vegetation to withstand erosion where the former dunes were washed away is ludicrous" and that "Wasting the funds on a pumped dune renourishment program instead of saving the clubhouse would be unforgivable."

Mr Godridge has previously stated "an engineered solution like a rock protection wall or seawall was needed" and his report, without evidence, peer review, design concept, cost estimate or construction schedule, heavily promotes the use of rock bags as "the ideal solution for permanent erosion control at the Inverloch Surf Beach"

Perhaps not unexpectedly, but after several readings I have found no reference in the Report on Climate Resilience to support a claim that the pumping of sand would contravene any of the recommendations contained therein.

However, with regard to IFAG's blind subservience to whatever Mr Godridge claims about rock bags and the efficacy of seawalls, Table 6.2 Mitigation infrastructure, key vulnerabilities and risks to climate resilience provides a discomfiting explanation about the key vulnerabilities of seawalls and the environmental risks when seawalls fail to be maintained.

I appreciate the ardour by which IFAG is trying to make itself relevant, but it appears to me that DEECA's proposal to pump sand to nourish the beach is no different to what IFAG seems to now be asking of the Government, albeit without the further expense of placing rock bags.

If IFAG is indeed now proposing almost an identical solution to DEECA's proposal – and indeed one that is consistent with what the Minister outlined in his statement of February 25, 2025 in response to IFAG's petition – then IFAG's present call for DEECA's removal "as the entity responsible for addressing the erosion crisis" can only be seen as another attention-seeking publicity stunt.

Considering that extensive beach nourishment works are likely to start next month (potentially without Government authorisation of the Cape to Cape Resilience Plan), IFAG needs to get off DEECA's back, get aligned behind some professional coastal engineering advice and focus on getting the Ministerial support and funding needed to urgently revise the Cape to Cape Resilience Plan to incorporate updated environmental data, recent storm impacts, and local stakeholder input and include short term engineered protection options alongside longer term adaptation strategies as set out in Recommendation 1 of the Report on Climate Resilience.

Trevor Forge, Inverloch

It ain't a hardship loan, it's nearly double

THE figure of \$25,000 is around the average price quoted by BCSC for special charge schemes (SCS) on The Esplanade in Surf Beach/Sunderland Bay. The August meeting council was asked how much interest a ratepayer would repay council on a \$25,000 hardship loan over 20 years. CEO Box responded "A \$25,000 hardship plan repaid via monthly instalments over 20-years, with an effective interest rate of 5.605 per cent would equate to a repayment of approximately \$16,630 interest."

Therefore, the cost to such a ratepayer for the SCS, would be \$41,630.

Adding 10 per cent, which BCSC is allowed to do to the initial cost, the repayment total rises to \$45,793.

Thus, a proposed charge of \$25,000 can ultimately cost the ratepayer almost \$46,000 – nearly doubling the initial cost.

Breaking this down further:

\$46,000 over 20 years = \$2300 per year (on top of the cost of yearly rates).

\$2300 per year = \$190 per month/\$44 per week.

For 20 years!

A recent report by The Australian Institute identified that currently "the rate of poverty in retirement in Australia is 22.6 per cent – more than one in five."

One of the major concerns the "Say No" group has always expressed is the financial impact any SCS would have on many pensioners and fixed-income ratepayers. When walking our streets we encountered many highly anxious ratepayers, experiencing sleepless nights due to the fear of being forced to pay (against their will) for a SCS they neither wanted nor could afford. Many of the Yes group has regularly attacked us and scoffed at the No group for suggesting many ratepayers in our area simply cannot afford a scheme. They are quick to just quote the "hardship loan" as the quick and simple solution for those who can't afford to pay up front, without considering or caring about the actual reality of what a hardship loan actually costs.

This situation has not changed.

BCSC's proposed "solution" provides no comfort or peace of mind, only ongoing fear and uncertainty. None of council's touted "community benefits" of SCS's are more important to them.

It's time council stepped up to really "care" for this group.

Perhaps a means test could be applied. BCSC could realistically assess what each of these ratepayers can genuinely afford, rather than having an unreasonable burden forced upon them by an unempathetic minority of ratepayers, who simply want what they want, regardless of the cost or impact their "needs" may have on other community members who already struggle on a daily basis just to get by.

Ross Bencraft, Surf Beach

Check in on our dementia carers

DEMENTIA doesn't just impact the person living with the condition and their immediate carers; it also impacts their family, friends and wider social network.

With an estimated 433,300 Australians living with dementia and 1.7 million people involved in their care, chances are you know someone who is impacted by dementia.

People living with dementia tell us that friends and family often drop away, not knowing how to interact with them once they have a diagnosis.

That's why this Dementia Action Week (September 15 – 21) we are challenging everyone in the community to reach out and reconnect to someone impacted by dementia because nobody can do it alone.

For some practical ideas about how to reconnect, visit dementia.org.au/dementiaactionweek. For support any time, please contact the National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Merran Kelsall AO, chair Dementia Australia and Ann Pietsch, chair Dementia Australia Advisory Committee.

Do Australians even know what a Jack Man is any more?

I SERVED in the Army for twenty years, and one of the worst things you could be accused of was being a Jack Man.

A Jack Man was too focused on his own needs and wasn't there for his mates.

It was encapsulated in the phrase "B*gger you, Jack. I'm all right", where a person left his comrades facing a difficult situation and ran away or didn't do anything to help.

It is axiomatic to me as a soldier that I have a duty to both my comrades and to the people of Australia, whom I swore an oath to defend, yet many Australians seem to think their duty to their fellow citizens ends with people who look and think like them.

This is the behaviour of 'Jack Men.'

Kevin Walsh RFD, Cape Paterson

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

When sadness becomes dementia

By Dr Floyd Gomes

ONE thing I love about being a GP is that it has allowed me to understand and be there with people through the ups and downs of their lives. And as a support, I try to help them gain some reflection, as things unfold in the moment, especially when things are down.

I remember one lady in her late 70s, Patty, who became extremely jittery when her husband entered a nursing home. Patty's sudden sense of isolation was made worse by her stepchildren, who somehow accused her of abandoning him. All of that emotional trauma was harrowing and disorienting. And as her mental health deteriorated, her physical health deteriorated as well, and her knee pains, chest pains and daily nausea all got worse. At the time, I must admit, I was really worried that Patty would fall apart at home, and end up soon in a nursing home herself. However, as a team of health professionals, carers, and even her gardener, we rallied around her, making sure she felt supported and listened to on a daily basis. And when she fell at home around that time, she knew she still had us to turn to. Fortunately, as well as that, she had a butcher she loved chatting to whilst picking up her favourite sausages (herb and garlic) and a neighbour across the street who was kind enough to lend



Carer Hilde with her client Michael receiving wound care.

a hand and an ear. Amazingly, Patty made it through, and today, when her carer brings her into the clinic after their cuppa, and I see her have a chuckle, it fills me with hope.

Or another patient in his mid-80s, Doug, who had a bad run. First, Doug's unit flooded due to a plumbing problem in the bathroom. Then he lost his licence and had to get a scooter. All virtually at once. The insurers were remarkably quick in helping him get new carpets, but losing his licence was a big blow, as it often can be. At that time, Doug started to get increasingly forgetful and irritable. I always remembered him as a jolly soul. Indeed, we'd shared a laugh and hearty fish n' chips in the past. He

loved those chips! The change in who Doug was then, to who he became, was dramatic. Again, as a team, we helped him work through his problems piece by piece, and like a jigsaw puzzle, together his life started to come back together. These days, working with our OT, he looks increasingly happy with his new set of wheels – his shiny red scooter!

When I was in medical school, I read about "pseudodementia", the name given to the phenomenon when sadness becomes so profound that it causes you to lose your memory, mimicking dementia. As a GP, being involved with Patty and Doug gave me examples of what it really meant in the real world. And it strengthened my purpose

to work as a team across social and health care, to help people live at home. When I reflect, I have no doubt that if not for the system of home care packages in Australia, Patty and Doug's lives would have likely continued to spiral downwards, and the heavy fog of pseudodementia, cut their functioning independently at home short. And I might have missed those many laughs we have shared since.

I feel grateful that I've been able to find people who share that purpose of helping older people fulfil that simple but precious wish, to live in and enjoy their own home, for as long as they can. From nurses to carers to cleaners, to doctors, to specialist geriatricians – in creating Mark & Sylvie's Home Care, we created a diverse team of people to support the Pattys and Dougs of Australia. And walk hand in hand with them, through dark days, till together, we again see the light (and have sausages, chips and a cuppa!).

Newsflash*** It was welcome news recently that the government will release another 40,000 home care packages by the end of this year. If you've just got a home care package, looking to change providers, or know someone who is, please call us – Mark & Sylvie's Home Care on 1300 888 256. Our website mshomecare.com.au. We're here to help.



Local woodcarver, Olivia O'Connor, with the trophy she crafted for the ALIA Victorian Library and Information Award.

Olivia carves out perpetual award

SOUTH Gippsland local, Olivia O'Connor, is known for her handmade rocking horses, antique rocking horse restoration, and wood carving skills. This winter, she has been working on a special project for the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA).

Olivia was recognised by ALIA for her beautiful wood-carving work and asked to design and make a perpetual trophy for the upcoming Victorian Library and Information Award. This award was presented for the first time on August 22 of this year. The award aims to recognise 'Excellence in Victoria's library and information sector' through leadership, sustainable innovation, and significant contributions to the field.

Olivia says she was flattered to be offered this commission and relates the experience as a 'once in a career' opportunity.

Carved from Huon pine, given to Olivia by another South Gippsland artist, the trophy features Victoria's fauna and flora emblems, the Leadbeater's Possum and Common Pink Heath. Two weeks of hard work have seen Olivia produce a spectacular final product that reflects the natural wildlife of our state and the efforts of individuals within the library sector, as well as Olivia's own love of animal carving and woodcraft.

• FAITH FACTOR

Welcome home

By June Knop, [Connections Church Inverloch](#), [Australian Christian Churches](#)

PARENTING can be tricky at the best of times. We want the best for our children. Giving them a good foundation enables them to eventually fly, becoming independent and hopefully successfully navigating life. At some point though, we must take our hands and training wheels off the bike they're on, and let them go.

There's a story in the Bible that you may have heard of called The Prodigal Son. This son was ready to stretch his wings; he'd had enough of his father's influence and wanted to live life on his own terms. He demanded his inheritance to fund his lifestyle, burnt his bridges, and headed for the bright lights – never looking back. But life didn't turn out as he'd hoped, and it wasn't long before mismanagement of his money and bad choices left him living in squalor.

At his lowest, he thought of his father and decided to go home, not knowing the reception he would receive.

This story is an allegory of God the Father. It's just the same for him, as the father in the story. He never stops loving us, despite our choices that might exclude him in our lives.

The boy went home and the father welcomed him with open arms. God the father is always near, and we can turn to him at any time for comfort, support and direction, no matter what our past has been. And just like the boy in the story, God the Father is just waiting for us to come home.



Op shop bargain hunting delights Probus members

ON A lovely sunny Thursday, 25 of Wonthaggi and District Combined Probus Club members, which did also include two from the Inverloch Club and a couple from the Corinella Club, set off from Wonthaggi in a Harley's Coach and led by our club's able tour leaders Robyn and Lorraine to investigate the Op Shops in Morrongton. What an absolutely fun-filled day we had, with most getting bargains of one sort or another.



Helping Australian students

THE Wonthaggi View Club combined fun with fundraising at a recent lunch, dressing in their football colours.

As part of the Smith Family, funds raised go towards helping Australian students complete their education.

At present, volunteers are supporting five students, and are on the lookout for new members.

View provides a place for women to connect with

each other, enjoy social activities and develop lasting friendships – all while supporting the work of children's education charity, The Smith Family.

Celebrating 65 years this year of Making a Difference, View have a great array of social events on the calendar, some that have already been and plenty more to come in the future.

For information on how to join, phone Ann 0490 061 172.



A step in right direction for older Australians waiting for care

NATIONAL Seniors Australia (NSA) has welcomed the announcement that 20,000 new Home Care packages will be released ahead of the enactment of the new Aged Care Act on November 1.

NSA chief executive officer Mr Chris Grice said older Australians waiting for care, and their families, will welcome the recent news which sees the delivery of 40,000 packages up to the end of 2025 and another 43,000 within the first six months of 2026.

"NSA has been advocating for the immediate release of new packages to help begin the process of reducing the home care waiting list – we are glad to see compassion, care, and commonsense prevail," Mr Grice said.

"One of the key recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, more than four years ago, was that government should clear the home care waitlist so that older people wait only one month for services. The release of new packages inches us closer to that goal."

What happens in a stroke response

THE LRH stroke team snapped into action in August with a fast paced exercise designed to help shave precious minutes off responding to and treating a stroke emergency.

The Code Stroke simulation training was run by an independent assessor from the Australian Angels Initiative, which sets global benchmarks for best practice, as part of National Stroke Week.

Latrobe Regional Health stroke unit coordinator Janet May said the activity was a part of a process review to find out how the team could improve their stroke responses to expedite care.

"Every minute means a lot, even five minutes can save someone's brain function and mean the difference between returning home or living in a nursing home with a disability," she said.

"A person loses between one and nine million neurons in their brain every minute in an untreated stroke, so the quicker we act, the better the outcome."

A professional actor played the role of "Simone Sim" who was delivered to ED by ambulance simulating a real stroke case, with slurred speech and right limb weakness.

The paramedics then handed her over to the LRH stroke team who rushed her into a radiography for series of CT scans to check for any abnormal blood flow in the brain.

"Simone" was transferred back to the ED where the treating doctor checked her hand, leg and eye coordination to test her reflexes.

The team then logged onto consult with an on-call Melbourne-based neurologist via Victorian Stroke Telemedicine, who made a decision to administer clot-busting medication.

The entire simulation took 50 minutes from arrival to medication delivery, well below the recommended 60-minute best practice benchmark.

"We are already meeting our targets and guidelines, but now we are looking at how we can cut this time even further by refining our process to give the best care we can," Janet said.

"The idea was to simulate as closely as possible the real-life treatment and to involve as many staff as possible. Some of our junior nurses hadn't seen a stroke case before so this was great exposure."

Earlier this year, the LRH stroke unit won a prestigious World Stroke Organisation Angels Platinum Status Award for restoring blood-flow to the brain to eligible patients within 60 minutes of arrival.

Help save lives from drug overdoses

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is reminding the community that they can help to save lives by supporting people impacted by drug addiction.

The theme of International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31 was 'One Big Family', reminding us that overdose doesn't just affect individuals and their loved ones, but ripples across entire communities.

"Overdose doesn't just shatter families; it fractures communities. The losses go deeper than one person, one family or one neighbourhood," BCH's Team Leader of Alcohol and Other Drugs Services, Deb Guy, said.

"We often instinctively protect our own – our children, our parents, our siblings. We believe in second chances for our loved ones, but struggle to extend that same compassion to others. But what if we saw each other as one big family, bound by shared experiences, responsibility and commitment to each other?"

"This International Overdose Awareness Day, let's imagine a new meaning of what family can be. A family driven by hope, love and action. We are one big family – not just because we share in the pain of loss, but because we share in the power to change what comes next."

A new report from the Coroners Court of Victoria shows



Bass Coast Health's Alcohol and Other Drugs Clinicians, Jasmin Friend and Sandra Smith, with the dispensing machine at Wonthaggi Hospital that provides free needles, sharps and swabs for people in our community to reduce the risk of infection and subsequent hospitalisation.

that the state recorded its highest number of fatal overdoses in a decade in 2024.

A significant finding in the 2024 data was the continuing rise of illegal drug involvement in Victorian overdose deaths. Ten years ago, illegal drugs contributed to just under half of Victorian overdose deaths. In 2024, the five top contributing drugs to Victorian overdose deaths were heroin (248 deaths), diazepam (219 deaths), methamphetamine (215 deaths), alcohol (141 deaths) and pregabalin (92 deaths).

The annual number of

methamphetamine-involved overdose deaths in Victoria more than tripled between 2015 (76 deaths) and 2024 (215 deaths). There was a 30 per cent jump in methamphetamine-involved overdose deaths between 2023 (164 deaths) and 2024.

In 2024, heroin-involved overdose deaths increased to 248 deaths, compared to 204 in 2023.

Most Victorian overdose deaths across the decade were accidental or unintentional (74.5 per cent) rather than suicides (19.3 per cent) or deaths where the

deceased's intent could not be determined (6.2 per cent). Frequently, overdosing occurs due to a combination of prescribed medications used with alcohol.

BCH's Alcohol and Other Drug Services can offer advice to family members of a loved one who is using prescribed medications or illicit drugs, who could be at risk of overdose.

To access BCH Alcohol and other Drug Services, call the Australian Community Support Organisation (ACSO) on 1300 022 760 or for Family Support, contact the BCH Access team on 5671 3175.

BCH is raising awareness of the lifesaving supports available for people impacted by alcohol and other drugs:

- Naloxone access – Naloxone is a medication that can reverse the effects of opioid overdose. Nixoid spray is available free and without a prescription at participating pharmacies.

- Alcohol and Other Drug Counselling Team – offering confidential, compassionate support from Wonthaggi Hospital and the Phillip Island Community Hospital at Cowes. Services include counselling, care and recovery support, facilitating referrals to residential detox facilities and family support.

"Walking in their shoes" is actually quite difficult

SOUTH Gippsland Hospital is hosting two workshops for community members wanting to learn helpful, healthier and caring communication for those who are experiencing limited life expectancy or serious illness, their families, carers, and friends. The sessions are interactive and practical and aim to build a toolkit and strategies for improving communication during this challenging time.

Developing listening and empathy skills through conversations and shared moments has the potential to help reduce feelings of isolation, deal with fears and concerns, assist in finding meaning and personal growth, and decrease the sense of loss of control. It is important that

we provide the best support we can for people experiencing serious health issues to have the opportunity to talk more openly and honestly, and recognise that those in caring roles know most about their loved one.

The workshops are free of charge and are being held at South Gippsland Hospital in the Community Health Centre Fleming Room with an afternoon session from 2-4pm on Tuesday, September 16 and an evening session from 5-7pm on Wednesday, September 17, with light refreshments provided.

No prior experience is necessary. To register your attendance, please call 5683 9777 or email Annie.Terese@sghs.com.au by Friday, September 12.



Increase your communication skills, particularly those of listening and empathy, with those in palliative care.

Help BCH Ladies Auxiliary support Armitage House



Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary is raising funds to buy six syringe pumps for Armitage House.

THE Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary are raising funds for six new syringe pumps for Armitage House at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Armitage House provides Sub-Acute care to the communities of Bass Coast and South Gippsland, helping with rehabilitation from surgery, illness and injury, and palliative care.

These pumps deliver medication or fluid over a long time to manage patients' symptoms. The existing pumps are ageing and need replacing.

The BCH Ladies Auxiliary are also running a fete on Saturday, November 8, at Wonthaggi Hospital from 9am – 1pm. To book a stall or car space, call Cynthia 0458 818 617.

Using the recycling centre? Donate proceeds to BCH Ladies Auxiliary can be made at mycause.com.au/campaign/368075/bch-ladies-auxiliary; all donations are tax-deductible.

Local optometrist takes the reins

LEONGATHA Optometrists is beginning an exciting chapter, with local optometrist Jefferson Daniel taking ownership of the long-standing practice.

Jeff has been part of the Leongatha Optometrists team for the past two years, providing high-quality care to patients and becoming a familiar face in the community.

His decision to purchase the practice marks a commitment to both the patients and the region, ensuring that eye care services remain in trusted hands.

Before studying optometry and joining Leongatha Optometrists, Jeff worked in the local community as an orthoptist at Bass Cast Eye Centre under Dr Ehrlich.

This experience gave him a strong foundation in eye care, as well as deep ties to the South Gippsland and Bass Coast regions.

Former owner Rachel Muturuka, who has served the community for many years, will continue working as an optometrist at the practice.



Former owner of Leongatha Optometrists Rachel Muturuka is delighted to see optometrist Jefferson Daniel taking ownership of the practice.

This transition ensures continuity of care, giving patients confidence that they will continue to receive the same friendly service and expertise they have come to rely on.

Rachel expressed her support for the change, saying, "It has been a privilege to care for the Leongatha community,

and I'm delighted to see Jeff step into this role. I look forward to continuing to work alongside him as we support our patients together."

Next year marks 50 years of Leongatha Optometrists delivering eye care to the community. Jeff is committed to honouring that proud legacy while

ensuring the practice continues to grow and evolve into the future.

"I'm proud to take on the responsibility of leading Leongatha Optometrists," Jeff said. "Our community means a great deal to me, and I look forward to continuing the excellent care Rachel has provided over the years while also bringing fresh energy and ideas to the practice. My main mission is to make Leongatha Optometrists a place where patients receive quality, comprehensive, affordable, and compassionate eye care for all."

The practice is also proud to support local industry by using Australian-made frames and lenses, ensuring patients receive quality products while backing Australian businesses.

With Jeff now at the helm and Rachel remaining as part of the team, Leongatha Optometrists will continue its long tradition of professional service, community connection, and patient-centred care.

Call for volunteers to join the heart of GSHS

VOLUNTEERS are the heart-beat of community care at Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS), but more are needed to make sure the heart keeps beating.

Volunteer coordinator Vicki Riley said GSHS was still recovering from a drop in volunteer numbers during the COVID pandemic, but local residents could help to reverse the trend.

"After COVID, our volunteer numbers collapsed and we're still on the rebuild," Ms Riley said. "Hopefully, we can attract some new people who want to help their community."

Ms Riley says volunteering is not only good for the health service, patients and the community, but it is also good for the volunteers.

GSHS has a variety of volunteer options and particularly needs transport drivers to take patients to and from appointments. Other volunteer opportunities include ward visits to chat with patients, gardening to



Garry Radde and Laurie Martin are part of the volunteer team at Gippsland Southern Health Service.

nurture the therapeutic gardens in Leongatha, Korumburra, and Tarwin Lower, aged care to provide companionship and support to residents and concierge services to guide patients and visitors at the hospitals.

GSHS is also encouraging people to join the hospital auxiliary committees to help with fundraising.

Ms Riley said there was a

growing demand for drivers.

"Transport is the biggest need to take people to medical appointments. It could be locally or to Bass Coast Health, Peninsula Health or to Melbourne.

"We don't want people to miss their medical appointments because they can't get there.

"It's enjoyable for the drivers because they get plenty of time to talk to people and build relationships,

and their efforts could potentially save the lives of their passengers."

Volunteering can be done by anyone and Ms Riley said any offers of help would be beneficial.

Garry Radde has just joined the volunteer ranks, both as a driver and at Alchera House, while Laurie Martin has been with GSHS for a while.

Mr Martin has been volunteering at GSHS for nearly two years after he returned to the area to retire, and enjoys having a chat as he drives local people to their medical appointments.

"The people we drive can't drive themselves and can't use public transport, so we're their only option," he said. "You meet some characters, and it's quite enjoyable. It's good to get involved with local organisations. It's a constant battle to get volunteers, so I'd encourage others to join if they've got the time."

People interested in volunteering can contact Ms Riley on vicki.riley@gshs.com.au or 0459 960 679 or visit gshs.com.au.

Gentle effective treatment for all ages



Norman Vradenburg
Doctor of Chiropractic
South Gippsland Chiropractic Services and Adjunctive Therapies
Non-Force Practitioner
• NIS Practitioner
Cold Laser Therapy

21 Kenneth Street, Inverloch
P: 5674 3666

HYPNOTHERAPY & COUNSELLING

CHILDREN and ADULTS
★ Anxiety ★ Stress
★ P.T.S.D. ★ DEPRESSION
★ Sports Performance ★ Achieve Goals
★ LOSE WEIGHT ★ STOP SMOKING
★ Relationship Issues
★ I.B.S. H Addictions
★ PHOBIAS ★ Fertility Issues

Private Health Insurance Rebates available
Over 30 years experience in fertility health care

LEARN Mind Body Techniques based on Science and Neuroplasticity

Call Danielle Aitken
0409 332 052
Servicing Kilcunda and surrounding districts

SUPPORT COORDINATION AND SUPPORT WORKERS SERVICING THE BASS COAST



BASS COAST SUPPORT WORK SERVICES

 bcswservices@outlook.com
 www.bcsws.com.au
 0421 192 697

Supporting you matters to us

WEAR AUSTRALIAN SEE AUSTRALIAN

Our eyewear is proudly Australian-made — supporting local jobs and giving you the best quality.

Call 5662 3485 or book online
70 Bair Street, Leongatha 3953
leongathaoptometrists.com.au





LEONGATHA OPTOMETRISTS

EXOTIQUE LASHES & BEAUTY

Model Call

50% OFF

AGES 18 -40 YEARS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT

VALID UNTIL 30.9.25

0448 881 016 36E Bair St, Leongatha
www.exotiquelashes.com.au



Lip Blush
Free
Consultations
available





Jackson Melrose inspecting inside an ant colony.



Fynn Upston trying to spot a Grass Mantis.

Bugs on the big screen

STUDENTS from St Paul's Anglican Grammar School's Drouin Campus recently took a trip to the city for an exciting day of discovery at the Melbourne Museum.

They began their adventure at the "Bugs Alive!" exhibit, where they were able to take a close look at live insects and fascinating bug specimens. Their exploration continued through the dinosaur exhibit and into the Forest Gallery, where they enjoyed the sights and sounds of a recreated bushland environment.

The day finished with a visit to IMAX, where students watched "Bugs: Amazing Mighty Micro Monsters" in 3D. The students discovered the incredible abilities of bugs, from night vision and super strength, to invisibility and shapeshifting.

It was a fun and educational experience the students won't forget, and they will now be able to reflect further on what they have learnt with their educators back in the classroom.



Leo Akkermans explores hundreds of insects.



Evolet Wiggett experiencing what an ant colony looks like.

Newhaven College enjoy colour explosion run fun

NOW for the third year in a row, Newhaven College's Parent and Friends Association (PFA) has created yet another fun day in the outdoors, with the annual Colour Explosion Run. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm of the Junior and Middle School students, and quite a few teachers, happily blasted with coloured powder.

The Colour Fun Run took place on the College oval on Friday, August 8. The sunny, dry conditions made for the perfect experience. Students from Prep to Year 8 got into the spirit of the event, running through an obstacle course while parent and student volunteers ensured they exploded with colour. A group of Junior School teachers and support staff also dressed up in crazy blow-up costumes, much to the amusement of the students. Once the event was underway, clouds of coloured powder wafted across the grass, seeking out students and onlookers alike. This year the students wore all black. Making the colours pop. Of course, faces and hair copped the bright sprinkles of colour too. The event proved to be an incredible mid-winter cobweb clearer, with hysterical laughter ringing across campus.

President of the PFA, Angel Chambers, was thrilled with the enthusiasm shown by all who participated and is proud of the PFA fundraising efforts so far.

"The Colour Explosion Run was a great day with lots of energy and excitement from our Junior and Middle school students," she said. "Aside from the colourful fun run, students also showed off their moves in dance-offs! The day helped us



The aim of the game at the Newhaven College Colour Explosion Run was to capture as much colour on your clothes as possible. This group of Junior School students managed to do that well.

raise funds for a brand-new Middle School playground while giving our students a day full of laughter and memories they'll treasure."

The College PFA is a passionate and highly organised group of current parents and other supporters who have come together to create a cohesive and collaborative group. Their focus is to raise money for specific projects and activities to benefit College students.

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



Newhaven College Year 3 students Darcy Wright and Nixon Dunk had a ball during the PFA run Colour Explosion Run.

Youth Week events are coming to MYLI

MYLI (My Community Library) was successful in receiving a Youth Week grant this year, and to celebrate, Bass Coast Shire and South Gippsland Shire libraries are hosting a series of events across the library branches.

These will include Mario Kart Tournaments at Wonthaggi, Korumburra, Phillip Island, and Inverloch, as well as Pot Decorating at San Remo, Wonthaggi, Phillip Island and Waterline Library.

Another highlight is Waterline Library's 'Creative Cookies' event, giving attendees the chance to decorate delicious handmade biscuits. Other events at our branches include Games Days, a chess event and more.

These activities were shaped by feedback from local young people, who MYLI surveyed about the kinds of events they'd like to see as part of Youth Fest. Many suggestions included pizza (this was a very popular suggestion!), games, movies and creative activities.

Youth Fest is a month-long celebration across Victoria that shines a spotlight on the contributions and achievements of young people aged 12-25 in their communities. Supported by the Victorian Government, Youth Fest offers opportunities for young people to connect,



Jess Martin at Myli hosting a series of events for Youth Week.

create, and celebrate together. Bookings are now open, visit myli.au/events

Bass Coast Shire events:

San Remo Library

- Lego Club – 29/9 (4pm–5pm)
- Pot Decorating – 24/9 (11am–12pm)
- Chess Day – 22/9 (11am–1pm)

Wonthaggi Library

- Exam Study Sessions – 10/9, 17/9, 24/9 (3pm–5pm)
- Air Clay Club – 12/9, 19/9 (3.30pm–4.30pm)
- Teen Movie (17–25 yrs) – 13/9 (2pm–3.30pm)
- Pot Decorating – 16/9 (3.30pm–5pm)
- Games Day – 20/9 (10am–2pm)

- Mario Kart Tournament – 27/9 (11am–12.30pm)

Phillip Island Library

- Exam Study Sessions – 10/9, 17/9, 24/9 (3pm–5pm)
- Mario Kart Tournament – 13/9 (11am–12.30pm)
- Pot Decorating – 24/9 (3pm–4pm)
- Games Day – 29/9 (2pm–4pm)

Inverloch Library

- Rubik's Cube Club – 11/9, 18/9, 25/9 (4pm–5pm)
- Junior Movie Day – 13/9 (11am)
- Pot Decorating – 19/9 (3.30pm–5pm)
- Mario Kart Tournament – 20/9 (11am–12.30pm)

Waterline Library

- Pot Decorating – 16/9 (4pm–5.30pm)
- Creative Cookies – 22/9 (10.30am)

South Gippsland Shire events:

Foster Library

- Pizza, Games & Tunes – 12/9 (5pm–7pm)

Korumburra Library

- Mario Kart Tournament (Teen Edition) – 25/9 (2.30pm–4pm)

Leongatha Library

- Paint & Pizza (Teen Edition) – 23/9 (5pm–6.30pm)

Mirboo North Library

- Pizza, Games & Tunes – 25/9 (5pm–7pm)

Two weeks until Gutenberg opens in Wonthaggi

WONTHAGGI Theatrical Group is set to open its latest production, Gutenberg! The Musical!, on September 26 for a strictly limited season of eight performances.

At first glance, it's a comedy about two enthusiastic dreamers presenting their new musical about Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press. But beneath the laughter lies a story full of heart, a celebration of friendship, ambition, and the magic of creating theatre together.

"It's an incredibly funny show, but it's also surprisingly moving," Director Joel Stevenson said.

"At its core, it's about people coming together with a shared love of storytelling, something that really reflects the best of community theatre."

The show is brought to life by the remarkable talents of Jay

Nelson and Jonah van Stekelenburg. Their performances are nothing short of extraordinary, hilarious, heartfelt, and filled with a level of commitment that truly needs to be seen to be believed.

"What Jay and Jonah are doing on stage is extraordinary," Joel added.

"They are carrying an entire musical between the two of them, and the way they bring these characters to life is a testament to their skill, their trust in each other, and their joy in performing."

Gutenberg! The Musical! is not just a night of entertainment, it's a celebration of community, of creativity, and of the spirit that makes local theatre thrive.

Performances run from September 26 to October 5 at the State Coal Mine in Wonthaggi. Tickets are on sale now at wtg.org.au.



Jay Nelson and Jonah van Stekelenburg bring comedy, heart and plenty of energy to Wonthaggi Theatrical Group's upcoming production of Gutenberg! The Musical! opening September 26.

South Gippsland Jazz Club are back for Spring

THE South Gippsland Jazz Club are back from their winter break.

Annie is a popular performer at the club, and as well as being a seasoned vocalist, she has embraced theatre comedy into her performance. You can expect to hear a variety of jazz standards as well as some lesser-known tunes. Annie will be accompanied by Neil Taylor on piano, Geoff Woods on bass, Peter Barker on drums and Barry Boyes on sax.

A fine group of talented musicians who regularly play in Melbourne and at festivals throughout Australia. A great afternoon of talent and laughs is expected. For further information, call Margaret on 0438 420 770.

Fishy Stories 2025 Writing Challenge closing soon!

PICTURE and writing entries have been flowing in and the Fishy Stories team are amazed by the imagination and excitement in the pages so far. If you haven't entered yet, now is the time – the Fishy Stories Writing Challenge closes on September 19, 2025.

Now in its fourth year, the much-loved Writing Challenge invites students from Year 1 to Year 8 to unleash their creativity and bring their stories to life. An annual highlight of the Fishy Stories Children's Festival of Stories, the challenge is open-ended – the only limit is imagination. Students can create:

- A written story of up to 350 words, or
- A picture story of up to 8 panels over two pages

From personal experiences and fantasy adventures, to pets, sporting champions, people they

admire, or even emotions like happiness, fear or confusion – every story is welcome.

It is not too late to enter! Visit fishystories.org for tips, inspiration, full guidelines and the submission form.

Selected stories will take centre stage at the Fishy Stories Festival on November 15. All entries will be published in the Fishy Stories online E-book, with picture stories exhibited in Fish Creek Hall, and 20 written stories will be brought to life by the talented Foster Arts Music and Drama Association (FAMDA).

A huge thanks to the South Gippsland Shire Council, Destination Gippsland, the Toora and Foster Community Bank branches of Bendigo Bank, and the many local businesses who make this event possible.

For more information, visit fishystories.org.



Nyora Primary School is excited to be a part of the 2025 Fishy Stories Writing Challenge.

Wonthaggi Citizens Band Annual Concert not to be missed

THE Wonthaggi Citizens Band annual concert will be held on Saturday, October 11 at 7.30 pm at the Wonthaggi Union Theatre. With music played by the triple award-winning Australian Champion Brass Band, expect a fabulous night of music and entertainment.

Book online at trybooking.com and search Wonthaggi Citizens' Band 2025 @ Wonthaggi or visit a Bass Coast Shire Office for assistance.

There are seats available, and Alan Brown, a patron of the Wonthaggi Citizens Band, encourages all people who love great music and entertainment to attend.

"It will be a night attendees will long remember."

— WHAT'S ON AT LEONGATHA RSL —

80's night
with
CATNIP THE BAND

Buffet Dinner & Show (Dinner served by staff)

BEST DRESSED COMPETITION

Sept 20th

TICKETS \$70

Singing favourites from Bruce Springsteen, Bryan Adams, The Eagles, Robert Palmer, Joe Cocker, Dragon, Paul Kelly, Billie Joel, Stevie Wonder, John Cougar Mellencamp

Head to www.trybooking.com/DBBSJ for more info and to book

PINK
Tribute Band

11th October - Leongatha RSL
Live At 8:00 PM

SHOW ONLY
Doors open @ 7PM
Member \$40 Non-member \$50
\$5 of each individual ticket sold will go directly to National Breast Cancer Foundation Australia
<https://www.trybooking.com/DBHJF>

Meat Loaf

By Meg Viney

Ingredients

- 500 gm each beef mince, and beef and pork mince
- 3 slices of bread soaked in ¼ cup milk (this helps hold the loaf together)
- 1 onion, cooked in the usual way
- 1 tbsp butter
- 2 - 3 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 teaspoons French mustard
- 1 egg,
- Fresh herbs if you have them or 2 tsp dried mixed herbs
- A few shakes of white pepper
- Vegetables, to serve with
- ¾ cup chicken stock for gravy

Method

Chop the onion. Heat butter in a small pot. Add the onion and a pinch each salt and sugar. Lid on, cook over a low heat for 10 minutes until aromatic.

If you use surgical gloves, you can keep your hands clean. Mix all the ingredients together and form into

a loaf.

Place in a buttered pan (e.g. lasagne dish) and sprinkle with flour.

Place in a preheated 190 oven and cook for 2 hours.

Meanwhile, peel and chop the pumpkin and potatoes into chunks.

Oil another pan, sprinkle the veg with salt and cook them on the same shelf, turning every half hour until they are lovely and brown.

Take the meatloaf out of the oven, remove to a serving dish and make gravy.

Place tbsp flour in the juices in the pan, stir well until mixed. Off the heat, stir in about ¾ cup chicken stock.

Place over a low heat and stir, raising the heat until the gravy is thickish, and scraping up all the bits in the pan.

Slice the meatloaf, add the roast veg to the platter and serve with the gravy and any steamed veg you like.



Cecily de Gooyer on The Voice Battle v James Van Cooper. Photo: Seven Network.

The Voice Battle – James v Cecily

CECILY de Gooyer, unfortunately, wasn't saved on The Voice on Seven and 7plus on Sunday night in her battle performing 'I Was Made for Loving You' by Kiss – a contrasting performance battle with rock partner, James Van Cooper.

Cecily said she was thankful for the opportunity with James.

"There was no point of comparison, which I am

really grateful for, because we are so different," said Cecily.

In an interview with Cecily, she explained that the producers were incredible throughout the experience.

"They have to come up with things on the fly, they need to be ready and willing and embrace the rapid pace of the industry, and you just have to go into it without hesitation – if you doubt yourself for a second,

it doesn't serve anyone."

Cecily explained that going into this experience at the start of Year 12 helped shift her perspective.

"There is no room for self-doubt. There was pressure of knowing the performance would be televised, but I was just treating it as an incredible opportunity to learn, and the battle was about what we could do together and really supporting each

other; it was a lot of fun."

As Cecily said goodbye to The Voice, she said that Kate is a fabulous musician, and she was so grateful to work with someone who really understood her voice.

I just had to face this without regrets, and this experience has shifted my mindset and helped me so far going into Year 12, knowing that self-doubt doesn't help.

Dancing Queen



The Australian Abba Show
SEPTEMBER 20



TICKETS @ OZTIX or SCAN FOR DETAILS



RIVERVIEW HOTEL
TARWIN LOWER



Wonthaggi Theatrical Group Presents

Gutenberg!

BEST EVER
The Musical

26 September – 5 October
State Coal Mine, Wonthaggi

"The most inaccurate history lesson you'll ever give a standing ovation."*

"The greatest musical never written... until now!"*

Tickets: www.wtg.org.au

*May or may not be actual reviews by very reputable news sources... or an uncredited 15th century



It's on again...

SOUTH COAST FM

MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

Wonthaggi Workmen's Club

SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

SouthCoastFM.au
for details and booking



Dave Mills and Will Paterson from the Strzelecki Lions Club were happy to help out on the gate at the 2025 Dairy Expo. w05_3625



South Gippsland Landcare Network facilitator Jane McKenzie-Smith with Shelley the Giant Earthworm, promoting the Giant Gippsland Earthworm census at the Dairy Expo. w06_3625



John, Kath and Rosie from Community Event First Aid were keeping an eye on everyone at the South Gippsland Dairy & Farming Expo 2025. w09_3625



Peter Ford from Burra Foods was happy to collect his chocolates after being one of the many crucial sponsors for this year's Dairy Expo. w11_3625



Lucas and Natalie noted the expo was a good initiative with Aligned Leisure looking to fill a couple of areas, particularly those in the gymnastics and pool areas. C13_3625



Maira and Rachel were on hand with Spark Event Group who are looking for casual workers to help fill customer service roles during the upcoming MotoGP. C14_3625



Branch manager Jacki Smith was on hand at the jobs Expo with DFP Recruitment, who are looking forwards to focusing on the broader Bass Coast and Phillip Island areas than in previous years. C15_3625



Kylie and Melanie from Mecwacare have a number of good assisting roles, which are perfect for those returning to the work force after child rearing. C16_3625



Horticulture students Chloe and Mya at Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) for Adult Learners Week. B01_3625



Pictures of you and your friends at the South Gippsland Dairy & Farming Expo 2025, Adult Learners Week at BCAL and Bass Coast Jobs & Careers Expo at Berninnet



Kade and Harley White were able to find a seat at this year's Dairy Expo, after collecting an "udder truth" showbag. w08_3625



Alyche Anastasi and Lynda Kee were representing the South Gippsland Shire Council at the Expo as Environmental Health Officers. w22_3625



Jenny Watson from the Strzelecki Lions Club helps Expo attendee Tony Twining in the Shane Warne Legacy Health Checks tent. w25_3625



Jace and Jess from Wonthaggi headspace were on hand, noting it's a great opportunity to come together at the Jobs Expo. C17_3625



Jo-Anne and Shae from re:think dyslexia offer a great array of support for neurodivergent people in the workplace. C18_3625



Peter Jones Board Member (BCAL) and David Leslie Manager (BCAL) enjoying Adult Learners Week at BCAL in Wonthaggi. B02_3625



Olivia Hurrell (BCAL), Shantel Rossborough (Jobfind) and Lorraine Townley (Jobfind) at BCAL in Wonthaggi for Adult Learners Week. B03_3625



Harriet and Daryl Pellizzer from Wonthaggi attending Adult Learners Week. B05_3625

Sentinel-Times

>>> ORDER THESE AND OTHER PHOTOS 5672 1888

No. 206





45 MURRAYS ROAD, INVERLOCH

2 STOREY HOME ON 5 ACRES, CLOSE TO THE BEACH

4 3 8
Land: 2.02ha

This huge impressive 4-bedroom home on 5 stunning acres in Inverloch offers the ultimate blend of space, pure comfort, and coastal lifestyle, just a minute drive to the township and fabulous beaches.. Positioned on the privacy of Murrays Road, this large double-storey home exhibits a lifestyle for those seeking space.

Thoughtfully designed, this home offers a huge open plan Kitchen and Living area with a cosy wood fire. From the floor to ceiling windows the expansive greenery of paddocks into the distance can be seen as Simply Magic.

There are 4 generously sized bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, including an ensuite to the master and an office which is ideal for those who work from home.

The impressive 8-car garage provides exceptional car storage and workshop space, perfect for boat enthusiasts, tradies, or collectors who appreciate secure covered parking. There is also further outdoor parking space for many vehicles.

This Property is perfect for family gatherings and entertainment inside and out.



Christine Thorne 0407 831 214 christinethorne@atrealty.com.au www.atrealty.com.au



 4  2  5 50 Acres*

80 Timmins Estate Rd, **Nerrena**
For Sale \$1,900,000
Agent SEJ Real Estate
Irene Walker 0429 045 632

Rural living, minutes from town

SET against a stunning rural back drop, at the end of a country lane, this property offers expansive views across farmland, to the township of Leongatha, just minutes away, yet peacefully distant.

The property consisting of 20ha/50acres* is a rare gem, the perfect balance of country living in a highly desirable location.

Meander along the tree lined driveway, to the spacious north facing home set perfectly in the established gardens.

The home exudes a timeless style and charm, with a thoughtful floor plan, cathedral ceilings, and north facing double glazed windows filling the home with light.

The family, dining, and kitchen, the heart of the home, is spacious and flooded with natural light, and sweeping views.

A generous kitchen with a walk-in pantry, dishwasher, and Glem gas/electric oven has excellent storage and bench space.

The living areas enjoy the comforts of a wood heater, reverse cycle air conditioner (two), ceiling fans, with quality window furnishings throughout.

The study/home office provides the perfect close the door work from home space, with shelving for all your home office needs.

The master suite, with garden views is complete with built-in robes, ceiling fan and ensuite.

Three additional bedrooms are located in the east wing of the home, all generous in size with built in robes, ceiling fans, and easy access to the family bathroom.

The alfresco is designed to be enjoyed all year round, ideal for family gatherings.

This 20ha/50 acre* grazing property is gently undulating and highly productive, suitable for cattle or horses, it has traditionally fattened cattle for the local store markets

Five paddocks, dams (three) with troughs and timber stock yards with a four bay shed (12m x 4m) with sliding doors, concreted and power in addition to a three bay open shed. Solar power 4.5KW and water storage for the home of approx. 100,000 ltrs

The property features established plantings of ornamental trees including, elms, maples and native gums.

If you have been searching for the ideal lifestyle property, with 50 highly productive acres, a modern, stylish home, then this here on the door-step of Leongatha, is most worthy of your consideration.

A rare gem, in a magnificent location, private and peaceful. Eight minutes to Leongatha, 20 minutes to the beaches of Inverloch, and an easy 90 minutes to the SE suburbs of Melbourne.

To arrange a personal inspection, please contact Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate.

**Denotes approximately.*

For a Due Diligence Checklist go to: consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist



Your local
Real Estate &
Livestock Specialists

www.sej.com.au

ANDREA ADAMS
0429 822 801
aadams@sej.com.au

FOSTER
Ph 5682 2800

IRENE WALKER
0429 045 632
iwalker@sej.com.au

LEONGATHA
Ph 5662 4033



WALKERVILLE



- 2 bed, 1 bath
 - Fenced flat block
 - Deck & lock up shed
 - Energy efficient features
 - Quality natural finishes
- \$760,000**
- Contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801

LEONGATHA



- Prime Residential Land: 10,950m² / 1.095 ha* /300mtr to shops
 - Potential for subdivision & development (S.T.C.A)
 - General residential zoning (GRZ) South Gippsland Shire council
 - Unparalleled opportunity to secure premium land - location!
 - Includes a W/B 4bed, 1 bath home & sundry shedding
 - Located close to shops, services, childcare, clubs & more
- \$1,350,000 - \$1,400,000**
- Contact Irene Walker 0429 045 632

FOSTER NORTH



- 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car
 - Approx. 17 ha / 43 acres
 - Spacious living area
 - Panoramic views
 - 8 mins to town
- \$980,000-\$1,080,000**
- Contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801

FOSTER



- 4 bed, 2 bath, 10 car
 - Approx. 1 hectare
 - Energy efficient features
 - Deck, upstairs balcony
 - Exc. Spacious shedding
- \$1,185,000**
- Contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801

FOSTER



- 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom unit, front position & no body corp!
 - Completely updated, ready to move in & enjoy in the heart of town
 - Open plan interior, with low maintenance finishes
 - Spacious carpeted bedrooms with built in robes
 - RC/AC for year-round comfort
 - Parking space, with an easy-care garden
- \$349,000**
- Contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801

RANCEBY



- NEW PRICE**
- 23ha/60 acres (approx.)
 - Ideal turnout block, close to town
 - 5 paddocks, inc hay paddock
 - Good quality steel yards
 - Undulating hill country
- \$595,000 NEW PRICE**
- Contact Irene Walker 0429 045 632

Downsizers' Dream Home

INTRODUCING Units 1 and 2, 77 Princes Street, Korumburra, recently built units by local builder Jaarl Enbom. These stunning low-maintenance units have an amazing amount of space you'll be surprised that you are living in a unit and not a house. Just a short walk to schools and shops making it a perfect location, perfect for downsizing or a first home buyer.

Each unit has three generous-sized bedrooms, two with BIR and the main includes WIR and ensuite. Ensuites include a walk-in shower, vanity and toilet. Each main bathroom has a large walk-in shower, vanity and toilet.

A functional and spacious kitchen awaits you with modern appliances including an electric oven, induction cooktop and dishwasher. There is plenty of cupboard space with a walk-in pantry. The open plan kitchen and dining leads out to an undercover alfresco area perfect for entertaining. Each unit has a separate living area with plenty of natural light.

Comfort is guaranteed each year round with reverse cycle units in the living area and dining room.

The double garage has remote control access with plenty of room for two cars plus storage with internal access through to the dining room in unit 1 and laundry in unit 2 and includes access to the backyard. Backyards for both units are fenced off for privacy and have a 5000-litre rain-water tank. Unit 2 includes access to the rear laneway.

There are no body corporate fees, and each unit has its own separate access. These units are a must-see! For further information or to inspect the property, please contact Sharon Turton on 0447 604 796.

For a Due Diligence Checklist go to: consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist



1/77 Princes Street, Korumburra



2/77 Princes Street, Korumburra

3 2 1

1/77 Princes Street, **Korumburra**
2/77 Princes Street, **Korumburra**
For Sale \$630,000 each
Agent Elders
Sharon Turton 0447 604 796

Real Estate

In any market rely on Elders

eldersrealestate.com.au

Loch22 Acres Getaway Block with Views • Shed with power • Undulating to hill country • New fencing & 2 dams Web ID: 300P34736\$580,000	Bena145 Acres Dairy Today, Beef Tomorrow • 145 acres with laneways & 16 paddocks • 4 bed, 1 bath home with new roof • 6 dams, main with 3-phase power Web ID: 300P184188\$1.8 Million	Outtrim3.98 Acres Private & Peaceful Living • 4-bed, 2-bath, 2 living home • Open kitchen/living/dining area • Double carport & 3-bay shed Web ID: 300P181396\$1.19 Million	Buffalo8.1 Acres North Facing Privacy • 5-bed, 4bath home • Shed with power & toilet • Stables, horse stall inc. tack room Web ID: 300P176826\$1.7 Million		
Elders Korumburra 11 Commercial Street Ph 5658 1894 BEN TOWNSEND Licensed Estate Agent 0400 594 487	SHARON TURTON Sales Consultant 0447 604 796	KATRINA GRIGGS Sales Consultant 0428 571 083	HELEN ARESTIA Sales Support 03 5662 3523	NATALIE RES Property Manager 0439 383 091	Elders Leongatha 37 Bair Street Ph 5662 3523



PALM Lake Resort is a secure, gated, Over-55s community, nestled between the Cowes Golf Course, the Phillip Island Lawn Bowls Club and a beautiful north-facing bay beach.

A low-maintenance lifestyle is perfectly balanced with independent living in this light-filled villa and is ideal for those looking to downsize.

As you enter the front door from the bull-nose covered porch area, you are greeted by the large living area, generously sized and complemented by a spacious kitchen and dining space. The functional kitchen provides plenty of storage and offers a gas cooktop and electric oven. A separate living space with internal sliding to a second living or third bedroom. Access to the backyard is via glass sliding doors to an undercover area with views to the Phillip Island Golf Course, enjoy wallabies, birds and wildlife at dusk while overlooking the bush area at your back door.

Two bedrooms are serviced by a central bathroom with separate toilet off the laundry. The single-car garage has a remote control door with access to the back yard.

Other features include split system heating and cooling, ceiling fan in the living area, and separate side access to the rear yard.

Your relaxed retirement lifestyle is waiting for you!

- Pet friendly
- Restaurant
- Lounge area
- Pool table
- Indoor pool
- Theatre room

Palm Lake Resort Phillip Island is located in the tourist town of Cowes on Phillip Island in Victoria. The Resort holds the reputation of being the most prestigious and sought-after residential address in Cowes.

Expressions of Interest Closing at 3pm September 19, 2025 (if not sold prior).

Call Alex Scott & Staff Cowes today on 5952 2633 to arrange your private inspection.



321

139/48-80 Settlement Rd, **Cowes**
EOI Closing September 19 at 3pm (if not sold prior)
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Phillip Island 5952 2633

Rambling rural retreat

THIS charming three- or four-bedroom country home boasts a magnificent rural outlook and is ideal for those seeking to escape to a country retreat!

All the bedrooms are of a great size and feature built-in robes; there are two large living areas and two studies connected to the NBN, ideal for those needing to work from home.

The designated kitchen and dining features electric cooking, dishwasher and ample cupboard space. Two wood fires, two split systems, plus ceiling fans have you set for all year-round comfort.

The bathroom has a separate bath and shower, plus a modern powder room, and for added convenience, the property boasts a second toilet and separate laundry.

The standout feature is attached to the rear of the house, a large, fully covered entertaining deck with great views! Outside storage is not a problem with a single automatic garage, plus a three-bay lock-up shed, plus another three-bay lock-up farm shed, all surrounded by secure farm fencing.

Situated on approximately seven acres, you're surrounded by a working cattle farm, close to Loch Village, only 10 minutes to Korumburra and one hour to the South Eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

Please contact selling agent, Scott McKenzie for further information or to arrange your private inspection.

413

7 Acres

190 South Road, **Jeetho**
For Sale \$895,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898



FISH CREEK  740 Fish Creek Foster Road - Commercial investment opportunity - Solid infrastructure, views to Wilsons prom - Water tanks, onsite parking, and grazing \$1,075,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	JEETHO  190 South Road - Rural hideaway 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 7 acres - Views, shedding \$895,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	CORONET BAY  15 Bowline Court - Family home 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, double garage \$720,000 Contact: Grantville Office	WEST CREEK  7 Hickey Road 7326m² corner acreage 4 bedroom hardiplank home 2 x 9mx6m sheds \$799,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office
LEONGATHA  5 Young Street - Vacant commercial space with café fit out - Ideal for office suites 1000sqm block with 12-15 car spaces \$620,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	KORUMBURRA  36 Queen Street 3 bedroom, 1 bath California Bunglaow - Garage / Garden shed - Central location / Rear access \$520,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	CORONET BAY  4 Cobb Road - Spacious modern coastal home - A diamond in the rough 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, double garage \$639,000 Contact: Grantville Office	WONTHAGGI  1 Pillar Court 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom brick home - Low maintenance block - South side location \$535,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office
DUMBALK NORTH  55 Treases Outlet 196 ac grazing property, dual residences 18 paddocks, large spring fed dam - Cattle yards, crush, race & ample shedding \$1,990,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	KORUMBURRA  5/6 Ruddville Avenue - Modern 1 bedroom apartment - Fully furnished - Nothing to spend \$375,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	PIONEER BAY  31 Kallay Drive - Create your dream coastal home 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom with carport \$459,000 Contact: Grantville Office	KILCUNDA  8 Peppermint Road 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 storey home - Uninterrupted ocean views 630m² corner block \$1,050,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office
POUND CREEK  61 Ti Tree Road 202 ac grazing parcel in two titles - Central laneway, shedding, 22 paddocks - Convenient location, priced to sell \$1,710,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	KORUMBURRA  23 Bridge Street - Grand period home - Prime corner location 3 bedroom, 3 living \$675,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	GRANTVILLE  34A Portview Avenue - Make this modern and low-maintenance house your home 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, double garage \$575,000-\$585,000 Contact: Grantville Office	WONTHAGGI  1/81 McKenzie Street 2 bedroom renovated unit - Close to town centre - Current tenant paying \$400 p/w \$409,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA

5662 0922

41 Bair Street

Andrew Newton 0402 940 320

Emily Hillberg 0422 622 299

Tony Giles 0407 528 192

Dan Huther 0418 334 801

KORUMBURRA

5655 1133

36 Bridge Street

Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898

GRANTVILLE

5678 8433

1505 Bass Highway

Angus Hall 0466 326 487

WONTHAGGI

5672 1911

Cnr Murray & Billson Streets

Cal Nation 0439 334 163

Mick Chambers 0418 349 783

Phil Hanley 0417 140 508

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SENTINEL-TIMES | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 | 33

HMT2576-V6



Elders staff members Joanna Jenkin, Mark Hutchison, Jamie Hutchison, Helen Arestia and Katrina Griggs were on hand to speak to visitors at the Dairy Expo. w15_3625



Matt Colwill, Technical Sales Support from Dairy Pumping Systems is keen to show off the Bauer Separator to farmers at the South Gippsland Dairy & Farming Expo. w16_3625



Nutrien Ag Solutions team members, Susie Evans and Imogen Leigh, were happy to discuss agronomy and farm input services with local farmers. w17_3625



Paula O'Loughlin, Arty Allaway, Tim Roscoe and Adam Russell from Evans Petroleum were busy discussing fuel supply for local farmers, among other things. w18_3625



Clint Newcombe, Simon Bonner and Warren Landles from Burra Foods are pictured at their site at the 2025 Dairy and Farming Expo. w20_3625

Dairy & Farming Expo 2025 celebrates all things farming

THE South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo returned to the Korumburra Showgrounds on September 3 and 4, bringing together farmers, businesses and the wider community for two days of celebration and collaboration.

Now in its 26th year, the Expo continues to deliver on its founding promise of being a day for farmers. With close to 95 exhibitors and 19 gold sponsors taking part this year, there was plenty on offer.

Expo chairman Cliff Wallace said the event's success lies in its ability to stay true to its purpose while simultaneously embracing change.

"We have changed, but we've stayed focused on the dairy and the farming industry. We haven't gone outside that parameter, but one big change is that we're getting a lot more machinery and technology into the dairy industry. We've got robotic milkers, drones coming in to fertilise, the technology has been a huge change," he said.

Technology was certainly a talking point, with several drone companies showcasing their services. Although the much-anticipated demonstration of the new DJI Agras T100 drone had to be cancelled due to strong winds, farmers were still able to see firsthand how drones are beginning to add to modern agriculture.

For many, the highlight of the Expo was not just the machinery and demonstrations but the chance to connect. Cliff said the exhibitors themselves are a big part of what makes the event special.

"The exhibitors are so keen to come back each year. They wouldn't normally do many sales on the day, but it's the contacts that they can make for future sales. People can



Young Expo-goers Matilda and Hudson Miller with their Udder Truth showbag in hand. W32_3625

come and have a look at what they have got, and they may want it in three- or six-months' time," he said.

Farmers and families had no shortage of entertainment either. The popular Gumboot Gift footrace once again drew a lively crowd on Thursday afternoon. Sarah Lewis of Leon-gatha took out the women's race, with Abbie Hoiberg-Cox of Warragul second and Lauren Finger of Yannathan Heights third. In the men's race, Simon Finger from Yannathan Heights claimed first place, followed by David Olsen of Drouin and Hayden Bull from Korumburra South.

Another favourite was the Udder Truth Show Bag competition, which

gave farmers the chance to test their knowledge and walk away richer. First prize of \$3000 went to Clare Porter from Yarram, second prize of \$1500 went to Jack Reesink of Middle Tarwin, and third prize of \$500 went to Mary Fe Escobillo from Fish Creek. A fourth prize, a \$100 voucher to the Poowong Hotel, went to Caroline Jones of Longwarry North.

Over its 26 years, the Expo has raised just under \$700,000 for community causes, with \$62,000 distributed last year alone to schools, food banks and local services.

Read the full story on all the events at sgst.com.au

Dairy Expo thanks gold sponsors at breakfast gathering

THE unmistakable smell of sizzling bacon filled the Korumburra Showgrounds Amenities Complex last Thursday morning, as representatives from the Dairy Expo's gold sponsors gathered for breakfast.

From 8.30am to 9.30am on Thursday, September 4, the sponsors of the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo shared egg and bacon rolls and the company of one another in a setting that emphasised both celebration and gratitude.

There were 11 tables set up in the hall, each filled with sponsors who have played a crucial part in making this year's South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo possible. With 19 gold sponsors supporting the event in 2025, the breakfast was a way to thank those who had gone above and beyond in their backing.

Project secretary Deanne Kennedy called up each sponsor representative one by one. As they made their way to the front, they were greeted by chairman Cliff Wallace, who shook their hand and presented them with a box of chocolates. It was a small but thoughtful gift, designed to recognise their contributions to the success of the Expo.

For Cliff, the sponsors are more than just supporters; they are the foundation that allows the event to exist every year.

"It's pretty simple, without the sponsors we would not be able to



South Gippsland Dairy & Farming Expo committee members John Hutchison, Cliff Wallace, Deanne Kennedy and Joe Green at the sponsors' breakfast. W03_3625

run the event," he said.

"Every year we put out for expressions of interest to businesses in the whole area, and it is up to them if they want to be part of it next year. Then we gauge whether it is going to be viable for us to run it, so if they are interested in coming, we will provide a forum for them to be here."

The breakfast also carried a sense of tradition and loyalty. Some sponsors have been involved almost since the Expo began 26 years ago, and that long-standing support has not gone unnoticed. As he looked around the room, he acknowledged that these

were not just names on a list but exhibitors who had invested extra money into the Expo year after year.

"It is a way to acknowledge these special exhibitors who put extra money into the event, and to say thank you to them personally. We do really appreciate what they put into us so we can disperse money into the community," he said.

Cliff's message to the sponsors was simple and heartfelt.

"Just to thank them for being part of it and providing that facility to come and showcase their wares to the public and to farmers."



Leading Senior Constable Nick Carlson and Senior Constable Troy Bryan represented Victoria Police at the Dairy Expo in Korumburra. Both farm crime liaison officers were on hand to assist farmers with their questions.
w21_3625



Jess Taylor and baby Freya Taylor, along with Brendan Rigby, Gus Kirk and Shay Davis from G & S Farm Services, who were happy to educate keen farmers at this year's Dairy and Farming Expo in Korumburra. W02_3625

Local service, local knowledge at G & S Farm Services

G & S FARM Services is a small family-run business that has been working alongside Gippsland farmers for many years. The team provides a range of services to support local producers.

Executive director Gus Kirk says the business is all about helping farmers with the jobs that keep their herds and their farms productive.

"We are a service provider, including artificial insemination, ultrasound beep testing, and we also sell silage wrap and pit covers," he said.

Being at this year's Dairy Expo was important for the business.

"It's great exposure, and it's great catching up with existing clients and possibly even new clients," Gus said. The Expo gave G & S the chance to talk directly with farmers about their services and to share knowledge on how artificial insemination can benefit herds.

"Hopefully, farmers walk away with a broader understanding of artificial insemination," Gus said.

Like many local businesses, G & S has worked through droughts and tough seasons by focusing on the essentials.

"We simply provide the services farmers need," Gus said.

At the end of the day, Gus hopes farmers remember one thing about the business.

"Just that we are a local, small, family-run business."

Putting Service First



- ✓ Semen sales & inseminations
- ✓ Calf de-horning
- ✓ Freeze branding
- ✓ Ultrasound pregnancy testing

Gus Kirk 0428 639 873 • Brendan Rigby 0459 068 946
Jess Bolding 0428 639 871 • Shay Davis 0474 706 244



Brad Beyers, John Bowman and Jess Ashburner from Brown's Fertilisers showcased their services at the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo 2025.
W01_3625

Reliable service at the heart of Brown's Fertilisers

FOR more than 35 years, Brown's Fertilisers has worked alongside farmers across Northeast Victoria and Gippsland. With three depots in Gippsland, another in the northeast and a fleet of trucks, the business has built its reputation on supplying fertiliser and lime in any quantity, always backed by reliable service.

Agronomist John Bowman says it is that mix of service and quality that local farmers appreciate most.

"It is our reliable service, and we always have quality products. Our fertilisers come through Geelong. It is always a good product, always mixed correctly, and we try and get the job done reliably and on time for the farmers."

The South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo provides Brown's with a chance to connect with the people they work with every season.

"We have been part of it for many years now and it is an opportunity to catch up, have a social chat and a business chat to our dairy farmers. It's also a great opportunity for us to interact with other service providers. It's good to catch up and see where our business fits in with their businesses," John said.

Conversations this year have been largely focused on a tough autumn and dry winter. With soil moisture in the ground now, John has encouraged farmers to grow as much grass as possible going into spring. "Feed prices are expensive, hay might be 50 to 60 cents per kilogram, but if farmers grow their own pasture the cost can be closer to 10 cents per kilogram. We are trying to encourage farmers to maximise their pasture growth and make the most of the season."

John's advice is simple.

"Grow as much pasture as possible, use it strategically, and have a soil test occasionally so you are not flying in the dark."



Brown's offer a wide range of fertiliser and soil ameliorants, qualified agronomic advice and backed by a trusted spreading and delivery service.

Speak to your local agronomist today to find out how we can help you!

PRODUCTS

- Full range of fertilisers
- Full range of limes
- Trace elements
- Tailored fertiliser blends
- Bulka & 25kg bags

SERVICES

- Agronomic advice
- Spreading
- Blending
- Soil & plant tissue testing
- Nutrient budgeting

Koo Wee Rup (03) 5997 2203
Leongatha (03) 5667 3100
Maffra 0427 220 127
Merton (03) 5778 7490

Find out more:
www.brownsfert.com.au

Organisation
FERTCARE



Local dairy farmer Mark Calder with Brett Charlton from Gendore Tractors and Machinery, discussing equipment at the Dairy Expo. w19_3625



Kirra Moon-Curry from Travel Managers Poowong helped Expo attendees learn more about personalised travel services. w28_3625



Wonthaggi Motorcycles and Power Equipment owners, Craig Pringle and Mick Prezioso made sure their impressive Kioti Tractors were front and centre at this year's Dairy Expo. w24_3625



TTMI representatives Lachlan Moon and Kyle Campbell showcased some special offers to customers visiting their site at this year's Expo. w27_3625



Elyse Chapman, Tom Peters, and Gavan Stewart from Chapman Machinery displayed their EC R 320 Front Mower by Krone, along with their T175 Valtra tractor in titan grey. w29_3625

Wind stops drone debut, but tech still turns heads at Dairy Expo

THE future of farming was on show at the Expo, where drones drew plenty of attention from curious farmers and industry representatives.

Several companies had set up their stands to showcase how drones are beginning to reshape agriculture, from spraying weeds to capturing aerial images of pasture and crops. There was also plenty of anticipation for a rare demonstration of the DJI Agras T100, a new model that has only just landed in the country. However, the demonstration had to be called off due to strong winds on the day, leaving farmers to imagine its potential rather than see it in action.

Among the exhibitors was Wonthaggi-based Worker Bee Drones, which spent the Expo answering questions and sparking conversations about how the technology could fit into everyday farm life.

For Poowong dairy and beef farmer Zack Follett, drones are best seen as a service at this stage rather than something to purchase outright. He remembers when they first came onto the scene.

"When they first came out, they were quite expensive, but a lot of pilots are now the ones that fly them, rather than just any farmer that bought one and thought it was a good idea, because some of the drones you do need an aviation licence for."

Even so, he said the practical benefits are hard to ignore.

"They do a good job, though, and for doing small areas or small sections of weed in a paddock, they can cover quite a lot of distance, rather than a tractor having to travel a long distance just to spray a little bit of weed. For spot spraying and things like that they are quite good."



Jesse Sago from Worker Bee Drones was more than happy to educate farmers on their increasingly popular technology at the Dairy Expo. W13_3625

Zack also sees potential for drones in difficult terrain.

"Drones might change things; they might help control weeds in areas that are difficult to reach, like spraying gullies and blackberries. Rather than sending a worker for a whole day on the end of a spray gun, you can send a drone in and get it done that way. It's just an easier and safer way to do it, rather than sending in a worker and making them have to deal with the chemicals."

At the Worker Bee Drones site, Jesse Sago said the feedback from farmers had been positive.

"Everyone that comes past, we ask them if they have ever used a drone on their farm. Most people haven't, but they are very interested in learning about how they can, so overall it's been positive," he said.

Jesse said drones were not here

to replace farmers but to make their work safer.

"This sort of tech is going to change their role in terms of reducing their risk. By using drones, you are removing yourself from the point of application of chemicals, also saving on lifting things up and down hills, carrying around a 20- or 30-kilogram knapsack, knee injuries, ankle injuries, snakebites, all that stuff goes away with this sort of technology."

He added that while many farmers currently see drones as a service, some have already taken the plunge.

"We have sold a couple of these drones to farmers already. We have got farmers coming to us already and asking to learn about this technology. It is really encouraging how interested even older farmers are in new technology."

Mt Lyall Dairies Tour: Where technology meets tradition

FARMERS had the rare opportunity to step behind the scenes of dairy operations at the Lancey family farm in Nyora, as part of the South Gippsland Dairy & Farming Expo last week.

Home to a brand new 100-stand rotary dairy and a huge loafing barn, the farm boasts modern infrastructure, efficiency, and innovation.

Chris Lancey welcomed over 100 attendees to the farm on Wednesday afternoon and standing in the middle of the huge rotary dairy, shared a little about his farming journey.

Chris explained he's been farming for 40 years, leaving school at just 15 years old to do a farm apprenticeship. Over the decades, one of the major challenges Chris has seen for starting or expanding within the dairy industry is land prices.

"I probably started a lot easier 40 years ago with land prices. These days with land prices it'd be a pretty tough gig to start out from scratch. Going back 40 years ago, we were buying land for five or six hundred dollars an acre. Good luck finding that now," he said.

In the 1980s, Chris's parents were milking about 250 cows, using a 12-unit rotary, which they could fit 11 cows in. In 1988, they built a 42-unit rotary and later, a 70-unit rotary which they'd been using up until very recently.

With 1500 cows milking last year, the Lancey's wanted something more



Chris Lancey with John Van de Burgt from Westfalia in front of the brand new 100-unit rotary, which can milk 600 cows in an hour. ob02_3625

efficient and fit for purpose for the numbers they were putting through.

"We put a 100 unit in," explained Chris. "Even if we don't run it to its capacity, you just don't know what's around the corner. We can still slow it down and milk 500 cows an hour or we can crank it like it is there now, doing 600 cows an hour. So, it just gives us options."

These future options will be largely left up to Chris's successors as he looks towards retirement.

"I'd probably better slow down the next five years. I've done a fair bit in

the previous five," he said, but the wheels are still in motion.

"We'll probably keep going this year, around 2200 cows between the two farms. Unless we bought more land – and I don't think we need to do more – the other option would be to put another barn in, similar to what I've got. I could leave 400 or 500 cows in that full time and I'd pick the higher producers out."

"We've got the facility to handle it, because the dairy will handle two or three thousand cows if we want to," Chris added.



100 unit rotary milking parlour opens up options for Nyora farming family

THE brand new 100-unit rotary milking parlour at the Lancey family farm in Nyora has been in operation for about two months, and farmer of 40 years, Chris Lancey is happy with its performance.

The family had the option to put in another 70-unit rotary system; their existing one was already milking 1500 cows at 21 rounds, so they decided a 100-unit rotary, which can milk up to 3000 cows, would open up opportunities.

Earthworks on the Mount Lyall Road property began at the end of November last year with the aim of having all the earthworks done and footings in before Christmas.

This eventuated, and by early January, they started standing the shed up and getting the system in place.

“(We) started milking on the second of July. It’s taken us two months to get the old dairy out and completely change it to yards,” explained Chris during a farm tour last week. “We’ve still got our underpass to put in on the end of the drafting yard, so it goes out under the laneway and we can have cows coming home, walking over the top, in the yard, around the platform, through the draught and back out onto the feed pad.”

Explaining that they haven’t



The new 100-unit rotary dairy parlour in operation at the Lancey family farm can milk up to 3000 cows. ob01_3625

been able to put the underpass in because the laneway is the current access to the rotary while they had the new yard completed, but work on it is imminent.

“That’ll take us two weeks, and we’ll hopefully have that all operational, which will make a big difference.”

The cost of the project is estimated to be \$5 million, but in terms of technology Chris said the only real difference to the 70 unit rotary is that it now includes the posi-arms and the cow scout with the automatic drafting feed detection.

Chris chose to install posi-arms, as he thought it might have made it a little bit easier to put cups on.

“I don’t know if it is,” he admitted, but he is still very happy with it. “I love it for the cup alignment, pulling the cups off the cows. It’s like a swing over dairy so it’s falling off straight between the legs, not around the legs.”

The speed of the system is something that took Chris by surprise.

“I thought we would have got away with two operators putting cups on, but a 10-minute

round at six seconds a cow is pushing things a bit, you could probably get away with two operators in the morning when you slow it down a little bit more,” he explained.

The cow scout with the automatic drafting feed detection will make the job a whole lot easier according to Chris, once they’ve set it up.

“It will save manual drafting, as, in the previous setup, we didn’t have anywhere to set drafting up with the way the yards were. We were a bit limited, so we’re looking forward to getting that all up and running.”

The system has been milking up to 1650 cows this season at the Lancey farm and may increase to over 2000 next year, with the capacity for more.

It is the fourth rotary that Chris has built for the farm and he reckons it will be his last, but is happy with the legacy it will leave for the future of the farm.

“It’ll be the last one I build. That why I got this one – it’ll do me and that’s why I’ve put everything into it. It has performed very well. The cows have been exceptional, even from the first milking. We’d walk four or five up to the rotary at a time and three of them would walk straight on and you’d just follow the other two on, you didn’t actually have to push any cows on.”

Mt Lyall Tour offers insights into loafing barns

DURING last week’s Mt Lyall Farm Tour as part of the South Gippsland Dairy Expo, insights were shared on how the farm’s loafing facility is used and managed. Callum Lancey, alongside Scott MacDonald from Agriculture Victoria, told how they installed and extended what was the old Warragul Sale Yard shed so it now covers about 8000 square metres.

An additional 2000 square metres covers the feed pad and there are 2000 square metres of uncovered feed pad.

The floor of the barn is made up of compost bedding.

Initially, they started with a bulkier wood chip but found it wasn’t heating up enough and have changed to a more mulch-like compost that heats up more.

Callum explained that the barn is tilled daily to turn

everything over and keep it fresh, and every six to eight weeks more compost is added to build it up. The barn is primarily used between April and September and on very hot days in summer.

“We use this shed only in the afternoons after our PM milking. So, the cows will graze out there on the feed pad for an hour and a half, two hours, and then we’ll come across open all the gates. They can start going up the paddock if they’d like. The ones that will stick around, they then have the option to come into the shed at night. All the cows don’t come here at once,” explained Callum.

“Additionally, in the winter-time, by having the cows in here, we double our grazing rotation from 30 days to 60 days. So, then we’re not doing all the

pasture damage, and that was one of our main driving factors into building the shed.”

Callum explained that the compost bedding is recommended to be completely changed every three years and the Lanceys will pull it out at the end of this month, when that time is reached.

“It’s all going to get pulled out and it will go out to the back 100 hectares and we’ll plant a big crop of maize out there, so it’ll all be reused as fertiliser.”

The way these compost barns are set up, they do not produce any leachates.

“These loose house and composite bedding pack barns do not leach, they’re dry, they’re managed,” explained Scott.

“That’s one of the EPA’s original questions – what leachates are coming out? Nothing.

Because these are aerated every day. It’s managed.”

Scott added that the minimum area required for a cow in a loafing barn is eight square metres, but for more intensive purposes where cows aren’t going out to graze this would need to increase by 12 – 16 squares per animal.

He also cautioned farmers who are considering installing loafing barns or compost bedding to ensure their intention is clear and specific when applying to council for permits.

“Councils can easily get mixed up and think it’s a loafing barn, cows are going to live in it, you’ve crossed over into intensification, which is a change of land use,” said Scott.

“This is not intensive dairying. It’s used under grazing animal production.”

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, September 1, 2025

Jersey & Jersey x\$10 to \$35
Friesian Bulls\$25 to \$58
Beef Bulls\$38 to \$180
Beef Heifers\$25 to \$55
Friesian Heifers\$40 to \$140

Number of Calves: **519**

Number purchased to rear: **103**

Steer & Heifer Store Sale

Steers\$220 to \$1000
Heifers\$350 to \$1100
Number: **132**

LEAWOOD ANGUS

LEADING NEW ZEALAND GENETICS

2025 SPRING SALE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 1PM

50 BULLS - 60 COMMERCIAL FEMALES

Follow us on Facebook
FOR SALE PICTURES & VIDEOS

SCAN QR FOR SALE VIDEOS

GRAEME 0429 992 683
LUKE 0474 992 683
1545 PRINCES HWY, FLYNN

Contact: Nutrien Kevin Morgan 0419 917 510
Neville Kelly 0417 359 637
Tim Woodham 0436 015 115

**LARDNER PARK
ELDERS AND ALEX
SCOTT & STAFF
DAIRY SALE**

NEXT DAIRY SALE:

**Friday, September 19
at 11am**

A/c J & A Zurrer, Mrs NJ Coster & CR Coster, Elenan, Jaz & Rolyne Holsteins, Longwarry

14 - Magnificent young Holstein cows calved since 3rd August by Al Jeronimo, Ferrero, Contender & B52 with generations of AI backing. Current herd avg 30 ltrs, 125 BMCC. A great opportunity for anyone to buy cows of this calibre. Individual breeding & production details available prior to sale.

A/c GM, GA & KA Olsen, Mountain View- Complete dispersal of later calved portion of herd.

34 - Holstein & 11 Jersey cows by A.I Destination, Pickfish, Regal, MVP, Matt, Marvarie etc having calved from 16th July to a few on point of calving. A closed herd with over 40 yrs AI breeding. Herd has been in selective breeding programs for over 25 yrs with Leading Edge Genetics breeding guidance for past 17 yrs. Medium framed young cows (majority 2nd -4th lactation) showing all the correct attributes of the generations of AI backing. Current herd avg 29 ltrs, 4.1 BF, 3.2 Prot, 65 BMCC in hill country with 5 kg bale feed.

A/c J James (Herd Sold)

8 - Springing Friesian, Guernsey, Jersey X bred Heifers in calf to Speckle Park Bull

ATTENTION FARMERS

Please ensure all entries are booked in with your agent prior to sale

5623 4744

Terry Ahearn
0438 562 816

Neil Darby
0418 595 265

5941 0299

Darryl Adams
0408 385 872

Andrew Mumford
0407 803 360

Visit our website:
www.sgst.com.au



Leanne O'Neill from Cut 360 shows off her woodchips for calf pens and advertises her tree removal service at the Dairy expo. w26_3625



Gibson's Groundspread representatives Jacob Cecil, Andrew Houchen and Peter Harbridge were on hand at the expo, discussing soil nutrition and spreading services. w23_3625

Lactalis acquisition threatens many iconic dairy brands, according to UDV

By Bruce Wardley

THE acquisition of Fonterra by French dairy giant Lactalis could spell the end of many iconic dairy brands, according to the United Dairy Farmers of Victoria (UDV).

Fonterra's Darnum plant was built by Bonlac Foods in July 1997 and acquired by Fonterra in 2006 to produce milk powder for domestic and global markets.

Lactalis and Fonterra both currently acquire raw milk from dairy farmers in Victoria and Tasmania, as well as processing and supplying a range of popular dairy products.

UDV President Bernie Free said the acquisition could result in product duplication.

"Some existing brands may disappear from supermarket aisles," said Mr Free.

"Our farmers produce the best dairy products in the world, and I hope this move doesn't restrict consumers' access to locally made, fresh Victorian dairy products.

"It's hard enough for consumers to find out what products are Australian-made and moves such as this make that challenge even more difficult," Mr Free said.

"Any reduction in competition is likely to place downward pressure on farmgate prices and leave producers with less negotiation power, jeopardising farm viability.

"Rationalisation of processing facilities could result in job losses, reduced regional investment and undermine the infrastructure that has long supported Victoria's dairy industry."

Mr Free said he was concerned that increased reliance on imported dairy products



Lactalis acquisition of Fonterra combines two of the largest buyers of raw milk in Victoria. B10_3625

may not only displace locally produced milk but also weaken the security of our food supply.

"Smaller processors could find their access to milk swapping or supply contracts increasingly constrained, further limiting diversity and competition."

"There is no clear evidence prices will improve," said Mr Free.

"Farmers need fair access to competitive markets and transparent contracts."

Deputy Chair of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Mick Keogh said the ACCC would not oppose the proposed acquisition by Lactalis in Australia.

"We looked very closely at the transaction, as it will combine two of the largest buyers of raw milk in Victoria," said Mr Keogh.

"While we acknowledge the

concerns raised by some representative bodies, after careful consideration we (the ACCC) have determined that the acquisition is unlikely to result in a substantial lessening of competition."

Fonterra has agreed to sell its consumer and associated businesses to Lactalis for AU\$3.48 billion, subject to shareholder approval and receipt of regulatory approvals.

The sale comprises Fonterra's global consumer business and consumer brands (excluding greater China) and Fonterra's integrated foodservice and ingredients businesses in Oceania, Sri Lanka, the Middle East and Africa.

Lactalis CEO Emmanuel Besnier said the acquisition would significantly strengthen the company's strategy across Oceania, Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

The ACCC found the acquisition would not substantially alter current market dynamics in Victoria as Lactalis would continue to be constrained by Saputo.

"Because Fonterra and Lactalis have differing end product mixes, they often seek to acquire milk from farmers with different production profiles, and accordingly, we found that they are not likely to be each other's closest competitors."

The ACCC found retailers and wholesalers would continue to benefit from the competition provided by imports of cheese, dairy ingredients and chilled yellow spreads.

According to the ACCC, retailers also had the ability to sponsor a new entry (into the market) or enter the market directly, as Coles had through the acquisition of Saputo's milk processing assets.

MARKET REPORT

Brought to you by...

CLAAS Harvest Centre **CLAAS**

Store prices lift again

AGENTS yarded 4700 head in an outstanding offering at this week's VLE Leongatha store sale.

There was some terrific drafts of grown steers and weaner steers and heifers on offer.

Prices again generally lifted 10-15 cents with all the usual feedlot, processor and commission buyers competing strongly.

A large crowd of local restockers attended and were all keen to make purchases as recent rain offers them more confidence of a potentially good spring.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, August 28, 2025 Steers

S & S Anderson 15 Angus	631kg	\$5.07	\$3160
Bingarra Park 18 Angus	593kg	\$5.40	\$3210
McDonachie 28 Angus	575kg	\$5.20	\$3000
M & B Harding 12 Angus	552kg	\$5.43	\$3000
N & E McGuiness 13 Angus	544kg	\$5.14	\$2800
F & D O'Connor 14 Angus	541kg	\$5.63	\$3050
G Murray 15 Angus	537kg	\$5.58	\$3000
M Bailey 16 Angus	530kg	\$5.50	\$2920
Scorpex Agri 17 Angus	526kg	\$5.57	\$2930
Mcconachie 11 Angus	519kg	\$5.44	\$2830
M & J Brady 24 Angus	510kg	\$5.80	\$2960
S & B Tumino 10 Angus	487kg	\$5.29	\$2580
Powlett River Pastoral 20 Ang	486kg	\$5.32	\$2590
KR & J Lyons 16 BB	485kg	\$5.37	\$2610
Pipe GrAnguse Pastoral 18 MG	464kg	\$5.06	\$2350
Riverslea Ag Services 11 Angus	456kg	\$5.21	\$2380
Mirawah P/L 15 Angus	450kg	\$5.42	\$2440
PR & JT Fleming 12 Angus	446kg	\$5.42	\$2420
A Mumford 11 Angus	443kg	\$5.14	\$2280
Mornington Park 14 Angus	432kg	\$5.46	\$2360
Watergrass Angus 12 Angus	429kg	\$5.54	\$2380
D Hurley 20 Angus	425kg	\$5.41	\$2300
H & M Mawhinney 20 Angus	409kg	\$5.49	\$2250
Glenshiel Pastoral 26 Char	408kg	\$5.43	\$2220
Powlett River Pastoral 24 Ang	392kg	\$5.38	\$2110
V & DI Vickers 13 Hereford	391kg	\$4.91	\$1920
M & D Higgins P/L 16 Angus	385kg	\$5.37	\$2070
Nethercote Trading 20 Angus	378kg	\$5.55	\$2100
S LAngusley 12 Angus	377kg	\$5.38	\$2030
SJ & CA Carbone 10 Angus	375kg	\$5.49	\$2060
M P Ernst 12 Angus	374kg	\$5.26	\$1970
S Hurley 20 Angus	367kg	\$5.66	\$2080
B Rinaldi 19 Angus	367kg	\$5.64	\$2070
Eddington Holdings 20 Angus	358kg	\$6.28	\$2250
Leebrooke Livestock 22 Angus	354kg	\$5.42	\$1920
R & P Davis 11 BrAngus	350kg	\$4.88	\$1710
A & J Gerrand 21 Angus	345kg	\$6.04	\$2090
RJ & PJ Derham 18 BB	341kg	\$5.57	\$1900
RG Whykes 14 Hereford	336kg	\$5.47	\$1840
Rural Operations Group 17 Hfd	335kg	\$5.22	\$1750
Allen Ag Services 19 Angus	333kg	\$5.73	\$1910
G Holmes 13 Angus	330kg	\$5.00	\$1650
JCM Farms 19 Angus	322kg	\$5.12	\$1700
EJ & VM White 22 Angus	325kg	\$6.09	\$1980
A Walker 20 Angus	319kg	\$5.98	\$1910
T Richards & D Rae 16 Angus	317kg	\$5.89	\$1870
A2Z Farming 12 Angus	310kg	\$5.64	\$1750
B & S Phillips 10 Angus	308kg	\$5.71	\$1760
C Stockwell 11 Angus	305kg	\$5.44	\$1660
Jorgensen AG Holdings 20 Ang	304kg	\$5.65	\$1720
Oaklands 20 Angus	295kg	\$5.75	\$1700
Netherwood Pastoral 21 Angus	294kg	\$6.25	\$1840
CA & JR Moore 15 Hereford	293kg	\$5.27	\$1550
R Galante 18 Angus	293kg	\$5.75	\$1690
S Johnstone 26 Angus	292kg	\$5.41	\$1580
Ridgeline Pty Ltd 14 Angus	288kg	\$5.45	\$1570
Gail Hoestra 21 Angus	286kg	\$5.62	\$1610
Mt Arrarat Parklea 26 Angus	273kg	\$5.89	\$1610
Nethercote 28 Angus	272kg	\$5.51	\$1500
J Gathercole 11 Angus	270kg	\$5.62	\$1520

Heifers:			
KR & J Lyons 13 BB	445kg	\$4.80	\$2140
Baycity Motors P/L 17 Angus	422kg	\$5.04	\$2130
IK & JM Box 19 Angus	409kg	\$4.57	\$1870
Riverslea Ag Services 24 Angus	407kg	\$4.88	\$1990
Nethercote Trading 10 Angus	403kg	\$4.98	\$2010
Shaw Pastoral 15 Angus	400kg	\$5.00	\$2000
RK & WJ Horner 12 Angus	372kg	\$5.16	\$1920
Allen Ag Services 22 Angus	353kg	\$4.64	\$1640
A2Z Farming 14 Angus	343kg	\$4.22	\$1450
Springbank Farms 15 Hereford	334kg	\$4.43	\$1480
Leebrooke Livestock 22 Angus	310kg	\$5.00	\$1550
B & S Phillips 13 Angus	310kg	\$4.70	\$1460
Rg Whykes 14 Hereford	306kg	\$4.41	\$1350
Rm & Jm Auchterlonie 21 Blue	305kg	\$4.49	\$1370
P & M Hanratty 15 Angus	305kg	\$4.49	\$1370
RJ & PJ Derham 24 BB	303kg	\$4.75	\$1440
JCM Farms 19 Angus	300kg	\$4.43	\$1330
NW Page 25 Angus	299kg	\$5.18	\$1550
A2Z Farming 14 Angus	291kg	\$4.19	\$1220
Sandy Hill Pastoral 10 Angus	288kg	\$3.95	\$1140
A & J Gerrand 20 Angus	284kg	\$4.71	\$1340
Gail Hoestra 21 Angus	278kg	\$4.64	\$1290

Cross Breed Steers			
WC & TL Warren 15 Angus/FF X	686kg	\$4.59	\$3150
H Edden 10 Angus/FF X	374kg	\$4.49	\$1680

Xbred Heifers			
Glen Alvie Dairies 18 Ang/FF X	457kg	\$4.07	\$1860

LIVESTOCK AGENTS,
LICENSED REAL ESTATE AGENTS,
PROPERTY MANAGERS, AUCTIONEERS
www.alexscott.com.au

36 BRIDGE STREET, KORUMBURRA PH: 5655 1133 FAX: 5655 2480

Livestock Sales

KORUMBURRA

David Ryan 0408 311 895

LEONGATHA

Dane Perczyk - Livestock Manager 0408 176 063
Jack Curtis 0427 762 670

WARRAGUL

Neil Darby - Livestock Manager 0418 595 265
Terry Ahearn 0438 562 816
Jordan Sim 0448 058 435
Mark Malacarne 0418 654 590
Georgie Snell 0417 100 657

FOSTER

Dick Faulkner 0408 595 174
Brian Vuillermin 0429 436 040

WONTHAGGI

Rob Ould - Livestock Manager 0408 595 183
David Holden 0428 749 390
Alan Bolding 0419 723 255

PAKENHAM

David Setches - Livestock Manager 0409 443 473
Glenn Barwick 0408 975 476
Morgan Croucher 0457 001 877
Tim Gibson 0420 306 599
Imogen Price 0417 225 498

Real Estate Sales

KORUMBURRA

Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898

WONTHAGGI

Phillip Hanley 0417 140 508
Cal Nation 0439 334 163
Mick Chambers 0418 349 783

GRANTVILLE

Angus Hall 0466 326 487

INVERLOCH

Marni Lee Redmond 0403 525 413

BERWICK

Tom Gibson 0438 574 472

LEONGATHA

Andrew Newton 0402 940 320
Peter Dwyer 0428 855 244
Emily Hillberg 0422 622 299
Tony Giles 0407 528 192
Dan Huther 0418 334 801

MELBOURNE LAND

Matt Koster 0474 781 711

COWES

Greg Price 0419 337 441
Brian Silver 0407 347 509
Chase Watters 0423 272 819

WARRAGUL

Alan Steenholdt 0409 423 822

PAKENHAM

Tom Gibson 0438 574 472

VENUS BAY

Daniel Lawrie 0417 631 252
Sue Lawrie 0419 885 489

LANG LANG

Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898

KOO WEE RUP

Angus Hall 0466 326 487

SUCCESS THROUGH SERVICE

ELECTRIC FENCE
ENERGIZER
REPAIRS

Paul Vassil
(Formerly Vassil Electronics)
38 Lower Gordon St, Korumburra
0408 515 184

Phelan & Henderson & Co.

Specialists in Livestock
and Rural Real Estate sales

• Operating at VLE Leongatha

• Auctions Plus sales

• Direct and private
sales of Livestock

• Personal professional service

Simon Henderson 0428 740 750
Jake Anthony 0467 297 794
David Phelan 0429 050 349



High prices dominate saleyards, as sellers rejoice



HIGH prices dominated Thursday's store sale, with recent rains very much welcomed, but more still needed to dampen the dry soil. There were plenty of people at the yards perusing for a Thursday outing, some ready to buy if the prices dropped enough, others keen to just get their hands on something. The Hurley Family were selling three pens of Angus, which, according to Cameron Steed and Diana Hurley-Steed, sold "at good prices, very good in fact" under Alex Scott & Staff auctioneer David Setches. The 60 Millah Murrah bred steers, Never Ever accredited, saw the heavier selling for \$2300 a head and the lighter 367 kilograms securing \$2080 per head. Stock agent Roger Tweedle from Warragul noted the prices were very high as he worked to get a second pen for one of his clients. "The American market is strong. Still building the herd, so there is half a hope," he commented. Cattle that were once unsellable, previously too small, flew out the gates. Twelve Angus from Taralinga fetched \$6.60 a kilo in the smaller steers. "It's very good, ticking along nicely," Alex Scott & Staff Livestock Agent Rob Ould stated before lunch. "The feedlot is doing very well with most going to grazier properties." Whilst several people at the market asked not to be named, the conversations were flowing, with much chatter around the high prices and low dam levels. A Kongwak farmer was restocking on Thursday after destock-

ing earlier in the year, purchasing twelve-month-old Hereford steers. "After recent rains, we've got more grass and are in a position to buy for the season ahead," he said, stating he had also bought last month. "Apprehensive about the prices, but got to do something. Prices could go up or down, but at least if you're in, you're in. They're good quality cattle." As Elders stepped into action, the Sentinel-Times caught up with Alex Scott & Staff auctioneer David Setches. "It was very, very strong," David stated. "Slightly dearer than a fortnight ago. Feedlots dominated in the 400-600 kilogram cattle." **Read the full story online at sgst.com.au**

VLE LEONGATHA STORE SALE
3500 CATTLE 3500

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 - Starting at 9am

PLEASE NOTE: 4PM WEDNESDAY CURFEW APPLIES

GROWN STEERS

A/c Vere Investments (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus steers, 18-20 mths
A/c B Woodward, Hazelwood Nth (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 20 mths
A/c High Voltage Consultancy (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 15 mths, VB, NE Accred, Leawood blood
A/c Hopfields, Dutson (NUTRIEN)
40 Shorthorn steers, 16 mths, Sprys blood
A/c MJ Jeffrey, Morwell (NUTRIEN)
36 Angus steers, 14 mths
A/c Alhaurin Pastoral Co P/L, Outtrim (SEJ)
30 Angus steers, 2 ½ yo, Western District Bred
A/c High Voltage Consultancy (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 15 mths, VB, NE Accred, Leawood blood
A/c Bona Vista Pastoral (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 14mths, NE Accred
A/c Lorstan, Hedley (SEJ)
24 Angus steers, 14-15 mths, Kunuma and Tambo Valley blood VB, GF, ABF, NE Accred
A/c DW Bishoff, Yinnar (NUTRIEN)
23 Angus steers, rising 2 yo, Hookey Past bred, Leawood blood, Cydectin P/O 20/8
A/c T & D Glover, Myora (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 18 mths
A/c Jasmel Nom, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
20 Hereford steers, 15-16 mths, Ex Monaro Dist bred
A/c DE & MJ Lee, Bushy Park (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 14 mths, Kunuma blood
A/c Doonagatha, Sandy Point (SEJ)
18 Angus steers, 18 mths. VB, GF, AF, NE Accred, Mordallup and Harris Farms blood
A/c Melaleuca Pastoral Trust, Ruby (NUTRIEN)
18 Angus steers, 15-18 mths
A/c Mustard Sands, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
18 Angus / Hereford X steers, 15-16 mths
A/c Heart Park, Sale (NUTRIEN)
16 Angus steers, 15 mths, NE Accred
A/c GW & GA Morgan, Seaton (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 22 mths
A/c Hislop & Hillberg, Ruby (SEJ)
15 Angus steers, 15-16 mths
A/c C & S Corrigan, Krowera (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 15-18 mths, Rennylea blood, Coopers Trifecta Oral Drench-August, Multimin, 2x5in1
A/c Holt & Perry, Korumburra (NUTRIEN)
14 Angus steers, 2yo
A/c A Cannizzo, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus steers, 14-16 mths
A/c Sage FT, Bena (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 15-16 mths

A/c M Porto, Stratford (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus / Hereford X steers, 2.5yo
A/c Alkira Angus, Koonwarra (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 14 mths
A/c Condon-Lee, Bushy Park (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 14 mths, Kunuma blood, VB & NE Accred
GROWN HEIFERS
A/c J MacIachlan P/L, Glencoe (NUTRIEN)
150 Angus heifers, 16 mths, Banquet & NZ Genetics, JBS & NE Accred
A/c Lorstan, Hedley (SEJ)
40 Angus heifers, 14-15 mths, Kunuma and Tambo Valley blood, VB, GF, AF, NE Accred
A/c K & L Heggen, Binginwarri (SEJ)
40 Red Angus Heifers, 16-17 mths, Hicks blood, VB GF, ABF, NE Accred, great opportunity to purchase quality replacements
A/c R&B Broadbent, Heyfield (ES&B)
20 Angus & Black Baldy Heifers, 18-20 mths
A/c Bona Vista Pastoral (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus heifers, 14mths, NE Accred
A/c MJ Jeffrey, Morwell (NUTRIEN)
18 Angus heifers, 14 mths
A/c Kuch Grazing, Darriman (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus heifers, 24 mths, Landfall blood, EU Accred, NE Accred
A/c Armstrong & White, Johnsonville (NUTRIEN)
14 Angus heifers, 14-16 mths
A/c Condon-Lee, Bushy Park (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus heifers, 14 mths, Kunuma blood, VB & NE Accred
A/c T Beamish, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)
13 Hereford heifers, 17-18 mths
A/c Sage FT, Bena (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus heifers, 15-16 mths

ANGUS WEANERS

A/c Two Creeks Pastoral Co, Deniliquin (NUTRIEN)
200 Angus steers, 10 mths, weaned, Vacc, VB, Tabletop bloodlines
A/c Von Pace Pastoral, Giffard (NUTRIEN)
100 AA & BB steers
60 AA & BB heifers
12- 13 mths, By Innesdale Bulls, NE Accred
A/c SJC Farms P/L, Thorpdale (NUTRIEN)
90 Angus heifers, 12-14 mths, Leawood blood, weaned, forward condition
A/c B & G Wallace, Kilmany (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus steers
30 Angus heifers
11 mths, Leawood blood, NE Accred

A/c T Croke, Boisdale (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers
20 Angus heifers
12-14 mths, Innesdale blood, GF, ABF, NE Accred
A/c R&B Broadbent, Heyfield (ES&B)
50 Angus mixed sex calves, 10-12 mths, weaned 8 weeks, 2x5in1 drenched, Leawood & Innesdale bloodlines, excellent temperament.
A/c Dave Harris Earthmoving, Tarwin (SEJ)
40 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, Battersby bloodlines, VB, GF
A/c P & T Harris, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
24 Angus steers
12 Angus heifers
12 mths, NE Accred
A/c Oxbow, Loch (NUTRIEN)
36 Angus mixed sex, 9-10 mths
A/c C & S Corrigan, Krowera (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 10-12 mths, Rennylea blood, Coopers Trifecta Oral Drench- August, Multimin, 2x5in1, weaned May
A/c Armstrong & White, Johnsonville (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 12 -14 mths
10 Ang heifers, 12-14 mths
A/c Angels Run, Koonwarra (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers
15 Angus heifers
12-13 mths
A/c B & J Stockdale, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths
A/c C & T McCaughan, Stony Creek (NUTRIEN)
23 Angus steers, 12 mths
A/c Pearson Beef, Meeniyar (SEJ)
20 Angus and Angus Hereford cross heifers. 12 mths
A/c D&S Burns, Ryanston (SEJ)
20 Angus heifers, 8-10 mths, Millah Murrah blood, VB, GF, ABF
A/c SJ Conway, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
18 Angus heifers, 11-12 mths, Leawood, Pinora & Latrobe Park blood, weaned, NE Accred
A/c R Wilkinson, Welshpool (PHC)
18 Angus heifers 10-11 mths, weaned VB, GFO, ABF
A/c J & J Mosley, Briagolong (NUTRIEN)
17 Angus steers, 12 mths
A/c Kuch Grazing, Darriman (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus heifers, 12 mths, Landfall blood, EU Accred, NE Accred
A/c T Beamish, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)
14 Angus steers, 12 mths
A/c G Symons, Callignee (NUTRIEN)
9 Angus steers, 12 mths
5 Angus heifers, 12 mths

A/c G & J Jans, Berrys Creek (NUTRIEN)
14 Angus heifers, 12-13 mths, weaned, Merlewood blood
A/c A & L Sage, Ruby (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus steers, 12 mths
A/c Raj Croke, Sale (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 12 mths, Leawood blood
A/c KRG Ross, Delburn (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus X steers, 8 mths
A/c SP Dunlop, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus heifers, 12-14 mths, By Black Spur Bulls

COLOURED WEANERS

A/c L & S Marriott, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
50 Poll Hereford heifers, 11-12 mths
10 Poll Hereford steers, 11-12 mths
Weaned, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred
A/c K Cody & D Vickers, Binginwarri (PHC)
36 Limousin / Angus mixed sex yearlings, weaned VB, GFO, ABF
A/c D Brien, Trafalgar Sth (NUTRIEN)
20 Limo X mixed sex, NE Accred
A/c A Pocklington, Mirboo (SEJ)
15 Hereford Heifers, 11 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred
A/c DG & DL Green, Heyfield (NUTRIEN)
12 Hereford & BB steers, 12 mths
A/c Tolga Industries (NUTRIEN)
9 Speckle Park steers, 12 mths

XBRED & DAIRY

A/c J & K Macaulay, Jack River (NUTRIEN)
34 Hereford/Friesian X steers, 16-18 mths
A/c W & A Holwerda, Stony Creek (SEJ)
35 Angus Friesian X steers, 6 mths, bucket reared
A/c Oxbow, Loch (NUTRIEN)
12 XB mixed sex
A/c J Derix, Newry (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus/Friesian X steers, 18 mths

COWS & CALVES . JOINED FEMALES

A/c Korlmi, Strzelecki (NUTRIEN)
21x21 Angus cows & calves, Rennylea blood, Marked, 2x5in1
A/c Grippi & Bertrand (NUTRIEN)
12x1 Angus Friesian X Springing heifers, 26 mths, Dep to Angus Bulls to commence calving 20/9 for 10 weeks

BULLS

A/c K Cody & D Vickers, Binginwarri (PHC)
1 Limousin Bull, "Shardy Park Mala", 99.2 % French Pure, very quiet



5662 4033 5662 2291 0429 050 349 5997 1555

SOUTH GIPPSLAND ASSOCIATED AGENTS

Saltmarsh islands secured for future generations



A kangaroo mob on Bullock Island.

AN ECOLOGICALLY significant saltmarsh island off the South Gippsland coast has been permanently protected thanks to a collaboration between philanthropists, botanists and carbon landscape experts.

Lying within Corner Inlet, the 72-hectare Bullock Island was offered for sale earlier this year. Despite its high ecological value, the land has been zoned for farming.

The not-for-profit group, Nooramunga Land & Sea (NL&S), secured funding from the Upotipotpon Foundation to acquire the property and protect it for future generations.

The acquisition marks the second conservation purchase by NL&S, a Local Landholding Entity established – with support from Biodiversity Legacy – for the

purpose of protecting and enhancing critical coastal saltmarsh ecosystems of South Gippsland, Victoria. In 2022, NL&S secured the neighbouring Little Dog Island (60 hectares), with further acquisitions expected as more donors come on board and nearby landholders consider their environmental legacy.

Leading the restoration and protection efforts are two of Victoria's leading botanists, Karl Just (Just Ecology) and Tim D'Ombra (Biodiversity Service), along with NL&S directors, Dr Steve Enticott (Carbon Landscapes), Jim Philipson (Rendere Environmental Trust) and Kristin Monie (Ecological Researcher).

They will be collaborating with the local community, national and international researchers,

Traditional Owners, special interest groups, volunteers and others to protect the islands, which contain outstanding examples of coastal saltmarsh. The islands also serve as a haven for native and migratory birds.

"In addition to their biodiversity values, the islands deliver essential ecosystem services to the community, buffering the coastline from storm surges, improving water quality, nurturing fish nurseries and helping regulate the climate through 'blue carbon' storage," said Dr Enticott.

"Coastal saltmarsh captures carbon 30 to 50 times faster than terrestrial forests, and once stored in the mud, the carbon stays locked away, acting as a powerful, natural carbon sink."

TRADES & SERVICES

DIRECTORY

AIR CONDITIONING

SAVE UP TO \$5,000 WHEN YOU REPLACE YOUR GAS DUCTED HEATING

Ask us how!

MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC
DIAMOND DEALER
SALE, INSTALLATION & REPAIR

citytocoastair.com
0400 001 465

AU39230

BUILDER

Renovating your bathroom?
We specialise in bathroom renovations and general carpentry.

David Cowan
Builder

0425 811 443
Reg. DB-L71510

COWAN
BUILDING BATHROOMS

LB1093

CONCRETING

REINFORCED CONCRETE SOUTH GIPPSLAND

For all your concreting needs
Phone: 0447 137 009

Email:
reinforcedconcreteaustralia@gmail.com

LE0696

DINGO SERVICES

BEN'S DINGO SERVICES

- Dingo (rubber tracks)
- 2 ton excavator
- Bucket work
- Post hole boring
- Rotary Hoe
- Trenching

Operating locally since 2001

0408 387 722

HM2569

AIR CONDITIONING

COASTAL
REFRIGERATION & AIR-CONDITIONING

DAIKIN

03 5678 5190
office@picra.com.au

Coastal Refrigeration and Airconditioning

AU22840

COMMERCIAL & DOMESTIC SERVICE, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND SALES

HM6629

BUILDER

VANDERMEER & SONS

Over 25 years experience Bathrooms a speciality

- Decking • Concrete retainer walls • Kitchens
- Bathrooms • Plastering • Painting
- Pergolas • Renovations
- Doors & window installation • Built-in robes

PAUL VANDERMEER
Mobile: 0427 750 568
FREE QUOTES

VV0124

CONCRETING

SG CONCRETING LANDSCAPING

House Slabs • Driveways
Shed Floors • Paths
Retaining Walls
Property Maintenance
s.g.concreting@hotmail.com
IAN 0431105213

LB1212

EARTHMOVING & TREES

EARTH MOVING & TREES

TREVOR BUNN 0427 572 270
E: tbunn@outlook.com.au

MACHINERY:

- CAT326 Excavator 26 tonne
- CATD7 Bulldozer 25 tonne
- Giltrap Tip Trailers 16 tonne
- MF 7615 4WD tractor with front end loader (180 horsepower) • Power grader
- Scraper • Large wood chipper that can handle any size logs, alternative to burning

LB1212

AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING

Bass Coast HVAC
HEATING, VENTILATION & AIR-CONDITIONING

Heating & A/C install and maintenance
FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTE
Nick 0421 170 827
nick@basscoasthvac.com.au

JA21755

BUILDER

SCHMIDTBUILDERS
TRADITIONAL QUALITY CARPENTRY

Specialising in:

- Extensions
- Renovations • New Homes
- Decks & Pergolas
- Stairs-Internal & External
- Private Jetties • Retaining Walls

Adam Schmidt 0418 139 352
ABN 75092084574
aschmidtbuilders@bigpond.com

VV0088

CONCRETING

BASS COAST CONCRETING
0491 950 640

HM0644

ELECTRICIAN

J&S ELECTRICIANS
SINCE 1976

For all your electrical works including

- Domestic upgrades
- Maintenance and Repairs
- TV, data and home networking
- Lighting installations & upgrades
- Kitchen appliances install

JOEL SHARPE 0412 950 720
www.jselectricians.com.au

HM0101

ASPHALTING

ASPHALT

Schoolgrounds, Driveways
Carparks & repairs

Mike Rowley 0411 412 707
66 Nardoo Street, Cape Paterson 3995

HM6588

BUILDER

Brad McCormack Homes

Specialist builder of period style custom homes.

0428 496 266
brad@bradmccormackhomes.com.au

f @ CDB-U 66015

JEN1971

CURTAINS & BLINDS

dc b value in every dollar

- curtains
- blinds
- shutters
- outdoor

dollar curtains + blinds

21 Murray Street, Wonthaggi 5672 2915
www.dollarcurtainsandblinds.com.au

JA19734

ELECTRONICS

Gardner Electronics

James Dell
10 Ashenden Street
Leongatha, Vic, 3953
5662 3891
admin@gardnerelectronics.com.au

Security/Access control • CCTV • TV
• Data/Phone • Home Theatre • PA

LB0703

BOOKKEEPING

J L BAS & BOOKKEEPING SOLUTIONS

BAS Agent 26280606

Julie Appleyard
0429 425 252
info@jlbas.com.au

Xero Advisor

ME0890

CARPET CLEANING

Brittys Cleaner Carpets

- Carpets • Tiles • Cars
- Upholstery • Mattresses

Reasonable rates and friendly service.
Call David Britt today
0400 907 201

HM6631

DECK RESTORATION

DeckSeal

Specialists in restoration & preservation of timber decks
Residential & Commercial

SERVICING ALL OF BASS COAST
1800 332 525
www.deckseal.com.au

LB0378

FLOORING

CARPET ONE FLOOR & HOME
Live beautifully for less

LET US GIVE YOU A QUOTE

carpetone.com.au
21 Murray Street, Wonthaggi
5672 2915

JA21812

TRADES & SERVICES



DIRECTORY

GARAGES & SHEDS



Ask us about our patios.
Your local, qualified project specialist.
Permits, construction. 1st class service.

Contact Gavin 0433 902 969
www.gippslandgarages.com

FREE QUOTES Site visits subject to T&C's.

LAWN MOWING



Call 131 546

- ✓ FREE QUOTES
 - ✓ Fully insured
 - ✓ Police checked
 - ✓ OH&S compliant
 - ✓ All work guaranteed
- RISK FREE**

Lawn mowing, gardening, pruning, hedging,
rubbish removal, gutter cleaning, weeding,
mulching, odd jobs
www.jimsmowing.com.au

PLUMBER

Derwent Plumbing



- Hot water replacement • Roofing
- Pipes unblocked • Sanitary
- Toilet replacement • Bathrooms
- Water tanks

Phone: 0410 505 154

TILING



APOLLO TILING
WALL & FLOOR
WATERPROOFING & SCREEDING

◆ *Providing Quality Service* ◆

Servicing Nyora, Loch and Korumburra

Steve 0425 815 764

GUTTER CLEANING

VACUUM GUTTER CLEANING

Tree Pruning & Removals | Solar Panel Cleaning

Fully insured and 20 years experience



FREE QUOTES

Phone Lochie
0417 315 846

Servicing all areas

MECHANICAL SALES & REPAIRS



WELSHPOOL OUTDOORS

Ph: 03 5688 1304



OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT
WORKSHOP REPAIRS
ORIGIN GAS DELIVERIES



welshpooloutdoors@bigpond.com.au
19 Main Street, Welshpool, VIC, 3966

RE-STUMPING

KEANE & SON

House Restumping & Levelling



Paul Keane
0427 080 309



keanesrestumping@outlook.com
PO Box 696, Wonthaggi, VIC, 3995

TIMBER SUPPLIER

Pretty Good Wood

Sustainable and legal
hardwood timber supply



- Custom timber milling
- Wholesale firewood supply

0488 628 311

jon@prettygoodwood.com.au Glen Alvie

HOME & GARDEN

Gippsland Home & Garden Maintenance

- Lawns - small acreages, large residential blocks
- Customised holiday property packages
- Seasonal fruit tree pruning
- Complete bathroom reno's by qualified tradesman
- Tiling, painting, pressure cleaning

Years of quality experience

John 0414 917 468

Call now for a quote!

PAINTER

BRUSH STROKES PAINTING SERVICE



No job too small

MIKE FERNLEY
0488 158 556

REMOVALISTS & STORAGE



- Local & Interstate
- Domestic Cleaning
- House Cleaning
- Storage

Call Steve or Theresa (Freecall)
1800 441 259 or 0418 303 652
Email: stevesuckling007@gmail.com

TREE FELLING

NORM HOLLIER TREE FELLING

- Lopping
- Firewood Sawing
- Tree Removal
- Clear Felling
- Stump Grinding
- Rubbish Removal
- Fully Insured

0438 636 201

HOME MAINTENANCE

Bass Coast HOME MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS

For all repairs and improvements to your home.
Quality workmanship at affordable prices.

Call Peter: 0466 115 776

Registered Builder - No: DB-U 4466

PAINTER

LOCAL PAINTER

Aden Vandermeer.
Wonthaggi and surrounding areas.
FREE QUOTE.

0455 527 714

ROOF RESTORATION

S.O.S. ROOFING

YOUR LOCAL ROOFER

- Find and fix leaks • Roof repainting
- Roofing repointing • Valley renewal
- Roof demossing • Guttering • Gutter cleaning

ALL WORK GUARANTEED
FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED

Call Steve 0412 160 071

TREE SERVICES



- Free Quotes.
- Qualified Arborist and Fully Insured.
- Over 10 years expertise.

- Firewood Sales
- Tree care and advice • Pruning
- Removal • Mulching • Stump grinding

CALL BRENDAN RYAN 0448 169 258

HYGIENE SERVICES

medico

HYGIENE SERVICES
WASTE DISPOSAL

- Collection of clinical and related waste including sharps
- Servicing ALL washroom related products
- Sanitary units, nappy units
- Air freshener units, W/C & urinal deep cleans
- FREE clinical and related waste audits
- Confidential document disposal service

NEED A SOLUTION? WE HAVE IT!

Servicing all of Victoria and Southern New South Wales

Phone: 1800 medico (1800 633 426)
www.medicoservices.com.au 100% Australian owned and operated

PAINTER



DISTRICT PAINTING SERVICES

SAM: 0423 125 291

RESIDENTIAL | COMMERCIAL | INDUSTRIAL

SECURITY



South Gippsland Security Services

- Patrols • Guards • Alarm responses
- Alarm monitoring

Your local security company for
Leongatha, Korumburra & district
Call Peter & Lesley Allman 5662 4280
Mob. 0427 516 317. Fax 5662 4259.
Lic. No. 655-194-50S sgsecurity@bigpond.com

TREE SERVICES



- Contracting
- Cherry Picker
- Qualified Arborist
- Qualified Climber
- Chipper/Tree Removals
- Stump Grinding

www.treex.com.au

Office 0493 425 800 | Duane Thomas 0409 968 040

LANDSCAPING



- Landscaping
 - Excavation
 - Crushed rock driveways
 - Drainage
 - Retaining walls
- ALL JOBS BIG AND SMALL**

Contact Peter 0418 265 615

www.sundconstruction.au

sundconstruction@hotmail.com

PAINTER / DECORATOR

M & J PAINTING

All aspects of painting

SPECIALISING IN PRE-SALE MAKEOVERS

Commercial/Scheduled maintenance
Reliable and prompt

Call Mal 0448 101 771

SOLAR



SOLAR - BATTERIES - OFF GRID

1300 534 110

WASTE SOLUTIONS

Permanent waste solutions

Call the commercial and residential waste specialists today!



www.wheelawaste.com.au

EPA Registered R000301404

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED

LANDSCAPING & CONCRETING

A.B LANDSCAPING & CONCRETING

- Retaining Walls • Paving
 - Small Brick Repairs
 - Concreting • Landscaping
- SMALL JOBS WELCOME**

Phone Andrew 0408 822 263

PLASTERER

LOOKING FOR A PLASTERER?



All aspects of
Rendering & Plastering
New and existing homes

FJ MAROTTA
RENDERING & PLASTERING
0400 599 170

STEEL & ROOFING SUPPLIES

McRae Engineering

GENERAL FABRICATION, STRUCTURAL STEEL,
FARM AND EARTHMOVING,
MACHINERY REPAIRS, SHEDS, DAIRIES ETC.

CONSIDER IT DONE!



DELIVERIES ARRANGED OR PICK UPS WELCOME

5664 7408 | 0427 343 498 | 134 Whitelaw St, Meeniyan
shaun@mcraeengineering.net.au

WINDOW REPLACEMENT



WESTERNPORT WINDOWS AND HOME MAINTENANCE

MARK

P: 0418 686 583

ALUMINIUM & TIMBER WINDOW REPLACEMENT
DECKS | PERGOLAS | VERANDAS

DEATHS

BENETTI, Victor:
01.10.1927 - 31.08.2025.

Devoted husband of Maureen (dec.). Dearly loved Dad of Catherine, Leo, Bernadette, Brendan, Philip, Anthony, Christopher and their families.

Loved Pop to his 17 grandchildren.
Great-Poppy/Bis Nonno to his 15 great grandchildren. A kind humble man who found joy in helping others.

Now in God's care.
Dad and Mum reunited.

BENETTI, Vic:
October 1, 1927 to August 31, 2025.

Father to Leo and father-in-law of Katrina.

Grandfather of Natasha, Steve, Jason and Kelly, Dylan, Vanessa and Shaun.
Great grandfather of Zeke, Edyn, Chance, Logan, Jarvis and Harvey.

Dad I didn't get to say goodbye but you were in my thoughts. I will miss our jokes and laughs together.

Now with mum.
RIP dad x.

BOLGE, Peter:
29.08.2025.

In loving memory of Uncle Pete.

May you rest in eternal peace.

Love your sister-in-law Pina, Sam, Frank, Rosa, Vicky, Gabriella and Steven and families.

DEATHS

GARDINER, Evelyn Joyce:
26.7.1936 - 5.9.2025.

Passed away peacefully at Woorayl Lodge, Leongatha.

Much loved wife of Stuart (dec.).

Loving Mother to Jenny, Geoff and Kevin.

Adored Grandma to 11 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Loved by all and reunited with her beloved Stu.

GARDINER, Evelyn Joyce:
Loving and caring mother to Jenny.

Loving mother-in-law to Kevin.

Much loved grandma to Marsha and Marshall, Trina and Brock, Chelsea and Lee, Belinda and Chris, Elisha and Beau.

Beautiful great grandmother to Hugh, Gus, Frazer, Frole, Zeb, Dae, Arlie, Eden, Tex, Rahvi, Clay, Sunny and Darby.

GARDINER (nee Scoble), Evelyn Joyce:
26.7.1936 - 5.9.2025.

Passed away peacefully at Woorayl Lodge. Loving and caring mother to Geoff. Loving mother-in-law to Sue. Adored Grandma to Tim and Inge, Leigh and Gemma, Jess and Matt. Loving Great Grandma to Isabel, Chase, Hunter, Sophie and Tilly.

Her warmth, kindness and loving spirit will never be forgotten.

DEATHS

GARDINER, Evelyn Joyce:
26.7.36 - 5.9.25.
Cherished Mum of Kevin and mother-in-law to Faye, adored Grandma Ev to Nick and Bec, Breeana and Evan and Josh. Proud Great Grandma to Charlie, Alby, Edi and Curtis.

She will be deeply missed and forever remembered with all our love.
Reunited with her beloved Stu.

Forever in our hearts.



GRIFFIN, Brian:
The executive and members of the Inverloch RSL sub-branch are saddened by the loss of our service member Brian Griffin. We send our condolences to Margaret and family.

McCRAW, Trevor Charles (Trev):
Passed away at home on Wednesday September 3, 2025. Aged 82 years.

Beloved husband of Tania for 58 wonderful years.

Much loved father of Jeff, Eddy and Liane, father-in-law of Jamie and Jacki.

Adored Pa of Mykhaila, Cody, Indi, Jamisyn, Madicyn; Rylee, Hannah, Demi; Mason, Tayla and Blake.

Simply the best Husband, Dad and Pa that we could have ever asked for.

We are so proud that you were ours.

DEATHS

MCDONALD, Stefani Kathleen:
Born on April 8, 1987. Passed away August 27, 2025.

Stefani passed in the company of family on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, due to a short illness.

Beloved mother of Michael.

Treasured Daughter of Loretta and Joe McDonald (dec.).

Loving Sister to James, Alexandra, Samantha and Jack.

Super Aunty to many.

Forever in our hearts, now one of God's angels.

McDONALD, Stephani:

To the many beautiful memories we shared. Motorbike days at Scaddens Run, mud fights and pinecone wars at Hellicars, long airfield days, card tricks in the Shorty and family holidays.

These moments will last with us forever.

--- Chris and Joe. Kim, Cathy, Matt, Jess, Jack and all our families.

RISSTROM, Harvey Lancelot:
Passed away at Drysdale Grove.

Aged 98 years.

Dearly loved husband of Loris (dec.).

Loving father of Donald, Majorie, Laurie and Alma.

FUNERALS

BENETTI:
Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Mr. Victor Benetti will be offered at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi on Thursday, September 11, 2025 commencing at 1pm.

At the conclusion of Mass the funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

Victor's service will be live-streamed, go to www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au

**Handley & Anderson Wonthaggi 5672 1074**

GARDINER:
A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs Evelyn Joyce Gardiner will be held at the Woorayl Golf Club, 54A Roughead Street, Leongatha, on Friday (September 12, 2025) commencing at 2pm.

A private burial will precede the above service.

Evelyn's service will be livestreamed, to view the service please visit www.handleyfuneral.com.au.

**Handley & Anderson LEONGATHA & WONTHAGGI**

HUNT:
Funeral Prayers for the Repose of the Soul of Mr Lindsay Gordon Hunt will be offered at St. Laurence O'Toole Catholic Church, 31 Ogilvy St, Leongatha on Thursday, September 11 at 11.30am.

At the Conclusion of Prayers the Funeral will leave for the Leongatha Cemetery.

**Handley & Anderson LEONGATHA & WONTHAGGI**

McCRAW:
A Service to celebrate the life of Mr. Trevor McCraw, late of Caldermeade, will be held at the Lang Lang Memorial Hall, 135 McDonalds Track, Lang Lang on Friday (September 12) at 2pm.

At the conclusion of the Service the cortege will leave for the Lang Lang Cemetery.

**Nielsen FUNERALS**
Warragul & Drouin
5623 2771

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE 12 NOON MONDAYS
Call 5672 1888 to place a notice

FUNERALS

McDONALD:
Funeral Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Miss Stefani Kathleen McDonald will be offered at ST. Laurence O'Toole Catholic Church, 31 Ogilvy St, Leongatha.

For further Funeral and Rosary details, please visit: www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au.

In celebration of Stefani's beauty in life, we invite attendees to wear purple in her honour.

**Handley & Anderson LEONGATHA & WONTHAGGI**

IN MEMORIAM
HAMS, Michael:
24.10.1965 - 15.09.2014.
Always in our thoughts.

-- Patti, Geoff, Julie, Lindsay, Darren and families.

BEREAVEMENT THANKS
PIZZOL, Antonia:
Giuliano, Livio, Diana and our families wish to express heartfelt thanks to all who attended our Mum's funeral, sent sympathy cards, flowers and food.

Your kind words and support during this difficult time brought us comfort.

To Dr Roger Chamoun, our sincere thanks for the exceptional care you gave our mum over the years and recently. Your dedication enabled her to live at home until the end.

To the paramedics and police officers who attended that morning, we thank you for the thoughtful and respectful care you provided to mum and the family.

A special thank you to Sharon and Scott Anderson and staff from Handley and Anderson. The kindness, compassion and professionalism shown to us was appreciated so much.

We are forever grateful to you all.

FOR SALE

FIREWOOD:
2 cubic metre loads. \$300.
Contact-5657 3291.

HOUSES FOR REMOVAL:
THE BEST!

Two-bedroom modern unit, or three-bedroom rectangular reclad and insulated.

Phone Kevin 0411 103 745.

OLD PORT POULTRY FARM:
Delivering 18 week old Isa Brown laying hens to your area on Sunday, September 21.

\$32 each.
0438 832 535.

PLANT SALE:
Every Friday and Saturday in September. 9am - 3pm.
235 Lowrys Road, Fish Creek.

Natives, pots, tubes, bunches, flowering shrubs, hanging baskets etc.

Cash or card.

REMOVABLE HOUSE:
Located Kardella Sth.

Approx 7x12m Coldon Home. Weatherboard, three bedroom, opening living.

Make an offer.
Ph: 0419 623 651.

TRAILER:
6' x 4' with cage. Includes lock up toolbox. Good condition \$340 o.n.o.
Ph. 0423 691 511.

USED CARS TRUCKS & TRACTORS

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS:
Advertisements offering a used motor car for sale must include in the advertisement: (a) The cash price of the motor car; and (b) Whichever of the following is applicable...
• If the motor car is registered, the registration number; or
• If the motor car is unregistered, the engine number of the vehicle.

FOR RENT
GLEN ALVIE:
Farmhouse. Older style, comfortable three bedroom, heating and cooling. Reasonable rent. Ph. 0408 395 432.

PUBLIC NOTICES
KORUMBURRA GUN CLUB:
Notice is hereby given that the Korumburra Gun Club Inc has applied to lease, pursuant to Section 134 of the Land Act 1958, for a term of twenty-one (21) years, Crown land being Crown Allotment 1H of Section 9 in the Parish of Korumburra containing 3.348 hectares (more or less) as a site for "amusement, recreation and social activities associated with a gun club to raise funds for this purpose".

**Lifeline**
HELP IS AS CLOSE AS THE TELEPHONE
13 11 14

MEETINGS
Greenhills Community Benevolent Society
AGM
September 17 at 7.30pm
AGM will be held at 505 Loch-Poowong Road, Loch.

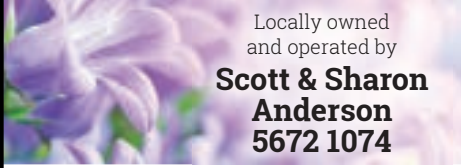
Members of the public wishing to participate please contact Sharon Hart on 5659 2122

Korumburra Swim Club
AGM
Tues. Sept. 23 at 7.30pm
Club Rooms - Lewry Place, Korumburra
ALL WELCOME

**Connect with us**
@sentineltimes

FILING CABINETS
Brand new with an anti-tilt safety feature
Available in 2, 3 and 4 drawers. Over 8 colours to choose from. Order now at the Sentinel-Times Wonthaggi office 47 McBride Avenue 5672 1888

**Handley & Anderson FUNERAL DIRECTORS**
Serving South Gippsland & Phillip Island



Locally owned and operated by
Scott & Sharon Anderson
5672 1074

Caring and personal 24 hour Service
Main office Wonthaggi
3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi (P.O Box 35)

Cowes office (by appointment)
15 Warley Avenue, Cowes 5952 5171
Email: info@handafunerals.com.au
www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au
A.F.D.A.

**Handley & Anderson FUNERALS**

Proudly supporting families across the Gippsland Region

Office & Chapel
24 Anderson Street, Leongatha
03 56 622 717
www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au

24 hours, 7 days a week
A.F.D.A.

**HARWOOD FUNERALS**

Family owned and locally based Funeral Directors. We bring 25 years experience to families in Traralgon, Morwell, Churchill, Moe, Trafalgar, Korumburra and surrounding areas.
THE CHOICE IS YOURS
Practical, sensible and affordable. We offer both at-need and pre-paid funerals. Dignity and Respect, always.

CREMATION PACKAGES FROM \$3,300

www.harwoodfunerals.com.au
For 24/7 support 0405 669 532

**MILKINS FUNERALS**
Inc. Wonthaggi Funeral Services. Est 1973.

~ Servicing all districts ~
~ Chapel facilities available ~

For prompt and personalised service phone
WONTHAGGI **5672 3123**
PHILLIP ISLAND **5952 3485**
PRE-ARRANGED AND PRE-PAID FACILITIES AVAILABLE
Office - 102 Graham Street, Wonthaggi
A.F.D.A.

**Nielsen FUNERALS**
Warragul & Drouin
5623 2771

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE 12 NOON MONDAYS
Call 5672 1888 to place a notice

HMC14139

HMC14134

JAC0102

AFC0124

HMC14130

42 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 | SOUTH GIPPSLAND SENTINEL-TIMES

Sentinel-Times Classifieds

SITUATIONS VACANT



NEWHAVEN COLLEGE



Newhaven College is an independent co-educational school on Phillip Island offering quality education for students from Prep to Year 12

Due to the expansion of our Junior School Newhaven College is seeking applications for:

PRIMARY TEACHER

Full Time Junior School Classroom Teacher for the 2026 school year.

For more information and details on requirements, duties and responsibilities, visit our website.

Commencement start of the 2026 school year. Applications to be submitted to: recruitment@newhavencol.vic.edu.au

Applications close Wednesday 17 September, 2025

Newhaven College is a child safe environment. Every child has a right to be safe, and at the College we have a zero tolerance for child safety risks (including child abuse and reportable conduct). As such, preferred applicants will be subject to child protection screening, background and reference checks, verification of identity checks and must adhere to the College's child safe practices, as outlined in the Child Protection Program policies available on the College website.



Head Chef

Rose Lodge is a not-for-profit Aged Care facility located in Wonthaggi that is committed to providing high quality care and support to our residents. We believe that our dedication and compassionate staff are the key to our success.

We are always looking for talented and passionate individuals who are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of others and share our values which are: **Community, Respect, Wellbeing, Accountability and Partnership.**

Rose Lodge is currently seeking a Head Chef.

What you'll do:

- Lead and inspire a dedicated catering team to deliver high-quality, flavoursome meals
- Plan and execute seasonal menus that meet residents' tastes, preferences, and dietary needs
- Ensure compliance with the Aged Care Quality Standards and all relevant food safety regulations
- Manage budgets, ordering, and rostering while maintaining cost-efficiency
- Build strong, positive relationships with residents, their families, and the care team

What we're looking for:

- Proven experience as a Chef Manager, Head Chef, or similar leadership role in aged care
- A genuine passion for food and the joy it brings to people
- Strong knowledge of aged care catering requirements, including IDDSI and specialised diets
- Understanding of the Aged Care Quality Standards and commitment to compliance
- Exceptional communication, leadership, and organisational skills

If you are interested or would like a copy of the Position Description.

Please email your resume and application letter to: education@roselodge.com.au

SITUATIONS VACANT

Lawyer

BRB Law has an exciting opportunity for a Lawyer. The firm is seeking a lawyer with two plus years of experience.

BRB LAW is a leading firm in South Gippsland and offers legal service in residential, business, rural and commercial conveyancing, estate planning, wills and powers of attorney, probate, commercial law and family law.

This position offers opportunities for career development and to work in all these areas of the firm.

Applicants should include a short cover letter and resume.

Please forward your application to info@brblaw.com.au.

Applications close at 5pm Tuesday, October 7, 2025.



ME0611

SITUATIONS VACANT

Administrative Assistant

BRB Law is seeking an administrative assistant.

Roles include:

- Reception
- Diary Management
- Opening, closing and managing files
- Preparation of documents/letters
- Liasing with clients
- Filing
- Archiving
- Deeds management
- Assistance to lawyers
- General clerical duties

Skills in Outlook, Word and Excel are important. Prior experience in the legal industry would be desirable but is not a requirement.

Please submit applications to info@brblaw.com.au

Applications close 5pm, Tuesday, September 30, 2025



ME0605



KORUMBURRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

IT Manager Logistics Support

Education Support Position
Commencing November 24, 2025 – July 12, 2026
Six month position – Full Time (with potential to extend)

Applications close: Friday September 12, 2025

For Inquiries and Job Description

Contact Kim Cross

5655 1566

Korumburra.sc@education.vic.gov.au

www.vic.gov.au/school-jobs 1491048

JA23533

Network Maintenance Technician



With our 2040 Vision and Strategy guiding us toward our vision - to be a trusted partner, advancing water services to support customer and community aspirations - we are seeking a skilled, enthusiastic and community focused person to join us.

South Gippsland Water is a diverse, community-oriented organisation and offer the following:

- Strong focus on career opportunities, professional development and training
- Highly flexible work options, including modified hours and/or work weeks
- Employee Assistance Program and broad wellbeing offers
- Family friendly workplace, including Paid Parental Leave
- Attractive Salary Packaging options available (eligibility conditions apply)
- Flexibility to work from home, with base location at any of our offices in Wonthaggi, Foster or Leongatha

Diversity is celebrated and respected as important for our wellbeing and success. Through our Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Strategic Plan, Gender Equality Action Plan and upcoming Reconciliation Action Plan we are actively working to address the gender pay gap, create opportunities for underrepresented groups and partner with Traditional Owners.

- Full-Time/Permanent
- Starting Location Toora
- Flexible Working Arrangements Available

Please go to <https://www.sgwater.com.au/careers/> for more details about SGW, the role and how to apply

Applications Close: Tuesday, September 16 at 5pm

JEN264

1300 851 636 | www.sgwater.com.au

DEADLINES

Classified single column

Mondays 12.00 noon

Classified double column

Fridays 3.00pm

Please note that double column advertisements requiring a proof must be received at least two hours prior to deadline and proofs will not be provided for single column advertisements.

TO ADVERTISE



Phone:

5672 1888



Email:

ads@sgst.com.au



In person:

47 McBride Ave, Wonthaggi



Mail:

47 McBride Ave, Wonthaggi

Office Hours:

9am-5pm Monday to Friday

Payments accepted:



Advertising conditions:

Full name and address of advertiser must be supplied even though not necessarily included in advertisement.

The publishers reserve the right to omit and alter any advertisement. Please check your ad is correct the first day it appears. While every care is taken to ensure your ad is correct, errors can occur. We regret that we cannot be responsible for any errors beyond the first day if you fail to bring it to our attention.

All advertisements must be prepaid unless client has an existing credit facility. Accounts are due and payable on the due date as shown on the account.

The Motor Car Traders Regulations:

States that from July 1, 1998 all advertisements for used vehicles including motorcycles must include the cash price of vehicle and registration number or engine number if not registered.

Sentinel-Times

SITUATIONS VACANT



Junior Building Estimator
Full Time

About Us
Coldon Homes is a long-established, family-run builder with over 65 years in the industry. We are Bass Coast and South Gippsland's most active new home builder, with a reputation built on quality, reliability, and strong community ties.

The Role
We are seeking a motivated individual to join our team of estimators, administrators, and designers. This role is an excellent opportunity for someone looking to start or advance a career in the building industry. Onsite training will be provided.

- Responsibilities include:**
- Preparing quantity take-offs from plans
 - Assisting with building enquiries
 - Placing purchase orders
 - Liaising with clients, suppliers, and contractors
 - Approving invoices
 - Reading and interpreting plans and specifications
 - Facilitating work variations

What we are looking for:

- Strong computer skills
- An interest in construction (or a relevant background)
- Attention to detail and accuracy
- Good problem-solving skills
- A willingness to learn and develop

Remuneration will be based on experience.

How to Apply
Please send your application, including a resume and cover letter, to:
Attention: James Goldsmith
careers@coldonhomes.com.au

Applications close:
Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

SITUATIONS VACANT

ADVERTISERS PLEASE NOTE:

Much hardship and difficulty is caused to jobseekers by misleading advertisements placed in the employment columns.

Our Positions Vacant / Situations Vacant columns are reserved for advertisements which carry a specific and genuine offer of employment.

Ads for 'Business Opportunities', 'Commission Only/Sales,' training courses and employment services should be submitted under those headings.

Placing misleading job ads is an offence against the ACL and all advertisements are subject to the publisher's approval. For further advice contact the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on 1300 302 502 or Consumer Affairs Victoria.



South Gippsland Hospital

Positions Vacant
Registered Nurse &
Registered Midwife

Grade 2

0.63 EFT permanent part time position

Occupational Therapist

Grade 2

0.42 EFT fixed term parental leave position

Allied Health Assistant - Casual
AHA, Grade 2

For more information:

<https://southgippslandhospital.com.au/employment-2/>

Volunteer Expression of Interest

Volunteer Catering Administration Assistant

For more information call

Annie on 5683 9704

www.southgippslandhospital.com.au/volunteers

Local educator making a big impact beyond South Gippsland

SAM Wright, a familiar face to many in South Gippsland, continues to make waves in education well beyond the region. Raised in Maryknoll and educated at St James Nar Nar Goon, Sam's journey began in the heart of West Gippsland, where his mother, Maree Wright, once served as his principal.

After early teaching roles in local schools, Sam ventured to the Mallee as deputy principal at St Mary MacKillop College. Sixteen years ago, he and his wife, Kylie, settled in Leongatha with their four children, where they remain deeply embedded in the community. Sam spent a decade as deputy principal at Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College, overseeing both wellbeing and learning portfolios. He continues to serve on the College Advisory Council while his youngest child completes VCE.

Education runs deep in the Wright family. Kylie works as a school counsellor and learning support officer at St Laurence O'Toole Primary School, and Sam's extended family includes a long line of educators. Interestingly, Sam's first academic pursuit was zoology, which took him across Africa before he returned to embrace teaching.

"I joke with my students that if I couldn't be a zoologist, the closest thing is being a vice principal at a secondary school – it's not far off a zoo," he quips.

Today, Sam is vice principal at Padua College on the Mornington Peninsula, a Catholic secondary school across four campuses. Despite the demands of leadership, he remains in the classroom,



Sam, vice principal at Padua College on the Mornington Peninsula, with Kylie, who works as a school counsellor and learning support officer at St Laurence O'Toole Primary School.

teaching senior subjects like biology and ethics; and coaches the Year 10 football team.

"It keeps me connected," he said.

"It gives authenticity with staff and builds relationships with students."

One of Sam's most significant contributions at Padua has been leading a structured, evidence-based approach to student wellbeing. Recognising the challenges amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic, Sam spearheaded initiatives including staff-wide youth mental health first aid training and student programs addressing anxiety, depression, and other key adolescent issues.

"In a school this size, things can't happen by default. They have to happen by design," he explained.

His work has gained national attention, with presentations at the National

Education Summit and other forums focused on mental health literacy and wellbeing.

"Every teacher is a teacher of wellbeing," Sam said, underscoring his belief that student support must be woven into every aspect of school life.

Recently, Sam was recognised at the prestigious National Education Summit Teacher Awards. These awards honour educators who inspire, innovate and create lasting impact in their communities. Sam was the recipient of the Outstanding Leadership Award in recognition of his visionary and transformative leadership, shaping a culture of wellbeing, connection, and innovation and for inspiring lasting impact through authentic collaboration, strategic vision, and unwavering commitment to staff and student growth.

Expressions of Interest
Cleaning Services - Offsite Accommodation



Bass Coast Health (BCH) is seeking expressions of interest from qualified and experienced businesses to provide cleaning services for its leased accommodation properties located in Wonthaggi.

The successful applicant will be engaged on an ongoing basis to ensure the cleanliness and maintenance of a range of accommodation facilities used by BCH. Applicants must have flexibility to respond to variable cleaning schedules.

Services will include:

- **Changeover cleans** of single rooms, units, and full properties
- **Routine cleaning** to maintain cleanliness across properties, including restocking of supplies
- **End-of-lease cleans** as required
- **Availability 7 days** - during business hours.

To express your interest or to find out more, please contact Blake Carew, Director Support Services via email blake.carew@basscoasthealth.org.au

Expressions close 30th September 2025.

Wonthaggi Hospital, 5671 3333
Phillip Island Health Hub, 5951 2100
basscoasthealth.org.au



SITUATIONS VACANT



ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN A CARING
AND CREATIVE ENVIRONMENT

STUDENT WELLBEING

FLOW Campus

Part Time – 4 Days

Hours 8:30am to 4:30pm

Fixed Term – commencement date:

October 6 to December 19, 2025

Apply by Monday, September 15, 2025

**Applications to be made via
School Jobs Vic (Job No: 1491518)**

DISABILITY &
INCLUSION (A&I)
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

Full Time (1.0), Hours 8.30am to 4.30pm

Ongoing, to commence October 6, 2025

Apply by Monday, September 15, 2025

**Applications to be made via
School Jobs Vic (Job No. 1491478)**

Bass Coast College is seeking
suitably qualified staff
to join its team in 2025
for the above positions.

For further information please contact
Gabe Windsor – Business Manager
on 5611 4000

SITUATIONS VACANT



Environmental
Services Supervisor

Rose Lodge is a not-for-profit Aged Care facility located in Wonthaggi that is committed to providing high quality care and support to our residents. We believe that our dedication and compassionate staff are the key to our success.

We are always looking for talented and passionate individuals who are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of others and share our values which are: **Community, Respect, Wellbeing, Accountability and Partnership.**

**Rose Lodge is currently seeking an
Environmental Services Supervisor**

About you:

- Proven experience leading a team and managing commercial kitchen operations and rostering.
- Cleaning and Laundry experience
- Experience with cleaning audits

If you are interested or would like a copy of the Position Description.

**Please email your resume and
application letter to:**
education@roselodge.com.au

Victorian Blue over-70s team secure a National Title

By Carl Muscat

A WEEK of intense cricket on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, saw the Victorian Blue over 70s team win a National Title – the only Victorian team to become National Champions this year.

This Victorian squad had representative players from inner Melbourne clubs and also as far afield as Yarra Valley, St. Arnaud, Wonthaggi, Leongatha, Geelong area and Phillip Island.

The diversity of locations and distances between players' clubs and the fact that the Cricket season starting date was over two months away meant players were lacking important match practice and fitness. In Queensland, their season is played during Victoria's Winter months. But irrespective of these perceived disadvantages, all quickly disappears when a team of dedicated players come together with a collective will to showcase skill and years of honed talent to achieve the ultimate goal of an Australian National Title.

From the first day this team met, they gelled together seamlessly, with everyone playing their role either with the bat or ball. The first three rounds are testament to their ability and



This Victorian side initially had three representative players – from left Carl Muscat from Phillip Island, Brian Mitchell and Pieter Loos from Wonthaggi. A late inclusion because of player injury, saw Neil White, from Leongatha in the Victoria Blue Over 70's National Cricket Championships on the Sunshine Coast. Z02_3525

experience, producing the following outstanding results:

Round 1. Vic. Blue 155 def. ACT 87

Round 2. Sth. Aust 57 def. by Vic. Blue 0-58

Round 3. Tasmania 9-87 def. by Vic. Blue 2-69 on Duckworth count back (rain affected).

The Grand Final was played against New Zealand, who amassed a total of 182 runs in 40 overs, thus throwing down the challenge. The Vic. Blue team had not been tested to this extent in the first three games, but such was the strength, skill and determination of the collective players, this score was passed with three

overs to spare. Thus, deservedly securing a hard-fought win.

The opportunity of playing National Cricket for Victoria at the highest level amongst and against your peers is humbling as well as satisfying. Local Club level cricket develops bonding camaraderie, a sense of community unity and personal achievements and satisfaction. State selection and representation take all these features to another level.

The strength of over-70s Veterans Cricket in the South Gippsland area is strong and growing every year. This Victorian side initially had three

representative players – Pieter Loos, Brian Mitchell both from Wonthaggi and Carl Muscat from Phillip Island. A late inclusion because of player injury, saw Neil White, from Leongatha, enter this team. Interestingly, all have been competitively playing against one another for some 30 years.

Carl has been playing cricket on Phillip Island for about 40 years and has amassed a total of some 350 games of Cricket. He also combined over 60s Cricket (also playing for Victoria) whilst still playing local club games, and now only plays Over 70s competitively.

A snapshot of these players' statistics during the Nationals:

Neil White: batting av. 45 runs

Pieter Loos: av. 25.5 runs, 5 wickets @ 12.5 runs and 2 x Man of the Match awards.

Carl Muscat: Av: 28 runs.

To still be actively playing competitive sport and have the opportunity to represent your State are the driving factors behind maintaining an active, purposeful lifestyle. The pursuit to improve skills and maintain friendships means Carl's sporting road has led him to many fulfilling destinations.

Overall, the week has provided a satisfying experience with Cricket emerging as the winner!

SOUTH GIPPSLAND BRIDGE CLUB

THERE was a strong attendance of seven and a half tables on August 26.

Deb Anglim and John French led N/S with 63.83 per cent.

Then Matti Shub and John Quayle 53.88, Philip Rinder and Philip Chapman 52.14, Lois Dwyer and Alan Johnston tied with 52.14.

Playing E/W, Ann Rinder and Neville Chapman with 62.15, Glenda and Roger McNee 59.38, Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles 51.74 per cent.

On Friday at Inverloch, the Australia Wide Open Pairs saw Pamela Nisbet – welcome to a distinguished new member – and Neville Chapman score 61.46, Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson 60.94, Deb Anglim and John French 57.29, and Philip Chapman and John McLennan scoring 51.3 per cent in N/S.

Playing in E/W, Matti Shub and John Quayle an impressive 67.82, Glenda and Roger McNee equally impressive with 67.36, Faye Rowlands and John Currier 61.57, Anne Somerville and Kathy Dowd 53.24 per cent.

PHILLIP ISLAND BRIDGE CLUB

BRIDGE club members flocked to the tables this week after returning from their winter holiday.

Monday saw six and a half tables in play, allowing for a classic Mitchell movement, where East/West pairs move to another table after each round, while North/South pairs remained in place.

Jean Barbour and Greg Nicholson clinched victory among North/South pairs with a solid 57.14 per cent, while Deb Anglim and Shirley Stewart dominated the East/West field, scoring an impressive 66.25 per cent.

Wednesday's Nationwide event brought further excitement, with Miranda Sage and Rob Maclellan emerging as winners, scoring 63.89 per cent.

Players are sharpening their skills for the club's upcoming Congress, scheduled for Saturday, September 13 (Swiss Pairs) and Sunday, September 14 (Teams), to be held at the Phillip Island Bridge Club rooms in Newhaven.

With anticipation mounting and spots filling quickly, members are urged to submit their entries online via the Australian Bridge Federation.

Wonthaggi Croquet Club opens its new season

ALTHOUGH the members decreed a long time ago that the club play all year round, it was decided this year to have an 'official' season opener on Tuesday, September 3.

This was to coincide with a commemorative luncheon to be held for three members who sadly passed away over the last few months.

Barbara Fraser, Peggy Valdes and Fred Heesh were remembered in a few moments of reflection.

Always remembered, never forgotten.

The morning began with the usual draw, which saw 20 people occupying two courts.

Tertiary colours had to be dusted off and used by the fifth foursome.

A cuppa and some general social banter preceded the lunch, which was catered for through the generosity of Peggy's family, who unfortunately were unable



Barbara Heesh preparing to run the first hoop, watched by members and guests of the Wonthaggi Croquet Club.

to attend, and very well organised by Marj Prendergast and Sue Priller.

Lunch done and dusted, president Tom Lacey asked Barbara Heesh to run the first hoop to 'officially' open the season. This was followed by more general play, and a great day was had by all.

Backtracking to August with an update of tournaments

attended by a couple of travelling, and very competitive, members.

The Victoria Men's Singles were held at Cairnlea on August 2 and 3 with Tom Lacey attending and competing in Red Block, where he won one game against some very fierce competition.

The Long Paddock Classic Singles at Deniliquin was the

next destination for Tom as well as Sue Baker, with Tom contesting Block 2 in Division 1 and Sue Block 2 in Division 2.

Gippsland was well represented with Mary Tabrah from Traralgon winning Division 2.

Division 1 and 3 winners were John Carr (Mornington) and Allan Breen (Golden Square), respectively.

This event was held on August 23 and 24.

Phillip Island held a fun day on August 23, which seven members attended.

Fun games, morning and afternoon tea with a barbecue for lunch made for a great day – thanks Phillip Island.

General club days, in all sorts of weather, continued throughout this period with busy times ahead.

Pennant season starts on September 17 with a home match for Wonthaggi.

Come and cheer the club on.

One hell of a ride for six-time World Champ

MOTORSPORTS may not be everyone's cup of tea, but there is no denying Jonathan Rea is one of the greatest World Superbike riders of all time.

He has had an incredible 119 race wins, 264 podiums and secured six championships, all in a row. He holds the record for the most WorldSBK titles and victories.

And whilst his announcement last week that he would be retiring wasn't in itself a shock, there comes a time when every racer has to hang up their boots, the weight of his announcement was.

Rea has been a staple on the WSBK circuit since 2008. That's one heck of a long time, especially when you consider that very few of those he enters the track with now were even in the paddocks when he first started his career. British rider Sam Lowers was starting out in Superstock 600 in 2008, and Italian Daniel Petrucci had kicked off his career in Superstock 600 in 2007, whilst the likes of Toprak Razgatlioglu was still another six years from entering the paddock and ten years making the jump to superbikes.

Rea, had considered a jump to MotoGP, but that all changed when he met his wife Tatia and had two boys, a family man at heart having more time with them growing up and less travel on the WSBK circuit, compared to the MotoGP circuit, deciding factors.

And whilst in an Instagram video announcing his retirement Rea stated it wasn't goodbye just yet, as opportunities off the track would be next, it's still a signal of a major shift in the realm of WSBK, as the last of 2010s riders hangs up his boots.



Twelve years ago, when a 26-year-old Rea from Northern Ireland stood on the track at Phillip Island. Two years later he would kick off the impossible winning six back-to-back world championships.

Veterans win tennis title



The winners of the Leongatha Ladies Veterans Winter Tennis Competition was the Willow team, which included Lina Tumino, Susan Buxton, Norma Sim and Hilly Hoy.



Brian Newman, Marj Ford and Ken Webb were the Monday winners at Breakaway Bowls.



The Open Day winners at Inverloch Bowling Club were Ted Lee (lead), Lorraine Dowson (skip) and Phil Price (third).



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners this week were Peter Taylor (L), Michael Dady (S) and Laurie Bell (3).



The Opening Day winners at the Wonthaggi Bowls Club were Roger Lee, Kathy Heaphy and Steve Brunyan



The best one game winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were Max Summers (S), Gwen Jeffery (3) and Tony Heppleston (L).



Ray, Maureen and Ollie won the Triples event at the Leongatha Bowls Club on Saturday.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

IT WAS another excellent day of bowls and what an afternoon tea was put on by the ladies. Winners on Monday were Brian Newman, Marj Ford and Ken Webb. They had win by +9 – well done, guys. Friday was an excellent day to bowl. Everyone enjoyed a great game to-day, with the winners being Helen Gladstone, Ken Webb and Rhonda Rattenbury. They won with +15 – well done. Remember, all are welcome on Monday and Friday from 1pm at the Cape Paterson Community Hall.

FOSTER

IT'S that time of year again. The Foster Bowls Club is just as excited as you that Jack Attack is just around the corner. Jack Attack starts back up on Wednesday, October 15. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. There is a two-week intro to get yourselves organised and to welcome any newbies.

This is followed by a six-week competition and then a final presentation night. It's a jammed-packed, full of fun nine weeks. Three players are to a team. Anyone can fill in on the night if your team is short. Best of all, the club runs some dress-up theme nights to add to the fun. Come on down to learn the basics of lawn bowls, enjoy a drink or two and a snag on the barby with mates, check out the awesome facilities while having a great midweek night out, all for just \$10. For enquiries or to book your team in call Bev on 0408 369 298. The club is looking forward to another great season.

INVERLOCH

IT WAS the start of a new bowling season and the weather conspired to dampen the celebration planned for this opening event. Heavy rain delayed the start out on the green and the opening day didn't get underway until almost lunchtime. Bowls director Bill Massier opened the proceedings with a welcome speech, followed by the traditional "Open Day Roll" from the two Club Champions Martin Hannaford and Lorraine Dowson. A light-hearted event called "Ditch to Ditch" saw 42 bowlers attempt to get a single bowl from one side of the green to the other, with the winner Darryl Floyd the closest to the edge of the ditch without falling in. With a promised break in the weather due soon, the players retired for an early lunch, once again catered by Jim and Jenny Haydon and it was a bright outlook when the 12 teams started play after lunch. The target was to play two games of six ends.

Unfortunately, the weather deteriorated once again and with gale force winds and a severe drop in temperature, the match committee were forced to call off the bowling after the first game. Everyone mercifully retired into the warmth of the clubhouse, where they enjoyed an afternoon tea, sourced from the "BYO plate" offerings brought in by the players. With only a single game played, there were six winners and six losers. Going on ends won, and with four hard luck stories, the runner-up was the team of Bruce Corrigan (skip), Carol Hughes (third) and Rob Higgins (lead) with a total of 15 points. The winning team with the maximum available 16 points was Lorraine Dowson (skip), Phil Price (third)

and Ted Lee (lead). Despite the weather, everyone enjoyed the afternoon and is eagerly looking forward to the new bowling season and the competition and camaraderie to come. Inverloch Bowling Club wishes all its members and the members of fellow clubs in the Strzelecki South lawn bowls region "good bowling" for the 2025/26 season.

LEONGATHA

SATURDAY, September 6, saw the Leongatha Lawn Bowls Club's opening day bathed in blue skies perfect to start the season. Ellie McIntyre and Ewing Colter had the honour of rolling the first bowls down. A game of Triples was played amongst the club with the winners being Ray, Maureen and Ollie. Thank you to all the helpers for making this day happen, and the afternoon tea was lovely. The club would like to wish all the other clubs the best for the season. See you on the green.

MIDWEEK

FORTYTWO bowlers arrived at Corinella to once again fight it out for team of the week. The bowlers were welcomed to the club by Bev and John, while Vern arranged the teams for the day. Really good to see new players turn up – the club looks forward to seeing a lot more of them in the future. After the teams were finalised, and the bowlers made it to the green and were welcomed, in no uncertain terms, by dropping temperatures and quite heavy winds. Shortly after they started, the rain began to fall. The morning became a bit of a competition to not only beat your opposition, but also to try and keep reasonably dry. Rain or dry, the bowlers still had great fun playing against friends. After a while, it became evident that the rain was definitely creating havoc with the timetable, so the first game was shortened by two ends. After lunch, they went out to be met once again by rain, but luckily it only lasted a few minutes, so they managed to complete the afternoon's play without reducing the number of ends. Rain and bitterly cold wind aside, the day was still a lot of fun with a lot of laughter on all the rinks. There were a few wrong bias bowls. We thank these charitable members for their consideration towards the Royal Children's Hospital. As always, unfortunately, all players cannot be winners for the day. The winners on a score of 34 were Peter Taylor (L), Michael Dady (S) and Laurie Bell (3). Runners up on a score of 32 were David Prosser (L), Ann Graham (2), Barbara Oates (3) and Bill Sherriff (S). Best one game winners for the day with a score of 19 were Max Summers (S), Gwen Jeffery (3) and Tony Heppleston (L).

The club would like to take this opportunity to thank Terry behind the bar, as well as Gwen in the kitchen, ably assisted by Barbara. Also, a big call out to Phil, who always puts in so much time and effort when the bowlers are at Corinella. The club could not continue without these volunteers each and every week. Next week, the bowlers will be meeting at San Remo to once again fight it out for team of the week. Please be on site by 10am to allow time to prepare the teams. Unfortunately, with numbers generally reaching capacity, the club will have to be strict on a 10am cut-off time. Meanwhile till then, have fun and stay safe.

WONTHAGGI

THIS week saw the first Turkey Triples of the season. The club had close to a full field of teams playing on the day, with a good turnout of Wonthaggi teams as well as players from local clubs. The day started off in fine sunny conditions, but finished overcast and cold. As is often the case, it is very difficult to win all four games, and this month was no different with the overall standard of play being very high. The winners were the team from Phillip Island – Bob Hurst, Brian Arnold and Chris Fricke – with a score of three wins and a draw. The runners up were the team from Leongatha – Allan Centre, Jen Miller and Ray McGannon – with a score of three wins, the best of the rest. Best overall game went to the team of Mary McBain, Gavan Butler and Rob Aitken with a score of 17 shots up. The NABA award went to the Wonthaggi team skipped by Ray Hin. They each received a cap plus a drink bottle from the Wonthaggi Club. Once again, the club is delighted to have the Wonthaggi Club as its major sponsor for the Triples and Skins Day. The day was capped off with Wendy's Music Machine, which kept all the bowlers happy and tapping their toes. Saturday was a wonderful day with fine sunny weather for the Opening Day. Forty-eight bowlers graced the greens for four games of five ends. With a number of bowlers unable to play, it was still a good turnout. There was only one team that managed four wins, making it a tough battle all day. The winners were Roger Lee, Kathy Heaphy and Steve Brunyan with four wins. The runners-up were Syd Gostling, Heather Blanch and Bryan Donohue with three wins, a draw, and 21 shots up. In third place, with three wins, a draw, and 17 shots up, were Michael Raman, Jim Mitchell and John Migliorisi. Friday night also went off well with the weather improving. Lee was a happy meat tray winner, while Howard and Raye were pleased to win brekky packs. Other winners were Norm, Roger and Bryan. The members' draw didn't go off, so next week it will be \$120. This week's bowls: Wednesday: Social bowls at 12.30pm. Thursday: Social bowls at 10am. Saturday: Practice match against San Remo at Wonthaggi. Don't forget Friday night, with the members' draw at \$120 plus meat trays and other prizes. Doors open at 4pm. Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THERE was another amazing turnout this week with a total of 55 players. Tuesday's winners with a plus 14 were Allan Ireland, Robert McLaren, Jeannie Slocombe and Philip Fowler. Runners-up on plus 12 were Lia Smith, Max Sweetnam and John Rook. Friday saw the ladies winning again with a plus 14. They were Glenda Binch, Helen Rook and Elaine Grabham. Runners-up on plus 11 were Barb Culph, Sylvia Mattock and John Postlethwaite. A reminder the annual general meeting will be held on September 19 at 11am – hope to see you all there.

FOSTER

ELISA Nudelman and Mick Connel-
lan excelled in winning the men's and
ladies' September monthly medals.

The men's September medal was
held on Saturday with the course
being shown off in spectacular con-
dition considering the recent wet
weather. Pat McKay was the gener-
ous trophy donor in the stroke event
that had 37 entrants. Mick Connellan
(17) took out the medal with a sim-
ply stunning 85/68. His round found
him finish on top and able to claim
the A grade nett along with the put-
ting on 26 putts. Just like Mick, in
B grade, Robert Tracey (22) took out
both nett 94/72 and also putting with
26 putts. A ball down the line along
with B grade scratch was awarded
to Neil Henry (19) with 93/74. Kylie
Collins (11) won a ball down the line
with 85/74 along with nearest to pin
on the 17th. Further balls down the
line were awarded to Robin Smith
(19) on 95/76, Ben Thompson (23)
on 100/77, Dave Hutchinson (13)
with 90/77 and Leigh "Birthday Boy"
Roberts (11) on 89/78. The remain-
ing four nearest to pins went to Mitch
Dyke on the fourth, Kiwi Jones on the
sixth, John Stone on the 13th and
Brad Coates on the 15th.

Wednesday saw the ladies play off
for their September medal with a vast
array of trophies on offer from trophy
donor, Robyn Galloway. Seven players
contested the event that was also the
playoff for the 2025 Silver Spoon. Eli-
sa Nudelman (20) booked her ticket
to represent Foster at this year's final
play-off to be held at Gardner's Run
GC in November. Her scintillating
round of 98/76 found her six shots
clear of her nearest rival. Barb War-
ren (13) took out the scratch award
with 97/84 along with nearest to pin
on the sixth, Kylie Collins was clos-
est on the 17th. To round out the tro-
phies, Jan Best won the putting this
month with an impressive 29 putts.

Chook Run was played on the
back nine this week with 21 entrants
across the six days. John Danckert
(9) won in a four-person countback
with John Pruyn (14), Paddy Watkins
(6) and Col Pulham (20) all finishing
on 18 points. Impressively, Merle Bar-
ham chipped in on the 17th to score
a birdie and win a ball for her efforts.
On Thursday, nine players turned
up hoping to get in 18 holes before
the rains hit. Unfortunately, around
six holes in, the downpours arrived
and left all our players soaked from
head to toe. The decision was made
to change the comp to a nine-hole
event and cut our losses. Kylie Collins
(11) and Paddy Watkins (7) finished
the nine holes neck and neck on 18
points with a countback enacted, Ky-
lie's final hole the decider in her tak-
ing the win. Elisa Nudelman (22) won
nearest to pin on the sixth and a ball
down the line with 14 points.

The first event in the week was Tues-
day's Stableford with 16 entrants.
The winner was Kylie Collins (11)
with 39 points, she also won nearest
to pin on the 17th. Jenny Alexander
was nearest to pin on the fourth with
a very impressive tee shot. Phil Wor-
boys (17) continued his current hot
streak by winning the first of three
balls down the line with 36 points.
Graeme "Paddy" Watkins (7) and Col
Pulham (20) were both excellent with
their scores of 35 points each.

Spring is here, make sure you have
a spring in your step next time your
on the course. The Caddy

KORUMBURRA

TUESDAY, September 2: Stable-
ford: 30 players.

Winner A Grade: Steve Duffield 39
points.

Winner B Grade: Peter McMaster
37 points.

NTPs: first Shayne Harland, sev-
enth Mick Bull, 10th Peter McMaster

and 13th Shayne Harland.

Thursday, September 4: Stableford:
three players.

Winner: Chris McConnell 38 points.
NTPs: first Steve Duffield and 10th
Steve Duffield.

Saturday, September 6: Sponsor:
Tim O'Neill.

Stroke Monthly Medal: Winner –
Medal and B Grade: Robert Goss 67
net.

Winner A Grade: Shayne Harland
68 net.

NTPs: first Mat Wrigley, seventh Zac
Scholte, 10th Robert Goss and 13th
Shayne Harland.

Ladies

THERE was a close finish for
the September Monthly Medal last
Wednesday with Shelley Snooks (16),
76 net, winning on a c/b from Trudi
Mantell (23).

As the winner, Shelley received the
voucher from The Tiny Teapot, and
she also had the best Scratch Score
with 92.

Karen Sorrell (33) won a BDTL
with 77 net.

Lynne Schwennessen won the nine-
hole competition with 14 points.

NTPs went to the winner and run-
ner-up.

Trudi, first (Kelly's Bakery vouch-
er), Shelley, second shot on the sev-
enth (sleeve of balls, KGC) and Shel-
ley was closest on the 10th green
(One Stop Discount Shop).

The club enjoyed perfect golf-
ing weather on Saturday for the RB
Monthly Medal.

Well done to Kim Enbom (28), who
was the clear winner, finishing with
74 net.

Runner up was Aliesha Wrigley
(22), 80 net, on a c/b from Shelley
Snooks (16).

BDTL went to Gail Beer (27) 83.

The Scratch Score winner was
Shelley with 96.

NTPs went to Gail, second shot on
the seventh, Jenny Blackmore 10th
and Chris Rickard on the 13th.

Thank you to all the businesses for
their generous and regular sponsor-
ship, and, the club in turn, urges its
members and the Korumburra com-
munity to strongly support the local
stores.

LEONGATHA Ladies

A LARGE field competed in the Ev-
ans Petroleum sponsored Stableford
event last week.

Congratulations to the course staff
and volunteers for the condition of
the course after a week of strong
winds and rain.

The A Grade winner, again this
week, was Fay Guilford with 34
points – another Evans Petroleum
voucher to add to her collection.

Joc Howson was the runner-up
with 33 points.

Viv French won B Grade with 33
points on a countback from Jill Moor.

Down the line balls went to 31
points: Kay Dumbleton, Chris Lay,
Colleen Touzel and Nicole Stewart.

Dot Stubbs was closest to the pin
second shot on the fifth, Janet Monk
on the 14th and Else Gedye on the
16th.

MEENIYAN Ladies

OVER the past couple of weeks, the
club has had small fields that have
been happy to play.

Faye LePage won the Stableford
event with Heather Poletti the runner-
up.

Last week, the club finally got to
play a medal day and the winner was
Heather Poletti.

The ladies sent a team of four over
to Korumburra on August 31 to sup-
port the South Gippsland Country
Teams fundraiser and came home
as winners – Heather Poletti, Sheila
Constantine, Louise Vuillermin and

Irene Holm.

Louise also won the longest drive
for the ladies.

The club wishes all players and the
support people all the very best in
Mildura at the end of the month.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, September 2: Stabl-
eford.

A Grade: S. Woodall (9) 38 points
c/b. B Grade: S. Allison (16) 38
points,

DTL: T. Whitelaw 38, J. Smeriglio
37, P. Woodall and W. Roberts 35.

NTP: fourth C. Stanlake, sixth C.
Harwood, 13th S. Woodall and 16th
L. Visser.

Birdies: fourth C. Stanlake, 13th S.
Woodall and 16th L. Visser.

Saturday, September 6: Stroke.

A Grade: S. McInnes (6) 70 net. B
Grade: F. Fernandez (16) 73 net. C
Grade: D. Felmingham (21) 75 net
c/b.

DTL: R. Felmingham 74, N. Bick-
erton, J. McFarlane, G. Shandley, T.
Baker 75 and A. Collins 76 c/b.

NTP: fourth P. Woodall, sixth T.
Baker, 13th Tim Traill and 16th N.
Bickerton.

Birdies: sixth N. Bracecamp and T.
Baker.

Star Medal winner: N. Bickerton 75
net.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: September 4, SR. 71.
Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Ian Johnson 34.

Ball Sweep Adrian Nixon 26 and
Jim Skate 20.

Competition: Stableford front nine-
hole, SR. 34.5.

Winner: Kevin Bayley 20.

Ball DTL: Secondo Tiziani 19.
Results: September 9, S.R 72.

Competition: Monthly Medal Stroke
and putting.

Monthly Medal: Peter Thomson 67.
A Grade: David Hynes 68. B Grade:
Sam Horvath 71. C Grade: Ben Wil-
son 70.

BDTL to 74.

Ball sweep: Brad Andrew 70, Tony
Schipano 71, Kevin Loughran 72,
John Peterson 73, Jason Sartori 73;
Max Ahearne 73; Rohan McRae 73;
Peter Dell 74.

Eagle: Sam Horvath seventh.

NTPs: Rod McBride second, Phil-
ip Dynes fourth, Peter Dell propin
eighth, Julian Wintle 13th and Jason
Sartori money hole 17th.

Putting: Eric Van Agtmaal 25 putts.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the September
Monthly Medal with a field of 14 play-
ers who enjoyed a dry, overcast day
for their Stroke round.

There was one runaway round
which took the Medal and B Grade
by Jenny McRae with a brilliant
97(27)70 net.

A Grade's winner was Marg John-
son 91(15)76 net, while C Grade was
won by Pam Hanley 109(31)78 net.

BDL went to Robyn Wilkinson 75,
Carole Sartori 79, Marg Ryan 79,
Simone Lindsay 84 and Anne Tsch-
iderer 84.

NTP on the eighth and putting was
won by Robyn Wilkinson.

WOORAYL Ladies

THE club played Stroke for the Sep-
tember Monthly Medal, sponsored by
Harvest Lane, on Wednesday.

Eleven ladies hit off in windy con-
ditions.

A Grade's winner and Monthly
Medallist was Ann Poole 72 net, who
also won the putting with 30 putts.

B Grade's winner was Bev Bridge
76 net.

BDL: Elly Berryman 76 net and Ja-
net Thompson 77 net.

NTP: eighth Joan Smith, 11th Elly
Berryman and 17th Jean Hayes.



Winners and runners-up in Leongatha Golf Club's
Evans Petroleum Stableford event Joc Howson, Viv
French, Fay Guilford and Jill Moor.



Kim Enbom won Shelley Snooks was
Korumburra's Saturday Korumburra's September
RB Monthly Medal, along Monthly Medallist last
with the Luscious Café Wednesday, receiving the
Tiny Teapot voucher.



Woorayl Golf Club's A Grade winner and Monthly
Medallist Ann Poole with B Grade winner Bev Bridge.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's C Grade winner Pam Hanley
and A Grade winner Marg Johnson. Absent: B Grade
winner and Monthly Medallist Jenny McRae.

Phillip Island surfers take on fundraising challenge

Just over a week into SurfAid's Make a Wave Challenge, the Islantis Surfboards Team has smashed its target.

The Make a Wave Surf Challenge tasks participants with catching at least one wave every day through September.

All money raised is donated to SurfAid's charity, which brings clean water, health-care and nutrition programs to remote communities.

The Islantis team includes Chris Hogg from Rip Curl Phillip Island.

Chris is returning to the challenge after last taking part in 2022.

In 2022, Chris was shaping surfboards at the time through his business Gumnut Surfboards and donated a surfboard to SurfAid's post challenge event in Torquay, which went for \$900.

This year, Chris is back in the water at Phillip Island, surrounded by a great crew.

"It's good to get out and brave the cold, and get surf fit for summer," Chris said.

"It's also a great opportunity to help out remote communities. I took a trip to Sumba in Indonesia, which is a community helped out by SurfAid. It was good to see one of the areas that SurfAid supports and it's great to be able to support them through surf.

"Surfing every day is good for the soul and it's good to get the community involved."

Chris said the challenge had proved difficult early with some windy conditions, but he'd still gotten out there with a few mates.

"It's a cool vibe to get out there with a good crew that is keen to have a surf," Chris said.

"I've also swapped the surf for the snow a little bit last week – as long as I get the activity done, it all helps."

The fundraising efforts have gained traction, and the team had raised \$4120 at the time of printing.

Individually, Chris has raised \$400.

The Z Zurich Foundation has contributed to the team's skyrocketing total, matching some of the early donations.

The team thanked Z Zurich Foundation for its support.

To help support the team contribute to SurfAid's Make a Wave Challenge funds, follow the link makeawave.co/t/islantis-surfboards-team.

SGB swimmers head to State Age Championships

THE weekend ahead is a busy one for the 33 South Gippsland Bass Swimmers competing at the State Age Short Course Championships over the weekend. The swimmers will be racing in distances from 50 to 400 metres in all four strokes, with a number of swimmers tipped to do well in the morning heats and make the finals held in the evening. The swimmers compete against other swimmers their age, who have swum the qualifying times. Coach Dylan is looking forward to seeing how they go.

"This event is the end of the short course season for most of the swimmers, and it is a bit of a celebration of how they have done over the season. We have a lot of swimmers here for the first time, who have come up from the ranks of junior swimmers to finally compete at their first States, which is always exciting."

Several swimmers are also hoping to get qualifying times for the upcoming National Open Championships in Melbourne in October. The event will be live-streamed on Kayo and the Swimming Victoria YouTube channel, meaning families and friends at home attending other sporting finals can watch on.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY September 9
▲ 12.22am 1.41m
▼ 6.12am 0.50m
▲ 1.02pm 1.53m
▼ 6.45pm 0.57m

WEDNESDAY September 10
▲ 1.19am 1.54m
▼ 7.02am 0.49m
▲ 1.44pm 1.58m
▼ 7.28pm 0.42m

THURSDAY September 11
▲ 2.11am 1.65m
▼ 7.49am 0.50m
▲ 2.22pm 1.62m
▼ 8.11pm 0.30m

FRIDAY September 12
▲ 2.59am 1.72m
▼ 8.33am 0.53m
▲ 2.59pm 1.63m
▼ 8.54pm 0.22m

SATURDAY September 13
▲ 3.45am 1.75m
▼ 9.17am 0.56m
▲ 3.36pm 1.62m
▼ 9.39pm 0.18m

SUNDAY September 14
▲ 4.32am 1.72m
▼ 10.00am 0.61m
▲ 4.14pm 1.59m
▼ 10.23pm 0.19m

MONDAY September 15
▲ 5.20am 1.65m
▼ 10.43am 0.66m
▲ 4.55pm 1.55m
▼ 11.09pm 0.23m

Email us your fishing photos

news@sgst.com.au

Phillip Island firefighter triumphs in stair climb



Phillip Island Fire Brigade is celebrating the efforts of Daniel Mirabito, Bec Quarrell and Georgia Anderson in the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb, Bec winning the female section.

PHILLIP Island firefighter Bec Quarrell was still "riding the adrenaline" on Monday after her triumph in Saturday's Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb, coming first in the female section in which there were 84 entrants.

Her winning time was 00:05:42.760, with Amy Jamieson of The Basin CFA second in a time of 00:05:46.043.

Like other participants, Bec tackled the 28 floors of the Crown Metropool wearing breathing apparatus, symbolising the burden of the health and wellbeing issues faced by first responders and their families.

As well as highlighting such challenges, this year's event raised over \$1 million for beneficiaries Lifeline, Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation and 000 Foundation.

Overall, 488 entrants tackled the Stair Climb on the day, firefighters and other emergency services personnel from across Australia in action, with others having participated in a virtual option.

A couple of Bec's firefighter colleagues from the Phillip

Island Fire Brigade also competed on Saturday, Daniel Mirabito coming 10th in the Masters category for those aged 40-49, while Georgia Anderson was 52nd in the female section for those aged 18-39.

Bec trains about four times a week at her local crossfit gym. She highlighted the importance of the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb in raising funds for cancer research and crisis support, and is already looking forward to striving to defend her title next year.

Bec elaborated on the purpose of competitors wearing breathing apparatus while tackling the stairs.

"I guess it's just making it as hard and uncomfortable as you possibly can," she said, explaining that feeling is comparable to having difficult conversations and uncomfortable experiences related to welfare and looking out for your mates.

Well done to all the firefighters and emergency service personnel from Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

Children's day at the Venus Bay Angling Club

KERRY Field came first in Venus Bay Angling Club's September competition, with a nice perch.

Second placed was Terry Shelly with a salmon.

It was pretty quiet out on the inlet, with not many boats and not many bites.

The club is hosting a children's fishing day on Friday, October 3, at Gerald's Shed.

The day will run from 10am to 12pm weather permitting.

There will be a barbecue for parents and children afterwards.

This will be the third time the angling club has held the children's day, with around 30 children taking part in the last event.

"This event has been terrific in the past," Venus Bay Angling Club's Roslyn Shelly said.

"We started out having ladies' days, which were successful and led to people asking us about children's days."

Venus Bay Angling Club will supply equipment and bait, but children can bring their own equipment if they wish.

Four or five members of the

angling club will be on deck to mentor the participants.

The club is hoping to see some great results and hopes to be providing showbags from Fisheries at the end of the day.

Parents need to register beforehand and can ring or message Roslyn Shelly on 0412 017 240.

This event will be rescheduled if the weather takes a turn on the day.

RIGHT: Kerry Field won Venus Bay Angling Club's September competition.



Newhaven College finish first in the AusCycling series



Newhaven College students Evelyn McCabe, Lucy Thompson and Austin Mitchell at the 2025 AusCycling Schools Mountain Bike Series double header in Castlemaine and Bendigo.

NEWHAVEN College Mountain Bike Academy riders wrapped up the 2025 AusCycling Schools Mountain Bike Series in style last weekend, with a double header in Castlemaine and Bendigo.

More than 16 students from Years 1 to 10 made the journey, facing vastly different conditions across the two rounds. Saturday at Castlemaine delivered sunshine and heat, while Sunday in Bendigo brought persistent rain and thick mud that tested both skill and stamina.

Despite the challenges, Newhaven College again proved its strength, topping the overall leaderboard to finish first in the AusCycling series. The result is especially impressive given

the Bass Coast's lack of local mountain biking facilities.

Among many podium finishes across the season, standout results came from the following riders who secured overall series division titles:

- * Lucy Thompson – first place overall (third year running)
- * Austin Mitchell – third place overall
- * Evelyn McCabe – third place overall
- * Sophia Hardy – third place overall

Newhaven College is thrilled with the performance of all the competitors in the MTB program. Their results would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of their families and MTB community.



The U12 girls' assistant coach, Tallarah Murdoch, and coach, Michelle Hackett, presented awards to Katelyn Williams (Coach's Award), Samara Johnston (runner-up Best and Fairest) and Madelyn Clark (Most Improved).

Knights celebrate season's end

LEONGATHA Knights Football Club celebrated its MiniRoos and juniors with a presentation day at the club on Saturday, September 6.

The weather was perfect for the outdoor presentation, with all Mini Roos – U6s, U8s and U10s – receiving their medals and juniors being presented with their trophies.

The club hosted a free barbecue with the annual parents v kids match taking place after.

Congratulations to all players on a wonderful season at the

Knights and to all parents for making it through the match unscathed.

U12 Blue Team: Best and Fairest: Louie Thomas, Best and Fairest runner-up: Albert Sammonds and Lenny Vella, Most Improved: Walker Williams, Coach's Award: Darcy Latham.

U12 White Team: Best and Fairest: Noah Jimmy, Best and Fairest runner-up: Coby Lowndes, Most Improved: Jonathan Tuckett, Coach's Award: Benjamin Tom.

U12 Girls: Best and Fairest:

Summer Manhal, Best and Fairest runner-up: Samara Johnston, Most Improved: Madelyn Clark, Coach's Award: Katelyn Williams.

U14s Mixed: Best and Fairest: Jedidiah Bowman, Best and Fairest runner-up: Noah Bowman, Most Improved: Henry Boyd, Coach's Award: Sebastian Trease.

U15 Girls: Best and Fairest: Jess Pedlow, Best and Fairest runner-up: Amy Pearce, Most Improved: Liberty Murdoch, Coach's Award: Alshija Schelling.



Coach of the U15 girls' side, Beth Milkins, with Jessica Pedlow (Best and Fairest) and Liberty Murdoch (Most Improved).



Coby Lowndes (runner-up Best and Fairest), Noah Jimmy (Best and Fairest), coach Andrew Watt, Benjamin Tom (Coach's Award) and Jonathan Tuckett (Most Improved) were from the U12 White boys' team.



Award recipients for the U12 Blue boys' team were Walker Williams (Most Improved), Darcy Latham (Coach's Award), Louie Thomas (Best and Fairest), Albert Sammonds (runner-up Best and Fairest) and Lenny Vella (runner-up Best and Fairest). They are pictured with coach Ian Thomas.



The U14 boys award winners were Henry Boyd (Most Improved), Sebastian Trease (Coach's Award), Noah Bowman (runner-up Best and Fairest) and Jedidiah Bowman (Best and Fairest). They are pictured with team manager Geoff Trease.



Casey Greer (Players Player), Mustafa Darwesh (MVP), and Lewey Murray-White (Coach's Award) highlighted a brilliant year for the U14s.



Andy Checuti (Coach's Award), Sabri Darwesh and Adam Russell (absent) (equal MVPs), Ryan McGuirk (Most Improved), and were recognised for their contributions to the Men's side.



Jarrah Tagell (Most Improved), Peeraphan Panyo (MVP), and Bryce Pritchard (Coach's Award) stood out as key players in the U17 team.



Under 12B: Marwan Darwesh (MVP), Fraser Johnson (Coach's Award), and Rory Barta (Most Improved) proudly received awards for their efforts in the U12B team.



Ella Coyne (Coach's Award), Hannah Taylor (MVP), and Amity Wilkinson (MVP) shone in a strong season for the U12 Girls. Absent: Porscha Rigby (Most Improved).



Cloe Booth (Most Improved), Aaliyah Trevethan (MVP), and Ailsa Goding (Coach's Award) proudly accepted their senior women's awards.



Under 12A: Lincoln Demunk (MVP), and Auyush Anand (Coach's Award) celebrated their achievements with the U12A side. Absent: Sean Chingwaru (Most Improved).

Wonthaggi United Soccer Club present their awards

SEASON 2025 has officially finished for the Wonthaggi United Soccer Club, and what a fantastic season it has been. A full season in their new facility, record number of registrations, now fielding eight competitive teams with three teams qualifying for finals, and the U14s being crowned League Champions. Wonthaggi celebrated the season with their Annual Presentation Evening held at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club on Sunday, August 31.

2025 Award Winners:

U12 Girls: MVP: Hannah Taylor & Amity Wilkinson (Equal points), Most Improved: Porscha Rigby, Coach's Award: Ella Coyne
U12B: MVP: Marwan Darwesh, Most Improved: Rory Barta, Coach's Award: Fraser Johnson
U12A: MVP: Lincoln Demunk, Most Improved: Sean Chingwaru, Coach's Award: Auyush Anand
U14: MVP: Mustafa Darwesh, Coach's Award: Lewey Murray-White, Players Player: Casey Greer

U15G: MVP: Zoe Diesner, Most Improved: Vivienne Hallam, Coach's Award: Tanna Goding
U17: MVP: Peeraphan Panyo, Most Improved: Jarrah Tagell, Coach's Award: Bryce Pritchard
Women, MVP: Aaliyah Trevethan, Most Improved: Cloe Booth, Coach's Award: Ailsa Goding
Men: MVP: Sabri Darwesh & Adam Russell (Equal points), Most Improved: Ryan McGuirk, Coach's Award: Andy Checuti

Coach of the Year: Pete Butter

The Coach of the Year is not about wins or losses; it's about impact. It's about leadership, effort, and the daily grind of showing up, teaching, and believing in the players. Pete may not have led his teams to the finals, but he's led with heart, passion, and an unwavering commitment to making their players better. His players have grown in skill, confidence, and in character.

Presidents Cup: Lisa Brusamarello

Awarded to an outstanding volunteer, Lisa has been the driving force behind our Canteen, working tirelessly every week to raise vital funds for the Club.

Life Membership: Rob O'Neill

Life membership is an honour bestowed on individual Club members whose exceptional, loyal, outstanding service and contribution have provided measurable benefit to the Club over an extended period. Rob O'Neill has taken on such roles as coach, committee member, player, mentor and referee, just to name a few. It's no surprise he has also been awarded Club Person of the Year twice.

Wonthaggi United has their U14, U12 girls and U15 girls' teams competing in semi-finals in the coming weeks and is very excited to be hosting for the first time, the GSL Grand Final Carnival on Sunday, September 21. Tickets \$5 for adults.



Tanna Goding (Coach's Award - Under 15 Girls) collected her trophy after a competitive season.



President's Cup: Lisa Brusamarello was honoured for her tireless volunteer work, especially her efforts in running the canteen and raising vital funds for the Club.



Rob O'Neill was awarded Life Membershi for decades of service as a coach, player, committee member, referee, and mentor.



Pete Butter was recognised for his leadership and passion, guiding both the Senior Men and U12B teams with dedication throughout 2025.



Leongatha forward and semi-final goal scorer Noel O'Donnell takes possession of the ball.

Knights stun Breakers to book grand final spot

THE first week of the Gippsland Soccer League finals saw fourth on the ladder Knights face off against League Champions and top of the table Phillip Island Breakers in what promised to be an exciting match-up. Possession was up for grabs in the first ten minutes with both teams pushing in attack. It was a great through ball from Knights forward Noel O'Donnell that saw left winger Henry Mbuthia speed in for the fi-

nal tap in, giving Knights the lead just 14 minutes into the game. Jubilant, the Knights held fast in defence, led by CB John Stephens and GK Charlie Dougherty, ensuring that the quick Breakers were not able to take their lead away from them. Despite plenty of movement in attack from both teams, the Knights preserved their lead into halftime. The second half of the match saw the tension rise

as the Island found the back of the net with a six-yard tap-in of their own. Shortly after, a handball in Phillip Island's defence resulted in a penalty granted to the Knights and calmly converted by midfielder Sven Gebele, putting the Knights back in the lead. The Island responded not a minute later with their own second goal, raising the stakes. Then a beautiful cross to the back post from Knights' right back River

Thomas was neatly converted by O'Donnell to snatch back the lead. The remaining 20 minutes of the match were anxiety-ridden as it seemed that Phillip Island might find their equaliser. Though they had some great attacking runs, the Knights' defence held firm, and it was Leongatha Knights that claimed the victory when the final whistle blew, sending them to the Grand Final in two weeks.



Leongatha midfielder Ethan Bath takes on Phillip Island centre back Jack Middleton.



Leongatha Senior Men's captain Luke Knights is swarmed by opponent midfields as he works hard to maintain possession.

Wonthaggi United U14s through to grand final

THE Wonthaggi United U14s team had a very successful 2025 Season, winning the League champions and booking a position in the first semi-final at Drouin on Sunday, September 7. However, it was not going to be easy to secure that grand final spot. They knew they had a tough game ahead of them on Sunday morning against a strong Drouin Maroon with warm

and balmy weather conditions. Wonthaggi's attack was relentless in the first half, with Luka scoring the first goal of the game. Drouin came back fighting with an equaliser. Mustafa was strong in the forward line, kicking the second goal for Wonthaggi with the support of our midfielders Hayden and Will. Under pressure, a fumble in the Drouin

defence added to Wonthaggi's tally. A late penalty to Drouin, resulting in a goal, finished the first half of the game, Wonthaggi with a narrow 3-2 lead. The second half was a battle of the defensive lines, with both teams controlling the ball well. Drouin kicked the first goal tying the scores in what was a very competitive second half. Wonthaggi's forwards kept attacking, but it was Casey

who fought hard to sneak in one more goal. Drouin pushed hard in the final 10 minutes, but Wonthaggi's defensive lineup of Ollie, Lewey, Chance and Axl held firm until the final whistle blew. The Wonthaggi U14s played well as a team, supported each other and kept going right to the end, earning them a spot in the grand final at Wonthaggi on Sunday, September 21.

Cost of living support for kids to play sport

SPORTS clubs with busy families struggling to meet the cost of living have been encouraged to sign up for another round of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program. Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence last week announced registrations are open for sporting clubs and organisations to become a Get Active Kids Activity Provider ahead of Round 9 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program, which opens in October. To be eligible for registration clubs and sporting organisations must be affiliated with a recognised State Sporting Association or State Sport and Active Recreation Body. Eligible families will then be able to apply online for vouchers of up to \$200 per child. There are two rounds of the popular program with the first round opening in October 2025 followed by another round in February 2026. The program is open to kids aged up to 18 who are named on a Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and named on a Medicare Card. Special consideration is also given to children in care, and migrants and international students on temporary or provisional visas. Eligible clubs can register at getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers.

GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE	
SEMI FINAL 1 RESULTS - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7	
SENIOR Mens:	
Leongatha Knights 3 d Phillip Island Breakers 2	
Senior Womens:	
Phillip Island Breakers 7 d Trafalgar Victory 0	
Mens Reserves:	
P-Island Breakers 5 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 2	
Under 17 Mixed:	
Drouin Maroon 1 d Drouin Maroon Yellow 0	
Under 15 Girls:	
Drouin Dragons Yellow 2 d Korumburra City 1	
Under 14 Mixed:	
Wonthaggi United 4 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 3	
Under 12 Girls:	
Phillip Island Breakers 6 d Inverloch Stars 3	
Under 12A Mixed:	
P-Island Breakers 1 (4) d Inverloch Stars 1 (2)	
Under 12B Mixed:	
Drouin Dragons White 1 d Trafalgar Victory 0	
SEMI FINAL 2 FIXTURE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14	
SENIOR Mens:	
Trafalgar Victory v Korumburra City	
Senior Womens:	
Leongatha Knights v Drouin Dragons Maroon	
Mens Reserves:	
Inverloch Stars v Trafalgar Victory	
Under 17 Mixed:	
Leongatha Knights Blue v Phillip Island Breakers	
Under 15 Girls:	
Phillip Island Breakers v Wonthaggi United	
Under 14 Mixed:	
P-Island Penguins v Drouin Maroon Yellow	
Under 12 Girls:	
Wonthaggi United v Lang Lang United	
Under 12A Mixed:	
Drouin Maroon v Leongatha Knights (Blue)	
Under 12B Mixed:	
Phillip Island Penguins v Phillip Island Stingrays	

Local soccer

South Gippsland and Bass Coast

Sentinel-Times

www.sgst.com.au

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

RESULTS:
Phantom – week three: First place on 75 points Noddy; second place on 73 points Spin King; third place on 68 points Love Muscle.

2scompany – week six: First place on 14 points Him and Her; second place on 11 points King Pins; third place on 11 points Jail.

ABL – week six: First place on 63.3 points Just Bowl Already; second place on 60.4 points The Rollers; third place on 60 points Fairlanes.

Business Early – week six: First place on 11 points Old Timers; second place on 11 points Turkey Slappers; third place on 11 points Happy Hour; fourth place on 10 points Woolly Rollers.

Business Late – week six: First place on 13.5 points S&R Clarke Auto; second place on 12 points Balls Of Fury; third place on 10.5 points 3 Blind Mice; fourth place on 10 points City Lights.

Top scores for this week across each league:

Men: Pete Wolf 201, Raff Merante 191 and Rob Wilkinson 189.

Women: Mary Dardha 186, Penny Wolswinkel 168 and Katy Betts 155.

Donic records its first win

NO ONE loves minutiae like sports devotees.

The sizzle from a Tiger iron, the sonic boom from a Lockett boot or how many decimal places in Don Bradman's batting average are orchestral to the ears, dopamine for the brain.

It is same-same in the humble Wonthaggi Table Tennis hall when Braden's condor wingspan reaches for the roof when looping another bruising forehand or David's victory prance after winning a combative point.

Candy for the eye.

Nittaku defeated Andro three to two.

Braden and his wingspan are in stellar form, winning all their matches with able support from doubles sidekick Jake – this time too good for Andro.

Double Fish defeated Butterfly three to two.

The doubles match proved the difference.

Three to two sets up, nine points all in the sixth and Butterfly's David playing jolly good, Butterfly were on the cusp of defeating the undefeated Double Fish.

However, Double Fish's Lee Lee decided not today, hitting two delicious winners as sweet as grand-mum's apple pie to take the set and win the next to take the match and keep Double Fish on top.

Donic defeated Radak three to two.

Donic's Charley turns up early for warm up.

Charley wins all her matches.

Donic notches its first win.

It's amazing how lucky you get the harder you prepare.

Work and fortune are ancient bedfellows.

Special nod to the opening game between Radak's Fred and Donic's Michael – a seven-setter that threatened curfew.

These two have quite the history of sweaty epics.

Well played.

Stiga had the bye.

Ladder: Double Fish 24; Nittaku 16; Stiga 16; Andro 12; Butterfly 4; Radak 4; Donic 4.

Leading players: David 9; Brad 8; Braden 8.



Section 5 winners from Inverloch are Beatrix Hawkins, Coco Toomey and Spencer Tregida.



Section 1 winners from Inverloch Mitchell Oliver, Cole Hawkins and Fraser Oliver.



Section 3 runner-ups from Phillip Island Callan Reilly. Absent: Rex F.

Pennant win for Korumburra Gold



Pennant winners from Korumburra Gold Madison Van Den Broek and Siena Ripken.



Section 2 winners from Leongatha were the team of Joseph Watt, Charlie Ellis-Tate and Sam Hansen.

WONTHAGGI Tennis Club hosted the Korrine and District Junior Tennis Association grand finals on Saturday, August 23.

Wrapping up the winter season with some much-appreciated sunshine, the day saw six divisions represented from Pennant through to Section 5.

Teams from Westernport, Phillip Island, Korumburra, Leongatha, Inverloch, Wonthaggi and Lang Lang made up the winter competition for Korrine and District Tennis Association in 2025.

Congratulations to all the grand final winners and runners up for their outstanding efforts.

A special thank you to all the junior players, parents, coaches, team managers and committee members for another enjoyable season.



Section 3 winners from Inverloch Angus Hamilton and Harry Creed.



Section 4 runners-up from Leongatha Riley Collier and Ruben Russell.



Pennant runners-up from Korumburra Blue Eamon Archibald and Archer Hughes.



Section 4 winners from Inverloch Edward Hawkins and Woodland Marshall.



Section 5 runners-up from Phillip Island Alexandra and Isabel Zoanetti.



Section 2 runners-up from Inverloch Charlie Tempest and Asher Jungwirth.



Keesha Gooch lands the catch in the Poowong U15s preliminary finals. Photo: Jeff Tull.



On the fly receive for Elsie Henshall in Poowong U15s. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Layla Nicholls looks for an opening in Poowong U15s. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Kate Sperling has the ball for Leongatha, being among its best in B Grade. A15_3625



Jess Blair gathers the ball for Wonthaggi during its B Grade loss to Leongatha. A11_3625



Alicia Marshman gets her pass away for Leongatha early in its B Grade match against Wonthaggi. A14_3625



Alicia Marshman looks for a Parrots teammate during Leongatha's convincing B Grade victory on Saturday. A12_3625



Courtney Young jumps to win the ball in defence during the final quarter, being Wonthaggi's best player in its B Grade defeat to Leongatha. A13_3625



Jess Tiziani leaps for Wonthaggi, being its best player in the C Grade clash with Morwell. A09_3625



Jess Tiziani of Wonthaggi competes with Morwell opponent Edie van der Velden in Saturday's C Grade semi-final won by the Tigers. A06_3625



Bec Farrell has possession for Wonthaggi during its competitive display against Morwell in C Grade. A07_3625

RESULTS

ELLINBANK

Preliminary Final - Lang Lang (Sat, Sept. 6)
A Grade: Nilma Darnum 60 d Ellinbank 48
B Grade: Ellinbank 42 d Bunyip 36
C Grade: Neerim South 30 lt Trafalgar 32
17 & Under: Lang Lang 36 d Catani 33
15 & Under: Poowong 23 d Lang Lang 21
13 & Under: Buln Buln 20 d Bunyip 10

MID GIPPSLAND

Preliminary Final - Boolarra (Sat, Sept. 6)
A Grade: Fish Creek 34 lt MDU 48
B Grade: Fish Creek 48 d Newborough 38
C Grade: Newborough 36 lt MDU 40
D Grade: Mirboo North 28 d Fish Creek 26
17 & Under: Boolarra 42 d Mirboo North 33
15 & Under: Yinnar 40 d Hill End 27
13 & Under: Newborough 42 d Tarwin 35

GIPPSLAND

2nd Semi Final - Morwell (Sat, Sept. 6)
A Grade: Moe 58 lt Warragul 62
B Grade: Wonthaggi 34 lt Leongatha 51
C Grade: Morwell 45 d Wonthaggi 39
17 & Under: Traralgon 39 lt Bairnsdale 45
15 & Under: Traralgon 66 d Sale 30
13 & Under: Leongatha 28 lt Sale 33
1st Semi Final - Moe (Sun, Sept. 7)
A Grade: Morwell 46 d Drouin 35
B Grade: Moe 49 lt Traralgon 53
C Grade: Leongatha 39 d Drouin 28
17 & Under: Sale 29 lt Leongatha 38
15 & Under: Moe 46 d Warragul 37
13 & Under: Moe 27 lt Traralgon 33

WEST GIPPSLAND

2nd Semi Final - Warragul (Sat, Sept. 6)
A Grade: Kor-Bena 55 d Nar Nar Goon 50
B Grade: Tooradin-Dal 38 lt Nar Nar Goon 53
C Grade: Cora Lynn 36 d Garfield 29
D Grade Nar Nar Goon 39 d Cora Lynn 19
17 & Under: Cora Lynn 53 d Nar Nar Goon 43
15 & Under: Tooradin-Dal 32 d NNG 29
13 & Under: Cora Lynn 35 d Tooradin-Dal 22
11 & Under: Cora Lynn 32 d Garfield 24
1st Semi Final - Inverloch (Sun, Sept. 7)
A Grade: Tooradin-Dal 31 d Cora Lynn 26
B Grade: Cora Lynn 41 d Kilcunda Bass 29
C Grade: Nar Nar Goon 29 d Tooradin Dal 22
D Grade Inverloch-K 11 lt Koo Wee Rup 31
17 & Under: P-Island 33 d Tooradin-Dal 21
15 & Under: Cora Lynn 29 d Phillip Island 17
13 & Under: Nar Nar Goon 32 d Garfield 24
11 & Under: Koo Wee Rup 22 d Inverloch-K 20

THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES

ELLINBANK

Grand Final - Trafalgar (Sat, Sept. 13)
A Grade: Neerim South v Nilma Darnum
B Grade: Neerim South v Ellinbank
C Grade: Ellinbank v Trafalgar
17 & Under: Longwarry v Lang Lang
15 & Under: Catani v Poowong
13 & Under: Lang Lang v Buln Buln

MID GIPPSLAND

Grand Final - Yinnar (Sat, Sept. 13)
A Grade: Foster v MDU
B Grade: Foster v Fish Creek
C Grade: Yinnar v MDU
D Grade: Yinnar v Mirboo North
17 & Under: MDU v Boolarra
15 & Under: Toora v Yinnar
13 & Under: Yinnar v Newborough

GIPPSLAND

Preliminary Final - Sale (Sat, Sept. 13)
A Grade: Moe v Morwell
B Grade: Wonthaggi v Traralgon
C Grade: Wonthaggi v Leongatha
17 & Under: Traralgon v Leongatha
15 & Under: Sale v Moe
13 & Under: Leongatha v Traralgon

WEST GIPPSLAND

Preliminary Final - Dalyston (Sat, Sept. 13)
A Grade: Nar Nar Goon v Tooradin-Dalmore
B Grade: Tooradin-Dalmore v Cora Lynn
C Grade: Garfield v Nar Nar Goon
D Grade: Cora Lynn v Koo Wee Rup
17 & Under: Nar Nar Goon v Phillip Island
15 & Under: Nar Nar Goon v Cora Lynn
13 & Under: Tooradin-Dalmore v Nar Nar Goon
11 & Under: Garfield v Koo Wee Rup



MDU A GRADE NETBALLERS

Foster v MDU in the Mid Gippsland League Grand Final on Saturday, September 13 at Yinnar



Alahna Arnason
GS
Plays with fierce power and determination. A key target in the circle, her experience enhances and supports her GA partner.



Lilyca White
GA (Co-captain)
Her relentless workload out the front makes her tough to contain. Sharp accuracy at the post cemented her GA spot.



Shari Harris
WA
A strong, dynamic and tenacious U17 athlete. Her speed is unmatched, with feeding into the circle equally impressive.



Sienna Musilli
WA, C
A talented Under 17s who plays WA or C. Her vision and ball movement set up attacking plays and keep momentum.



Kirra Jones
C (Co-captain)
The connection that holds the team as one. With an unmatched work ethic, the ball is steady and secure whenever in her hands.



Lauryn Eyre-Walker
WD
An energetic WD who reads the play superbly. Her speed through court and ability to shut down opponents are unmatched.



Rahni Matheson
WD, GD
An Under 17s Jet with versatility in WD and GD. Her determination and drive shine through, with her impact undeniable.



Pallas Lamers
GD
A fearless GD who never gives an inch. Her tight pressure and relentless effort make life difficult for any opposition GA.



Jasmin Friend
GK (Coach)
Our trusted coach and leader. She guides by example and dominates the defensive end, proving tough to beat every game.



Emma Winsor
GK
A tall and agile option at GK or GA. Her speed and reach make her a tough match-up, bringing strong presence in defence.



Darlene Jones
Team Manager
Brings vast knowledge and netball experience. She keeps the bench calm, steady and organised at every match we play.



Under pressure from Fish Creek's Emma Hodgson, Alahna Arnason lines up another shot at goal for MDU in Mid-Gippsland League A Grade. B48_3625



Fish Creek's Jessica Edgar reaches high to take a pass well clear of MDU. B46_3625



Lara Stefanl notches up another goal for Fish Creek in the Mid-Gippsland League A Grade match against MDU at Boolarra. B52_3625



Newborough's Tahni Hodgens nicely placed for a set shot at goal in B Grade played at Boolarra. B13_3625



Elysa Shaw shows determination that kept Fish Creek in the game against MDU right up to the final siren. B49_3625



Anyone's ball as Fish Creek's Emma Watkins tussles for possession with Newborough's Tahni Hodgens in Mid-Gippsland League B Grade. B16_3625



Giants' Ashlee Cuff flicks off a pass in the A Grade second semi-final. Photos: Bec Casey Sports Photography



Mackenna Whiteside receives the ball as Korumburra Bena go forward.



Phillip Island's Aisha Hibbert gathers the wide ball in the 17&U semi-final.



Panthers' Esther Evans holds front position over her opponent in B Grade.



Marli Box sends Inverloch Kongwak into attack in D Grade.



Kira Hamilton goes airborne for Kilocunda Bass in B Grade.



Olivia Holmes was in the game early for Phillip Island's 17&U team.



Kylie Wookey stands her ground for Kilocunda Bass in B Grade on Sunday.



FOSTER A GRADE NETBALLERS

Foster v MDU in the Mid Gippsland League Grand Final on Saturday, September 13 at Yinnar



Ella Rendell GS

So strong in the ring and pulls the ball in from anywhere. Ella works with Brylee so well and will be ready to sink goals all day.



Brylee Angwin GA

Her drives into the ring are unstoppable, and Brylee will shoot from anywhere. She will also work hard in defence to regain possession.



Chloe Chaseling WA

Super speedy and won't stop offering for her teammates. She is fast off the mark and can find the space to get the ball to her goalers.



Kelsey Angwin C

Kelsey will run all day. She will provide drive in attack, giving safe passes to her goalers and will fly for intercepts.



Amanda Briody WD

Has amazing hands over the ball and will work all day to stop her opponent from getting the ball.



Madeline Stewart GD

Maddy is a beast in defence, going for intercepts and pulling in huge rebounds. Maddy will lead from the front and create turnovers.



Annabel Davies GK/WD

Her first A Grade grand final and will definitely rise to the occasion. Bel never gives up and will give her all for her team.



Ebony Best Int. (Coach)

If needed to come on the court, Eb can shoot and defend.



Letitia Bullen Int

Will be ready to go on in the midcourt and provide great defence and attack.



Cate Butinar Int

Is always ready to come on into defence and create turnovers.



Nikki Eddy Int

A great option to bring on to attack if needed.



Some of the action from the Central Gippsland Junior Football League grand final day at Moe last week, MDU's Under 12s playing off against Newborough in a match ultimately won in thrilling circumstances by the Demons.



Noah McLennan from Tarwin won the Best on Ground award in the Under 16s Grand Final.

South Gippy teams dominate Central Gippsland juniors



MDU's Under 10s are Central Gippsland Junior Football League Premiers for 2025. They are: Fergus Barker, Swae Kew, Oscar Brooks, Hayden Slocombe, Koby Maxwell, Brody Arnup, Huey Harris, Sam Horkings, Joel Densley, Lennox Morehouse, Kade Livingstone, Charlie Pye, Jett Morrison, Lenny Piper, Darcy Evans, Blake Horkings, James Calder, Isaac Isgro, Cooper Lucas, Albie Harris, Heath Giliam, Trey Cope, Chase Price, Harley Richards, Wade Arnup, and Charlie Calder.



MDU's Under 12s are Central Gippsland Junior Football League Premiers for 2025. They are: Ryder Pedlow, Riley Hocken, Tyler Hocken, Elijah Smith, Rhys Clark, Maxwell Giliam, Tyeson Helms, Benjamin Lacy, Rhys Kenney, Luka Neeson, Bohdi Helms, Cooper Francis, Cooper Dundas, Archie Livingstone, Mason Price, Aiden Cook, Madden Goessens, Sullivan Harris, Kade White, Christian Benton, Jaxson James, Lloyd Calder, and Benji Harris.

IT WAS grand final day in the Central Gippsland Junior Football League on Sunday, August 31 and South Gippsland clubs were well represented in all four grades: Under 16s, 14s, 12s and 10s, indicating the sport of AFL football is alive and well south of the Strzeleckis.

In the first match of the day, starting bright and early at 9.30am on the magnificent surface of the Ted Summerton Reserve at Moe, Meeniyan Dumbalk United faced local rivals, Corner Inlet Stingrays Junior Football Club.

By all reports, the game was a "hard-fought battle right until the last seconds".

MDU got out to a winning start with one point in the first quarter, Corner Inlet went ahead with two points to nil in the second, there was no score in a defensive battle in the third but MDU peppered the scoring zone in the fourth quarter, for two points, claiming a last-gasp win. Two of MDU's points came in the last few minutes of the game.

But clearly it could have gone either way.

Final scores CGJFL Under 10 Grand Final: MDU 0.3.3 to Corner Inlet 0.2.2.

In a close match score-wise, MDU got the win.

Congratulations to Darcy Evans of MDU for winning the Best on Ground Medal awarded by the umpires.

Best players: MDU – Darcy Evans, Sam Horkings, Albie Harris, Blake Horkings, Trey Cope, and Corner Inlet – Isaac Purton, Bray Anedda, Jobe Johnston, Cian Roberts, Tex Cripps, Frankie Butinar.

CGJFL Under 12 grand final

In another close but hard-fought game, Meeniyan Dumbalk United came out on top of the local side, the Newborough Bulldogs Junior Football Club.

Again, the game went right down to the wire after Newborough kicked a goal in the fourth quarter to cut MDU's lead to just one point, clearing the way to a frantic finish.

After an opening in which neither team scored, Ryder Pedlow kicked one for MDU in the second. The Demons produced the winning point in the third quarter and Newborough's Cruz Stellini pulled one back in the last quarter.

Final scores CGJFL Under 12

Grand Final: MDU 1.1.7 to Newborough 1.0.6.

Congratulations to Ryder Pedlow from MDU for winning the Best on Ground award. MDU went through the season undefeated.

Best players: MDU – Ryder Pedlow, Benjamin Lacy, Bohdi Helms, Aiden Cook, Tyeson Helms, Riley Hocken and Newborough – Mason Peresso, Jack Peatey, Huxley Kennedy, Mason Robertson, Oscar Murdoch, Cruz Stellini.

CGJFL Under 14 grand final

The Under 14 grand final was won in convincing style by Moe, who sailed through the season undefeated, producing 10-goal wins or better each week, making it a real success for Tarwin to win through to the grand final as "the best of the rest".

Final scores: Moe 17.10.112 to Tarwin 0.1.1.

Congratulations to Mekhi Hayes from Moe for winning the Best on Ground Medal.

CGJFL Under 16 grand final

In the last match of the day, Tarwin Under 16s were opposed to the team that had pushed them hardest all year, Mirboo North, and the game opened up that way with the teams evenly matched for much of the first half.

They both had four scoring shots each in the first quarter and much the same by halftime with a more accurate Tarwin side leading 7.1 to Mirboo North 4.3.

But Tarwin careered away with the game in the third quarter, stretching the lead to a decisive 30 points by three-quarter time.

The goal-scoring by Tarwin was shared between six players, but with Oscar Bright kicking a bag of five on the day.

Despite threatening clouds, they made it through all grand finals with only a few spits of rain across the day, including during the presentation for the U16s awards.

Final scores: Tarwin 14.8.92 to Mirboo North 8.3.51.

Congratulations to Noah McLennan for winning the Best on Ground award.

Best players: Tarwin – Isaac Joske, Oscar Bright, Cody Gerretzen, Jarrah Lowe, Will Campbell, Evan Bruning and Mirboo North – Eamon Berryman, Charlie Bickerton, Noah Bradley, Alistair Buckland, Harry Ludlow, Tom Vale.

Fish Creek favourites for threeppeat, but Foster ready for one last fight

AFTER dashing Yinnar's hopes of a Grand Final on Saturday, beating the Magpies by one point, Foster faces premiership favourites Fish Creek this weekend. What can we expect at Yinnar Recreation Reserve this Saturday?

Last time they met:

Round 8: Fish Creek 7-7-49 defeated Foster 7-6-48.

What the coaches said at the time:

Jarrad Walker, Fish Creek: "A gritty win, a genuine arm wrestle all day with neither team able to kick back-to-back goals. Both teams defended really well, making a low-scoring affair and we just fell on the right side at the final siren."

Sam Davies, Foster: "Just a game that got away unfortunately, and a game that we definitely lost from our mistakes rather than they won from playing good footy. High stoppage scrap for a lot of the day and we just failed to execute late, which led to turnover or poor decision making. We'll learn and take a lot away from it, but we need to be better in certain areas."

Round 18: Foster 7-4-46 defeated Fish Creek 4-4-28

What the coaches said at the time:

Sam Davies, Foster: "Really tough game in conditions we haven't really seen or played in this year – I thought they were on top in the first half, they applied great pressure and we panicked a lot with the footy. We didn't adjust too much after half-time, but came out much more calm and got a lot more speed on the ball, which created a lot of opportunities that we took. Both teams will have changes in a fortnight, but we will

By Rob Popplestone

definitely enjoy the week and appreciate the work put in to finish on top."

Jarrad Walker, Fish Creek: "A solid hit out against Foster in an interesting weather day. The first half was relatively dry, although hard to score for both teams, the ball was moving pretty quickly. With no team able to capitalise on opportunities in the first half, Foster definitely changed that in the third quarter, putting on six goals straight to our one. Something we have been pretty good at is stopping opposition momentum, but we just weren't able to in the third quarter, disappointing on our end, but hats off to Foster. They were first in and out hunted us. By the end of the third, the rain and hail had set in, and it was always going to be hard for us to claw them back. We showed a bit at the start of the last quarter for a potential comeback, but unfortunately, the damage was done. Well done to Foster finishing a year clear on top of the ladder, a very solid year. A week off, and will see them again this week."

The qualifying final at Stony Creek: Fish Creek 5-5-35 to Foster 4-5-29.

Jarrad Walker, Fish Creek coach: "Probably wasn't a spectacle of good footy, but both defences were pretty strong, it made it pretty hard to score, both teams actually scored, or seemed to score better against the wind, as we worked in numbers, but both teams I feel were hesitant to take risks as the game was always so close, and we and I'm sure they didn't want to make a costly mistake. We have a week off now, a rest for some sore players and wait to find

who our Grand Final opponent might be."

Sam Davies, Foster coach: "The scoreboard flattered us – beaten convincingly around the ball, they were cleaner and won the outside game. They had really good plans in place and executed accordingly, which meant we could never get our game going. Our defenders stood up again to their credit, as they always do and absorbed a lot of footy coming their way. The beauty of finishing top two is the second chance, no time to be down and out. Big week of recovery and planning for next weekend."

What the MGFNL coaches think:

Damian Turner, Mirboo North: After Foster had a tough preliminary final, and although not knowing the exact ins and outs of the injury list, it didn't look great. I think Fish Creek will be too good and come away 15-point winners.

Paul Henry, Morwell East: What a game!! Fish Creek for me. The threeppeat is happening. Week off, fresh and just too good in the big dance!!

Troy Shepardson, Stony Creek: Fish Creek to win by 18 points, younger faster side. With extra rest will prove to be an advantage.

Lachie Jones, Tarwin: It should be a great contest. Fish Creek for mine, although it's very hard to split the two. The week off always helps and Foster were made to work for it last week on a warm day against Yinnar. Gavenlock from Fish Creek for BOG.

Pat Frendo, Newborough: I reckon Fish Creek get the win in a close one. Think Luke Williams from Fishy is just too good and will get them

over the line.

Sam McCulloch, Yinnar: Fish Creek. Have a fit and healthy list and their finals experience will get them over the line. Foster had a few injuries in the two finals, which I feel they will find it hard to cover.

Jai Accardi, Toora: Fish Creek, purely after watching Foster on the weekend, they look a bit beat up and Fishy always seem to rise to the big occasion.

Rhett Kelly, MDU: Fish Creek for me. I think their ability to shut down teams defensively and not allow them to score will go a long way. If Foster is to win, Besty will need to kick more than five goals. Should be a ripping game.

Daniel Taylor, Thorpdale: Foster have too many key injuries at the wrong time of the year, which is disappointing for them. Unless Willem Duursma somehow becomes available for Foster then I think Fishy will win by four to five goals. Lachie Gale to dominate the ruck for Fishy and be the best player on the ground.

Brendan Mason, Boolarra: Hard to tip against Fish Creek on GF Day. And it looks like Foster, who played the best footy during the home and away season, have been hit by injuries at the wrong time of the year. Fish Creek by 10 points.

Adrian Burns, Hill End: Fish Creek and Foster have been the two standout teams of the competition, but you also need a little luck as well. Fish Creek to win.

Jarrad Walker, Fish Creek: I'll probably tip Fish Creek, haha.

Sam Davies, Foster: We are still alive with one to play.



Foster led at every change only to see the Magpies claw back the Tigers' lead to the narrowest of margins in the last quarter. B27_3625



Jake Best hammers the forward line for another shot at goal. B36_3625



Foster Tigers take to the ground for the Mid-Gippsland Preliminary Final played at Boolarra Recreation Reserve. B22_3625



MDU's Angus Kemper untroubled by Yinnar booting the ball forward for the Demons in a hard fought Reserves final played at Boolarra. B18_3625



Magpie Nixon Hall chased down by the Tiger's Jack Flavelle. B31_3625

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

PRELIMINARY FINAL

	64		63
---	----	---	----

	FOSTER		YINNAR	
Foster	3.3	7.6	8.9	9.10 (64)
Yinnar	1.2	2.4	3.7	9.9 (63)

GOALS, Foster: J Best 4, M Cooke 3, J Flavelle 2 each
BEST: J Toner, M Cooke, C Wray, M Green, J Best, L Rathjen
GOALS, Yinnar: N Hall, C Mills, W Robertson 2, K Grinstead-Jones, J Notman, B Van Der Meer 1 each
BEST: N Hall, M Geary, M Renwick, W Robertson, B Cheffers, L Linton

RESERVES

MDU	1.1	4.2	6.3	9.3 (57)
Yinnar	3.1	6.3	8.4	10.4 (64)

GOALS, MDU: E O'Loughlin, M Smith, B Tomada 2, J Ballagh, J Brydon, B Cantwell 1 each
BEST: B Tomada, E O'Loughlin, M Smith, M Hooper, J Ballagh, T Harris
GOALS, Yinnar: C Hutchison 5, B Burrows, J Garlick, N McCafferty, M Nelson, S Patten 1 each
BEST: J Findlay, C Hutchison, D Yates, L Pollard, M Parker, J Shea

THIRDS

MDU	1.2	1.5	5.8	7.11 (53)
Hill End	1.2	2.2	3.2	3.4 (22)

GOALS, MDU: R Harrison, A McInnes 2, W Campbell, C Harrison, B Taylor 1 each
BEST: B Smedley, L Webb, A Casey, R Harrison, B Smith, J Lambert
GOALS, Hill End: D Paul 2, H Phoenix 1
BEST: T Bastin, D Paul, M Hasthorpe, D van der Stoep, M Balfour, L Mulley



2025 MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

THIS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13 • YINNAR RECREATION RESERVE

FISH CREEK KANGAROOS



3

Sam McGannon

One of the young men of the team who has played all of his senior footy at Fish Creek, he loves to take a big grab and has kicked goals in big matches.



4

Jarrod Walker
Playing Coach

Leads by example on the ground. As a defender, he is a nightmare to play on with his ferocity, will to win and smart tactical tongue.



5

Harry Smith

A coach's delight. Will do any role asked of him and is exceptionally dangerous in our forward 50 with his tackling pressure. Can move through the midfield if required as well.



6

Jai Stefani

Jai is a key forward who can take a big grab and can kick long goals. Watch out for this young fella as he can erupt on the big stage.



8

Brady Mitchell

A homecoming years in the making, it has been great to have Big Juice Mitchell back. When firing, there are few defenders that will be able to stop him.



9

Luke Williams

Big, bad, bustling Lukey Williams. Do not get in his way, or he'll fold you up like a deck chair. A dominant force of the comp and lover of the big stage.



10

Kairon Dorling

A hard working defender, will beat his opponent 1v1 most of the time and then use his fitness and skill to rebound and create scoring opportunities.



11

Matthew McGannon

Matt or Moose is a silky-smooth operator who has skill to burn, he is equally as good on either side of the body and will kick goals and hit targets consistently.



12

Timm Gavenlock

Can be found anywhere on the ground due to his versatility. Down back repelling opposition attacks, using some forward craft to sneak a goal or two or even in the midfield.



13

Lachie Gale

Lachie or "Gale" Force is one of the best tap ruckmen in the competition. He has a great leap and is rarely beaten in the centre and around the ground.



14

Josh Standfield

Josh is very good overhead and can play a number of roles in the side. May not be in the final team for the GF but will be ready if called upon.



15

Jacob Lamers

There is only one thing more delicious than his booming left foot, and that's his ability to gut run all day long. A smooth mover on field and off.



16

Jaicob Kenny

JK has quickly earned a reputation as one of the best defenders in the league. Fights as hard as a cornered rat, with silky skills and pipes like a gladiator.



19

Jack Hayes

Jack came to the club in 2016 and has been a premier backman from the outset. He is strong overhead and uses the ball very well coming out of defence.



22

Roland De Biase

Plays predominantly as a mid-fielder, he has been very dangerous all season long and watch out because he has probably got the best don't argue in the comp.



23

Jordan Shaw

Jordy works extremely hard as a mid-fielder and up forward. He is very good overhead and loves to launch himself at the big hangers, he loves a goal.



24

Tom Valenta

Tom or Sauce as he is better known is a rock down back, he always gets one of the opposition key forwards and rarely lowers his colours.



25

Tom Vuillermin

This 18-year-old kid is a star of the future and we look forward to watching him develop into a legend of the club, he has genuine speed and skill to match.



26

Brodie Shaw

As tough as a cat's head and as courageous as they come. What he has in heart, he matches with lightning speed and class.



27

Hudson Shaw

Always at the heart of the pack, gutsy in and under, and the first in for a scrap. Hudson is the ultimate effort player and deadly in the forward 50.



30

Tom Cameron

The 2022 League B&F covers plenty of ground and his will to work is second to none. He is a good kick, can mark and often kicks the team lifting goals.



32

Blaine Coates

Former premiership and club B&F returned to the club this year and has been a fantastic addition. He has silky skills and runs like the wind.



42

Tom Sorrell

A trusted head in the back line. Cool under pressure, sublime one-on-one and always trusted to beat his man, regardless of the opposition.



56

Reghan Lewis

Reggy hasn't put a foot wrong. Lightning quick, strong for his slight frame and extend-o arms that will leave you thinking, "where the hell did he come from?"



2025 MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

THIS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13 • YINNAR RECREATION RESERVE

FOSTER TIGERS



1

Mitchell Allott
Ruckman, 300
gamer, competitor.



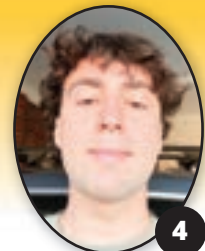
2

Tom Littore
Tough lock down
defender.



3

Dylan Williams
Our captain, best
wingman in the
competition.



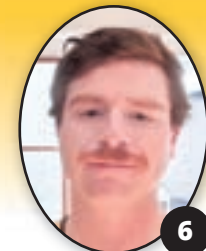
4

Oliver Callcott
Veritable endurance
athlete, key to our
halfback structures.



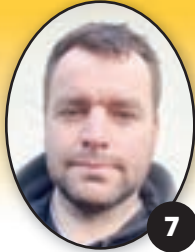
5

Matthew Clark
The old midfield
warrior.



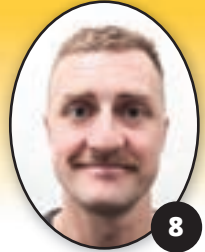
6

Billy Flavelle
Zippy half forward,
great connector.



7

Josh Toner
Tough as nails,
smart and versatile.



8

James Morris
Power kicking
half back.



10

Brock Cripps
Takes the games
most dangerous
small forwards and
regularly beats
them.



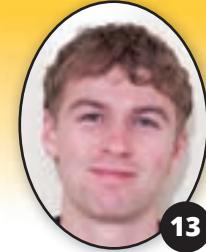
11

Mitchell Green
Plays anywhere
asked, a role player
all teams need.



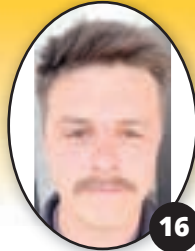
12

Michael Green
Dangerous key
forward who goes
into the ruck.



13

Lachlan Rathjen
Pacy on baller,
young local who
glides on the field.



16

Shaun Chaseling
Crafty small
forward, plays on
ball too.



17

Jake Best
League's leading
goal kicker, watch
him celebrate.



18

Harley Hoppner
In and under
midfielder, tough as
they come.



20

Michael Cooke
CHF having his best
season for a long
time, huge work
rate.



21

Eddie Smith
The nugget, high
work rate and club
favourite.



23

Jack Flavelle
Elite kick and hits
the scoreboard
better than any
small forward in
the league.



24

Craig Wray
Fullback who gets
the job done on the
best forwards each
week.



26

Cody Banbury
Solid left-foot
midfielder, loves
it hard and in the
contest.



27

Angus Norton
League best and
fairest, enough said.



28

Troy Van Dyke
Tall, agile forward
who can impact up
the ground.



29

Harry Flavelle
Half forward who
works really hard
and takes the
game on.



33

Jake Thornell
Key back who gets
the best CHF's in the
league and always
holds his own.

Poowong Under 16s in with shot at flag



Lochi Wilson delivers a powerful kick for Poowong U16s.



Christian Dorian looks for an opening as he escapes his opponent in Poowong's U16 prelim finals.



George Edwards leaps for the mark against his Trafalgar Bloods opponent.
Photos: Jeff Tull.

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG Under 16s travelled to Lang Lang to meet Trafalgar in the Preliminary Final, the winner to play Bunyip in the Grand Final on Saturday at Trafalgar, a competitive affair ending in a 14-point Poowong victory.

The Magpies started well, kicking two goals to Trafalgar's single major to lead by seven points at quarter time.

The second quarter Poowong was working hard and added four goals to open the game up, Trafalgar kicked two majors for the term to trail by 15 points at halftime

Poowong 6.4.40 to Trafalgar 3.7.25

Poowong's Lachie Moriarty, Daniel Waide and Kade Zealley were playing well, helping to put the Magpies in a strong position to make the Grand Final.

The third term was played between defences, with the sides kicking a goal apiece, Poowong taking a 17-point lead into the last quarter of the Preliminary Final.

In the final stanza, Trafalgar came out determined to turn the deficit around, but Poowong's defence held up and denied the Bloods a spot in the Grand Final.

Poowong 7.8.50 to Trafalgar 4.12.36

Goal Kickers Kade Zealley 3, Cruze Deal 2 and Chase Deal 1

Best Players Lachie Moriarty, Daniel Waide, Kade Zealley, Tait Nicholls, Brock Warren, and Cruze Deal.

It is a great effort by the Poowong boys to make the Grand Final, and there is a lot of talent there.

Congratulations to Mitch van't Hof in coaching the boys this season and reaching the Grand Final.

Playing in a Grand Final is something you will always remember and a win is even better.

Get on top early and you will go a long way towards achieving that.

All the best boys; the club and supporters are behind you, do yourself proud on Saturday and enjoy the experience.

The U15 girls will also be taking to the court in the Grand Finals this weekend – good luck!

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

PRELIMINARY FINAL



57



70

LONGWARRY		TRAFALGAR	
Longwarry	3.4	5.7	8.9 (57)
Trafalgar	1.3	4.6	10.10 (70)
GOALS Longwarry: J Serong, J Wells 3, D Granger, B McHugh 1 each			
BEST: A Adamiak, J Serong, B Stephens, F Fox, L Willis, T Lehman			
GOALS Trafalgar: K Beveridge, D Brewster, W Claridge, M Devon 2, I Caroleo, H Kenny 1 each			
BEST: M Ablett, D Farrell, W Claridge, K Beveridge, Hardy Kenny, Bradley Hoffmann			
RESERVES			
Trafalgar	1.1	4.1	8.1 (49)
Ellinbank	2.5	3.5	6.8 (44)
GOALS Trafalgar: H Brock, K Tullett 2, B Bosman, O Hennessy, M Swenson, A Templeton 1 each			
BEST: N Minichiello, K Tullett, A Templeton, D Brock, J Hines, J Matthews			
GOALS Ellinbank: J Cole 2, R Carpenter, B Dixon, B Rintoule, T Wright 1 each			
BEST: J Cole, B Wareham, T Wright, A Quirk, T Bingham, B Rintoule			
THIRDS			
Longwarry	0.2	1.5	4.5 (29)
Buln Buln	3.2	5.3	9.7 (61)
GOALS Longwarry: L Child, H Mills, G Morgan, R Ryan 1 each			
BEST: T van der Heyden, E Seskis, H Colvin, T Gilbert, S Hudson, G Morgan			
GOALS Buln Buln: C Kilmartin 4, A Pickthall 3, H Jones, T Wells 1 each			
BEST: C Lindau, C Kennedy, C Kilmartin, T Steenholdt, F Bravington, A Pickthall			
FOURTHS			
Trafalgar	1.3	3.7	4.12 (36)
Poowong	2.4	6.4	7.8 (50)
GOALS Trafalgar: W Scott 2, H Grujic, C Hammond 1 each			
BEST: W Scott, L Gringhuis, T Kersten, H Grujic, O White, J Marslen			
GOALS Poowong: K Zealley 3, C Deal 2, C Deal, D Waide 1 each			
BEST: L Moriarty, D Waide, K Zealley, T Nicholls, B Warren, C Deal			



Leongatha's Jacob Warne competes in the ruck against Matthew Pearce, being the Parrots' top performer and booting a couple of goals in its Reserves loss to Traralgon. A16_3625



The ball is in dispute during a competitive Reserves match in which Traralgon earned a Grand Final spot, with Leongatha now having to earn its place in the decider through the Preliminary Final. A20_3625



Traralgon's Alex Lovison tackles Isaak Fox of Leongatha during Saturday's Reserves Semi Final in Morwell. A17_3625



Tallin Brill demonstrates Leongatha's determined approach, tackling Matthew Northe of Traralgon. A23_3625

Dyson Heppell shines as Parrots march into ninth straight Gippsland grand final

THE Leongatha Parrots have won their way into a ninth straight Gippsland League Grand Final with a dour but somehow dominant display against reigning premiers Traralgon at Morwell on Saturday.

Leading by just three points at three-quarter time, they drew away with goals to Xavier Lamers, kicking the game-breaker off an error by the otherwise mercurial Traralgon captain Ty Hourigan, and a late strike by Jenson Garnham, who kicked four of the team's seven goals in a low-scoring match.

The Parrots ran out winners by 20 points in the end.

Over the past decade, from 2015 onwards, when they lost the grand final that year to their nemesis of the early 2000s, Maffra, the last club to develop a significant dynasty in the Gippsland league, Leongatha has appeared in every grand final, winning four along the way in 2017, 2018, 2022 and 2023.

But they were also robbed of likely success in the two COVID years, in 2020, when there was no football played at all, and Leongatha had arguably the best list in the comp and also in 2021, when they were declared 'minor premiers' after the season was called off with Leongatha in a dominant position on top.

But they get the chance now to make it five premier-ships from 11 seasons after winning through to the 2025 grand final, to be played at Morwell on Saturday, September 20.

To give you an indication of Leongatha's dominance in the match, from the 15-minute mark in the second

quarter, after Traralgon went 13 points clear with two goals via Sammy Hallyburton and Dylan Loprese in the space of 20 seconds, Leongatha had 42 inside 50s to Traralgon's 11. They had 53 to 29 inside 50s on the day.

It was to the credit of Traralgon's defenders, led by Hourigan, and the likes of Mitch Membrey, Joel Scholtes, Conor Little, and co that they were able to hold the Parrots off, while at the other end, Leongatha's defenders, Tim Sauvarin, Ben Harding, Cade Maskell, Jay Walker and Travis Nash were doing something similar.

But it was Leongatha's on-ball unit which set up the victory, Ben Willis with 36 hit-outs, often putting the ball directly into the hands of Dyson Heppell, Kim Drew, Tom Marriott, Aaron Heppell and others. They won the clearances 36-32 and the centre clearances 9 to 5.

The Parrots' pressure on the ball carrier was constant throughout, with the tackling, smothering and harassing a feature.

And when they broke into the clear, their handball and kicking to position was good, with Leongatha's run and carry at least as good as Traralgon's, which has been a real strength of the Maroons.

But, across the whole day, it was the elite ball handling and creative play of Dyson Heppell which stood them in good stead with the 253-AFL-game player finishing with an impressive 42 possessions evenly spread between 21 handballs and 21 kicks.

Final scores: Leongatha 7.12.54 to Traralgon 5.4.34.



Leongatha captain Tom Marriott handballs during the Parrots' impressive semi-final performance. A24_3625



While Luis D'Angelo catches Dyson Heppell on this occasion, albeit with a hint of a trip, Heppell played a starring role in the Parrots' victory over Traralgon. A27_3625

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

2ND SEMI FINAL (QUALIFIER)

54

34

	LEONGATHA		TRARALGON	
Leongatha	2.2	4.2	5.6	7.12 (54)
Traralgon	3.1	5.2	5.3	5.4 (34)
GOALS, Leongatha: J Garnham 4, N Argento, P Ireland, Z Lamers 1 each				
BEST: D Heppell, K Drew, J Garnham, J Walker, T Sauvarin, J Hume				
GOALS, Traralgon: D Loprese 3, S Hallyburton, J McMahon 1 each				
BEST: T Hourigan, D Loprese, C Ambler, L D'Angelo, M Northe, C Little				
RESERVES				
Traralgon	1.2	7.3	9.4	12.6 (78)
Leongatha	4.2	6.3	8.5	8.7 (55)
GOALS, Traralgon: O Haberl, D Hough 3, G Ruach 2, R Adams, B Cheetham, J Macumber, J Van Iwaarden 1 each				
BEST: F Kennedy, A Lovison, O Haberl, R Adams, J Cashmore, T Marsh				
GOALS, Leongatha: J Stewart 3, J Warne 2, M De Kleuver, F Matera, C Watson 1 each				
BEST: J Warne, J Harry, B Grabham Andrews, B Fort, I Fox, J Stewart				
THIRDS				
Maffra	2.0	4.2	8.4	8.6 (54)
Leongatha	2.2	3.4	6.5	7.7 (49)
GOALS, Maffra: A Stobie 2, E Berry, W Burgiel, B Cottrell, J McQuillen, T Phillips, H Walker 1 each				
BEST: E Berry, T Phillips, W Burgiel, H Walker, L Harrington, F Vera				
GOALS, Leongatha: E Berryman 3, J Brown, M Croatto, A Fixter, M Sheahan 1 each				
BEST: A Williams, K McGrath, F Donohue, A Logan, M Sheahan, C Richards				
FOURTHS				
Traralgon	3.1	7.1	9.4	13.6 (84)
Maffra	1.1	2.1	2.2	2.4 (16)
GOALS, Traralgon: H Anderson 4, L Nicholls, K Thorley 2, F Adams, L Balcombe Matters, H Connolly, F Gore, D Smith 1 each				
BEST: C Tatchell, H Anderson, F Adams, O Wilkins, H Conbeer, L Balcombe Matters				
GOALS, Maffra: J Armstrong, M Pendergast 1 each				
BEST: M Pendergast, O Cameron, L Phillips, I Brown, N Brady, A Weatherley				

1ST SEMI FINAL (ELIMINATION)

92

48

	MOE		MORWELL	
Moe	5.5	7.8	13.14	13.14 (92)
Morwell	1.2	3.6	4.8	6.12 (48)
GOALS, Moe: B Crocker, L Pohlke 4, A Dijkstra 2, J Shields, H Sim, B Smith 1 each				
BEST: M Heywood, A Dijkstra, B Smith, N Prowse, D Keilty, H Pepper				
GOALS, Morwell: A Quigley 2, C Campbell, J Galea, T Hillier, S Mills 1 each				
BEST: A Quigley, B Macfarlane, T Hillier, D Musil, A Rosato, S Walsh				
RESERVES				
Moe	2.4	5.7	8.9	9.9 (63)
Maffra	2.2	2.3	5.4	8.7 (55)
GOALS, Moe: J Makepeace 3, B Holt, C Nash 2, L Durkin, B Sword 1 each				
BEST: J Van Dyk, W Luke, L Rock, J Makepeace, A Wilson, B Sword				
GOALS, Maffra: W Gieschen, J Oldham 2, J Bristow, J Kellow, D O'Brien, W Ross 1 each				
BEST: D O'Brien, W Ross, B Dowsett, R Phelan, S Tudor, D Gray				
THIRDS				
Moe	0.1	0.1	2.4	2.5 (17)
Warragul	3.4	5.8	6.11	8.16 (64)
GOALS, Moe: M Moroney 1				
BEST: E Bush, K Budnik, M McQualter, D Walsh, T Paltridge, J Ryan				
GOALS, Warragul: F Sheehan, C Thompson 3, C McIntosh, R Nettle 1 each				
BEST: T Logan, R Senini, X Olsson, R Nettle, C Thompson, J Simpson				
FOURTHS				
Warragul	3.4	7.6	11.8	13.9 (87)
Moe	1.0	4.1	6.2	11.4 (70)
GOALS, Warragul: F Aubrey 6, C Leighton 4, O Bain, B De Araugo, C Ingram 1 each				
BEST: F Aubrey, H Allsop, J Winduss, J Boote, H Dennis, D Brown				
GOALS, Moe: K Micallef 5, N Romeril 3, E Romano 2, B Jackson 1				
BEST: K Micallef, M Malady, A Georgiou, S McConachy, L Willis, E Romano				

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SENTINEL-TIMES | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 | 61

Hartley Wells

Betta

Leongatha

www.hartleywells.com

Phone: 5662 2930

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION	
— 2ND SEMI FINAL (QUALIFIER) —	
Seniors: Nar Nar Goon	14.14.98 d Tooradin-Dalmore 8.7.55
Reserves: Tooradin-Dalmore	6.8.44 d Nar Nar Goon 4.4.28
— 1ST SEMI FINAL (ELIMINATION) —	
Seniors: Cora Lynn	8.8.56 d Phillip Island 8.4.52
Reserves: Phillip Island	2.5.17 d Cora Lynn 0.2.2

 Choices

The floor you've been searching for

 BEAUMONT TILES

Looking good!

8-10 Koonwarra Rd, Leongatha. 5662 5030

Cnr Carneys Road & Bass Highway, Wonthaggi. 5672 2148

Moscript crowned SuperCoach Champion

A LOCAL dairy farmer has secured himself an incredible \$50,000 prize after being named the SuperCoach AFL 2025 Champion.

Blake Moscript – whose family farm is based in Leongatha – and his team were placed second heading into the final round.

With one trade left, Moscript went from Brodie Grundy back to Tristan Xerri – a move that would earn him the victory.

Xerri produced two of the biggest scores of the season, and Moscript ended up 20 points ahead after naming Xerri vice captain in round 24.

Moscript credited his success to picking rookies in the beginning, which enabled him to pick up gun players for lower prices down the track.

Moscript is now focused on his next challenge – SuperCoach Finals – and deciding on what to do with his winnings.

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

GIPPSLAND PRELIMINARY FINAL

Saturday, September 13
Sale Oval

Seniors: Traralgon v Moe
Reserves: Leongatha v Moe
U18: Leongatha v Warragul
U16: Maffra v Warragul

WEST GIPPSLAND PRELIMINARY FINAL

Saturday, September 13
Dalyston Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Tooradin-Dalmore v Cora Lynn
Reserves: Nar Nar Goon v Phillip Island
U18: Phillip Island v Nar Nar Goon
U16: Nar Nar Goon v Inverloch-Kongwak

ELLINBANK GRAND FINAL

Saturday, September 13
Trafalgar Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Neerim South v Trafalgar
Reserves: Lang Lang v Trafalgar
U18: Ellinbank v Buln Buln
U16: Bunyip v Poowong

MID GIPPSLAND GRAND FINAL

Saturday, September 13
Yinnar Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Fish Creek v Foster
Reserves: Morwell East v Yinnar
U18: Newborough v MDU

Local sport

South Gippsland and Bass Coast

Sentinel-Times



www.sgst.com.au



Thrills, spills and pressure from the West Gippsland semi-final action

Photos: Bec Casey Sports Photography

Fish Creek sporting facility plans awaiting wastewater system

WHILE those in charge of Fish Creek Football Netball Club are keen to submit their plans for replacement club-rooms to South Gippsland Shire Council for consideration, following the devastating fire of almost two years ago, there is a bit to be done first.

“Council is working closely with the Fish Creek Football Netball Club to develop and deliver new club facilities at John Terrill Memorial Park, including the implementation of a suitable wastewater solution,” a council spokesperson said, explaining that “The site presents a number of unique environmental challenges.”

The spokesperson added that council and the club are collaborating to address those issues, acknowledging

project timelines have not yet been confirmed as regulatory approvals are required before further progress can be made.

The club’s plans are largely complete, with just a few tweaks needed to fit in with the requirements of Netball Victoria and AFL Victoria.

The Kangaroos’ Terrill Park home sits on South Gippsland Shire Council land, with council currently preparing tender documents relating to the installation of a wastewater system that will service the football and netball club, bowls club, kindergarten, scout hall and tennis club.

Megan Vuillermin, who is leading the rebuild sub-committee and is the Kangaroos’ secretary, explained that the club will lease a parcel of

land from council to build on, but lease documents can’t be drawn up until the wastewater system requirements are addressed.

The planned development is intended to include netball home and away changerooms and netball umpire changerooms, with the same applying in terms of footy facilities.

A function space, a commercial kitchen and canteen, and a first aid room are also part of the intended project, as are bathroom facilities and a meeting room.

It will be a much larger facility than that which was lost, as it will also replace the existing building in which the canteen, public toilets and cricket rooms are located.

Megan stressed the new facility will not only benefit the

football netball club, but also serve the wider community.

Netball Victoria and AFL Victoria have requested minor changes to the club’s building plans.

The new facility also needs to meet Sport and Recreation Victoria guidelines, with SRV having awarded \$500,000 towards the planning of the project.

The Kangaroos have done an enormous amount of fundraising and were delighted to receive a Federal Government commitment in the lead up to this year’s election to provide \$1.5 million towards the rebuild if re-elected.

Pleasingly, the government recently followed up on that commitment by sending the club the required paperwork to set the wheels in motion.



Phillip Island's Mark Collison sends the ball forward with a powerful kick during Saturday's clash. Photo: Carol Ratcliff.

Phillip Island pipped by Cora Lynn

WHILE disappointed the result didn't go his side's way, Phillip Island senior coach Cam Pedersen expressed pride in his largely young Bulldogs' efforts after Cora Lynn pipped them by four points in Sunday's semi-final.

The loss ended Phillip Island's season, but with the talent coming through there is plenty to look forward to in the not-too-distant future.

Entering the last quarter almost two goals ahead after a solid third term with the wind, the Bulldogs knew hard work was required to get the job done in the strong breeze.

"It's just you and your ability to win a contest," Pedersen urged his players at the huddle, encouraging them to get their heads over the footy and to run themselves ragged for the remainder of the game.

They held up their end of the bargain, displaying unrelenting effort, but could manage just one major for the term, Nick Anderson running into an open goal and replying to a Luke Hartley goal for the Cobras.

However, a juggling mark and set shot goal to Matthew Ryan brought the Cobras within less than a straight kick, and although they tumbled through another major to hit the lead, Phillip Island kept plugging away.

An Anderson shot at goal fell short, Cora Lynn shortly afterwards receiving respite through a high tackle free kick deep in defence, followed by an authoritative mark from Cobra Jordan Butera as Phillip Island mounted another attack.

Pedersen had an engaging game-long ruck battle with William Thomas, the

By Andrew Paloczi

two having lots of work to do during numerous stoppages in the tough windy conditions.

The Bulldogs' senior season was a real squad effort, with 41 players pulling on the jumper at that level, Pedersen noting that included developing young players.

"The younger boys have been fantastic," he said, Bailey Hennessy one of those gaining finals experience, having just turned 18, Yianni Caffieri missing out as he was unwell, but having had a taste of seniors action during the season.

Finn O'Brien, Cooper Walsh and Jay Ladson are some of the other developing young players laying the foundations for a bright future, the latter also in action in the semi-final.

The Bulldogs' best on Sunday, Max Walton is still only 21.

Kai Mackenzie and Coby Olarens Shaw were among the Phillip Island players who were clean in their ball use despite the tricky day.

"Mark Griffin did a great job," Pedersen said of a performance that restricted prolific Cobra forward Nathan Gardiner to just one major for the match despite having booted over 100 goals for the season.

Daniel Pearce and Jack Taylor were other strong performers for the narrowly beaten Bulldogs, while Anderson, Billy Taylor and Jack Huther were the side's multiple goal scorers with a couple each.

Ryan was deservedly named Cora Lynn's top player for the day, taking some critical marks and booting three goals, including the vital last quarter major.



Jack Taylor gets the ball away in the midst of a tackle from Cora Lynn's Matthew Briggs. Photo: Carol Ratcliff.



Phillip Island's best player on Sunday Max Walton looks for an option as he bursts clear of his Cora Lynn opponent. A31_3625

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

2ND SEMI FINAL (QUALIFIER)



98



55

NAR NAR GOON		TOORADIN-DAL			
Nar Nar Goon	4.3	5.5	9.10	14.14	(98)
Tooradin-Dal	2.5	4.6	6.6	8.7	(55)

GOALS, NNG: D Yawney 4, H Brain 3, B Bishop-Schoff, R Bromley, M Gentile, C Pope, C Pursell, B Rice, J Smith 1 each
BEST: N Pipicelli, A Pipicelli, T Armour, J Smith, H Brain, J Cairns
GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: J Flannery 2, L Adams, D Ahern, B Butler, A Dean, L Hill, X Shinnars 1 each
BEST: M Buntine, K Sabbatucci, R Neate, J Esler, D Ahern, J Flannery

RESERVES

Tooradin-Dal	2.1	4.4	5.6	6.8	(44)
Nar Nar Goon	1.3	2.3	2.3	4.4	(28)

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: L Gregson 2, K de Little, R Lengyel, P Papas, C Whittam 1 each
BEST: T Lenders, M Forgiarini, L McKenna, C Whittam, B Sellings, M Shaw
GOALS, NNG: J Hamilton 2, T Ferrari, Z Smith 1 each
BEST: J Hamilton, E Douglas, Z Smith, R Sutherland, L Dortmans, J Hamling

THIRDS

Phillip Island	0.0	2.1	2.5	4.7	(31)
Inverloch-K	2.1	3.2	5.2	5.2	(32)

GOALS, Phillip Island: C Walton 2, O Duggan, M Taylor 1 each
BEST: C Walton, H Womersley, B Chihotski, N Forrest Mabilia, O Duggan, W Hill
GOALS, IK: J Dugard, A Finsterer, H Gleeson, J O'Neill, M Scott 1 each
BEST: A Terlich, M Scott, H Gleeson, L Allen, A Finsterer, P Dwyer

FOURTHS

Warragul Ind	2.2	2.7	4.9	7.11	(53)
Nar Nar Goon	0.0	2.0	4.1	4.1	(25)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: A Ingham 2, K Bannister, R Buck, B Butler, O Ireland, T Youngman 1 each
BEST: A Ingham, K Bannister, S Oling, O Ireland, C Belsham, B Butler
GOALS, NNG: J Hall 2, C Hamilton, E Loomes 1 each
BEST: T Crema, T Holland, F Shorey, E Loomes, M Robinson, C Hamilton

1ST SEMI FINAL (ELIMINATION)



52



56

PHILLIP ISLAND		CORA LYNN			
Phillip Island	1.1	3.2	7.4	8.4	(52)
Cora Lynn	2.3	4.5	5.6	8.8	(56)

GOALS, Phillip Island: N Anderson, J Huther, B Taylor 2, J Patullo, C Pedersen 1 each
BEST: M Walton, D Pearce, J Taylor, T Kleverkamp, Z Vernon, B Taylor
GOALS, Cora Lynn: M Ryan 3, L Hartley 2, N Gardiner, L Peluso, N Villella 1 each
BEST: M Ryan, J Butera, M Briggs, N Villella, L Hartley, W Thomas

RESERVES

Cora Lynn	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	(2)
Phillip Island	0.0	1.1	2.5	2.5	(17)

BEST, Cora Lynn: J Boccari, C Inverno, T Arnett, J Percy, K Williams
GOALS, Phillip Island: B Ross, T Woodfield 1 each
BEST: J Galvin, F Cousins, B Ross, D Thompson, O Hibbert, M Paulsen

THIRDS

Nar Nar Goon	1.2	1.2	3.3	4.4	(28)
Tooradin-Dal	0.0	1.3	1.3	2.6	(18)

GOALS, NNG: K Henry, T Millar, O Ratten, A Tymensen 1 each
BEST: M Cross, O Ratten, T Millar, T Lester, K Henry, R Fox
GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: T Darose, J Gillespie 1 each
BEST: B Griffiths, T Darose, R Cooper, B Hamilton, J Brearley, C Campbell

FOURTHS

Inverloch-K	0.1	1.2	3.5	4.7	(31)
Tooradin-Dal	1.2	2.3	2.3	3.5	(23)

GOALS, IK: F O'Halloran 2, O Close, M Tonkin 1 each
BEST: N McLennan, C Newman, H Bell, F O'Halloran, Z Bertacco, J Martin
GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: J Alexander, N Baker, B Dean 1 each
BEST: B Spittal, N Baker, C Hudson Sibilla, K Angleton, B Howlett, D Freeman

Visit our website:
www.sgst.com.au



The Tigers apply pressure as Yinnar attempts a desperate fightback in the Mid-Gippsland Preliminary Final played at Boolarra. B55_3625

One-point win secures Foster Grand Final ticket

THEY say a week is a long time in football, and the perception is no different in the MGFNL.

Just a week ago, Foster were the league's minor premiers and favourites to go all the way, Yinnar, in contrast, had wobbled their way into a finals campaign.

Seven days on and the game started with the pressure on the Tigers to perform, a loss a week earlier to the famous Fish Creek, coupled with injuries to key players, had many wondering whether they could bounce back against a Magpies side that had sliced through a powerful MDU team like they weren't even there.

The start was crucial for both

By Rob Popplestone

sides to set the tone. Foster outstanding early, a thirteen-point lead at quarter time, extended to a seemingly match-winning half-time margin of better than five goals.

The Tigers playing some of the best football of the season.

Yinnar couldn't eat into that difference through the thirty minutes and all and sundry expected a Tiger cruise through to the final siren.

But... the Magpies dug deep, fought hard and against the odds almost snatched the impossible victory.

"Bloody hell – we fell over the

line in the end," Sam Davies, Foster coach stated.

"No bench for one and a half quarters meant it was proper backs to the wall, and momentum is so hard to stop when they got it.

"We were really good I thought for three quarters and probably could've been up by more if we took our chances.

"We just didn't execute well in the last quarter – fatigue, pressure and a good team up and about is a recipe for disaster if you ask me. Anyway, we move on, and we are still alive with one to play. Finals footy, hey!"

A slow start was a killer for Yinnar, the Magpies with the

Tigers on the ropes late after being beaten convincingly for much of the game, the hurt of a one-point preliminary final loss intense.

"Shattered group. Very disappointing way to finish," Sam McCulloch, Yinnar coach said.

"Foster came in with good plans; they got the jump on us, and we struggled to go with them early. Some indiscretions didn't help our cause.

"The belief and heart the group showed to almost come from six goals down at three-quarter time and snatch victory was a credit to them.

"But obviously very rare to win big games by only playing a

half of footy and another learning curve for our group that will have to drive them in the off-season."

The heartbreak for Yinnar provides an opportunity for Foster, who now moves forward to take on Fish Creek in the 2025 MGFNL Grand Final.

Their opponents, Fish Creek, are looking to rise to some rare air, the Kangaroos' premiers of 2023 and 2024. Can they make it three premierships in a row, a feat only achieved on three prior occasions in the history of the competition: Newborough in 88,89 and 90; Yinnar in 69, 70 and 71; and Hazelwood in 51, 52 and 53.

KEEP THE FEELING GOING

SERVICE TO WIN*

Book and complete a Toyota Genuine Service for your chance to **WIN a RAV4** plus \$5,000 of Toyota Genuine Products and Services to keep the feeling going.

Offer ends 30th September 2025.

Wonthaggi Toyota

346 Bass Highway, Wonthaggi
T: 03 5672 1722 LMCT 8179, wonthaggitoyota.com.au

Leongatha Toyota

7-13 Hughes Street, Leongatha
T: 03 5662 2302 LMCT 8179, leongathatoyota.com.au

*T&Cs apply, visit: toyota.com.au/servicetowin. Authority No. TP/04387



OH WHAT A FEELING