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SIGNED UP FOR ACTION

Meeting at the site of some of the worst erosion along the Inverloch Surf Beach last week to launch a petition calling for immediate action to protect the surf club are Eastern Victoria MLC Melina Bath, junior captain of the surf club James Harman, President of the Inverloch Tourism Association Brian Robinson, Lohr Avenue resident and surf club member Josh Fotopoulos, and President of the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club Glenn Arnold.

- Petition calls for hard engineering works immediately

THOUSANDS of Inverloch people have already signed a petition calling on the State Government "as a matter of urgency to undertake immediate planning and engineering works to protect main beach and save the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club".

Those yet to sign the petition, at dozens of businesses around the town, have until the end of the day today, Tuesday, September 10, to add their name to the 4000-plus signatures that are needed before the petition is presented in State Parliament this Wednesday, calling for the issue to be debated on the floor of the Legislative Council.

A 10,000-strong online petition is set to follow.

"We'll get there. It's a tight timeframe but we've already got 3500. We just need 500 more. The phone has been ringing non-stop, 'where can I sign it, where can

I sign it,'" said Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club President Glenn Arnold.

There's a level of urgency about signing the petition that's been absent from the serious erosion problem at the beach, in front of the surf club, right now.

"Personally, I'd like to see another rock wall built along this section of the beach, the part that's been coping most of the impact. And not right out the front of the surf club but further out and for it to be backfilled so that a section of the beach can be reclaimed.

"I'm no expert, but rock walls have done their job at other places along the foreshore. They can be filled with sand and planted out, like the one VicRoads did up at the RACV Resort end of town, but ultimately rocks can be removed if it's not the permanent solution.

"But something has got to be done now. "The geotextile bags they put in four

years ago have done their job, but they couldn't stand up to the hit they received last week.

"The erosion is now getting in behind them.

"Some people I have spoken to say the surf club shouldn't have been built so close to the water. But it wasn't. It was 70 metres or 80 metres back from the high-tide mark, you couldn't see the beach.

"But this isn't just about the surf club.

"If you're happy to see the surf club fall into the ocean in the first instance, it opens the floodgates for the houses and infrastructure behind it and I don't believe that's an acceptable option.

"The club would be just the first thing to fall. You've got the houses, roads and other infrastructure to be replaced or paid for. How much would that cost in terms of money and disruption?

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"Honestly, I don't believe retreat is an option right now, not for us when you consider the cost of replacement, and not for the private property and infrastructure behind."

"The Cape to Cape Resilience Plan talks about scenarios in 2040 and 2070 when the sea level is expected to rise 20cm or so but this is not about that. It's about the here and now, what's happening now."

Mr Arnold said right along the Inverloch coastline, rock walls had been doing the job for many years, at the Inverloch Dog Beach, the old rock wall, between the boat ramp and the bowls club, around the Anderson Inlet beach and at the other end of Surf Parade.

"You mightn't like them but they're a solution that works. We've already seen that."

The Inverloch Tourism Association has also weighed in saying the loss of beach access, the surf club and any impact on houses and property values would have a devastating impact on the town.

"We believe a combination of hard engineering and dune nourishment is needed but dune reinstatement will take a long time, action is needed now to stop the surf club sliding into the sea," said ITA President Brian Robinson.

"We might be lucky and this is the end of the storm surge action this year, but it will return again next spring and they're not due to finalise the Cape to Cape Plan until July next year. That's too long."

"And they're talking about a response over the next five to 10 years after that."

Mr Robinson said a whole



Sand has been moved from elsewhere on the beach at Inverloch to backfill the sand eroded from beside and behind the geotextile sandbags in front of the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club but locals say it's a waste of time.

range of options was considered in the report including groynes, breakwaters, rock walls and dune renourishment but the hard engineering option was something that could be acted on immediately.

"They've had four years. They've clearly done a lot of work on it already."

Mr Robinson acknowledged that it wasn't just about the economic impact, there were the emotional, social and environmental considerations as well, but a case study in the report indicated a loss between \$2.5 million and \$7.4 million annually to businesses if access to the surf beach was restricted.

"Other business people I have spoken to say that's very much on the low side and we haven't talked about what it would do to the town if private property along the foreshore was impacted. It would destroy the community," he said.

Eastern Victoria MP Melina Bath is sponsoring the petition into State Parliament saying this week there has been a huge outpouring of concern about what's happening at Inverloch.

"The government has had its head in the sand for the past four years while they've been doing their Cape to Cape plan and they haven't taken the action they needed to take in a timely manner," Ms Bath said this week.

"The petition is about sending a message to the Allan Government that action is needed, and it's needed now."

Local MP Jordan Crugnale, a resident of Inverloch, has closely monitored the situation.

In a Facebook post last week, Ms Crugnale talked about renourishment works (funded by a \$3.3 million grant we got from the Australian Government's Coastal and Estuarine

Risk Mitigation Program in 2022) but claimed respondents to Cape to Cape consultation said "dune and beach renourishment was seen as appropriate, but with a preference for no groynes".

"Hard engineering options such as seawalls, breakwaters and groynes were seen as less appropriate," she reported as the outcome of the consultation.

But that doesn't align with the response to the petition, which calls for engineering works, or general talk around the town.

"We are taking all this very seriously, I have been speaking with the Enviro Minister, his office, DEECA, Council to ensure everyone is working together, being proactive and actioning all that is necessary to protect the club, assets and make the area as safe as possible," Ms Crugnale said.

"I want to assure everyone that there is action and that DEECA is part of the Inverloch Inter-agency Working Group which is helping to coordinate these works."

Ms Crugnale has been asked for comment about the rock wall proposal and other hard engineering options. See page 5 for Ms Crugnale's comments.

As well as the Acting General Manager Place Making at the Bass Coast Shire Council, Donna Taylor, the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club also presented at the State Government's Inquiry into Climate Resilience hearing in Traralgon last Tuesday, represented by President, Glenn Arnold, and Treasurer Stephen Duncan.

The storm surge incident at Inverloch, in the week leading up to the hearing received considerable discussion.

POLICE BRIEFS

Do you know information about Korumburra's car fire?

POLICE are appealing for the public's assistance following a car fire in Korumburra.

On Tuesday August 20, 2024, about 6.30am, a Toyota Camry sedan parked near the local showground was found alight.

It is believed the vehicle was deliberately set alight by unknown persons, anyone with information about this incident is urged to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Don't do the wrong thing on the rail trail

TWO riders were nabbed on the Rail Trail on Sunday, September 8, by Bass Coast Highway Patrol after calls were made to local police.

Highway Patrol attended the Nyora end of the Rail Trail around 2pm and observed a Silver Ute with no persons nearby. Upon issuing a defect notice for the vehicle, police observed two people return to the vehicle, one on an unregistered quad bike and one on an unregistered two-wheel dirt bike.

The unlicensed male quad-bike rider in his 20s from Cranbourne North was issued two tickets.

The 34-year-old male motorcycle rider from Cranbourne was issued multiple tickets including an unregistered vehicle and used vehicle not compliant, he also returned a positive drug test, and will face court at a later date.

It's believed the offenders visited Loch in their journey.

Police are reminding members of the public to call it in if it doesn't look right.

Surf Beach rescue

AT 10.30am on Sunday, September 8, a 47-year-old female walking along Surf Beach at Forrest Caves with her seven-year-old son to visit the memorial for the four people who tragically lost their lives earlier this year, when she lost her footing along the walking trail.

Falling, the female hit her head on the rocks and sustained a serious but not life-threatening injury to her forehead.

A multi-agency response was triggered with SES, CFA, AV, FRV and police responding to the scene.

Due to the nature of the area, Air Ambulance was called, and the female was airlifted from the site and transferred to a nearby ambulance where she was taken by road to hospital.

The writing is on the window, as Police resume industrial action

POLICE vehicles from Bass Coast are kitted out with slogans on vehicle windows as industrial action resumed at 7am on September 5.

"We can't turn out if we burn out," "Thank you for calling 000. Press 1 – Underpaid Police. Press 2 – Underpaid Ambos. Press 3 – Underpaid Fireies." "#800 vacancies #900 sick"

Central to their EBA claim is a six per cent per annum pay rise over the next four years and the introduction of 8.5-hour shifts to account for the unpaid

time spent kitting up and kitting down at either end of a shift.

"Our members have seen other workers receiving higher pay rises and they feel that the nature and importance of their work to the community should be held in the same regard and attract the same rewards," The Police Association Victoria secretary Wayne Gatt said.

"And they want an iron clad commitment from their employer to embrace immediate rostering reform to end the cycle of wage theft that they have perpetuated

for so long."

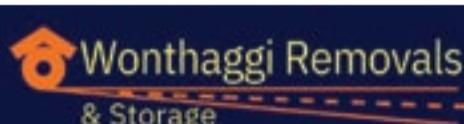
This revised claim was served on Victoria Police and the Government in recent weeks.

The Government has not increased its financial offer to police and PSOs.

Victoria Police responded by tearing up everything previously agreed to in the proposed EBA and sending negotiations back to square one. Rather than negotiate with his workforce, The Chief Commissioner advised TPAV on Tuesday that he will be making an application to take the dispute

to the Fair Work Commission.

Phase 1 industrial action measures include writing EBA slogans on police vehicles, sitting off speed cameras to alert motorists to their locations, having police vehicles sit off Government premises marked up with EBA messages about pay and conditions, and erecting posters at police stations alerting the public to the fight by police and PSOs for fair pay and conditions. A ballot of members regarding an escalation to Phase 2 measures will commence in the coming days.



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Wind PM: NW 15-20km/h

8° 18°



WED | Sep 11

Showers.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: W 20-25km/h

9° 17°



THUR | Sep 12

Shower or two.
Wind AM: S-SW 15-20km/h
Wind PM: W-SW 15-20km/h

7° 16°



FRI | Sep 13

Shower or two.
Wind AM: W 15-20km/h
Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h

7° 16°



SAT | Sep 14

Shower or two.
Wind AM: SW 15-20km/h
Wind PM: S-SE 15-25km/h

8° 14°



SUN | Sep 15

Mostly sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: E 15-20km/h

6° 16°

IN BRIEF

Phillip Island Nature Parks awarded Froggatt

CHAMPIONS for the environment have been recognised in this year's prestigious Froggatt Awards, for their major contribution to protecting Australia's native plants and animals, ecosystems and people from dangerous new invasive species.

This year's winners include Phillip Island Nature Parks for their proactive and comprehensive preparations to reduce the impact on vulnerable wildlife, including penguins and seals, in case of the arrival of the deadly H5N1 strain of avian influenza.

Celebrate our Olympic and Paralympic athletes

SPORTING fans will be able to celebrate Victoria's Olympic and Paralympic athletes as they return home from Paris in a welcome home parade on Saturday, September 14 from 3.30pm at Melbourne Park Oval.

Fans of all ages will be treated to a range of entertainment at the event, with live sport activations, DJ performances, food trucks, and most importantly, the chance to meet and interact with Olympic and Paralympic athletes.

More information about the event will be made available in due course and published at vic.gov.au/welcomehome

Free mentoring for small businesses

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is teaming up with the Small Business Mentoring Service to provide free mentoring sessions for emerging and established businesses within South Gippsland.

The Small Business Mentoring Service has experienced mentors to guide you and your business in the right direction. Whether you are planning, starting or growing your business, you will be provided with support and advice to achieve your goals!

Thursday, September 19 from 10am - 3pm (45-minute virtual sessions).

To book visit bit.ly/4ebXgcu

Free photography lecture at Artists Society

THE Bass Coast Artists Society is hosting a free lecture next Saturday, September 14, at 10am at the Goods Shed in Wonthaggi. The presentation will explore the historical development of photography as an art form, followed by a discussion on a proposed course titled Introduction to Digital Photography. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide input on suitable times for the sessions. The event is open to all members of the Bass Coast community interested in photography.

Services Australia is in town

SERVICES Australia's Mobile Service Centre Blue Gum is visiting towns in the South Gippsland region this week, offering locals easy access to Centrelink, Medicare, National Disability Insurance Scheme and Department of Veterans' Affairs services.

Blue gum will visit:

Mirboo North on Tuesday, September 10 opposite the shire hall, Strzelecki Highway (9am to 4pm)

Leongatha on Wednesday, September 11 in the Woolworths car park, Smith Street (9am to 4pm)

Loch on Thursday, September 12 near the fire station, Victoria Road (9am to 2pm)?

Mobile Services Centres are 20 tonne trucks operated by staff from Services Australia, providing regional and rural Australians with friendly face-to-face service and tailored support. Staff on board this trip can help with:

- Centrelink claims
- Medicare registrations, and
- accessing online services.

Information about National Disability Insurance Scheme

and Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services will also be available.

For more information, including stopping times, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

Sporting clubs score grants boost

APPLICATIONS are now open for the Sporting Club Grants Program, with grants of up to \$5000 for clubs to improve the skills and knowledge of volunteers, coaches and officials - helping clubs across the state to empower and enhance the experience of volunteers.

Grants of up to \$4000 are also up for grabs to help clubs delivering a new sport or active recreation program.

Clubs can also apply for grants of up to \$1000 to purchase uniforms and equipment, and \$750 travel grants are available to help clubs participate in competitions away from home.

The program is backed by the Regional Community Sport Development Fund that is delivering infrastructure upgrades and other programs including the Regional Community Sport Infrastructure Fund to help more regional Victorians get active and be part of their local sporting club.

Applications close October 7, 2024. For more information and to apply for Sporting Club Grants Program visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Power outage took down phones too

THE widespread power outages across Gippsland last week also impacted mobile phone services in many communities as well, and as Jenny Gray, Telstra Regional Manager Australia East Victorian revealed on ABC Gippsland Radio, it took a long time before phone reception returned in some areas.

It's all to do with the short-life of back-up batteries at mobile phone towers, which draw the same amount of power as

10 houses, she said.

If the power is off long enough, mobile reception starts to fail and there seems to be no solution, at this stage, for providing enough back-up power for the mobile phones to stay on.

While reception was returned quickly to 90 per cent of impacted areas, some towns in South Gippsland stayed out.

Poowong, Boolarra, Dumbalk, Fish Creek, and Outram were among the areas where the return of not only mobile phones but also EFTPOS and other services was delayed.

Election time impacts question time

IF YOU have a question for the Bass Coast Shire Council, to be answered publicly at a council meeting before you cast your vote in the upcoming election, you better get your skates on.

The last chance to put a question to council, for its monthly public question time, comes at the council meeting on Monday, September 16 (note new date for meeting), and questions must be submitted 48 hours prior to the meeting, so a deadline of 1pm on Saturday, September 14 (confirmed by council).

It will be the last question time until November 20, 2024 by which time a new council will be in place.

There will be no community question time at the Wednesday, October 16 council meeting which is slap-bang in the middle of voting, after ballot papers arrive between October 7 and 10, and the close of voting on October 26.

"Public Question Time is a form of Community Engagement, which is covered by Section 2.4 of the Election Period Policy," according to the shire.

The 'Election Period' which is the same as 'Caretaker Mode' extends from 12 noon on September 17, 2024 (close of nominations) to Saturday October 26, 2024 when some functions of council are restricted.

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What to do about Inverloch's erosion

SOME say build a rock wall in front of the Inverloch Surf Life-saving Club and do it now.

Others are dead against "hard" engineering solutions such as rock walls, breakwaters and groynes for fear the beach amenity will be lost.

But one question remains to be answered – will it work?

Jordan Crugnale MP has been asked for comment:

"I have visited the surf club and beach area a number of times and met with the club representatives.

"They are a very active club who want clarity, protections, timelines and an assurance we are doing everything we can. They are in constant communication with Council as the land managers as well.

"The Cape to Cape (C2C) plan very clearly outlines the present day pathway being nature-based dune enhancement and restoration which is an engineering solution and this is what is being done and the designs tender process is also underway. This is being funded as part of the \$3.3 million federal grant we got back in 2022 under their Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program.

"The interim protection structures installed in 2019 at the Surf Beach have functioned as predicted, protecting the land and assets immediately behind them. However, as we know and see, at each end of the geotextile and rock seawalls there is significant erosion.

"The Inverloch Inter-agency group is working together, responding to the erosion, actively monitoring the area, are on-site, and will be led by the data, modelling, recent drone surveys and marine and coastal experts if there needs to be further work on the interim protection structures outside of what is being done and planned.

"DEECA are working with Bass Coast Shire Council, Department of Transport and Planning, Parks Victoria, Heritage Victoria and the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority to respond to the erosion at Inverloch Surf Beach.

"With so many opinions going around on what will work and what won't, I ask people to refer to the C2C plan where the adaptation pathways are clearly listed, are really informative, speak to the dynamic coastline we have and the many engineering options from dune restoration to seawalls are all mapped out with pros and cons, with photo montages and backed by the



Among the hard engineering options being considered for the Inverloch Surf Beach are groynes and major renourishment works, however local MP Jordan Crugnale believes there is significant opposition. What's your view?

modelling, data and technical studies.

"The report also very importantly, speaks to the community engagement we did about what people valued about our area – with the surf beach, it was the beach.

"This is what needs to be messaged out and the local media have an important role here to inform our community.

"We looked at rock walls, groynes, reefs, dredging, breakwaters and assessed each and they all have a significant impact on for example the beach amenity, sand movement, access with steep sloping dunes, with potential impacts to Anderson Inlet entrance and pushing erosion further east. People need to be mindful that this is the Bass Strait, the ocean bedrock is shallow which is why the sand moves around so much and we also have a very dynamic estuary – this is complex.

"I have asked the Minister's office to assist in bringing together DEECA, Council, Watertech and key stakeholder representatives from the Surf Club, ITA and Sth Gippsland Conservation Society as a start to outline the immediate works plan, go through the adaptation measures, timelines so we can also reassure our community we are continuing to be proactive and providing real-time information.

"Community members have spoken about not wanting to be like Portsea which saw rocks and sandbags put in and now has no beach. The C2C engagement work we did with community is that they want the beach.

"The Inverloch working group which comprises of agencies including DEECA, Bass Coast Shire Council, Department of Transport and Planning are all working together to respond to the erosion, and I have also kept the Minister and his office updated on the concerns being raised by the Club in particular as to community sentiment."

Ms Crugnale has also penned a letter to locals (edited for space):

Dear Inverlochians

This weather has brought significant erosion along our coastline, especially at the Surf Beach area. It is described as a one-in-10-year storm surge event due to the high winds, waves and elevated ocean levels.

I want to acknowledge how distressing it is to our community with more bad weather to come. The visuals across the community, media and Surf Club socials are alarming and have been coupled with the Amazon reveal which has certainly drawn a crowd.

Heritage Victoria have been onsite and a big thank you to the local Amazon 1863 Project Group who have been there making sure it is protected, appreciated and safeguarded.

We are taking this very seriously, I have been speaking with the Enviro Minister, his office, DEECA, Council to ensure everyone is working together, being proactive and actioning all that is necessary to protect the club, assets and make the area as safe as possible. We are.

As many have seen, Bass Coast Council as the land manager are currently undertaking immediate safety works around the Surf Life Saving club.

I want to assure everyone that there is action and DEECA is part of the Inverloch Inter-agency Working Group which is helping to coordinate these works.

Further renourishment works are planned with dune reconstruction designs currently in the tender process.

Renourishment works are funded by a \$3.3 million grant we got from the Australian Government's Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program in 2022.

In ITA's media statement they mention the need for 'dune strengthening alongside sand replenishment' which is exactly what is being done and being planned.

The C2C plan has had a lot of consultation since 2021 and importantly input into what people value and cherish about where we live. It is all on the website and includes hazard maps, FAQs, photo montages of different treatments canvassed and more.

Go to: marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au/coastal-programs/cape-to-cape-resilience-project

For Inverloch Surf Beach:

- Respondents want some form of action, with non-intervention not seen as appropriate.
- Dune and beach renourishment was seen as appropriate, but with a preference for no groynes.
- Hard engineering options such as seawalls, breakwaters and groynes were seen as less appropriate.

• Planned relocation of assets and/or changed land use and infrastructure upgrades/redesign were seen as appropriate. There has been some confusion also with the C2C Plan and people saying that 2040 is too far away for action. In the image the darker purple is present day, the lighter purple is 2040. What we are seeing is within the modelled hazard zone and the report is not out of date. The report on page 58 details the pathway.

The interim protection structures installed in 2019 at the Surf Beach have functioned as predicted, protecting the land and assets immediately behind them. However, at each end of the geotextile and rock seawalls there is significant erosion.

DEECA are working with Bass Coast Shire Council, Department of Transport and Planning, Parks Victoria, Heritage Victoria and the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority to respond to the erosion at Inverloch Surf Beach.

The Cape to Cape Resilience Plan is a long-term strategy, encompassing present day conditions, hazards and technical assessments, and predicted changes such as rising sea levels, coastal flooding and the impact of erosion between Cape Paterson to Cape Liptrap for the decades to come.

It's really vital that communities between Cape Paterson to Cape Liptrap share their feedback on the Cape to Cape Resilience Plan. Go to engage.vic.gov.au/cape-cape-resilience-project

"DEECA and all the relevant agencies are working together to address the erosion in Inverloch, and I will have more to say soon as to the works planned," said Ms Crugnale.

POLICE BRIEFS

Yacht runs aground

AT 12.06am on Thursday, September 5, a 10-foot yacht ran aground in the shallow waters off San Remo. It's understood the skipper phoned emergency services, including the Rescue Coordination Centre, to alert them of the situation and it was decided those onboard the vessel would walk off at low tide.

All persons aboard, excluding the skipper, managed to safely depart on low tide.

Around 12pm, when high tide arrived and the wind picked up, the skipper contacted police for further assistance, the vessel had come afloat and the skipper feared the vessel could be damaged from the previous evening.

Police from San Remo observed the boat from shore, noting it was not moving. It's understood the vessel was recovered later in the day.

Male recovering from significant head injuries

A 43-YEAR-OLD male is recovering from significant head injuries after stumbling backwards and falling at the corner of Lyon Street and Gollers Lane in Leongatha.

Local Ambulance Victoria paramedics responded with the male air-lifted to Melbourne.

Sustaining an injury to the back of his head, it's understood the male required immediate life saving surgery and is currently in a stable condition.

Aggravated burglary in Inverloch

A VEHICLE was stolen from a home in Inverloch between 9.30pm on Sunday, September 8 and 7am Monday, September 9. Offenders entered the property through a rear glass sliding door and stole the keys to a Black 2022 Isuzu MUX. A handbag in the vehicle was also stolen.

Investigations continue. Anyone with information contact Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit on 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Tucson stolen from Wonthaggi

A DARK grey Hyundai Tucson Active was stolen from a home in Wonthaggi.

The victim discovered the vehicle was missing around 7.50pm on Monday, September 9. It's understood a handbag and key fob were also stolen along with the vehicle.

The vehicle was last spotted on Turner Street in Wonthaggi around 8.45pm.

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

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Mayor's Message



Cr Clare
Le Serve

IT has been an incredible journey to meet so many residents, volunteers, and community members throughout my Council & Mayoral term. Time and again, I've seen firsthand how resilient our community is – ready to jump into action whenever challenges arise. Whether facing emergencies or simply celebrating our achievements, Bass Coast pulls together like no other.

This year has had its share of trials, from the tragedy of the drowning incident early on, to the wild storms that have tested us once again. My heart goes out to all affected, and I am so proud of how our community and Council responded in those moments of need. It reminds us how important it is for everyone to enjoy our beautiful environment safely, whether they are locals or visitors.

Throughout this Council term, we've seen significant investment in our community, with major projects and capital works that have transformed Bass Coast. The construction of Berninnett has become a hive of activity, bringing people together to celebrate arts, culture, and community connection. We've also delivered over \$16 million in boat ramp upgrades, funded by Better Boating Victoria, enhancing accessibility and safety across the region. These upgrades, along with vital road safety improvements to rural roads, are essential investments that will serve our community for years to come.

Council, under the strong guidance of CEO Greg Box and the Executive Leadership Team, has proven its dedication to serving the community, from emergency management to delivering key events and celebrations. Their 'can-do' attitude has been crucial in getting the job done, no matter the circumstances.

As Mayor, I've had the privilege of overseeing many civic ceremonies, awards, and events. Advocacy has been a significant part of this role, and I've proudly represented our community at the State and Federal Government levels, as well as through the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), Peri Urban, One Gippsland, and the Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel, ensuring that Bass Coast's needs are heard.

I also want to extend my thanks to my fellow Councillors. Elected during the height of the pandemic, we have faced unprecedented challenges, and I appreciate their unwavering support and adaptability throughout this term.

While my term as Mayor will continue until the election, due to election period rules, this will be my final message. I've made the decision not to run in the upcoming Council election, and it is time for me to move on and allow the next Council to continue making a positive impact on our wonderful community. I am confident that the foundations we have laid together will lead to an even brighter future for Bass Coast.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.



Yay, that's a wrap! The 17 new Australian citizens and dignitaries including state MPs Melina Bath and Renee Heath, Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve and deputy mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead, and Community Leader of the Year Mandy Chancellor, Unit Controller of the San Remo SES, celebrate the completion of the citizenship ceremony at Wonthaggi last Thursday.

Celebrating 17 journeys to Australian citizenship



San Remo identity Andy Dennis is congratulated on receiving Australian Citizenship at a ceremony in Wonthaggi last Thursday by guest speaker, left, Bass Coast Shire Community Leader of the Year Mandy Chancellor of the San Remo SES and Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve.



The Kim family of Wonthaggi, formerly of South Korea, Sung Wook Kim, Go Eun Kim and their two daughters Elise Dasom Kim and Claire Daon Kim with Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve at last week's Australian Citizenship Ceremony.

SEVENTEEN 'new Australians' took the Oath of Australian Citizenship at a ceremony in Wonthaggi last Thursday night. One of them was San Remo identity Andy Dennis, who came to Australia as a part of the Child Migration program in 1955.

Between 5000 and 10,000 child migrants came to Australia from both Britain and Malta between 1922 and 1967, most of whom were sent to charitable and religious institutions.

The program and experiences of those who arrived here under this program were the subject of a Senate inquiry in August 2001 and a National Apology delivered by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and the Leader of the Opposition Malcolm Turnbull in the Great Hall, Parliament House on November 16, 2009.

"Our older brother Malcolm stayed behind and Mum joined us three years later," said Andy.

"Nigel, Trevor, Elise and I came out on the SS Strathnaver in 1955 and spent some time in a home at Bacchus Marsh."

Andy was aged 7 at the time. His father, Bill, had died some years earlier and his mother Grace was faced with the challenges of raising five children on her own.

This is just one of the stories about how those who officially became Australian citizens last Thursday night originally came to this country, many like Andy who have long since made their permanent home here, but others who are recent arrivals.

The Kim family of Wonthaggi, formerly of South Korea; including local dentist Sung Wook Kim, pharmacist Go Eun Kim and their two young daughters Elise Dasom Kim and Claire Daon Kim were four of the 17, with the two youngest new Australians receiving the gift of two soft-toy kangaroos from Deputy Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead.

Another local resident taking the Oath of Australian Citizenship was former New Zealander Darren Eagle who was supported by a big group of his former Wonthaggi football mates at the event including Darren Brown, Giuliano

Tiziani, Dean Chambers, Ange Gennaccaro, Glenn Duscher, Ross Lovett, Stu Gilmour and Dean Demenech.

New residents came from across the world including Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, South Africa, Luxembourg, Vietnam, India, Nepal and South Korea.

The citizenship ceremony, hosted by Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve, sporting her new symbol of office, was attended by Eastern Victoria MPs Melina Bath and Renee Heath with a special address by Bass Coast Community Leader of the Year 2024, Unit Controller of San Remo SES, Mandy Chancellor.

Like Melina Bath, who spoke on behalf of the Victorian Government, Mandy stressed the importance to the community and personal benefits on offer to those who volunteered, whether that be for a sporting or community club or association or for the SES.

"We had a callout last night so I've had to change what I was going to say to you tonight," said Unit Controller Chancellor, noting that members of her unit were also attending to two more callouts tonight, which they'd been able to arrange to do, after work.

It's been a busy week.

"The SES has promoted me and provided me with the opportunity to be a leader but being a leader is not like being a boss or a manager, or telling people what to do, a leader is a person who inspires others and we have a lot of leaders in the SES, including taking control of the situation when they arrive at the scene (of an emergency)."

Ms Chancellor said the SES had provided her with the opportunity to be considered for the Bass Coast Shire Council's top community award, an honour that had already opened doors for her in spreading the SES message and trying to attract further volunteers to the group.

"At present, we have 20 to 25 members, 18 of whom are active, but San Remo is really growing and we are going to need more people, in a range of roles, in the future," Ms Chancellor said afterwards.



September Council Meeting

Due to the upcoming 2024 Council Election, the September Council meeting will now be held on Monday, 16 September 2024.

The meeting will commence at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi. The agenda will be available on Council's website on Thursday, 12 September at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/meetings. Public questions can be submitted no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Please note that the 16 October 2024 Council Meeting will not have an opportunity for public questions due to our Election Period Policy.

Footy finals or council election? No contest!

MAYBE it was competition from the television coverage of the first AFL footy final, between a rampant Geelong and tepid Port Power.

Perhaps there just aren't many people prepared to put their hand up and challenge the sitting councillors at the next Bass Coast Shire Council elections.

Whatever the case, just two candidates, an interested member of the public and a member of the media turned out to hear from the Victorian Electoral Commission, including Bass Coast Election Manager Graeme Patterson, about the upcoming election at an information session in the Berninneit Centre in Cowes last Thursday night.

It was interesting stuff, if you like that sort of thing, but you almost certainly would have missed seeing Jeremy Cameron kick that miraculous goal.

Graeme Patterson laid out all the dos, don'ts and musts for candidates, including that they should check their own eligibility to stand for election and not miss the nomination deadline of 12 noon on Tuesday, September 17.

"We once had a person arrive to nominate as a candidate with five minutes left but they'd forgotten to bring their \$250. They were told that only cash or a bank cheque was acceptable, and they were



Candidates for the Island Ward at the Bass Coast Shire Council, Tracey Bell and John Trig attended the VEC Candidates' Information Night at Cowes last Thursday night.

welcome to go and get it but only if they got back before the close of nominations at 12 noon," Mr Patterson said.

He didn't say if the intending candidate got back in time but the point was made; don't leave it until the last minute to nominate, book a time with the Victorian Electoral Commission to complete the nomination process and don't forget the nomination fee.

The good news about the \$250 fee is that successful candidates can apply for a full refund, as can those who achieve at least four per cent of the vote.

He also underscored the key dates:

- Monday, September 9 - Election office opens at 74 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi at 9am
- Monday, September 9 - Candidate nominations open
- Tuesday, September 17 - Candidate nominations close at 12 noon
- Wednesday, September 18 - Ballot draw at 10am
- Monday, October 7, 8, 9, 10 - Ballot packs mailed out to voters
- Friday, October 25 - Close of voting at 6pm
- Friday, November 1 - Close

of postal vote receipt period 12 noon.

- Wednesday, November 6 - Unofficial results (after Melbourne Cup Day).

Candidate nominations opened at 9am on Monday, September 9. The Bass Coast election office also opened at 9am on Monday, located at 74 McBride Avenue (the old post office).

The South Gippsland Shire Council election office also opened at 9am on Monday, September 9, in the old Carrino's centre at 6-12 Smith Street, Leongatha (opposite the shire offices).

MotoGP returns to Phillip Island

PHILLIP Island is revving up for an action-packed month of October.

The month will be packed with marquee events across Bass Coast, including the Rip Curl GromSearch Phillip Island, the Tour of Gippsland, the Australia SUP Titles, and the headlining MotoGP from October 18 to 20 at the iconic Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

The MotoGP Qatar Airways Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2024 will once again bring tens of thousands of fans to the Island for three exhilarating days of racing, live music and family-friendly entertainment.

Highlights include the local favourite Community Day, where Bass Coast residents can enjoy free entry and the Cowes Entertainment Precinct, transforming Thompson Avenue into a hub of music and fun.

The Community Day will be held on Friday, October 18, which provides free general admission tickets for Bass Coast residents. To receive a complimentary ticket, present your proof of residency at any gate on the day or avoid the queues by collecting your tickets in advance from Gate 1 on Thursday, October 17.

Thompson Avenue will remain the entertainment hub and will be filled with live music and entertainment with the BMW SuperScreen showing race footage, rider interviews and movies throughout the weekend to keep the party going. Highlights include performances from The 3 Johns (John Farnham, John Fogerty and John Cougar tribute), Rehash Cover Band and Oz Rock Express.

Road closures will be in effect from Thursday, October 17, at 12pm to Monday, October 21, at 12pm. Only motorcycle parking will be available along Thompson Avenue.

Council is excited to give away free tickets.

Simply subscribe to council's email newsletter, Coastell, for your chance to win four double general admission tickets for Sunday only and seven double general admission tickets for all three days.

Winners will be announced in the September issue of Coastell on September 13.

For more information, visit basscoast.vic.gov.au/motogp.



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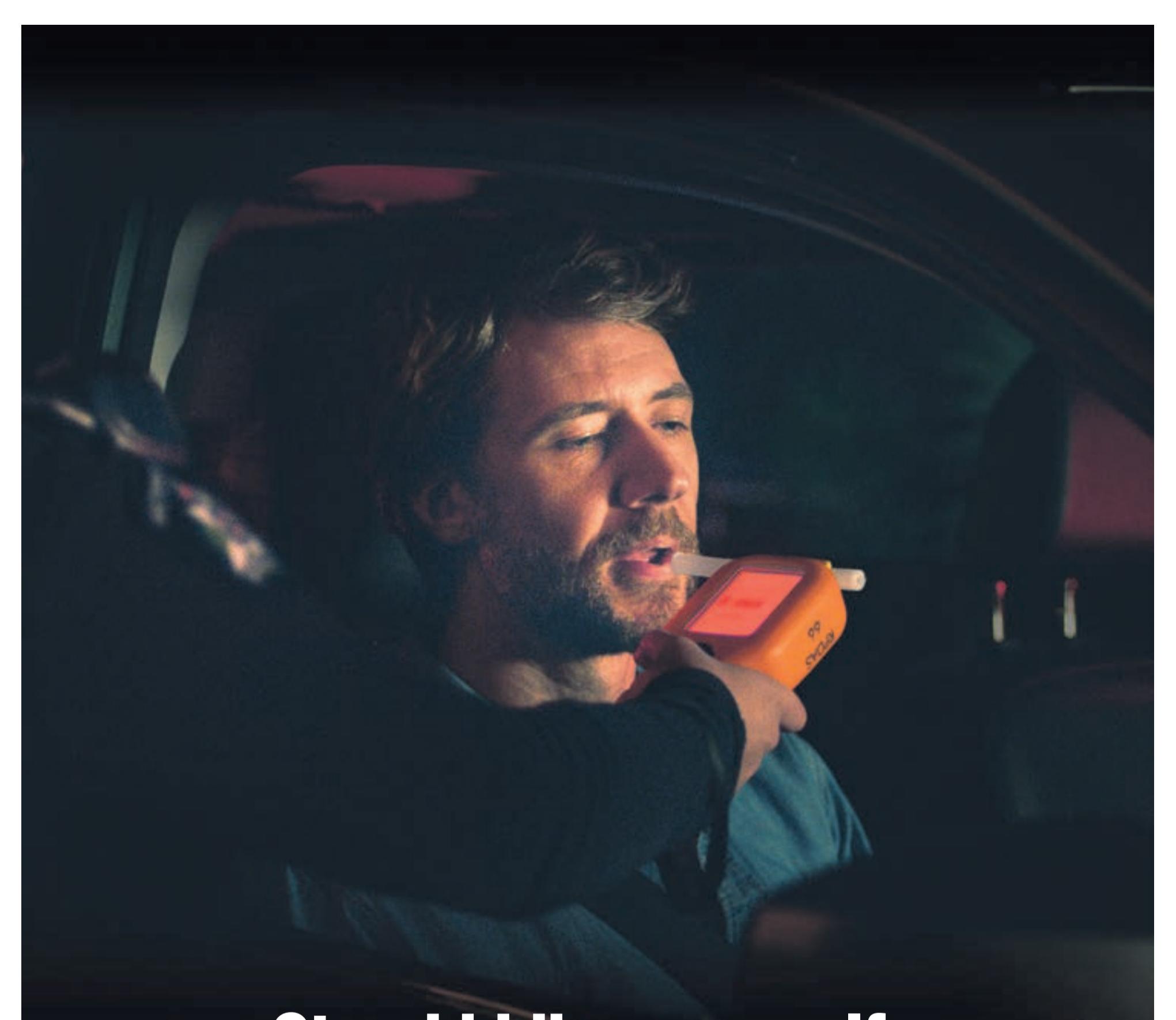


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Planning objection and review restrictions

Press release from
Glenda Minty, Candidate
for Western Port Ward

BASS Coast Council has increased to 15, the number of objections needed before a planning application is reviewed by the council. That is far too many to trigger a realistic number of planning reviews.

Did they not want to put time and effort into planning?

With my passion for planning, I understand how vital good planning is. If elected, I intend to ensure that planning decisions benefit residents not just developers, by checking more planning decisions, not less.

Why good planning is vital

- Local Governments are said to be about rates, roads and rubbish. Rates are income used for roads, rubbish and other council stuff we call amenity.
- You don't get very good amenity without planning to fit the lifestyles and aspirations of residents. Without thoughtful planning, rate income can be wasted, leaving roads and rubbish to become, well, – rubbish!
- Planning balances the interests of residents against the wants of developers. It is easy for the large numbers of ratepayers to be outweighed by a few heavy weight developers or lobbyists.



Glenda Minty will fight for resident-focused planning, ensuring development benefits the community, not just developers.

Developers interests may not be the same as the rest of us. As a councillor I believe it will be my role to fit these interests and wants together for mutual benefit.

The upcoming Neighbourhood and Housing Strategy

Coming up for consultation and consideration in the next term of Bass Coast Council is the Bass Coast Shire Neighbourhood Character Study and Housing Strategy.

While most people's eyes will glaze over at the thought of reading its 506 pages, if elected I intend to make it my priority to ensure that the adopted Strategy is the best fit for all of Bass Coast.

The study has found residents are very concerned with

1. interruption of views,
2. the wrong density of dwellings with too many infill houses,
3. dominant fencing, that is too high, too blocking and too separating,
4. inappropriate large-scale development that just don't fit,
5. removal of vegetation and limited green spaces for play and food growing,
6. overlarge driveways and garage doors dominating the streetscape

Some concerns may appear trivial but can have a very great impact on mental health by changing the feel of a place from safe and relaxing to unsettling and stressful.

As this Strategy will shape the character of the Bass Coast well into the future, it is vital that the correct decisions are made by Council so we end up in the Livable Future that residents want.

With my skills, experience and passion, I am equipped to guide my fellow councillors towards better outcomes for the whole community. It is too important an issue just to get a rubber stamp and next!!

So Vote 1 for Glenda Minty and Planning for Livability for a better future for all of Bass Coast.

Authorised by G Minty,
PO Box 60 Wonthaggi.

Lack of family-friendly facilities just the start

JON Temby, a committed environmentalist with a background in the corporate world, is standing for Bass Coast Shire Council in the Western Port Ward. With a long family association with Phillip Island and now residing in West Creek on a property with a Trust for Nature covenant, Jon brings a wealth of experience from farming, the arts, emergency services, Landcare, teaching, risk management in multinational organisations, and running his own OHS consultancy.

A key concern for Jon is the lack of public open space and family-friendly facilities in new estates like Wonthaggi North.

"It's one of the main concerns I hear when I'm door knocking," he says.

"There's no public open space for a family picnic, nowhere they can take the kids to fly a kite or read a book under a shady tree.

"There are no off-leash dog parks, no off-road bike tracks.

"Whatever they want to do for recreation, they have to get in the car and drive to the other side of town."

Jon has vowed to make improved facilities and increasing public open space in the new estates a priority if he is elected.

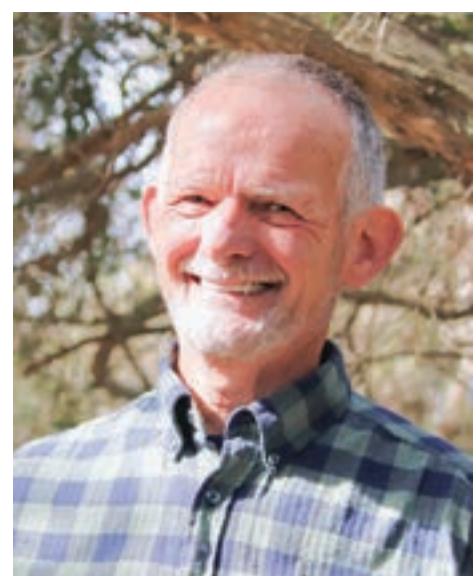
"The Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan paints an idyllic picture of what's going to be available – eventually.

"(But) our young families can't wait for years or maybe even decades.

"They need places they can let their dogs off-lead, spaces for picnics and flying kites.

"These spaces need to be safe, shaded, and within walking distance of local housing."

Beyond open spaces, Jon advocates for protecting and enhancing Bass Coast's natural environment, starting with the Western Port Woodlands. He also supports arts and cultural opportunities,



Jon Temby: Candidate for the Western Port Ward, Bass Coast Shire Council

renewable energy uptake as part of the shire's climate action plan, and improving community connectedness, local transport options and access to health services in the smaller townships of Western Port Ward.

Jon believes councils are being squeezed financially at the same time as they have been required to take on more duties and will advocate for increased state and federal funding to provide essential infrastructure and services.

Jon said all the planning in the world isn't going to work if the developers don't meet their obligations.

"That means our councillors must push to make sure it happens."

Jon wants to hear from residents of the Western Port Ward about their issues for council attention. Please contact him on 0439 441 264 or jontembyforbasscoast@gmail.com

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Changed Customer Service Counter Opening Hours

Council is extending its customer service offerings with a new location in Korumburra. This means that more parts of our community can access Council's services locally.

The new counter will provide residents with a second location to access Council information, log service requests, submit registrations and make payments. The counter will be staffed by Council's existing customer service team who will work between the two locations.

From 30 September Council's customer service counter days will change to the following:

Leongatha: Mondays and Wednesdays
10.00am to 3.00pm

Korumburra: Tuesdays and Thursdays

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 11 September 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates

To watch the 'open' part of the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings

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

10.00am to 3.00pm

Closed: Both counters will be closed on Fridays.

There will be no change to phone-based services which will continue to be available Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 5.00pm. Council's website is also available 24/7.

A soft opening of the Korumburra counter is currently underway. Please drop in and say 'hello'.

Until the 30 September the Leongatha counter will operate Monday to Thursday from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Find out more and view our FAQs at:
https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/customerservicecounter

SUSTAINABLE LIVING WEBINARS

Renew, in partnership with South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shire Council, are hosting a number of exciting FREE webinars about sustainable living.

Here are the details:

- Designing for Resilience – Wednesday 11 September from 6.00pm
- Sustainable Building Materials – Wednesday 18 September from 6.00pm
- Water and Greening – Wednesday 25 September from 6.00pm

For more information and to register for any of these sessions, please visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/renew

IMPOUNDED VEHICLE – NOTICE OF SALE

Council impounded a grey 2002 Ford sedan from Walkerville on Friday 5 July 2024 in accordance with Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL Rates Notices



Rates notices have now been sent via post and email to South Gippsland residents and property owners.

Rates help to provide a number of services to our local community. You might not need or use all of the services at every stage of your life, but paying rates helps to ensure our local communities remain vibrant and well-serviced.

If you have questions about your rates notices, please contact Council's rates team. Payment plans and assistance is also available. For more information, please go to:

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Offers close at 2.00pm on Wednesday 19 September 2024 and are to be delivered to Council's reception area at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha.

The vehicle can be viewed at Council's Depot in Korumburra by appointment with the Community Health and Safety team on 5662 9200.

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Brad Snell runs for council

MIRBOO North's Brad Snell, who grew up in Foster and has spent most of his life in South Gippsland has announced he is running for council, keen to represent those in the Tarwin Valley Ward and the broader South Gippsland Shire community.

He enjoys engaging with those in Mirboo North and surrounds, being a local business owner, and is looking forward to doing so with people from across the shire.

Brad gained a sense of satisfaction from his involvement in a successful fight against a proposed local law change in 2019, something that has fuelled his desire to become a councillor.

The keen dirt biker became involved because the proposal related to restrictions on the use of recreational vehicles, which he said would also have had undesirable ramifications for farmers.

"I petitioned against it at the time we were being steered by administrators and thankfully

we put a stop to it," he said, expressing pride in helping to bring about a favourable outcome for the community.

"Local laws are good though and they support us; often they're seen as a negative and as a boundary but they should be there to enable," Brad said.

His community involvement includes helping with events such as the Mirboo North Motorbike Show and helping provide sport and recreation activities for youths through the 'Latrobe Streetgames', which is delivered by GippSport in collaboration with Latrobe Health Assembly and a range of community stakeholders.

He spoke of his broad work experience across a range of roles.

"My trade was predominantly based on fitting and diesel mechanic, but the line of work that I do is more development of motorcycle componentry and customising, building a connection between a human and a machine," Brad said of his local business Monoshock.

Previously he's worked as a plumber, along with a mixture of other jobs such as milking cows and mowing lawns.

Brad is confident in his leadership credentials, having completed the South Gippsland Shire Community Leadership Program but also having had leadership responsibilities in the snow skiing industry.

"I call it the recreational tourism industry; my final role there was as an operations manager at Mount Baw Baw, so leadership to me was not a foreign thing," Brad explained.

Seeing community members bond to achieve various objectives, and the role council plays through grants and infrastructure investment motivates Brad to run for election.

He outlined his philosophy on working closely with the community should he be voted in.

"Where I think there's a lot of work to be done is in community engagement in such



Brad Snell is putting his hand up as a candidate for the South Gippsland Shire election.

a way that it strengthens our community and creates greater links and more tangible conversations with council," Brad said.

It is about ensuring locals can speak to people at council they can relate to, and feel they are being heard.

Brad is married with an 11-year-old daughter and three-year-old son.

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams

OUR region has been hit hard by a storm event this week, with impacts across South Gippsland and many without power and telecommunications for several days. Council staff responded to more than 90 requests, cleared 137 roads, liaised with the Incident Control Centre, shared warnings and updates to our community, worked long hours to ensure our community could move around as safely as possible, and more.

This storm impacted Council and VicRoads roads, damaged homes and properties, and stopped some businesses from opening due to power outages.

I have been extremely proud to see our community once again offer support to each other, and community meeting places open for device charging and showers. One thing South Gippsland will always do is step up and help their neighbours.

I'd like to extend a massive thank you to the SES, CFA, AusNet and Council staff who have been working around the clock to restore services, clear roads and keep our community safe.

Gippsland New Energy Conference

On Tuesday and Wednesday, I represented South Gippsland at the Gippsland New Energy Conference in Traralgon. I took the opportunity to talk to both Victorian Government Minister for Climate Action the Honourable Lily D'Ambrosio MP and Australian Government Minister for Climate Action and Energy the Honourable Chris Bowen MP about South Gippsland's offshore wind, new energy priorities and the impacts of storm events on our community. The conference gave Council another opportunity to stress the importance of community engagement on renewable energy and that our support comes with caveats. Thank you to both Ministers for the productive conversation.

2025 Australia Day Awards Nominations Open!

Do you know an awesome South Gippslander who deserves recognition for their selfless work? Why not consider putting in a nomination for the 2025 South Gippsland Australia Day Awards?

Like last year, there are three categories – Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year (12 to 25 years), and Community Event of the Year.

Share the amazing people and events that make our community a wonderful place to live by nominating today at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday

Community Training Opportunities

As the year rolls on, there are a couple of opportunities left to enhance your skills.

Tuesday, September 10 sees you learn how to 'Be a Great Committee Member'. Take away tips for running effective meetings, committee roles and responsibilities and better understand Constitutions and the requirements of Consumer Affairs Victoria.

In November, due to popular demand previously, there are two opportunities to have a 'Smarty Grants 101' session. Scheduled for Tuesday, November 12 and Thursday, November 14, learn the ins-and-outs of grant applications and how to navigate the Smarty Grants system.

To register for any of these sessions, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining

Tiny Towns Fund

Towns with a population of less than 5,000 can now apply for Regional Development Victoria's Tiny Towns Fund.

The Fund supports local communities to deliver quality tourism and community facility projects that will help their town be a great place to live and visit. Grants between \$5,000 and \$50,000 are available.

For more information and to apply before 5pm on October 25, 2024, please visit: www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/tiny-towns-fund

On yer bike, John! It's election time



Korumburra small business operator and the town's best promoter John Kennedy has decided to run for the South Gippsland Shire Council.

Beech, possibly former councillor Andrew McEwen, now a resident of Korumburra, and one or two others considering running.

However, while John Kennedy would like to win a seat on the council and shake it up a bit by focusing more attention on Korumburra, Bena, Loch, Poowong, Nyora and district, he's also happy to see more attention given to the needs of the local community.

"To me the people are the council, not the council administration and they need to be listening and acting on what the people want, not what the administration wants," Mr Kennedy said.

"If I get elected, the first thing I will do is set up a table in town once a month and invite anyone and everyone to come along and tell me what they think.

"I'd like to get to the situation where I have 2000 or 3000 on an email list and when an issue comes up, I'll ask them what they think and take that to council.

"There are a lot of problems with the assets and infrastructure in Korumburra that need fixing and it's not just Korumburra. Out at Nyora for example, they have a number of housing estates that are almost ready to go, with as many as 900 more houses to be built and they've got practically

nothing out there in the way of services.

"And what's worse, the shire doesn't even own any land where the required services would go.

"There aren't proper footpaths in Poowong for the kids to get to school."

"The same in Korumburra. It's good that the council is doing up the streetscape, but they missed a golden opportunity to put the community hub in the main street and really revitalise the main street, not back behind the shops on the side of a hill.

"Honestly, I tried to find someone else to run, which is what I wanted to do, but since moving to Kardella, I've really been wearing my heart on my sleeve for Korumburra and its potential, and I'm prepared to have a go.

"I truly believe Korumburra has got more potential than Leongatha and that's not knocking them but it's the first place people come to in South Gippsland and it really is a pretty town. We've had plenty of new housing going up, and I can see that continuing, but with the right amount of support from the shire and government, Korumburra could really go ahead."

Read more about John Kennedy's thoughts on the Sentinel-Times' website at sgt.com.au.

Summer opening hopes for Mirboo North Pool

WORK on the Mirboo North Pool has commenced to repair extensive damage sustained during the February storm event.

The South Gippsland Shire Council's insurers have assessed the damage and engaged specialist contractors to undertake the repair work. Due to complexities with the required repairs, this unfortunately has taken longer than originally anticipated.

CEO of South Gippsland Shire Council Kerryn Ellis has acknowledged the

delay in getting repairs started but was pleased to finally see progress being made.

"Council is aware of how important the Mirboo North Pool is to the local community and will be providing regular updates on the progress of the repairs," Ms Ellis said.

"Timeframes are difficult to lock down at this stage and will, of course, be dependent on external factors such as favourable weather conditions, however, we remain hopeful that the pool may be able to be reopened before the end of the

summer season."

At this stage, according to council, it still isn't clear how long repairs to the pool will take, however further details regarding the timing of works will be provided by the contractor in the coming weeks.

The storm event damaged infrastructure that is critical for the operation of the pool, which must be repaired or replaced before the pool can be used by the community.

Required repairs include works on fencing, shelters, plant, pavilion building, play equipment and other items.

The cost of the repairs will be fully covered by Council's insurance arrangements.

"Regrettably the pool will not be reopened in time for the start of the usual season, however, it is hoped that the repairs will be completed in time to reopen the pool later in the summer season."

The pool was one of several Council managed facilities that were damaged across the shire in the flood and storm events of late 2023 and early 2024, with repairs planned or underway across multiple sites.

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Kipper Compression

THE FUTURE of Bass Strait gas production suddenly looks much brighter with an Esso Australia project nearing completion which will extend the life of Gippsland Gas Basin well into the next decade.

The 'Kipper Compression Project' according to Esso is a significant extension of production from the existing field.

"Enough to supply Victoria with natural gas (on its own) for a year."

This major project requires the installation of compression facilities on the West Tuna platform to maintain production from the Kipper field which will experience decreasing reservoir pressure as it depletes.

Esso Australia has also progressed its decommissioning work program and has so far completed the permanent plug and abandonment of one hundred and twenty offshore oil wells using two platform-based rigs, a multi-purpose support vessel and a light well intervention vessel.

Three subsea facilities, Seahorse, Blackback and Tarwhine have already been successfully removed.

Plug and abandonment has been safely completed on Whiting and significant well decommissioning activities have progressed on Kingfish B, Fortescue and Mackerel.

Esso is pumping down the equivalent of a twenty-storey-high mountain of concrete to cap the decommissioned wells' pressure tested to more than five hundred psi.

"The Bass Strait field employs hundreds of skilled workers and this is likely to continue," says Esso Australia.

On any given day around five hundred workers are employed offshore

including decommissioning operations.

The Longford plant will continue to supply gas to Melbourne.

Such was the excitement in the early sixties when Esso BHP burst onto Gippsland ready to explore and exploit one of the world's richest oil and gas fields few could have predicted oil production would come to an end within one generation.

When Esso Australia's giant VALARIS 107 ocean-going deconstruction rig arrives in Bass Strait from Australia's Northwest Shelf it will be supported offshore from the Barry Beach Marine Terminal.

VALARIS 107 is a heavy-duty modern jack-up rig contracted by Esso Australia operator of the Gippsland Basin Joint Venture to undertake decommissioning activities across the offshore operations.

Commencing work within weeks VALARIS 107 will be utilised to complete the plug and abandonment work of twenty-six wells across three platforms and five subsea locations.

"The VALARIS 107 is critical to Esso Australia's overall decommissioning strategy in Bass Strait and we're very pleased to add the jack-up rig to our fleet of offshore assets," said an Esso spokesperson.

"By the end of the year we will have completed almost two billion dollars of early decommissioning works across our offshore operations and the arrival of the VALARIS 107 will play a pivotal role in the safe plug and abandonment of our wells," says Esso.

"The giant legs of VALARIS 107 can be extended to the ocean floor allowing decommissioned rigs

to be lifted right out of the ocean."

The VALARIS 107 will be put to task completing the plug and abandonment of twenty-six wells across three platforms; Bream B, Perch, Dolphin and five subsea locations; Mulloway, Whiptail, Marlin-1, East Pilchard-1, Halibut-1.

Esso Australia is currently proposing several onshore and offshore activities in Bass Strait and is working with South Gippsland communities to find solutions that balance environmental impacts with the needs of the community.

Esso has conducted sessions in Welshpool and Foster with more sessions planned over the coming months.

Consultation provides an opportunity for people or organisations who may be affected by petroleum activities to raise concerns, including objections or claims about the potential impacts of the activity, to seek information about how they may be affected, or how Esso Australia intends to manage the activity to ensure the associated impacts are as low as reasonably practicable.

All offshore petroleum activities must have an Environment Plan accepted by the respective Commonwealth and State Regulators before they can take place.

Activities with an onshore component may require additional regulatory approval such as referrals, permits and licenses accepted by relevant regulators.

Special interests that may be affected can include cultural and spiritual connections to the sea or the protection of specific marine species.

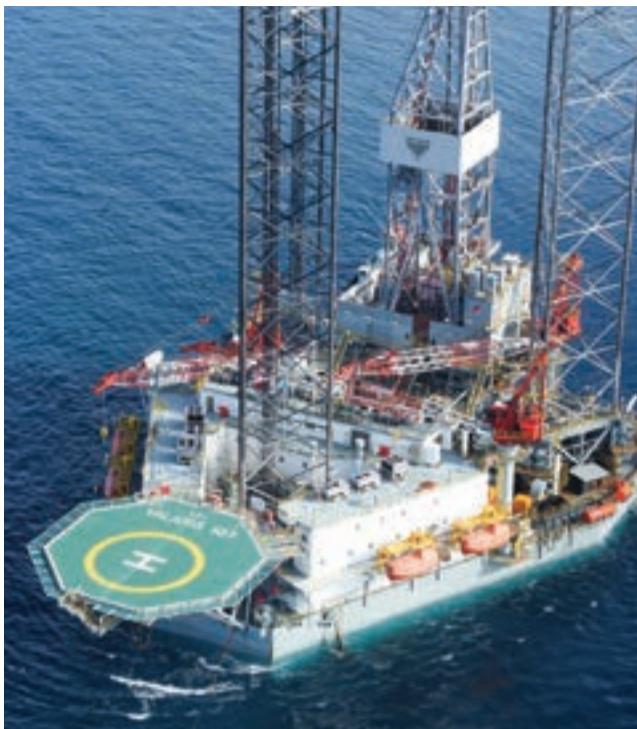
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A busy week for the maintenance team

BASS Coast Shire Council's Building Maintenance team have been out and about busy since the storm hit last week. Last Friday, September 6, two of the team were at YES Youth Hub in Wonthaggi fixing the rear fence which had snapped during the storm.

boosts gas production



Heavy-duty jack-up rig VALARIS 107 is currently on its way from the Northwest Shelf in Western Australia to Bass Strait where it will be serviced from Barry Beach.

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The National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) explains that the protection and preservation of the marine environment is best achieved when there are opportunities for the community to participate in the environmental approvals process through consultation.

Consultation on offshore petroleum activities is a two-way process according to NOPSEMA where information is shared between titleholders and relevant persons providing an opportunity for people or organisations who may be affected by an offshore petroleum activity to raise concerns including objections.

Esso has been producing oil and gas in Bass Strait since 1969 supplying over half of Australia's crude oil requirements and just

under half of all eastern Australia's natural gas.

Although the Bass Strait production network has been producing energy for more than fifty years it remains today the largest single source of gas supply to the Australian east coast domestic market and has the potential to continue supplying one-third of southeast Australia's domestic gas demand well past 2030.

Esso BHP discovered the Barracouta gas field in Bass Strait in 1965.

Within two years of discovering oil in Bass Strait Esso and BHP were under pressure to begin oil and gas production from the Marlin and Barracouta fields with pipelines to a gas processing plant at Longford which was already being built.

The Victorian Premier at the time Sir Henry Bolte

committed fourteen million dollars in the 1967-68 State budget to extend the natural gas pipeline to Melbourne.

A strike by thirty-five welders from the Boilermakers and Blacksmiths Union in September 1968 stopped work on the gas pipeline in protest over highly skilled Italian welders receiving lower pay than their Australian counterparts.

Australians were being paid eighty-eight dollars for a forty-hour week while the Italian workers were only receiving seventy-seven dollars for a six-day week.

When the first gas flowed in March 1969 a revolution began with households in Gippsland able to access the Longford to Dandenong pipeline replacing their old briquette and open fireplaces with modern, inbuilt, clean natural Gasglo space heaters providing instant heat.

Half a million households and businesses were converted to natural gas in just two years creating a major concern at the time that the Longford to Dandenong pipeline held only sufficient gas to supply Melbourne for five days.

Even today Longford still supplies the lion's share of Melbourne's natural gas needs providing sixty-five per cent of daily production augmented by the Otway Basin with eighteen per cent and a small gas production plant at Lang Lang supplying three per cent.

For further information regarding the public comment process for the oil and gas rig decommissioning and other activities go to corporate.exxonmobil.com/locations/australia/our-approach or contact consultation@exxonmobil.com

Great results for Wonthaggi Croquet Club

TOM Lacey and Sue Baker, along with several other players from Gippsland, entered the Deniliquin Long Paddock Singles tournament on the weekend of August 24-25.

Tom competed in Division 1 Group B winning three of his games, which saw him finishing third in that group.

Bob Quale from Drouin and Penny Morrison-McGill from Morwell also competed in that group, both finishing with three wins but a slightly worse hoop count.

Division 3 Group B saw Sue Baker compete and win five of her games but pipped into second place on hoops by Lynda Quale from Drouin.

In the final playoff, Lynda defeated the winner of Group A, seven games to five - well played. The following weekend, August 31 - September 1, had four members compete in the Leongatha singles with all of them competing in the



Wonthaggi Croquet Club's Neil Warburton, Marj Prendergast, Virginia Wheeler and Tom Lacey competed in the Leongatha singles recently.

same section.

Marj Prendergast and Neil Warburton both finished winning two of their games with Tom Lacey winning four and ultimately finishing third.

Virginia Wheeler played exceptionally well, winning five out of six with the only loss being 7/5 and winning the section.

The West Gippsland pennant season starts on September 17 with the first game pitting the two Wonthaggi teams against each other.

Come and join in on any given club day - Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10am.

Friendly competition at Leongatha Singles

THE day started with gale force winds and sleet though the intrepid players played on with breaks between each match to enjoy the nice warm fire and good company. Both days were enjoyed with players from Benalla, Morwell, Phillip Island, Sale, Terang, Wonthaggi and Leongatha.

Section 1: Winner: Virginia Wheeler 5 wins, +13 hoops
Runner up: Penny 4 wins, +2 hoops

Section 2: Winner: Robyn McKinnon 5 wins, +20 hoops, Runner up: Kevin Young 5 wins, +7 hoops

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Understanding Risk

- The Key to Smarter Financial Decisions

By David Caporale,
Chief Investment Officer of RELIcapital

In the realm of personal finance, the concept of risk is frequently misunderstood, leading to poor financial decisions that could otherwise be avoided. Whether it's committing to a hefty mortgage or hesitating to invest in the stock market, many people find themselves grappling with a skewed perception of risk. It's time to unravel these misconceptions and foster a clearer understanding of what risk truly entails.

Consider this: many people are more comfortable shouldering the risk of a half-a-million-dollar mortgage for a home than investing a fraction of that amount in the stock market. Similarly, young investors often shy away from high-growth portfolios despite having decades to recover from market fluctuations. And, some individuals are so wary of financial advisors that they end up taking the greater risk of not making any informed financial decisions at all.

These scenarios reveal a troubling pattern: the choice that seems safer is often riskier than the one we avoid. Understanding risk is not about evading it but about managing it effectively.

One reason for the widespread misunderstanding of risk is the common confusion between fear and risk. Fear is an emotional response influenced by anecdotes and media stories, while risk is a quantifiable factor that should be assessed with logic and evidence. The strategies used to alleviate fear often differ from those employed to mitigate risk.

To navigate financial decisions more wisely, it's crucial to redefine how we perceive risk. Instead of labelling investments as either risky or safe, ask yourself, "What are the specific risks involved with this decision or activity?" Every financial choice carries inherent risks, and acknowledging this is the first step towards effective management.

For instance, investing in real estate and taking on a mortgage involves risks such as property depreciation or market fluctuations. Conversely, investing in

the stock market comes with its own set of risks, such as company performance and market volatility. Recognising these specifics helps in making informed decisions rather than simply avoiding risk.

Accepting that risk is an inescapable aspect of financial decisions can be unsettling, but it's a necessary realisation. The illusion of safety often masks the reality that all choices involve some level of risk. By confronting this fact, you're better positioned to manage risk rather than flee from it.

Here's how you can approach risk more constructively:

1. Understand Risk in Context: Rather than avoiding risk altogether, assess the risks associated with different options. For example, investing in a single company's stock exposes you to its specific risks, whereas diversifying through exchange-traded funds or index funds spreads out this risk. Similarly, long-term investments can mitigate the impact of short-term market downturns.

2. Learn to Manage Risk: Instead of trying to escape risk, focus on strategies to manage it. Diversification, for instance, can reduce the impact of poor performance from any single investment. Time is another powerful risk management tool; holding investments over the long term can help weather market volatility and recover from downturns.

3. Make Informed Decisions: Financial success often hinges not on avoiding risk or taking reckless gambles, but on making informed and calculated choices. Evaluate your options, understand the associated risks, and apply strategies to manage them effectively.

By rethinking your approach to risk, you can move beyond fear and make more strategic financial decisions. Embrace the reality that risk is omnipresent, and leverage your understanding to make choices that balance risk and reward. In doing so, you'll navigate the complexities of personal finance with greater confidence and clarity.

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South Gippsland Orchid Society President John Betts with an exquisitely scented Zygotepetalum.

34th Annual South Gippsland Orchid Show



Cymbidiums are always popular at the South Gippsland Orchid Show.

BLOOMING marvellous is one way to describe the South Gippsland Orchid Society's upcoming 34th Annual Orchid Show at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club.

Orchid Society President John Betts has an impressive array of eye-catching blooms in his glasshouse ready for the show, not the least, a stunning purple Zygotepetalum.

"A lot of people think orchids are hard to grow," says John.

"But they're not."

John Betts recommends a good, sheltered location for orchids with plenty of light but not direct sunlight.

"Semi-shade is best," says John.

The perfect recipe for a prizewinning orchid seems to be a light and airy location, constant but not heavy watering and good air movement.

"Judges are looking for correct shape, prolific flowers and colour," explains John.

"Although colour is not so important."

Cymbidiums are always popular at the Orchid Show and John Betts promises there will be plenty for sale.

While orchids are not traditionally an indoor plant, tropical varieties do very

well in a warm, humid atmosphere according to John Betts.

"Moth orchids can be grown indoors."

More than one thousand plants will be on display at the 34th Annual South Gippsland Orchid Show promising a riot of colour and abundant flowers.

"Children should be encouraged to grow orchids," says John.

"Orchids have lots of flowers which children like."

Although the child-proof orchid has not yet been invented, Cymbidiums can be quite child-resilient advises John.

"Set and forget, that's the best advice for Cymbidiums."

Growers will be on hand at the Orchid Show to provide plenty of helpful advice.

The novice award is always hotly contested but you must be a member of the South Gippsland Orchid Society to submit an entry.

The 34th Annual Orchid Show will be open from 9.30am to 4pm, Friday and Saturday, September 13 to 14 at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club in Graham Street.

Plant sales, orchid supplies and repotting demonstrations will all be available.

For more information go to visitgippsland.com.au/event/south-gippsland-34th-orchid-show



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Year 4 Strings students Olivia Clark, Francis Werner and Chloe Shapardon are looking forward to progressing to Intermediate Orchestra next year.

Newhaven College Spring Concerts

LAST week, Newhaven College students from Year 1 to Year 12 graced the stage at Berninnett to present magical musical performances over two nights.

On Tuesday, September 3, the Young Maestros Spring Concert provided the opportunity for students from Year 1 to Year 8 to show off their musical talents.

From the youngest members of the Junior School Choir in Year 1 through to Year 8 students in the Intermediate Concert Band, the College has many very eager and talented students with a passion for music. The evening opened with the Guitar Ensemble, with Strings and Concert Bands to follow. The Junior School Choir performed a delightful version of 'The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland' by Mark Puddy to finish the night.

On Wednesday, September 4, it was time for the older students to show off their skills. The night commenced with the Guitar Ensemble, followed by Senior Strings, Concert Bands, Junior, Middle choirs and Senior Vocal Ensembles, Percussion Ensemble, Senior Concert Orchestra and finally the Big Band. The Middle School Choir entertained the crowd with the always popular 'Build Me Up, Buttercup' by Mike d'Abo and Tony Macoubey. Year 11 student Cecily de Gooyer showed off her incredible talent singing along to 'Mr Zoot Suit' by Mark Calley with the Big Band. Brothers Mackenzie and James Cameron donned their kilts to accompany the Senior Concert Band with the Bagpipes and Celtic Drum during Senior Concert Band's rendition of 'Celtic Farewell' composed by Michael Sweeney.



The Year 5 Band got everyone bopping with their rendition of Power Rock by Michael Sweeney, with trumpeters Evan Parker, Liliana Fenwick and Emily Miles.

Newhaven College's Director of Music, Matthew Goss is incredibly proud of the College's Music Students and teachers. "The Arts are valued and embedded in the day-to-day life of the College. I strongly believe we are fortunate to have such support from our entire College community."

Mr Goss also praised the music staff, "Our dedicated and talented music staff go above and beyond each and every day with their students. Whether as part of their one-to-one teaching in the Individual Music Tuition Program, part of the String Program or rehearsing the Big Band, their passion for music is infectious."

Newhaven College continues the tradition of nurturing the musical soul of each student, providing a place to learn, collaborate and rehearse together and build on what is already a stunning collective of budding

musicians. The College's Performing Arts Wing (PAW) is used daily by Prep – Year 12 students for a variety of one-on-one lessons, choir practice, groups and ensembles. Music camps are also an important part of the students' musical journey, with the most recent camp being on site at the PAW with 70 students, held over three days.

With ongoing tuition from the College's formidable music teachers and tutors, Newhaven College music students are supported to reach their highest potential. Each student is encouraged to discover their unique expression of music while developing confidence, ease, excellence and enjoyment each step of the way. The College believes stars of the future are on campus right now, learning their artistry while sharing their talents with other students, parents and the whole community.



The Cross Age Tutoring Program has been a wonderful success, with the interactions between Year 9s and Year 3s creating strong bonds.

Year 9 Environmental Centre Information Evening

Year 9 can be a particularly challenging time for many young people. As students move deeper into adolescence, they begin to gain greater independence from their parents and teachers while undergoing significant physical, social, emotional and intellectual changes.

At Newhaven College, they understand these challenges and have developed a purpose-built program to guide Year 9 students through this critical stage of their development. The Year 9 program is interdisciplinary and highly experiential, encouraging students to connect and apply knowledge across different subjects.

The College sees Year 9 as marking an exciting and transformative chapter as students embark on a dynamic and highly experiential program designed

to challenge and inspire them in new ways.

Throughout the year, students will be working towards a peak experience that will serve as the culmination of their efforts. This significant event will allow them to showcase the skills and knowledge they have gained, highlighting their growth and achievements.

To provide more details about the specifics of this program, Newhaven College are holding an Information Evening at the Year 9 Environmental Centre on Tuesday 17 September. Families are welcome to attend to gain more information about the program and what it has to offer. Contact the Newhaven College Admissions Officer, Bec Anderson on 5956 7505 or admissions@newhavencol.vic.edu.au to register your interest.



Year 9s spend part of the year working in the gardens, picking up shovels and learning new skills.



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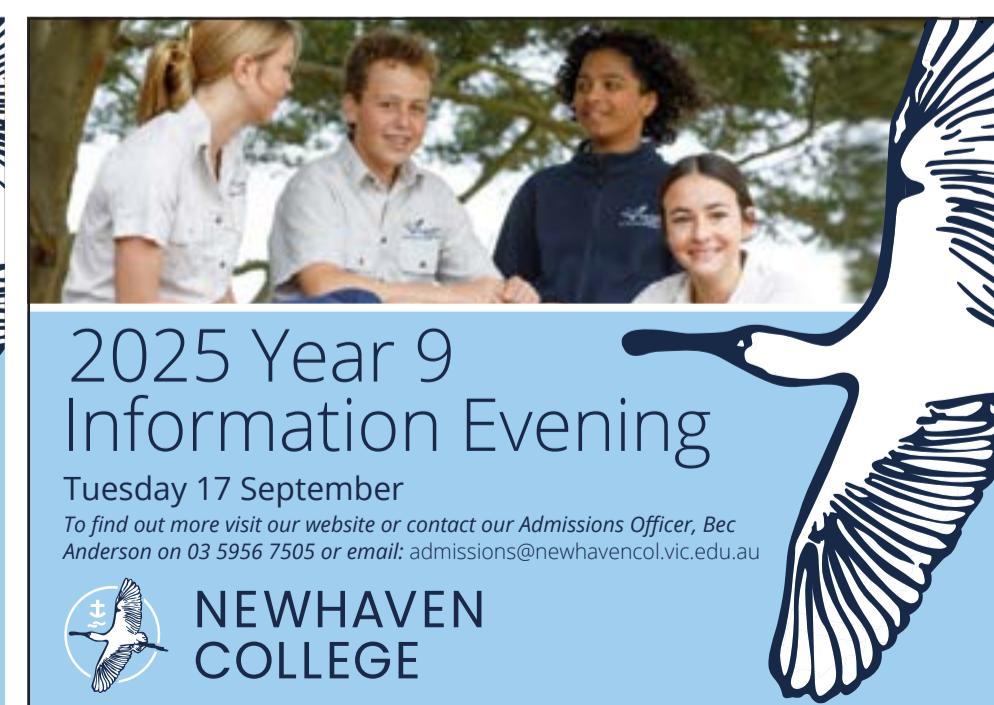
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SGH Board Chair, Damon Stynes (left) with incoming Board Secretary, Fiona Dalgleish, in front of the new technology at the conclusion of the August SGH Board meeting.

Technology upgrades at the Community Health Centre

THE 2024 Community Bank Grants program has delivered South Gippsland Hospital's (SGH) Community Health Centre a new videoconferencing unit for use in the R.J. Fleming room.

The unit was installed recently and is helping SGH conduct important operational and Board meetings. It is also available for use by other Foster Health Precinct partners, such as the Foster Medical Centre, Prom Country Aged Care and Manna Gum Community House.

SGH CEO Paul Greenhalgh said "we are very fortunate to be successful in our request for some financial support from the Toora and Foster Bendigo Bank Community Bank Grants program. Technology like this is helping us and the broader health and community network enormously. Our previous device was well past its useful life, so the timing is perfect."



Baker and Pastry Chef Mitchell Woods with Paul the Pieman's award-winning pies.



Michelle Dobryn with a selection of award-winning hot pies from Inverloch's 'Paul the Pieman'.

Paul the Pieman brings home gold for the Aussie beef pie

GOLD, gold, gold it's another gold medal for Inverloch's Paul the Pieman.

Fresh from the 35th Annual Great Australian Pie Competition, Chief Piemaker and Pastry Chef Mitchell Woods couldn't be happier.

"We took gold in the beef pie category," beamed Mitchell.

"Silver for Meat Pastries, Smoked Brisket and JD (Jack Daniels), Seafood, Cauliflower and Chickpea, Beef, Jalapeno and Cheese, and Chunky Steak."

Paul the Pieman also collected bronze medals for their Creamy Mushroom Pie, Pepper Steak, Korean BBQ Pork (2023 gold medal winner), Chipotle

Chicken, Lamb Ragu and the not-so-humble Paul the Pieman sausage roll.

Three Paul the Pieman apprentices Eliza Ireland, Nikita Cole and Terence Bailey won bronze medals for their delicious Pepper Pie (2023 gold medal winner).

Nikita and Terence achieved award success as first-year apprentices at Paul the Pieman's Inverloch bakehouse.

"It's a team effort by the whole production crew," said Mitchell.

"It's always good to win the big one" – the traditional Aussie beef pie.

Paul the Pieman scored fifty

plus points out of a possible fifty-five points for the beef pie.

Over the years Mitchell's father Paul (the Pieman) Woods has won a string of awards.

"We always take away at least one gold," explained Mitchell.

"Last year was our best year with five gold medals."

Paul the Pieman won two of the sub-categories last year for Best Pepper Pie and Best Pork Pie.

"America even took an interest."

So far though, no 'Paul the Pieman' burger pie on American menus yet.

"There's nothing plain about

our plain meat pie," boasts Mitchell.

"We source everything locally including beef from the butcher next door."

Paul the Pieman make all their own pies and pastries at the dine-in Inverloch bakery.

"We serve over five hundred pies, pasties and sausage rolls a day this time of the year and that can double over summer," said Mitchell.

All this from a production team of just seven, and sixteen front-of-house staff.

Congratulations to Inverloch's Paul and Mitchell Woods and the talented 'Paul the Pieman' team.

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Amazon revealed by wild storms

POUNDING surf from wild storms and a king tide has exposed Victoria's most significant shipwreck close to Inverloch's main surf beach.

Remnants of the wooden sailing ship Amazon have been laid bare across the mouth of Wreck Creek in Surf Parade attracting large and curious crowds.

The Amazon foundered during a ferocious storm in 1863 beaching near the entrance to Anderson Inlet.

The remains of the shipwreck have remained buried in the sand near the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club for most of the time since.

The Amazon was a three-masted barque of three-hundred twenty-eight tonnes built by Fredrick Charles Clarke of St Helier's Jersey.

The sailing ship was first reported lost by the Melbourne Argus in late December 1863.

The barque had reportedly left Melbourne some days earlier bound for Mauritius with a cargo of salted meats onboard.

Lashed by a fierce gale the Amazon was forced towards the treacherous rocky shoreline of Eagles Nest with its rigging most likely reefed.

The log of the vessel makes for dramatic reading.

Four a.m. Heavy squall struck the vessel split fore course and main top-mast staysail.

The vessel being forced bodily to leeward, water shoaling fast.

Six a.m. Twenty fathoms; saw breakers on port bow, and rocks ahead. Saw land close too, but the weather was too thick to determine what it was.

In this dreadful situation, seeing no hopes of saving either the vessel or lives, and being close to the breakers, the Captain called the crew aft and held a consultation as to what was best to be done.

Helmsman attempted to wear the ship but she being a long time in paying off, struck the ground, at the same time the sea made a clean breach over her sweeping everything from the deck.

Kept courses on, to force her well onto the beach, and when she could go no further cut away fore and mizzen masts to ease and prevent her breaking up.

The crew having been on deck for forty-eight hours were quite exhausted and it was with the greatest



Parks Victoria Field Service Officer explaining the history of the Amazon shipwreck to a visiting Brisbane family.

difficulty that all were saved.

The vessel grounded at 10 am, and it was 3pm before all hands were accounted for.

Tents were erected on the beach the following day.

On December 17 crew searched the beach to find any inhabitants.

They saw two houses, uninhabited.

The vessel is lying broadside onto beach, with the mizzenmast and bowsprit standing; but is embedded into the sand some nine feet the water inside being level with the beams.

At low water she is nearly dry outside. Sixty feet of the main keel and forefoot are broken off and lying at the high-water mark.

The decks are started up, the hull of the vessel appears hogged and the metal being off in several places.

About one hundred casks of provisions as cargo are submerged in the hold.

Exhausted after fighting the storm for two days and nights the crew stayed onboard until early afternoon setting up tents on the beach the next morning.

It was soon ascertained that they had landed on an apparently barren coast with no habitation being visible.

On December 16, a search was made to seek a house or track, but none could be found. On December 21, the crew was rewarded by finding two uninhabited (holiday) houses.

This gave them some encouragement to persevere further but without avail, as they were much afraid of being lost in the density of the scrub.

On December 23, the son of the Hon. Mr Heales, a young man about

seventeen years of age, who is on a station near Cape Liptrap, saw what he supposed to be a ship's mast.

As he was en route for Melbourne, the young Mr Heales went to ascertain what it could be and having heard the particulars, with praiseworthy generosity and promptitude, persuaded Captain Ogier to accompany him to Melbourne.

As Heales had a spare horse it was placed at Captain Ogier's disposal.

Great delay was caused on the journey as sailors, including captains are not, generally speaking, good horsemen.

Mr Heales did however succeed in getting to Melbourne in time to have Christmas dinner at his father's house.

Not having been exposed often since beaching in 1863, parts of the wreck remain intact.

The Amazon 1863 Project Inc. formed in 2019 to protect the Amazon shipwreck offers annual memberships and sells merchandise to fund artefact conservation and a shared history of this A1 Class mid-nineteenth century wooden sailing ship.

Heritage Victoria intends to conduct further archaeological research at the site and advises that any remnants of the Amazon wreck should remain undisturbed.

Artefacts and the story of the Amazon can be explored at the Inverloch Cultural Discovery Centre in A'Beckett Street, Inverloch.

More information can be found at inverlochhistory.com/the-amazon-shipwreck.

Leonard advocates for resilient energy solutions in Gippsland

AFTER a week which saw over 50,000 homes across Gippsland without power, independent candidate Deb Leonard, is more committed than ever to energy solutions that prioritises the needs of the community.

"We need to take the politics out of energy policy," says Deb. "Our leaders need to focus on long term policy rather than playing political games for short term election points."

As communities grapple with the aftermath of last week's storm, it is clear that severe weather events are becoming more frequent and disruptive.

As seen earlier this year, extreme storms took out a transmission tower which resulted in much of the state losing power, some for weeks. The usually peaceful town of Mirboo North was devastated.

"Power outages not only impact daily life but also pose significant risks to businesses, vulnerable residents, and essential services," says Deb. "Dairy farmers struggle to milk their cows, and local businesses face significant income losses. We must find sensible, immediate solutions to safeguard our community against future disruptions."

Deb says solutions to protect against outages include providing greater subsidies for home batteries, and better policy for community battery storage systems. "These solutions not only protect against outages, but they also provide lower power costs to households. When so many households are struggling to meet all the bills, this initiative would provide substantial relief."

Solutions like these can be implemented almost immediately – providing much needed cost of living relief. Deb contrasts this with the

Coalition plan for nuclear energy reactors, which the party has estimated is at least 10 to 15 years from being operative.

Deb also supports the implementation of microgrids to enhance energy resilience and sustainability in the region. Microgrids are localised energy systems that can operate independently from the main grid, integrating renewable energy sources like solar panels with battery storage to provide reliable power, especially during outages.

"Every time the power goes out, the cost to the economy is huge. We can mitigate this loss by investing in sensible solutions that help people and businesses," says Deb.

"Energy companies like Santos and Woodside have donated significant funds to the Liberal, Labor and National parties in the same financial year, and I believe that such behaviour indicates the donors are buying influence rather than supporting a winner, and this influence is playing a significant part in holding back sensible energy solutions that lower costs for the community."

"We need politicians that do not have these allegiances with large energy corporations, and make evidence based, future focused long-term decisions in the best interests of the Australia people," says Deb.

"That is why I'm running for election – I'm sick of politicians that don't put our community first. The major parties have been ignoring regional areas like ours when it comes to issues like energy security."

"As an Independent MP I'm not constrained by party politics or donor interests. I'll fight to get better solutions for the people of our community," says Deb.

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Kerryn Vaughan to speak at SBWN AGM

EVERYONE is invited to attend the Southern Business Women's Network (SBWN) next event on Thursday, September 19 at the Inlet Hotel in Inverloch. The night will feature special guest speaker, Kerryn Vaughan who is an international speaker and author, facilitator, and podcast host.

Kerryn's award winning book 'Magnificent Kids!' was the catalyst to her founding the global organisation One Planet Classrooms, which facilitates projects such as clean water solutions and student sponsorship program, to schools and communities in Africa.

In 2018 Kerryn launched Girls With Hammers which hosts conferences and workshops aimed at empowering and connecting women, and in 2019 Kerryn released her second book 'Get Off The Bench!' to help people bring their ideas to life. The 'Get Off The Bench!' Podcast came to life in 2020 after a number of false starts and a stint of despair.

Kerryn has presented keynotes and workshops at numerous events and conferences both in Australia and internationally. Keynotes are typically about courage, stepping up, embracing failure, creating a better world and standing in your truth.

This special event also coincides with the networks Annual General Meeting with Expressions of Interest now available to join the committee. The SBWN mission is provide opportunities for established and aspiring business owners, industry and career professionals, retired and stay at home women from South Gippsland and Bass Coast to connect.

The night will include a two-course meal selecting from three options with an alternative drop for dessert. For further details visit sbwn.com.au

Inverloch VIEW Club welcomes new members

INVERLOCH'S local VIEW club continues to attract local women to its cause.

At a club meeting on Tuesday, August 27, three of the newest members of the Inverloch VIEW club were pleased to receive their membership badges from club president Heather and be formally inducted into the club.

When asked, the newest members of the club invariably cite the enjoyment they get from being part of the varied social activities the club offers and the satisfaction derived from knowing that their club, through its connection with The Smith Family, is actively supporting the education of Australian children in need, enabling them to create better futures for themselves.

Presently, through The Smith Family, the Inverloch VIEW Club is proudly supporting a total of seven students with their education. Want to know more about the VIEW Club, its connection with the Smith Family and how you can participate in or support the Inverloch club?

Contact Heather on 0412 463344.

General information about the Smith Family and VIEW club is available at the following websites and links: view.org.au, thesmithfamily.com.au and thesmithfamily.com.au/get-involved/view-club.

Heather in running to be kindest

GIPPSLAND woman and former foster child who started a charity to help foster children has been selected as a state finalist in the search for Australia's kindest person.

National women's apparel retailer Black Pepper's World Kindness Day Search aims to find the country's kindest people, share their stories and hopefully inspire others to live a little kinder each day.

Heather Baird, who lived in orphanages and foster homes from the age of 2 1/2, experienced many difficult situations but the one that stuck with her the most was going to school with other foster children in old clothes and wishing she could have nice things.

Heather had always wanted to help children in similar situations so in 2014 she started A Better Life For Foster Kids which supports foster children and their carers with clothing, toiletries and other essentials, furniture, advice and referrals and funds for foster kids to participate in normal childhood activities.

"Being nominated for any



Heather Baird has been selected as a state finalist in Black Pepper's Australia's Kindest Person search.

award is the most humbling feeling as it reminds you that there are people in the community that see your vision and support you, and when you have a community behind you it is easy to achieve your dreams," Heather said.

"Every recognition of the charity and the work we do brings awareness, with awareness we can bring change. So being nominated for a national award is so important as it showcase other states what we have and can achieve."

Heather is one of three state

finalists who were selected from hundreds of entries nationwide.

"My hope is that we make the system much more child focused and less of an industry where everyone meets targets to get funding to keep jobs, and that we reach more and more children every day. I would love to see A Better Life For Foster Kids grow to where no child in out of home care ever goes without," Heather explained.

Heather is now in the running to become the Victorian state winner with Black Pepper customers invited to vote in stores during September.

Last Friday, schools across South Gippsland and Bass Coast were involved in Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day which supports Heather's A Better Life For Foster Kids.

"The PJ Day was the biggest yet with over 50 schools and businesses involved, it is too early for a tally yet but I am sure it will be better than last years," Heather said.

"Stand out moment of the day was when the Ohana Services came to the Gippsland Shopping Centre to buy and donate pj's, they

are the most amazing people."

State winners will receive a \$500 Black Pepper voucher and other prizes including from DB Cosmetics and The Knicker.

The national winner will be selected by a panel of judges and crowned as Australia's kindest person at a special event in Melbourne ahead of World Kindness Day on November 13 and will win \$5000 for the charity of their choice.

For those who may have missed Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day there are still ways to help.

"We have several ways of supporting A Better Life For Foster Kids if people would like to look at our website abetterlife-forfosterkids.org.au. We welcome donations of items, and we also have a Cuppa a Week where people can sign up to make a regular donation.

"And talking to your local MP'S and asking them what do they do to support these children.

"A huge thank you to Black Pepper for the opportunity and to Kim Dennis for nominating us – we would love everyone to vote for us."

Inverloch VIEW welcome Bunurong Wildlife Care volunteers

ON TUESDAY, August 27 members of the local Inverloch View Club gave a warm welcome to Linda Pettit co-ordinator of the Bunurong Wildlife Care Shelter. Linda gave a very interesting talk on the activities of the shelter which has a dedicated and busy team of volunteers. Working closely with local vets, the volunteers provide short and long-term care for wildlife they have rescued. The care they provide aims to restore sick, injured or orphaned wildlife to full health and return them as quickly as

possible to the wild.

Bunurong Wildlife Care is a registered charity that relies on donations from local communities to obtain the resources needed for this very worthy cause. By helping to maintain the local fauna, that makes Inverloch such a wonderful place to live, the existence of the Bunurong Wildlife Care Shelter greatly benefits our community.

After hearing Linda speak many VIEW Club members will no doubt be showing their support by attending the

Bunurong Wildlife Care Fundraiser event on Saturday, October 12, which promises to be a fun time with local wines, canapes and music and lots to learn from the volunteers taking part. For full details of the event visit the Wildlife Care web site at BunurongWildlifeCare.au/Fundraiser

Wish to discover more about the VIEW Club, its connection with the Smith Family and how you can participate in or support the Inverloch club? Contact President Heather on 0412 463344.



Linda Pettit (right) and one of her volunteers from the Bunurong Wildlife Care.



Wonthaggi-Inverloch Probus enjoys delectable lunch at Tarwin Hotel

WONTHAGGI-INVERLOCH PROBUS CLUB recently enjoyed lunch at 'The Riverview' Hotel at Tarwin Lower. Twenty-seven people attended and enjoyed a lovely lunch and get-together. New members are always welcome. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 9.30am at Wonthaggi Workmen's Club.

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Women & Girls' will Play Well in South Gippsland

SPORTS participation among women and girls in South Gippsland is set for a boost, thanks to the Play Well Participation Grants secured by South Gippsland Shire Council with support from GippSport.

The funding, provided by the Australian Sports Commission as part of its first National Sport Participation Strategy, aims to ensure that everyone has a place in sport.

GippSport Executive Officer Dan Poynton said his organisation was proud to partner with South Gippsland council to deliver such impactful projects.

"Women and girls have been underrepresented in community sport for too long, so this is a great opportunity for us to work with the council and local clubs to highlight the importance of sport for women and girls in our communities," Mr. Poynton said.

The Play Well Participation Grant is a national initiative designed to break down barriers and increase access to sports for underrepresented groups, particularly women and girls. The program focuses on fostering inclusive environments where women and girls feel welcomed and supported as they embark on or continue their community sport journey.

South Gippsland Shire Council has a proud history of supporting sport, and Mayor Clare Williams sees this initiative as a valuable opportunity.

"This initiative not only allows us to showcase the sports opportunities we offer for women and girls, but it also helps us encourage more of them to get involved in playing, coaching, and



From left, (adults) Gene Parini (GippSport), Michelle Moon (Gippsland Soccer League), John Schelling (South Gippsland Shire), Kathy Zacharopoulos (Leongatha Parrots FNC and Koonwarra Leongatha RSL Women's Cricket) Bobbie Lee Blay (Southern & West Gippsland Junior Football) and front Clare Williams (South Gippsland Shire Mayor) with players from local clubs.

officiating," Ms. Williams said.

In South Gippsland, the focus will be on Australian Rules football, cricket, and soccer, with an emphasis on engaging women and girls through community events and partnerships with local clubs.

To kick off the initiative, free "Come and Try" events will be held this November, with additional events planned for February and October next year. These events are open to women and girls of all ages, offering a chance to try new sports in a supportive and welcoming environment.

In addition to these events, GippSport, in partnership with the council, will offer no-cost, fully subsidised workshops and capacity-building support for local sports clubs. These workshops will focus on creating welcoming and inclusive club environments that attract and retain women and girls.

GippSport's Senior Sports Consultant, Michelle Harris, emphasised the importance of these workshops alongside the Come and Try days.

"The Play Well strategy focuses on creating safe, welcoming, and

inclusive sports environments. We encourage all clubs interested in supporting women and girls to sign up for the workshops, ensuring they are ready to welcome participants who enjoy the Come and Try days and want to take the next step in their community sport journey," Ms. Harris said.

GippSport will collaborate closely with State Sporting Associations, Leongatha & District Cricket Association, South Gippsland Junior Football Association and Gippsland Soccer League to ensure the Play Well initiative reaches as many

women and girls as possible. This collaboration will also help build sustainable programs that continue to benefit the community long after the initial grant period.

Get Involved

GippSport invites all community members to get involved in the Play Well initiative, whether by participating in events, volunteering, or attending workshops.

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Bowen looks to Gippsland for energy transition

THE MINISTER for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen MP made an address at the Gippsland New Energy Conference held in Traralgon last week.

"This transition is going to happen: the climate demands it, and economic reality demands it," said Mr Bowen.

"My goal since becoming Minister has been to make the transition faster and more orderly. In no small part because this is the best way of giving regions like yours the best shot at maximising the massive economic opportunities of this transition. The key to an orderly transition is certainty. This region needs jobs. Jobs need investment. Investment needs certainty. It's as simple as that."

Minister Bowen said the government has made a roadmap for energy such as the Net Zero Authority which seeks to support the rollout of new onshore solar and wind, and to get on with delivering offshore wind around Australia and with it, more jobs.

Minister Bowen went on to say that as these renewables will create more jobs, this provides certainty for communities in the Gippsland region that their economic and social future is secure.

"Gippsland is a case study in what can go right and what can go wrong," said Mr Bowen.

He named the sudden closure of the Hazelwood power station as disorderly, which he believes left the community and governments scrambling to adjust and respond.

But he stated the best examples in the energy sector are also happening in Gippsland.

"You have the most developed offshore wind plans in Australia."

"Over the next few years, we'll see industry, supply chains and jobs ramping up to support the rollout of Australia's first offshore wind zone. First generation is expected to come online by about 2030," Mr Bowen stated.

"Our declaration of the offshore wind zone and issuing of feasibility licences supports the Victorian Government's target of two gigawatts of offshore wind by 2032."

"This reliable renewables plan is about unlocking private investment to build at least 32GW of solar and wind generation, and storage, in grids across Australia between now and 2030."

"We know from the experts who operate the grids, that that will be enough to not only replace any coal that retires before then, but also meet increased demand from households and businesses using more electricity."

"These projects will improve reliability, put downward pressure on electricity prices, and help us move to a net zero economy," stated Mr Bowen.

Ensuring renewable energy is clean

WITH the Gippsland region pegged for multi-renewable energy sources and infrastructure there is an opportunity to spearhead a shift to a renewable circular economy.

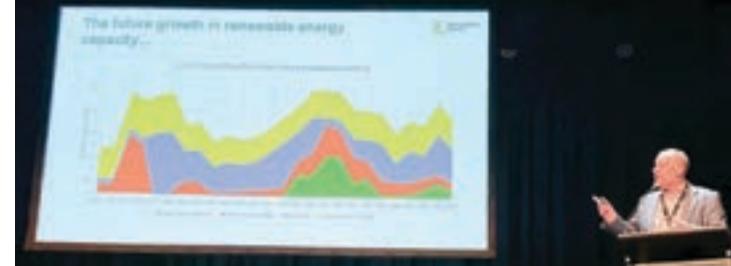
At last week's Gippsland New Energy Conference, a panel of experts discussed what a circular economy could look like in the face of renewables, how it could be carried out and the benefits.

Luke Wilkinson, Latrobe Valley Authority Director opened the panel discussion by explaining how a circular economy approach can help realise more value from new clean energy infrastructure, keep resources and materials circulating within the economy for longer, and contribute to even greater emissions reductions in the economy.

"The linear economy is where we take resources, we make it into product or service. We use it and then we dispose. The circular economy is opposite to that in that it's aiming to make better use of materials, components and products by minimising the amount of resources that we have to take from the natural environment," explained Luke.

"But we're aiming to maximise the prevention of waste and optimising the value of those products and services so that we have economic, social, technical, environmental values, maintained and improved through consecutive life cycles."

A circular economy can gen-



Matt Genever, CEO of Sustainability Victoria stated it is time to move the focus of the circular economy upstream from recycling to help create sustainability around renewable infrastructure at end of life. ob52_3724

erate significant benefits for the offshore wind industry, which is becoming a big focus in other countries, such as northern Europe.

There are opportunities such as further reduction of carbon emissions and opening up new business opportunities that could create over 20,000 extra jobs by 2032.

There are opportunities for offshore wind to expand into new supply chains and markets such as second-hand components and remanufacturing and at the end of use; the circular economy can also reduce the decommissioning risk.

Moreover, reducing resource use, designing components for durability and increasing recycling are critical for sustainable resource supplies that can sustain the industry's ambitions to grow offshore wind by threefold.

Matt Genever, CEO of

Sustainability Victoria, commented that over the last few decades, there has been a heavy focus on embedding the recycling end of the circular economy and it is time to move that focus a bit more upstream.

"Working to ensure that we're avoiding waste before it starts and starting to look at materials and energy perhaps in a more systemic way and of course helping all Victorians, businesses, communities come along for that journey towards a circular economy."

Part of this is making sure Australia develops a system that's able to decommission renewable infrastructure as sustainably and as effectively as possible.

Multiple components and materials are used in new infrastructure and at the end of life a large volume of material is left over that the recycling

sector isn't necessarily prepared to deal with, creating a complex situation, explained Matt.

"When we start talking about solar panels, the componentry for batteries and even those materials that you might look up there and go well, they're only tiny and really small in terms of volume, many of those come with significant environmental impacts attached to them. So again, it becomes incumbent upon us to really think about how we're managing those risks."

While there are policies and pillars in place to develop a circular economy around renewables, it is of course complex but Lara Kruk, Jacobs APAC Regional Solutions Director, Energy & Power said there are numerous innovative solutions.

"There are a range of commercially available products that can provide sustainable alternatives to steel, concrete and copper products that are commonly adopted and deployed (for renewables)."

"There's going to be continued innovation and solutions and different methods that can be used on new energy infrastructure projects that can help us to ensure that we're minimising the emissions and also the operating emissions of the new energy infrastructure that we're making and this will ensure that the renewable energy is clean energy," explained Lara.

Hydrogen Transport: Fuelling Gippsland's Future

THE POTENTIAL of hydrogen transport within Gippsland is becoming greater with work underway exploring how this clean energy solution can be implemented across the region to enhance sustainability and economic growth.

Veronica Quinless, TAFE Gippsland, Senior Strategic Advisor - Clean Energy, opened the discussion around hydrogen at last week's Gippsland New Energy Conference, noting that hydrogen is very relevant for remote and regional areas from a fuel perspective because it has increased range compared to electric vehicles.

"There's also much better infrastructure development and road mapping for actually providing sources and storage and distribution of hydrogen."

This increased range of hy-

drogen together with fast fuelling offers enormous benefits, but also enormous challenges, but it is promising according to Veronica.

"The renewable sector is quite a range of mix of technologies, so it's not straightforward, it is complex, it is challenging, but it is very exciting," said Veronica, who handed over to Bruce Connolly, Latrobe City Council, Manager Economic Investment and Transition.

Bruce explained that about two years ago, Swinburne University approached the Council with Textron Systems Australia, a big aviation company and the Victorian State government.

They were scouting for places to undertake a trial of hydrogen and electric drones in various scenarios and carry out research and development.

Since then, the program has quickly developed and together they are looking at setting up an integrated and advanced air mobility precinct at the airport.

Anybody developing a new aircraft that's either hydrogen, fat or electric, must execute intensive evaluation and the airport is in a perfect position for companies to access. It's close to Melbourne with land and infrastructure that lends itself well to a number of these projects.

One example provided by Bruce was that an existing building has been designated as a launchpad for startups, with one currently operating out of there - Delta Aviation, who are developing a hydrogen propulsion system for an electric engine.

In the meantime, Swinburne's hydrogen-electric drone trials

for commercial development of clean, zero emissions, uncrewed air systems had its first successful flight last year.

These continued developments in the Gippsland region present an opportunity for the surrounding communities to be part of the changing energy landscape and embrace the economic opportunity created by additional jobs.

"There's some really interesting things around freight movements where people can move freight, say from here to home without having to go for a huge drive. You can do it through the air," explained Bruce.

"It's coming. It's not here yet, but it's coming. And the companies that are doing the research and the development at the moment are the ones who are going to enter the market pretty soon."

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The proposed Blue Mackerel offshore wind project will be approximately 10km from shore near Seaspray. Subject to approvals, Blue Mackerel could deliver 1GW of renewable energy by 2032, providing over half a million Victorian homes with green power.

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OH WHAT A FEELING



Wonthaggi writer Christie Miranda Lewis Heart.

YEARNING to be a writer?

A famous novelist, an acclaimed screenwriter or an acknowledged playwright perhaps?

Then look no further than the Writer's Circle at your local library.

Bass Coast wordsmith and published novelist, Christie Miranda Lewis Heart has achieved what many of us may have only dreamed of, not one but two books with her name on the cover.

Burdened with four names the resident Wonthaggi writer has an explanation.

"I use Christie Heart when I'm writing for adults and Miranda Lewis when I'm writing for all ages, but particularly young people," says Christie Miranda Lewis Heart.

A self-published writer Christie Heart's first novel 'Leave the Wake Behind' was a sell-out to libraries in Gippsland, Melbourne and further afield.

"I now want to re-write my first book before publishing a second edition," says Christie Heart.

Christie Heart's second novel or Miranda Lewis's first novel depending on your age 'The Black Lacquer Box' has just been released on Amazon.

At two hundred and fifty pages 'The Black Lacquer Box' is not a lengthy book.

"Eleven to eighteen-year-olds should love it but older readers will enjoy it too."

Set in Buchan the novel's central character Amber, abandoned by her father just before her thirteenth birthday, is sent to live with eccentric relatives in the foothills of the Snowy Mountains.

Amber's discovery of a mysterious black lacquer box creates the opportunity for writer Miranda Lewis to take us on an entertaining journey into the lives of 'new-agers' living off-the-grid.

"If you want to be a writer start with an idea," says Christie.

Christie has travelled extensively in her life moving fifty-five times.

"I've lived in Greece, England, Darwin and Manjimup in Western Australia."

Travel may have brought a wealth of experience to Christie's writing but there is more.

"First I had to learn to write," Christie recalls.

"Read a lot."

"Get a feel for how a book flows."

"Lacking formal qualifications in writing should not be a barrier," says Christie.

Online training is available through 'Udemy' according to Ms Heart.

"Start writing, knowing that it doesn't matter how bad it is."

Christie Heart's first novel 'Leave the Wake Behind' took eight years to finish.

"Great novels are not written, they're re-written," Christie admits.

Christie went through seven drafts before she was happy with 'The Black Lacquer Box'.

Publishing by print-on-demand Christie is hoping to reach an unlimited audience.

Christie Heart can be found at the Wonthaggi Library's Writer's Circle every Monday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm except during school holidays.

To order your copy of Christie Miranda's latest book go to christieheart.com or enquire at your local library.

Opening of Bourne Creek estuary

WEST Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (CMA) has approved an artificial opening of Bourne Creek estuary, Kilcunda to prevent potential flooding of the Bass Highway.

The estuary opening was scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2024, and was undertaken by Parks Victoria at high tide, under the guidance of West Gippsland CMA Coastal Waterways Officer, Callum Edwards.

Bourne Creek estuary entrance closed naturally to the ocean last week after large swells deposited sand across the estuary entrance. Those same swells caused water levels in the creek to rise.

"It's a careful balance. Estuary closures are natural events that provide many environmental benefits for birds, fish and the surrounding salt marsh and wetlands. However, they also pose risks to surrounding assets by inundating farmland, cultural assets, roads and recreational infrastructure," said West Gippsland CMA CEO Martin Fuller.

"Artificial openings are only used in conditions where it is unlikely that the estuary will naturally open to the ocean before flooding occurs, as is the current situation at Bourne Creek."

The estuary closed due to large swells creating a sandbar, blocking the entrance and causing water to back up to the road level on Bass Highway, Kilcunda. This led to an urgent intervention by a partnership between Parks Victoria, the Department of Transport and Planning, and the CMA to prevent flooding.

"The CMA is responsible for monitoring the closure conditions, carrying out the risk assessment and making the decision to artificially open the estuary."

Callum assessed the area

prior to Parks Victoria commencing works and with permission a small channel was dug out to drain the water slowly, preventing rapid drainage that could harm oxygen levels. Callum confirmed that the CMA emphasises a quadruple bottom-line approach to risk management, considering environmental, economic, social, and cultural impacts.

"In this case, the situation was urgent because the water was sitting in the emergency lane, posing a threat to the highway. We only ever decide to intervene when assets are in danger of being flooded."

"I will continually monitor the water levels with the gauge board we have installed and monitor the water quality for stratification, but in measuring this this morning, the levels were good."

This decision has been informed through extensive monitoring, a thorough risk and feasibility assessment and in consultation with Parks Victoria and the Department of Transport and Planning.

The opening involves a small digger removing sand at the estuary opening at a carefully selected time to allow water to flow into the ocean.

The CMA will continue to work with landholders and partners to enable the natural opening and closing of estuaries with minimal impact to roads and other important assets.

"Ultimately, we are committed to supporting the environmental benefits of natural water cycles and improving the condition of West Gippsland's valuable rivers and estuaries in the long term," said Mr Fuller.

For more information visit <https://wgcmaw.vic.gov.au/explore-the-catchment/estuaries>.



West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority Coastal Waterways Officer, Callum Edwards is monitoring the artificial opening of Bourne Creek estuary, Kilcunda. Z01_3724



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Petition calls for access for all at Agnes Falls

By Friends of Agnes Falls

SEPTEMBER 2024 is here already.

Agnes Falls' latest visitation figure for August 2024 has been ascertained at 1446.

Following the recent storms and strong winds, a number of small trees have blown over, and there is a lot of debris strewn across the carpark, and along the walking tracks.

Let's hope all the stormy weather has passed.

The Agnes Falls themselves are looking quite spectacular at present, after all the recent rains.

As a matter of interest, here is an informative statistic:

According to the official pedestrian counter installed by Parks Victoria in 2015, the total number of people viewing the beautiful falls between May 2015 and end of August 2024 is 331,046.

That is an average of around 34,500 per year – perhaps you were one of them.

A month ago, on August 7, Gippsland South MLA Danny O'Brien visited the Agnes Falls Reserve and met with Matt, who recently started the



Gippsland South MLA Danny O'Brien with Matt, David and Paula at Agnes Falls on August 7. Matt recently started the Petition for All Abilities Access at Agnes Falls.

Petition for All Abilities Access at the Agnes Falls.

Also on site was local resident David, along with Paula, in her electric wheelchair, who did find her visit somewhat challengingly, especially the steep slope between the picnic ground and edge of the carpark, currently an alternative entrance into the Reserve if not using the steps.

Committee members of the Friends of Agnes Falls (FoAF) will be meeting with several

Parks Victoria officers and local rangers onsite at the Agnes Falls, to work on some possible future strategies for improvements at the Scenic Reserve over the coming years.

In light of the recently posted petition (Petition · Demand All Ability Access at Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve - Australia · Change.org), the committee hopes the meeting will have some positive outcomes.

If you haven't checked out

the petition yet, the committee invites you to do so, and add your signature to the 1000+ plus who have already shown their support.

As always, if you may be interested to join the volunteer community group FoAF, please contact secretary Kathy on 0419 344 867, or email friendsagnesfalls@gmail.com for further information.

You will be made most welcome.

Fleming Berries named finalist in the Gippsland Business Awards

IN A testament to their hard work and dedication to their craft, Fleming Berries farm nestled in the hills of Korumburra has been named a finalist in the prestigious Gippsland Business Awards in the Food and Wine Producers category. This recognition comes as a well-deserved honour for the farm's owners, who have tirelessly worked to cultivate their passion for horticulture and produce high-quality berries for their customers.

The journey of this family-owned berry farm began with a shared passion for horticulture and owner Malgorzata (Gosia) Fleming's background in agricultural sciences and biochemistry. After completing her master's degree, Gosia, along with her late husband Justin, decided to pursue their dream of running a berry farm in the picturesque countryside of Korumburra. Together, they worked tirelessly to establish and grow their business, with Justin's expertise in market gardens complementing Gosia's knowledge in horticulture.

Heartbreakingly, Justin passed away 19 months ago, leaving behind a legacy of hard work and dedication to the berry farm. Since then, Gosia has been managing the business with the help of their daughter - 13-year-old Daria, who brings a fresh perspective and new ideas to the table. Together, they have continued to uphold the farm's reputation for producing some of the finest berries in the region, particularly during the peak season from December to April.

"On the night of the awards it was 19 months to the day since we lost Justin, so it was of course an emotional time for us; however, we felt so grateful on the night to be recognised for our hard work," said Gosia.

The recognition as a



Malgorzata (Gosia) Fleming and daughter Daria accepting their finalist award for Fleming Berries at the Gippsland Business Awards for the Food and Wine Producers category.



Fleming Berries is a family owned and operated business in the hills of Korumburra.

finalist in the Gippsland Business Awards has been a significant milestone for the business, bringing with it new opportunities and increased visibility within the community. This accolade not only celebrates their success but also serves as a testament to their commitment to excellence and innovation in the food and wine production industry.

The community have been such a wonderful

support to our family." Looking ahead, Gosia and Daria have ambitious plans to further grow and develop Fleming Berries, leveraging the recognition from the Gippsland Business Awards to explore new opportunities and expand their reach. Their dedication to quality, sustainability, and customer satisfaction sets them apart as a standout business in the region, with a promising future ahead.

Leongatha Kitchens & Bathrooms marks 44 years and a major award nomination

IN THE heart of our region's heritage and growth, Leongatha Kitchens & Bathrooms stands out as a beacon of quality craftsmanship, strong business leadership, and community spirit.

Celebrating their 44th anniversary, this family-owned business, led by Dan and Carrie Bruce, continues to transform homes and lives with unparalleled dedication and skill.

Visit them at Studio 44 - Interior & Alfresco Design, 44 Yarragon Road, Leongatha - the home of Leongatha Kitchens & Bathrooms and sister-company VerdeLife Outdoor Kitchens.

Servicing clients and builders throughout Victoria's South Gippsland, Bass Coast, Melbourne, and Australia-wide, the company is dedicated to delivering exceptional service and craftsmanship.

From their humble beginnings on a Leongatha North farm, where Dan honed his craft under his father's watchful eye, the company has evolved from a small workshop to a leading design studio and custom cabinet maker. Studio 44 is located in Leongatha's industrial estate, including their fully equipped workshop and passionate team ensure that every project is handled with the utmost professionalism and care.

As finalists in the 2024 Gippsland Business Awards, Leongatha Kitchens & Bathrooms were honoured to be recognised in the competitive Mechanical Trades and Construction category. This accolade highlights their consistent excellence in business innovation, leadership and service.

The awards, presented by Federation University, celebrate regional business achievements and offer a platform to showcase top performers.

The company's reputation is built on more than



Dan and Carrie Bruce of Leongatha Kitchens & Bathrooms celebrate their recognition as finalists in the 2024 Gippsland Business Awards for Mechanical Trades and Construction.

just creating beautiful cabinetry. It's about crafting spaces that reflect the personalities and needs of their clients. Each project is approached with a unique touch, turning houses into homes and creating lasting memories for families.

In addition to their cabinet-making expertise, Leongatha Kitchens & Bathrooms has expanded its offerings with VerdeLife® Outdoor Kitchens and the innovative SustainaPod® pre-assembled, modular cabinetry concept. This diversification underscores their commitment to sustainability and modern design, earning them the status of Australia's first official licensee of Australian-owned and Made outdoor kitchens.

For 44 years, Leongatha Kitchens & Bathrooms has been a cornerstone of excellence in our community, and their recognition as a finalist underscores their remarkable legacy.

As they continue to shape our region with their craft, we celebrate their outstanding contributions and look forward to their future achievements.

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The problem with Inverloch...

IT'S only been 13 years since the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club opened its new clubrooms, something like 70 metres back from the high tide mark, on Surf Parade.

However, as the latest aerial photographs of the building and the beach clearly demonstrate, if it wasn't for the textile bag sand wall on the beach in front, the clubhouse would have started toppling over into the sea by now.

Last week's storm surge has started undercutting the dunes on either side of the sand wall to the point that the building is at risk unless immediate action is taken.

But, if you think the sea is going to stop there, without major engineering intervention in the form of groynes and breakwaters, you've got rocks in your head.

Notwithstanding the failure by the Inverloch RaSP Committee, after four long years, to come up with a proper plan for dealing with this and other pressing issues along the coast at Inverloch, in its Cape to Cape Resilience Plan, we now need a real plan and a set of recommendations as a matter of urgency.

And squabbling over whether environmental solutions or engineering works are the way to go is not going to get the job done in a timely manner.

Independent, expert advice is what's needed now. Not committees and consultation.

What we need is some short-term measures to give us time to plan, then a long-term plan that is open and transparent and pulls no punches.

If, for example, it's cheaper to relocate the surf club, then so be it. But it still doesn't solve the problem of what to do with those houses in Surf Parade that may be in the firing line, or the threat to assets including roads, drainage and sewerage infrastructure.

And if houses in Surf Parade come under threat, what about Lohr Avenue? Where would it stop?

No, what we need to do is start testing some serious engineering solutions to see if that can't protect the main pinch point along the Inverloch Surf Beach which appears to have its apex right where the surf club is sitting.

Wreck Creek may be a separate issue requiring a range of measures including stormwater drainage diversion and beachside protection.

We've all got our opinions, but that's half the trouble.

The whole problem needs to be handed over to some coastal engineering experts, of which there are likely to be plenty in Sydney for example, and a proper implementation plan devised and funded.

No TAFE No Tradies

BASS Coast College may be the largest school in Gippsland with 1600 students and Bass Coast Shire may have a total of 2504 secondary students and Chisholm Institute may have a lovely building in Wonthaggi but there are no practical, face-to-face TAFE classes anywhere in the shire.

Other local government areas with smaller populations have face-to-face TAFE courses. For example, Colac, (pop 22,273 with 1234 secondary students), Mt Alexander/Castlemaine (pop 20,253, with 800 students) and South Gippsland (pop 31,391 with 2007 students) all have face-to-face TAFE in six areas of study. Yes, that is areas of study not just courses. Things like agriculture, trades, health and hospitality.

What's wrong with Bass Coast? Don't we need trade apprentices? Or hospitality workers? I must have just imagined



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Vox Pop

What are you confident about for the season ahead and what are the challenges?



Robert King

"I think rainfall is adequate and the challenges would be just to pray it keeps raining and probably grain price is another interesting one."



Jarrod Muir

"I'd say feed quality is a bonus and then lack of feed is a worry."



Braxton Witteveen

"Hopefully, the rain will keep up so we'll have all the dams full. If it does come in dry like they say, then we'll run out of water and we'll run out of grass."



Nigel Braithwaite

"Things are back on the way up. The challenge is the unpredictable weather and unpredictable beef prices."

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.

Thank you to all who assisted during and after storm event

I WRITE to thank all in our community and beyond who provided help during the recent storms that saw strong winds and hail wreak havoc on many of our local communities.

Thank you also to the SES volunteers who answered the countless call outs for help and to the AusNet and local government maintenance workers who have been and continue to work hard to assist with repairs and clean up in a timely manner.

Of course, as the clean-up efforts continue, my thoughts are with the many that have gone without power for an extended period and others navigating through insurance claims for costly repair bills.

Also, I offer a timely reminder that if you are without power and can't see your fault showing on the AusNet Outage Tracker, you can report it online or by calling 13 17 99.

On behalf of all those affected and to everyone who has played their part, I say very sincerely, thank you for your efforts.

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

Wanted: Councillors who demand accountability

IT'S time to evaluate the old crop of councillors and assess what we need from a new crop. Councils matter. They not only provide the basic infrastructure of roads, footpaths, bridges and parks; but they also provide a range of community services and important advocacy for the area. They also have the power to set rates, which in our case are exceptionally high.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that councils that exceed people's expectations (certainly not ours) have the characteristics of high levels of cooperation between

councillors, council staff and the community with open, transparent and healthy debate.

Unfortunately for the community, there's been little, if any, leadership and holding of council staff to account. Most of the key initiatives of the current council were determined by the previous one. Three years ago, the scene was meant to be set with a Citizens Assembly developing a vision for the shire, which council basically proceeded to ignore significant aspects of. After three years, it is unclear what the current crop of councillors has achieved.

Under their watch, there's been a further erosion of democracy with the limitations on people being able to come in and ask questions uncensored. The elimination of the public from most non-commercial or staff briefings is a retrograde step.

As ratepayers, we might be paying full fees for our councillors, but they are increasingly just a rubber stamp for staff recommendations for decisions of council. Our councillors are not informing us of their opinions nor holding staff to account.

When you take out the monthly report of councillors' activities many meetings are lasting less than an hour versus two to three hours of the previous council. Contrary to good governance and legal requirements, it appears that decisions have been made behind closed doors in briefing sessions with little if any public debate in the council proper.

At a time when according to the State Government Whelan Report on Small Rural Council finance rates should be falling as the asset load per assessment decreases with population 30,000 plus, our rates are one of the most expensive for our category of shires and indeed rising.

Councillors have allowed a 100 per cent increase in capital works to \$36m or an increase of 28 per cent of our rates. The only ones benefiting are the contractors.

Farmers are disproportionately bearing the high cost of this largesse though too high rate rises of nearly 10 per cent versus 2.75 per cent, generally an unaffordable and unexplainable tax on our economy by our current crop of Councillors.

We need Councillors who genuinely listen to and work for the community and not for council staff. We don't want or need seat warmers, but real councillors who have opinions and ideas, who listen to and respond on behalf of the community and who are active, farsighted and democratic in their approach.

Andrew McEwen, Korumburra

It's all too much for Kongwak, they say

THE Kongwak hamlet residents would like to appeal to those outside to understand what is really happening apart from all the impressive spin and marketing about a \$36 million spend in Kongwak.

Kongwak has 28 houses and about 45 residents who actually live in Kongwak, declared a hamlet by the South Gippsland Shire.

The Kongwak residents welcome a size-appropriate development. The original 30-40 seat pizza place would have been a hit, a perfect fit.

But not to bring nightlife, many car parks, lights, noise, and alcohol for hundreds of people at their doorstep regularly.

The hamlet is based on community, a church, a hall, a school, a tennis court, a BBQ, a small park and a Sunday Market from 10am to 2pm.

Our unique, precious view from the park and houses overlooks agricultural land, soon to be Camp Kongwak with 40 cabins instead. You also look out at the Avenue of Honour trees planted in 1918; these are in memory of many locals who gave their lives for this once great country.

Most of the time you can hear the birds and enjoy the silence and peacefulness.

Yes, they did get \$500,000 of taxpayers' money to write 21 reports and 641 pages over two odd years, where we got a couple of weeks, pretty overwhelming, so many words, so many factual inconsistencies and contradictions. Too much to unpack here, except not much of the original butter and cheese factory will be left. Their new butter factory plans use the word demolish over 100 times.

Yes, it is rich developers of money and influence determining the future of a sleepy hamlet who do not reside in

Kongwak.

They bought a perfectly good house to make a carpark. (There is a song about that).

Yes, there is local support, but they do not live in Kongwak and we suspect are more than likely investors.

The sheer size is extremely inappropriate. Having a 200-seat convention centre, arts and craft centre, shop, retail and 150-seat restaurant and commercial kitchen, sale and consumption of liquor, all this is huge, it's meant to be saving our heritage.

A "hero" development. For who? The bus loads of international tourists from the penguins going to the Prom? Because that is what tourism regulations encourage? It hasn't even got a good view, it is at the bottom of a valley on the road, next to Foster Creek. Natural amphitheatre.

But then the proposed development goes over Foster Creek (with the wastewater and sewerage) to Farm Zoned Land.

This is not 40ha, 100-acre paddock this is 36 acres.

Now I am pretty sure there would be many of us in South Gippsland Shire who have had less than 40ha and could not get one dwelling approved!

But we needed to call it "Group Accommodation" then you can have 40 cabins, and away from these, you can have a caretaker's dwelling and an artist retreat dwelling, with roads, car parks, paths, that require the same infrastructure if not more than a farmhouse.

So many lights, power, water etc. In addition to huge sheds, little sheds, polytunnels, intensive horticulture, vineyard, orchard, a truffle farm, goats, a stormwater dam (up against the Main Street Avenue of Honour and blocking a causeway) and then a huge water and sewerage treatment plant for

hundreds of people on a catchment to Foster Creek, low lying ground absolutely gets saturated every winter. Where an existing dam will be made larger for a sewage pond age dam. Remember we live in a very high rainfall area which overflows all our dams in the wet, cold and windy winters. But it will be EPA-approved, oh and 40m from a farmhouse but away from the cabins.

Their main entry to the cabins on Farm Zoned Land is through the second and third trees of the Avenue of Honour on Church Road.

The Avenue of Honour trees in Church Road were planted in 2009 in honour of locals who died overseas in World War Two. The late John Gow OAM, who worked tirelessly for the Kongwak Community and RSL after his return from the war, felt the lucky one. He achieved this commemoration for his close childhood mates who never returned. Locals remember Johnny Gow with much love and respect. The ceremony was attended by locals whose uncles and relatives have a tree in their name. This is far from respecting living heritage.

If this project was sincere and considered the true-life wrecking consequences of their big spend of \$36,000,000 to those 45 people that live here, then why fast track to the Minister which eliminates VCAT? If it is a reputable project, stand talk and confront those whose lives you are destroying. Action speaks louder than all the over-the-top professional marketing.

The residents living in Kongwak are varied and we have quite a range of professional people, teachers, nurses, architects, mechanics, painters, aged care workers, administrators, gardeners, farmers, you name it there is probably one in Kongwak. But everyone came to Kongwak because of its enticement of space, the quiet and the

country feel. That is not a bad thing. That is not something that needs changing.

The road in is not built for tonnes of traffic either, or constant buses, nor can it be widened. Maybe we will take that back, as we are learning money can do anything. Do we really want busloads of people staying a night and moving on? Transit people en masse but we get to keep the sewerage in a water-logged paddock but again it will be to EPA standards, all this for personal profit. As for the invasion of lights all the time, this is no good for us and animals' circadian rhythm. The abutting farm that has biosecurity needs and certified status is ignored.

The flocks of Ibis, crows and yellow, black cockatoos will be no more. Suburbia has arrived!

Imagine how much public housing that could do in a local town with services? Or help all four surrounding towns to survive. But no there are grants for Regional Arts and Crafts says Jacinta Alilan. How inappropriate when everyone is struggling, family farms are disappearing, people are losing their homes because of the economy of things also because the governance is not performing for the people but sadly it does for the wealthy or influential in high places to make huge personal profit.

The Save Kongwak group obtained 4170 signatures, change.org/savekongwaknow. Thank you all, but guess what it counts as only one objection.

If you want to follow our own Erin Brockovich, Maddi, please head to Facebook Save Kongwak or Instagram or email an objection to the Ministers office PA 2402814 Development.approvals@transport.vic.gov.au

Signed by the Save Kongwak Group (representing over 90% of the Kongwak residents living in Kongwak who are opposed to this excessive and invasive development).

GIPPSLAND GRAMMAR SEX ABUSE INFORMATION WANTED

Rightside Legal is working for a number of men who were abused while students at Gippsland Grammar in Sale in the 1980s and 1990s.

One of the abusers was Phillip Hazeldine, a Teacher at the College.

Hazeldine has been convicted of abusing multiple students, but Gippsland Grammar say they are not responsible.

If you have information or memories of Hazeldine that may help the survivors, please contact Chris Prast on 0432 250 492 or info@rightsidelegal.com.au.

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First aid to reduce drug induced deaths

THERE are more than five drug induced deaths every day in Australia and many of these cases could have been avoided.

With the high incidence of drug overdose in Bass Coast, Bass Coast Health's (BCH) Alcohol and Other Drug Counselling Team is raising awareness of its services that help people impacted by drug addiction.

BCH's Alcohol and Other Drug Services team leader Deb Guy said the devastating impact of a person dying from an overdose has a ripple effect, not only on the person's loved ones, but also their community.

"Many of these deaths could have been prevented if there was more awareness of what to do in the case of an overdose," she said.

"There has been an increase in overdoses in the community due to the introduction of synthetic opiates called Nitazenes, which are mixed with other drugs.

"There is global concern about the rising rates of harm due to Nitazenes – a class of potent synthetic opioids that can be 50-500 times stronger than heroin, methamphetamine and black market diazepam."

Ms Guy said if someone suspects a person has overdosed, they can administer Naloxone nasal spray to reverse the effects of an opiate overdose.

Under the national Take Home Naloxone program, Naloxone will be available free of charge and without prescription at participating pharmacies.

Naloxone is also available over the counter from non-participating Take Home Naloxone program pharmacies for a fee.

"Anyone who is using opiates, whether they are prescribed or not, should have Naloxone spray in their first aid kit and make sure their family members know where the spray is kept," Ms Guy said.

The BCH Alcohol and Other Drug Counselling Team provides supportive, safe and confidential services for people impacted by drugs and alcohol – whether personally or through the habits of another.

BCH offers non-residential withdrawal services, pharmacotherapy for people who want to stop taking heroin or pain-relieving drugs, counselling services, a care and recovery program, and a family support program.

All services are free.

There are also needle and syringe dispensing machines at the Phillip Island Health Hub and Wonthaggi Hospital.

In addition to providing individual support, BCH offers SMART (Self-Management and Recovery Training) at the Phillip Island Health Hub in Cowes every Tuesday at 11am and at the Allied Health building in the Wonthaggi Hospital every Thursday at 1pm. Meetings are based on cognitive behaviour therapy and peer support style with a trained facilitator and run for 60-90 minutes.

Any enquiries regarding these meetings can be directed to Ms Guy on 5671 3506.

To access BCH's Alcohol and Other Drug Services, call the Australian Community Support Organisation (ACSO) on 1300 022 760.

Fostering connection and wellbeing



Monthly outings are a highlight of the Social Support Groups, providing seniors with opportunities to connect with their community and explore local attractions.

SOUTH Gippsland Hospital's Community Care offers a lifeline to those over 65 who may struggle to get out and about but still want to stay connected with their community. Through their Social Support Groups, the hospital provides a variety of activities aimed at promoting social interaction, mental stimulation, and physical health, making a real difference in the lives of seniors in the Corner Inlet area.

Whether it's making new friends, learning new hobbies, or simply getting out of the house, these social groups offer something for everyone. Activities range from arts, crafts, and gardening to seated exercises, board games, and quizzes. Each month, participants can look forward to group outings that help them stay connected with the wider community. With all activities tailored to the interests and needs of the group, there's always something to look forward to.

For many, the support groups provide a crucial sense of routine and engagement.

In addition to offering varied and engaging activities, transportation is available for those who need it. Referrals to the program can be made by family members, the participants themselves, or health professionals like GPs.

For those interested in joining the groups, the hospital encourages contacting the Community Care reception. A small fee is associated with participation, and financial concerns can be discussed with the team to ensure no one is denied access due to cost.

The South Gippsland Hospital's Community Care division is committed to individualised care, with their Social Support Groups just one example of how they strive to improve the lives of older adults.

For more information or to book a spot contact 5683 9780, or visit southgippslandhospital.org.au.

Community Nurses help people to live at home for longer

MANY people across the Bass Coast are able to keep living in their homes despite health concerns, thanks to the Community Nurses of Bass Coast Health (BCH).

During Nursing in the Community Week from September 9-15, BCH is celebrating the wonderful nurses who provide care to clients in their homes.

These wonderful nurses are extremely skilled in many fields and offer specialised expertise that is helping people with limited mobility, wounds or other health conditions to stay at home where possible. They also support people who require end-of-life care, so they can be comfortable in their own home.

BCH's biggest community nursing cohort is the District and Palliative Care Service, with community nurses also in the Maternal and Child Health Service, Transition Care Program, Residential in Reach, Domiciliary Care Service and the Better at Home service.

Specialist Clinical Nurse Consultants such as their Diabetic and Cardiac Nurses, Stomal Therapy Nurses, Continence



Bass Coast Health District Nurse Melanie Dickison chats with client Lyall Broughton about his health.

Nurses and our Aboriginal Health Clinical Nurse Consultant are also out and about in the community providing specialised care to enable clients to live as fulfilling lives as possible.

Passionate, caring and dedicated, the Community Nursing team works hard to help people stay out of hospital and live as independently as possible, in their home, and BCH is celebrating these wonderful nurses.

District Nurse Melanie Dickison is grateful for the opportunity to enhance her clients' lives.

"Working one-on-one with

clients, we build special relationships with them and are able to bring them a sense of security in knowing that someone will visit to care for their health needs," she said. "It's so rewarding to know that our clients are receiving care at home, which is where they'd rather be."

BCH's Better at Home service provides hospital-level care to clients in their homes when they are well enough to stay at home rather than be admitted to hospital. This program includes the services of the Hospital in the Home

(HITH) Program and the GEM@Home program.

HITH Nurse Laura Marshall said patients generally return to optimal health sooner when they are cared for at home.

"When patients are in a familiar environment, often with their loved ones around them, they feel more comfortable and relaxed, and that contributes to their wellbeing and overall health," she said.

"It's rewarding being able to work in such a role, where we can attend to our client's acute care needs in their home."

Residential in Reach nursing staff help residential aged care services care for more complex residents, while the Transition Care Program helps older people in their home at the end of their hospital stay, giving them peace of mind and the ability to focus on their recovery.

Maternal and Child Health/Domiciliary Care staff provide assessment, care and support to women, babies, partners and families, and are an important service, seeing our community from many different sites.

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Could it be sepsis? Awareness is crucial

IF WE think for a moment about what getting sick looks like, we would probably think of an external factor, like a virus, invading the body and causing damage.

In most cases, the body's immune system responds and fights off that infection.

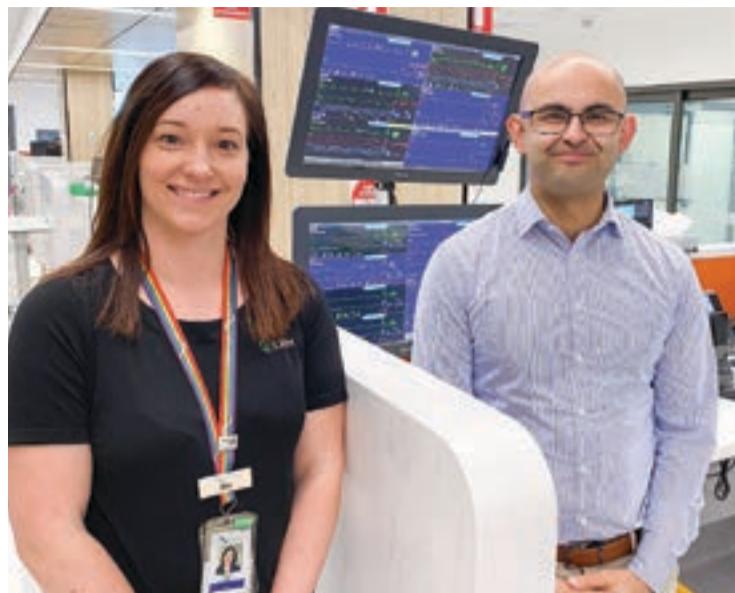
With sepsis, your body responds to an infection by damaging vital organs leading to shock and sometimes death.

Like stroke or heart attack, sepsis is a medical emergency that requires rapid diagnosis and treatment.

Latrobe Regional Health (LRH) Infectious Diseases Physician, Dr Zaal Meher-Homji said more than 80 per cent of sepsis cases start in the community, not in hospitals.

"Sepsis can be triggered by a bacterial or viral infection such as a urinary tract infection (UTI), lung infection or from a wound. If the infection breaks out of the initial area of infection it can get into the blood stream and infect other organs," Dr Meher-Homji said.

"While anyone can develop sepsis, we know that some groups are more susceptible such as older community members, newborn children, people who live in regional areas,



LRH Quality and Safety Officer, Bec Wittmer and LRH Infectious Diseases Physician, Dr Zaal Meher-Homji

indigenous Australians and people with complex health conditions. These are the more high-risk groups that we are particularly concerned about."

As part of its ongoing staff education LRH has introduced an 'adult sepsis pathway' process to improve early identification of at-risk patients and ensure treatment is provided where needed.

"We're encouraging all of our

nursing and medical staff to ask the question: 'Could it be sepsis?' And if it is, to begin treatment quickly," LRH Quality and Safety Officer, Bec Wittmer said.

"One of the issues is that sepsis is difficult to diagnose. A patient can present with symptoms which can be quite mild and not immediately suggest a serious condition. Also, the symptoms can be similar to

those seen in other conditions. However, when placed together, those previously mild symptoms can be a sign of sepsis which can have a very serious impact including death."

Some symptoms of sepsis include fast breathing or breathlessness, fever and chills, low body temperature, fast heartbeat, nausea and vomiting, fatigue, confusion or sleepiness. The patient may also be in pain or express they are 'feeling worse than ever'.

"While we're working with staff to keep on top of sepsis diagnosis and treatment, we'd also encourage the community to be on the lookout for it and seek medical treatment if concerned," Bec said.

"In the meantime, doing things to lower the risk such as practicing good hand hygiene, monitoring wounds for signs of infection like redness or swelling, keeping up to date with vaccinations and if you are concerned, getting medical treatment and asking the doctor whether it could be sepsis, are all good steps to take."

More information about sepsis can be found at the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care website: bit.ly/4dCd8oN.



Ed and Annette's life may have changed suddenly but nurses are ensuring the duo are in good hands, with a little humour added along the way

GSHS helps Ed settle in to new lifestyle

ED Opray is learning how to adjust to the next phase of his life – with a bit of good humour easing a tough situation.

Ed was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND) in May and after suffering a fall at home he attended the Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) Urgent Care Centre in early August.

With his condition deteriorating, Ed was admitted to the Leongatha Hospital general ward while he awaits a place in permanent care.

Staff at GSHS have helped to make the transition easy, giving Ed and his wife Annette reason to smile despite the difficult diagnosis.

Ed now has a new electric wheelchair supplied by MND Victoria, but the GSHS staff weren't sure about his driving abilities, so they posted L-plates on his new transportation.

The good news is that the former Dumbalk farmer knows his way around machinery and was quick to graduate to P-plates, complete with a certificate to recognise his achievement.

GSHS nurse Shareen Bickerton said the L-plates were designed to bring a bit of levity to a tough time.

"It's difficult for people who have this diagnosis, along with everyone in their inner circle, but we try to make it as easy as possible," Ms Bickerton said.

Ed is now on a waitlist for permanent care but will stay with GSHS in the interim.



LCHS volunteer driver Olga feels proud to be doing something to help others.

South Gippsland and Bass Coast, are you ready to volunteer?

LATROBE Community Health Service is in urgent need of volunteer transport drivers from South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

The health service provides free transport for older South Gippsland and Bass Coast residents who need help getting to and from medical appointments – both locally and near the city.

Hundreds of residents from across Gippsland rely on the free transport service to get to booked medical appointments. In 2023-24, Latrobe Community Health Service delivered more than 5000 trips.

"Our transport service is so busy, we are currently providing double the amount of trips than what we previously would," Volunteer Coordinator Adriana Pezzutto said.

"This service can be the difference between someone getting the specialist medical care they need, or missing vital appointments," she said.

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World Suicide Prevention Day

By author Claire Chitty

ELEVEN intrepid hikers dressed in yellow, and a blue heeler, gathered at the Coronet Bay carpark to walk to Settlement Point, Corinella and back. The bright CFA uniforms attracted curiosity of passersby sharing the sandy track. This was not an ordinary social occasion, but an opportunity to raise awareness for suicide prevention.

I get it. Life can be incredibly challenging from simply getting by each day, pressure, commitments, and for many, mental health issues. I was 26 when my friend, David, took his life. Our group of friends were numb, wondering and questioning, 'Why?' Was there anything we could have done? Did we not see the signs that something was amiss? Why did he not share his worries? To us, David was in a stable relationship, vivacious, a bright light in the workplace, and didn't seem to have any concerns, that we knew of. His life was full of promise and suddenly cut short. At his memorial, we shared fond memories of our time spent together, said our farewells and moved on with our lives.

During the walk, we remembered the friends and family we'd lost. We spoke of our gratitude growing up in an era without technology, where much of our childhood was spent outdoors. There were no phones or computers and very little bullying. I reflected upon how things have changed since David passed. Fast forward 30 years, I witnessed the struggles my children encountered transversing childhood and adolescence. School pressure and friendship groups led to overwhelm with the occasional, "I don't want to live anymore". Like many parents I spoke to during that time, our greatest fear was losing children to drugs and suicide.

And this is where education and communication are vital. Generally speaking, I learnt that the individuals who speak about committing suicide, seldom do. It's the ones who hide their struggles are more at risk of self-harm.

September is 'Shine a Light' Suicide Prevention Awareness month, with yellow ribbons appearing around the world including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland and America. Yellow is an uplifting colour, symbolic of hope, joy and happiness; the ribbon adopted to represent sorrow and empathy.

Figures suggest that approximately 3000 Australians or roughly nine people a day take their life. Those most at risk are aged 15 to 44 years, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders twice this amount.

Thanks to facilities such as Lifeline, over one million people contact the service annually, with the crisis line receiving a phone call every 28 seconds. This much-needed service has 41 nationwide centres, 1000 employees and 10,000 volunteers to raise awareness and build connection, compassion and hope.

Through awareness, depression, addiction and mental health stigma are being discussed with solutions at hand.

Those who have survived suicide sometimes choose to tattoo the semi-colon (:) symbol on a visible part of their body, representing victory at overcoming internal struggles.

To anyone, especially young people, experiencing dark moments or suicidal thoughts, please seek help. You are never alone.

Lifeline 13 11 14.

Women, take time for your health this special week

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is reminding women to put their health and wellbeing first during Women's Health Week, by being aware of health issues they may come across during their life journey.

'Your voice. Your choice' was the theme of Women's Health Week from September 2-6, shining a spotlight on raising the voice of women. The aim of the week is to provide women with the tips, tools and confidence to talk to their doctors, workplaces and families about their health.

BCH offers a variety of healthcare services dedicated to caring for local women, and also offers early detection and screening opportunities to identify health concerns.

Check-ups by your local General Practitioner for blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes screening, skin checks and heart health every two years can detect health problems sooner rather than later.

At home, women are advised to check their breasts monthly for any unusual changes such as lumps that could be breast cancer, as well as check their skin, looking for new/changed spots. Women are urged to see a GP if they notice any changes.



Bass Coast Health Maternal and Child Health Nurse Allyson Bentley consults mother Jade Taylor and baby Abby Toohey.

Cervical screening is recommended every five years, between the ages of 25 and 70, to check for changes in the cervix. There are now options for self-collection of cervical screening.

For a guide to recommended women's health checks visit: jeanhaines.org.au/womens-health-week

BCH offers many services for women, provided by expert clinicians who can provide information and support to help

women make informed decisions about their health. BCH's services include maternity care, specialist gynaecology, Maternal and Child Health, Childbirth Education, a McGrath Breast Care Nurse and BreastScreen.

"We also offer a comprehensive Gynaecology service that includes support with sexual and reproductive health, menopause, infertility and ovulation induction, prolapse

repair, contraception, endometriosis, family planning, menopause education and management, persistent pelvic pain and urinary incontinence," BCH CEO Jan Child said.

"Having a regular check-up with your GP can help you to maintain good health, but if you notice anything unusual with your physical or mental health, please make it a priority to see your GP. Should you need specialist care, you can ask them to refer you to any of BCH's services so that you can receive the specialist care you need, close to home."

BCH's women's services extend to cancer care. We offer breast screening, appointments with breast surgeons Dr Chandika Wewelwala and Dr Sarah Birks, surgery, chemotherapy and immunotherapy. We also offer the supportive services of a McGrath Breast Care Nurse. To learn more about our cancer services, go to: basscoasthealth.org.au/cancer-support-page. To discuss our high-quality Maternity Services, please contact our team on 5671 3201.

To access all other Women's Health services, ask your GP to email a referral to Access@basscoasthealth.org.au

The lasting impact of women's pain revealed

THE State Government's landmark Inquiry into Women's Pain has revealed the significant impact pain conditions like endometriosis, pelvic pain and migraines are having on the lives of Victorian women and girls.

The results from the survey of more than 13,000 women, girls, carers, families and healthcare workers highlight the negative experiences that many have had when seeking care.

Women and girls have shared their experiences of sexism and misogyny, feeling ignored or dismissed by clinicians who attributed their pain to psychological and personality factors, as well as culturally unsafe care.

They also told the inquiry about cases of delayed diagnosis, the high cost of care and

the impact pain can have on their quality of life, relationships with family and friends, and their careers.

Nurses made up the majority of healthcare workers who participated – observing that lack of knowledge about women's health of available clinicians was the biggest barrier to care for many of their patients.

Offered in 10 community languages, about 40 per cent of women who participated in the survey were from regional and rural Victoria – their insights highlighted the importance of being able to access the right care closer to home.

The stories and experiences generously shared by Victorian women and girls in the survey, via written submissions and forums over last few months will

now form the development of recommendations to improve the way women's healthcare is delivered in Victoria.

Minister for Health Mary Anne Thomas said these survey results are an important step towards building a new system that is informed by the voices of women, girls, families, carers, the healthcare clinical workforce and researchers.

The results come at the same time as the Labor Government prepares to launch its \$5 million Mobile Women's Health Clinic.

"Our new mobile women's health clinic will help us bring new services directly to women in regional Victoria, offering a safe and inclusive space for care."

Operated by BreastScreen

Victoria to make free healthcare more accessible for women living in rural and regional parts of Victoria, the new mobile women's health service will hit the road in late October.

The mobile clinic will offer a variety of women's health services including sexual and reproductive health information, advice, clinical services and referrals to other necessary specialists.

All services will be delivered by an experienced nurse who will work to build connections with women, their community and local health services.

This is an expansion of BreastScreen Victoria's existing successful mobile breast screening service and will be open to women of all ages.

R U Ok? Day at Wonthaggi North Primary School



Grade 1 and 2B classmates participate in R U Ok? Day wearing yellow and watching Inside Out.

THE students of Wonthaggi North Primary School (WNPS) acknowledged R U Ok? Day during term three by wearing yellow for WOW Day.

WOW Days at WNPS are a special day each term that involves whole school activities based on a chosen theme. R U Ok? Day is a day to remind everyone of the importance of asking their friends, family, colleagues and neighbours how they are feeling and to begin the discussions to help those who need it in connection with mental health.

The day included different activities to share what it is to be a good friend and what positive qualities we look for in our support networks – the day finished with each class watching the movie, Inside Out, to tie in with the day's themes of emotions and friendship.

Community College Gippsland gain Rotary support to enhance student wellbeing

COMMUNITY College Gippsland's (CCG) commitment to student wellbeing took centre stage at a recent Rotary Leongatha meeting, where Den Lim, Business Development Manager at CCG, delivered an inspiring presentation on the college's diverse offerings and philanthropic initiatives implemented for its independent specialist school, ECG Secondary College (ECG).

ECG welcomes those students who need more than just a place of learning, aiming to ensure that education is within reach for everyone. ECG currently caters to Year 9-12 students from all walks of life, who push through the challenges of life looking for a fair go.

In her address, Den highlighted several key projects aimed at enhancing the health and wellbeing of students, particularly those from ECG Secondary College. Among these projects is the Outdoor Sensory Space for the Leongatha campus, a tranquil environment designed to promote relaxation and focus, offering students a refuge in times of anxiety and distress.

"The sensory space is more than just an outdoor area; it's a vital tool for improving student engagement and attendance," Den explained.



Nick Dudley, Colin McKenzie McHarg, Joel Dutton (President, Leongatha Rotary Club) and Den Lim (Business Development Manager, CCG).

"By providing a peaceful environment, we're helping students manage their mental health, which is crucial for their overall educational success."

In addition to the sensory space, Den presented other philanthropic initiatives that CCG has activated to address barriers to education. These programs tackle financial challenges, social exclusion, and access to basic necessities, such as healthy food and ready-made meals. These efforts are part of CCG's broader strategy to create an inclusive and supportive educational environment where all students have the opportunity

to thrive.

Leongatha Rotary Club has played a significant role in supporting these initiatives, providing a generous donation that has been instrumental in the development of the Leongatha Outdoor Sensory Space. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to improving the lives of local students and fostering a stronger, healthier community.

"We are incredibly grateful to Leongatha Rotary Club for their support," said Den.

"Their donation has made a real difference, helping us create a space that will benefit students for years to come."

Den's presentation was well

received by the Rotary members, who expressed their appreciation for the impactful work being done by CCG to support local students. The event underscored the importance of community partnerships in driving positive change and ensuring that every student has the resources they need to succeed.

"Leongatha Rotary Club is proud to support CCG's efforts to improve the wellbeing of students and their school engagement," said Joel Dutton, the President of Leongatha Rotary Club.

"The Outdoor Sensory Space is a fantastic initiative that will positively impact many young minds, and we are delighted to contribute towards this project."

As CCG continues to expand its offerings and philanthropic initiatives, the college remains dedicated to breaking down the barriers that prevent students from reaching their full potential. With ongoing support from community partners like Rotary Leongatha, the future looks bright for the students of ECG Secondary College and beyond.

For more information about ECG ecg.vic.edu.au | 03 5622 6000 | info@ecg.vic.gov.au.



Migrant English students Khadija and Iman had the opportunity to meet fellow students at the BCAL luncheon in celebration of Adult Learners Week. Z09_3724

BCAL celebrates lifelong learning during Adult Learners Week

BASS Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) marked Adult Learners Week with an emphasis on the significance of lifelong learning, highlighting that it is not only important but also enjoyable.

On Tuesday, September 3 each class had the opportunity to demonstrate their learning to fellow students and participants. Migrant English students shared a quote about themselves in their native language and then translated it into English.

Spider plant workshops were presented by Horticulture students, an AI demonstration was presented by the IT class, students participated in hair braiding, and a captivating original song was performed by music students who had the entire audience singing along.

Portraits were showcased by the Photography class, where students spoke on the story behind each piece and mouth-watering traditional dishes were prepared by the Migrant English class, and delicious desserts were created by the Capacity Building participants.

Manager of BCAL, David Leslie, shared that the two-day celebration fosters a supportive learning environment that encourages interaction and therefore enhances social connection.

"The music program is pre-accredited. The horticulture program is a skills Victoria certificate three, and students enrolled in photography are part of an NDIS Capacity Building friendship program, and their artworks are on exhibition in the hall," said David.

David opened the event, talking about the importance of adult learning, and student Tuk shared how learning at BCAL has given her confidence to interact within the community.

"I moved to Wonthaggi from Thailand in 2013 and began learning English at BCAL in 2017 because I wanted to learn to communicate," said Tuk.

"I feel so happy in Wonthaggi, I love to cook and share food with the community at Mitchell House and meet new people."

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"For me, it's a bit like slow food movement, I can see what each person needs and adjust what I want to do throughout the program," he said.

"It makes it more relaxed, and students always learn better when they are relaxed."

For more information on lifelong learning at BCAL visit bcal.vic.edu.au

Prehistoric exhibition roars to life at Kongwak Primary

KONGWAK Primary School was abuzz with excitement on Thursday, September 5, when Museum Victoria visited with their "Dinosaurs...traces of the past" incursion.

Educator Josh led the school through a presentation about different types of dinosaurs and artefacts which remained to give us information before students had the opportunity to see and touch artefacts belonging to Museum Victoria.

A highlight was learning about the koolasuchus cleelandi, Victoria's fossil emblem. The school was thrilled to also welcome six 2025 prep students and their families to this incursion, as part of the kinder-school transition program.

"I liked seeing the dinosaur skull. It had big teeth, and we got to pick it up!" – Jane, Grade 1

"We got to touch replica bones! I was surprised at how enormous the koolasuchus was." – John, Grade 6

"I liked hearing that one of the fossils found in Australia was found by a farmer, who dug it up! I liked hearing about the big lizard (koolasuchus) that was found near Phillip Island." – Lincoln, Grade 2

"I liked how they had lots of fossils and eggs and features we could look at. The eggs were the best." – Charlie, Grade 3

Kongwak Primary School welcomes enquiries from families with primary school-aged students at all levels, as well as potential foundation students for 2025, 2026 and beyond. Please contact the Inverloch PS office on 5674 1253 if you would like to organise a tour – we'd love to see you out at Kongwak!



Kongwak PS students Hazel, Charlotte and Charlie explore Museums Victoria's dinosaurs.

Classrooms abuzz at Tarwin Lower with new adventures on the horizon



TARWIN Lower Primary School has just taken ownership of a brand new 25-seater bus, bringing much-needed flexibility to attend excursions and camps at little cost. This addition is set to open up a world of new educational opportunities for the students.

"The staff, students and the community of Tarwin Lower are excited to see what new educational adventures are on the horizon," said principal Ashton Webster.

In other news, the students at Tarwin Lower recently celebrated Father's Day and Special Person's Day with a burst of creativity. They made and decorated thoughtful items, including key holders and shoe removers, as special gifts to show appreciation for the important people in their lives.

Excitement is buzzing at Tarwin Lower Primary with the bus promising new adventures and the recent celebration.

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The week ahead

The Sounds of Silent at Bena Hall

Friday, September 13, 7pm

Coal Creek Farmers Market

Saturday, September 14, 8am – 12.30pm
Coal Creek Community Park & Museum

Phillip Island Nature Parks

Community Open Day

Saturday, September 14
Phillip Island Nature Parks

The Sounds of Silent: Mirboo Nth Hall

Saturday, September 14, 7pm

The Elvis & Buddy Show

Saturday, September 14, 7.30pm
Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre

Rail Trail Community Market

Sunday, September 15, 8.30am – 1pm
Leongatha Railway Station, Long Street

The Sounds of Silent: Welshpool Hall

Sunday, September 15, 1.30pm

Birds of a Feather Flock Together

Thursday – Monday, 11am – 3pm
Stockyard Gallery, Foster



Small White Loaf

By Meg Viney

BREAD, who doesn't love it? Over the years I have played with so many breads and asked a few friends what they thought of doing a series of breads. A big yes, so as I was walking Wally, my gorgeous dog, I counted several that I would like to do. So gird yourselves for lots of bread.

Very simple to start with – a real staple. I do recommend a Thermomix, although, if you have a bread maker you can do the mixture in that, but may want to shape it by hand prior to cooking?

Ingredients

- 200 ml tepid water
- pinch of sugar
- 2 tsp powdered yeast
- 2 cups bread flour
- a drizzle of oil
- a pinch of salt

Method

Add the yeast to the water, then sprinkle over the sugar. Leave to prove for several minutes, until frothy.

Place in Tx. Add the 2 cups of flour, the oil and a pinch of salt, then blend on about three for 2 minutes, which will do the kn reading for you.

Remove to a well buttered small bread tin and place in a warm place until doubled. If it is a cool day, boil a kettle and put water in a bowl on the lower shelf of the oven.

Bread needs steam when cooking, so leave it there.

When risen, remove whilst you preheat the oven to 200, then cook for about 25 minutes, until golden and making a hollow sound when tapped.

Turn out onto a wire rack.

You can of course double the recipe and cook for a little longer.

Photo: Ilham Putra on Unsplash.



Be spirited to the American South in a mere matter of weeks as Alice Murphy is brought to life by Leisel Burrow.

'Bright Star': A must-see broadway gem

Celebrating Sentimentality and Country-Folk Charm

THE Wonthaggi Theatrical Group is proud to be bringing to life the relatively unknown musical Bright Star in its very own intimate theatre space at The State Coal Mine. Bringing together 18 talented performers from across South Gippsland this beautiful musical will take you on an emotional rollercoaster with a healthy dose of laughter to keep all entertained.

At the heart of Bright Star is the story of Alice Murphy, played by shining local

talent Leisel Burrow – most recently seen as Rapunzel in Leongatha Lyric Theatre's outstanding production of Into the Woods. Alice is a literary editor with a poignant past. The musical skilfully alternates between Alice's youth in the 1920s and her adult life in the 1940s, gradually unveiling the secrets that shape her journey.

The most distinctive feature of Bright Star is its enchanting country-folk score. The score, featuring piano, guitar, and banjo, beautifully captures the spirit of the American South. Talented Musical

Director Jane Chambers has gathered 10 passionate musicians to bring the score to life with all the warmth and heart required.

Bright Star is a shining example of what makes musicals magical. It radiates with a quirky charm and earnestness that our committed and talented ensemble bring to life at every twist and turn.

We can't wait to share it with you in the September holidays!

Dates: September 26, 27, 28, 29 and October 3, 4 (two shows), 5.

Head to bit.ly/4ggaoPn to book your tickets.

Classic cinema comes to life in South Gippsland

GET ready to step back in time as The Sounds of Silent, a five-piece ensemble of some of Melbourne's most accomplished musicians, brings the magic of the silent movie era to South Gippsland. Known for recreating the iconic silent movie experience from the 1920s and 30s, the group combines live improvisational performances with the music styles of the period, offering a unique and immersive trip into cinematic history.

During their visit to South Gippsland, The Sounds of Silent will be screening Charlie Chaplin's classic The Circus. Audiences will experience the film as it was originally intended, with a live soundtrack performed by the ensemble. The event promises to be a fun, lively, and entertaining experience that the entire family can enjoy, blending the nostalgia of silent films with the energy of live music.

There are three opportunities to catch The Sounds of Silent in action:

Friday, September 13 at 7pm, Bena Hall, 41 Main Road, Bena.

Saturday, September 14 at 7pm, Mirboo North Shire Hall, 30 Ridgway, Mirboo North.



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

Sunday, September 15 at 1.30pm, Welshpool Hall, Main Street, Welshpool.

Tickets are priced at \$20 for adults (16 and over), while children under 15 can attend for free. With limited seating available, this is a great chance to introduce younger generations to the charm of classic films, accompanied by live music, in a vibrant community setting. Don't miss out on this opportunity to experience a piece of cinema history in an unforgettable way!

Out on the Weekend

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

country and western music.

Fresh from the United States of America, the line-up includes Harry for the Riff Raff, Uncle Lucius, Nick Shoulders, Rose City Band, Margot Clinker, Johnny Fritz and Joshua Hedley, who will be joined by local talent, Freya Josephine Hollick and friends.

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

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

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

Fundraisers to back Corinella CFA

CORINELLA CFA is gearing up for two major fundraising events in September.

All funds raised will go towards a second truck for the station.

Equinox Rox for the CFA is a benefit concert and dance, which will be held at the Corinella Community Hall on September 21.

"The musicians from five local bands approached us to support our efforts to raise money for a new truck," Corinella CFA captain David Cox said.

"It's fantastic they are giving up their time and we're looking forward to a great night."

"We have the third largest area coverage in Bass Coast and, with a growing membership, one truck isn't enough."

The tagline for the benefit is "They've been looking after you, now it's time to look after them" and the community has certainly heard the call.

The CFA needs \$350,000 for the new truck.

Should the brigade successfully receive its \$300,000 Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) grant, it will need to contribute \$50,000 to the overall cost.

A total of \$32,000 has already been raised thanks to the support and sausage sizzles of Bendigo Bank.

The benefit concert will include raffles – with prizes donated by local businesses – and a Lindy Hop demonstration that is sure to get people on their feet.

Four tables are still available, with each table seating 10 people.

There are also general admission tickets still available.

"We've had a fantastic response from the community and massive support from local businesses. It has been really humbling," Captain Cox said.

The fundraising efforts will continue with a Bake-Off Festival on September 29.

This will be an opportunity to rally the community together and sample tasty treats from some of the area's best bakers.

The competition is open to several age groups with four categories available to enter – applications are required.

Local chefs will act as special guest judges on the day to determine the winners.

It will be a family-friendly event with plenty of activities – face painting, a petting zoo, live music, raffles, sausage sizzle and show bags.

"It'll be the last week of the school holidays, so we are hoping to see plenty of locals and holidaymakers coming along. We've had a lot of interest from local bakers so far – it's a great opportunity to promote home cooking," Captain Cox said.

"We would like to thank the community for getting behind this event as well. It's really helped to drive our fundraising efforts.

"We've required a new truck for three years now. It's so important because it will allow us to not only protect our area – Corinella, Coronet Bay and Tenby Point – but also to support Bass, Glen Forbes, Kernot, Grantville and Pioneer Bay."

"It's a huge area, and we've also got the national park, schools and petrol stations to contend with. The profile of the area is changing as well. We are seeing fewer holidaymakers and more permanent residents, and we need the equipment readily available to ensure everyone is safe."

"We would love to have more capabilities to turn out to emergency situations anywhere at any time. The second truck will allow us to have more coverage."

For more information, head to the Corinella Country Fire Authority Facebook page.

Bingo for a cause is on this Saturday

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

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

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

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

As well as bingo, Jayson has ensured an array of raffle prizes and auction items are up for grabs, donated by friends, family, and businesses both local and from further afield – totalling 210 prizes so far.

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

Raffle tickets can be purchased from Jayson on 0447 786 296 or by emailing jays.lymphomafund@gmail.com.

Eyes down for Lymphoma; Jayson Filomeno shares his story to raise awareness.



Todd Sidney All Stars come to Phillip Island Jazz

PHILLIP Island Jazz Club are looking forward to the return of Todd Sidney and his All Stars performing in September. This is where Sarah MacLaine comes to Phillip Island Jazz Club, sits down for the afternoon to enjoy the music and have a relaxing day off. Accompanying Todd will be Dean Addison on bass, Gideon Marcus on drums, and Eric Budd on various brass and woodwinds. Todd is a top line pianist, and he has certainly selected three musos to accompany him that are worthy of the name All Stars. Their experience and skill are undisputed.

Pop along to the Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes on September 15. Entry for our Sunday Jazz is \$20 for Jazz Club Members and \$25 for visitors.

For more information, please ring Robin on 0432 814 407 or Jill on 0417 416 300.

Get ready for MidSumma Festival

GIPPSLAND Pride Festival Day was announced as one of twelve successful projects by Minister for Equality Harriet Shing last week as recipients of the Regional Activation Program of Victoria's Pride, delivered by LGBTIQA+ arts and cultural organisation Midsumma. Recipients will receive funding of up to \$10,000 for projects showcasing regionally based LGBTIQA+ artists, voices and stories.

Victoria's Pride begins in November, with the summer festival culminating in a one-day street party in Melbourne's iconic Gertrude and Smith Street precinct on Sunday, February 9, 2025.

Local Gippslanders can join in a full-day summer event on January 25 at South Gippsland heritage park, which will feature multiple precincts, performances, and activations to celebrate and connect Gippsland's LGBTIQA+ and ally communities.

For more information on Victoria's Pride Regional Activation Program visit midsumma.org.au/regional-activations.

STOCKYARD GALLERY

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Saturday, October 12

6.30pm

Wonthaggi Workmen's Club

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Tickets Ph: 5672 1083

South Coast FM





Phillip Ould from the Lions Club and Craig Schmidt from South East Organic Fertiliser catch up at the sponsor's breakfast. ob23_3724



Peter Fort from Burra Foods and Craig Hoober from Rabobank are both long-time and proud supporters of the Dairy and Farming Expo. ob22_3724



Paul Bonanno and Paul Hurst from Pro Dairy enjoyed catching up with others in the industry at the sponsor's breakfast. ob21_3724



Russell Jones and Denise Lacey were happy to serve sponsors at the Dairy and Farming Expo's annual breakfast. ob20_3724



Arlene Nadonza, Mena Elchagie and Nuri Kim from Global Skilled Employment Solutions were welcoming farmers to have a chat about their employee situation. ob24_3724



Roy Stumke and Frank Hirst were manning the gate for both days of the expo and were happy with how the weather held up this year. ob25_3724



John Van De Burgt, Matt Gray, Jasper Jenniskens and Becky Gray from Poowong Dairy and Hardware savoured the sponsor's breakfast before having to get back to the grind. ob26_3724



Shirley and Wig Burchett were once dairy farmers but have since given it up and moved to Inverloch, which they love, and took a break for a coffee while exploring the expo. ob28_3724



Heath and Jenny from Tooradin came to wander around the expo and see their son who works for Worker Bee Drones, displaying new agricultural technology. ob29_3724

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends around town, at Adult Learners' Week at Bass Coast Adult Learning Centre (BCAL) and the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo.



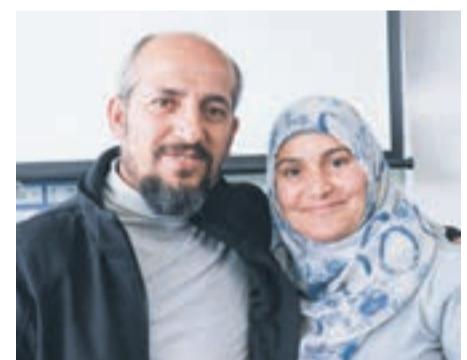
Kath, Morna, Karen and Rosie from the First Aid Tent were on hand and prepared to tackle any mishaps that occurred. ob31_3724



Students Mindy, Xiaoling, Malaya and Thea Mu at BCAL celebrating adult learners' week. Z04_3724



BCAL teacher Anny Bevan, volunteer Kerena McLaren with English teacher Daryl Pellizzer honouring the importance of adult learning. Z05_3724



Students Lukmin and Khadija are learning English as an additional language at BCAL. Z06_3724



BCAL English students Hossam and Iman at the Adult Learners' Week luncheon. Z07_3724



David and Bonny came well prepared for any weather in their matching Driza-Bones and were burning off some energy at the expo. ob30_3724



Ellen Oliver of Churchill and Tom Howard of Boolarra celebrating Tom's ninety-eighth birthday at Inverloch's Paul the Pieman.



Aspiring writer Marion Bowes with author of e-novel 'Jumping off Cliffs' Dilene Hinton at the Wonthaggi Library Writer's Circle.



ADDISON Maree Knight was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on August 17, weighing 3.24kg. She is a daughter for Jordan Knight and Monica Slade of Wonthaggi.



AUSTIN Daniel Thomas was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on August 15, weighing 3.83kg. He is a son for Cameron Thomas and Ashlea Worboys of Wonthaggi.



AMELIE Harlow Allen was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on August 29, weighing 4.1kg. Amelie is a daughter for Jayden Allen and Shara Moody of Wonthaggi, and a sister for Dayah, 2.

Send your birthday, anniversary or baby photos to news@sgst.com.au

• FAITH FACTOR

The Economy of Life

By Rev. Graeme Liersch, Rector, Anglican Parish of Wonthaggi Inverloch

IT WAS reported in the news last week that Australia's GDP growth rate per capita is the lowest since the 1990's at one per cent. Compare this to Ukraine's GDP growth rate in 2022 of -29.1 per cent and the -0.40 per cent GDP growth rate in 2023 of the youngest nation in the World, South Sudan, and our GDP growth rate looks pretty good.

Mind you, Ukraine is currently at war with Russia and South Sudan has their own conflict issues. It is also reported that most South Sudanese people live on subsistence agriculture and the country lacks basic infrastructure such as paved roads, electricity and a reliable water supply.

All is a far cry from what we experience in Australia. At least here we have the basic needs at our disposal; running water, electricity and housing, though we are finding more and more people living it rough. We also have a welfare system that seeks to look after those who are unemployed. It seems that we have little to complain about.

Yet despite these luxuries we, at our food rescue program, are finding more and more people turning up looking for the basic needs in life, including accommodation.

All is quite concerning for those of us who seek to help, and desperate for those in need.

It is becoming more and more apparent that those who have, need to share with those who haven't. Fortunately, the Christian Church's in Wonthaggi/Inverloch are doing their best to share with those in need and in the coming Christmas season we will once again provide food hampers for those who register their need.

If you are one of these people who could do with some help, then approach one of the Christian Churches and we will seek to help you.

But what has this to do with faith and the church?

The bottom line is this: we are born, we live, and we die. We come into the world with nothing and, despite what some people think, we leave with nothing.

The basic premise of life is to live well, care for each other, show unconditional love and honour God. After all it is God who we answer to when we die, and it is God who instituted the 'Welfare System' when the words in Deuteronomy were written down thousands of years ago: There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore, I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land. (Deut 15:11)

Yes, we will always have the poor, and we will also always have God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Please don't turn your back on God and please don't turn your back on those in need.

Have some faith and donate to the Christmas Food Hampers at your local Christian Church, (Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, ACC, Uniting, Salvation Army) in Wonthaggi/Inverloch.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE NEWS ~



MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

THE recent windy weather is another signal of our unpredictable and more frequent changes.

On Wednesday, September 18, 2pm, Milpara is partnering with Red Cross to present an information workshop on being Emergency Ready. Do you know what to look out for and how to respond to unexpected emergencies?

Our Red Cross rep will give helpful tips and advice of being prepared for and how to respond to these occasions. Book in for this free talk by calling Milpara or registering online directly via this link - socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=26612

Thursday, September 12 is RUOK Day's National Day of Action. At 11am, Milpara is

hosting an OK Cuppa morning tea, which is a safe place to gather and have supportive conversations. By having regular, meaningful conversations, you build trust and normalise talking about what's really going on, so people struggling know you're someone they can talk to. We also have a Mental Health Practitioner coming to speak about ADHD Awareness

and mental wellbeing. We invite you to come to this important get-together.

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



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

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

AS A tenant you have rights. Has your rent gone up without notice? Are your repairs not being done? Are there delays in getting your bond returned? Then you can book a Renters' Rights time with a qualified lawyer from Gippsland Community Legal Service to get free and confidential advice. If you would like to find out more look us up on Facebook, go to housingmattersbasscoastwebly.com or email us at HousingMattersBC@gmail.com. To make an appointment please ring us. This service is available on the second Thursday of the month, the next is on this Thursday, September 12 from 3pm to 4pm. These sessions are brought to you by Housing Matters Bass Coast in conjunction with the WNC.

The New Wave Gippsland

Bass Coast is a self-advocacy group that is run by and for people with an intellectual disability and acquired brain injury living in the Bass Coast Area. The group works together to ensure that everyone has the same rights, choices and opportunities as everyone else in the community. They meet every second Thursday from 10am to 11.30pm. It's on this week Thursday, September 12. Call the New Wave Gippsland Bass Coast peer worker Peter Drew on 0439 425 238 or contact the WNC for further contact information.

So, have you sorted what you want to purchase at the Wonthaggi Food Collective? Yes? Good move, it's one of the ways to help you keep your food costs down. For those not in the know, the WFC happens

every second Saturday of the month at Mitchell House, 11am to 1pm. This local group buys food in bulk and then distributes it at a low mark up to its members. Ring Michael Nugent on 0416 039 933 or email him at Wonthaggi-Coop@gmail.com for the stock list and other information.

Just a couple of reminders The Fixit Café is on this Sunday, September 15 at the Harvest Centre, beyond the Big W car park and past the Goods Shed. Have you booked your item in for a possible repair? Bookings are essential, call Mitchell House WNC to book it in. The Café is on from 10am to 12noon. The other is the Bass Coast Parkinson's Support Group. They are meeting on Friday, September 13 from 1pm to 2.30pm. To enrol

contact Fight Parkinson's Vic on 1800 644 189.

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



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



"Kooratong" ocean frontage dairy/grazing

WITH frontage to Foster's Corner Inlet this superb 360-acre property has previously milked around 300 cows. Alternatively, 'Kooratong' would easily convert to an excellent beef fattening/breeding property or equally suited as a dairy turnout and fodder farm.

'Kooratong' comprises 360 acres of heavy-carrying flats with some undulating countryside with black loam, sandy loam and peat soil types, pastures are highly improved with a strong fertiliser history.

Dairy facilities include a 23-swing over herringbone with a 14,000-litre vat capacity and auto feed system.

An extensive central laneway system has access to all 30 plus paddocks and provides convenient access to the dairy and yards. Excellent water supply is guaranteed with two main dams, a well that is interconnected to a header tank system for the dairy and all troughs plus a study plus a reliable high annual rainfall.

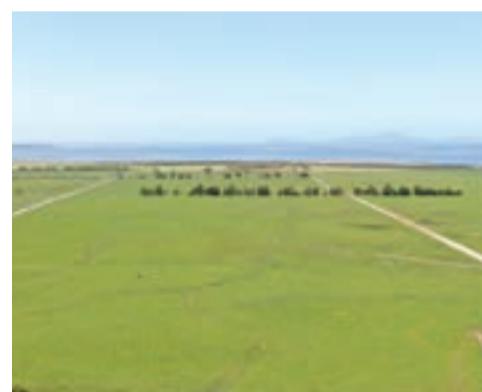
Working improvements include a 23.5x18m steel utility shed plus calving shed, separate calf rearing shed, hay shed, barn and workshop.

There is an older 100-year-old cottage-style home that includes a kitchen, dining area and three bedrooms.

Situated just five minutes from Foster township for all shopping, cafes, schools and services, 30 minutes to Leongatha and Melbourne is a two-hour drive. 'Kooratong' is also on the doorstep of the magnificent Wilsons Promontory National Park and boasts stunning views overlooking the property to Corner Inlet and Wilsons Promontory.

The property is being sold by conjunctural agents Elders Real Estate contact Don Olden on 0417 805 312 or Ben Townsend on 0400 594 487 and Alex Scott contact Andrew Newton on 0402 940 320 or Emily Hillberg on 0422 622 299.

For a Due Diligence Checklist go to: consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligence-checklist



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“Kibby’s Hill” circa 1876 homestead: Sweeping rural views

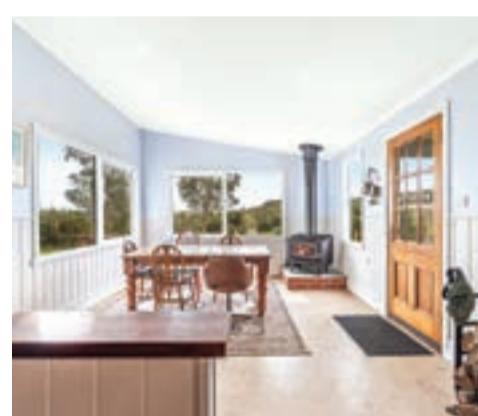
SET high on a hilltop with stunning views in every direction over the surrounding countryside, this superbly restored period residence is a testament to decades of work by the current owners. With approx. 12 acres of lush usable land complete with orchard, vegetable gardens, a separate cottage/studio and exceptional shedding, this truly offers a complete country lifestyle.

Rebuilt from the ground up with a craftsman’s eye for detail and no expense spared, the character filled main residence is packed with period charm. Magnificent ‘Sydney Bluegum’ polished timber flooring features throughout, along with dado paneling, high ceilings, original fireplaces, restored windows and French doors. Filled with light and sited to capture the outlook from every window, the breakfast spot is the perfect entry to the home. A farmhouse kitchen with ‘Rayburn’ wood stove and country style cabinetry adjoins.

Sited in the centre of the home is the generous living room set around the original double hearth with huge chimney, housing both a combustion heater and open fireplace. French doors open to the formal dining room, again north facing to capture spectacular views and natural light. There are two bedrooms plus a large room which can be used as either further bedroom accommodation or as a games room. The period style bathroom includes the laundry facilities and there is a powder room outside.

The separate cottage is an entertainer’s dream with kitchen, bar, dining space and huge multipurpose area with double roller doors opening up to allow space to entertain a crowd. Alternatively ideal as a workshop or studio to work from home. Additional shedding includes a potting shed, boat shed, three-bay machinery shed, garage/workshop with extra height for boats/caravans or hoist. Chook pen, covered stall and tractor storage. This is a property to cherish for generations to come, right in the heart of this picturesque area with the townships of Buffalo and Fish Creek just six minutes away.

Don’t miss out, contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801 to inspect today.



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KARDELLA



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- Generous home on 2 acres
- 5 bed, 2 bath, 2 car
- 12m x 12m Barn Shed
- Low main garden & 3 paddocks

Contact Irene Walker 0429 045 632

\$1,135,000





Stunning family home

WELCOME to 46 Turner Street, North Wonthaggi – a unique family home that offers spacious open plan living and an abundance of features. With four-bedrooms, two-bathrooms, and a double garage, this residential house is perfect for growing families and those who love to entertain.

Step inside and be greeted by the grand entrance. An entertainer's kitchen is a standout feature, complete with a walk-in pantry and ample storage space. The beautiful timber flooring adds a touch of elegance to the home. A second living area is perfect for parents to escape or to enjoy movie nights with the family.

Stay comfortable all year round with ducted heating throughout the property. The undercover alfresco area is ideal for outdoor dining and entertaining, while the second outdoor area/spa room provides a private retreat. With the property being over 1300m² you can be assured that there is plenty of room for relaxation or play in the well-maintained landscaped yards.

One of the highlights of this property is the massive shed with laneway access. Whether you need extra storage space for cars or a workshop for your hobbies, this shed will cater to all your needs. With so many features, this property offers a lifestyle of convenience and comfort. All of this on a double block of over 1300m².

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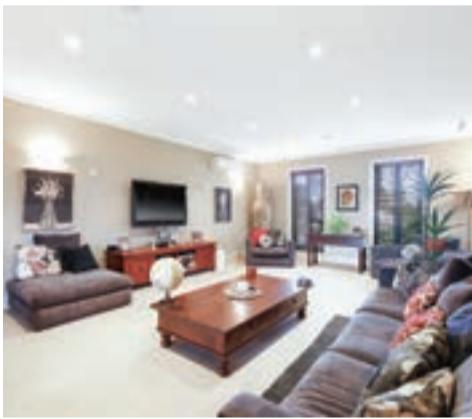
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For Sale \$999,000

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Modern home in sought-after Corinella

THIS beautifully designed four-bedroom, two-bathroom smart wired brick home offers the perfect blend of modern living and stylish comfort. Located in the highly desirable seaside village of Corinella, this property is an entertainer's dream, featuring spacious interiors and a seamless connection to outdoor living.

At the heart of the home is a contemporary kitchen featuring a spacious 900mm gas cooktop and oven, a modern dishwasher, and a walk-in pantry, all finished to a high standard. Beautiful timber flooring flows through the main living areas, while the bedrooms offer soft carpeting underfoot. The master bedroom, complete with a walk-in robe and ensuite, along with the lounge, are both climate-controlled with split system air conditioning, ensuring comfort throughout the year.

A dedicated study or media space provides flexibility for work or leisure. The living area opens up to a large, undercover outdoor space through concertina doors, perfect for entertaining guests or enjoying a quiet evening with the family.

Additional features include Rinnai instant hot water, smart wiring throughout, and a well-proportioned layout that maximizes space and functionality.

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Price pressures amidst mixed conditions

THE Australian hay market is seeing a mix of price drivers as regions across the country face varying conditions. In Victoria and South Australia, while green pastures are visible, the lack of adequate moisture is raising concerns over the production of quality fodder. Many crops in the Wimmera and Mallee regions are struggling due to insufficient rainfall, with some vetch crops being sprayed out for lack of biomass. This has led to further tightening of protein hay supplies, exacerbating already limited availability.

In Gippsland, moderate rainfall and warmer-than-usual temperatures have supported good pasture growth, with many farmers starting silage production. Lucerne silage, as well as ryegrass and clover pasture mixes, are being cut, particularly around Bairnsdale. Dairy farmers, both locally and in the southwest, are eagerly securing these cuts. Conditions have generally been favorable, though high winds have caused some delays in production schedules.

Silage production is strong, and farmers are hopeful for a second spring cut from the same pastures. However, there have been reports of cereal crop damage from high winds in central Gippsland, though many of these crops are expected to recover for either grazing or fodder use.

Despite healthy pastures and the start of silage production, overall hay enquiries in Gippsland remain low. Many farms still have a reasonable supply of conserved fodder from winter, which is reducing demand. However, some demand persists from the southwest, South Australia, and the Bega Valley.

Prices for cereal hay remain steady at \$380 to \$420 per tonne, while lucerne hay also holds at \$460 to \$490 per tonne. Pasture hay and straw have seen slight increases, reflecting tightening supplies in some areas.

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TTMI Leongatha's Service Manager – Andy Matthews, with a technician background and many years' experience in balers of all types; recommends completing these checks to make sure you minimise issues during harvest.

Andy firmly believes that safety always comes first, and you need to check that all the PTO covers are in place and covers for any moving parts are in place and fitted correctly. Other critical areas he recommends checking include:

- Gearbox – The gearbox should be checked for oil leaks and oil level. Ideally the oil would be changed each season and check for wear on the spline. The main drive chain and sprocket also needs to be adjusted to manufacturers recommendations.
- Pick up – Critical checks on the pick-up include checking for missing or broken components, check the drive belt and idler for wear, the cam and
- cam bearing, proper length of tine and that the slip clutch is torqued correctly.
- Wrapping system – For a net wrap system it is important to check roll pressure and net rate as well as the sharpness of the knife and the adjustment of the drive belt.
- Rollers and Belts – These need to be cleaned and checked for wear and bearings checked for tightness and wear. Belts need to be

checked for any tears and excessive wear which may indicate alignment problems. Jak Derrick, TTMI Trafalgar Service Technician also recommends replacing the joiner pins (where applicable) each season.

• Hydraulics – Checking the hydraulics is important to prevent issues of bale density and to ensure the correct operation of gates. Sensors and wiring for

electronics also need to be checked for proper connection and any damage. TTMI is currently running a preseason harvest service program for all hay and silage equipment. The company would like to wish everyone a safe and successful harvest season.

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The team at TTMI Leongatha are here to support the South Gippsland region in Sales, Service and Spare parts throughout the harvest season.

Producing quality silage

By Agriculture Victoria

1. Only lock up pasture that is surplus to requirements

ON MOST farms, pasture growth will generally exceed animal requirements in early to mid-September. However, if paddocks are locked up earlier this may not be detrimental to the nutritive value of the pasture providing the paddock is cut at the appropriate time.

2. Use nitrogen to increase dry matter yield but cut pasture within six weeks of application

Once cutting is delayed beyond six weeks, the quality of the silage declines more rapidly than if no nitrogen is applied and this can result in large quantities of low-quality silage which is often unsuitable to feed cows in the early stage of lactation. By using rates of nitrogen up to 50 kg N/ha, responses of 12 kg DM/ha for every kg N applied, six weeks after application can be produced.

3. Use tedders to increase the drying rate of cut material and so reduce the wilting period

It has been shown the use of tedders benefits both final silage metabolisable energy and crude protein. The length of the wilting period will be dictated by the type of silage to be made, and weather conditions. Given reasonable drying conditions material should be ready for pit silage within 48 hours and for bale silage within 72 hours.

4. Ensile material quickly and seal well

It is important to ensure the material being ensiled is tightly packed into either a pit or the bale and that it is sealed promptly. The ideal dry matter of pasture for pit silage is 30 per cent, any lower and effluent may be a problem and any higher, compaction may be difficult. The dry matter percentage of bale silage should be about 45 – 50 per cent.

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Amy Stark from RFCS said the expo provided a good opportunity to promote RFCS and empower clients, and also to reconnect and connect with others in the industry. ob02_3724



Vicki Nink representing Nutrien Ag Solutions – rural farming supplies and equipment for all seasonal needs including, animal health and management, seed and fertiliser, was catching up with client Mike Holloway. ob04_3724



Andrew Randall from Brandt has farmers covered, with everything from mowers, hay rakes and tedders, right up to a new line of self-propelled forage harvesters. ob50_3724



Krishna Marchenko, Andrew Randall, Jake Peters, Gareth Fox and George Greg from Brandt were happy to be supporting local farmers at the expo. In particular with hay and forage gear, coming into the harvest season, and tractors and other equipment they might need. Brandt also has a new line of John Deere compact construction equipment for farmers. ob18_3724

WITH more specialists getting interested in optimising hay and silage practices and a great deal of development going into machinery, self-propelled forage harvesters have farmers excited.

"The self-propelled forage harvesters, it's an impressive bit of gear," said Andrew Randall from Brandt, Leongatha.

Brandt proudly stocks the new line John Deere 9000 series, which delivers a massive amount of power and has been designed with heavy-duty components for higher horsepower and more throughput than ever before.

And, as the name would suggest, the harvester runs independently without the need for

another machine.

"Normally you would traditionally cut your silage and pick it up with a pickup wagon, cut it off, unload it. Whereas the forage harvester can do it in one hit, you drive up your windrow, chop it, spit it into a chaser bin and you can just reload another bin," explains Andrew.

"It's much more efficient, gets it done quicker and easier, and is better quality. It just speeds up the process."

A sensor also mounts to the top of the discharge spout and takes accurate dry matter and ingredient readings which is the same technology forage labs use. This is just one of the many great features of this new line from John Deere.

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Tom Peters and Gavin Stewart from Chapman Machinery Service were happy to be chatting to local farmers at the expo about their Fendt, Massey Ferguson and Valtra range. ob01_3724



John Main and Eric Davis from CLAAS were happy to be at the expo, catching up face-to-face with clients and supporting the local farming community. ob05_3724



Lachlan Moon and Matt Rice from TTMI were happy to be catching up with clients face to face and proud to be showcasing their Case IH Puma 140, a good all-rounder that boosts to 170 horsepower and is made in Austria. ob08_3724



Penny Johnson, Laura Morris and Marion French from Saputo said it was good to catch up with farmers and they had fun handing out their flavoured milk, Moo, to all the kinder kids who came through. ob09_3724



Graham Cockerell and Katie Glasscock from Need for Feed, which saw two huge deliveries of hay shipped from Port Welshpool to King Island earlier this year, noted they have much work taking place in the South West of Australia currently. To donate fodder or funds go to needforfeed.org/donate. ob013_3724



The Lions Club men who are key organisers of the Dairy and Farming Expo every year for the past twenty five years, back: Dave Mills, John Hutchison, Morris Schwennesen, Cliff Wallis, front: Russell Jones, Joe Green and Alex Miller. ob40_3724

25 year milestone for dairy and farming celebrated

THE DAIRY and Farming Expo was founded by like-minded individuals who envisioned showcasing the latest innovations in technology and farming, and this year they celebrated a 25-year milestone.

The expo was an event created to be a one-stop shop for dairy farmers, where they could get a gauge on new machinery and practices that could make their lives easier.

The Lions Club have been instrumental in bringing the expo to life every year and while the event remains largely focused on dairy farming it has now extended to include agriculture, but has stayed loyal to the key objective of supporting local farmers.

Since it began the Dairy and Farming Expo has raised in excess of \$600,000 for the local community and many of the original Lions Club organisers are still involved today.

These members and sponsors were acknowledged and celebrated during the Sponsors Breakfast held on Thursday morning.

"I just wanted to acknowledge all the Lions in the room, we're standing here 25 years later, a little bit older, but

it's been quite a mammoth effort," said Deanne Kennedy, one of the key organisers of the event for the past 24 years.

"I think in Poowong, we left in 2013, and we're here today and we've been here ever since."

While the event moved from Poowong to Korumburra, many sponsors have supported the event from its beginnings.

Loyal Gold Sponsors are Reid Stockfeeds, Saputo Dairy and Gipps Dairy and from the early days Robobank, Burra Foods, Easy Dairy Automation Systems, Evans Petroleum and the South Gippsland Shire Council.

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New sponsors of the event for 2024 are Vic Silos, Dairy Pumping Systems, NBN local and Lely Centre Gippsland.

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Tim Manders of Browns Fertilisers, who specialise in a wide range of products that are customised for each and every grower with onsite soil testing, said the expo provided a good chance for the crew to put faces to names and have a chat in person. ob012_3724



Brett Charlton from Gendore said the brand new Hustler SM150 Exfeed has many features that will make doing hay and silage much faster, cleaner and easier for farmers. ob011_3724



Trent Lawrence and Jim Hair from DeLaval show the new milking cups that operate with an inflight camera for effective cup attachment, leaving farmers free to do other things. ob44_3724



Peter Fort, Stephen Garnham, Malcolm Garnham, Simon Bonner and Clint Newcombe from Burra Foods welcomed their milk supply partners whilst providing hospitality at the expo. "We're proud to be supporting the 25th year of the Dairy Expo, as sponsors of the event, and we have been for a long time, and it's obviously on our doorstep, so we're proud to be involved with it," said Peter. ob06_3724

New tech and options for milking

DELAVAL, a dairy systems supplier, have developed the world's most flexible milking robots.

Trent Lawrence and Jim Hair from DeLaval were both on hand to explain their newly developed VMS series at the recent Dairy and Farming Expo in Korumburra.

A milking robot from the VMS V300 series offers the best milking process the company have ever created, maximising the economic benefit of every visit cows make to it.

It allows each cow to be milked to her individual need and capacity, meaning each cow reaches their full potential.

"At the moment we've got two farms in Gippsland that are milking, with another one to start, that is under construction," said Trent.

"The V300 is pretty much a system where

cows come in voluntarily to get milked."

The new technology uses an inflight camera, rather than relying on lasers and it has a very effective cup attachment, with less than one per cent incompletes – down from five to ten per cent incompletes.

The product increases milking opportunities on the farm and the cow also spends less time in the stall.

One of the main aims of DeLaval is to seek solutions to optimise cow flow to its most effective and efficient rate.

This product essentially allows farmers to spend more time out on the farm doing what they need to do, rather than spend hours attaching cups.

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A NEW machine from Lely is coming to Australia this October and hosing out manure from sheds may be a thing of the past for farmers.

The Lely Discovery Collector is a vacuum that has been designed to collect manure from shed floors and milking and feeding areas.

It comes with a 70 litre water tank, so when it's driving somewhere and it's dry, the machine will spray water to moisten the area and then vacuum it up.

The collector can hold up to 350 litres of manure, and once full it goes to the dumping station to unload the manure.

It then has the capacity to connect back into the water supply and refill the tank, and after recharging the lithium battery at the wireless station it will go on to keep vacuuming.

It has been designed to charge for 40 per cent of the time and vacuum for 60 per cent.

The robot has two ultrasonic sensors on the side to navigate between and



Andrea Meerwarth from Lely explains how the Lely Discovery Collector can help farmers save time and water and create better cow health by vacuuming manure on a program set by the farmer. ob48_3724

around cows and other infrastructure.

The routes and cleaning frequency can be set and adjusted from a mobile phone.

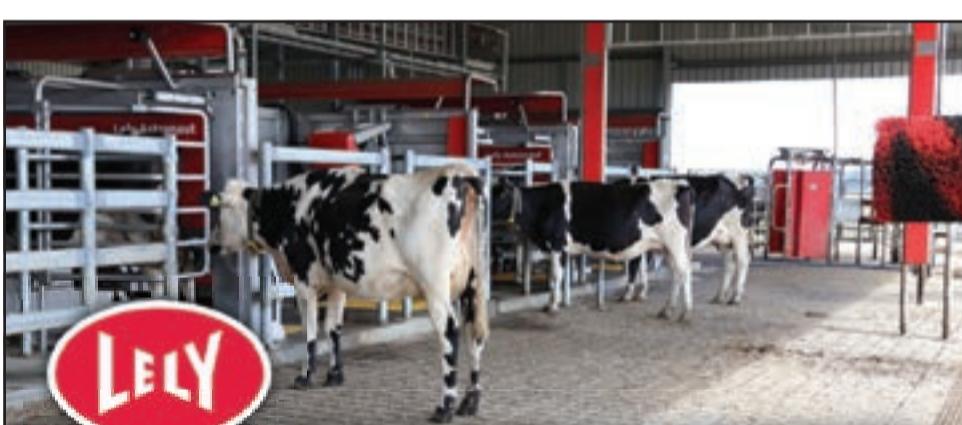
Made in Germany the machine has been in use for a number of years with the first one available soon in Australia.

Andrea Meerwarth from Lely explained that farmers most often use one robot, or more depending on their area and herd size, with a

single robot able to manage up to 120 cows.

"This saves the farmer having to hose out the whole area and also saves them a lot more water," said Andrea.

The benefits include having a cleaner floor, more often, which contributes to clean hooves and clean udders and improved cow health. The Lely Discovering Collector retails for about \$75,000.



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Nigel Braithwaite, a client of G & S Farm Services, with Gus Kirk who specialises in artificial breeding, hay and silage and much more for the season ahead. Gus enjoys the expo as it provides a good meeting place to catch up with clients and others in the industry. ob014_3724



Paul Cox from BioSystems Australia commented that the expo is a great annual event for them as they get a few good leads and can then visit new clients on their farms to undertake assessments. ob17_3724



Warren Evans and Tim Roscoe from Evans Petroleum thanked everyone for coming along to the expo and for coming in for a chat and supporting the local event. ob03_3724



Lisa Marshall, Vidura Delpitiya and Helen Vaughan from Agriculture Victoria have a lot of targeted information for farmers from every sector, with a big focus on biosecurity, biosecurity preparation and building resilience and recovery for agricultural businesses in the event of a disaster and disaster recovery. ob10_3724

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Leader of The Nationals David Littleproud has thrown his support behind a farmer rally in Canberra today.

The Nationals “100 per cent support” National Farmer Rally

THE Nationals will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with hundreds of farmers from across the country on September 10, in an unprecedented rally against the federal government's anti-farming ideology.

Leader of The Nationals David Littleproud said Labor is destroying agriculture and making life impossible for the nation's producers of food and fibre, due to endless cuts to the regions, anti-farming legislation and unnecessary red tape.

“The Nationals 100 per cent support our farmers

attending the National Farmer Rally outside Canberra Parliament House,” Mr Littleproud said in a statement last week.

“This Labor Government has decimated our farming and agriculture industry. It has been over 40 years since farmers last felt so aggrieved to protest against a government.

“It's easy to understand why our farmers are fed up, after being constantly attacked by Labor and its anti-farming policies, from water buybacks to reckless renewables and its senseless phase out of our live sheep export trade.”

The Nationals will demand 10 key changes by Labor:

1. Reinstate the live sheep export trade.
2. Bring back the Agriculture Visa and fix Labor's PALM scheme mess.
3. Stop Labor's water buybacks in the Murray-Darling Basin.
4. Introduce a container levy (so our own farmers don't pay for the biosecurity risk created by international competitors).
5. Reverse Labor's cuts to regional infrastructure.
6. Stop Labor's truckie tax and vehicle efficiency standard.

7. Create a mix of energy, rather than Labor's all-renewables approach, which is destroying agricultural land.

8. Scrap harmful emissions profiles, or Scope 3.

9. Stop Labor's proposed taxes on superannuation, which will impact family farms.

10. Ensure the 88-day backpacker work visa remains in place for the agriculture sector.

“These 10 key areas are crucial to farming, agriculture and regional Australia. The Nationals will not stop fighting until common sense prevails and our farmers get a fair go.”

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King Island Dairy closure to end near century old brand

SAPUTO Dairy Australia (SDA/Saputo) announced it had made the difficult decision to commence the final operating season of King Island Dairy, with the intention of closing the facility and retiring the brand in mid-2025 last week.

In a statement released on September 5, Saputo stated, ‘Over the past 10 months, SDA has sought to maximise value for the business by conducting an intensive review of all commercial and financial alternatives for King Island Dairy, including a potential sale to a third party. SDA's immediate focus will be to work with its valued King Island employees, dairy farmers and the broader King Island community to support them through the transition period.’

According to a spokesperson for Saputo the announcement ‘doesn't impact the Leongatha site’.

Approximately 58 impacted employees were informed of the decision by Saputo ahead of last week's announcement, with Saputo working to identify redeployment opportunities.

Leanne Cutts, President and Chief Operating Officer (International and Europe), Saputo Inc., said the decision had not been taken lightly and after thoroughly reviewing every possible option, closure of the facility was determined as the most viable way to strengthen SDA's competitiveness based on changing industry and market conditions.

“As King Island Dairy's historic roots are deeply embedded

in the region, it was hoped the strategic review would identify a potential buyer for the facility. It is a unique brand, with a plant that is nearly 100 years old and designed to produce hand-made specialty cheeses.

“We have invested more than \$40m in all our Tasmanian operations over the past five years. While our other Tasmanian brands such as Mersey Valley and Tasmanian Heritage are thriving, and King Island Dairy products hold a nostalgic place in the hearts of Australians, the brand has not maintained its position in today's ultra-competitive food industry.

“SDA remains firmly committed to Australia and will continue to invest in North-West Tasmania, as well as our other

operating and supply regions, to deliver on our vision for long-term success here,” Ms Cutts said.

United Workers Union's National Dairy Co-ordinator, Neil Smith followed the announcement stating, “Everything needs to be done now to make sure that hard-working dairy workers... are looked after as much as possible.”

“The greatest hope would be that a buyer could see the value in the cheese and dairy products coming from this unique part of Australia,” stated Mr Smith.

“If a sale can't be achieved, we are happy that the company has already flagged as an option redeployment to Saputo's other businesses, whether they are in Tasmania or in Victoria.”

Australian Milk Production Growth to Slow in 2024/25 Season

According to Rabobank's latest September dairy report, Australian milk production growth is expected to moderate in the upcoming 2024/25 season. Following a robust recovery in the 2023/24 season, which saw production increase by 3.1 per cent, Rabobank forecasts a more modest growth of 1.5 per cent for the next year.

Michael Harvey, Senior Analyst for Dairy and Consumer Foods at Rabobank, attributes the 2023/24 growth to widespread improvements in milk supply across most regions, excluding Western Victoria. New South Wales led the recovery with a 5.3 per cent

increase, contributing to an overall output of 8.4 billion litres, an increase of 249 million litres from the previous season.

“Exports finished the 2023/24 season on a high note,” the report noted, highlighting a one per cent year-over-year increase in total exports. Key drivers of this growth included strong performances in cheese, skim milk powder, and whey, all buoyed by increased milk availability.

However, looking ahead, Rabobank's report predicts a slight slowdown in milk production. “The milk production forecast expects growth again in 2024/25, albeit at a

lower rate. RaboResearch is currently forecasting a 1.5 per cent increase in milk production for the 2024/25 season,” the report states.

New Zealand's milk production, which declined by over one per cent in the last season, is also struggling to regain momentum.

Globally, the dairy market has experienced mixed results in recent weeks. While there have been small gains for products like cheese and whole milk powder, butter and skim milk powder prices saw slight declines. Moreover, Rabobank expects China's dairy import demand to decrease by 12 per cent year-

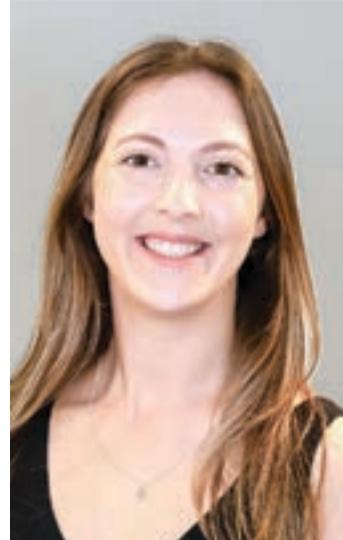
over-year in 2024, marking the third consecutive year of declines.

Local retail channels in Australia posted their first deflation in over three years, driven by promotional activities in the cheese sector.

With challenges such as potential spikes in feed costs and weather risks looming, RaboResearch's analysts remain cautiously optimistic about the global dairy supply. However, they emphasise that stronger US dollar pricing for dairy commodities will likely be necessary to support farmgate milk prices in Australia throughout the 2024/25 season.



Data from calf auto feeders could help to develop an early alert system to identify under-performing calves.



Dr Sarah Legge's PhD research has found that under-performing calves can be identified from day five.

Research identifies under-performing calves

A NEW study has laid the groundwork for developing an early alert system to identify under-performing calves on automatic feeders.

The research, undertaken by Dr Sarah Legge as part of her PhD study with the Dairy Up team at University of Sydney, has found that under-performing calves could be identified from day five in the feeder system.

"The findings provide the basis to develop early alert systems for calves being reared with automatic calf feeders," Dr Legge said.

The study found strong associations between the performance of female dairy calves at weaning and their subsequent performance as lactating animals.

A consistent weaning weight

of about 80 kg/head translated to higher production, especially in lactation one and two, and a longer life in the herd.

The research found up to 60kg variation in weaning weight with automated feeders, despite a very low mortality rate.

A subsequent study looking at the association between weaning weight and future yield and number of lactations in 1400 calves in a NSW dairy herd found that weaning weight was more strongly associated with survival in the herd than birth weight.

"For example, a calf with a weaning weight of 50kg had a 17 per cent likelihood of lasting three or more lactations in the herd, compared with 40 per cent for a calf with a

weaning weight of 100kg," Dr Legge said.

"Weaning weight and cumulative consumption at day five had a significant impact on total lifetime milk production."

Further modelling investigated the effect of pre-weaning factors on removal from the herd, using a dataset from more than 14,000 animals from the same herd.

Dr Legge said birth weight, weaning weight and days in milk significantly influenced the likelihood of a cow being removed, with cows with a lighter weaning weight more likely to be removed from the herd early.

The research arose from a farmer's observation of a relatively large, unexplained variability in the size of calves

at weaning. Despite uniform management and adherence to best practice standards, the farmer was concerned that calves with problems were not always identified early enough for intervention or prevention of issues and was unsure of the impact of this variability on lifetime productivity and profitability.

Dr Legge said the findings were an example of the huge opportunity to use data from modern technologies such as automated calf feeders to improve farm management.

"On-farm records and the automatic feeders provided a rich data set including birth dates, weights at various ages, health indicators and feed intake," she added.

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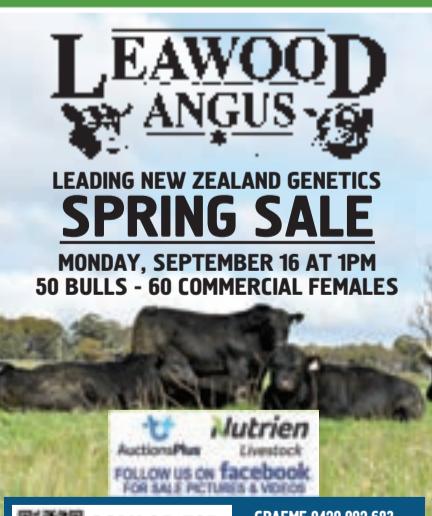
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MARKET REPORT

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Successful start to split agents store sales

By SGSA

LAST Thursday's VLE Leongatha store sale was the first of the new look weekly split store sales with Elders, Alex Scott & Staff, ES&B and Baw Baw Livestock going up first and yarding 3500 head in a very good quality offering which was well supported by a good attendance of regular feedlot and processor buyers operating strongly in a generally dearer market. With the wild windy weather finally easing and another handy drop of rain, local graziers kicked up the pace and competed strongly against feedlot orders on the heavier and medium weighted cattle.

The weaners attracted increased competition with plenty wanting to get cattle in the paddock as the season locally bounds away.

Xbred and dairy types were well supported to be firm with some sales dearer for some quality types.

Next week's sale will be PHC, SEJ and Nutrien with approx. 4000 head.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024

Grown Steers

DB & J Finlay 15 MG	663kg	\$3.46	\$2300
S Bridger 17 Angus	524kg	\$4.38	\$2300
W Lieshout 20 Angus	513kg	\$4.46	\$2290
S Bridger 12 Angus	505kg	\$4.35	\$2200
W Lieshout 18 Angus	489kg	\$4.47	\$2190
FW Powell 18 Angus	479kg	\$4.30	\$2060
S Bridger 10 Angus	459kg	\$4.20	\$1930
M & M Triantafyllou 10 Angus	442kg	\$4.32	\$1910
Nethercote Trading 14 Angus	428kg	\$4.08	\$1750
E & K Triantafyllou 11 Angus	421kg	\$4.29	\$1810
FW Powell 17 Angus	418kg	\$4.18	\$1750
Nethercote Trading 14 Angus	390kg	\$4.10	\$1600

Weaners Steers

Eddington Holdings 21 Ang	423kg	\$4.60	\$1950
Watergrass Ang 25 Angus	409kg	\$4.44	\$1820
B&S Phillips 22 Angus	375kg	\$4.80	\$1800
DR & J Osment 15 Angus	373kg	\$4.18	\$1560
A & J Gerrard 20 Angus	361kg	\$4.70	\$1700
JCM Farms 14 Angus	358kg	\$4.32	\$1550
Amber Parker 15 Angus	339kg	\$4.12	\$1400
Allnutt Family 13 Angus	333kg	\$4.23	\$1410
T Smith 15 Angus	325kg	\$4.00	\$1300
A & J Gerrard 21 Angus	322kg	\$4.31	\$1390
Harris Farm 22 Angus	321kg	\$4.04	\$1300
CL & NL Guy 13 Angus	321kg	\$3.89	\$1250
P Evans 16 Angus	319kg	\$4.42	\$1410
Seaton View 11 Angus	309kg	\$4.07	\$1260
Harris Farm 22 Angus	299kg	\$4.44	\$1330
Harris Farm 21 Angus	282kg	\$4.50	\$1270
A & J Gerrard 25 Angus	276kg	\$4.56	\$1260
N Parke 18 Angus	231kg	\$5.15	\$1190
Boxbank Pastoral 12 Spek	214kg	\$2.71	\$580

Heifers

M&M Triantafyllou 14 Angus	382kg	\$3.40	\$1300
Eddington Holdings 16 Angus	330kg	\$3.87	\$1280
Amber Parker 24 Angus	321kg	\$3.64	\$1170
T Smith 18 Angus	321kg	\$3.70	\$1190
CL & NL Guy 14 Angus	306kg	\$3.13	\$960
Seaton View 14 Angus x	301kg	\$2.95	\$890
Allnutt Family 20 Angus	293kg	\$3.13	\$920
T Smith 18 Angus	280kg	\$3.07	\$860
H & D Dodd 20 Spek	247kg	\$2.71	\$670
Boxbank Pastoral 16 Spek	212kg	\$2.68	\$570
AJ Panetta 10 Angus	220kg	\$2.27	\$500

Xbred & Dairy Steers

Seaton View 20 Angus/FF	363kg	\$3.38	\$1230
AG & AM Eldridge 17 Hfd/FF	349kg	\$3.00	\$1050
Seaton View 24 Angus/FF	346kg	\$2.45	\$850
Seaton View 21 Angus/FF	337kg	\$3.53	\$1190
Seaton View 23 Angus/FF	318kg	\$2.04	\$650
Seaton View 21 Angus/FF	314kg	\$3.18	\$1000
I & K Birch 12 Angus/FF	296kg	\$3.71	\$1100
JK & KP Kirk 20 Angus/FF	282kg	\$3.15	\$890
H & R Need 14 Fresian	491kg	\$2.60	\$1280
B & A Damschke 10 Fresian	462kg	\$2.94	\$1360
Y Warren 18 Fresian	412kg	\$2.54	\$1050
Y Warren 17 Fresian	363kg	\$2.25	\$820

Xbred & Dairy Heifers

Seaton View 23 Angus/FF	290kg	\$3.34	\$970
Seaton View 23 Angus/FF	283kg	\$3.42	\$970
JK & KP Kirk 19 Angus/FF	270kg	\$2.48	\$670

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, September 2, 2024

Jersey & Jersey x	.....	\$15 to \$35
Friesian Bulls	.....	\$20 to \$50
Friesian Heifers	.....	\$33 to \$45
Beef Bulls	.....	\$46 to \$200
Beef Heifers	.....	\$32 to \$80
Number of Calves: 383		
Number purchased to rear: 150		

New records set in global beef markets



RaboResearch senior animal proteins analyst Angus Gidley-Baird.

THE first half of 2024 was stronger than had been expected in global beef markets, with record production, export and import volumes in certain key countries. Rabobank says its recently released Global Beef Quarterly.

Meanwhile, Australian beef production has remained high and exports hit new records as cattle prices have started to lift, the agribusiness banking specialist says in the quarter three report.

Report lead author, RaboResearch senior animal proteins analyst Angus Gidley-Baird said beef markets had seen record production and exports in Brazil in quarter two, while China had a record volume of imports in the first half of the year. Production volumes in the United States were higher than expected and prices in Europe had remained "remarkably strong".

Looking forward, the report says, beef markets are waiting for signals of what is expected to unfold – most significantly a contraction in US production, improved cattle prices in Brazil and a possible reduction in consumption in the US following both the end of summer grilling season and persistent high beef prices.

Cattle prices continue on different trajectories across markets, with North American prices remaining at elevated levels and southern hemisphere prices – while still at significantly lower levels than the US – showing some signs of life, although Brazil's prices have drifted lower.

Global production

Global beef production looks set to lift slightly in quarter four compared with quarter three, before falling into 2025, Rabobank says.

"Year on year though, higher production volumes in Australia expected in quarter four 2024 (up four per cent on quarter three 2023) do not offset declines in Europe (- one per cent), New Zealand (- seven per cent), Brazil (- three per cent), the US (- five per cent) and China (- two per cent)," Mr Gidley-Baird said.

Notwithstanding these declines, global beef production in quarter four is still expected to be 3.8 per cent higher than the 10-year average.

"We then expect it will contract, mainly due to lower production volumes in the US and Brazil," Mr Gidley-Baird said.

Changing face of Chinese consumption

China – the world's largest beef importer, taking 34.6 per cent of total global trade in 2023 – has dominated global markets for the past five years, the report says.

compared with other meats, making imported beef easily distributed through retail channels," Mr Gidley-Baird said.

"Imported beef has a cost advantage, while locally produced beef meets specific needs for fresh meat, such as hot pot in southern China."

The current trend for 'value for money' in China gave South American beef suppliers a clear competitive advantage in low to medium-end markets, while products from Australia and the US held a position in medium to high-end markets, he said, although all producers were currently seeing lower prices than a year ago.

Australia

Production volumes and exports remain strong for Australian beef, the report says.

Seasonal conditions continue to be favourable in most cattle-producing areas of the country, Mr Gidley-Baird said.

"Dry conditions in southern areas in the first half of the year have limited the numbers of heavy finished grass-fed cattle, but good seasonal conditions in the north continue to support high slaughter numbers," he said. "Weekly Australian cattle slaughter numbers remain around 140,000 head per week, up 20 per cent on the five-year average. Given our expectations for the number of cattle in the system, we believe slaughter numbers will continue at these rates into the latter part of the year."

The report says Australian beef export volumes in July this year (of 129,998 metric tonnes swt) were the largest volumes ever exported, passing previous peaks in 2019 and 2015.

Mr Gidley-Baird said Australian beef export volumes to the US for July 2024 were the highest since December 2015 and to Japan, the highest since March 2020. However volumes to China were down.

The report said Australian cattle prices rose sharply in July, particularly finished steer and cow prices, which lifted 15 per cent and 32 per cent respectively in the month. "Prices have since levelled off a little, but remain on an upward trajectory," Mr Gidley-Baird said.

If US import prices peaked again in quarter four – as was a typical pattern – Rabobank would expect to see Australian cow and finished steer prices creep up further.

"However, the continuing high volumes of cattle in the market and what we believe to be a steady state of high cattle inventory leads us to expect that restocker/young cattle prices will remain firm, but not see as much upside," he said.

A dual beef opportunity

By Matt Dalgleish, episode3

THE rise of a premium branded beef sector in Australia that focuses on grass-finished cattle as opposed to traditional grain-finished beef, with high Intramuscular Fat (IMF) marbling is increasingly significant. This emerging sector is primarily driven by consumer demand for lower carbon footprint products, as well as a growing interest in organic, regenerative, and sustainably labelled beef. The Australian beef industry is presented with a unique opportunity to maintain its existing dominance in premium branded grain-fed beef in traditional export markets while simultaneously tapping into the rising demand for premium grass-fed beef in an emerging consumer segment. The ability to balance these two distinct market segments is a testament to Australia's diversified agricultural capabilities and its adaptability to shifting global consumer preferences.

Historically, Australia has been a significant player in the production and export of grain-fed beef, particularly to key markets in Asia, including Japan, South Korea, and China. These countries have long favoured grain-fed beef for its rich marbling, tenderness, and consistent quality, attributes that are highly valued in their culinary traditions. Australian grain-fed beef, produced in feedlots with controlled diets, caters to these preferences and competes successfully against US beef in these key Asian markets. The ongoing demand for this type of beef ensures that Australia continues to enjoy a stable and lucrative market share within these traditional export markets.

Man busted hunting illegally

GMA Authorised Officers and Victoria Police recently conducted night patrols in East Gippsland.

A Briagolong man was intercepted and found to be in possession of a spotlight, an unsecured firearm and ammunition in recognised deer habitat at night.

Further investigations at the man's property determined the man was also in possession of a Hog Deer head without tags and is alleged to have been deer hunting while unlicensed. Several items were seized including a firearm, ammunition, hunting equipment and Hog Deer head. A further investigation is underway.

It is an offence to hunt game without a valid Game Licence. When travelling through recognised deer habitat at night, spotlights (including thermal devices) must not be in use and firearms and ammunition must be stored securely and separately.

To report illegal hunting to the GMA, visit: shorturl.at/Z3DLq or call 136 186.



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35 Angus steers, 14-15 mths, Fernleigh Blood
A/c Latrobe Park Angus, Morwell (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 16-17 mths, Latrobe Park blood, VB, GF & ABF
A/c B Woolfe, Flynn (NUTRIEN)
27 Angus & BB steers, 20 mths
A/c M&J Elliott "Glencairn", Licola (SEJ)
22 Angus steers, 14-15 mths, VB, GF
A/c Jackson Pastoral, Cowhaar (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, By Pathfinder & Texas Bulls, MSA & NE Accred, VB, GF, forward condition
A/c Tonsan Nominees, Fish Creek (SEJ)
20 Angus steers, 18 mths, Harris Farms blood
A/c Melaleuca Pastoral Trust, Ruby (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 16 mths
A/c Bedad P/L, Thorpdale (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 14-16 mths, Jarobee blood
A/c Thexton Farms, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 14 mths, East Gippsland Bred
A/c H,R,T & C Perrett, Kongwak (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 2yo
A/c J Flint, Willung (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 16 mths
A/c J Daraio, Cardinia (SEJ)
15 Angus steers, 18 mths, VB, AB, GF, Te Mania blood
A/c G Mackay, Cobains (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 15-16 mths
A/c D&S Burns, Ryanston (SEJ)
15 Angus steers, 14-15 mths, VB, GF
A/c P & T Harris, Berrys Creek (NUTRIEN)
12 AA & BB steers, 18 mths
A/c "Peedamulla", Tarwin (SEJ)
12 Angus Hereford X steers, 14-15 mths
A/c A & B Wilkin, Mirboo (NUTRIEN)
11 MG steers, 14-15 mths
A/c D & L Meyer, Fish Creek (SEJ)
10 Angus steers, 18 mths, weaned, VB, GF & ABF, Greenhams NE Accred, Dunoon blood
A/c Miao Brothers, Toora (SEJ)
10 Hereford Angus X steers, 20 mths

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c J MacLachlan P/L (NUTRIEN)
"Glencoe Angus"
Property Sold - Offering potential breeders
80 Angus heifers, 16-17 mths, By Top Nz & Banquet Bulls, NE Accred
A/c Von Pace Pastoral, Giffard (NUTRIEN)
70 Angus & Angus Hereford X heifers, 16-20 mths, By Leewood Bulls
A/c J Flint, Willung (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus heifers, 16 mths

A/c Bowka Pastoral, Nerrena (SEJ)

15 Angus heifers, 16 mths, Leewood blood, GF, ABF
A/c M & D McCaughan, Pound Creek (SEJ)
14 Angus heifers, 16 mths
A/c RE & ME Pendergast, Benambra (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus, Hereford & BB heifers, 16 mths, Mawarra & Sparta blood

ANGUS WEANERS

A/c Two Creeks Pastoral Co (NUTRIEN)
150 Angus steers, 10 mths
150 Angus heifers, 10 mths
Scotts Angus blood, weaned & vacc. VB, GF & ABF
A/c A.G Landy, Walkerville (SEJ)
120 Angus & Hereford Angus X steers
150 Angus & Hereford Angus X heifers
10-12 mths, weaned, By Al Landfall New Ground & Temania Bulls
A/c Tarwin Pastoral (NUTRIEN)
102 Angus steers
113 Angus heifers
10-11 mths, Merdeduke Sires
A/c A & L Dunkley, Yarram (NUTRIEN)
100 Angus mixed sex, 10-12 mths
A/c JW Dunbar, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus steers, 10-12 mths
50 Angus heifers, 10-12 mths
Leewood & Absolute Angus blood
A/c Kuch Grazing, Darriman (NUTRIEN)
100 Angus heifers, 12 mths, Landfall blood, weaned, NE Accred, MHR & IBR vacc, VB, EU Accred
A/c G & H Foat, Woodside (NUTRIEN)
60 Angus steers
30 Angus heifers
10-12 mths
A/c R & J Davies, Jack River (NUTRIEN)
80 Angus mixed sex, 10-12 mths
A/c T Armstrong & S White, Johnsonville (NUTRIEN)
60 Angus mixed sex, 10-12 mths, drenched, weaned, Tabletop blood
A/c G & B Morrison, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 12-14 mths
30 Angus heifers, 12-14 mths
Bowman blood
A/c R & K Telling, Woodside (PHC)
50 Angus heifers, (Complete Drop) 13-14 mths, Innesdale & Pinora blood, NSM
A/c SJC Farms, Thorpdale (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus heifers, 12-14 mths, weaned, Leewood & Absolute Angus bred
A/c AC & RA Bowman, Rosedale (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 12-13 mths, Pinora blood
A/c JT Fleming, Perry Bridge (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 10-12 mths
A/c B & D Harrison, Dumbalk Nth (PHC)
40 Angus steers, 10-12 mths, Fernleigh blood, weaned 12 weeks, NE Accred
A/c O'Loughlin Farms, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 10-11 mths, Kunuma blood, weaned
A/c AW & CM O'Mara, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus mixed sex, 10-12 mths, Leewood & Te Mania blood
A/c North Side Pastoral, Inverloch (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus steers, 12 mths
28 Angus heifers 12 mths
A/c B Dungey, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus mixed sex, 10-12 mths

A/c Treevalley, Koonwarra (SEJ)

14 Angus steers, 12 mths
20 Angus heifers, 12 mths
Weaned, 7in1, Acumin & Vetmec 24/8/24, By Hazeldean Angus Bulls

A/c Annfield (NUTRIEN)

30 Angus steers, 12-13 mths, Millah Murrah, Hazeldean & Battersby blood, NE Accred

A/c Katelea Pastoral, Glen Alvie (SEJ)

28 Angus heifers, 10-12 mths, Banquet & Rennylea Sires, VB, GF, ABF

A/c J & R Mowat, Stradbroke (NUTRIEN)

25 Angus steers, 13-14 mths, Pinora blood

A/c CA Christensen, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)

25 Angus mixed sex weaners, 12 mths, Merlewood blood

A/c R & C Donat, Wonthaggi (NUTRIEN)

25 Angus heifers, 12 mths

A/c A & J Scicluna, Stratford (NUTRIEN)

15 Angus steers

10 Angus heifers

9-10 mths

A/c Billy Creek Cattle Co, Yinnar (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus mixed sex, 14 mths

A/c C & G White, Foster (SEJ)

20 Angus steer weaners, weaned, Banquet blood, VB, GF, ABF

A/c D Cameron, Bushy Park (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, Sparta blood, NE Accred.

A/c Doonagatha, Sandy Point (SEJ)

20 Angus steers, 12-13 mths, Harris Farm blood, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred, extremely quiet

A/c P & T Harris, Berrys Creek (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 10-12 mths

A/c Burwood Hills P/L, Stradbroke (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 12-13 mths, Leewood blood

A/c A&H Gray, Maffra (SEJ)

20 Angus & Angus Hereford X mixed sex, 10-12 mths, VB, GF, ABF, weaned 6 weeks

A/c D & H Campbell, Mardan (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus heifers, 11-12 mths, weaned, By Innesdale Bulls

A/c A,B,D & K Scott, Inverloch (PHC)

20 Angus heifers, 10 mths, Banquet blood

A/c P & T Dowsett, Stradbroke (NUTRIEN)

15 Angus steers, 13-14 mths

A/c Alkira Angus, Leongatha Sth (NUTRIEN)

15 Angus steers, 12 mths, weaned, GF & ABF, NE Accred, Dectomax & Lice Drenched 20/8

A/c P Sutton, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)

12 Angus steers

3 Angus heifers

14 mths

A/c J & D Elliott, Stony Creek (SEJ)

14 Angus mixed sex, 10-11 mths

A/c AM Rizza, Caldermeade (NUTRIEN)

12 Angus steers, 11-12 mths, weaned, Kunuma blood

A/c M O'Brien, Cowwarr (NUTRIEN)

11 Angus steers, 12 mths

A/c JT & P Fleming, 'Mertonvale ' Willung (NUTRIEN)

10 Angus steers, 11-12 mths, Rosken blood

A/c D & L Christensen, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)

10 Angus mixed sex weaners, 12 mths, Merlewood blood

A/c D & L Meyer, Fish Creek (SEJ)

10 Angus steers, 6-7 mths, weaned, VB, GF & ABF, Greenhams NE Accred, Dunoon blood

COLOURED WEANERS

A/c J Derham, Flynn (NUTRIEN)

15 Hereford steers

30 Hereford heifers

14 mths

A/c Keenage Pastoral Co, Alberton (NUTRIEN)

40 Hereford & BB steers, 14 mths

A/c Ponderosa Herefords, Meenyan (NUTRIEN)

40 Hereford steers, 12 mths, Yallaroo bloodlines, NE Accred

A/c Mrs C Jeffrey, Driffield (NUTRIEN)

40 BB mixed sex, 10-12 mths

A/c Whelan's Run (NUTRIEN)

30 Hereford mixed sex, 10 mths

A/c G & L Simmons, Woodside (PHC)

20 Hereford mixed sexes, 10-12 mths, Karoonda blood, weaned

A/c Tablelands Pastoral, Boisdale (PHC)

20 Hereford steers, 12 mths, Mawarra blood, weaned

A/c R & D Robertson, Alberton (PHC)

14 Hereford steers, 12 mths, "Tablelands" bred, Mawarra blood

A/c P Mattern, Alberton (NUTRIEN)

8 Charo steers

6 Charo heifers

12 mths

A/c R & S Irvin, Mirboo (NUTRIEN)

9 Hereford steers, 12 mths

A/c JT & P Fleming, 'Mertonvale ' Willung (NUTRIEN)

5 Hereford steers, 13-14 mths, Mawarra blood

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A/c J Macaulay, Jack River (NUTRIEN)

23 BB steers, 18 mths

15 Friesian steers, 18 mths

A/c C & M Earles, Yarram (NUTRIEN)

7 X bred steers

10 X bred heifers

12 mths

A/c P Van Heerwaarden, Bena (NUTRIEN)

15 Limo X steers, 16 mths

A/c A & L Oats, Woolamai (NUTRIEN)

14 Angus X mixed sex calves, 8-10 mths

A/c M & T Verboon, Wonthaggi (NUTRIEN)

12 Angus Friesian X steers, 10-12 mths, bucket reared

A/c C Monteleone, Trafalgar (NUTRIEN)

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DEATHS

DEMPSTER
(nee Bailey),
Mary Elizabeth:
Of Korumburra and
previously Springvale
and East Brighton.
Passed away
peacefully on
Monday September 2,
aged 82 years.
Beloved wife of Bob
for 58 years.
Daughter of Fred and
Mary Bailey
(both dec.).
Loving mother and
mother-in-law of Kris
and Dave, Jo and
Brendan, Anthony and
Kim, Libby and Sac,
Phill and Ali,
Ness and Chris.
Nanny to so many.
*Forever in
our Hearts.*

The family would like to
thank the staff at the
Korumburra and
Leongatha Hospitals
for their exceptional
care over the last 6
months.

DEMPSTER, Mary:
Our beautiful mum now
at peace.
Thankyou for
everything you have
done for us and our
Whanau.
Love Ness and Chris.
Sweet dreams.

DEATHS

DUNLOP,
Stuart:
13.05.1930 - 02.09.2024.
Resting peacefully.
Stuart is survived by
his wife Joan.
Father and father-in-
law of Wayne (dec.)
and Sheryl, Jennifer
(dec.), Michael (dec.)
and Sonia, Debra
and Lee.

Pop of Peter and
Katrina, Nathan and
Tegan, Christopher
(dec.), Shane and
Teagan, Lisa, Troy and
Mel, Aidan and Ruby.

Great granddad to
Ravi, Tage, Indie,
Aliysha, Makayla,
Annabella, Sebastian,
Ruby, Reef, Kalani,
Ziggy, Rylan, Avery,
Marcus, and Alyra.

DUNLOP,
Stuart:
13.05.1930 - 02.09.2024.
Pop, great granddad, a
legend in our eyes,
you will be sadly
missed.

Love you.
-- Peter, Katrina,
and Aliysha.
**Fly high, lived and
enjoyed life.**

DUNLOP,
Stuart:
'REST EASY POP'
A life full of adventures,
endless weekends of
fishing.
You will always be in
our hearts.
Love Shane, Teagan,
Makayla, Kalani, and
Rylan.

DEATHS

IRELAND,
Sam:
Late of Dalyston/
Kyabram.
Passed away August
29, 2024.
Aged 89.
Ex Captain Dalyston
Fire Brigade.

JOYCE, Ron:
11.02.1941 - 24.08.2024.
Devoted loving
husband and best mate
to Nancy.
Much loved dad to Neil
and Liza.
He will never be
forgotten.

Very special memories.
**Forever in
our Hearts.**

PAGE,
Gregory Alan:
29.10.1938 - 01.09.2024.
(formerly of Wonthaggi).
Ron's burial was held
on Tuesday Sept. 3

PAGE,
Gregory Alan:
29.10.1938 - 01.09.2024.
Eldest son of Alan and
Alice Page (both dec.).
Eldest brother of
Dorothy (dec.), Carol,
Margaret (dec.),
Colleen, and Kevin.
Father of Bradley and
Lisa, father-in-law of
Linda and David.
Grandfather of 5, great
grandfather of 2.
Treasured memories.
Now at peace.

DEATHS

PAGE,
Gregory:
Dad passed away
peacefully on
September 1, 2024,
aged 85 years. Loving
father of Brad and
father-in-law of Linda.
Adored grandfather of
Alison (partner Max),
Jason and Emma and
great grandfather of
Huxley.

Dad with his creative
and inventive flair
accomplished many
projects but was
always thinking about
the next venture to
work on.

Dad always asked
about and supported
our family even in
declining health.

PAGE,
Gregory Alan:
29.10.1938 - 01.09.2024.
Eldest son of Alan and
Alice Page (both dec.).
Dear eldest brother of
Colleen (nee Page)
and Mike Touzel.
Much loved uncle to
Denise Rae and
Sharon Grace, friend
of Tom and Scott.

Your journey in life was
like no other, you
should have written
that book; it would
have been a best
seller.

I will think of you every
time I pick up a paint
brush.

Time to rest and be
with those you love.

DEATHS

PAGE,
Gregory Alan:
Someone who loved a
challenge.

Lovingly missed by
Kevin, Wendy, Cheryl,
Matthew, Stuart, Kate,
Millie, and George.

SHAW,
Trevor John:
18.10.1948 - 25.08.2024.
Loved husband of
Linda.

Loving father of
Georgia, Bryn, Aaron,
Ethan, Coulter and
Jessica, and partners.

Loving granddad.
Stepfather to Justin,
Adrian and Travis and
partners, and loving
gramps.

**Now with his
heavenly father.**

SUTTON,
John:
16.01.1934 - 31.08.2024.
Highly respected
teacher, colleague,
leader, and friend to
students, and staff at
Wonthaggi Technical
School. His
commitment to an
inclusive education, a
curriculum designed to
foster success was a
major catalyst in
formative years of the
Wonthaggi Secondary
College,
"I Have a Dream..."
His sense of humour,
gentle, considerate,
and encouraging
leadership will long be
appreciated and
remembered.

Sincere condolences
to Jillian, Luke, Karen,
Peter, David,
and families.

Rest in peace.
IW, SH, LA, MG, PF,
CL, The Lunch Group.

ZANELLA,
Roberto (Bert):
06.04.1928 - 31.08.2024.
Dearly loved brother of
Antonietta, and
brother-in-law of
Augusto (dec.).
Loved zio of - Giuliano
and Debbie, Livio and
Cindy, Diana and Paul.
Fond great-uncle and
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to all his nieces and
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Riposi In Pace.

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SPORTS



Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve, CEO Greg Box and council officers gathered with the club and club representatives Steve Bray and Barbara Oats to celebrate the importance of accessible community spaces.

New accessible facilities for Corinella Bowls

BASS Coast Shire Council is excited to announce the completion of new toilet facilities, including DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) compliant access, at the Corinella Bowling Club. The project, fully funded by Council at \$428,000, is part of an initiative to renew community facilities across the Bass Coast Shire to ensure they are inclusive and accessible to all. These projects are vital for fostering social health and well-being for all residents.

The upgrade included the demolition of part of the existing building and extending the floor area to accommodate the new facilities.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Clare Le Serve, CEO Greg Box and Council Officers involved in delivering this project of the new facilities officially handed over the project to club representatives Steve Bray and Barbara Oats, as well as a contingent of members who were excited to be able to enjoy their new space.

Mayor Le Serve highlighted the importance of accessible community spaces, stating, "This upgrade not only improves the facilities at the Corinella Bowling Club but also reflects our commitment to creating inclusive, welcoming environments for all members of our community."

The Corinella Bowling Club is an ideal place to enjoy the healthy seaside air while participating in the wonderful and popular sport of lawn bowls. The club welcomes new members of all ages, including juniors and seniors, and provides opportunities for both social and competitive bowls in a friendly and relaxed environment.

For those interested in getting involved, whether as a member or a visitor, the Corinella Bowling Club Inc is ready to welcome you and experience their community spirit and upgraded facilities.



Men winner's Grant Bayliss, Angus Ricardo, Jaime Ricardo, and Jason Driscoll.

Country Teams fundraising Ambrose day

SOUTH Gippsland Golf Association held their Country Teams fundraising Ambrose day at Wonthaggi on Sunday. The blustery winds returned and blew all day and add the soft, wet course every player faced a challenging day.

The organisers were delighted to have a large field of 21 teams of either men, women or mixed combinations. Ambrose usually means some low scores and the Men's winners from Ranfurlie of Grant Baylis, Angus and Jaime Ricardo and Jason Driscoll certainly proved this with a great 57(2)55 net.

The Mixed combination winners were a team from Wonthaggi Craig

Harvey, Wendy Cross, Steve Brann and Layla Robertson 59.625 net. The Women team winners were Meeniyan team Andrea Thorson, Irene Holm, Tanya Thorson, Susan Straw 67.875 net.

NTP Ladies eighth Debbie Wrigley (Korumburra), 17th Kaylene Hodgetts (Wonthaggi). NTP Men second Ben Fisher (Korumburra), 13th Jason Driscoll (Ranfurlie).

Country Week 2024 will be played from Monday, September 30 to Wednesday, October 2. The funds raised today will be used to support the Men's and Women's teams.



Ladies' winners Tanya Thorson, Andrea Thorson, Irene Holm, and Susan Straw.

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SGB swimmers enjoy success at Victorian Age Championships

THE South Gippsland Bass swimmers blew away the competition at the Victorian Age Championships held on September 6-8 at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre.

The event drew the best 12-17-year-old swimmers from throughout Victoria and included some national-level swimmers from NSW and the Northern Territory.

With 36 competing swimmers, who had swum qualifying times, this was the largest team ever sent by South Gippsland Bass (SGB) to the championships.

In a competition, normally dominated by large Melbourne clubs, SGB was noticeable in the finals with several swimmers finishing top 10 in their event or being emergencies and qualifying to compete.

Those not swimming in finals came along to support their teammate's racing and there were great celebrations with each swim, especially when they came home with top three placings and medals.

It was a hectic weekend for the coaches with two race pools going at the same time as well as warm-up, but the coaches took it in their stride.

Coach Dylan was thrilled with their efforts, especially given the disruption this week due to the loss of power at the Leongatha pool, which prevented many from training.

"They are all coming out with (personal bests) and improved results," he said.

"The hard work they have put in over the winter months has paid off and their smiles



South Gippsland Bass swimmers relaxed post-race at the Victorian Age Championships.

post-race and little celebrations in the lane shows me how proud they are of their efforts.

"Their efforts to compete over the three days, continuing to PB and with so many finalists and medallists in the last evening, is a credit to the swimmers and their determination. The support they have got from their families and fellow swimmers, not just here but watching at home on the live feed over the weekend has enabled them to do their best."

All 36 swimmers competing were Bec Barclay, Max Brocklesby, Rex Brocklesby, Asha Chalmers, Nyah Chapman, Gemma Cook, Claudia Croatto, Bel Croatto, Emily Croatto, Molly Detburn, Billy Fisher, Maggie Fisher, Cormac Flynn, Lachie Grimes, Josh Hunt, Sienna Hunt, Holly Hurst, Levi Jarrett, Hannah Lucas, Isabella Lynch, Rahni

Matheson, Tayah Matheson, Neka McKenzie, Lacey McRae, Ruby McRae, Hugh Munro, Brooklyn Packer, Maddison Pocklington, Cooper Quaife, Miah Roberts, Jemma Rump, Zac Sherar, Will Simmons, Jarrah Tagell and Jedda Tagell.

The club finished 14th overall out of the 95 clubs competing – an outstanding effort when you compare the facilities and size of many of the other clubs.

Results:

Archie Smyth 12, 1st 200m Backstroke, 7th 100IM, 3rd 200m Freestyle, 1st 100m Backstroke, 3rd 50m Freestyle.

Miah Roberts 14, 3rd 200m Backstroke, 4th 100 Backstroke

Claudia Croatto 15, 6th 100m Breaststroke, 4th 200m Breaststroke

Emily Croatto 12, 3rd 100m

Breaststroke
Will Simmons 15, 9th 200m Backstroke

Gemma Cook MC, 1st 50m Freestyle, 2nd 100m Backstroke, 2nd 200 IM, 1st 100m Freestyle, 3rd 100m IM

Levi Jarrett, MC 2nd 50m Freestyle, 3rd 100m Breaststroke, 4th 100m IM, 3rd 100m Freestyle

Rahni Matheson 16, 3rd 200m Breaststroke, 5th 200m IM, 2nd 100m, 1st 100m Breaststroke

Zac Sherar 9th 50m Freestyle, 7th 200m Freestyle, Isabella Lynch 12, 10th 100m Breaststroke

Cormac Flynn 14, 6th 100m Breaststroke, 7th 200m Breaststroke

Josh Hunt 15, 8th 200m Butterfly

Asha Chalmers 15, 6th 400m IM, 10th 200m Butterfly

Max Brocklesby 15, 6th 800m Freestyle, 9th 400m Freestyle



Wayne Clark holding his ten-kilogram Spanish Mackerel.

Fishos head north

THE local rough and windy conditions were not a problem for a small group of keen Anderson Inlet Angling Club fishos who, last week, ventured north to Darwin for a week of fishing. A good range of fish were caught in the 29-degree water with the fishing done mainly at Dundee Beach, about an hour and a half west of Darwin.

There will be plenty of bragging at the monthly BBQ and weigh-in at the Anderson Inlet Angling Club on Sunday the 15th where the fish of the month is Trevally. New members are welcome.

South Gippsland Bridge

SEPTEMBER 3 at Wonthaggi RSL: 11 pairs competing.

First: Phillip and Nev Chapman 63.02. Second: John French and Deb Anglim 59.38. Third: Hannah Martin and Mary Brewis 56.04. Fourth: Faye Rowlands and Julie Perriam 49.07.

September 6 at Inverloch Angling Club: 13 pairs. North/South pairs:

First: Matti Shub and John Quayle 65.71 big winners. Second: Carol Sowden and Mary Brewis 50.71. Third: Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 49.64.

East/West: First: Phil Rinder and Ann Green 59.58. Second: Deb Anglim and John French 53.75. Third: Maureen Stiles and Penny Loughran 52.92.

Wonthaggi Table Tennis

BLUE d Black 6 to 5. This match exemplifies the magic of sport, the power of the underdog. A titanic doubles struggle saw Team Blue's Justin and Bellamy victorious over Team Black's Dirk and Shane in a five set, 13 to 11 in the fifth thriller. At nine-points all in the fifth, Dirk must have been licking his grey chops with two serves to come against greenhorn Bellamy. Dirk, who has had decades of play, with a million games, a billion serves and a trillion points, first serve to Bellamy, who has been playing competition for a week, was returned as a winner. With a tablespoon of humility, it was the game that catapulted the Blue Team to a razor thin win. Boss Croc Justin remains undefeated in a solid start to the Spring.

White d Yellow 6 to 5. Mark D with his own "Wonderboy" paddle went on a crusade dominating Team Yellow with a five from five effort to carry Team White past the chequered flag. Ably supported by Trish and rocketballs Charley who delights in counting bruises as much as winners with her atomic smashes.

Green d Brown 8 to 3. Sven from Team Green remains undefeated with a superb effort humbling Team Brown. Sven's five setter against David "Jolly" Kimmings was an epic "should have been there" moment that sealed the deal. David, despite the gallant loss, remains jolly.

Ladder: Green 8, Yellow 4, White 4, Pink 4, Brown 4 and Black 0.

Leading Players: Justin and Sven 6

The Vikings triumph in nail-biting darts finale



The Vikings triumphed in the Grand Final edging out The Storm.

LAST week's Grand Final at the Darts Centre was a clash for the ages as The Vikings faced off against The Storm in an unforgettable showdown. With the 2024 season coming to a thrilling close, both teams left it all on the board in what will be remembered as one of the most epic finishes in the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League's history.

The crowd was on edge as the match came down to the very last doubles, with both The Vikings and The Storm on equal footing and just one shot away from glory. Tension mounted as each team had their chances to close it out, but it was The Vikings who held their nerve, pegging out to secure the Grand Final title by the narrowest of margins, winning 4-3.

The intense battle was a true display of skill, precision, and sportsmanship, with both

teams earning praise for their efforts.

"It was a hard-fought final, and we couldn't have asked for a more exciting finish," said one spectator. "Both teams gave it their all, but The Vikings just edged it when it mattered most."

Meanwhile, the excitement didn't end there. In the Gumboot Final, another tight

contest saw The Riverboys overcome Joe's Hornets, winning 5-2. The match was closer than the final scoreline suggests, with The Riverboys pulling away in the final legs to clinch victory.

A special thanks goes out to Will and Jamie, whose expert scoring kept the matches running smoothly throughout the evening. Off the boards,

John Battista had a night to remember, winning the San Remo Butchers' meat tray and a round of beers in the raffle. "Good on ya, Johnny!" echoed from the crowd as he celebrated his prizes.

As the season comes to a close, the League extends its gratitude to the committee and members who made 2024 such a success. A well-earned break is on the horizon, but the action isn't over yet. Circle Sunday, October 6, on your calendar for the Trophy Presentation Day from 11am to 3pm, where the season's best will be recognised. And darts lovers, prepare yourselves for the Spring Series starting Monday, October 7 – more details to follow soon.

Congratulations to all the teams and thank you to everyone involved in what has been a phenomenal darts season.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

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10.03am 0.64m	10.37am 0.69m	11.11am 0.75m	11.46am 0.81m	12.26pm 0.86m	8.25am 1.34m	9.37am 1.34m
4.10pm 1.50m	4.42pm 1.46m	5.14pm 1.42m	5.49pm 1.37m	6.35pm 1.32m	1.18pm 0.90m	2.30pm 0.90m
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Saturday's winners were Allan Lowe, Mary McBain and Chris O'Donnell at the Wonthaggi Bowls Club.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Turkey Triples winners were John Newcombe, Phil Martin and Giulio Marcolongo.



Runners up in the Inverloch Bowls Club season opening social bowls were, from left, Yvonne Kee, Reg Varty, Neil Everitt, and Bill Selby.



Winners of the Inverloch Bowls Club season opening social bowls were, from left, Keith Cousens, Robbie Howard, Shirley Turton and Jon Justin.



John Nicholson (S), Bob Arnold (L), Laurie Bell (3) and Max Williams (2) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners on Thursday.



Marg Ford, Pat Novak and Sue Rose were the Friday winners at Breakaway Bowls.



Fred Demenech, Jean Wylde, Thelma Kavanagh and Jim Wilson won the Friday competition at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls with plus 24.

BREAKAWAY

DESPITE the bad weather keeping many indoors, the club had a great turnout.

Linda reported that the club is in a very good position financially after the first month – well done to all members for supporting the club.

The winners on Monday were Pat Novak and Jan Clark with +22.

It was another great day for indoor bowls on Friday.

The club welcomed another new member, so the list is getting bigger every week.

The winners were Marg Ford, Pat Novak and Sue Rose.

They had an impressive +31 – well done, ladies.

Don't forget, for fun times join the club at the Cape Community Centre on Mondays and Fridays at 1pm.

INVERLOCH

LAST Thursday, September 5, was an important date in the Inverloch Bowling Club's calendar.

It was the 2024/25 season opening and it provided the platform for the current Club Singles Champions, Anne Tschiderer and Marty Hannaford, to roll the first bowls of the season for the club.

Although the weather forecast did not promise glorious sunshine and benign conditions, an excellent turnout of 44 bowlers came along to enjoy the day and partake in the sumptuous afternoon tea that followed the formalities.

It was very overcast with forecasted rain to come in around 1pm – and on this occasion, the BOM was spot on.

The competition for the day was a fours event comprising two, 10 end games scored by wins, ends won and followed by shots up if required.

The rain did come in at 1pm and the match committee made the popular decision to close out the second game once the sixth end had been completed.

Despite the inclement weather conditions, four teams managed to win both of their matches.

Out of the placings, but with a score of 28 points from wins of 11/9 and 5/4 and three shots up was the team of Brian Humphris (skip), Nic Van Grunsven (third), Carol Hughes (second) and Arthur Moule (lead).

The 'Hard Luck Story' went to the team of Richard Cove (skip), Marg Griffin (third), Jenny Haydon (second) and Pat MacKay (lead) also with a score of 28 points but finishing four shots up from wins of 10/7 and 6/5.

The runners-up, with a score of 29 points from wins of 12/5 and 9/5, was the team of Bill Selby (skip), Neil Everitt (third), Reg Varty (second) and Yvonne Kee (lead).

Sitting on a good score of 31 points from wins of 14/13 and 8/1, were Keith Cousens (skip), Jon Justin (third), Robbie Howard (second) and Shirley Turton (lead).

Congratulations to all the winners and to the match committee, Carol Hughes, Jill Kennedy, and Jeff Curwood for the organisation of the opening day event and for the decision to foreshorten the final match due to the inclement weather.

The club also extends its thanks to both Jenny and Jim Haydon for the cauliflower and broccoli soup – with that secret ingredient – at the lunch break and finally to all that contributed to the magnificent afternoon teas – thank you.

Following the presentations, President Terry Seaward spoke of the volunteers who freely gave their time to ensure that everybody was able to have a good time.

Terry further mentioned the excellent response to the working bee that enabled to clubrooms to be in sparkling order for the season-opening day making particular mention of the

greens and surrounds.

A special mention was made of life member Ron Burge, who has racked up 40 years of continuous club membership.

Thursday Social Bowls on September 26 will be a footy-themed day with competition commencing at 11am.

We encourage you all to wear your teams' colours and at the lunch break, a footy lunch of hot dogs, pies and sausage rolls will be available.

Also, the Club Championship competition will be starting soon, and entry forms are now available.

A reminder that the pennant season will start for the Saturday competition on October 12, while the Midweek competition will commence on October 15.

Practice matches have been arranged and details of these can be found on the sheets for these events.

A Melbourne Cup Day social bowls afternoon will be held at the club, so watch this space for further details closer to the event.

The club's membership draw evening was held last Friday, September 6, where the jackpot sat at \$140.

The random draw selected membership number 197 and unfortunately, Pat Sheedy was not at the clubrooms at the time of the draw so the jackpot will be \$160 for the next draw, to be held on Friday, September 20.

Member 107, Liz Jacobs, had the first pick of the prizes while Carol Hughes and Robbie Howard had the major lucky envelope prizes.

Thanks are extended to Lorraine, Terry and Terry for the ham and pineapple burgers served in the evening.

The next club dinner will be on Friday, September 13, where lamb will be the fare for the evening.

Make sure you have your names registered on the board by the cut-off date.

MIDWEEK

AROUND 40 bowlers turned up to Lang Lang to have the weekly challenge.

They were signed in by Pauline and John while Peter did the team selections.

Marianne and Colin welcomed everyone to Lang Lang – what a great way to start the day.

It was a beautiful spring morning with a temperature of 20 degrees and a reasonable breeze blowing, this pretty much guaranteed the day would be one to remember.

When the bowlers went out on the green, the fun started – lots of laughter across all the rinks.

One or two wrong-biased bowls, but that never took from the quality of the bowling.

Slowly but surely, Victoria's weather did what it does best and changed from a beautiful spring day to a rather cool and extremely wet winter-like afternoon.

They kept playing for a long time in the rain, but the end result was that the day was cut short by a few ends.

However, they had played enough ends to ensure that the game was considered complete.

The winners on 35 points were John Nicholson (S), Bob Arnold (L), Laurie Bell (3) and Max Williams (2).

Runners up, also on a score of 35 were Ken Harding (S), Cheryl Floyd (3) and Derek Fenn (L).

Best one-game winners on a score of 17 were Kevin Kitchen (3), Max Summers (S), Claire Nichols (L) and Bill Williams (2).

A big thank you to all the enthusiastic volunteers who clean up the green after the game as well as all those who contribute to the clean up inside the clubroom.

Also, thank you to Marianne and Colin who keep all the thirsty bowlers happy.

Next week, the group will be meeting up at Corinella at 10am, so please try to be on time.

Till then please be careful but most of all, have fun.

WONTHAGGI

THIS week saw the start of the Turkey Triples season.

Wednesday was a fine day with a slight breeze for the Triples, which was a success, with both greens full of happy bowlers eager to leave winter behind.

Three teams were four-game winners.

The unlucky team was the Seaton team who missed out on countback with four wins and 10 shots up.

Runners up were a team from Phillip Island, Mark Hone, Garry Storer and Allan Beddows with a score of four wins and 15 shots up.

The winners were also a team from Phillip Island, John Newcombe, Phil Martin and Giulio Marcolongo with a score of four wins and 19 shots up.

The best game went to a mix of Wonthaggi and Tarwin bowlers, with a fine score of plus 20 shots.

They were Aldo Sartori, Chas Bucilli and Mick Bowman.

The Naba award went to Ray Hin's team, with each bowler receiving a cap from the Wonthaggi Club.

Once again, the club welcomes the Wonthaggi Club for being the sponsor for the Triples again this year.

Thursday social bowls kicked off in fine style with a good number of bowlers enjoying a bowl then having lunch to start the season.

There are some photos, on our Facebook page, of the lunch plus a group snap.

Friday morning coaching started off well with fine weather, which is always a bonus.

Saturday was a fine sunny day with a breeze to greet 42 bowlers.

Teams of three bowl triples were the order of the day, with all bowlers having three bowls.

Three teams were two game-winners, with the unlucky team being the Ben Mattock team.

The runners-up were Rod Beech, Rob Westbrook and Rob Shaw with a score of two wins 33 points and 14 shots up to get into the money on a countback.

The winners were Allan Lowe, Mary McBain and Chris O'Donnell, a visitor from Inverloch, with a score of two wins and 36 points and 31 shots up.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am with names in by 9.30 am, Friday morning coaching at 10am and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

Friday night is going well with the members draw at 6pm, followed by the raffles.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THIS week, there was a total of 50 players.

The club was delighted to welcome back some previous members.

The bowlers had an amazing and fun week.

If you would like to join the club, please ring Jeannie 0438 719 082 or John 0425 774 971.

Tuesday saw 28 players compete.

The winners with a plus 17 were Pat Smith, Pam Russell and Allan Ireland.

Runners up on plus 14 were Sylvia Mattock, Mary Spooner and John Rook.

Friday's winners with an amazing plus 24 were Jean Wylde, Thelma Kavanagh, Fred Demenech and Jim Wilson.

Runners up on plus 19 were Helen Rook, Lia Smith and Gwen Clancy.

FOSTER

WHAT a big week of golf it has been at Foster.

On Saturday, the men played off for the Monthly Medal.

Taking out the medal for September this year was Neil Henry (22) with a solid 73 net. Along with this, Neil won the B Grade trophy.

Visiting the club and winning A Grade was Steve Vuillermi (17) with a score of 72 net.

Unluckily, he was ineligible to win the medal as he isn't a member.

There were 32 players that played on a heavy course that often saw balls being plugged.

There were five balls down the line – Kylie Collins (13) with 75 nett, Robin Smith (18), Hardy Dusterwald (26) and John Pruy (21) all had 76 net, while Lewis Armstrong (37) took the last ball down the line with 77 in his first ever competition.

Ryan Williams (7) was the scratch winner for the day with 85 off the stick while Brad Coates won the putting with an impressive 28 putts.

Nearest to the pins for the day were shared between four people – Steve Vuillermi on the fourth and 13th, Graham Watkins on the sixth, Leigh “the birthday boy” Roberts on the 15th and Robert Fulton on the 17th.

Pat McKay generously donated the trophies on the day, which was greatly appreciated.

Earlier in the week, with the storms that had hit the district, the course suffered minor damage.

There were some limbs that came down and just general debris on the fairways.

Nine ladies played off for the medal.

Donating the trophies and winning the day with 72 net was Robyn Galloway (13).

Robyn also had 85 strokes to win the scratch event.

Coming in second and taking the only ball down the line was Kylie Collins (13) with 77 net.

Kylie also won nearest to pin on the 17th and the playoff for the silver spoon.

She will now head to Gardners Run golf course in November for the state final and the club wishes her the best of luck.

The ever-reliable Beth Curram won the putting on a countback with 32 putts.

In the nine-hole competition, Annette Garrow (54) won the day also on a countback with 12 points.

On Friday, Di Walker, Kaylene Morris, Beth Curram and Kylie Collins travelled to Lang Lang Golf Club for the South Gippsland Golf Ladies singles event.

The club congratulates the ladies for their effort on the day.

At the event, the Country Week team was announced for South Gippsland.

Both Kylie Collins and Beth Curram were named in the team and will travel to the Bellarine Peninsula at the end of the month for three days of golf.

The fields for the rest of the week were relatively small.

On Tuesday, there was no competition but on Thursday, seven players played.

Kiwi Jones (28) won the day with just 34 points.

Neil Coates (21) followed not far behind with 32.

Graham Watkins was nearest to pin on the sixth while Kylie Collins was nearest on the 15th.

There were 13 entries in Chicken Run this week, John Pruy (19) won the week with 19 points.

Down the line balls were awarded to three players, David Lucas

(14) on 18 points, Mark Avery (18) and Trent Price (10) both had 17 points.

This week, Chicken Run is back on the front nine holes, there will be Stableford events on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (Phil Schofield trophy).

On Wednesday, the ladies will be playing a Canadian Foursomes event.

The club is hoping for a much calmer week of weather as it moves further into spring.

Ryan Williams wasn't in the rooms on Friday night so the members' draw has jackpotted again, and one lucky member could win \$800 this Friday night.

Until next week, happy golfing and keep swinging.

The Caddy.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, September 3:

Stableford: 16 players.

Winner: Ian Gibson (16) 42 points.

NTPs: first Ray Ludenia, seventh Wayne Knights, 10th Ray Ludenia and 13th Ray Ludenia.

Thursday, September 5:

Stableford: 12 players.

Winner: Shayne Harland (5) 37 points.

NTPs: first Dave Enbom, seventh Wayne Knights, 10th Greg Wilson and 13th Barry Kerr.

Saturday, September 7:

Men's Monthly Medal: 40 players.

Sponsor: Tim O'Neil.

Monthly Medal winner: Bob Newton (23) 70 C/B.

A Grade: Shayne Harland (5) 72 C/B. B Grade: Bob Newton (23) 70 C/B.

Scratch: Shayne Harland (5) 77 off the stick.

NTPs: first Mat Wrigley, seventh Pete Wallace, 10th Trippy Kennedy and 13th Richard Johnson.

Ladies

WELL done to Kim Enbom (39), who had another super round this week and won the Monthly Medal with 76 net.

The club appreciates the sponsorship of many of our local businesses and Kim was the lucky recipient of the Tiny Teapot Café voucher.

They were back playing the winter course so handicaps went up a tad.

Runner up was Kerri Besley (18), 80 net and Kerri also had the best gross score with 98.

BDTL went to Trudy Olden (33), 83 net, following a three-way c/b.

There were many playing nine holes and the winner was Pam Evers (40) with 12 points after a four-way c/b.

Kerri was NTP on the 10th and with the second shot on the seventh green.

On Friday, the club had seven members play in the South Gippsland Women's Championships.

Well done to all those who participated and congratulations are extended to the winners.

The club is pleased to add that Maree Wittingslow and Heather Grist had great results and both won BDTL.

With much golf going on, there was a small field on Saturday. Aliesha Wrigley (24) won the event with 27 points and also was NTP on the first green.

Last Sunday, many of the members played in the country teams fundraiser at Wonthaggi.

It is terrific that so many attended to help make the day successful.

A reminder that players have the trip to Devil's Dams, near Inverloch, to play the nine-hole par three course and/or have lunch on Wednesday, September 18.

Any past members are also welcome, and you can contact Kerri Besley for enquiries and to book a spot.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, September 3: Titleist Stableford event.

Tuesday's Titleist Stableford round had 46 members/guests take to the course.

A big thank you to the Titleist team for their generous sponsorship of the comp prizes.

Golfers selected tee off from either the blue or yellow markers.

A Grade winner: Mark Dykes (12) from the Cowes Golf Club with a score of 36 points on a countback.

A Grade runner up: Colin Bear (15) with a score of 36 points.

B Grade winner: Alan Briggs (23) had the highest score of the day with 38 points.

B Grade runner up: Anthony Seabrook (33) with a score of 37 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Peter Read at 1.05m.

NTP 14th: Ian Murchie at .77m.

NTP 16th: John Moor at 1.95m.

Thursday, September 5: Eyes and Optics Stableford event.

Thursday's Eyes and Optics of Wonthaggi Stableford event was generously sponsored by Malcolm Gin with 63 members/guests enjoying a good day on the course.

Players from the Phillip Island Club were welcomed as their course was closed for maintenance.

A Grade winner: Malcolm Gin (10) takes out his own event with a score of 34 points.

A Grade runner up: Ron Young (15) from the Cowes Golf Club with a score of 33 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Chris Sanderson (18) from the Cowes Golf Club with a score of 36 points.

B Grade runner up: Neale Gillin (18) with a score of 34 points.

C Grade winner: Anthony Seabrook (32) had the high score of the day with 42 points.

C Grade runner up: Peter Omond (24) with a score of 39 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Colin Bear at 27m.

NTP 14th: Patrick Mitchell at 6.20m.

NTP 16th: Jeremy de Silva at 1.54m.

Saturday, September 7: Monthly Medal Stroke event.

Saturday's Monthly Medal Stroke event had 64 members/guests enjoy sublime spring conditions for this event.

A Grade winner: Matthew Hildebrand (6) with a score of E on a countback.

A Grade runner up: Jeremy de Silva (7) with a score of E.

B Grade winner: Paul Richardson (15) with a score of +2.

B Grade runner up: Daniel Yeap (15) with a score of +4 on a countback.

C Grade winner: Michelle Richards (22) with a score of -5.

C Grade runner up: Kent Hams (20) with a score of -1.

Saturday, September 7: Stableford.

Saturday's Stableford event had 29 members/guests on the course for this event.

A Grade winner: Miles Wrigley (21) with a score of 33 points.

A Grade runner up: Ken Wardle (19) with a score of 32 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: Miles

Wrigley at 2.54m.

NTP 14th: David Richards at 2.80m.

NTP 16th: John Feddersen at 1.75m.

Ladies

THE ground staff and volunteers are to be congratulated for the condition of the course after the battering it received from recent winds.

There were many fallen trees and branches, but most were well tidied up allowing golfers access to the course.

Fourteen women competed in the September Monthly Medal.

Dot Stubbs (25) had an excellent 73 net, including an eight-on-one hole, to win the day event.

The final winner will be decided after Saturday's players have their turn.

Down the line balls were awarded to Anna de Bondt 74, Deb Miller 79, Max Eabry 84, and Marianne Leaver and Janet Monk 85 net.

Michelle Roberts (30) won the Stableford event with 28 points.

Down the line balls went to Else Gedye 26 points, Nan Meagher and Jill Moor 24 and Jo McNaughton and Karen Bear just snuck in with 23 points.

The only accurate player on the day was Trish Owen, winning nearest the pin on the fifth, second shot.

MIRBOO NORTH

SATURDAY, September 7: Stroke.

A Grade: S. Woodall (11) 69 net.

B Grade: G. Dawson (16) 68 net.

DTL: T. Baker, P. Draper 71, N. Bickerton and D. Jerram 72 c/b.

NTP: fourth T. Bradshaw, sixth R. Matthews, 13th T. Bradshaw and 16th G. Dawson.

Birdies: sixth T. Whitelaw.

Star medal winner: N. Bickerton 72 c/b.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

LANG Lang Golf Club hosted the prestigious South Gippsland Golf Women's Singles Championships last Friday.

The course was presented in excellent condition despite the recent battering winds that have affected many of the district clubs.

Chloe Wilson from Lang Lang Golf Club, playing off a handicap of two, won the South Gippsland Singles Championship with 83 off the stick.

This is her first time playing in the event and at a mere 20 years of age, golfers will be seeing a lot more of her.

Rebecca Thomas from Leongatha Golf Club had (8)77 net to win the A Grade handicap event.

The B Grade Championship was won by Merryn Dear with 94 off the stick from Wonthaggi Golf Club.

Merryn also won the B Grade handicap event with (20)74 net.

The C Grade Championship winner was Anna de Bondt (Leongatha Golf Club), with a score of 104, who was delighted at her win.

She was doubly delighted to find that she had also won the handicap event with (29) 34 Stableford points.

The nearest the pins were won by Catherine Bolding on the fifth, Merryn Dear on the ninth, Simone Lindsay on the 13th, all from Wonthaggi and Emily Jolly (Lang Lang Golf Club) on the 15th.

Down the line balls were won by Maree Wittingslow and Heather Grist with 76 net (Korumburra).

Karen Sheerin 78 (Wonthaggi), Marg Johnson (Wonthaggi), Tanya Thorson (Meeniyian), Rena Casey (Lang Lang), Emily Jolly (Lang Lang) and Sharon Patulo (Wonthaggi) all on 79 net, and Corrine Nancarrow (Lang Lang) and Elly Berryman (Woorayl) 80 net.

The squad for the upcoming Country Week event were named as is the custom at this time of the year.

The South Gippsland District Country Week squad includes Chloe Wilson (Lang Lang), Rebecca Thomas (Leongatha), Andrea Thorson (Meeniyian), Kylie Collins (Foster), Merrissa Cosson (Korumburra), Rena Casey (Lang Lang), Merryn Dear (Wonthaggi), Elly Berryman (Woorayl), Kay Dumbleton (Leongatha) and Beth Curram (Foster).

Team manager Sue Hoskin was unfortunately unable to be present as she is recovering from an injury received after colliding with a fallen tree.

The South Gippsland Golf Match Committee would like to thank Tim Hewitt and Lang Lang Golf Club for hosting this event. The very last event for the year is the SGGI Bowl at Woorayl Golf Club on November 15.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: September 5, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Stephen Kane 37.

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Leongatha Rotary shirts were on full display at parkrun over the weekend.

Days are always better with a run

I RUN with my mates each morning at 5.30am, some evenings we will ponder on the upcoming weather and hope for a window of opportunity. Often, we get one; we meet, we run, we say our goodbyes and the skies open up as we walk into our homes. The window closes – but we have squeezed a run in and the days are always better with a run!

This week's park run was a beautiful open window. After a cancelled Park Run the week before and a week of terrible weather, this window was like a giant exhale from everyone. A precious moment to stomp as a collective among the trees and the birds.

The collective of humans was a strong 107 runners and included six first timers. Welcome to the magic of the Koonwarra Park Run, Jasper, Jemima, Marta, James, Carly, Oliver, Frankie and Darcy.

If it was not enough to be out in the sunshine, some of our runners also achieved a PB which is always impressive when the sun pours in on us as we come out of the tunnel and hit that cheeky little hill at the end. Well done to – Ryan, Justin, Liam, Natasha, Katharina, Eleanor, Christie, Greg, Josiah, Noah, John, Diana and Harriet.

We even had a few parkrunners in their Leongatha Rotary shirts. They are keen to learn more about parkrun after an inspiring talk from Kate Lew Ton a couple of weeks ago. They were also promoting their project to build a shelter next to the Rail trail, with an impressive display of fossils that have been found near our parkrun turnaround point.

Thank you to our fantastic volunteers this week such a fun crew under the watchful eye of run director Jol Dutton – thank you Laurie, Linda, Jeremy, Sue, Carolyn, David, Donna, Helen, Patricia, Fay, Corinna and Lesley. Special thank you to Davin and the clear skies for beautiful photos this week.

May everyone have a week where they find the windows of opportunity and run in them!!

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

2SCOMPANY: 1st place on 15pts The Hounds, 2nd place on 15pts Jail and 3rd place on 14pts King Pins.

ABL: 1st place on 98pts Storm, 2nd place on 93pts Dreamers and 3rd place on 87.5pts Pinpals.

Business Early: 1st place on 17pts Turkey Slappers, 2nd place on 16.5pts Old Timers, 3rd place on 12.5pts The Redundants and 4th place on 12pts Heroes of Steel.

Business Late: 1st place on 17pts The Big D's, 2nd place on 17pts City Lights, 3rd place on 13pts Holy Splits and 4th place on 13pts Gettin Some.

Phantom: 1st place on 103.5pts Hawks, 2nd place on 92.5pts Towball and 3rd place on 92.5pts HSB.

Top scores for the week:

Men: Charlie Gritzalis 215, Laid 198 and Chris Lawrence 191.

Woman: Mary Daroha and Tricia Niessink 174, Penny Wolswinkel 168 and Valma Peterson 163



Women: Kylee Steer (Most Improved), Zoe Allen (MVP) and Faith Stewart-Walters (Coach's Award).



Mens: Jarrod Donohue (Coach's Award), Connor Ireland (MVP) and Alex Peters (Most Improved).

Wonthaggi United Soccer Club Presentation Night



Alycia Marotta was awarded Life Membership of Wonthaggi United Soccer Club for her outstanding dedication, over 150 games, and exceptional service to the club.

SEASON 2024 has officially finished for the Wonthaggi United Soccer Club and what a fantastic season it has been. The grand opening of their new facilities, record number of registrations, three extra competitive teams added to our list and four teams qualifying for finals. Wonthaggi celebrated the season with their Annual Presentation Evening held at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club on Sunday, September 1.

2024 Award Winners

U12a: MVP: Sonny Carlin, Most Improved: Lorcan Hand, Coach's Award: Luca Gilliland

U12b: MVP: Hannah Taylor, Most Improved: Daniel Haig, Most Consistent: River Stewart

U13g: MVPs: Tanna Goding and Zoe Diesner (Equal points), Most Improved: Amity Wilkinson, Coach's Award:

Jedda Tagell

U14: MVP: Joe Brusamarello and Ollie Phillips, Most Improved: Bryce Pickard, Coach's Award: Luca Gilliland

U17: MVP: Jaxon Wood, Most Improved: Kesan Stewart-Walters, Coach's Award: Archie Moore

Women: MVP: Zoe Allen, Most Improved: Kylee Steer, Coach's Award: Faith Stewart-Walters

Men: MVP: Connor Ireland, Most Improved: Alex Peters, Coach's Award: Jarrod Donohue

Coach of the Year: Aaliyah Tevethan U17s Coach

For the first time Wonthaggi was able to field an U17 side this season and Aaliyah has dedicated her time and knowledge to help them be successful. Finishing fourth on the GSL ladder and qualifying for finals.

Presidents Cup: Mel Tagell

Awarded to an outstanding volunteer, Mel has been with the Club for many years and is a much-valued member.

Life Membership: Alycia Marotta

Club President Marion Bals awarded Alycia Marotta the honour of Life Membership, in recognition of her dedication, exceptional, loyal and outstanding services to the Club. Alycia began playing with the Club in 2013 and has since played over 150 senior games. She has also been the Club Mini Roo Coordinator since 2015 and coached several teams including the Senior Women this season. After joining the committee in 2014 she has also played the role President and Secretary. As Club Secretary she was an integral part of the campaign for club facilities.



U13g: Tanna Goding and Zoe Diesner (MVPs - equal points), Amity Wilkinson (Most Improved) and Jedda Tagell (Coach's Award).



Under 14's award recipients with Connor Ireland.



Aaliyah Tevethan, U17s Coach of the Year, and Mel Tagell, Presidents Cup recipient, were honoured for their dedication and commitment to Wonthaggi's success on and off the field.



U12a: Luca Gilliland (Coach's Award), Sonny Carlin (MVP) and Lorcan Hand (Most Improved).



U17: Archie Moore (Coach's Award), Kesan Stewart-Walters (Most Improved) and Jaxon Wood (MVP).



The Leongatha Lady Knights are through to the 2024 Grand Final

Leongatha Lady Knights into the Grand Final

Extra time
3-2 Leongatha's way.

THE first semi final leg of the 2024 GSL season kicked off on Sunday, September 8 with top of the ladder facing fourth for a spot in the Grand Final. With all three senior matches heading to extra time and even a penalty shoot-out for the Reserves match, there was heaps of local soccer action on display.

The Senior Women's Semi Final saw league champions Leongatha Knights FC take on a young and determined Drouin Dragons side in a ripper match! With the classic wind of Lang Lang kicking up a notch and intermittent rain the weather was a big factor in the game play as the Knights won the advantage of going with the wind to begin the match.

A well-coordinated Drouin defence were tested early as LKFC's strikers Amaya Sande and Naomi Eaton were fed through balls into the attack. Whilst the wind worked to assist the Knights in keeping play in their attacking third, it hindered these attacking plays as it carried the balls well beyond the pitch. Despite numerous attempts on attack and the excellent work rate of midfielders Bernie and Micky, Leongatha were unable to secure an advantage going into half time.

The second half saw the Drouin Dragons make use of the wind advantage as they peppered Leongatha's experienced defence. A well-placed diagonal ball went wide of the goals and saw Knight's keeper Bethany Milkins fumble the catch. Drouin's winger jumped on the chance crossing the ball back into the six yard box. Though the Knights defenders attempted to clear it off the line it was sent in by Drouin, giving them a lead.

The Knights lost momentum for several minutes but were quick to compose themselves, fighting against the wind, it was a forward pass that attacking threat, Naomi Eaton ran onto to take a confidently placed shot to the top left corner and equalising for the Knights, sending the game into extra time.



An incredible game between Leongatha and Drouin headed into extra time.



Leongatha's midfield magician Mikaela Misso battles with Drouin playmaker Brianna Purvis.

Gippsland Soccer League

Semi Final 1 Results – Sunday, September 8

Senior Mens: Phillip Island Breakers 3 d Leongatha Knights 1

Senior Womens: Leongatha Knights 4 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 3

Mens Reserves: Trafalgar Victory 1 (5p) d Inverloch Stars 1 (4p)

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 2 d Wonthaggi United 0

Under 14 Mixed: Korumburra City 5 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1

Under 13 Girls: Korumburra City 6 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0

Under 12a Mixed: Phillip Island Penguins 5 d Phillip Island Stingrays 1

Under 12b Mixed: Inverloch Stars 2 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 1

Semi Final 2 Fixture (2nd V 3rd) Sunday, September 15 at Newhaven Recreation Reserve, Phillip Island

Senior Mens – 3.45pm – Drouin Dragons Maroon V Korumburra City

Senior Womens – 1.30pm – Phillip Island Breakers V Wonthaggi United

Mens Reserves – 12.45pm – Phillip Island Breakers V Drouin Dragons Maroon

Under 17 Mixed – 9am – Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Phillip Island Penguins

Under 14 Mixed – 10.50am – Phillip Island Penguins V Leongatha Knights

Under 13 Girls – 9am – Wonthaggi United V Phillip Island Breakers

Under 12a Mixed – 10.30am – Drouin Dragons Maroon V Wonthaggi United

Under 12b Mixed – 12pm – Mirboo North United V Drouin Dragons Yellow



Overall series podium place getters Lucy Thompson (1st), Evelyn McCabe (3rd) and Hamish Dakers-Hock (1st).

Newhaven wraps up a successful season

NEWHAVEN College MTB students made the trek to Castlemaine and Bendigo for Rounds 4 and 5 with back-to-back events on Saturday and Sunday to cap off an impressive season in the AusCycling Vic Schools MTB XC Series, with outstanding performances from all its riders. Among the highlights, Newhaven College MTB Academy participants Hamish Dakers-Hock and Lucy Thompson took home top honors, each winning the overall series in their respective categories. Their consistent efforts throughout the season paid off, standing on top of the podium to receive their respective series medals.

Meanwhile, Junior Evelyn McCabe also delivered a strong performance, securing third place in her category for the overall series. Her resilience and determination throughout the series showcased Newhaven College's younger talent coming through.

These achievements are a testament to the dedication and hard work of Newhaven College's Mountain Bike Program, and they reflect the school's growing prominence in the sport. With more than half the students participating in the junior categories the future is looking bright for the program. It was a massive effort by all the dedicated Parents who are super proud of all the students who represented Newhaven College MTB throughout the series.



MDU A GRADE NETBALLERS

Fish Creek v MDU in the Mid Gippsland League Grand Final on Saturday, September 14 at Meeiniany



Alahna Arnason
GS

Plays with unmatched strength and determination. She is a key target in the ring and her experience complements her GA.



Lilyca White
GA

The workload she does out of the front makes her hard to beat. Her accuracy at the post sealed her GA position this season.



Shari Harris
WA

A dynamic, tenacious and strong U17 player. Her speed is formidable, with her feeds to shooters equally impressive.



Kirra Jones
C

The glue that ties the team together. With unmatched work rate through the court, the ball is always safe in her hands.



Nikita Wright
WA/C/WD

The fastest feet on the court, she is versatile and a key impact player with the ability to switch between attack and defence.



Alex Turner
WD

The voice and spirit of our team. A key role in our defensive end, her work rate through midcourt is instrumental.



Sophie Thomas
GD

Our Captain has a defensive tenacity to be a feared opponent. Her strength and agility complement our defensive end.



Mia Burt
WD/GD/GK

Mia has grown with confidence, strength and skill throughout this year. Her versatility and speed make her a deceiving defender.



Jasmin Friend
GK

Our faithful leader and coach. She leads by example and is a force in the defensive end, proving hard to beat time and time again.



Darlene
Team Manager

Has a wealth of netball knowledge and experience. Keeps the bench calm and organised every week.



MDU C Grade winners. Front, from left: Natasha Lacy, Emalie Elliott, Jodie Arnup (vice-captain), Clare Grigg (captain), Sheree Livingstone. Back: Tayla Smith, Lauren Wightman, Zara McKenzie, Mia Hulshof, Natalie Rayson (coach), and Michelle Skilton.



MDU's Shari Harris keeps the pressure on Yinnar in a close preliminary final. Z22_3724



Yinnar's Skye McDonald takes the pass in a fast-paced quarter against MDU's Alex Turner. Z23_3724



Poowong goal keeper Alexee Deal puts the pressure on her opponent in the U17s. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Poowong's Rianna Jinette looks for her next option midair in the U17s. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Wonthaggi's Libby Hutchinson powers through the middle of the court during a terrific third quarter against Maffra on Sunday at Moe.



Wonthaggi's Whitney Anderson moves forward to take the ball midcourt against Maffra in the C Grade semi-final at Moe on Sunday.



Wonthaggi Power's Chloe McRae (C Grade) is closely guarded by Maffra captain Bec Berry on a windy day for goalers at Moe last Sunday.



Stony Creek B Grade will now meet Foster in the Grand Final after their win over Boolara in the preliminary final at Morwell East. Z17_3724



Kelsie Schelling makes a pass to clear the shot against Boolara in the first quarter. Z18_3724



Boolara's Rahni Wissmer takes a throw in against Stony Creek in the first half of the preliminary final. Z20_3724



Leongatha's Alicia Marshman (B Grade) looks for passing options out of defence closely checked by Traralgon GA Nicole Jennings. Photo: Dan Eddy



Leongatha's Gemma Meadley played a cracking game for the Under 17s in a thrilling Second Semi-final against Traralgon on Saturday. Photo: Dan Eddy



Leongatha's Marlie Paine (U13) protects the ball during a good match against Maffra in the Under 13s last Saturday.



Leongatha Under 13s goal attack Mikayla Richards had the tough match-up on Maffra's Kobe Parsons in Saturday's Second Semi-final.



FISH CREEK A GRADE NETBALLERS

Fish Creek v MDU
in the Mid Gippsland
League Grand Final
on Saturday,
September 14
at Meeinya



Jessica Edgar
GS

Accurate blonde
bombshell shooter. With
a wealth of experience
Jess will be a tough
opponent for anyone to
line up on.



Lara Stefani
GA

A creative player
who rolls around the
court. Lara's defensive
pressure is second to
none and creates lots of
opportunities.



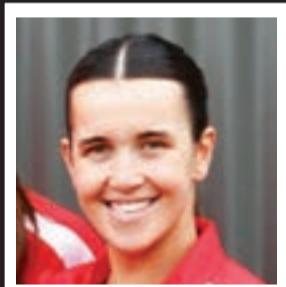
Isabella Cocksedge
WA

This girl plays like a
seasoned campaigner.
Her versatility makes her
a force to be reckoned
with in every position
she plays.



Molly Edwards
WA

A speedy wing attack
with a fantastic drive
to circle edge. Mol has
a great eye for feeding
goalers and has a work
rate like no other.



Grace McLean
C

A zippy midcourter.
Gracie is a steady
presence across the
court, when she sets her
three feet, opponents
are sure to turn it over!



Elysia Shaw
WD

Elysia's intensity and
consistency keeps the
team in check, and
she's always there
to steady the ship if
needed.



Ange Macri
GD

Ange's tenacity and
leadership on and off
the court inspires. She's
one to watch with her
full court pressure and
commitment to the ball.



Jayde McGlead
GK

Our coach and last line
of defence. Her hunger
for the hunt is like no
other and will make any
opponent second guess
their choices.



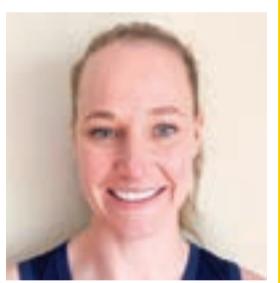
Bethany Pratt
Int.

A happy yet fierce and
fiery competitor, Beth's
work rate is always high.
Her strong drives ensure
she will get from point A
to B effectively.



INVERLOCH-KONGWAK A GRADE NETBALLERS

Inverloch-Kongwak v Dalyston
in the West Gippsland Competition Grand Final
on Saturday, September 14 at Garfield



Kelly Boyd
GS

An experienced and accurate goaller. Excels at utilising the wings effectively, and showcasing great movement in the circle.



Amy Scott
GA

Continues to impress as a key player, holding strong in the ring while moving gracefully through the midcourt. She's one to watch.



Ella Sadler
GA

Accurate from anywhere in the ring, moves freely on court with incredible body strength. She's a key part of our goaling lineup.



Lanni Pryor
WA

Blink and you'll miss her - Lanni sustains incredible pace across all four quarters. Driven to win, a dynamic force on the court.



Kelsey Buxton
C

A tireless worker who never gives up. A tough opponent and true team player, she converts gains to goals with incredible effort.



Ivy Hunter
WD

With her exceptional fitness and strength, everyone wants her on their team, thanks to her loose ball gets and relentless second efforts.



Renee Pilkington
GD

A rock-solid defender and vocal leader, Renee is the heart of Inverloch's defence. The ultimate opponent, her on court presence is admirable.



Amity McInnes
GK

Her second A-grade season has seen her confidence soar. Her intercept game is growing, her defensive reach is amazing.



Kasey Teakle
GS

A talented and experienced campaigner, is known for her steady hand with goals under pressure and being a great team player.



Asha Boyd
WD

Made a seamless return to the court after a 2022 Grand Final injury, showcasing her speed and hands-over pressure.



Kate French
WD

Frenchie, a standout recruit from Traralgon, excels with her ability to shut down her opponent, flying intercepts, and tough ball gets on court.



Olivia Cumming
GD

Liv, an exciting upcoming junior, is a talented defender known for her on-court intelligence, fitness, and strength, making her a rising star.

DALYSTON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

A GRADE NETBALLERS

Inverloch-Kongwak v Dalyston in the West Gippsland Competition Grand Final on Saturday, September 14 at Garfield

Bella Schmidt
GS

Bella brings optimism and consistency, stabilising our forward line with her youthful enthusiasm, high leap and accurate shooting.

Jarney Thomas
GA/GS

Our most experienced player, Jarney is crucial in the attacking third, bringing immense power and applying defensive pressure down the court.

Britt Thomas
WA/GS

Britt, our captain with a strong presence, is always ready to support and guide the team, bringing both leadership and determination.

Eva Garnham
C/WA

Young and quick, Eva shows remarkable work ethic, skilfully feeding goalers and never backing down at a challenge.

Ruby Brosnan
C/WD

Ruby is tough, passionate, and a resilient team player, bringing a strong spirit and dedication to every game.

Mataya Maloney
WD/GD

Mataya is a powerhouse player who never gives up, consistently stopping even the toughest opponents with her relentless pressure.

Olivia Bramley
GD/GK

Liv, tall and consistent, works hard and possesses the skills needed to secure crucial turnovers when they are most needed.

Gemma Thomas
GK/GD (Coach)

Gemma strengthens the young defensive end and works tirelessly to develop junior players at every opportunity.

Ruby Morris
WD

Our youngest member, Ruby, brings her basketball intelligence to our defensive line, stopping opposition with her sharp skills.

Kathryn Scott
C/WD

Kathryn displays exceptional skills in the midcourt, effectively influencing play and demonstrating a high level of expertise.

Alyce Wylie
Asst. Coach

Alyce brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our young A grade side, greatly benefiting the team's performance.

Nail-biting prelim as Dalyston clinch ticket to Grand Final

IT WAS a tight game in the A Grade Preliminary Final between Dalyston and Nar Nar Goon on September 7, 2024. Held at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve, both teams showed exceptional skill and determination throughout the four quarters. But it was the final quarter that had the home team supporters roaring.

It was goal for goal after Nar Nar Goon scored the first goal of the game in the first quarter. A tight match up, Dalyston went into the halftime three points behind, but a spectacular final seven minutes of the third quarter for Dalyston showed spectators that they were not ready to give up and with a lot of encouragement from the coaching team, Dalyston put on a spectacular final quarter outscoring Nar Nar Goon with 13 points to 8 in the term.

With every point, the crowd's roar grew louder, and the louder they roared, the more Dalyston dominated, seizing control of the ball and feeding off the energy.

A last-minute attempt by Nar Nar Goon narrowed the scores, but wasn't enough to edge out the home team.

"So proud of you all," assistant coach Alyce Wylie stated after the match.

"You did such a great job."

Speaking with the Sentinel-Times post-game, Alyce Wylie said the team were ecstatic to be heading into another Grand Final.

"We're looking forward to making another grand final with this young group of girls that are coming through. They've got so much potential and it's so good for them to come through and play in a senior grand final."

Ruby Brosnan was named player of the match.



A Grade Goal Keeper Gemma Thomas battles for the ball. C50_3724



Brittany Thomas (WA) makes a perfectly lined pass up the court in A Grade. C44_3724

MID GIPPSLAND

PRELIMINARY FINAL

A Grade: Yinnar 43 d MDU 45
B Grade: Boolarra 31 It Stony Creek 57
C Grade: MDU 28 d Mirboo North 25
D Grade: Stony Creek 25 It Yinnar 29
17 & Under: Toora 42 d MDU 32
15 & Under: Toora 27 It Yinnar 29
13 & Under: Hill End 28 d MDU 15

WEST GIPPSLAND

PRELIMINARY FINAL

A Grade: Dalyston 45 d Nar Nar Goon 40
B Grade: Nar Nar Goon 45 d P-Island 39
C Grade: Nar Nar Goon 21 It Cora Lynn 28
D Grade: Nar Nar Goon 22 d Inverloch-K 18
17 & Under: Inverloch-K 24 d P-Island 21
15 & Under: NNG 25 It Warragul Ind 28
13 & Under: Toor-Dal 28 d Cora Lynn 17
11 & Under: NNG 14 d Phillip Island 6

ELLINBANK

PRELIMINARY FINAL

A Grade: Nilma Darnum 49 d Trafalgar 46
B Grade: Buln Buln 36 It Nilma Darnum 40
C Grade: Neerim South 27 It Lang Lang 28
17 & Under: Yarragon 41 It Poowong 53
15 & Under: Lang Lang 20 It Catani 30
13 & Under: Yarragon 13 It Poowong 20

GIPPSLAND

2ND SEMI FINAL

A Grade: Moe 51 It Warragul 63
B Grade: Drouin 38 It Moe 47
C Grade: Morwell 38 It Drouin 39
17 & Under: Traralgon 34 d Leongatha 33
15 & Under: Bairnsdale 38 d Sale 34
13 & Under: Leongatha 32 d Maffra 19

1ST SEMI FINAL

A Grade: Drouin 52 d Bairnsdale 43
B Grade: Leongatha 36 It Traralgon 43
C Grade: Maffra 37 d Wonthaggi 27
17 & Under: Bairnsdale 41 d Sale 36
15 & Under: Traralgon 44 d Moe 28
13 & Under: Traralgon 25 It Moe 28

THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES

MID GIPPSLAND

Grand Final - Meeniyan (Sat, Sept. 14)
A Grade: Fish Creek v MDU
B Grade: Foster v Stony Creek
C Grade: Yinnar v MDU
D Grade: Fish Creek v Yinnar
17 & Under: Boolarra v Toora
15 & Under: Boolarra v Yinnar
13 & Under: Yinnar v Hill End

WEST GIPPSLAND

Grand Final - Garfield (Sat, Sept. 14)
A Grade: Inverloch-K v Dalyston
B Grade: Tooradin-Dal v Nar Nar Goon
C Grade: Inverloch-K v Cora Lynn
D Grade: Garfield v Nar Nar Goon
17 & Under: Nar Nar Goon v Inverloch-K
15 & Under: Phillip Island v Warragul Ind.
13 & Under: Nar Nar Goon v Tooradin-Dal
11 & Under: Tooradin-Dal v Nar Nar Goon

ELLINBANK

Grand Final - Yarragon (Sat, Sept. 14)
A Grade: Neerim South v Nilma Darnum
B Grade: Ellinbank v Nilma Darnum
C Grade: Ellinbank v Lang Lang
17 & Under: Catani v Poowong
15 & Under: Buln Buln v Catani
13 & Under: Buln Buln v Poowong

GIPPSLAND

Prelim Final - Traralgon (Sat, Sept. 14)
A Grade: Moe v Drouin
B Grade: Drouin v Traralgon
C Grade: Morwell v Maffra
17 & Under: Leongatha v Bairnsdale
15 & Under: Sale v Traralgon
13 & Under: Maffra v Moe



Meika White looks for a quick pass in B Grade. C15_3724



GA Jarney Thomas' great shooting saw Dalyston defeat Nar Nar Goon and earn their ticket to the 2024 Grand Final. C42_3724



A Grade Centre Eva Garnham delivers a flawless pass under pressure. C46_3724



Aisha Hibbert takes a shot at goals in B Grade. C10_3724



A sideways catch was nothing for GD Sophie Gysberts in B Grade. C35_3724



Maya Huther (U17) sweeps in to intercept her Inverloch-Kongwak opponent. Photo: Carol Ratcliff.



2024 MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

THIS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14 • MEENIYAN RECREATION RESERVE

FISH CREEK KANGAROOS



1

Pat Pekin

Pat is in his second season at Fishy and has not missed a game this year. Pat can play a number of roles for the team, he is strong, provides plenty of run.



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.



7

Jake Anderson

Jake is as tough as they come, he is versatile and can play a number of roles for the team. Likely to play an important role in shutting down a key opposition.



9

Mathew Watkins
One of the leaders in the side, is super smart and is the general of the backline. Make sure you pack a few extra roles of tape for him.



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.



15

Damien Scully

Damien has become a very dangerous and important forward. He has genuine speed and strength and can kick goals on either side of his body.



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.



20

Will Voorham

Will is a smart and fast wingman who is rarely beaten, and racks up possessions. He has the sharpest knees in the comp, and silky skills to match.



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 17-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.



27

Tom Buckley

A damaging midfielder, he will leave you in his wake with his spread from contest. Super fit and can be damaging in the forward line.



30

Tom Cameron

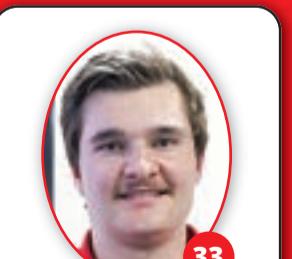
The 2022 League B&F covers plenty of ground and his will to work is second to none. He is a good kick, can mark and often kicks the team lifting goals.



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.



33

Darcy Berryman

Darcy doesn't fit the stereotypical mould as a 'big' full forward, but don't let that fool you. Quick on the lead, great contested mark and the purest kick for goal.



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.



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Roos to face the Pies in showdown

By Rob Popplestone

Semi Final:

WHAT the coaches said at the time:

Jarrod Walker – Fish Creek: It was a great team game. We had even contributors across the ground with a couple of standout performers. Our defensive game and pressure were at a level it needed to be for finals and we were able to sustain that for the whole game. Yinnar was able to get momentum going its way throughout the game but it was good that we were able to slow the game down and close it out. Looking forward to another week off and a chance to get a good training block in and get prepped for the grand final

Sam McCulloch – Yinnar: Fish Creek certainly handled the conditions better than us and had a lot of the play in their front half. Three early goals in the second quarter to Fish Creek was what broke the game open and we were never able to peg the margin back. Looking forward to seeing the response from our group.

This week:

As interesting as past results may be, they will have no effect on this week's grand final, outside of what coaches may have learnt about both their opposition and their own players' abilities to perform against those expected to be playmakers from either side.

"It was a good week off for us. We had a solid session getting a fair few kilometres in the legs with a heap of excitement," Walker said.

"As a team, we watched the preliminary to see Yinnar run over the top of Foster with a lot of momentum. Momentum means a lot in finals, so we will need to be ready to fire from the first bounce to match Yinnar's belief. Top two teams in the grand final will be a great game."

It's a thought echoed by many of the coaches in the league:

Damian Turner, Mirboo North coach: "What a great finals series. Both of these teams are long-time proven finals teams, with plenty of grand final experience. Poised to be a cracking contest, it's really hard to tip but if Yinnar can win the midfield battle, they win by 12 points."

Ray Pickering, Thorpdale coach: "Wouldn't we all like some of that Fish Creek water. An interesting matchup for mine – a powerful big strong Fish Creek outfit versus a slick, fast-running outside team in Yinnar. When it comes to finals, Fish Creek just seem to grow an extra leg, their experience comes to the fore and I think it will happen again this week. If Yinnar can get the ball into space and get their running game going that is the only way I can see them worrying Fish but I just don't think Fish Creek will allow it. Fish Creek by five goals."

Jack Weston, Toora coach: "First versus second on the ladder in the grand final seems fitting. Fish Creek to win for me. Their discipline to lower their eyes and move the ball skilfully by foot will take away Yinnar's ability to turn the ball over through intercept marks. I also don't see their youthfulness running over the top of a well-rested and healthy Fish Creek side with a stack of experience."

Ambu Uliando, Hill End coach: "Fish Creek win by three goals. Fishy have the experience and size that I believe gives them the edge. Will be an exciting game."

Chris Verboon-Stony Creek coach: "I think Yinnar will win by 13 points. The loss to Stony Creek in the last round has got them fired up to go all the way."

Yinnar would be buoyant about their chances too after their preliminary final win, but also respectful of the quality of the opposition and the enormity of the task.

"Excited about the opportunity to play against Fish Creek again and will go in with confidence and with the attitude we have nothing to lose," Yinnar coach Sam McCulloch said.

Magpies storm into finals with all three sides

By Rob Popplestone

THE Magpies had already tasted success earlier in the day, not once but twice, as the club's U18s and Reserves teams won their way through to the Big Dance in a week's time.

Yinnar enjoyed victories over MDU and Newborough respectively, but there was little doubt, it was a senior win that they were after – and it was what they achieved in no uncertain terms.

There was a sense of urgency about Foster early, its ball use and composure under pressure setting them up with an early lead in tricky, windy conditions.

Two goals for the Tigers put the Magpies under some real pressure in the first ten minutes, as Yinnar struggled to find its way forward and even when they did, poor ball use and decision-making were causing unnecessary turnovers.

It was only after some undisciplined play by Foster's gun forward Jake Best, that allowed the Magpie's Ben Cheffers a free kick on goal, the youngster slotting it through for his team's first score of the game at the 16-minute mark that had Yinnar up and about, but still trailing by eight points.

The Tigers responded well.

Todd Bastian goaled after being awarded a free kick 30 out from goal which put his side back out to a lead of 14.

Michael Cooke then sent his side into the first break with Foster's fourth, a goal after the siren – a lead of 20 points and some real concerns for Yinnar.

"Started really well and thought we were on top for a lot of the first half. Lost our way in the contest and set up in the second half and let Yinnar play to their strengths," Foster coach Sam Davies said.

Hayden Rowley was doing his best to work his team back into the game, but the finishing of his teammates was letting the side down, the windy conditions proving hard to navigate.

The talented Stuart Patten up forward for Yinnar wasn't having the best of luck and the frustrations of things not going their way was starting to spread throughout the side as they struggled to reel the Tigers in.

It was only a miracu-



Challenged all day, Foster were under constant pressure from a hard tackling Yinnar unit. Photo: David Bradsworth.

lous goal from Josh Bugeja that things started to roll for Yinnar.

A second major for the quarter soon followed when Stuart Patten slotted through his first that sent his side into the main break, still trailing by eight points, but with a renewed belief that they were well and truly in the game.

"It was a tight tussle early and Foster gained the early ascendancy. We managed to work our way back into the game late in the second quarter," Yinnar coach Sam McCulloch said.

The Tigers' Jake Best got his second of the day, and the first of the third quarter after a free kick was paid down field before Yinnar's Flynn Schill goaled nicely.

Foster was finding it hard to shrug off the Magpie's side, and when Ben Cheffers got on the end of some Kane Grinstead Jones magic to goal it was game on, with a grand final position up for grabs.

Stuart Patten goaled beautifully from the boundary just before time on and all of a sudden from nowhere.

Yinnar had hit the lead, its running brigade causing some huge problems for Foster, before Jake Best momentarily stopped the Magpie's momentum, reading the ball nicely off hands and converting his third to take the lead back for his Tigers.

Just when you thought that would be it, Kane Grinstead Jones



Foster's Leevi Lidstone against Yinnar's Chris Witchell in the preliminary final. Z26_3724

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

PRELIMINARY FINAL

75 **42**

YINNAR **FOSTER**

Yinnar	1.0	3.2	7.4	11.9 (75)
Foster	4.2	4.4	6.5	6.6 (42)

GOALS, Yinnar: Ben Cheffers, Stuart Patten 2, Adam Bailey, Josh Bugeja, Luke Cheffers, Kane Grinstead-Jones, Dean Linton, William Robertson, Flynn Schill 1 each

BEST: Dean Linton, Blake Van Der Meer, Clancy Mills, Luke Cheffers, Mark Stolk, Josh Bugeja

GOALS, Foster: Jake Best 3, Michael Cooke, Michael Green, Daniel Hawking 1 each

BEST: Tom Littore, Mitchell Allott, Brock Cripps, Jake Best, Daniel Hawking, Todd Bastion

RESERVES

Yinnar	2.0	5.3	6.3	10.5 (65)
MDU	3.1	3.1	7.1	7.2 (44)

GOALS, Yinnar: Callum Hutchison 3, Jarryd Garlick, Patrick McGrath 2, Matt Nelson, Wayne Rowley, Daniel Yates 1 each

BEST: Callum Hutchison, Matt Nelson, Matty Nardino, Ryan Mayo, Jack Chessim, Gabe Olver

GOALS, MDU: Ben Cantwell, Rylie Checkley, Toby Goss, Luke Harris, Angus Kemper, Blake Moscript, Rhys Weaver 1 each

BEST: Ryan Giliam, Blake Moscript, Michael Smith, Travis Ruedin, Matt Harris, Jack Ballagh

THIRDS

Yinnar	4.1	8.3	9.4	11.5 (71)
Newborough	1.3	1.4	3.5	4.5 (29)

GOALS, Yinnar: Billy Durea, Dylan Hobbs, Harvey McKay, Riley Zielecki 2, Noah McCafferty, Oliver McColl, Jay Rogalsky 1 each

BEST: Jay Rogalsky, Harvey McKay, Oliver McColl, Luke Douch, Dylan Hobbs, Harry Bugeja

GOALS, Newborough: Oscar Hanson 2, Ethan Mounsey, Brody Young 1 each

BEST: Zach Daley, Macally Brosnan, Anthony Daley, William Cuthbertson, Taj Webber, Lincoln Mulley



2024 WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION GRAND FINAL

THIS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14 • GARFIELD RECREATION RESERVE

PHILLIP ISLAND BULLDOGS



Hayden Bruce

Best player in the league, competitive beast who loves to dash out of stoppages.



Max Walton

Speed, running power and highly skillful. Has a great balance of inside and outside play.



Jordan Patullo

Good on both sides of his body. Very courageous going back with the flight.



Charlie Bruce

Strong over the ball and explosive out of stoppages a real match winner.



Kai MacKenzie

Attacking half back that has speed to burn. Classy left footer.



Jesse Patullo

The swing man reads the ball well in the air and takes opposition's best forward and can swing forward and kick goals.



Jaymie Youle

Club great who is hard at it. Wins the contested ball and makes people around him stand taller.



Travis Woodfield

Crafty forward who presents at the ball. Can bring some magic to games.



Billy Taylor

Sublimely skilled forward who has taken his game to a new level, great on both feet.



Alex Duyker

Big bodied left footer who has elite hands and provides intercept marking.



Bryce Hinghaugh

Genuine speed and evasiveness on the wing.



Daniel Bourke

Best tap ruckman in the league. Runs all day, skillful by hand and foot.



Daniel Pearce

Leader of the backline, hard at it, very skillful and provides aerial support.



Aaron Harris

Big Aaron has been a welcome addition, strong bodied defender who always competes.



Marcus Wright

Well balanced winger that provides good coverage and great decision making.



Damien Holmes

The wise left footer will give direction and voice, lynch pin in the backline.



Orlando Kane-Gillard

Extremely fast and lively forward who is a nightmare for small defenders.



Coby Olarenshaw

Long kicking key defender who has good leg speed. Has developed into a reliable key defender.



Cameron Pedersen

Big target up forward with strong hands, will pinch hit in the ruck.



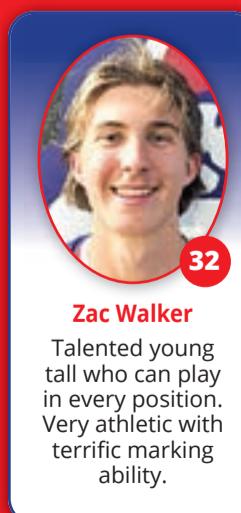
Thomas Baulch

Gut running mid/forward who is very skillful on both sides of the body, provides the X factor.



Yianni Caffieri

Classy onballer who is clean in stoppages and a great decision maker.



Zac Walker

Talented young tall who can play in every position. Very athletic with terrific marking ability.



Jack Taylor

Leads by example, hardworking, skillful tall who always provides a contest.



Mark Griffin

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2024 WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION GRAND FINAL

THIS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14 • GARFIELD RECREATION RESERVE

Bulldogs inaccurate kicking costs dearly

THE Preliminary final was upon us, the Reserves were primed and ready to go after knocking off Inverloch-Kongwak the week before in a great display. The sun was out and Dalyston had the ground and courts in pristine condition.

The Island came out firing with tremendous speed and intensity at the ball and man. The tackling pressure was through the roof, there was a genuine hunger that was infectious. The Island kicking into a 2-3 goal wind showed poise and great ball movement but could not convert resulting in 3 behinds for the quarter. Quarter time scores Tooradin-Dalmore 9 to the Island 3.

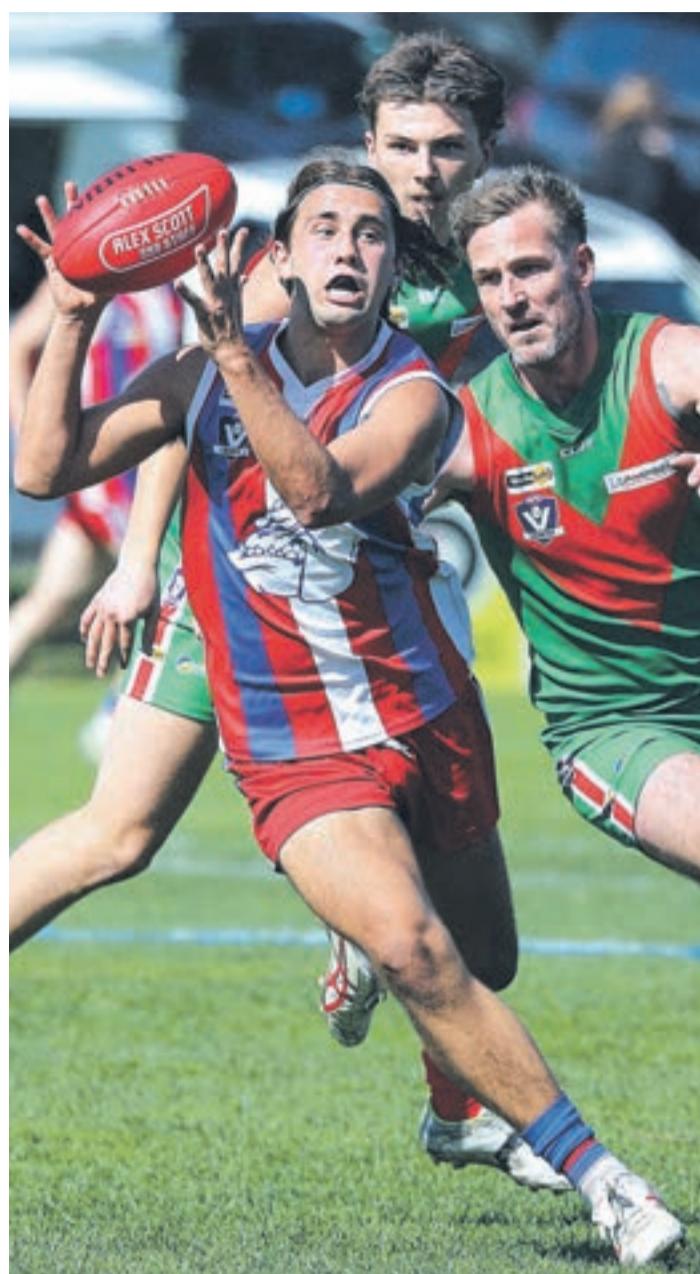
Shortly after the second quarter had started the Bulldogs kicked their first goal, the ball was living in the forward half but poor kicking for the quarter only registering 1 goal and 4 behinds. The premiership quarter was upon us and the Bulldogs were full of run. Finlay Cousins was very influential all game showcasing his skill and willingness to put his head over the football. Ben Taylor was finding space and using the ball well, Brayden Kleverkamp the swingman was thrown into the middle to aid the always impressive Tom Macrokanis.

A real arm wrestle was evident for the third quarter with the Bulldogs applying pressure and moving the ball well into the wind. The Bulldogs registered 2 goals and a further 3 behinds. This showed a disappointing 3-goal 10 behinds going into the last with a slim 6-point lead.

Coaches, James Nicolaci, Kev Taylor and Dean Blake spoke to the boys at three-quarter time, reminding them they earned their spot to be there, and belief was high. The Bulldogs hit the lead for the first time in the game.

The Island had the wind in the last and it all looked set to be the fourth Island team in the grand final. Inside 50 after inside 50 the Island sent it forward and two quick points followed, with the score line reading an ugly 3 goals 12 was this going to come back and bite them? The Sea Eagles pushed the ball forward and levelled the scores. A downfield free kick moments later and Tooradin kicked another goal to take a 3-point lead. There was a delay from behind the goals with the ball being returned to the field which cost the Bulldogs around 30 seconds with no time on. Centre bounce with 30 seconds left, Island wins the ball through Jay Ladson and he drives the ball to 15 metres out, the ball spills off hands and Tooradin dives on the ball, the whistle has been put away. The ball is thrown up at the top of the goal square and the siren sounds. Heartbreak, the Bulldogs had seven more scoring shots but lost the game by three points.

What a season from a young talented side that have bright futures ahead. The development of players and the fact that the seniors have had 39 players this year with 12 debutants is a testament to the strength of the Phillip Island Bulldogs.



Finlay Cousins alludes his Seagull opponent. Photo: Carol Ratcliff.

Goon through to the finals in thrilling upset

THE sun was out and Dalyston Recreation Reserve was in perfect condition as they hosted the West Gippsland League Preliminary Finals that saw Nar Nar Goon clinch their ticket to next weekends Grand Final against Phillip Island.

Momentum shifted several times between the duo before Nar Nar Goon sealed the win in the final quarter.

The first quarter was tight, with Nar Nar Goon edging ahead 3.2 (20) to Cora Lynn's 2.2 (14). Matthew Gentile and Dermott Yawney were crucial early on, helping Nar Nar Goon gain a six-point lead.

In the second quarter, Nar Nar Goon extended their lead, kicking four more goals to go into halftime 7.5 (47) to 3.3 (21). Cora Lynn struggled

to keep up, despite efforts from Matthew Ryan, who added a much-needed goal.

Cora Lynn mounted a comeback in the third quarter, led by Nathan Gardiner's multiple goals. They out-scored Nar Nar Goon, cutting the deficit to just 14 points heading into the final quarter.

However, Nar Nar Goon's firepower in the last term proved too much. Goals

from Yawney and Gentile pushed Nar Nar Goon past the 80-point mark, eventually winning 13.11 (89) to Cora Lynn's 10.7 (67).

Yawney finished with three goals, while Cora Lynn's Nathan Gardiner and Matthew Ryan also had standout performances. Despite their late surge, Cora Lynn couldn't overcome Nar Nar Goon's dominance in key moments.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

PRELIMINARY FINAL

67  **89**

CORA LYNN **NAR NAR GOON**

Cora Lynn 2.2 3.3 8.6 10.7 (67)

Nar Nar Goon 3.2 7.5 10.8 13.11 (89)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Nathan Gardiner, Luke Hartley 3, Matthew Ryan 2, Cory Machaya, William Stephenson 1 each

BEST: Chase Blackwood, James Munro, William Thomas, Timothy Payne, Matthew Ryan, Luke Hartley

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Dermott Yawney 4, Matthew Gentile, Private Player 2, Harrison Brain, Euan Grierson, Troy McDermott, Aidan Pipicelli, Jarrod Smith 1 each

BEST: Ryan Bromley, Matthew Gentile, Trent Armour, Nate Pipicelli, Jarrod Smith

RESERVES

Tooradin-Dal 1.3 1.4 3.4 5.5 (35)

Phillip Island 0.3 1.7 3.10 3.14 (32)

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Julian Suarez 2, Nicholas Lang, Anthony Mirauta, Oliver Sail 1 each

BEST: Jack Grist, Nicholas Lang, Ray Lengyel, Jake O'Donnell, Julian Suarez, Joshua Cope

GOALS, Phillip Island: Nick Anderson 2, Ben Taylor 1

BEST: Finlay Cousins, Connor Thompson, Brayden Kleverkamp, Thomas Macrokanis, Nick Anderson, Ethan Michaelides

THIRDS

Warragul Ind 2.3 3.7 6.8 8.11 (59)

Nar Nar Goon 1.1 2.2 3.2 5.5 (35)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Tom Cornwall 4, Regan Awty 2, Connor Fleming, Cameron Thompson 1 each

BEST: Damian Leslie, Tom Cornwall, Benjamin Allsop, Regan Awty, Campbell Gibbons, Brody Turner

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Oliver Ratten 2, Mitch Moresco, Jack Murphy, Chace Parker 1 each

BEST: Archer Shorey, Matthew Cross, Archer Radings, Ryder Kaminski, Toby Cramer, Noah Airdrie

FOURTHS

Nar Nar Goon 0.3 1.3 3.4 4.5 (29)

Warragul Ind 2.1 4.2 8.2 11.6 (72)

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Ryan Fox 2, Kai Jones, Jackson O'Brien 1 each

BEST: Oliver Ockwell-Payne, Xavier Ladbrook, Mitchell Varty, James Cross, Kai Jones, Toby Holland

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Ky Bannister, Rylan Butler, Mathew Cornwall, Cooper Vickery 2, Alex Ingham, George Morgan, Angus Watts 1 each

BEST: Rylan Butler, Cohen Dent, Steward Oling, Ky Bannister, Mathew Cornwall, Zachary Thompson

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Power's loss is local clubs' gain

GIPPSLAND Power has bowed out for season 2024, at the hands of arch rivals the Dandenong Stingrays on Saturday at ETU Stadium in Port Melbourne.

However, they had every opportunity to take the game and continue on with what has been a very promising season, going down by a solitary goal, Power 6.16.58 to Stingrays 9.10.64.

But 'bad kicking is bad football' and Gippy Power got right back into it by three quarter time after a slow start, only five points in it at the last change.

However, while Dandenong kicked two straight goals in the last quarter to preserve their lead, Gippsland peppered the scoring zone for 1.5 in a frenetic last term.

But it wasn't to be.

Best for Gippsland Power included Willem Duursma, Alixander Tauru, Harrison Canning, Tom Matthews, Zachary O'Keefe, and Harry Butcher and you can expect to see some of those boys drafted on November 20 and 21.

One thing the loss by Gippsland does do is release a number of talented players back to their home clubs for possible inclusion in the local finals.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

PRELIMINARY FINAL

ELLINBANK 62 **LONGWARRY** 54

Ellinbank 3.1 5.3 7.6 9.8 (62)

Longwarry 2.0 4.1 5.3 8.6 (54)

GOALS, Ellinbank: Anthony Battista 3, Makaio Haywood 2, Campbell Jolly, Shaun Phelan, Michael Uri, Private player 1 each

BEST: Makaio Haywood, Connor Wilkins, Anthony Battista, Jake Harper, Bryce Joyce

GOALS, Longwarry: Darren Granger, Jedd Serong 2, Cooper Brown, Braydon McHugh, Jason Wells, Ryan Wouters 1 each

BEST: Braydon McHugh, Darren Granger, Jedd Serong, Kane Oldham, Cooper Brown, Daniel Pullen

RESERVES

Lang Lang 2.2 4.4 4.7 5.7 (37)

Neerim South 3.1 5.3 6.8 8.10 (58)

GOALS, Lang Lang: Rhys Simmons 2, Kurt Batt, Rhyce Harvie, Zach Williamson 1 each

BEST: Rhyce Harvie, Jack Jenkins, Rhys Simmons, Brock Duggan, Tyler Falzon, Geordie Wells

GOALS, Neerim South: Harry Notman, Jackson Williams 2, Ethan Busse, Jack Erickson, Aaron Mitchell, Fletcher Robertson-Edgar 1 each

BEST: Timothy Beaureain, Harry Notman, Jack Erickson, Aaron Mitchell, Justin Lockett, Toby Bayne

THIRDS

Ellinbank 3.0 4.1 4.2 4.4 (28)

Catani 2.1 5.2 9.7 11.8 (74)

GOALS, Ellinbank: Charlie Armour 2, Joel Armstrong, Hugh Cunningham 1 each

BEST: Ashley Debenham, Lachlan Baker, Charlie Armour, Joel Armstrong, Riley Butters, Archie Martel

GOALS, Catani: William Kouris 4, Cayden Kibblewhite 2, Ricky Dobson, Jake Mardini, Declan McFarlane, Riley McLeod, Cohen McPherson 1 each

BEST: Logan Running, Brody Goodall, William Kouris, Lewis Bianchin, Jake Mardini, Cohen McPherson

FOURTHS

Buln Buln 0.3 0.5 1.9 3.10 (28)

Poowong 0.0 3.2 4.4 4.5 (29)

GOALS, Buln Buln: Cooper Crowe 3

BEST: Jesse Jagoe, Ty Kindermann, Artie Davidson, Charles Kilmartin, Oscar Blackwood, Cooper Crowe

GOALS, Poowong: Cruze Deal 2, Christian Dorian, Tait Nicholls 1 each

BEST: Gavin Monson, Zachary Sherar, Kohen Gilliatte, Cruze Deal, Tait Nicholls, Henri Bott

Poowong holds on to grand final journey



Zac Sherar was impressive through the middle all day for Poowong. Photo credit: Jeff Tull.



Poowong's Lachie Moriarty in action in the U16s preliminary final against Buln Buln. Photo credit: Jeff Tull.

IN a heart-stopping preliminary final, Poowong won its way into U16s Ellinbank and District Football Netball League grand final by just one point.

Poowong had lost to Buln Buln earlier in the season and knew it would have to give its all to earn that grand final ticket.

Playing at the Lang Lang Community Sporting Complex, the wind favoured one end but otherwise, it was a perfect day for footy.

Finals pressure had both sides scrambling in the first quarter with limited opportunities to hit the scoreboard.

It was a scrappy game all day and the defensive pressure remained intense.

Poowong defended well, led by fullback Kohen Gilliatte, and only let a couple of points through in the first quarter.

Gilliatte showed his skill at reading the play and drove the footy out of the backline well.

However, it was unable to convert its own opportunities.

Buln Buln knew Poowong had been on a roll of late and was eager to stifle any momentum.

Now with the wind advantage, Poowong went into the second quarter with a little more confidence – this was the chance to open the game up.

The boys settled well and with newfound composure kicked the first goal of the game early in the quarter.

Poowong's forward and midfield pressure increased with Gavin Monson leading the charge.

Monson took control of the game and earned his place in Poowong's best.

Zac Sherar also worked hard through the middle.

Sherar missed out competing in state-level swimming to play footy and Poowong was thrilled to have him.

Doing everything that was asked of him all day, Sherar

kept the pressure on and was one of the best players on the ground.

Poowong ended the quarter with two more goals to have a 15-point lead heading into half-time.

An even third quarter saw both sides score a goal each.

However, the game was highly contested with stoppage after stoppage.

With just 13 points in it, they headed into the final quarter.

This quarter had Poowong fans on the edge of their seats.

Buln Buln put everything on the line and its fitness was evident.

There was some panic as Buln Buln approached Poowong's score, but the Magpies did enough to get the job done.

Tait Nicholls sealed it for Poowong, kicking one last point to make the difference.

Poowong now has one more challenge ahead as it gears up to meet Ellinbank in the grand final.

The grand final will be played at Yarragon's Downton Park.

"I think there will be some nerves on both sides, but our boys deserve to be there. To come from fourth to be in the grand final is fantastic," coach Zac Gray said.

"We didn't beat Ellinbank during the season, but we didn't beat Neerim South or Buln Buln either, but we are confident we can do it if we continue playing like we have been."

Ellinbank beat Poowong by 64 points in round 10 and just 23 points in round 16.

The grand final promises to be a massive day with Poowong represented in both the U16s and the U18s.

"It's a big deal for our club to have the junior teams compete in the grand final. We've struggled for juniors in the past and now look we are – it's an exciting time for Poowong," Gray said.

Mirboo North's Jessie Holland hits a momentous milestone



Jessie Holland celebrates her 250th game with her Mirboo North teammates.



Mirboo North's Jessie Holland played her 250th Senior game recently.



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Parrots leave something in reserve for grand final

THE Leongatha Reserves are safely through to the Gippsland League Grand Final after beating Bairnsdale by two goals at Leongatha in Saturday's Second Semi-final.

The Parrots seemed to have control of the contest throughout, hitting the front early in the first quarter, after an initial goal from Bairnsdale's Logan Dunkley from the angle.

Nick Nagel to Noah Fixter, who marked in the goal square, got the Parrots started, followed by a point to Ty Hall who was already busy and then a goal to Beau Graham-Andrews.

Flynn Materia played his part in attack all match, toeing one through from close range to make it three goals to one, before Bairnsdale pulled one back late.

But Bairnsdale was hanging around, with plenty of capable players and they drew closer at the start of the second quarter when Matt Hamilton took a nice mark before converting the six points.

Leongatha answered quickly through an unsighted player and with Justin Pellicano providing a good target up forward, he combined with Darcy Hume for another as Leongatha continued to pepper the scoring zone until half-time.

The Parrots have a good mix of youth, senior experience and older experienced players in the group and they appeared to have Bairnsdale's measure throughout without really clicking into gear on the day.

The third quarter was one of missed opportunities for the Parrots and with Bairnsdale getting the only goal of the quarter there



And the big men fly. Leongatha's Nick Nagel looks to have the front position in this marking duel during the Reserves' semi-final at Leongatha on Saturday.

were five points in it at the last change.

This was quickly rectified when Matt Borschman and Flynn Materia combined to scramble the ball through and across the ground, the Parrots were lifting; Adam Trotto going on a few runs around the wing, Matt Borschman good around the packs, Josh Schelling solid in the ruck and taking some marks around the ground, Darcy Hume, Hayden Lindsay, Levi Hickey and Kyle Brown busy and the defenders now on top of their game including Xavier Bolge, Nick

Kelly, Joel Renden, Noah Clark and others.

Leongatha put the result beyond doubt with another goal to Darcy Hume and while Bairnsdale pulled one back late through Max Neate to cut the margin to 12 points at the end, the Parrots were in no real danger.

But they certainly have the talent and balance of youth and experience to play a lot better than they did last Saturday, which they'll want to do on grand final day if they are to deliver on their own expectations.

Gulls win but Parrots have second chance



One of Leongatha's better players in Saturday's Second Semi-final Ben Fort works his way into the clear after a stoppage in the Parrots' match against Warragul on Saturday.

and they went to half time with a 12-point advantage.

After an even opening to the third term, Warragul took their chances, and kicked a further two goals to take control, one of them by Caleb McIntosh and they maintained that through the last quarter.

Leongatha's defenders including Jude Fixter, Nathan Skewes, Finn Donohue and Klayton McGrath held Warragul's forwards up but ultimately Caleb McIntosh goaled from the boundary and they were out by two goals.

Leongatha Ben Fort's pulled one back after a free but the Gulls' Sam Grummich answered

Leongatha's Xavier Lamers won a race for the ball and continued on to kick a consolation goal.

But the Parrots weren't far away all day and get a second chance against Maffra at Traralgon next Saturday.

Final score Leongatha 4.7.31 lost to Warragul 7.8.50.

Late surge puts Leongatha Bs out

• NETBALL

LEONGATHA were opposed to Traralgon in the B Grade First Semi-final at a windy Moe on Sunday and got out to a 4-1 lead early.

But Traralgon closed up the gap and it was an even tussle from then on.

Both sides had their strengths with Alicia Marshman mobile in GD working up into the midcourt and then getting back well to support Molly Heber in the key defence role. Kasie Rump was using all her experience in WD especially off the ball to cut Traralgon's options in transition.

But it was a terrific contest from start to finish with many of the turnovers coming under the ring as the wind played havoc until the goalers of both sides developed their best techniques in the gusting conditions.

For all that, it was a high-class contest with both teams surging into the lead at times only to see the opposition come back and even it up or go ahead.

Halfway through the third quarter, Leongatha had a shot to go three up but the wind swept Kate McCarthy's shot away and Traralgon came back with their GS Asha Nightingale on the money with two goals.

But just when you thought it might have been an opportunity lost, Leongatha's defenders Alicia Marshman and Molly Heber forced a couple of crucial turnovers and it was back to goal for goal until three-quarter time. The game was anyone's.

Kasie Rump got a hand in midcourt to stop Traralgon's progress, but the ball was in the hands of Leongatha's goaller Kate Sperling when the bell sounded - Traralgon up by two 29-27 at the last break.

Leongatha WA Jade Cashin raised the tempo in the last quarter and Leongatha closed the margin again and a missed shot by Traralgon was seized on by the Parrots, but unfortunately, they couldn't convert and Traralgon held the lead at 32-30.

From there, Traralgon maintained control stretching the lead to as much as eight in the run to the line, ultimately taking it out 43-36 in the end. The result spells the end of the road for the Leongatha B Graders.

C Grade

The wind was howling by the time the C Graders hit the court at Moe for the do-or-die First Semi-final on Sunday and it was Maffra who settled better, especially under the goal ring to take it out to a 12-goal lead by halftime.

But the Wonthaggi Power girls weren't done with and turned on one of their best quarters of the season, especially in defence, to outscore Maffra 8-4, and cut the lead down to 8 going into the last quarter.

Jess Tiziani was busy through the middle of the court as was Libby Hutchinson while first Macie Gilmour and then Ally Cengia had the toughest job on Maffra's GA Staci Scott who seemed to be the only one able to find the goal ring at will.

In fact, that was the story of the day, Maffra were better

able to deal with the challenge of the strong wind and get their goals until the last quarter when both goaling duos were more settled, getting 12-10 in a satisfying end to the match.

Wonthaggi had finished in fifth place on the ladder and won their first final against Leongatha by one but found Maffra a bit too good on the day.

17 & Under

Such has been the improvement shown by the Leongatha Under 17 Netballers during the season that they turned around convincing victories by the top team Traralgon, 22-38 in April and 18-45 in June to go within an ace of knocking off the undefeated Maroons on Saturday.

The first half of the match was even enough, Leongatha starting well with 9 goals to 7 but Traralgon took back the advantage by halftime, 16-14.

The Parrots really hit their straps in the third quarter, with goalers Lucy Heber and Audrey McGannon right on target and Gemma Meadley leading a tight defence to produce a scoreline of 12-8 and a two-goal lead going into the last change.

Lara Gill was controlling the midcourt at that stage, and with everyone playing their roles superbly, mission impossible didn't look out of reach after all.

Traralgon ultimately out-scored Leongatha 10-7 in the final quarter to finish in front 34-33, but it was pretty much goal-for-goal through to the end in a terrific contest.

Leongatha gets a second chance to see the grand final day this Saturday against Bairnsdale, a team they have already beaten three times this year.

13 & Under

Saturday's Gippsland League Second Semi-finals started on a sunny netball court at Leongatha with the home side facing Maffra in the Under 13 with a place in the grand final on the line.

There was a light breeze blowing and plenty of spectators at an already packed Parrot Park.

The Leongatha Under 13s got out to a small lead by halftime and played methodical netball to get the margin out to 17-11 before Maffra settled and started to trim the lead back.

Leongatha's goalers, GA Ashlee Spark and GS Gemma Rump, were making the most of their shots, and rebounding well as required.

Both teams forced a few turnovers in the midcourt and Leongatha went to the last break still in control at 20-14.

In a tight last quarter, the teams went goal for goal initially with Mikayla Richards GK and Harley Storr GD making good positions under the defensive ring to make it tough for the Maffra goalers.

Three nice long bombs from Gemma Rump near the end put the finishing touches on the result.

In the end, it was a convincing win for the young Parrots who now go forward to grand final day.

Final scores: Leongatha 32 to Maffra 19.

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2ND SEMI FINAL

Seniors: Leongatha 13.17.95 d Moe 5.7.37

Reserves: Leongatha 7.6.48 d Bairnsdale 5.6.36

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Saturday, September 14
Traralgon Recreation ReserveSeniors: Moe v Traralgon
Reserves: Bairnsdale v Maffra
U18: Leongatha v Maffra
U16: Moe v Maffra

ELLINBANK GRAND FINAL

Saturday, September 14
Downton Park (Yarragon Rec. Reserve)Seniors: Buln Buln v Ellinbank
Reserves: Ellinbank v Neerim South
U18: Poowong v Catani
U16: Ellinbank v Poowong

MID GIPPSLAND GRAND FINAL

Saturday, September 14
Meenyan Recreation ReserveSeniors: Fish Creek v Yinnar
Reserves: Newborough v Yinnar
U18: MDU v Yinnar

WEST GIPPSLAND GRAND FINAL

Saturday, September 14
Garfield Recreation ReserveSeniors: Phillip Island v Nar Nar Goon
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U18: Phillip Island v Warragul Industrials
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Traralgon shuts down Wonthaggi's power game

WONTHAGGI'S do-or-die First Semi-final clash against Traralgon at a very windy Moe ground on Sunday started full of promise when the spiritual leader of the group, Aiden Lindsay, capped off an attacking sequence by Ryan Sparkes, Jack Blair and Tom Murray with a goal after two minutes.

Everything was going to plan but you sensed that Wonthaggi had to establish a decent lead with the aid of the wind in the first quarter if they were going to set themselves up for victory.

But Traralgon's defenders had other ideas, especially the intercept marking trio of Tristen Waack, Tye Hourigan and Mitch Membrey, who together with the gusty conditions conspired to block Wonthaggi's way thereafter.

To Wonthaggi's credit, when it was their turn to defend the breeze in the second quarter they restricted Traralgon to three goals while pulling one back themselves through captain Josh Bates who banged one in from close range and little more than a goal separated them at the long break.

The third quarter would tell the tale of Wonthaggi's season, as they needed to kick a score they could defend but it was Traralgon's Dylan Lopreste who dived for a slips catch halfway through the term before kicking an important goal.

It was some time before Jakeb Thomas could answer with a beauty from the boundary, after hard work by Jarryd Blair, Tim Knowles and Tom Murray. Power dodged a bullet when Jordan Cunico kicked one out on the full from 15 metres out but they still trailed by seven points going into the last change.

Traralgon's pressure was elite all day, closing down the space for Wonthaggi and they had players strategically placed to negate Wonthaggi's strengths, such as having arguably their best player Tristen Waack on Power's key forward Coooper McInnes, and the likes

of Ty Hourigan and Tom McMahon in support.

Hourigan had more than a dozen marks back there and despite the best efforts of Shannon Bray and Jakeb Thomas in the ruck, their specialist ruckman Max Jacobson often gave his onballers first use.

A standout on the day for Wonthaggi was Isaac Chugg, unbeatable off half-back, with Tom Murray proving to be an excellent inclusion but the Power's inability to score against Traralgon's pressure and the gusty wind was ultimately their undoing.

Traralgon kicked two goals to nil in the last quarter to ice a low-scoring game and march forward into a preliminary final against a wounded Moe next Saturday.

Wonthaggi had plenty of strong contributors on the day including Shannon Bray and Jakeb Thomas, either in the ruck or taking up key positions front and back, onballers Josh Bates, Ryan Sparkes, and Kaj Patterson worked hard, defenders Fergus O'Connor, Jye Gilmour, Josh Schulz, Tim Knowles and Isaac Chugg, of course, stopped many Maroon scoring chances and both Blair brothers Jarryd and Jack tried to inspire their teammates but it wasn't to be.

After a run of 10 wins and two losses from Round 8 onwards, they were arguably the form side of the competition, before Leongatha's stunning performance on Saturday, but on a very windy day, against a very committed Traralgon side, they couldn't maintain their winning streak and have bowed out of season 2024.

Coach Jarryd Blair said after the game that it wasn't where the club wanted to be at the end of the day, but he was tremendously proud of the growth in the group, singling out several of the team's younger players, and where they had come from during the year.

Final scores: Traralgon 6.6.42 defeated Wonthaggi 3.5.23.



Wonthaggi defender Tim Knowles gets the better of Traralgon forward Josh Hamilton taking a high-flying mark as the Maroons pressed for control in the second quarter.



Wonthaggi's Ryan Sparkes finds some rare air during an otherwise tightly contested match against Traralgon last Sunday.



Leongatha captain Tom Marriott iced the game with a running goal in the first few minutes of the third quarter.

Pressure packed Parrots into grand final

A RECORD crowd turned out at Leongatha on Saturday for the Second Semi-final day in the Gippsland League, with numbers boosted by fine weather and the fact that nine out of the 10 clubs were represented in netball and five in football.

In fact, the sporting highlights of the day were all at the netball where a huge crowd had assembled by the start of the A Grade match, between the undefeated Moe and second-placed Warragul.

Prior to that, there had been two one-goal cliff-hangers with Traralgon just getting over Leongatha 34-33 in the Under 17s and Drouin nailing a place in the grand final with a 39-38 victory over Morwell in C Grade.

In the feature netball match of the day, it was Warragul that inflicted Moe's first defeat in two years, led by their 200cm sharp shooter Emma Ryde, a former Victorian Fury representative, who was unbeatable all day in the circle.

The football? Not so much!

Traralgon set up a fairly comfortable win over Moe in the Under 16s with a four-goal to two third quarter, Warragul took control of the Under 18s early in the third quarter against Leongatha and the Parrots did what they had to do to defeat Bairnsdale in the Reserves.

And such was the dominance by Leongatha in the Seniors, playing Moe for a place in the 2024 Grand Final, that there was little for the crowd to get excited about, beyond being impressed with the Parrots' pressure and standard of play.

The Parrots had 30 scoring shots to the Lions' 12 for the day, ultimately running out 58-point victors to underscore their favouritism for a



Last man up, Cam Olden took this contested mark in the teeth of the goal before kicking one of his three goals for the day.

fifth premiership in six years, not counting the COVID year, 2020, when Leongatha were minor premiers.

The Lions failed to even score a goal until five and a half minutes into the third quarter with the Parrots already leading by 51 points at that stage, due mainly to the pressure exerted all over the ground, but it wasn't all Leongatha's doing.

Several Moe players, including Harrison Pepper and Nick Prowse, had good chances to open their team's account earlier but it wasn't to be.

If the game wasn't over at half time, with Leongatha leading by 39 points in a low-scoring affair, it was put beyond any doubt by Leongatha captain Tom Marriott in the first minute after the restart.

But Leongatha went on to win the quarter, four goals to two, and continued the theme in the last to make it a 58-point win at full-time.

Luke Bowmar made a real impact on his return to the senior side; Tom Marriott, Tallin Brill and Kim Drew applied plenty of pressure and offered drive away from the stoppages, Tim Sauvarin was a key part of the defence with Sean Westaway returning to his best form back there and both Guy Dickson and Cade Maskell solid.

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Jack Hume and Travis Nash were also prominent as were Jake van der Pligt, Jay Walker, Cam Olden, Will Littlejohn and Jarrod Stewart taking turns in the ruck with Ben Willis. But there were no passengers in a performance which strangled the opposition from start to finish.

Final scores Leongatha 13.17.95 defeated Moe 5.7.37.

Leongatha coach Trent

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

2ND SEMI FINAL

 **95**  **37**

LEONGATHA	MOE
Leongatha 3.4	6.7 10.13 13.17 (95)
Moe 0.2	0.4 2.5 5.7 (37)

GOALS, Leongatha: Jenson Garnham, Cameron Olden 3, Tallin Brill, Thomas Marriott 2, Jesse Burns, Jack Hume, Jake van der Pligt 1 each

BEST: Kim Drew, Thomas Marriott, Jack Hume, Luke Bowman, Timothy Sauvarin, Travis Nash

GOALS, Moe: Harrison Pepper 3, Tajh Eden, Nick Prowse 1 each

BEST: Brock Smith, Riley Baldi, Ben Maslen, Trent Baldi, Ben Daniher, Jacob Balfour

RESERVES

Leongatha	5.2	5.5	7.6 (48)
Bairnsdale 2.5	3.6	4.6	5.6 (36)

GOALS, Leongatha: Darcy Hume, Flynn Materia 2, Matthew Borschman, Noah Fixter, Beau Grabham Andrews 1 each

BEST: Ty Hall, Matthew Borschman, Darcy Hume, Joshua Schelling, Nick Nagel, Levi Hickey

GOALS, Bairnsdale: Matthew Hamilton 2, Logan Dunkley, Tyson Matthews, Max Neate 1 each

BEST: Max Neate, Logan Dunkley, Matthew Hamilton, Daniel Eastman, Damon O'Connor, Tom Selleck

THIRDS

Warragul	4.3	6.6	7.8 (50)
Leongatha 1.0	2.3	2.6	4.7 (31)

GOALS, Warragul: Caleb McIntosh 2, Keenan Boi, Lucas Carter, Samuel Grummisch, Heath Jinks, Finn Sheehan 1 each

BEST: Harry Brown, Lucas Carter, Xavier Olsson, Lachlan French, Charlie MacLean, Tyson O'Leary

GOALS, Leongatha: Kade Berryman 2, Ben Fort, Xavier Lamers 1 each

BEST: Julian Callahan, Nathan Skewes, Hamish Gill, Finn Donohue, Klayton McGrath, Ben Fort

FOURTHS

Traralgon	2.4	6.5	7.5 (47)
Moe 1.1	2.2	4.2	5.4 (34)

GOALS, Traralgon: Jaxon Murdoch 2, Hudson Anderson, Ford Gore, Lucas Nicholls, Brody Stevenson, Samuel Wight 1 each

BEST: Archie Woodall, Cooper Anderson, Brody Stevenson, Tacen Davidson, William Hamilton, Kade Thorley

GOALS, Moe: Max Moroney 3, Kobi Caldwell, Mason Snowden 1 each

BEST: Mason Malady, Bobby Higgins, Memphis McQualter, Samuel McConachy, Sam Robinson, Keller Holmes

1ST SEMI FINAL

 **42**  **23**

TRARALGON	4.5	6.6 (42)
Wonthaggi 1.2	2.2	3.4 3.5 (23)

GOALS, Traralgon: Dylan Lopreste 2, Jordan Cunico, Luis D'Angelo, Jackson McMahon, Harvey Neocleous 1 each

BEST: Tristen Waack, Tye Hourigan, Dylan Lopreste, Luis D'Angelo, Max Jacobsen, Mitch Membrey

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Joshua Bates, Aiden Lindsay, Jake Thomas 1 each

BEST: Isaac Chugg, Jarryd Blair, Ryan Sparkes, Fergus O'Connor, Joshua Bates, Thomas Murray

RESERVES

Maffra	3.5	5.7	8.11 (59)
Sale 0.0	0.2	2.4	2.4 (16)

GOALS, Maffra: Jesse Oldham 3, Jordan Stubbe 2, Joel Lambourn, Wil Ross, Bailey Wright 1 each

BEST: No names supplied.

GOALS, Sale: Jordan Dessert 2

BEST: No names supplied.

THIRDS

Traralgon	2.1	2.1	2.1 (13)
Maffra 2.3	7.5	10.9	13.11 (89)

GOALS, Traralgon: Angus Harle, Rogan Rutter 1 each

BEST: William Ambler, Rogan Rutter, Campbell Booth, Jake Zappulla, Evan Pass, Ben Burrows

GOALS, Maffra: Archer Watt 3, Jayke Andrews, Brodie Tohara 2, Noah Christy, Jovi Kellow, Fletcher McBean, Jack McQuillen, Thomas Phillips, Wil Ruthberg 1 each

BEST: Brodie Tohara, Noah Christy, Harry Burgiel, Sam Anderson, Jovi Kellow, Archer Watt

FOURTHS

Maffra	7.5	7.6	14.8 (92)
Bairnsdale 1.1	1.1	4.6	4.7 (31)

GOALS, Maffra: Leo Stephenson 5, Beau Cottrell, Charlie Kelly 2, Judd Burgiel, Jimmy Little, Marcus Proud, Archer Stobie, Angus Weatherley 1 each

BEST: Lachlan Harrington, Leo Stephenson, Fabian Vera, Marcus Proud, Will Burgiel, Judd Burgiel

GOALS, Bairnsdale: Oscar Baylis 2, Xavier Cook, Jobe Froud 1 each

BEST: Jobe Froud, Xavier Cook, Oscar Baylis, Kael Frith, Harry McGuinn, Douglas Ashby

Award cliffhangers for West Gippsland

THE results of the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition vote count was revealed online on Thursday night.

Phillip Island's Hayden Bruce took out the Seniors best and fairest – just one vote ahead of Trent Armour from Nar Nar Goon.

In the A Grade netball, it was all tied at the top.

The honours went to Korumburra-Bena's Gemma Dixon and Cora Lynn's Gemma Stacey with 24 points each.

Dixon is a two-time winner, having drawn with Inverloch-Kongwak's Renee Pilkington last season.

Pilkington has claimed the competition's A Grade best and fairest three times, and this year was the runner up with 22 points.

She shared the runner up title with teammate Lanni Pryor.

The clubs attended a dinner Warragul Greyhound Club last night (Monday, September 9), where the winners received their medals.

Photos will feature in next week's edition of the Sentinel Times.

"It was a close competition across the board. The Seniors had a ripping count that came down to just one vote," West Gippsland Football Netball Competition (WGFNC) operations manager Brett Tessari said.

"Hayden Bruce was a standout player. He had a fantastic season last year and polled well, but unfortunately missed out on the last few games of the season due to injury. He's proven to be a very strong player and it's great to see him get the top honours this season."

"Gemma Dixon is our A Grade best and fairest for the second time in a row and you can see the quality of competition we had this season with so many players tied at the top."

WGFNC now looks ahead to the grand final this weekend, set to be held in Garfield.



Hayden Bruce took out the Seniors best and fairest in West Gippsland's vote count on Thursday night. Photo: Carol Ratcliff.

In the Seniors, Phillip Island will take on Nar Nar Goon and in A Grade it will be Inverloch-Kongwak going for a three-peat against Dalyston.

"The netball grand final is going to be an exciting one. Inverloch-Kongwak is after its third win in a row and will be playing Dalyston, which is such a young side. It'll be a great game," Tessari said.

"We're looking forward to great weekend out at Garfield. We've had record numbers to every finals game so far, so we can't see what the grand final brings."

The WGFNC winners were as follows:

U16s: Winner: Charlie Fisher (Phillip Island), Runner up:

Jayden Worrall (Tooradin Dalmore).

U18s: Winner: Ding Dieng (Garfield), Runner up: Regan Awty (Warragul Industrials).

Reserves: Winner: Jarrod Hamling (Nar Nar Goon), Runner up: Luke Foreman (Cora Lynn).

Seniors: Winner: Hayden Bruce (Phillip Island), Runner up: Trent Armour (Nar Nar Goon).

U11s: Winner: Shaelee Kinsella (Cora Lynn), Runner up: Ella Bertone (Koo Wee Rup).

U13s: Winner: Anika Edwards (Korumburra-Bena), Runner up: Bella Hand (Cora Lynn).

U15s: Winner: Maya McDonald (Warragul Industrials),

Runner up: Aisha Hibbert (Phillip Island).

U17s: Winner: Maya Huther (Phillip Island), Runner up: Georgia Coleman (Garfield).

D Grade: Winner: Kristie Walker (Garfield), Runner up: Elise Byrne (Garfield).

C Grade: Winner: Bronte Forgiarini (Tooradin Dalmore), Runner up: Esther Evans (Kilcunda-Bass).

B Grade: Winner: Kelly Haynes (Tooradin Dalmore), Runner up: Maddie Taylor (Cora Lynn).

A Grade: Winner: Gemma Dixon (Korumburra-Bena) and Gemma Stacey (Cora Lynn), Runner up: Lanni Pryor (Inverloch-Kongwak) and Renee Pilkington (Inverloch-Kongwak).



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