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Janet Auchterlonie of the Dumbalk CFA Brigade joins a crew from Toora headed for the fires in east and central Gippsland on Sunday.

Strike teams mobilised

AS THREE major bushfires burnt out of control across Gippsland at the weekend, forcing holiday campers to flee and locals to evacuate, strike crews from Bass Coast and South Gippsland were assembled to support more than 350 firefighters and 70 fire trucks engaged in the first big fire emergency of the season.

A strong wind, consistently up around the 90km/h mark on Sunday, and restricted access to roads hampered efforts to bring the bushfires under control with emergency warnings issued for Loch Sport and Wattle Point; Briagolong; Rawson, Walhalla and Erica; and Dargo and Crooked River.

Meanwhile, at 12.20pm, while strike crews and trucks were being put together, a burn-off of three weeks ago re-ignited at Outtrim, under pressure from the wind, jumped a track, and spread to cut timber and grass. Fire crews from Kongwak and Korumburra were on the scene until 6pm making the fire safe.

As strike teams (including vehicles and personnel from Toora, Ruby, Dumbalk, Inverloch, Wonthaggi, Kernot, San Remo, Bass, Phillip Island and Poowong departed, remaining fire brigades were efficiently reallocating their resources to ensure local areas remain protected.

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ROYAL RORTS

- Where the NDIS could be improved

THE final report from the \$600 million, four-and-a-half year Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability was released last Friday, September 29.

Filling 12 volumes and containing 222 recommendations it covers every aspect of living, and even dying with a disability.

And despite the fact that it dropped the day before the much-anticipated Collingwood and Brisbane grand final, it has still prompted a lot of discussion locally, principally about its likely impact on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

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Strike teams mobilised

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"The weekend is a timely reminder that the fire season is here, and people need to do their preparations now," Bass Coast Group Officer Damien O'Connor said.

"Clean up around your properties, be prepared, don't leave burn-offs unattended, register your burn-offs, and have your fire plan ready."

"It's also a good time for property owners to test their fire pumps and equipment before the cropping season."

As silage gets underway, farmers are urged to ensure their maintenance is up to date and machinery has been cleaned.

"This time of the year is when we get tractor fires. Equipment hasn't been serviced or maintained since last season and has sat (idle) through winter. Make sure maintenance has occurred before equipment and machinery is used."

Officer O'Connor also stated that people whether in residential areas or farming properties mustn't become complacent.

"Green paddocks will soon dry off and we will be into a long and harsh fire season."

"In seasons past, at this time of year, we have sent (strike team) crews to Queensland and NSW, not to support our neighbours in Gippsland – it shows the exceptional circumstances. A total fire ban in the Mallee on October 2 is unheard of," he said.

By 9am Monday morning nearly 5500 hectares had been burnt in East and Central Gippsland with one home



Strike teams from South Gippsland, headed for the fire grounds in east and central Gippsland last Sunday, assembled at Leongatha at 12 noon to get their instructions. Janet Auchterlonie of the Dumbalk CFA Brigade gets a briefing from Rob Higgins of the Inverloch CFA prior to heading out.

lost, but no lives.

For local fire brigades, many of whom had not long started burn over drills and bushfire training for the season ahead, the strike force call out was a hard reality of what may lie ahead after El Nino conditions were officially declared.

On a day when the clocks jumped forwards an hour and households were reminded to test their smoke alarms and change their batteries, the early onset of the fire season is not merely an inconvenience, it is a sobering reminder of the urgent need for action.



Time is of the essence for the Ruby brigade after incident command sent out an emergency call for more resources from South Gippsland at the height of the danger in several locations across Gippsland last Sunday.

Moe DMO break-in hits fire response

THE implications of a burglary at the CFA's District Mechanical Officer's workshop (DMO) in Moe hit home last weekend when three major bushfires burnt out of control in Gippsland forcing holiday campers and local residents to flee.

During a forced break-in where offenders cut a hole in the wall of the shed to gain entry, more than \$100,000 worth of tools and equipment were stolen, delaying the repair and maintenance of the fire trucks and equipment from across the region.

It has been reported that thieves also had access to

entry codes of all fire stations in Gippsland forcing the CFA to send out a communiqué to all brigades to change their codes.

Fire trucks needed to be relocated in the interim, setting back their completion dates with some brigades left without equipment when Sunday's emergencies were called.

Ultimately, the region's brigades responded strongly to the bushfire emergency, and dozens of other blazes across the area but it certainly didn't help to have such a disruptive and costly incident at such a crucial facility, especially at this time of the year.



Kongwak CFA Brigade, including Captain Tony Reade, who joined a strike team at Duffy Road Briagolong at the weekend, and fire fighter Nigel Braithwaite, are waiting for the return of their main fire truck after repairs.

Charges laid after fatal crash

THERE has been an outpouring of grief on Phillip Island over the weekend following the tragic death of a 19-year-old local man as a result of a crash in Justice Road, Cowes on Saturday night.

Friends of the young man, a former student at Newhaven College, attended the scene on Sunday to leave bouquets of flowers and messages as the community tried to come to terms with the shocking incident.

Meanwhile Major Collision Investigation Unit detectives have charged an 18-year-old man following the fatal crash.

It is alleged a vehicle lost control before crashing into a tree at the intersection of Millennium Way and Justice Road just after 11.30pm on Saturday, September 30.

Five males were in the car at the time of the crash. One of the passengers, a 19-year-old man from Cowes, died at the scene.

The driver, an 18-year-old St Kilda East man, was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. He has been charged with dangerous driving causing death.

He has been bailed to appear in Latrobe Valley Magistrates Court October 4.

So far, there have been 214 fatalities on Victorian roads in 2023, compared with 186 for the same period last year.

Anyone with dashcam/CCTV footage or information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or make a report online at crimestoppersvic.com.au

Register your burn-off online

AS LOCALS begin preparing their property for fire season, emergency services are encouraging landowners to register any planned burn-offs online, through the Fire Permits Victoria website (firepermits.vic.gov.au/notify).

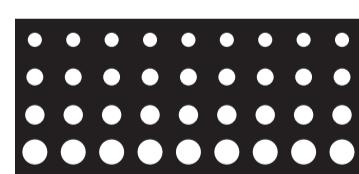
ESTA's Chief Operating Officer Nicole Ashworth says while the burn-off registration phone line (1800 668 511) is still available, callers can experience long wait times on days of high demand.

The website allows you to notify emergency services of your burn, and also check and apply for a permit, if necessary. However, if your burn is taking place within the next two hours, you must register your burn via the phone line on 1800 668 511.

For more information about burning off safely, visit cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff.

Before you notify us, make sure you:

- Follow regulations or laws by CFA and local council.
- Notify your neighbours if the burn will generate fire and smoke.
- Check the weather conditions are safe to burn. Postpone your activity if high fire risk conditions develop.
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6 Day Weather Forecast**SOUTH GIPPSLAND**

TUE | Oct 3

Rain.

Wind AM: N-NW 15-25km/h
Wind PM: NW-SW 15-20km/h

14° **22°**



WED | Oct 4

Rain increasing.

Wind AM: SE 15-25km/h
Wind PM: S 20-30km/h

9° **16°**



THUR | Oct 5

Showers. Windy

Wind AM: S 25-35km/h
Wind PM: SW 25-40km/h

9° **15°**



FRI | Oct 6

Shower or two.

Wind AM: S-SW 20-30km/h
Wind PM: S-SW 20-30km/h

8° **14°**



SAT | Oct 7

Cloudy.

Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: S 15-20km/h

7° **15°**



SUN | Oct 8

Cloudy.

Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

6° **15°**

IN BRIEF**Arts Trail Sale**

THE work of more than 16 South Gippsland artists are coming to the Meenyan Town Hall for the very first Arts Trail Sale on October 7 from 10am-3pm.

The creative event showcases a range of individual artists selling their work including ceramicists, jewellers, metal and wood workers, a basket-maker, painters and printmakers.

Devonshire teas, cakes and flowers will also be available on the last weekend of the Art Connect Arts Trail and Open Studio program.

High tea party for headspace day

HEADSPACE Wonthaggi are excited to announce their first High Tea event in celebration of headspace day 2023!

A free event for our community, everyone is invited to come along and enjoy homemade and locally sourced sandwiches, scones and a variety of warm refreshments.

Spend some time with the headspace staff, meet other members of the community and learn about their mental health youth services on Wednesday (October 4) from 10am to 1pm.

They will also be giving away native tube stock from our local Phillip Island Bush Bank... get in quick to spice up your garden this spring!

Regional water corporation feedback

IN AN effort to continually enhance the water and sewerage services provided to the community, a sample of customers will receive an email asking to complete a short survey to share their thoughts on satisfaction with water and sewerage services as part of an Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey.

Organisations aim to gather

er feedback from over two thousand customers across the seven participating water corporations, which include Westernport, South Gippsland and Gippsland.

To encourage participation, each corporation is offering customers the chance to win one of ten \$100 bill credits for those who complete the survey before 6pm Tuesday October 31. Winners will be announced after the survey closes in early November.

For those eager to provide feedback and potentially win a \$100 bill credit, the survey will also be made accessible on each participating water corporation's website for four weeks from October 9.

Tax return deadline around the corner

AS the October 31 deadline approaches, the Australian Taxation Office is reminding people to lodge their returns or engage with a registered tax agent to avoid late lodgement penalties.

Australian Taxation Officer (ATO) commissioner Rob Thomson said more than 7.9 million people have already lodged returns. That's 400,000 less than this time last year.

People with simple affairs can lodge online – often in under 30 minutes – through myGov.

Most of the information will be pre-filled – check it's correct, add any additional income, and claim the deductions you're entitled to.

The due date for payment is November 21, regardless of when you lodge.

If you are using a registered tax agent, your due date may be later.

Shocktober will enable you to save a life

WITH more cardiac arrests in Victoria than ever before, Ambulance Victoria

(AV) is urging Gippsland residents to learn or refresh their cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills and sign up to be a GoodSAM Responder.

Last year, Victoria's paramedics responded to 7361 cardiac arrest patients, an increase of six percent from the previous year, with nearly 80 per cent of those cases occurring at home.

AV Gippsland Acting Regional Director Paul James said anyone can make a life-changing difference.

"Our message is simple – you don't need to be a paramedic to save a life, just remember to Call (Triple Zero 000), Push (Perform CPR) and Shock (use an AED)," Paul said.

GoodSAM is a mobile app that connects patients in cardiac arrest with a nearby volunteer who is willing to start hands-only CPR while paramedics are on their way. More than 55 lives have been saved thanks to GoodSAM Responders.

For information about Shocktober, the GoodSAM app and how to learn CPR and use an AED (defib), visit ambulance.vic.gov.au/shocktober

Historical Society seeks new members

KORUMBURRA Historical Society's members are looking forward to shifting into their new Community Hub home and would love more local history enthusiasts to join them.

Korumburra Historical Society members meet on the first Thursday of a month, at 7pm during the summer months, with meetings expected to shift to the Community Hub from November.

As well as general members, the Society needs a new secretary and treasurer.

**POLICE BRIEFS****Car fire in South Dudley treated as suspicious.**

BASS Coast Crime Investigation Unit detectives are investigating a suspicious car fire in Wonthaggi on Tuesday, September 26.

Emergency services were called to the car fire in the grounds of a school in South Dudley Road just before 4am.

It is understood some sheds were forced open and the Ute was removed and driven on to the oval.

Police located a Ute belonging to the school engulfed in fire.

No one was injured and the investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Bass Coast Crime Investigation on 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or visit crimestopperspersvc.com.au/report-a-crime.

Crash at St. Clair

AT APPROXIMATELY 9.30am on Sunday October 1, a 36-year-old male from Wonthaggi was driving a red 1999 Holden Rodeo utility in a westerly direction along Lynnes Road, near Kirrak Road, when he lost control of the vehicle, collided with a railing, and then went down an embankment, towards an under-road cattle access track.

It is alleged that the driver left the scene of the collision and was taken to hospital by a passing motorist.

The driver has been admitted to hospital with a suspected broken collarbone, fractured ribs and other injuries.

Police also allege that the driver was unlicensed, the vehicle was displaying incorrect registration plates and was unregistered.

Wonthaggi Police and the Bass Coast Highway Patrol responded to the collision and are investigating if speed and fatigue played a part in the crash.

Tables stolen

INVERLOCH Police Station are investigating the theft of nine outdoor tables from a sporting club at Tarwin Lower.

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Yes or no, you've still got to vote on October 14

IT'S 'game on' in the 'First Peoples of Australia' referendum with early voting starting at the Wonthaggi Senior Citizens Centre, 46-50 Murray Street, near the Wonthaggi Medical Centre on Monday this week.

And there was already a steady stream of voters, running the gauntlet of the 'Yes' and 'No' campaigners on the footpath outside, before getting into the voting centre to get the job done.

'Referendum Day' is Saturday, October 14 but the prediction is that as many as half of the voters will have done their duty by the time the day rolls around.

Opening hours for the

Wonthaggi Early Polling Centre are:

- Monday, October 2 – Friday, October 6: 8:30am – 5:30pm
- Saturday, Oct 7 – 9am – 4pm
- Monday, October 9 – Thursday, October 12: 8:30am – 5:30pm
- Friday, October 13 – 8:30am – 6 pm

From the official 'Yes - No Referendum Pamphlet':

Voting YES is about: Recognition – Recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our Constitution and paying respect to 65,000 years of culture and tradition. Listening – Listening to advice from

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about matters that affect their lives, so governments make better decisions. Better Results – Making practical progress in Indigenous health, education, employment and housing, so people have a better life. Vote Yes to an idea that comes directly from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people themselves: Constitutional Recognition through a Voice. The Voice will be a committee of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who will give advice to the Parliament and Government on issues that affect their community.

Voting NO: This Referendum is not simply about "recognition". This Voice proposal

goes much further. If passed, it would represent the biggest change to our Constitution in our history. It is legally risky, with unknown consequences. It would be divisive and permanent. If you don't know, vote no. Risky: We all want to help Indigenous Australians in disadvantaged communities. However, this Voice is not the answer and presents a real risk to our system of government. This Voice specifically covers all areas of "Executive Government". This means no issue is beyond its reach. The High Court would ultimately determine its powers, not the Parliament. It risks legal challenges, delays and dysfunctional government.

'The Block' makes mega profit for 'Villas' owner

IN ONE of the most stunning property coups in the history of Phillip Island, the producers of Channel Nine's hit TV renovation show, The Block, have swooped on a local property as the site for their 20th anniversary show.

As discreetly revealed by the Sentinel-Times last week, The Block has indeed purchased a property "in the western part of Cowes". But, not quite so discreetly, the metro press have detailed that the property purchased by The Block, for somewhere near the asking price of \$9,580,000, is the Island Cove Villas (113-119 Justice Road).

And, as if to confirm the worst fears of locals about the likely impact of hosting The Block on Phillip Island, a constant stream of "rubber necks" have



The luxury resort, on the western edge of Cowes is set to be transformed by The Block TV show next year.

filed past the site all weekend.

Exactly what The Blockheads will ultimately do with the "2.5 acres of stunning palm-fringed gardens and sprawling lawns, featuring a ... pool, tennis courts" etc is anyone's guess.

But, before they hastily retreated from Daylesford

in the west of the state they had planned to relocate five villas to a rural site and set it up as a holiday retreat.

At the Justice Road site, much of that work has already been done for them with a stunning two-storey, modern home of approximately 40 squares

with five bedrooms, three living, three bathrooms, and a double garage, plus eight beautifully presented homes, six of two bedrooms and two of three bedrooms.

Word on the island is that Blockheads will be asked to join the villas into four homes, and to renovate the main residence.

Phillip Island Progress President Peter Paul said last week that national coverage on prime-time TV would have an impact on the Island, he just hoped the pros would outweigh the cons.

The decision to stage The Block on Phillip Island has attracted a lot of interest on Facebook including queries about where the contestants will get their coffee. "Does this mean we'll finally get a McDonalds on the Island?" Err, no!

Special administrators appointed to land council

THE ENTIRE board of the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) have been vacated and the organisation has been placed under special administration until March 15, 2024.

This order comes off the back of an examination of the corporation's books conducted in March 2023.

Following a show cause notice procedure it was determined that there were sufficient grounds to place BLCAC under special administration.

The Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations (RATSC), who conducted the examination, made the announcement in mid-September.

Mr Peter McQuoid from PDM Consultancy has been appointed as the special administrator and will provide intensive regulatory assistance to address the governance issues of the corporation.

Mr McQuoid has subsequently made an announcement on BLCAC's website.

"While I'm in this role I'll send regular newsletters to let you know what I'm doing to help get your corporation back on track..."

BLCAC represents the Bunurong people of the South-Eastern Kulin Nation in the Mornington Peninsula, Westernport and a portion of South-West Gippsland, (however parts of this land are disputed by the Boonwurrung people).

The Bass Coast Council consulted with the corporation about the naming of the Cultural Centre in Cowes and had several meetings held with senior members of the corporation to discuss the naming process.

BLCAC is now seeking to appoint a new Chief Executive Officer who will strengthen the leadership, financial performance and strategic development in preparation for the return of BLCAC to member control.

In the interim, Mr Kevin Leighton has been appointed CEO, who has experience as a senior company secretary and governance advisor for the Commonwealth Bank and involvement in leading the Trustee business of an Aboriginal corporation in Western Australia.

"I'm looking forward to taking on this interim CEO role and getting to know the remarkable team at Bunurong Land Council," Mr Leighton remarked in a media release from BLCAC.

According to RATSC, in 2014 BLCAC was also ordered into special administration for failing to comply with its meeting obligations—holding no annual general meetings for 10 years and only one directors' meeting in five years.

The corporation also failed to pay GST to the Australian Taxation Office in the financial years from 2010 to 2013 and subsequently incurred interest charges of \$23,000.

Four directors of BLCAC faced federal court in 2015 for breaching their duties as directors and failing to meet their obligation to ensure the corporation kept proper books and records.

One of the directors was ordered to pay compensation and disqualified from managing corporations for seven years and the other three were fined.

Inadequate records from this time also meant the special administrator was unable to properly identify the source and destination of huge sums of money.

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Cr Michael Whelan



FINDING the right balance between protecting our environment and ensuring appropriate development goes ahead to attract investment, grow our economy and create local jobs is a priority of Council.

Council's approval late last month of the exciting \$85 million Isle of Wight Hotel development is an example of this leadership in action.

Tourism is one of the main economic drivers of Bass Coast, but we often currently lack enough accommodation to keep visitors in the region for more than a day. The development of this landmark site significantly addresses this urgent need.

Development planning processes are critical to achieving not only the right balance between progress and protecting the environment, but making those decisions in an efficient, streamlined and timely manner. I'm biased, but I believe that Bass Coast has one of the best planning processes in the state.

This is why the State Government's announcement of a radical overhaul of planning schemes is important to the people of Bass Coast. We absolutely support the need for more social and affordable housing but will be seeking further clarity on these changes as they raise several questions and concerns for all councils.

Included in the changes is an increased ability for developers to go direct to the State Government to have their projects approved with limited transparency. Also of concern is that the Minister can choose to ignore existing height and setback requirements that would otherwise apply to these developments.

Councils want to ensure communities are not completely locked out of the planning process with no third-party appeal rights in respect of these applications. No one wants to see these changes lead to less transparency. Partnering with local government will be critical in ensuring this doesn't happen.

Bass Coast is also seeking urgent information on the impact of the State Government changes and how that may impact the local short-stay accommodation levy. We would not want to see our reforms replaced by a new scheme which is not as good.

I often hear how short-term accommodation is both a blessing and a curse. It is important to our visitor economy. We rely on it.

But we all know that short-stay rentals also put pressure on our urban neighbourhoods which is why we will work hard to ensure our plan for around-the-clock contacts, responsible waste management and other reforms will be integrated into the State Government's new planning rules.

Council has six EVs in the garage

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is the leading corporate buyer of electric vehicles in the shire.

In answer to questions asked at the September meeting recently, council revealed that it now had six EVs, purchased at a cost of \$353,546.

Mayor Cr Michael Whelan became the driver of the shire's first EV in December 2021.

"Council now has six electric cars and is committed to lowering emissions as part of action on Climate Change," said the shire in answer to several questions about the EVs.

The six cars include four Tesla Model 3s and two Hyundai Kona EVs.

Shopfront Improvement Rebate set to return

BASS Coast Shire Council is running another round of its highly successful Shopfront Improvement Rebate programs designed to further enhance visual appeal of our towns as well as improving accessibility and safety.

This will be the third round of the program with \$50,000 in the latest budget ready for businesses to improve vibrant and attractive streets, shops, and public spaces.

The program has been established to assist eligible businesses to refresh their shopfront to improve the vibrancy of individual shops, stimulate economic growth and enhance the look and feel of local commercial districts.

Council will be focusing on highlighting the more creative projects to encourage businesses to select projects that add interest to our main business centres.

Applications open on Monday, October 9 and close Sunday, November 19.

Successful applicants will be eligible for up to \$2000 from the funding pool of \$50,000.

Some examples of the works that can be completed as part of the program include: painting of the shopfront/façade; external signage and A-frames; improved accessibility; replacement of outdoor furniture and umbrellas; planter boxes, fencing and display of goods infrastructure; painting of the shopfront/façade; minor repairs to structural façade elements, awnings, and verandas; and installation of store



Bass Coast Shire's shopfront rebate returns with successful applicants eligible for up to \$2000 from the funding pool of \$50,000.

lighting visible from the street.

Council is offering a visual merchandising workshop for businesses interested in applying for the rebate.

How to create a standout shopfront

Join Maja from Phillip Island Graphic Design to learn

how you can create a standout shopfront! This workshop covers the key elements to ensure your shopfront will get noticed. Attendees will go in the draw to receive a one-on-one consultation session with Maja to talk about all things shopfront.

9.30am to 11am on Wednesday, November 1

Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre, 895 Phillip Island Tourist Road, Newhaven

Register to attend the workshop at bit.ly/46w6hZQ or for more information visit bass-coast.vic.gov.au/services/business/shopfront-improvement-rebate-program.

It's a question of censorship, they say

THERE were 14 questions on the agenda of the September Bass Coast council meeting, but apparently none of them about the \$35 million special charge scheme on Phillip Island.

Which was strange because dozens of questions about the Surf Beach Sunderland Bay road and drainage scheme have been submitted to council question time in the past few years.

Turns out though, there were upwards of four questions submitted by opponents of the scheme that didn't make the council agenda.

Spokesperson for the 'Say No' group, Maxine Sando, sent them to the Sentinel-Times, claiming they are questions that have not been answered

by council: "Here are the questions that (a) were not read (b) not answered and (c) did not make the minutes from council meeting:

- Q1. The Special Charge Public Notice states: Copies of the proposed declaration of Special Charge and a detailed plan of the Scheme area are available for inspection at Wonthaggi Council Chambers. Why are there no detailed plans to view?

- Q2. Newsletter Fact Sheet states: This regular newsletter aims to keep all property owners and residents informed of this project as it progresses, plus highlight anything you need to be aware of. Why have elderly and computer illiterate ratepayers been denied the latest newsletters No. 8 and

No. 9 by mail, this important information was not available to ALL ratepayers?

- Q3. If Council receives more than 51 per cent objections to the Sunderland Bay Surf Beach Special Charge Scheme will a report go up before the December Council meeting to abandon the scheme?

- Q4. My questions were about the process council is undertaking to ensure that an accurate count of objections versus submissions is taking place and which department is responsible to undertake this process?

Other questions at the recent council meeting related to council's progress on its aim of zero emissions by 2030, the location of the shire's evacuation

sites, why council hasn't released the annual community satisfaction results, and where it keeps a record of meetings with developers.

Council doesn't maintain a developers' register.

If you would like to make a submission and/or lodge an objection to the special charge scheme, it must be received in writing by Council on or before 5pm on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Submissions and/or objections must be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer at Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi, Victoria, 3995. A submission and/or objection can also be emailed to sunderlandbayandsurfbeachupgrade@bass-coast.vic.gov.au if this method is more convenient.

Parallel Bass Coast trails start in 2024

Coastal Park pathway in August.

In answer to a question from Fred Morris, who wondered if the inland route would still be going ahead "now that the Victorian Government has announced Coastal Pathways and upgrades from San Remo along the coast to Inverloch" council said yes.

"Yes, the inland path is due to begin construction in 2024."

In August, the Minister for

Environment, Ingrid Stitt announced details of the more than \$8 million project which will extend the George Bass Coastal Walk, creating a 32-kilometre journey along the park's rugged coastline, beaches and dunes.

With construction expected to begin in 2024, it will deliver three new lookouts for visitors to witness spectacular views at the popular coastal sites of Punchbowl, The Arch and

Eagles Nest.

Trail links will be added to connect the existing network so people can walk all the way from the Punchbowl in San Remo to Cape Paterson, while car parking, signage and visitor information will also be upgraded.

The council secured a grant from the Growing Suburbs Fund of \$3 million for the inland route with council contributing \$4.4 million.

'Yes' campaigners cry foul at Surf Beach posters

THEY'RE into the home straight where the \$35 million Sunderland Bay Surf Beach road and drainage scheme is concerned with both sides crying foul over tactics.

The yes campaigners, who want their dusty roads and dirty drains upgraded, say the no campaigners have resorted to "illegal" measures, using Phillip Island Nature Park's images to make a contested point about the environment.

"Have they got permission to use the Nature Park's images? Aren't they copyright? Do they even care about the environment?"

From the no campaigners, it's more a case of the local Bass Coast Shire Council cutting them off and not being prepared to answer their questions, including those submitted unsuccessfully to the September council meeting.

Key among the questions now from no campaign spokesperson, Maxine Sando, is who is undertaking the process of counting objections and submissions and how can we be sure it is being done properly.

"We had a number of questions about why a detailed plan has not been available for viewing and how the elderly are supposed to get their newsletters that haven't been answered," Mrs Sando said.

But there's certainly one mistake with the process that the council has highlighted itself and that's a typo with the all-important email where supporters and objectors are supposed to send their responses.

The correct email is: sunderlandbayandsurfbeachupgrade@basscoast.vic.gov.au

Responses must be in by 5pm on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.



Campaigners for a 'yes' vote for the Sunderland Bay Surf Beach road and drainage project say the 'no' campaigners are using Phillip Island Nature Parks images on protest signs, like this one.



This image of a Short-tailed Shearwater, used on the 'no' campaign posters appears to have been taken from Phillip Island Nature Parks literature.

Why 'The Voice' is like an access ramp

BASS Coast Shire Councillor Leticia Laing has likened the introduction of ramps for disabled access to the mechanism of The Voice in providing access by First Nations people to the business of government.

Speaking at the September council meeting, Cr Laing said such an initiative could not possibly be considered as divisive.

"It makes no sense to me how people see this step as divisive. This claim ignores that we are in fact divided in many ways, divided by our skills, our abilities, and our ways of life, and that our government and our communities do what they can to help us all have equal access to services and quality of life. Surely, we are not going to say that ramps for people who are disabled are divisive, the same goes for our First Nations people," said Cr Laing.

She said the Uluru Statement of the Heart not only called for the establishment of a Voice advisory body but also reform of the constitution and a Makarrata Commission to supervise agreement making and truth-telling between indigenous people and the government.

Still no satisfaction

BASS Coast Shire Council is still refusing to fall in line with most other councils and release the results of the Community Satisfaction Survey.

Interested council watcher, Mario Boffa, put a question to council on September 20, asking what is stopping council from publishing the full results.

Council responded that it publishes the survey results at the same time as the annual report (in October) each year "to provide a complete view of Council's performance".

However, while Bass Coast released a summary some months ago, Cr Ron Bauer noted at the September council meeting that the shire had already received a "terrible report card". Speaking about council's decision to recommend a 'Yes' vote at the referendum, he said it would "only add fuel to the fire of discontent".

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New scholarship guide invaluable for students

A COMPREHENSIVE scholarship guide outlining many of the grant opportunities available for local students and career practitioners has been developed. The South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning & Employment Network (SGBCLLEN) together with Bass Coast Country Universities Centre (CUC) created the guide after a need for one was sought from those in the industry.

"Sometimes students don't know about scholarships, so we thought it was really important to put out a resource so they can look for them," said Andrea Evans-McCall, Centre Manager of Bass Coast CUC.

The guide has been categorised into scholarships that are available from local community groups and organisations, as well as state and national opportunities, and into the various areas of study, making it easy for students to

identify scholarships they may be able to apply for.

Students often think scholarships are awarded only for academic excellence or based on equity and merit, but there are often a lot of different opportunities as well, according to Andrea, such as industry specific grants, those from philanthropic organisations and those for students who are first in their family to go to university, for example.

Scholarships help relieve the financial burden of studying and make it easier for students to begin, undertake and continue their studies.

Grants can assist with travel, on campus accommodation, student fees and loans, placements, resources, and general day to day expenses.

"The financial barrier can be a huge one for students to undertake study, especially regional students... so it helps

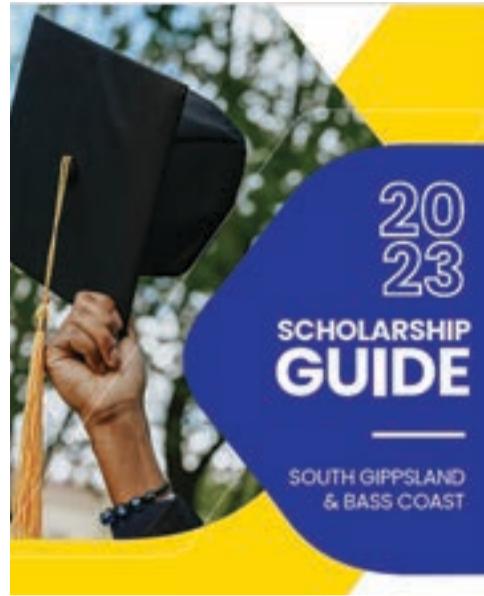
to support those financial barriers," explained Andrea.

Leah Underwood from SGBCLLEN commented that the guide is not an exhaustive list of the scholarships available, but it will be updated accordingly when new scholarships arise.

"We hope the guide will make it easier for students to find different scholarships they may be eligible for, as sometimes it is overwhelming trawling through websites reading through eligibility requirements," Leah said.

The 2023 Scholarship Guide: South Gippsland & Bass Coast can be found at cucbasscoast.edu.au.

RIGHT: A detailed scholarship guide has been created, making it easier for local students to find and apply for grants to help gain financial support while studying.



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All Australian citizens aged 18 and over must vote.

Don't worry if you make a mistake. Ask for another ballot paper, and start again.



Sample ballot paper

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Preselection contest for Federal seat of Monash

NEXT month's Liberal Party preselection for the Federal seat of Monash, taking place on November 12, is a three-horse race between long-term incumbent Russell Broadbent, current South Gippsland Shire mayor Nathan Hersey and Mary Aldred.

Russell Broadbent

Russell is the current member for Monash, having sat in Federal parliament continuously since 2004 and holding the seat of McMillan until an electoral redistribution in 2019.

He was originally elected to the House of Representatives in the seat of Corinella in 1990, defeated at the 1993 election, bounced back to be elected in McMillan in 1996, tasting defeat again in 1998 before commencing his long unbeaten run six years later.

Born in Koo Wee Rup and turning 73 on Christmas Day this year, Russell brought a variety of experience with him when he first entered parliament. That included working in a family retail business, being a company director, serving as a Shire of Pakenham councillor and in the role of Shire president, and becoming a member of the Local Government Board.

Nathan Hersey

Preselection challenger, Nathan Hersey grew up in Moe before moving to the



Russell Broadbent is keen to again represent the Liberal Party in the next Federal election.



South Gippsland Shire Council mayor Nathan Hersey is in the Liberal Party's preselection battle.



Mary Aldred is one the challengers for Russell Broadbent's long-held seat of Monash.

Mornington Peninsula at the age of 18 to study a Diploma of Business Management and Human Resources Management prior to completing a Bachelor of Arts.

He began part-time farming in 2014 at Woorarra West in South Gippsland, which was the foundation of a Scottish Highland Cattle stud.

The farming operation has since expanded and moved to Korumburra and Nathan has been on the Board of the Australian Highland Cattle Society, including as vice president.

Following study, he volunteered in the field of aid and development, before beginning employment with a Federal Member of Parliament as an electorate officer in 2012.

Nathan went on to become an office manager, then an advisor to government ministers,

including as a parliamentary advisor to then Health Minister Greg Hunt during the early stages of the COVID pandemic.

Nathan relocated to Loch in 2019 with his wife Lucy, an artist, and the couple are parents to son Hugo.

Becoming involved in his local community, Nathan was elected to South Gippsland Shire Council in 2021; he is also on the Board of the Municipal Association of Victoria and is Deputy Chair of One Gippsland.

Mary Aldred

Mary Aldred is the other contender for preselection, currently head of government relations for Asia Pacific at Fujitsu and having worked in a number of CEO and Board Director roles in Gippsland and at a national level.

She graduated with a

Master of Business Administration from Federation University in 2018 and has also completed a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) at Monash University, and a Master of Agribusiness at the University of Melbourne.

Mary is a graduate of the Gippsland Community Leadership Program.

Locally, she has served on the Boards of Latrobe Regional Hospital, Lifeline Gippsland, Woorayl Lodge Community Aged Care in Leongatha and is Chair of the Gippsland United Basketball Club.

Mary was the founding CEO of the Committee for Gippsland, which represents over 100 businesses and community organisations across the region.

She has been appointed to a number of Federal Government bodies and is the daughter of former Federal MP Ken Aldred.

Jobs in focus for October

LOCAL businesses have signed up to the upcoming Local Jobs Expo in record numbers with around 60 employers presenting a range of employment opportunities for jobseekers.

There are hundreds of jobs ready for attendees to view and discuss.

Bass Coast Shire Council, in conjunction with the Australian Government's Local Jobs Program, South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network and the State Government's Skills and Jobs Centre will be hosting a range of events in October including the Local Jobs Expo, as well as an additional event on resume writing ensuring jobseekers can be fully prepared to meet with prospective employers for new jobs or further work.

Your Road Map to Employment: From Resume to Offer Letter webinar:

Wednesday, 27 September, 6pm to 7pm. Online, register for free at bit.ly/3M5IOqX

Learn more: basscoast.vic.gov.au/jobs-expo

Vital drug considered for PBS

A CRUCIAL drug to treat early-stage triple negative breast cancer Keytruda (pembrolizumab) was recommended for subsidy on the PBS.

Keytruda is a type of immunotherapy called an immune checkpoint inhibitor.

They block proteins that stop the immune system from attacking the cancer cells, reducing the risk of the cancer coming back.

Keytruda is one of the first immunotherapies shown to be effective against early-stage triple negative breast cancer.

When combined with chemotherapy following surgery, it can significantly reduce the risk of cancer recurrence when compared to chemotherapy alone.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

A Little Place to Call Home

In an effort to preserve local biodiversity, South Gippsland Shire Council is installing habitat boxes in various parks and reserves across our region. This new initiative aims to provide refuge and support for our native wildlife, contributing to a healthier ecosystem and enhance our ecosystem.

Our recreational spaces are beloved by residents as places to connect with people, walks pets and recharge in an outdoor environment. However, they are also home to a variety of indigenous flora and fauna that face challenges from development and habitat loss. To counteract these threats and create a more sustainable environment, Council has installed habitat boxes to provide shelter and breeding spaces for a wide range of wildlife species, including parrots, kookaburras and even possums. These boxes have been constructed in a variety of sizes and are typically designed to mimic the

natural environment, providing secure nesting sites and protection from harsh weather conditions and predators.

The habitat boxes are currently located at McIndoe Park and Mary Checkley Reserve in Leongatha. Council plans to continue the project around the Shire and hopes that by placing habitat boxes in our parks and reserves, it will enhance the local environment and also create a lasting legacy of conservation for future generations.

As the peak animal breeding season unfolds, our habitat boxes will become home to a variety of wildlife species. South Gippsland Shire Council looks forward to seeing these spaces come alive with the sights and sounds of nature and will continue to foster a rich biodiverse environment for all to enjoy.



Seniors across Latrobe, South Gippsland and Baw Baw Shires, are invited to a morning of great entertainment.

Melissa Langton stars in *What the World Needs Now*, a joyous concert celebration of the swinging 60s.

When booking this free event, you have the option to reserve a free bus ticket along with your festival ticket for transport to and from the Traralgon venue, or you can simply book a festival ticket if you have your own way of transport.

WHEN: Thursday 12 October 2023

TIME: 11.00am – 12.00pm

WHERE: Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium, Catterick Crescent, Traralgon, VIC, 3844

For more information and to book a ticket, please visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 18 October 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

REQUEST FOR TENDER

Council is seeking submissions from qualified companies/applicants for the following:

RFT/377 – Design and Construct Public Amenities & Shelters at Leongatha and Korumburra Railway Precincts

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 17 October 2023

RFT/383 – Black Spot Funding – Intersection Reconstruction – Corner Koonwarra-Inverloch and Koonwarra-Pound Creek Roads

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 17 October 2023

RFT/384 – Minor Drainage Works – Korumburra and Leongatha

Tender closes 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 10 October 2023.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

COMMUNITY GROUP WORKSHOPS

Are you part of a community group looking to enhance your skills in writing grant applications and event management?

If so, Council offers workshops designed to help you develop skills to take your community group to the next level.

Check out our upcoming workshops at:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

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Graduate Paramedic relishes opportunity in Leongatha

GRADUATE Paramedic Jasmine Tostovrsnik started at Leongatha's Ambulance Victoria branch at the same time as Tom Cleaver whose story the Sentinel-Times recently told, with Jasmine just as certain she has found the right career.

Her biggest challenge has been adjusting to shift work, being her first fulltime job and not having previously tackled shift work.

However, the support she's received from colleagues has enabled her to settle in quickly, with Jasmine saying the transition has been smooth.

"I'm lucky to be surrounded by such great team members," she said, noting she has been given support and encouragement.

She said it has been good having Tom start at the branch at the same time.

Jasmine has a background in dance, still enjoying jazz, ballet, contemporary and hip hop when possible.

"I've always loved dancing and doing that on days off is really valuable. I have a lot of friends that dance so it's good to keep the social side of things and have a life outside of work, which I think is important to have a good balance," she said.

After setting her sights on being a school teacher while growing up, it was a football injury to her brother that drew Jasmine's attention to the idea of becoming a paramedic.

"He required paramedics and I was so intrigued by the work they were doing and the way they worked as a team



Graduate Paramedic Jasmine Tostovrsnik is thriving in her role at Leongatha's Ambulance Victoria branch. A01_3723

to help my brother and provide the best care for him. From then on I've been really interested in healthcare and being a paramedic," Jasmine said.

She has thoroughly enjoyed her placements.

"As soon as I started studying paramedicine at uni I just knew that I really wanted to do this as a fulltime career," she said, having graduated from Monash University late last year.

Jasmine is from the Mornington Peninsula but is staying in Leongatha for the periods in which she is rostered on.

As well as work, Jasmine continues to study to reach the milestones required each month during her graduate year.

She may not be lost to Leongatha and surrounds after that year is complete.

While Jasmine initially hoped to return to the Mornington Peninsula, she is finding herself drawn to South Gippsland too.

"Now I've come up here I've absolutely loved it, so I wouldn't be surprised if I wanted to stay here for the future," Jasmine said.

Leongatha ambulance branch

Team Manager Rebecca Hance highlighted the importance of graduate paramedic recruits Jasmine and Tom.

"We welcome the two new graduate paramedics who joined our team at the Leongatha branch to help respond to demand and get more ambulances on the road; they have fitted in seamlessly and it's been great to see our experienced paramedics sharing their years of knowledge with them," Rebecca said.

She wished Tom and Jasmine the best for long and rewarding careers at Ambulance Victoria.

Mycause appeal for Heather Wilkinson

A MEMORIAL service for a "beloved wife, daughter, sister, mum, favourite mother-in-law, grandma, and friend", Heather Wilkinson of Korumburra, will be held at the Korumburra Indoor Recreation Centre this Wednesday, October 4, commencing at 11am.

Notice of the service, follows a community gathering for Heather's sister Gail Patterson and brother-in-law Don at the recreation centre in August.

At the same time as notification of the service was given, an appeal was also launched on the mycause appeal webpage for donations, in lieu of

flowers for Heather, to be given to the Austin Hospital or through SIM Australia to the Galmi Hospital in Niger, West Africa, a cause that was close to Heather's heart.

"We wish to acknowledge the exceptional care and kindness shown to Heather and our family by all hospital staff, from the transport team to the ICU teams. Their dedication and expertise were unparalleled, and we are profoundly grateful," the family of the late Mrs Wilkinson said on the mycause site.

"We are thankful for the remarkable healthcare available in Australia and are mindful

of the many around the world in need of basic healthcare services.

"In lieu of flowers, we kindly ask for your consideration in making a gift to support two very worthy causes:

- The Austin Hospital, who provided outstanding care for Heather in her final days. Gifts help to support care for patients and families; research projects and clinical trials; lifesaving transplants and surgeries; and training and scholarships for future healthcare leaders.

- Galmi Hospital is located in Niger, West Africa, listed as the seventh poorest country

in the world where it provides compassionate and high-quality medical care. The Galmi Hospital Benevolent Fund financially assists patients who are unable to pay hospital fees due to poverty or other social factors.

The service to 'Celebrate the Life of Mrs Heather Alison Wilkinson' will be held five weeks after a memorial service for Don and Gail Patterson, all three victims of food poisoning, reportedly by death cap mushrooms, at a family lunch in Leongatha on Saturday, July 29, 2023.

Envelopes will also be available at the service.

Voice informative session draws engaged audience

AN INFORMATION session, followed by question-and-answer time and a panel discussion on the Voice referendum was held in Leongatha last week.

This was one session among a host of others being facilitated by Marg Lynn, Secretary, South Gippsland and Bass Coast Reconciliation Action Group.

The session opened with information and potential benefits to Aboriginal health and the positive impact a changed constitution can

have on Closing the Gap.

Presenters on the day included Imogen Whittaker, President of Leongatha Community House and Policy Officer at the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO), Rosemary Thomas, Aboriginal Health Nurse, Latrobe Regional Hospital and journalist Madeleine Byrne, together with Marg Lynn.

Approximately thirty people of all ages and demographics attended the session at Dakers Centre and

were actively involved and enthusiastic about how the Yes vote could facilitate the incorporation of First Nations wisdom into our collective understanding of land stewardship, how to effectively communicate with those undecided or leaning towards a "no" vote, and alleviate concerns held by potential voters.

Some believed that more information sessions around the issue were needed in regional areas where there is thought to be a greater lean

towards a "no" vote.

Marg was happy with the session and felt it was very positive and productive, with good questions arising that provoked interesting and useful information for those who were there.

This was a joint community event hosted by the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Reconciliation Group, Leongatha Community House, and South Gippsland, Bass Coast, Baw Baw, LaTrobe Valley and Central Gippsland groups for Yes! and Yes 23.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



THE Grand Final Day long weekend was a great opportunity to relax and recharge with family. It was also a great chance to enjoy our community and some glorious weather.

The Mirboo North Market was well attended, as is to be expected on the fifth Saturday of the month, with over 90 stallholders enjoying a beautiful South Gippsland day. Our community is a vibrant one, full of individuals with creativity and a generous heart. We have so much to be celebrated, and this week I thought I would focus on our arts sector.

Korumburra Railway Precinct Mural

Expressions of Interest are now open for artists who have experience delivering high quality murals.

This project will transform the entry to the railway underpass from the main street in Korumburra, and forms part of the broader Korumburra Railway Precinct upgrade. The underpass is a key link between the precinct and the town, making it easy for those enjoying the Great Southern Rail Trail to come into Korumburra and enjoy a break.

The theme for this mural was developed in partnership with students from Korumburra Secondary College and is focused on "local community, landscape, flora and fauna and incorporating these themes with fantastical and immersive imagery".

If you or someone you know would like to put in an Expression of Interest or need more information, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/art

Expressions of Interest close Sunday 8 October 2023.

Garage Sale Trail

The Garage Sale Trail is coming to South Gippsland and I encourage you to be part of it. Not only is there a chance to grab a bargain and get rid of some things that have been hanging around your home, it helps prevent goods getting to landfill and promotes a circular economy.

Registration is free and there are lots of resources online that can help you promote your sale. You can run your own sale or host it as a community organisation – there are plenty of possibilities.

For more information or to register, please visit: www.garagesaletrail.com.au/South-Gippsland

ArtCubes

The ArtCubes have been in Mirboo North for a few months now, being used for a variety of creative installations. There is still time to see them while they are in town before they are moved on to Fish Creek at the end of October.

If you have seen the potential of these amazing travelling art installations and want to get your town involved in the fun, Expressions of Interest are still open for the 2024/25 program. However, you'll need to get in quick – they close on Sunday 15 October.

To submit your Expression of Interest, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/artcubes

Art Connect South Gippsland Open Studio Trail

If you are looking for some inspiration for a weekend activity, why not explore what the artists of South Gippsland have on offer by completing some of the Art Connect South Gippsland Open Studio Trail?

With locations across our beautiful region, you will find an exhibit, open studio or gallery near you that would love to welcome you. It is also a great opportunity to talk to artists about their work and how they go about it.

For more information on the Studio Trail, please visit: visitsouthgippsland.com.au/open-studio-art-trail

Are you aged 70 years or older? You must still vote in the 2023 Referendum

The referendum will be held on Saturday 14 October 2023. Voting is compulsory even if you are 70 years of age or older.

If you can't make it to a polling place on voting day, you may be eligible to vote early.

For more information go to www.aec.gov.au or call the AEC on 13 23 26.

Appropriate COVID-19 safety measures will be in place at all polling places.

**Voting is compulsory for Australian citizens aged 18 years and older. If you don't vote, you may be prosecuted.
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— NDIS SPECIAL REPORT —

Erin and Rob Gardner of Bass Coast Support Work Services run as an independent NDIS provider. Z08_4023

More support time for NDIS participants

THE question of the cost of NDIS plans is of public interest, with the concern of whether the services are too expensive. Bass Coast Support Work Services (BCSWS) director Erin Gardner spoke with the Sentinel-Times confirming that each provider works within a price guideline.

As an independent NDIS service provider BCSWS has the flexibility to work within those guidelines to provide the best care.

"A provider can charge \$1 for every kilometre that they travel with a participant in the car. In a rural area, that is a lot of money coming out of a plan, which could mean less support hours and a plan to run out very quickly," said Erin.

"So, as an independent provider we have the flexibility to reduce that cost and not charge up to the dollar."

Erin opened the business in 2021 as an independent support worker and has since grown the business to 34 employees who help support NDIS participants re-connect to their community.

"Most participants have a support coordinator managing their plan and their budget, so a solution to getting more from a plan could possibly be each

coordinator discussing the budget with their participants service provider to get the best care from a NDIS plan."

BCSWS help with transport shifts and accessing the community, as well as helping with daily living, cleaning, and gardening.

"We're very mindful of cost when it comes to traveling, which allows the participants more support time," Erin explained.

"I went out independently three years ago, as I saw the need in the community, and we can now provide care for all ages, our youngest participant is five years old, where we work on capacity building, and our eldest participant is 67."

Erin and husband Rob Gardner said they recognise the work of their team and the difference they have made in the community.

"It is rewarding to see our participants achieve their goals," said Erin.

NDIS or self-managed participants can connect with Bass Coast Support Work Services via email at bcservices@outlook.com or get in touch through their support coordinator.

A vision of empowerment

FOXY House is a boutique disability service provider that strives to offer a personalised and empowering approach to disability support. Their aim is to assist individuals in their journey towards independence and self-fulfilment while providing a safe and supportive environment.

Teena, owner, and Director of Foxy House said "at Foxy House we believe that every person is unique and therefore requires a tailored approach to meet their needs."

"We work closely with our clients to understand their aspirations and goals and provide the support required to achieve them. Our services include Respite Accommodation, SIL Accommodation, In Home Support and Social and Community Access Supports."

The respite accommodation is set in the rolling hills of picturesque Kongwak, on a 35-acre property with a menagerie of animals, almost every fruit and nut tree you can think of and beautiful gardens.

"Although I'm passionate about all the services we offer, respite would have to be the most fulfilling. Providing a beautiful retreat like environment, aiming to

provide a feeling of safety, tranquillity and fun!"

Respite provides the opportunity to develop new friendships and maintain existing ones, as well as maintaining and developing new skills, and experiencing new activities in the community.

"Most importantly it helps to enable families to maintain the informal supports they so tirelessly provide by giving them much deserved time for themselves, it keeps families together," said Teena.

"Our team comprises of experienced and passionate disability support workers who are dedicated to providing high-quality care and support to our clients. We continuously work towards developing our skills and knowledge to provide the best possible services to our clients."

"Overall, we are committed to providing a boutique and truly personalised support service to enable our clients to achieve their goals, maximise their potential, and live fulfilling lives."

To find out more about NDIS funding and planning or to enquire about how Foxy House can support your loved one call 0408 132 617 or email contact@foxyhouse.com.au

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With a footy theme day last Thursday and plenty of Collingwood supporters among participants and service providers, it's been all about the footy at Foxy House in Kongwak lately.

Where the NDIS could be improved

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"Overall, it's been great, offering us as a family much more flexibility and [we'll say Kristy] greater opportunity to have a say over how she lives her own life," said a local mum about the NDIS and how it has worked for her and her 20-something intellectually impaired daughter.

Having been assessed for funding, the family and their daughter have a self-managed program and despite some irregularities brought about by a reduction in service levels during COVID, it's been working very well.

"We can budget for some additional respite for 'Kristy', for example, if we need to be away or to do some of the extra things she'd like.

"And we've had good access to our case manager."

But there are a few problems which she hopes will be addressed by the Royal Commission's recommendations.

"One of the main problems is the NDIS price guide which offers a maximum of \$65.47 per hour for services provided through the day."

The price of 1:1 care (standard weekday support) is \$65.47 per hour, while Saturday support costs \$92.12 per hour. High Intensity weekday support costs \$78.06 per hour, Saturday support costs \$99.69.

"It would be nice to see more sole traders negotiating lower hourly rates, not only because their overheads are low, but also to enable a participant's funding to go further. Perhaps the answer is two price guides, one for organisations which do have those overheads and also offer services to higher needs clients, and one for sole traders."

"What's happening now is that unqualified service providers, who might only be taking a person with low needs out on a half-day shopping, are charging the full amount when that's all you can get for a high-needs client who might need to have nappies changed, help with feeding and who



Chris Sangster, a regular at Foxy House, an accommodation and service provider for people with disabilities, has developed a great way to turn unwanted newspapers and magazines into fuel for the fire.

can't communicate well.

"I'd like to see that addressed by the Royal Commission recommendations."

According to our local parent, paying at the highest-possible rate for relatively simple services takes away from the overall allocation, in her daughter's case, \$90,000-a-year, limiting what's possible across the whole 12 months.

"Last year we fell \$7000 short, which was mainly due to an adjustment when we didn't spend as much through COVID, but it can be a bit daunting managing the funding through 12 months, even harder if it's 18 months."

The other clear issue, for our local parent, is people without a traditional disability getting funding under the NDIS.

"I know someone who has quite a valuable residential property who gets NDIS funding to help with the lawns and gardening after she had a nervous breakdown."

"That's a health issue, surely, not something that should come under the NDIS and in any case, she could downsize."

Our parent was a great rap

for the local Supported Independent Living provider and general NDIS service provider, Foxy House at Kongwak, which not only provides a good service but also at a group rate, as low as \$22-an-hour, depending on the circumstances.

"It means Kristy's funding can go a lot further, to more services, training and experiences.

"I wouldn't like to see group housing phased out, as I believe is proposed by some of the Royal Commission recommendations."

"Overall, though, I think the NDIS has been very good and with a few changes such as registering all providers, addressing the price guide and tightening up eligibility, I think it can be further improved."

Here are some Commission's recommendations that might help:

- Greater flexibility in funding for NDIS participants so they can make choices between alternative housing options.
- A national disability support worker registration scheme should be established by

July 1, 2028 including a code of conduct, mandatory screening and minimum standards for registered disability support workers and support coordinators.

- The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission should enhance its engagement and capacity building activities with National Disability Insurance Scheme providers by sharing information, facilitating forums, and expanding training.
- Enhancing the registration process.
- Provide better supported decision making by participants.

National Disability Insurance Scheme participants have to be under 65 years of age to apply. The eligibility criteria for the NDIS require a person to have, among other things, a permanent disability resulting in substantially reduced functional capacity and be likely to require support under the NDIS for their lifetime.

To qualify for the NDIS, people are therefore likely to have relatively high and complex support needs.

Shopping and mobile mayhem in Wonthaggi

ALMOST two weeks of shopping and mobile mayhem in Wonthaggi is over after Telstra completed their upgrade to 5G services on Thursday, September 28.

But the gain has not come without plenty of pain.

While thousands of Telstra customers, either living in Wonthaggi, or visiting the town, have endured intermittent drop-outs and lack of service since as far back as September 15, local traders, including clothing stores, hairdressers, and lunch shops, not to mention the big box retailers have been hardest hit.

A staff member of one of the town's big retailers processed hundreds of offline sales during the outage period, not knowing if those sales would be honoured when payments were activated days afterwards.

"It's been mayhem at times. We've had to go to 'cash only' payments at various stages and, while the majority of sales have gone through, the concern is that a small number of people target these events, buying up big, without having any money in their debit cards.

"But what can you do," she said.

Others told the 'Sentinel-Times' that they had sick relatives in hospital that they needed to be in constant contact with, but had missed key messages and phone calls until they either went out of town or the connection was restored.

"I received a message that this outage was coming up, but business owners who don't necessarily live in town, were completely unaware.

"Honestly, I don't think there was enough notice about these works or what the likely impact would be."

Prior to the scheduled works, Telstra put out the following media statement, carried on the Sentinel-Times website:

"Telstra 5G coverage will become available in Wonthaggi, with Telstra to switch on 5G services as part of a national rollout of the next generation of mobile technology.

"The improved coverage will follow an upgrade of Telstra's mobile base station located in Wonthaggi.

"It's really exciting to roll out 5G connectivity for the first time in these locations, meaning customers with Telstra 5G mobile devices can now enjoy a better mobile experience," said Jenny Gray, Regional General Manager for Telstra in Eastern Victoria.

Telstra said they would "work to keep some technology operating as much as possible", but acknowledged there would be disruptions between Friday, September 15 to Thursday, September 28 while the work was completed.

Strategy puts council in the housing business

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has put itself in a better position to respond to the housing crisis in the shire, an issue which is affecting all areas of Australia in varying degrees, by adopting a new Affordable Housing Strategy at its recent council meeting.

The Strategy sets out the role of Council and the principles it will adopt in delivering that role.

As December 31, 2022 the Victorian Housing Register (VHR) had approximately 1186 applicants wanting to live in Bass Coast, however there are only 374 dwellings available throughout the shire. The breakdown of applications by area in Bass Coast was: Cowes 254, Inverloch 315, and Wonthaggi 617 but these figures don't come close to painting the true picture with many people not registered with the VHR or simply giving up, such is the extremely tight nature of the rental market, fed by the prevalence of short stay accommodation and tenancy restrictions on landlords.

Mover of the motion Cr Ron Bauer told council he had changed his tune on council providing housing in Cowes, while deputy mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead said the strategy would enable the shire to attract funding for projects from both levels of government.

Ladies of Legacy

THREE South Gippsland Legacy widows took part in the Sale leg of the Legacy Centenary Torch Relay on Thursday morning.

They included Avis Tilley of Korumburra, who has just turned 98. Dianne Holtrop of Cowes and Maureen Matthews of San Remo.

The women were escorted to Sale by Legatees Amanda Ford, Perry Neil and Phil Head (South Gippsland Group president) and his wife Jan.

"Legacy's one of the most wonderful things in the world," said Avis as she waited for her turn to walk bearing the relay torch – the symbol of Legacy service.

"We had a wonderful time,"

chorused Dianne and Maureen. "We were treated like royalty, and everyone looked after us so well."

A feature of the Sale relay was a fly past by the RAAF.

The relay began with the lighting of the torch in Pozieres France before travelling to London to "meet" King Charles, and then onto Australia.

The relay ends in Melbourne on October 13, when the torch will be taken by a march of Legatees to the Shrine of Remembrance.

The relay is one of a number of Legacy Centenary celebrations that have taken place across Australia this year, including a special commemoration at Coleman Park Korumburra, on September 10.



Representing South Gippsland in the Legacy Centenary Torch Relay at Sale are from left, Dianne Holtrop of Cowes, Maureen Matthews of San Remo and Avis Tilley of Korumburra.

Beach access for all abilities

THE WONTAGGI Life Saving Club received a generous donation of \$3400 to purchase a new disability beach access chair.

The Wonthaggi chapter of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes GLE Victoria R.A.O.B generously donated the money following a tour of the clubhouse, and gaining an understanding about what equipment would benefit the community.

Mark Scott, President of the Wonthaggi Life Saving Club said the chair will be a great asset to the community and it will help create improved access to the beach for people of all abilities.

"It's part of where we're going as a club. It's part of our community strategy, our community programmes, having multi-functional facilities," Mark said.

The club had only one beach access chair, called a sand cruiser. The new chair will be powered, with floaties on the side so it can go in the water and can be used by children and adults.

"We're a family beach, everybody comes here and we're very much community orientated. We also get a lot of people with disabilities, and we can get them on the beach and in the water now," explained Mark.

The club will also be receiving funding from the State Government following advocacy from Jordan Crugnale and will be looking at purchasing some extra equipment, including a disability hoist.

As part of WLSC's temporary building they are required to have an accessible ramp for wheelchairs, and have also put in a disability toilet.

The beach access chairs are available to book and they're free to use.

Anyone who would like to use the chair, can call the club and will be able to gain access to the equipment.

Beat the scammers!!

IN RECOGNITION of Get Online Week 2023, the South Gippsland Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) located in Leongatha, is holding a special event to help increase the digital literacy of the community, particularly among senior members.

The CAB has been successful in gaining funding for this Be Online Week program and are excited to offer this opportunity, free of charge and regardless of address, to the community.

The event will be held on October 19 in Meeting Room 1, Michael Place, Leongatha from 11am to 2 pm. The morning session will focus on Recognising and Avoiding Scams. The guest speaker will inform attendees of the traps and pitfalls of online scams, how to recognise them, how to avoid them and what to do if one is detected or suspected.

A complementary light lunch will be provided at 12pm. Tea and coffee are available.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own devices, (iPads, mobile phones, laptops) to this session where our friendly and supportive staff will do their best to sort out any problems with accessing information on their devices.

We look forward to meeting and assisting the community far and wide in a relaxed and supportive environment. There is access to the Meeting Room via a ramp if required.

Please RSVP by October 16 to the Citizens Advice Bureau on 5662 2111, or email sthgippscab@gmail.com for catering purposes. Please leave a message on the phone if the office is unattended.

Remote Voter Services for the 2023 Referendum

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) will be visiting soon, so you can vote in the referendum.

Check the remote voter services schedule below for the dates and times you can vote in your area.

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BENDOC	Bendoc Hall, 26 Dowling St	Wednesday 11 October 2023	12:00pm-4:00pm
CANN RIVER	Cann River Public Hall 24 Tamboon Rd	Thursday 12 October 2023	9:30am-3:30pm
TOORLOO ARM	Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust 485 Rules Rd	Saturday 14 October 2023	12:00pm-6:00pm

This schedule can change. To confirm details, visit aec.gov.au or call 13 23 26.

All Australian people aged 18 years and older must vote.

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Two Mongolian veterinarians have come to Australia to work with Korumburra Vet David Beischer as part of the VET Net program.

Gift of Love for Mongolian families

THE WONTAGGI Baptist Church has raised over \$11,000 which will go towards providing about 142 sheep for 48 underprivileged families in Mongolia.

Winters in Mongolia can get down to minus 32. There is no social security and surviving exposure to freezing winter temperatures can be challenging for the economically disadvantaged.

In some situations, three generations of family may be living together in a single yurt, a round tent that is often less than 20 square metres in size.

Each year the Church selects a different global mission to support during their 'May Mission month' and members focus on raising money for their chosen project.

This year it was the Gift of Love Program.

Robyn Harbour, the churches' Missionary leader, was moved by a

presentation made by David Beischer, a Veterinarian from Korumburra, about his work in Mongolia and VET Net's - Gift of Love program.

"The idea with this Gift of Love Program is to provide between two and five sheep per family. That really is a way of securing their food for winter. They know that they're going to need other food as well, but that certainly can be the difference to just getting them through," said David who has been part of VET Net since 2006.

The program was first implemented in 2017 and developed as an offshoot of VET net, established in 1995 by two Americans, and assists Mongolian veterinarians and their communities.

About two and a half thousand sheep were given to families last year and overall there have been about 10,000 sheep distributed

since the project began.

"It's certainly a massive effort from the Baptist Church this year. It's an amazing amount of money. It's incredibly generous what they've contributed," said David.

This month VET net will be undertaking the huge task of working with local veterinarians and church and government officials in Mongolia, to identify families in need and begin distributing sheep before winter.

Two Mongolian veterinarians involved in the program have also come to Australia to work with David for a month and visited the church to speak about the program and also sang 10,000 reasons in Mongolian and English.

"This Gift of Love program, what they do, is absolutely beautiful," David said.

"It's just really being able to demonstrate love to these people."

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Robyn is pleased to provide a free one-hour session so you can understand what Emotional Intelligence (EQ) is and why it's so important for your wellbeing.

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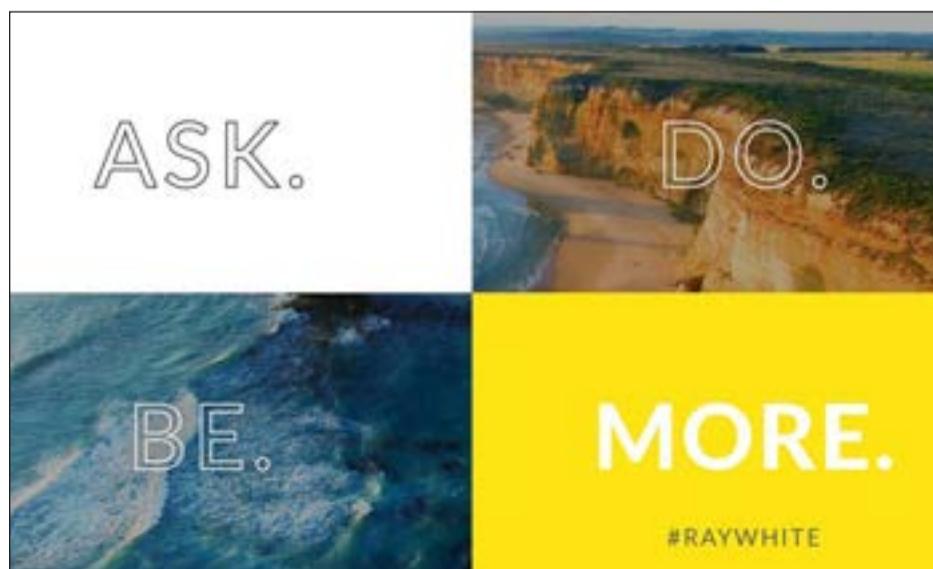
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Tired of counting sheep

Bena Ong Pharmacist
Terry White Chemmart Leongatha

SLEEP is a crucial and fundamental part of one's daily routine. You spend about one-third of your life doing it. Without sleep, you cannot form or maintain the pathways in your brain that allows you to learn and create new memories. It is also harder to concentrate and respond quickly.

Research shows that poor sleep has immediate adverse effects on your hormones, exercise performance, and brain function. It can also cause weight gain and increase disease risk in children and adults. In contrast, good sleep can help you eat less, exercise better and be healthier.

Whether your goal is optimal health or shedding a few pounds, quality sleep is your steadfast ally. In the quest for well-being, a night of restful slumber ranks among the highest achievements.

Here are some simple ways to help you sleep better and be more energetic and productive during the day.

1. Practising sleep hygiene

No, it's not about bathing before bed (although that's great too). It's about cultivating habits that make sleep irresistible. It can mean making small lifestyle changes like following a regular sleep-wake cycle, improving your sleep environment, relaxing your mind and avoiding alcohol before bedtime, which can disrupt the rhythm of your sleep patterns.

2. Reducing blue light exposure

Blue light can come from electronic devices such as televisions, smartphones and computers. Exposing yourself to blue light near bedtime can affect the circadian rhythm, which can trick your brain into thinking it's still daytime. This reduces the production of hormones like melatonin, which help you relax and go into a deep sleep—restricting the use of electronic devices at least two hours before bedtime can make a significant difference.

3. Ruling out a sleep disorder

An underlying health condition could be causing your sleep issues, and sleep apnea could be one of them. It is known to cause inconsistent and interrupted breathing, which can result in poor sleep and leave you feeling tired despite having a full night's rest.

If you would like to learn more about sleep apnea, our TerryWhite Chemmart branch at Korumburra has trained staff and pharmacists that can answer your questions and organise a sleep study for you.

Sleep issues affect many Australians, but you shouldn't need to keep losing sleep over it.

As usual, our team at our TerryWhite Chemmart stores are ever ready to have that conversation and go through your concerns with you to improve the quantity of your sleep.

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Helping out at the 'Cook and Eat' Day at the Leongatha Men's Shed last Friday were Doug Curphy, Geoff Burnie, Cheryl Lamb from the Leongatha Community Garden, Roger Donnelly, Bill Jackson and Tim Bloomer.

Working, talking and eating their way to good health

THERE'S work to be done, yes, but sometimes it's just as important to sit down at a table over lunch and have a chat.

And that's exactly what the members of the Leongatha Men's Shed did last Friday, September 29, at one of their monthly theme events, a 'Cook and Eat' day, supervised by two members of the Leongatha Community Garden who came across to the shed for the day, Cheryl Lamb and Kerry Thornton.

"We brought over some of our pasta sauce, from our tomatoes, some parsley, spring onions and herbs and we made some fried rice and a pasta bake, and there were cakes and fruit salad and cream to follow," said Cheryl.

Chipping in to help with the cooking were Doug Curphy,

Geoff Burnie, Roger Donnelly, Bill Jackson and Tim Bloomer with about 25 of the shed's 62 active members and a few new ones who had come down to the Leongatha Recreation Reserve site to take a look.

Around the tables, between courses, there was a lively hum of conversation; a little bit of football, some local news, projects on the go in the shed; just blokes getting together over good food and good company, what's not to like.

"We have an event a month and they've all been a success," said program coordinator Paull Lahn.

Club member Doug Curphy agrees.

"When you come down to the shed, you don't always get to see everyone, so these

occasions are a good opportunity to catch up. Just sitting down and having a chat is just as important as anything else," he said.

And that's certainly in line with the attitude of the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care which is right behind the spread of Men's Sheds across Australia as places where you mightn't only learn a new skill while working on worthwhile projects including toys for children, outdoor furniture, kindling bags or possum boxes for Wildlife Victoria in a safe, friendly and inclusive environment but also learn how to look after your fitness, health and wellbeing a lot better.

Coming up on Friday, October 27 is an important Men's Health Day, incorporating a

'Health Motivation Event' sponsored by AW Smith and Sons.

"We've got myotherapist Julian Walker as guest speaker talking about the importance of maintaining muscle strength as we age," said Paull Lahn.

The health event kicks off with the AW Smith & Sons Gift, with a prize of \$400 for those who participate in a simple set of exercises over a six-week period.

"If you complete the program, your \$20 entry fee will be refunded and you'll go into the draw for \$400."

Want to know more? Simply get along to the Leongatha Men's Shed (near the smallbore range on the recreation reserve) on Mondays (from 10am) or Wednesdays (from 9am) or contact Max Wood 0400 623 464 or Paull Lahn 0438 326 103.

Enhanced funding for Meeniyian Garlic Festival

MEENIYAN Garlic Festival, these days regarded as a 'significant State event', will again welcome visitors from near and far in February, with further backing from the Victorian Government's Regional Events Fund assisting in running the event and in its extensive promotion throughout the State.

The festival's former president David Jones said State Government funding has grown significantly over time, but under the agreement with Visit Victoria the government contribution can't be disclosed.

The event uses garlic to showcase the fine food, produce, wines, cheeses and artisans of the Gippsland region.

A family entertainment precinct, kitchen shows, live music and presentations hosted by the Australian Garlic Association are all part of the action.

David explained the event is designed to bring people to South Gippsland for its food and wine along with that of other parts of Gippsland.

"We bring more of Gippsland into the festival so people can get a taste of the wider region," David said, noting that pro-

motes further exploration and visitation.

Gippsland vineyards will be represented at the Meeniyian Garlic Festival through the Wine Gippsland centre that will include a tasting room with Gippsland sommeliers guiding sessions and wines available for purchase.

"We are proud to support the Meeniyian Garlic Festival to help grow the amazing food, wine, and tourism experience in South Gippsland," Upper House Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh said.

Current Meeniyian Garlic Festival president Laurie

Martin outlined the event's future potential, saying that while Meeniyian is the spiritual home of the festival, the size of the event places a large burden on the local volunteer pool.

He highlighted the fact the festival is recognised by State and local government bodies responsible for boosting tourism in South Gippsland.

"Given the wider level of support, we are contemplating a future name change to South Gippsland Garlic Festival, which would also allow us to move the event to other locations in the shire in years to come," Laurie said.

Local artist Ellen Palmer-Hubble features mayor and his dog

A PAINTING by Wonthaggi South artist Ellen Palmer-Hubble of Bass Coast Shire mayor Michael Whelan features in the current Hidden Faces online art show titled 'The 2023 Victorian Salon des Refusés Exhibition'.

Hidden Faces showcases portraits by Victorian artists, originally submitted for a number of national portrait prizes, including the Doug Moran, Portia Geach, Shirley Hannan, MAMA Albury, Archibald and The Lester.

The works displayed in the online show were either not hung in the 'official' exhibitions or shown in Melbourne. Hidden Faces reveals a broad

spectrum of entertaining, challenging and insightful paintings and is intended to provide Victorian artists with a platform to display their portraiture expertise.

Ellen's oil on canvas work, 'It's in G, Grouse' depicts "the inner game of music".

"Music comes from a connection to an inward focus; it is the musician who has the gift of refined listening, the key to imparting the aesthetic of music," Ellen said.

Musician Michael is depicted playing a 'G' chord while Grouse, his loyal kelpie, listens intently.

Ellen admires Michael as compassionate and driven to tackle

important issues such as the need for climate action.

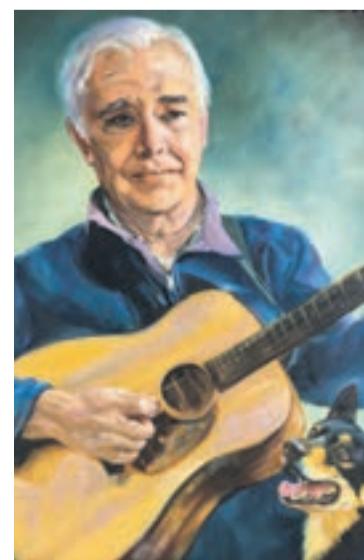
Exhibition details:

What: Hidden Faces - The 2023 Victorian Salon des Refusés Exhibition

Where: Full exhibition displayed www.ozlink.info

When: September 11, 2023 until March 31, 2024

RIGHT: Bass Coast Shire mayor Michael Whelan and his kelpie Grouse feature in a piece by local artist Ellen Palmer-Hubble currently showing in this year's Hidden Faces online exhibition.





Dr Terry Shannon OAM, JP, was awarded a life membership from the Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justice (RVAHJ) at the Wonthaggi Police Station on Friday September 22 for his work as a JP.

Life membership for Dr Terry

DR. TERRY Shannon OAM, JP, has been awarded a life membership from the Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justice (RVAHJ).

The prestigious award was given in recognition of Terry's great leadership in the local Justice of the Peace (JP) branch, the Wonthaggi 'Document Signing Station' (DSS), his wider community and building of a wonderful, respectful relationship with police.

Terry played an instrumental part in leading and setting up the DSS at Wonthaggi Police Station over 10 years ago and has worked over 300 voluntary hours at the station.

This service has been one of the most successful in regional Victoria, now dealing with over 1000 documents each month.

Terry is well known for his generous commitment to the local community and on Friday September 22 John Duscher OAM, JP, FRVAHJ presented Terry

with the award.

Being a fellow of the association already, Terry commented that he was very surprised at having received the award, especially given that they are quite uncommon, but was also humbled at the recognition.

He commented the work is interesting and provides a good, worthwhile service that is important to the local community.

"You know that what you're looking at is of some importance to the person, be it to do with land, be it to do with their will, be it to do with their gender reassignment or whatever. You're really helping someone who has a real need of these documents to be appropriately dealt with."

Terry explained that the best part about being in JP in a small regional area is having the opportunity to meet hundreds of local people and seeing these people again in the street and having a chat.

The justices and police work as a team for the mutual benefit of the community and a great relationship between the two has been established by Terry.

"I notice and I really appreciate how patient the police are at times. I'm astounded to see how patiently and skilfully the police can deal with very, very difficult people at times," Terry said.

"I've been impressed by the police. I like their warmth and I've found over the years that some worthwhile friendships have also developed, as we mutually serve the community."

Terry is also known as a well-respected leader in the community, a proud Order of Australia Medal recipient, and he has made significant contributions across several community organisations including but not limited to, the Department of Justice, CFA, Ambulance Victoria, Lions Club and Bass Coast Health.

Unleash the power of courageous decision with Stacy Currie

THE Southern Business Women's Network (SBWN) will hold their AGM on Thursday, October 19 at 6pm with an event at the Inlet Hotel, Inverloch with everyone invited to attend.

The network is thrilled to have Stacy Currie as a special guest speaker for the event which will include a two-course meal.

Stacey Currie's story is nothing short of a triumph of the human spirit. Despite a childhood marred by trauma, poverty, and homelessness, Stacey's remarkable journey has been marked by her courageous decision-making, as she refused to be defined by her past or limited by her circumstances.

Through sheer grit and determination, she clawed her way out of poverty and built a life that is a shining example of what is possible when one refuses to be defeated.

Stacey Currie is a successful businesswoman, author, keynote speaker, ambassador, and mother of five, inspiring thousands with her life lessons.

Behind every success story lies a courageous decision made by someone who refused to let fear hold them back.

Stacey's inspiring journey from adversity to empowerment began in housing commission accommodation with an absent mother, where she faced unimaginable challenges such as child sexual assault. At just 14, she was living in a shed, and by 15, she was pregnant with her first child. By 19, she had two children and was homeless. At age 21, Stacey faced a difficult ultimatum from the authorities: change her life or risk losing her

children. At just 22 years old, she found herself raising three children on her own after surviving domestic abuse.

Stacey's no-nonsense style and sense of humour have helped her defy the odds and not only survive but thrive. Drawing on her lived experience and street-smart wisdom, Stacey has empowered countless individuals to achieve their own success.

As the co-founder of a million-dollar printing business, her tenacity and commitment have earned her nominations for several business awards.

For the past few years, Stacey has inspired and moved audiences with her powerful messages of courageous decision-making, self-belief, and resilience. Whether addressing a room full of executives or a group of young people, Stacey's down-to-earth, relatable style and sharp sense of humour never fail to connect with her listeners.

Stacey has appeared on numerous TV shows, including The Today Show, 7.30 Report, and 60 Minutes, where she has shared her inspiring life story.

Throughout this inspiring talk, Stacey shares the top three lessons that have enabled her to make courageous decisions and will empower her audiences to do the same.

Published in 2022, "Good Riddance," her memoir, has captivated readers with its candid, raw, and uplifting tale of triumphant perseverance against all odds.

The SBWN invites both members and non-members to this special event to be inspired by Stacey and celebrate the past 12 months of the network. Tickets available at sbwn.com.au/events.


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Natasha Davis has been awarded regional stand-out educator at G8 Education's annual awards.

Leongatha local wins award for community engagement

A PASSIONATE advocate for integration and unity, Natasha Davis, has been recognised for excellence as an educator in community engagement in G8 Education's annual awards.

Ms Davis was awarded "2023 Regional Stand-Out Educator in Community Engagement" for her efforts at Brown Street Children's Centre in Leongatha.

Ms Davis, who started working at G8 Education in 2019, said the award acknowledged her work to teach children that "caring for your community will make the world a better place".

"Since I began working here, it's been my mission to make sure we build strong relationships with families and the broader community", Ms Davis said.

"Our community is what keeps us going."

G8 Education Chief People and Transformation Officer Tabitha Pearson said the company held the annual awards to honour excellence and effective leadership.

"We provide free online learning modules for staff, which relate directly to community engagement and how to promote this in an early childhood centre," Ms Pearson said.

Over the years, Natasha has gone above and beyond to ensure community connections are strengthened, including organising a weekend event where she invited local traders into the centre and hosted a community market.

Classes of 1963 to celebrate

STUDENTS and staff of Leongatha High School, now Leongatha Secondary College, who were at the school in 1963 are being called on to be part of the 60-year reunion event on October 7 at Leongatha RSL.

Organiser Barry Davies is keen to remind ex-students of this weekend's event and encourage them to come along from 3pm this Saturday.

Barry said it will be an opportunity for some to catch up with old school friends.

It's sure to be a great day with entertaining banter and amusing tales.

RSVP to Barry on 0418 357 167 or email info@barrydaviespainting.com



Gippsland Southern Health Service CEO Lou Sparkes delivered a presentation to Korumburra residents during the 'healthy connections' community forum.

Korumburra discovers its health services

KORUMBURRA residents have learnt more about their local health service during a recent 'healthy connections' community forum.

Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) hosted the forum to provide information about the services it provides and outline its vision for the future.

It also wanted to hear how it could better serve locals, opening the floor for questions.

CEO Lou Sparkes presented overall information about the health service and the programs it delivers, GSHS's vision for the future and clarified matters often misunderstood in the community.

"It was the start of a conversation with the community so they could understand us and how we operate, and we could better understand their needs," she said.

"People asked a lot of questions, which was what it was about."

Many questions focused on local services and how they can be accessed, staffing gaps, reasons people are sent to other health services, and transport difficulties.

"There was a long conversation about how hard it is for some people to access services because of a lack of transport

and GSHS is working on a new program that aims to address this problem," Ms Sparkes said.

Ms Sparkes added that it had been a constructive meeting that would benefit residents.

"A lot of people didn't realise we offer some programs at Korumburra," she said.

Around 20 people attended the session on September 21.

A similar forum will be held in Leongatha in December.

Incentives and opportunities for nurses and midwives

DAYNA Leatham has gone from having babies at Gippsland Southern Health Service to helping deliver them.

Ms Leatham is joint associate midwifery nurse unit manager in Leongatha alongside Carly Boulter and is constantly inspired by the impact she can make in her role.

"I'm proud to say that I had my babies at Leongatha hospital, experiencing excellent care from both our midwives and GP obstetricians.

"I'm now in a position to work towards leading change in the unit, to listen to what the community wants and work towards delivering those needs," Ms Leatham said.

Ms Leatham started nursing in 2010, studied to become a midwife in 2014-15 and started working in the field in 2016. She was appointed associate nurse unit manager this year and had two of her three children at GSHS.

She says her work is always rewarding.

"You often forget the impact you can have on the families you meet," she said.

"Women come up to you in the community and proudly tell you that you were there at their birth or some part of their journey and how grateful they were or share a small memory that made a lasting



Dayna Leatham and Carly Boulter of Gippsland Southern Health Service continue to guide, educate, and empower women.

impression.

"It's those moments that catch you off guard and remind you of the impact you have in peoples' lives."

Ms Leatham has experienced many standout moments as a midwife, including being able to accommodate

surrogate pregnancy and embracing both women's individual journeys.

She has also worked with women to provide maternal assisted caesareans and guided many women and their families through their journey.

But she also knows her place

in the big scheme of things.

"It always amazes me how as a midwife you see yourself as someone there in the background to encourage, support and work with women but it is really the woman who is the hero."

"It's not about me, it's about the women and their families and seeing the pride their faces when they meet their baby, the amazement at what they have created and their journey to get there, and the awe at how strong and capable women's bodies are."

Ms Leatham says midwives are there for the community "so we can continue to guide, educate and empower women to make choices along their journey".

"There is something special in knowing you are a part of that journey."

Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) is currently recruiting midwives and offers several incentives and opportunities for nurses and midwives.

These include a student midwife program linked with Federation University, a Registered Undergraduate Student of Midwifery (RUSOM) program employing undergraduate midwives to work with midwives, and financial, travel and accommodation incentives.

Global health expert to speak at Gippsland PHN event

GLOBALLY renowned public health expert and advocate, Dr Sandro Demaio, will be guest speaker at the Gippsland Primary Health Network's annual general meeting and 2023 Gippsland Primary Health Awards on November 15.

Chief executive officer of VicHealth, Dr Demaio originally trained and worked as a medical doctor at The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne.

Before taking his role at VicHealth, he was CEO of the EAT Foundation in Norway and a medical officer for the United Nations World Health

Organisation in Switzerland.

Gippsland PHN acting chief executive officer, Angela Jacob, said Dr Demaio had a passion for public health including issues around nutrition and obesity.

At VicHealth, Dr Demaio oversees more than 70 staff and a multi-million-dollar budget for direct health promotion, sports and community grants and health research.

He also holds a Masters degree in public health, a PhD in non-communicable diseases and has held fellowships at Harvard Medical School,

Copenhagen School of Global Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the University of Melbourne.

The event will be held in the Traralgon Little Theatre at 6pm, with a special performance by a group of young Indigenous dancers from Ramahyuck in Sale.

Dr Demaio will announce the winners of the primary health awards which acknowledge and celebrate primary care health professionals across Gippsland.

Register at bit.ly/3PWTgDo to attend.

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OH WHAT A FEELING

Sentinel-Times

COMMENT

Over to you Bill and Tony!

HONESTLY, if you wanted to try and hide the 12-volume final report from Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability, which has taken three and a half years to compile, you'd release it on the public holiday before the AFL Grand Final.

And especially where the football-mad Victorian public is concerned, that's exactly what happened last Friday, September 29.

Certainly, it got some of the coverage it deserved but nowhere near enough for such an important issue.

It was always going to be tough to encapsulate the findings of such a complex subject in a couple minutes on TV, but it's an issue that everyone in the community needs to take an interest in, at least at some level.

On just one of the issues, and it's a central one, the report makes thousands of references to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), which incidentally just passed its 10th anniversary.

In the past year, the NDIS cost the Australian Government an estimated \$36.7 billion, expected to rise 14.4 per cent in the coming year.

We spend \$52.5 billion on defence by comparison, so it's right up there.

But it's not just about the money, in fact if it was only about the money, you'd also need to factor in how the investment in better outcomes for people with a disability also has a hugely beneficial economic multiplier effect for the economy as well.

It's all about the people. By September 30, 2022 the NDIS had 554,917 eligible participants, rising in excess of 20,000 per quarter. So, it's huge and getting bigger.

What the report identifies, however, is that this is no time for squeamishness on the part of Minister For The National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill Shorten and his boss, Anthony Albanese. Some hard decisions need to be made and they need to be made now or the vast majority of people getting much better outcomes, as a result of the NDIS, will come under threat from a wildly unsustainable program.

Two things they need to address, and they need to go hard after are unskilled, unqualified and unregistered people charging full tariff for services, including \$62 an hour to take clients shopping and the people without a disability who shouldn't be on the scheme in the first place.

The government will cop some flack for cutting off the people who shouldn't be on the system but that goes with the territory when you win government.

Let's keep walking together and say YES

JUST a little over a week ago, hundreds of people walked side by side in Wonthaggi for YES.

Bunurong woman Jillian West spoke from the heart about our chance to create a better future for all - including for her baby grandson.

I've spoken to people from Wonthaggi to Sale about the referendum.

It's clear Victorians want Indigenous Australians to have the same chances as everyone else.

They want to close the eight-year gap in life expectancy, and ensure Indigenous



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Vox Pop

What advice would you give to the new Premier, Jacinta Allen?



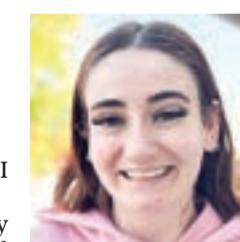
Glenda Diggerman
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"Be accountable for your actions and don't hide behind 'I forgot'."



Roxy Smith
Wonthaggi

"Invest more in arts and culture for people's wellbeing and to connect as communities".



Jess Martin

"The media is going to construe their own message however they want to and to not let it affect her like it did Dan."



Stu Mackie
Leongatha

"Good Luck."

We've been inundated with Letters to the Editor this week, for more please visit www.sgst.com.au

Sorry to Hawks and Demons' fans

MANY football fans will have noticed a mistake in last week's AFL GRAND FINAL QUIZ with question 14 naming Collingwood as the team which holds the record for the most consecutive AFL Grand Final appearances. The answer given was Collingwood (1925-1930.) Many will know this was surpassed by Hawthorn from 1983 to, probably the most memorable grand final ever, 1989.

If we exclude all the early football years with reduced team numbers, war years, the depression and move forward to the national competition starting in 1990 Hawthorn again leads the pack with five premierships.

Go Hawks.

Steve Finlay, Leongatha

Editor: Yes, well spotted Steve. It was a big week, but proving we're all fallible, Melbourne also played in seven consecutive grand finals between 1954-60. So, the correct answer should be Hawthorn and Melbourne. Your feedback, as always, is welcome.

The stolen generation

DURING my last trip to Alice Springs, I took a tour of the old telegraph station.

The tour was conducted by an elderly Aboriginal man. After the tour concluded I found myself alone with the tour leader.

He told me that he was part of the Stolen Generation. He had been taken away and educated, then had a successful working life, homeowner, and raised a family.

He had nothing but admiration for the system, also telling me that his brothers and sisters had died prematurely when they were not taken away.

I said why don't you put your story out there.

His reply was, the Aboriginal Hierarchy does not want to hear it.

Here are some things stolen.

Smoking ceremony, stolen from the Hawaiians.

One Nations People, stolen from the North American Indians.

Totems, stolen from the Canadian Indians.

Mark Horrock

Seniors Fest at Wonthaggi Historical Society

THE 2023 Victorian Seniors Festival this October focuses on providing fun and good times with opportunities to participate in events and activities for free or minimal cost.

Learn, Love, Live - your best life and come join the fun, is the theme for this year and the Wonthaggi and District Historical Society (WDHS) are hosting three history-based activities, over three weeks.

The first activity will look at Births, Deaths and Marriage notices in local newspapers from 1910-2023, and how they have evolved and changed over the decades.

"In the 50s, it was all about descriptions of the bride and what they wore and who was going, what and where, and all those sorts of things,

whereas that changed," explained Fay Quilford, President of WDHS.

"Going down memory lane of comparisons and of how that transition has happened over the time."

Some experimental searches will also be undertaken, where attendees can suggest a name to search for within the newspapers.

The idea is to give people an understanding about how the WDHS can search for records, find information and assist people with their research inquiries.

In the second activity, two or three speakers will be giving a comprehensive summary of the history of Wreck Beach/Harmers Haven.

It was along that coastline that coal was first discovered in 1828 and the talk

will start there, followed by a look at the story of First Peoples woman Truganini. Then a look at The Artisan that washed ashore in 1901, and the enormous whale in 1923 as well as The Winston Churchill in 1958.

The third activity will be a walk through the Wonthaggi Cemetery. The stories of five or six interesting and key personalities from Wonthaggi's past who are buried in the Cemetery will be told.

For more information about these events visit: wonthaggihistoricalsociety.org.au/2023/09/22/seniors-week.

RIGHT: The Artisan that washed ashore in 1901 on Wreck Beach will be part of a history presentation held by WDHS for Seniors Festival activities.



~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

NOW that the school holiday period has concluded the programs offered through the Centre at Mitchell House will resume. The free supported playgroups on Monday and Friday mornings from 9:30am provide a great opportunity for mums with toddlers to come along and participate in a range of activities that will engage their children in learning fun.

Yoga classes, meditation and the popular multi-cultural women's group will all likewise recommence this week. Check the website (wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com) or the latest Grapevine program for the days and starting times of all the Centre activities during the week or call into Mitchell House for a takeaway copy.

The increasingly popular weekly community lunch will resume this Wednesday (October 4) from 12:30pm. A hearty vegetarian friendly lunch is guaranteed along with the friendship and conversation that accompanies a shared meal. The lunch is free, however, a gold coin donation if manageable, is appreciated to help cover costs. For catering purposes it is really helpful if you can ring or drop into Mitchell

House before Wednesday each week to register your intention to attend the lunch.

The cook up on Wednesday's each week deliberately includes a surplus that is divided into meal sized portions, frozen and made available throughout the following week for those in our community in need of a nourishing meal. These meals are available on request from Mitchell House. A limited supply of grocery and personal hygiene items are also maintained to serve those in need.

A new addition to the program is the Bass Coast Parkinsons Peer Support Group. This support group for those living with this condition and their families will meet at Mitchell House between 1pm and 2:30pm on October 13 and November 10. Please phone Fight Parkinsons Victoria to register your interest - 1800 644 189.

AGM

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre was conducted last Thursday afternoon. Retiring members of the Committee of Management were sincerely thanked for their service and a new Committee installed

for the next 12-month period. Helen Searle was endorsed as the new President and Grant Watson as the new Secretary. There are still vacancies on the Committee, so members who were unable to be present for the meeting are encouraged to consider offering their services. Please reach out to the Centre Manager (Leslie Adams) at Mitchell House for details if you might like to contribute your time and expertise in this way.

A report summarising the feedback received through the recently administered community survey was shared at the meeting. The comments received were overwhelmingly positive and served to strongly affirm the work of the Centre and the valuable contribution it makes to the local community. The feedback was encouraging for both the committee and staff of the Centre and confirmed that Mitchell House is a highly regarded and much appreciated component of the community. Suggestions received through the survey included many ideas for new activities and ways to improve the current facilities of Mitchell House. Some suggestions, for example, improvements to the outdoor spaces of the House, are already in the planning stage. The Committee is grateful to those who have shared their thoughts and ideas through the survey and will be following up in the months ahead.

Membership

Membership of WNC supports the work of the Centre within the community and brings a number of benefits including reduced rates for many activities, copies of the quarterly Grapevine program and Connections newsletter emailed or posted and of course, the right to vote at an AGM. Membership fees are very reasonable, and rates are available for individuals, families and relevant concession card holders. Call Mitchell House, visit our website: wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com or our Facebook page for more details and to make application.



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■ WONTAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

There was a problem with the passionfruit: sagging arch support, dead and tangled growth, not enough ripe fruit last season.

A spring clean and renovation was called for and the Thursday's volunteer group were ready, willing and able.

They began by cutting all the looping, tangled old growth away from the arch, then pruned the main branching growth back to a manageable size, encouraging new growth to wrap around one of the

garden's water tanks.

Next, they weeded around the roots, fed the vine with organic fertiliser and mulched well before watering.

Volunteers were pleased to note the reno had opened up a fresh view of the garden and its new season growth.

All are welcome to join the Thursday volunteers between 10 and noon to find out more about the garden, join in or enjoy a walk among the plants. Contact tgordon@westnet.com.au to learn more.

■ WONTAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Although the Woodies group is a wonderful source of skills and ideas for their members, they stress it's not a course, it's a club.

Some people have hesitated to join because they can't attend every week. This is absolutely fine, because it's ultimately all about the projects the individuals are working. There are no deadlines.

In fact, with new members joining the carving group, there would not be enough space if every member came every week.

So, if you've ever wanted to try your hand at wood crafting, even if you can't make a weekly commitment visit wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or pop into the workshop.



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Seniors Festival launch in Bass Coast

BASS Coast Shire Council recently announced the launch of its program for the upcoming Victorian Seniors Festival.

The festival supports and celebrates the diverse contributions of people aged over 60.

One of the standout events is "Don't Shoot Me, I'm Just the Piano Player", featuring the talented Australian pianist David Scheel.

This hilarious send up of classical music will be held on October 26 at 11am at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre (WUCAC) with tickets costing \$10.

The program features a history walk, book talks, bocce, ballet, croquet and crafting.

Program booklets can be picked up from the Wonthaggi Library, Inverloch Library, Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre or any of council's customer service locations.

To view Bass Coast's Seniors Festival program online, or to find out more about Healthy Ageing in Bass Coast, go to bass-coast.vic.gov.au/healthy-ageing.

• FAITH FACTOR

Being Ready for the Unexpected!

By Rev. Graeme Liersch, Anglican Parish of Wonthaggi/Inverloch

WOW, a lot can happen in 24 - 48 hrs.

Early last week Daniel Andrews was Premier and within 48 hours he was gone from the position and from government.

According to reports, it was his own decision, however it is a good reminder to us all that things in life can change with little to no warning.

In Daniel Andrew's case, there is no significant impact to any one individual, except for perhaps his successor, Jacinta Allan, but when a change comes without contemplation, thought or decision making that is totally out of your hand, it can be catastrophic.

A car accident, sudden death, or severe illness; impact on the person and those around them with no thought for them. It can be horrendous and debilitating.

Life is streaming along well and then 'wham', it's in ruins. You may even be dead.

It raises in my mind the question; "How can we prepare for such an occurrence or occasion?"

So, here are some tips on preparing for the unexpected.

1. Think before you speak or do. Don't race into things where angels fear to tread.
2. Be nice to those around you. You may need them when times are tough.
3. Forgive those who hurt you. It's good to have a clear conscience, before it's too late.
4. Be generous. People remember acts of kindness and tend to reciprocate.
5. Love unconditionally. Don't expect things in return – in this way you'll feel good.
6. Be joyful. Whatever you do, try and do it with a smile on your face.
7. Have patience. This helps to grow wisdom which then helps us to make good decisions.
8. Remain faithful and trustworthy. In this way you build treasures that last.
9. Be gentle. Gentleness brings emotional healing to others that is remembered.
10. And be self-controlled. Act before you react, in this way you will help avoid disaster.

And finally, get to know your creator, Jesus Christ, because He is the one, you'll have to answer to when you die. It is better to be prepared for death than be surprised and suffer the eternal consequences.

St Paul wrote:

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11 NIV).



Kaylah releases catchy new single

KAYLAH Thomas, hailing from Korumburra has released another captivating new single.

'Darwin' is an enchanting indie/pop upbeat ballad that dives into the intricate complexities of bittersweet emotions. Built off heartbreak and love, the story of 'Darwin' captivates listeners with its electrifying pop drums, atmospheric keys and compelling emotion-fueled melodies.

As the second single from Kaylah's highly anticipated debut EP, it is a compelling prelude for embracing the past and finding courage to forge ahead despite adversity.

Having collaborated with renowned Melbourne based producer, Sam Swain, 'Darwin' is a track that grabs listeners from the start. Kaylah acknowledges Swains pivotal role: "Sams innate ability to infuse the song with an empowering energy and his invaluable input have been instrumental in bringing 'Darwin' to life."

Kaylah and Sam have also collaborated on an EP set for a November release that will leave an indelible imprint on the heart and soul of listeners.

'Darwin' is a vivid testament to Kaylah's storytelling prowess and an authentic reflection of her personal and artistic journey.

Its essence beautifully encapsulates the bittersweet, mirroring Kaylah's path of growth and letting go of the past. Kaylah sincerely hopes that her music resonates deeply with listeners.

To hear the new single go to KaylahThomas.com and follow [@kaylah_thomas](https://www.instagram.com/kaylah_thomas).

Renowned arts show ready for 2024

FOLLOWING on from the most successful show in early 2023, organisers are now accepting entries for 2024 up until December 8, for the Rotary Club of Leongatha Art & Photography Show.

Apart from the opportunity to display your work to an interested audience, the show has had a great record of buyers over its long history.

The show attracts over 600 entries from artists and photographers from across Gippsland, Melbourne, regional Victoria and interstate.

New and established artists of all ages are welcome to enter and prizes totaling over \$8000 which include awards for various mediums, photography, 3D (e.g. sculpture), junior sections and all abilities section.

You can enter online and get more information by visiting the website leonartshow.com.au.

The highly successful Annual Arts Prom Country, Art and Photography Show is in its 47th year and will be held from January 13 to February 3 at The Leongatha Memorial Hall, corner Michael Place and McCartin Street, Leongatha.

The opening hours of the show are daily from 10am to 4pm. Entry to view the show is \$5 per person.

A raffle will also be held and together with other money made over the event go towards many worthy local charities and services.

Don't miss participating in this major art event in South Gippsland and regional Victoria.

Artists, sculptors and photographers get your online entry in at leonartshow.com.au or enquire at rotaryleongatha.artshow@gmail.com.

50 years of Apex History: building better communities

A YOUNG mans service club that grew old.

Fellow members of the former Wonthaggi Apex group are holding a 50th reunion at the Wonthaggi Golf Club on October 29 to reflect on the town's history, and great memories that were formed through the significant community service organisation - Apex.

Original member Don Burke and the former Apex's club secretary (1960/61) Vin Tuddenham - becoming the second life member in 1971 - developed life-long friendships through their connection with the Apex Club Wonthaggi, and together they invite former members and/or their families to the 50th reunion.

But what was Apex and how did it get started in Wonthaggi some might ask.

"Originally it was a young men's business club that met monthly, and the ideals of fellowship and service to the community were established and recognised as the main reason for its existence," said Vin.

The ideals of Apex were to make service the basis of all enterprise, to develop by example a more intelligent and aggressive citizenship, to provide a means of forming enduring friendships, rendering altruistic service, and building better communities, and to promote international understanding and friendship.

"The Wonthaggi records show that in the 45 years of its existence there were



Vin Tuddenham and Don Burke visit Apex Park ahead of the Apex Wonthaggi union at the Wonthaggi Golf Club this October. Z01 4023

over 234 members - some of whom are deceased and can't be with us to celebrate - they all contributed to the history of Wonthaggi as it stands today."

The club held its inaugural dinner in November 1954 and the club charter was presented in October 1955 - 'the start of a very proud history of service to the Wonthaggi community.'

"Whatever happened around Wonthaggi, Apex were at the forefront and often the chief organiser, and there is quite an extensive list of achievements," Vin said.

To name a few Apex Club Wonthaggi developed Apex Park in the centre of Wonthaggi, stood up for its vision in the establishment of Mitchell House as a community centre, completing the purchase and fit out of the Neighbourhood Centre that still stands today.

campaigned for the Wonthaggi indoor heated pool, established the beginning of the Wonthaggi Citizens Band, and were behind the buildings for the State Coal Mine project.

Then there were catering efforts that invited the women to partake - "the Apex club was a men's club in those days, but we invite the women, and or families to join us for this very special reunion," said Don.

"There were many efforts in fundraising that you wouldn't get away with these days, including the Powlett River raft rally, the bed-race from Inverloch to Wonthaggi - the streets were closed off and we would race the hospital beds all the way through town as a fundraiser for the hospital, and then there was the pole sit corner."

"We stayed out all night, sitting on top of a pole where



Image of Apex float for hospital garden party. Photo: Wonthaggi & District Historical Society.

Bendigo Bank exists today. The town police were all in on it - they even pretended to chop down the pole in the middle of the night with a chainsaw, but of course that was a 'funny' stunt to get us down. The town backed that effort, and we raised \$5000 for the Wonthaggi pool," said Don.

Don and Vin hope to see Bass Coast Shire Council officiate the name of Apex Park with signage in the future - honouring the fellowship that was the key to success of Apex over the years.

Don and Vin welcome those who were an active part of the community service to join the reunion at the Wonthaggi Golf Club from 1pm until 5pm on October 29, for a light afternoon tea. Bookings can be made via the Golf Club. Call 5672 3697 to reserve a seat.



Mother and daughter Cathy and Alison Ferguson were delighted to be part of the Jumbunna Bush Market's 40th anniversary.



Angie Bowen is a regular face at local markets and was selling a variety of CDs and books at the Jumbunna Bush Market.

All out for 40th anniversary in Jumbunna

JUMBUNNA Hall was the spot to be on Sunday, October 1, as the small town came to life for the 40th anniversary of its bush market.

Extra stalls were included for the occasion and there was no shortage of visitors keen to check out all that was on offer.

While the weather was gloomy in the morning, it was the perfect afternoon.

Mother-daughter Cathy and Alison Ferguson of Korumburra were on deck for the day, selling handmade bags and decorative cards among

other items.

Alison explained that after moving to South Gippsland about six years ago, she's been a stallholder at the market numerous times.

"It's been a great way of meeting the community and making friends," she said.

"We came here from the eastern suburbs (of Melbourne) and it's been the best move."

"I do the sewing and bags and sometimes toys, Cathy (daughter) is the artist."

They were both full of praise for the bush market,

and were encouraged to set up their stall to help boost the 40th year celebrations.

They also regularly feature at the artisan market.

"We present a lot more for that market," they said.

Angie Bowen, who has long been involved with markets locally, was also set up selling a variety of clothing as well as CDs and books.

The Sentinel-Times had previously reported that long-term Jumbunna Hall Committee treasurer Dawn Wylie, who finished in the role late last year but remains on the

committee, came up with the idea for the market 40 years ago and has been part of four generations of her family to be involved in running it.

With the general store and post office long gone, Jumbunna Hall holds even greater significance than when the market started.

The hall, built in 1891, continues to host a variety of functions, including funerals, craft days, morning and afternoon teas, with Probus and historical groups also using the venue on occasion.



CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC CLUES

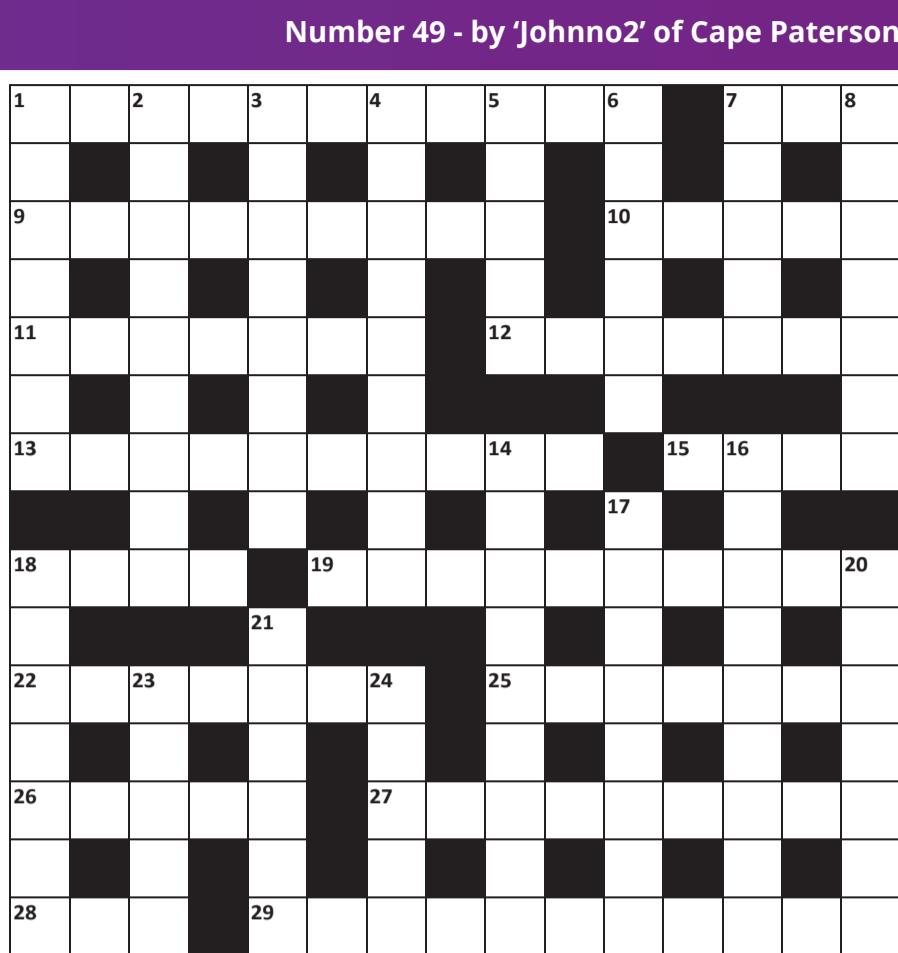
ACROSS

- 1 He-men, active in chaos creation (11)
- 7 Occasional glass causes flatulence (3)
- 9 Requiring Spooner's pairing with Premier (9)
- 10 Type of juice pap mashed by the French (5)
- 11 Hermit, out of employ again, left cold on return indoors (7)
- 12 Ropes in mountain climbs? (5,2)
- 13 Echo Romeo Foxtrot, crashing into poll (10)
- 15 Intelligent questions in hearing (4)
- 18 Fair sauce, on first taste (4)
- 19 It asks what the people want in a zesty red: mere fun? (10)
- 22 Is stimulated by leaves? (4,3)
- 25 Quick - around a hundred in five and six seconds - but a loss (7)
- 26 Shocking album - even dirty when played backwards - with no temporary sleeve (5)
- 27 Shaky start to sequencing, before virus gene finally matched with cell (9)
- 28 Tease; the heartless, parting kind (3)
- 29 Type of 10-across in old carved mug (11)

DOWN

- 1 Fan disruption to mar ride (7)
- 2 Left or right socks in checks (9)
- 3 Displaced, Nick goes up to university, turning clock back (8)
- 4 Massive: Before I left, entire HQ... (9)
- 5 ...turned into green fungi! (5)
- 6 Shocking tabloid into contraction (6)
- 7 Inhales 7-across with occasional spasm (5)
- 8 A race facing hurdles, the French, after high (7)
- 14 Raging state when you pick the wrong club? (9)
- 16 Failing to find topless beach, even on strand (2,7)
- 17 Devoted mussel flesh partly to North (8)
- 18 Half of 18-across, gulped, and near blocked vein (7)
- 20 Monkey with nut: game changer! (7)
- 21 D Boss? (3,3)
- 23 Beat first base on wide throw (5)
- 24 A native Madagascan groove? (5)

Answers in next edition of The Sentinel Times



STRAIGHT CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Goal reached, creation (11)
- 7 Not solid or liquid; also, flatulence (3)
- 9 Requiring, commanding (9)
- 10 Fruit, type of juice (5)
- 11 Hermit, solitary person (7)
- 12 Ropes in, exposes (5,2)
- 13 Echo; also, contemplation (10)
- 15 Intelligent, knowing (4)
- 18 Fair, appropriate (4)
- 19 It asks what the people want, constitutionally (10)
- 22 Is stimulated; also, alights (4,3)
- 25 Loss, shortfall (7)
- 26 Shocking, gruesome (5)
- 27 Shaky, trembling (9)
- 28 Tease; also, a bone (3)
- 29 Type of 10-across (11)

DOWN

- 1 Fan, follower (7)
- 2 Checks, by locking wrists (9)
- 3 Displaced people (8)
- 4 Headquarters, focus (9)
- 5 Group of fungi (5)
- 6 Shocking, extremely sad (6)
- 7 Inhales suddenly (5)
- 8 A race facing hurdles; also, part of a church (7)
- 14 Raging or excessively active state (9)
- 16 Failing, becoming less (2,7)
- 17 Devoted, concerned for others only (8)
- 18 Vein in neck (7)
- 20 Changer, biologically (7)
- 21 Boss, colloquially (3,3)
- 23 Beat, pulsate (5)
- 24 Native Madagascan animal; also, a groove, anatomically (5)

SUDOKU

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1 LEVEL: Moderate
2 LEVEL: Very Hard

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Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box, vertical column and horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

Sourced from: www.edu-games.org

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Magic Squares:

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Word wheel:

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5 letter words:	BONCE, CENTO, CONTE, CONTO, ONCET, ONTIC, TONIC
6 letter words:	COJOIN, COOTIE, INJECT, NOETIC, NOTICE, OBJECT
7 letter words:	COONTIE
9 Letter word:	OBJECTION

QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT DANIEL ANDREWS?

- [\$100] Which political party did Daniel Andrews belong to? A. Liberal Party. B. National Party. C. Labor Party. D. Greens Party.
- [\$200] How many years did Daniel Andrews serve as Victorian Premier (nearest complete year)? A. 7. B. 8. C. 9. D. 10.
- [\$300] What injury did Daniel Andrews sustain when he fell down the front steps at a rental property on the Mornington-Peninsula in March 2021? A. Broken leg. B. Fractured vertebrae. C. Lacerated kidney. D. Brain damage.
- [\$500] Which electoral district did Daniel Andrews represent? A. Ashwood. B. Bayswater. C. Croydon. D. Mulgrave.
- [\$1000] Which major infrastructure project is synonymous with Daniel Andrews' leadership? A. East-West Link. B. Tullamarine Airport Link. C. Level Crossing Removal. D. Rewiring Victoria.
- [\$2000] In which year did Daniel Andrews become the Premier of Victoria? A. 2009. B. 2011. C. 2014. D. 2018.
- [\$4000] Which political opponent did Daniel Andrews defeat in the 2014 Victorian state election? A. Ted Baillieu. B. Matthew Guy. C. John Brumby. D. Denis Napthine.
- [\$8000] In 2022, Daniel Andrews announced a major initiative aiming for Victoria to be powered by 95% renewable energy by which year? A. 2028. B. 2035. C. 2042. D. 2050.
- [\$16,000] Which ministerial role did Daniel Andrews hold immediately before going into Opposition in 2010? A. Treasurer. B. Health. C. Education. D. Consumer Affairs.
- [\$32,000] Daniel Andrews led Victoria through a process of legalising which controversial issue? A. Same-sex marriage. B. Euthanasia. C. Drug decriminalisation. D. Prostitution.
- [\$64,000] In which Melbourne suburb was Daniel Andrews born? A. Glenroy. B. Mulgrave. C. Carlton. D. Williamstown.
- [\$125,000] Which of these is not the name of one of Daniel Andrews' children? A. Noah. B. Grace. C. Joseph. D. Robert.
- [\$250,000] In relation to what incident in October 2018 did the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) criticise the Andrews Government? A. Abandonment of the East-West Tunnel. B. Belt and Road funding. C. Compromised contract process. D. Use of electoral staff (red shirts) at the 2014 election.
- [\$500,000] What key slogan did Daniel Andrews take to the 2022 election? A. Doing what matters. B. Building a stronger Victoria. C. Creating a competitive state. D. Jobs and People.
- [\$1,000,000] Premier Daniel Andrews allegedly visited three cities in China on his mystery four-day trip in February this year. Which of these was not included on the itinerary? A. Guangzhou. B. Beijing. C. Chengdu. D. Nanjing



Tara was having fun building a mini dome before the big one. ob25_4023



Noah and Tom were enjoying the challenge of sticking together parts of their dome. ob26_4023



Owen and Xavier liked the hands-on aspect of the dome building activity. ob27_4023



Loui and Harmony were ready to do some warmups before getting out on their surf boards with Salty Seas Surf School. ob15_4023



Julia Bernado from Leongatha found the voice referendum sessions to be helpful, particularly on how to broach the topic with others in a neutral way. ob03_4023



Jillian Stanton, Christine Slavin (Manager of Leongatha Community House) with Jo Wainer, volunteer with Tarwin Lower CFA, believes bringing thousands of years of First Peoples culture into the fore is important. ob02_4023



Rosemary Thomas and Aboriginal Health Nurse from Latrobe Regional Hospital with Marian Naidoo who believes information about the referendum is important so people can make an informed decision. ob04_4023



Madeleine Byrne (journalist) and Marg Lynn (Secretary, South Gippsland & Bass Coast Reconciliation Action Group) welcomed engaging and questions from attendees about the Voice referendum. ob05_4023



Bruce Grainger commented that these information sessions are important, particularly in regional areas where he believes there is a stronger lean towards a 'no' vote. ob06_4023

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the School holiday fun at Leongatha Library, Salty Seas Surf School lessons at Inverloch Beach, Leongatha's Voice to Parliament Referendum information session creating traditional Stringy Bark canoe with Aboriginal artist Mitch Mahoney (Boonwurrung/Barkindji) and the Fixit Café reunion.



Nick and Evelyn Hanley with Anna Caleo from Cape Paterson visited the Sheltered Glamping Co site to learn from residency award-winning, Aboriginal artist Mitch Mahoney (Boonwurrung/Barkindji). Z03_4023



Harriet and Tori couldn't wait to get out and catch some waves in the clean swell. ob16_4023



Pippa and Pippa were happy to be surfing in their school holidays and decided to be creatively sun smart with zinc. ob17_4023



Leah and Eva stretched in preparation for some quick pop-up action on their boards. ob18_4023



Charlotte and Asiah were hoping to ride some really good waves and hone their surfing skills. ob19_4023



Award-winning, Aboriginal artist Mitch Mahoney (Boonwurrung / Barkindji) and Billie Wheildon on country at Sheltered Glamping Co making a traditional stringy bark canoe. Z02_4023



Sally McNiece with Isla and Erica Cuttriss of Inverloch, learning how to make a traditional stringy bark canoe with Aboriginal artist Mitch Mahoney (Boonwurrung/Barkindji). Z04_4023



Karen, Wendy, Danny, and Hilary celebrate a reunion at Fixit Café. ob20_4023

Live in concert: Diesel performing at Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre

AS part of the Greatest Hits Alone with Blues Tour 2023, Diesel (Mark Lizotte) will perform at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre this Friday, October 6.

Diesel shares news of his latest album Bootleg Melancholy, an unabashedly exuberant 14-track LP that is at once the most diverse and most cohesive album he has recorded to date.

To celebrate the announcement, Diesel has unveiled the first cut, album opener 'Forever', alongside a video shot in Los Angeles.

Loaded with hooks, these songs greet you with the warmth and familiarity of a good friend, songs about family, mortality, childhood, and dreams. Travelling across time, place, and memory, this is rousing yet reflective adult pop music that celebrates the joys of everyday life while braving the difficult stuff – the challenges we all eventually face – with insights and tenderness.

"The world can be hard and that takes us over in our heads but love and joy are always right there in front of



Diesel – 'Forever' Out Now. The Greatest Hits Alone with Blues Tour 2023 is coming to the Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre on October 6. Photo: Jesse Lizotte.

us if we remember to look for them too," says Mark.

"If I'm going to write about my anxieties and fears, I'll mix it with other parts of me – humour, memories, just small moments – because it's more welcoming to hear but also a truer picture of who I am. When I get scared, I'm

laughing at myself for being scared, you know?"

Recorded in his home studio, Diesel played most of the instruments on the album himself, a practical outcome as much of it was made during the more isolated months of recent years. But the arrangements remain ambitious

and the mix sparkles with intriguing sounds and inspired self-accompaniment on instruments like cello, double bass, vintage synths and drum machines, mandolin, and the string-like electronic Omnichord.

Featuring first single 'Forever', the listener is going to take from Bootleg Melancholy what they best need, whether the pop rush of an infectious chorus, the reassurances of a heartening lyric sung with Diesel's trademark soulfulness, or the satisfying interjection of some exhilarating solos on vintage guitars.

"I know when it feels potent and if it feels potent to me, my hope is that it would feel like that to someone else because that's all I'm really trying for."

Diesel's new album Bootleg Melancholy will be released on vinyl, CD and digital via Bloodlines on Friday October 13. Tickets for the Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre are available from dieselmusic.com.au/shows. Doors Open 7:30pm | Show 8:00 pm – 10:15pm.



The voice, the presence and the looks of Elvis – Anthony Petrucci is bringing his show to San Remo this November.

Elvis is coming to The Westernport!

ON Friday November 17, an Elvis show for the ages is hitting the stage at the Westernport Hotel, San Remo.

Elvis by Anthony Petrucci showcases a newly formatted show focusing on Elvis Presley's early career right up to his early 70's hits, portraying a more modernised take on the King as per the #1 Box Office movie of 2022 'Elvis'.

Anthony Petrucci is a world renowned Elvis tribute artist from Melbourne, winning Channel 9's "Star Struck" portraying Elvis Presley. Anthony also portrayed the King in one of the longest running tribute shows in existence, the world famous "Legends In Concert" at the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas.

"Anthony sure has the voice, looks and presence of Elvis! He also relates well with the audience and is a wonderful showman!" Cynthia Pepper – Co-Star of Elvis in 'Kissin Cousins'.

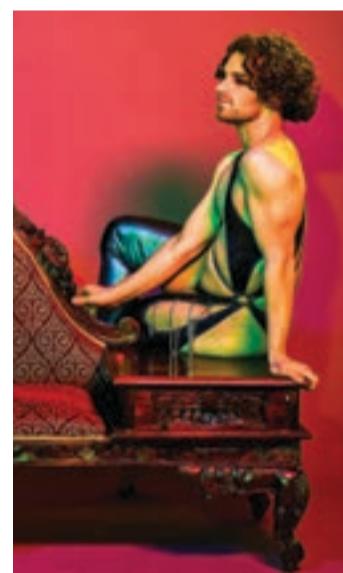
Anthony has appeared in various TV shows including Mornings with Kerri Anne, Sunrise and The Today Show.

Back on his home soil he has been cast for two seasons to portray Elvis in the stage production 'Shake, Rattle & Roll'. Accompanied by a live band, the show will include a lot of Elvis' major hits and there will be some special surprises for the die-hard fans.

A show not to be missed for any Elvis Presley fan or any music fan to put it simple!

Slick up the hair, put on those dancing shoes and letting us take you on a journey to where rock n roll began!

For tickets and more information visit thewesternport.com.au or bit.ly/46xiYU



Writer-Producer Stephen Loftus showcases his one-man show Infectuated as part of the Melbourne Fringe Festival this week.

Don't miss Infectuated this week

FORMER Leongatha resident Stephen Loftus stars as producer, writer, and sole performer in Infectuated at The MC Clubroom as a part of the Melbourne Fringe Festival 2023 this week.

As a first-time writer and producer, he's eager to share his queer stories with an audience who want their thoughts to be challenged.

Stephen hails from Leongatha and was heavily involved with both Wonthaggi Theatrical Group and Leongatha Lyric Theatre before moving to Melbourne when he was 19-years-old.

After a few years in Melbourne, he relocated to Ballarat where he completed a Bachelor of Music Theatre at Federation University in 2020.

Infectuated is a punchy, one-

man exploration through the depths of the shadow self, confronting blame, seductive self-sabotage, and the triumphant path to resilience.

An essay on the human condition through the medium of cabaret, obvs, Stephen shows us the true consequences of toxicity.

Someone wiser than us once said, "Holding a grudge is like drinking poison and expecting someone else to get sick..." but the question is, how sweet is the poison, and how long will it last?

Originally a two-character show, Infectuated began as a COVID commentary, the virus representing the more sickly, twisted aspects of humankind – something that we could "other", something that we could

blame.

As the writing developed and the writer dug deep, it became clear that in fact these two aspects existed within the one entity: Steve.

And if Steve was going to live with himself, he had to begin to accept all of it.

Infectuated dates: October 4-8

Times: 8pm (60min)

Venue: The Clubroom of The MC Showroom, L1/50 Clifton St, Prahran 3181

Full: \$35. Concession: \$30.

Group (6 plus): \$30. Humpday

Discount: 25 per cent off full price.

To book tickets visit melbournefringe.com.au/event/infectuated or call 9660 9666

EXCLUSIVE: Sentinel-Times readers use discount code SEN-TINEL25 to receive \$25 tickets.

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Year 11 student Ruby Taylor assisting another student with her English.

Newhaven College's cultural exchange journey

NEWHAVEN College has had a long running association with Ibaraki Christian Junior High School in Honshu, Japan. It started in 2000 and has been flourishing ever since.

After a four-year hiatus, the College is delighted the relationship has been reignited with sixteen enthusiastic Year 10 and Year 11 students taking the opportunity to visit Japan for two weeks in September.

The Japan tour offers an opportunity to soak in Japanese culture as well as providing an opportunity to broaden Japanese language skills.

On arrival at the school in Ibaraki, the students were introduced to their host families who welcomed them into their homes.

Students were immersed in the Japanese way of life, including visiting onsen (hot springs), local sites and sampling traditional cuisine.

At school, Newhaven

College students became involved with classes assisting with English lessons and mixing with the students.

One of the participants, Ruby Taylor said, "I was absolutely thrilled to have the opportunity to go on the Japan exchange tour. It was incredible to learn and immerse myself in the Japanese lifestyle and schooling. I made new friends at the Ibaraki Christian School and got closer to my existing friends from Newhaven College. This program is something I will never forget."

The students were accompanied by three Newhaven College teachers, Ms Mitsuko Horiguchi, Mr Sam Foura and Ms Alycia James.

Ms Horiguchi has been coordinating the tours for over 20 years.

She said of this current group, "It was wonderful to resume the Japanese Exchange program this year, reconnecting with our sister school and

hosting Japanese students in July, followed by our visit to Japan in September.

"We are immensely proud of our students, who represented Newhaven College and Australia admirably while adapting to a new cultural environment and overcoming language barriers.

"Through the exchange program, we believe our students have discovered new aspects of themselves and experienced personal growth. Spending time with our students and creating unforgettable memories together has been a joy."

The enriching experience brought together students from diverse backgrounds, fostering cross-cultural friendships, and promoting mutual understanding. It also provided a perfect opportunity for Newhaven College students studying Japanese to practice their language skills.

Students gear up for public speaking comp



Grade six student Euan Horsburgh has been nominated to represent the Wonthaggi Primary School at this year's Primary School Public Speaking Competition.

you (the audience)", Euan said.

Although he gets a little bit nervous at the beginning of public speaking, the nerves quickly dissolve.

"When I start to read I kind of forget that anyone's there and just start performing."

It is the twenty third year

the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi has held the Primary School Public Speaking Competition that gives students an opportunity to express their ideas and develop their public speaking skills, and this year it is in collaboration with the Country Universities Centre Bass Coast.

Students will present on one of five topics:

- What is peace and why is it important
- My idea on how to save the planet
- What does it mean to have a connection to your land
- The career I plan to have in the Bass Coast
- The most important relationship I have

Students will be assessed on subject matter, method, and manner of presentation.

The Primary School Public Speaking Competition will be held at The Union, 96 Graham St, Wonthaggi on Thursday October 12, from 6pm - 7.15pm.

"I am grateful to be able to use public speaking as a platform to express my feelings about the world to

Real Estate

South Gippsland and Bass Coast



The deepening crisis in housing affordability and availability across Victoria is increasingly impacting individuals and families who are struggling to make ends meet and are at risk of homelessness, as well as impacting local communities where housing for key essential workers is a growing concern.

Council to boost affordable housing

BASS Coast Shire Council has developed an Affordable Housing Strategy to facilitate affordable housing where it is needed and close to essential services.

The strategy demonstrates council's commitment to address the clear and immediate need for more affordable housing in Bass Coast and build inclusive communities that support health, wellbeing and connection.

Very low, low and moderate income households in Bass Coast are experiencing rental and mortgage stress at higher rates than Gippsland and regional Victoria averages, with 83.5 per cent of very low-income households in Bass Coast experiencing rental stress, along with 52.7 per cent of low income and 50.7 per cent of moderate income households.

In Bass Coast, older single women are the largest growing cohort of people in need and family violence continues to be a strong driver of homelessness.

A total 733 household in Bass Coast - 5.1 per cent in the shire - require an affordable roof over their heads, as of the end of 2022.

By strengthening partnerships and advocacy for community needs, council will seek to build on the \$25 million guaranteed expenditure in the shire through the State Government's Big Housing Build.

This funding has already seen seven homes completed in the shire, with an additional 30 underway, creating 125 local jobs.

Local partnerships and community led collaboration are central to council's approach to reduce homelessness in Bass

Coast and facilitate more affordable housing.

An upcoming Homelessness Think Tank facilitated in partnership with Rotary will provide an opportunity for further collaboration and local level action to reduce the impact and incidence of homelessness in the shire.

Feedback from the community and sector contributors has been incorporated into the final draft of the strategy to ensure that it aligns with the needs and perspectives of the community.

"The strategy provides a strong platform for partnerships with community, State and Federal Government and community housing organisations to bring needed affordable housing to the shire," mayor Cr Michael Whelan said.

"Housing affordability is a key priority for council links in with council's Health Communities Plan 2021-25. We are focused heavily on increasing affordable housing and supporting people with the need for safe, secure and affordable housing in the community.

"Council has identified three primary roles for council. We will support advocacy, engagement and partnerships across the sector, leverage the land use planning system to deliver affordable housing, and make council owned land available for affordable housing, where appropriate. The strategy identifies key objectives, policies and actions across each of these roles.

"In addition, with the construction of more dwellings, this will create more jobs and economic growth in our region."

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- A highly productive 40.17* hectare (99.26* acre) grazing property currently utilised for beef production.
- An outstanding 400* square metre Mt Gambier limestone homestead situated in the middle of the property with sweeping 360-degree ocean and rural landscape views.
- The stately two storey residence is complete with magnificent open plan kitchen, large dining/lounge room, family room, four king-sized bedrooms plus a study/office, three bathrooms, generous upstairs living room, multiple balconies and verandas.
- Currently producing high quality Aberdeen Angus cattle, the property benefits from improved pastures, gently sloping topography, well-designed fencing, windbreaks, high quality cattle yards and abundant stock water reticulated to each paddock.
- Excellent supporting structural improvements, including two modern enclosed colorbond sheds, machinery shed and workshop plus an 80-bale hay shed.
- All services provided, solar system also connected to grid, wireless NBN, two frontages to sealed roads with access to the cattle yards off the Bass Highway.
- In addition, the property is benefited by 10 acres of indigenous revegetation and 10 acres of pine plantation that attracts a multitude of wildlife.
- Located just 95* lineal kilometres from the Melbourne CBD, the Bass Coast is a prime tourist destination offering pristine surfing, fishing, coastal hiking, dune paragliding and safe rail-trail bike riding, as well as exceptional local wineries and live music venues.

For further information or to arrange an inspection of the property, please contact the exclusive selling agents Duncan McCulloch 0416 047 484 and Thomas Quinn 0429 822 228.

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Highly productive and picturesque grazing

RAY White Leongatha is pleased to present for sale "Tranquil Acres"; set on 84 hectares* (208 acres*) of lush, green pastures with views over rolling hills and the tranquil Tarwin River.

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Currently used for cattle grazing, "Tranquil Acres" is divided into multiple high carrying paddocks accessed via a central laneway, with excellent fertiliser history, quality fencing and serviced by a number of spring fed dams. Two kilometres* of Tarwin River frontage and water to every paddock make this property easily manageable all year round.

Boasting two separate living areas serviced by a reverse cycle air conditioner and solid fuel heater for year-round comfort the beautiful residence encompasses space and practicality.

The well-appointed kitchen features lovely stone bench tops, dishwasher, gas stove and a good size pantry, and leads directly to the formal dining space which overlooks the lush

green paddocks.

The capacious master suite is located at the rear of the home and boasts a fantastic walk-in robe leading to an ensuite with shower and toilet. The remaining three bedrooms are a great size and have built-in robes. The family bathroom with spa bath is centrally located as is the laundry with fabulous cupboard space.

A double garage, double glazed windows and verandah finish off this thoughtfully designed home nicely.

Further key features of this exceptional property include a 12m x 9m multi-purpose shed, two bay hay shed and functional, partially concreted cattle yards with crush and dual loading race suitable for trailers and trucks.

Ideally situated within close proximity to the following convenient locations:

- Mirboo North (11.2 km)
- Meenyan (25 km)
- Leongatha (34 km)
- Inverloch Beaches (55 km)
- Warragul (61 km)
- Melbourne CBD (165 km)

Whether you're looking to grow your agricultural pursuits or simply looking to own your own dream lifestyle retreat, this property is a credit to its current owners and must be inspected to be appreciated.



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For Sale

104 Brown Street, **Leongatha**

A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

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- Great sized bedrooms plus bungalow
- Fully fenced yard & short walk to shops

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For Sale

5 Vale Court, **Leongatha**

THE COMPLETE PACKAGE

- 1298m² block with side access to rear yard
- Spacious living areas plus outdoor entertaining
- Modern kitchen with adjoining dining area
- Manicured gardens, views of distant farm land

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7 Leongatha Road, **Korumburra**

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For Sale

485 Canavans Road, **Leongatha**

THE PERFECT ESCAPE

- 36 acres divided into 7 paddocks all with water
- Sunny northerly aspect & views to die for
- Two living areas plus country style kitchen
- Stockyards, loading race, plenty of shedding

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Welcome to 'Bringa'

UPON arrival at "Bringa" you will be captivated by the stunning tree lined driveway and be in awe of what lies beyond you. Located just 15 minutes from Leongatha and 10 minutes from Mirboo North, is this prestigious executive residence on approximately 23 acres. Built to the highest of quality standards, with a fantastic floor plan, all you have to do is move in!

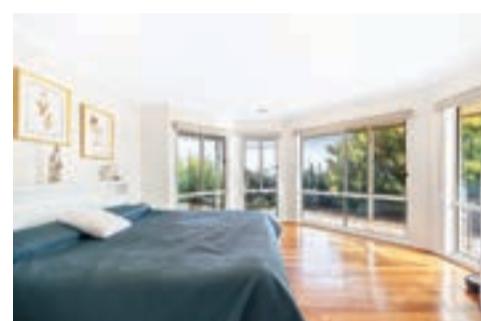
From the sandstone home to the manicured gardens, the views beyond you, and the set up for horses or other livestock, this very impressive property will have your heart.

Features of the property include:

- Massive master bedroom, walk-in robe and generous ensuite
- Another two very generous sized bedrooms, both with built in robes
- Separate study that could also be an additional guest room
- A gorgeous formal lounge with sweeping bay windows capturing the gorgeous sunlight
- A fully appointed contemporary kitchen, walk in pantry and breakfast bar
- Open plan dining/family/lounge area that overlooks the gardens and sweeping views
- Beautiful under cover alfresco area for the entertainers
- Quality fixtures and fittings throughout, with lovely rural views from every window
- Ducted heating/cooling throughout as well as a central wood fire heater
- Separate studio for the budding artist, or those wanting to work from home
- A four-bay shed, with concrete and power
- An abundant orchard with loads of seasonal offerings, as well as a chicken run
- Watered by way of dams and troughs and additional tanks
- Animal shelters and additional horse facilities

Viewing this property will reinforce how much is on offer. You will see the quality and features of the bespoke built home, the infrastructure, the acreage and the location. It will tick a lot of boxes!

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- Generous open plan kitchen/dining area.
- Master bedroom with spacious ensuite.

\$720,000



MEENIYAN

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Perfectly Presented!

- Beautiful weatherboard home on approx. 3 acres.
- Fully appointed light & bright kitchen.
- Gorgeous gardens and great shedding.

\$849,000



LEONGATHA

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Warm, Inviting and Only Two Years Young!

- Gorgeous brick veneer home on approx. 801m².
- Spacious open plan kitchen/dining/living areas.
- Master bedroom complete with ensuite & WIR.

\$739,000



KORUMBURRA

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Great Large Family Home!

- Well kept brick veneer home on approx. 52 acres.
- Master bedroom boasts an ensuite and WIR.
- Great shedding, fencing and well watered.

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The north facing kitchen/dining/living area opens out onto a generous undercover outdoor area, an ideal place to relax and entertain, serviced by the galley style kitchen with electric wall oven, hotplates and dishwasher.

Second and third bedrooms are accessed from a hallway that also has the laundry and bathroom.

A study/fourth bedroom is at the rear of the house and looks out over the back yard, where you'll find a garden shed and separate work shed, both with concrete floors.

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Located in the quiet seaside town of Cowes and in the much sought-after area of Roy Court is this classic beach house/weekender that has been enjoyed for many years. This storybook home is perfect for those looking for something very special. A sea change or holiday home away from the hustle and bustle and the first time offered in many years.

Enjoying a fabulous location you can park and walk to a north-facing beach and to the cafes, restaurants, and shops in Cowes at Phillip Island.

The spacious undercover front porch is a great area for entertaining on those balmy summer evenings after a swim at the beach.

The property boasts three large bedrooms and a central bathroom with a bath and a separate shower. The large north-facing living area with a glass-like timber floor is a great place to enjoy a good book while enjoying the birds that are attracted to the large front yard. A separate dining and country kitchen complete the picture of this incredible opportunity to purchase a property in this tightly held and much sought-after area of Phillip Island.

Additional features: Two split systems offer year-round comfort.

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9 Roy Court, **Cowes**

Expressions of Interest

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58 Boys Home Road

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COWES



9 Roy Court

- Highly sought after area
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- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom

Expression of Interest

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WONTHAGGI



8 Mowbray Court

- Court location, 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Heaps of parking
- Huge outdoor undercover

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113 Brown Street

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- 2 bathroom, 2 living
- 2 car carport + parking at rear

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WONTHAGGI



17 Goochs Road

- Approx. 120 acres
- Stockyards & loading race
- Undulating to hill country

\$1,800,000

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26 Boobook Grove

- Open plan modern living
- Ducted and underfloor heating
- Large 795m² (approx.) landscaped garden

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6 Civic Way

- With a great lease
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Well presented, Quiet location

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KORUMBURRA



25 Roughead Street

- 2 bedroom Cottage
- Long block with rear access
- Great location close to CBD

\$499,000

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RHYLL



WONTHAGGI



9 Riflebutts Road

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Open plan living
- Inground pool, low maintenance

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Contact: Korumburra Office

71 McIlwraith Road

- Stunning views over farmland to the bay
- Large 1070m² (approx.) allotment
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom

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41 Oxford Way

- 3 bedroom plus a study, large living zones
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Monique Acton-Adams, General Manager continues, "We are very much at a place now where trees need to be protected, but also proper weed management doesn't leave large weedy clumps under trees. So many customers want under the trees sprayed right up to the tree line and sometimes these areas are too tight for the helicopter or too risky."

Monique describes how the helicopter and the drone can work together or separately, but the goal is that they will complement each other.

"The helicopter will come in and

do as much of the spraying as is possible, such as the large open areas and the usual coverage it would do. The drone will then come in and clean up all those 'too close' areas: under trees, around sensitive areas and closer to the tight spots, like powerlines."

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Weeds compete with native plants for space, nutrients and sunlight. They change the natural diversity and balance of ecological communities. Weeds also affect the function native species have in providing nutrients and habitat for other species.

Large scale invasive species control, habitat restoration, and threatened species recovery programs are undertaken to safeguard the unique biodiversity and natural heritage of the National Park.

The goal is to work towards eradicating weeds, which degrade key ecological attributes, and to restore the natural balance and ensure the long-term conservation of

local fauna and flora.

An important part of these programs is creating an environment where Australian seabirds including Short-Tailed Shearwaters, Fairy Prions, and Little Penguins have safe places to breed and build their nests. This at the same time contributes to the health of other plants and animals.

Getting weed removal crews to the islands is a challenge. Their remote location and rugged terrain mean they can only be visited by chartered boat or helicopter. The weather needs to be perfect, no rain and only light winds – rare conditions for the Prom.

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Jean Moir fund to support education in agriculture

THE Mirboo North and District Community Foundation was delighted to receive a donation earlier this year to create a new sub fund in support of education. The fund is named after Jean Moir, in honour of the Berrys Creek farmer who passed away earlier this year.

The Jean Moir sub fund is perpetual, with its earnings each year going into the Community Foundation's Education Support Program (to provide financial and other support to students going into University or TAFE). The annual Jean Moir award, as it will be known, will be directed to students of agricultural studies.

Jean Moir (nee Bramley) was born in Lilydale but moved to Berrys Creek after she married Bill Moir in 1969. The Moir family were farmers in the district since the 1890s, but due to Bill's ill-health Jean and he swapped roles in the early 1980s, with Jean becoming the full-time farmer. She relished the challenge, looking after livestock and caring for the land, connecting with many local farmers in seeking to improve or protect the health of their farms and livestock. She was also a keen sheep dog trainer and founding member of the South Gippsland Working Dog group and annual Berryden sheepdog trial held at her property each year.

One area that Jean was strongly involved with was ragwort control. She was engaged as a ragwort control coordinator in the district, tasked with creating a scheme



The Jean Moir award has been created and will be awarded to a student of agriculture each year.

to eradicate this noxious weed. The scheme which she set up was thought to be one of the most effective in the state. One element of the scheme was sharing knowledge and skills around weed management amongst all the landowners, while another was bulk buying the necessary weed spray and equipment.

One advantage of the bulk purchase was that each farmer had the appropriate spray to control the weeds, but the farmers and landowners also agreed that any discount earned on bulk buying could go towards supplying the weed spray to those who were struggling financially or who were new to the area.

A few decades later, with

ragwort management having evolved, there were some funds remaining from the discounts achieved from bulk buying. The group involved, including Jean Moir, wanted to ensure it would be used to support improved agriculture in the area.

After Jean had passed away, the group donated the funds to the Community Foundation and the Jean Moir Sub Fund was created to support education in agriculture.

"In establishing the Sub Fund with a donation of \$12,000, the group set out in writing their recommendations for the name of the fund, that it should target education in agriculture and that it should be perpetual,"

explains Ruth Rogan, Executive Officer.

"We then take care of the rest; in this case the earnings will go into the Education Support Program and will go to support students of agriculture."

The Education Support Program provides financial and non-financial support to local students who are starting tertiary education.

If you are going to study in University at TAFE or online next year and live within the Community Foundation's district, you can apply online now for financial support towards the costs, including bonds, laptops and other necessities. See mirboodistrict-foundation.org.au for more information.

Make your bird photo count

SPRING is in the air and it's time to celebrate the beauty and diversity of nature and our native bird life, especially in Bass Coast.

This year marks the 10th annual Aussie Bird Count, one of Australia's greatest citizen science initiatives that encourages people of all ages to step outside to their favourite spot and spend just 20 minutes observing and counting the birds.

Playing a vital role in collecting essential data on species diversity and populations, the count aims to monitor distribution trends and assess which bird species are thriving and which ones need conservation attention.

Why participate in the Aussie Bird Count?

Conservation Impact: By participating in the Aussie Bird Count, you become an invaluable citizen scientist, contributing crucial data to help identify trends and assess the health of local bird populations. Your observations can shape conservation strategies and help protect endangered bird species.

Community Engagement: The Aussie Bird Count provides a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and connect with nature.

Here's how you can participate in the Aussie Bird Count:

Choose your spot: Pick your favourite outdoor space. It could be a park or even your own backyard.

Count the birds: Spend just 20 minutes quietly observing the birds around you. Take note of their species and the numbers you spot.

Share your data: Record your findings using the Aussie Bird Count app or the web form. You can participate as many times as you like during the count period but make sure each count is 20 minutes.

The Aussie Bird Count runs from October 16 to 22 so enjoy some time outdoors and make your birdwatching count!

If you're unsure about bird identification, a built-in "bird finder" tool is available to help you out.

For more information on how to participate, visit aussiebirdcount.org.au.

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The fundamental basics to enjoyable farming

ALMURTA cattle farmer Peter is a first-generation farmer who has spent the past 15 years breeding cows and calves. For Peter, it's the lifestyle and finding ways to be more efficient that makes farming enjoyable.

"We make repairs to the yard because it makes it more enjoyable to work in. If the yards are functional and well maintained, it's just so much better for us and the cattle," says Peter.

As a farmer with homemade yards, Peter's working on getting his facilities as good as they can be and has seen a lot of yards with plenty of room for improvement.

"My stockyards are homemade, but it shows that any farmer can build a set of safe yards," says Peter.

"When we first came here, the yards were traditional old timber stockyards. They were very low and cattle were jumping out of them all the time."

"Our new yard design is based on a round yard principle and when we're working cattle in the yard, we're probably three to four times more efficient than we were before."

"Stockyards are a dangerous place. I was loading cattle myself one day in the race, where you shouldn't be, but there's no other option because of the way it was designed and built. The worst thing happened because a heifer was coming out of that truck, and there was nowhere for me to go. I was quite lucky that she wasn't big and we managed to both pass one another in the race but if she had knocked me down, she would have gone straight over the top of me."

"The lucky people can tell you a story like that," adds Peter.

Near-miss experiences like this are part of the reason Peter has since made changes to how he and livestock transporters load cattle on his property.

"When we first started in



As a farmer with homemade yards, Peter's working on getting his facilities as good as they can be to keep everybody as safe as possible.

Almurta the stockyards were reasonable, but there was no walkway. We're now in the process of upgrading the loading ramp.

"We're putting a walkway down the side, gates at the front, an end gate and a walkway around the force pen. This will mean there's no need for the truck driver to be behind or in with the cattle at any time. It'll be a lot safer for transporters."

But Peter knows it's not just yard design and maintenance that keeps farmers safe. Awareness of your surroundings and understanding the animals you work with are essential components of farm safety.

"In the yard you need to be careful with cows and have cattle awareness. That's more than anything else - being aware of where you are, and always having a plan B," says Peter.

"You've always got to be thinking one step ahead of yourself, not one step behind."

For Peter safety is something he is continuously building on over time.

"What we would really like to do is put a roof over the yards. I'm 65 and it will happen, but that's just an example of how you don't do things in five minutes. We need another two good years of cattle prices and then I'll put a roof over my yards. A roof will make the yards safer as there won't be as much slop on the ground, and it will be more enjoyable to work in there," says Peter.

While improving and making big changes to his yards takes time, Peter always welcomes feedback from others in the industry including livestock agents and transporters.

"I usually let the more experienced person run the show and quite often if it's a stock agent I'll say to them, where would you like me to be or what do you want me to do?"

"When we get feedback from contractors or the stock agent on ways to improve, we look

at it and how we can make those changes."

While Peter admits he's guilty of thinking he'll fix something the next day and then doesn't, he also knows spending ten minutes to hang a gate can make a life-saving difference for everyone on-farm.

"As a farmer, we have a responsibility - first of all to my family and to everybody else that comes onto the farm," says Peter.

"For our contractors, for our stock agents, the transporters, anybody that comes onto the farm, we have an obligation to look after them."

"It's my responsibility to make sure people go home safe every night."

Livestock is the second highest killer on farms - we all know cattle can be unpredictable. Alongside the beef cattle industry, WorkSafe has developed new cattle handling information to help keep everyone safe, visit worksafe.vic.gov.au/safer-cattle-handling

Loch-Nyora gathers for annual general meeting

WITH many of its members small acreage owners, Loch-Nyora Landcare held its annual general meeting in conjunction with a property walk recently.

The walk took place on a beautiful 2.5 acres owned by Pam Winston and Bruce Freeman at Sanctuary Close, Loch.

The day was organised to discuss land management issues for the smaller property owners with issues such as establishing native gardens, bushland and water management, weed control and habitat for native animals.

Members wandered around the stunning gardens along pathways amongst native bushland to all corners of the property, which shares a boundary with Henrys Creek Sanctuary.

They observed wooden sculptures, a wattle, weeds - one example being Sweet Pittosporum, native species, birds, a composting toilet/worm farm system, and discussed plant identification.

Malcolm Brown continues as president, assisted by Rosemary Knox as vice president, Gary Martin as treasurer and Dallas Handley as interim secretary.

Committee members are Pam Winston, Bruce Freeman and Daryl Smith.

With a healthy bank account and a plans project in the pipeline, more committee and a secretary after Christmas would be helpful.

For more information, email lochnyora-landcare@gmail.com.

Children encouraged to discover nature

A PROGRAM for children to discover their environment will be starting in October.

The Bass Coast Landcare Network recently announced the program will be launched on October 20, and will allow children to explore the natural world through fun, guided activities.

The program is designed for children aged three to five and will take place at Bass' River Garden and Hall.

It will run for eight Friday mornings, covering themes such as Beautiful Butterflies, Wiggly Worms, Wonderful Water Bugs, Super Seeds and Plants, and Australian Animals.

Children will take something home from each session, be it a special hand painted pit, an insect hotel or plants, and a free morning tea will be included.

The program was made possible through funding from VicHealth.

It is free; however, bookings are essential to cover catering and material needs.

Adult supervision and participation are required alongside the children.

Bookings will open on Wednesday, September 27.

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Festival light pollution affecting species

NEW research by a team from the Institut de Ciències del Mar (ICM-CSIC) and the Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales (MNCN-CSIC) in collaboration with Australian and New Zealander researchers has shown how the major festivities of different human societies modulate light pollution patterns on a global scale. Thus, Christian Christmas, Muslim Ramadan, Chinese New Year and Hindu Diwali vary night-time lighting intensity depending on the celebration. The study, published in the prestigious journal People and Nature, highlights the close relationship between light pollution levels and cultural activity in our society, whose effects extend beyond urban areas.

Night landscape transformation caused by artificial light, commonly known as light pollution, is an unmistakable mark of human activity on Earth, and has serious consequences for living organisms.

"Understanding how human activities influence light pollution is key to assessing its impact and designing possible mitigation measures", states the ICM-CSIC researcher Dr Francisco Ramírez.

"Previous studies have related the economic development of countries to their light pollution patterns, determining that, in general, are the richest the ones that pollute the most. However, this is the first time that we have assessed how certain socio-cultural activities affect light pollution on a global scale", continues Dr Ramírez.

To carry out this work, researchers analysed satellite images showing the light intensity between 2014 and 2019, which made it possible to obtain data on this type of pollution on a global scale.

"Our results show that festivities and celebrations involving large concentrations of people and the use of night-time lights affect the seasonal pattern of light intensity, which can have effects on a wide variety of species", explains the ICM-CSIC researcher Dr Marta Coll.

"This is what happens to a wide variety of species that are attracted to artificial lights, often with fatal consequences", continues Dr Coll.

For his part, the MNCN-CSIC researcher and world authority on light pollution and wildlife Dr Airam Rodríguez points out that "variations observed in pollutant light levels from the celebrations could be greater, as the sensor with which satellite images used in our study are taken are not very sensitive to blue light. However, it is precisely that type of light, i.e., light emitted in the blue range, that is the most harmful to human health and wildlife biodiversity".

"This work provides a solid basis for developing planning and management measures to mitigate the effects of light pollution," added Dr Andre Chiaradia, from the Phillip Island Nature Parks.

"The data obtained reveal the need for continuous monitoring of this type of pollution to understand its effect on the natural environment and to be able to develop global policies aimed at promoting a use of artificial lights that is compatible with the preservation of the natural world."



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Alpacas on show

THE Melbourne Royal Show Alpaca Youth Parader Competition was held on Thursday, September 21.

Tallarah – a Year 8 Leongatha Secondary College student – took her own 2.5-year-old male Huacaya alpaca Milkshake.

Liberty – a Meenyan Primary School student – used loan alpaca Astro from her favourite breeder Louise Charman of Nil Desperandum.

It was Milkshake's first ever show and Tallarah has been the sole trainer.

For the Royal, Tallarah elected to compete in the Open section, despite having only started parading in March of this year.

Previously, she had won Supreme Champion at the 2023 Red Hill Show.

She won two third places in the Open Intermediate sections against seasoned competitors from all over Victoria and Tasmania.

Liberty won her two Preliminary Junior sections and was the youngest competitor of the day, aged nine years old.

Her classroom teacher Ms O'Brien was in the audience to support her pupil.

In the third challenge course of the day, all competitors were allocated a random alpaca, which was tricky because alpacas form a bond with their human handlers.

It was a new format trialled at the Royal for the first time and is designed to be Ag show spectator friendly.

The Alpaca Youth Paraders network aims to provide social and breed networks to secure the future of alpaca farming in Australia.

Well handled alpacas are easy animals to keep in rural schools or to host for visits and make for valuable learning in Agriculture programs.

Tallarah spent the day,



Stony Creek's Tallarah showing her alpaca Milkshake in the Melbourne Royal Show Alpaca Youth Parader Competition.



Stony Creek's Liberty was the youngest competitor and won two Preliminary Junior sections.

between Stockmanship challenges, educating the curious public who gravitated to the alpaca pens in the Livestock Pavilion wanting to know if they spat, what the difference was from llamas, if they could keep one as a pet, and what they felt like to touch.

Milkshake was all too obliging for neck scratches. The girls were great ambassadors for alpaca

keeping and Milkshake featured in photos that will define the 2023 Melbourne Royal Show experience for hundreds of people who couldn't get enough of him.

From Stony Creek, they were the only South Gippsland youth paraders.

Anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to contact the Victorian Alpaca Youth Group via the Facebook page, even if you don't have your own farm or alpacas.

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10 - AI bred Holstein heifers 2 yrs springing to Jersey bull. Rich in NZ genetics, closed herd. Individual breeding details at sale.

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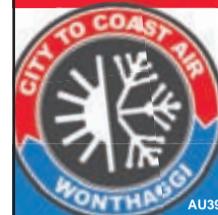
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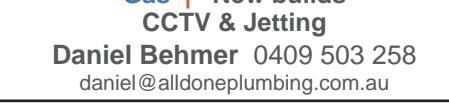
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BUCHANAN (nee Hewson), Joyce:
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--Loris and Alan, Geoff and Jan, Cheryl and Russell, Sue and Trevor and families.
In heavenly love abiding.

BUCHANAN, Joyce:
23.09.2023.

The founder of South Gippsland M.I. Carers Group in 1994.

A lovely lady, so loving, and caring.

Deepest sympathy to the family.

Special memories.

With love from your grateful friends/ members.

COOPER, Laurence (Laurie) Stanley:

Laurie passed away peacefully on September 30, 2023, at Leongatha.

Loving husband of Melva for 50 years.

Loved father and father-in-law of Paul, Kelle, Troy, and Caitlin. Adored Pop of Maddi, Hudson, Ashleigh, and Thomas.

We have watched you suffer terribly over the years, but you have always hung in there, now the pain is gone and you can Rest In Peace.

In loving memory of our brother Laurie Cooper who passed peacefully 30.09.2023.

Your loving sisters and brother Lesley, Wanda, John, and Jeffery.

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DEATHS

COOPER, Laurie:

Good friend and travel mate, your knowledge and guidance will be greatly missed.

I know you will be watching over, as I travel the sandy tracks. Condolences to Melva and family.

Rest in Peace.

-- Alan Francis

ELLIS, Robin Wayne:

10.09.1942 - 22.09.2023. Aged 81 years of Dollar - South Gippsland.

Passed away peacefully with family. Son of Colin and Ethel (both dec.).

Father of Matthew, Chelsea, and Jessy.

Grandfather of Aurelius, Pallas, Rueben, and Flynn.

Brother of Neil and wife Esmé.

Uncle of Leanne, David, and Mark.

Cousin of Annie, Amber, and Nick.

Loved by family, friends, and community.

Thank you to the District Nurses of Foster Community Centre, The Royal Flying Doctors Service, and the South Gippsland Hospital Foster.

We will never forget what you have done to care for our father.

-- Matthew, Chelsea, and Jessy.

DEATHS

LEWIS, Sheree Ann:

Passed away peacefully on September 28, 2023. Loved wife of Dennis.

Loving mum and mother-in-law to Belinda and Aaron, Jolene and Michael (dec.), and Kristy.

Adored nanna to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Forever in our Hearts.

Sadly Missed.

STREET, Lyn:

Passed away on September 28, 2023, with Col and Bill by her side.

Loved wife of Col. Loving mother and mother-in-law to Bill and Lynn.

Dearly missed by family, friends and students.

WORTHY, Noel S.:

Born 23.09.1956.

Passed away suddenly at his home in Dalyston.

Loved by his family and friends.

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Refreshments will be served at The Inlet Hotel.

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BUCHANAN:

A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs. Joyce Buchanan will be held at The Community Hub, 16 A'Beckett Street, Inverloch on Friday October 6, 2023, commencing at 12 Noon.

A Private Family burial will be held.

Joyce's service will be live streamed. Please go to www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au for details.

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WHITE (Gow), Melissa:

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We think of you every day and remember you with love.

-- Mum, Dad, and Laura

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Midwife enjoys 'breath of fresh air'

MOVING to Leongatha has been a breath of fresh air for Carly Boulter – and not just because of the climate.

After 16 years of working in metropolitan health services, Ms Boulter says the past three years at Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) have been among the most rewarding of her career.

Ms Boulter is joint associate midwifery nurse unit manager in Leongatha alongside Dayna Leatham, and she says every day offers a new and exciting challenge.

"Having worked in a large city hospital, it has been a breath of fresh air to be in a country hospital with community at the heart of what we do," she said.

"I'm really proud of where I work."

Ms Boulter grew up in Melbourne's eastern suburbs and spent 16 years working in city hospitals. "Working in the city provides you with amazing skills, but coming here at a slower pace and being able to provide more personalised care means you go home satisfied that you've done a good job."

Ms Boulter hopes other nurses and midwives will follow in her footsteps.

"Moving to the country is becoming more and more popular and we hope others see the benefits."

She says her work is constantly challenging and rewarding.

"In bigger hospitals, you might be in one role for months on end but here there is huge variety in what you do."

"No day is the same and you can work across all areas. In a typical day, you might provide labour care, do antenatal care or postnatal care or you might be going around the countryside visiting women in their homes."

The work can be challenging.

"Even though we're a smaller hospital, you have to be prepared for anything to happen."

But it's always rewarding.

"Women receive really good quality care that is very personalised and isn't rushed. One of the beautiful things about working in a smaller service is that you get to know the women really well."

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Please support the fundraiser for Sam Fraser's children, to help cover the cost of their care and education. To donate, go to gofund.me/b6e777cb, or search gofundme.com for "Caring for Sams Children".

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 61st Annual General Meeting of Life Governors and Contributors of the Wonthaggi and District Elderly Citizens' Homes Incorporated A0031611G will be held in the Upper Floor - Activity Room Crellin Wing - Rose Lodge on

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 9am

1. **Attendance:**
2. **Previous Minutes:**
- To confirm the Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting held on October 18, 2022.
3. To receive and consider the Annual Reports on the activities of the Association during the previous financial year.
4. **Annual Subscription and Fee on Joining**
5. **Election of the Members of the Board whose term has expired:**
6. **General Business:**

Any items of general business received by the Secretary Mr Kilgour addressed to Rose Lodge of which seven (7) days written notice has been given.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Wonthaggi Miners Dispensary will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, commencing at 4pm at 169 Graham Street, Wonthaggi

Items of Business:

- Receipt of Annual Report
- Election of Directors
- Appointment of Auditor
- Appointment of office bearers and remuneration

Members have the right to appoint proxies to vote on their behalf. If a member appoints a proxy the proxy does not need to be a member of the company. The proxy form must be delivered to the Dispensary at least 48 hours before the meeting. Proxy forms can be obtained at the Dispensary.

Note - If you wish to attend the meeting, please advise us by no later than **Wednesday October 11, 2023** so that arrangements can be made for the meeting.

Contact details - Phone: 03 5672 1034, retail.manager@minersdispensary.com.au, Dispensary: 169 Graham Street, Wonthaggi

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Illuminating coastal community identities

THE Coronet Bay Luminous Galleries invited local community groups and businesses to advertise their wares over the September school holidays, with 22 entrants gaining new clientele through the art display.

The community group aims to have an exhibit every school holidays so that all age groups can be included. Facilitator Ann Brown said the success of our exhibits are because of the hard work that our team puts in.

"Together they planted large grass plants for the swamp antechinus area. This mammal is classified as vulnerable to become extinct and has been found around the lake."

Luminous galleries community effort launched in 2017 by the 'Edge of Us' team in Coronet Bay, Corinella, Tenby Point, Grantville, and Pioneer Bay. Each gallery displays a different theme with the September installation focused on local businesses.

The next gallery will be delivered in the December holidays.

donate their time."

Throughout September Jye Andersen from Bass Valley Landcare worked with the children of Bass Valley Primary School and their teachers to revegetate parts of Wang toolome parnung (Duck Waterhole) with indigenous flora.

Ann Brown said it is a great community initiative, with the support of Natural Resource Officer of Bass Coast Shire Council, Dave Martin who assisted and supplied the plants.

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"Other members who contribute their time and energy are Di Lutz (unofficial secretary), Josette Dorey (unofficial treasurer), Pam, Rohini, Steve, Judy, Stanley, Mary, Greg and many more who



Rohini and Pam exhibited their business artwork at the Coronet Bay Foreshore Luminous Gallery throughout the September school holidays. z09_4023

Plants help raise funds

INVERLOCH VIEW Club member polished their green thumbs recently.

They enjoyed a morning Devonshire Tea combined with a presentation by Monique of Greener Life Inverloch.

Monique presented many different plants for sale and shared valuable information about the care of all kinds of plants.

She has been involved with plants for more than 20 years and her knowledge and expertise are immeasurable.

The VIEW Club is very appreciative of her support because

this social fundraiser contributed to the VIEW Club's contribution to the Learning for Life program through the Smith Family.

At present, the Inverloch club is supporting seven students through their school years, and this is achieved by a monthly meeting and a variety of social activities.

Local ladies interested in joining will be made welcome.

RIGHT: Greener Life Inverloch's Monique addressed the Inverloch VIEW Club recently.



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O'Brien brings the office to South Gippsland

DANNY O'Brien has been on the road recently meeting with constituents across Leongatha, Korumburra and Kongwak to discuss and see first-hand the issues impacting our community.

"As always, it was great to sit down with locals and chat face-to-face about their concerns," Mr O'Brien said.

"I've held pop-up listening posts on Saturday mornings in Leongatha and Korumburra, but these mobile office appointments are a great opportunity for one-on-one meetings with constituents.

"For some these meetings provide an opportunity to seek help on specific state government related concerns that are impacting their lives, while for others it is just an opportunity to sit down and chat with their local MP about the broader issues at play.

"Issues raised included road maintenance, education programs, public transport, police presence, hoon driving, planning and the cost-of-living crisis.

"I have already begun following these matters up where needed with the relevant Ministers."

Mr O'Brien will be continuing to take meetings in towns across the Gippsland South electorate throughout the year.

"I am on the road all the time and will also continue to host listening posts, but for my formal mobile office visits I will be contacting residents by post to invite them to meet with me face-to-face when I am in their area.

"Alternatively, constituents are always welcome to email me at danny.obrien@parliament.vic.gov.au to ask for help with state government related matters or even just share their opinions with me."



Some of the action during the high winds on Anderson Inlet on the gale conditions last Sunday.

Wild and windy at Inverloch

WINDS at Wilsons Promontory were measured consistently at between 104km/h and 91km/h between 7.30am and 2.40pm last Sunday, discouraging everyone except genuine thrill seekers from trying their luck with the breeze on Anderson Inlet.

Some members of the South Gippsland Yacht Club toyed with the idea of going out, but it was ultimately left to the windsurfers who literally flew between the Inverloch foreshore and Point Smythe on the Venus Bay peninsula.

Partnership to reduce surfers' ear

SURFING Victoria proudly announced a new partnership with Melbourne based custom ear plug provider earLAB recently.

The collaboration will help reduce the instances of surfers' ear across the state.

The goal is to allow people to enjoy surfing without compromising their hearing or ear health.

earLAB is the sole distributor of the state-of-the-art Pro-Aquaz earplugs from ACS.

These plugs are custom moulded to surfers' ears for maximum fit and comfort.

Through specially designed filers, the earplugs allow surfers to hear in the water whilst stopping water ingress and protecting their ears from the elements by sealing to the ear canal.

The plugs float in the water and come with a free chord and clip.

As part of the partnership, Surfing Victoria members will receive a 10 per cent discount on Pro-Aquaz and standard swim plugs.

Surfing Victoria members will be provided with a discount code via email in the coming months.

For further information, on the Pro-Aquaz ear plugs check out the earLAB website earlab.com.au/product/acs-swimfit-aware.



Award-winning, Aboriginal artist Mitch Mahoney (Boonwurrung/Barkindji) created a traditional stringy bark canoe on country.



The public had the chance to interact with Mitch Mahoney from September 26 until September 30.

Creating a traditional Stringy Bark Canoe

BALUK Arts presented a five-day residency on Millowl in which award-winning, Aboriginal artist Mitch Mahoney (Boonwurrung/Barkindji) created a traditional stringy bark canoe on country. The public had the chance to interact with the residency during the school holidays.

Bronwyn Smart of Baluk Arts was on country in Ventnor for the residency public program and gave thanks to Randall at Sheltered Glamping for hosting the residency.

Participants were welcomed to park at Phillip Island Village School car park to access the residency site, where they were invited to come down and see the artist at work and have a yarn on country.

Some lucky visitors, including Anna Caleo and Nick and Evelyn Hanley had the chance to assist the artist as he built a stringy bark canoe using traditional methods that Aboriginal people have used for countless generations.

Mitch Mahoney is a proud Aboriginal artist and cultural educator with a passion for sharing culture and teaching the public about Victoria's rich cultural history.

"All of the work I do is about the revitalisation and celebration of South-Eastern Aboriginal Culture and

practices. I try to create works that are designed to spark interest and educate people," the artist said.

"The stringy bark base was heated over an open fire to help form its shape, before I sealed the inside with black/grey wattle as a resin," said Mitch.

Once the canoe was formed and had taken shape, the participants were then invited to partake in the process of separating the damp stringy bark, before the clay was collected on country and mixed with ash and stringy bark to maintain the structure.

"Creating a stringy bark canoe is a sustainable process, and traditional technique by which the bark of the tree is removed and replaced with surrounding clay to help heal the raw naked body of the tree; officially known as scar tree."

Mitch's works are held in the public collections of Melbourne Museum and the Koorie Heritage Trust.

The workshop was presented by Baluk Arts, an Aboriginal owned and led community arts centre and gallery, the only of its kind in the southeast of the state, and the stringy bark canoe made on Millowl will be exhibited by Baluk Art.



The five-day artist residency was open to the public during the school holidays.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

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WEDNESDAY
October 4

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THURSDAY
October 5

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FRIDAY
October 6

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SATURDAY
October 7

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6.00pm
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SUNDAY
October 8

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Terry Floyd (S), Frank d'Unieville (3) and Graeme McLeish (L) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners Syd Gostling, Ray Hin and Julie Kellow.



Meenyan's team of Chris Kelly, Bob Wylie and Greg Hogan were the Monthly Triples winners at Leongatha Bowls Club.

INVERLOCH

STARTING on October 5, social bowls will revert to the summer schedule.

Names need to be in by 11am with play starting at 12.30pm.

There will be no extended break between the two games.

Bowlers are advised to have their lunch before they play.

Thursday's social bowls had a footy colours theme with an array of teams supported.

The club even had supporters of the round ball code wear their colours.

Two games of 10 ends were played by 44 bowlers.

A mixture of triples and fours competed for the day's honours.

A great lunch of hot dogs and party pies was prepared by Jim Haydon and greatly appreciated.

Collingwood supporters were very vocal throughout the afternoon.

Three teams won two games for the day.

These teams were separated by the slimmest of margins.

The hard luck story for the day was the team of Daryl McStravick (skip), Pam Sutcliffe and Peter Gentsch. They finished with two wins and 33 points.

Runners up for the day was the team of Terry Seaward (skip), John Sutcliffe and Chris O'Donnell, finishing with two wins and 35 points.

The winners for the day with two wins and 36 points was the team of Bill Selby (skip), Jon Justin and Jill Bateman.

Entries are now open for our club championships, and close on October 7 - the draw will be posted on October 10.

As per usual, the Men's Pairs and Singles as well as the Ladies Singles Final will be played in December. December 11 is this year's date.

All other finals will be played in either December or January.

The exact dates will be posted on October 10 and will depend on the number of entries received.

Pennant season is fast approaching so there are a number of practice matches that have been arranged for both Midweek and Saturday Pennant.

Please see the information at the club for more details.

Please remember that the Pennant season starts in October.

LEONGATHA

THE first Monthly Triples event for the 23/24 season was played last Wednesday, with 30 teams participating.

Leongatha Bowls Club welcomed the representation from other clubs in the Strzelecki South Region.

The Meenyan team of Chris Kelly, Bob Wylie and Greg Hogan won four games and were the only combination to do so and consequently collected the prize money.

Runners up were a Leongatha team - Alan Easterbrook, Rosa James and Ken Lester - with three wins, one draw + 23 shots.

Third place went to the Philip Island team of John Newcombe, Graeme Cornell and Peter Forrest with a score of three wins + 34 shots.

The passing of Wayne Walker was remembered on the day with speakers making a contribution on the life of Wayne and his involvement in the Leongatha Bowls Club.

The ladies as per the norm were busy in the kitchen providing food to the bowlers who enjoyed what was available.

Last Monday, the club had a general meeting of members for the purpose of introducing suggestions as to how the membership of the club could be increased.

It is a known fact that bowls participation is decreasing for various reasons and if the club wishes to stay viable in the future and be competitive, a rescue plan has to be introduced.

Several proposals were discussed and addressed during the meeting, some of which were directed to the board.

It is hoped that a Bankers competition will be introduced this season which will enable non-pennant bowlers to play bowls of a Saturday.

The club will be having a Kitty Club function this coming Friday night and if you wish to partake of fine food, please register your name on the list in the club.

Fourteen bowlers attended the club to play socially on Saturday morning.

The match committee prepared a Triples draw that had to be completed before the AFL grand final began.

The winning team was Joy Todd and Anthony Collier with a score of two wins + 11 shots.

Runners up were Ron Symmons and Bruce Douglas with a score of one win, one draw + 5 shots.

Congratulations to the Collingwood supporters who received a good run during the season with the culmination being a four-shot victory in the Grand Final.

My satisfaction being a Hawk supporter was the score of 18 recorded by Jai Newcombe (grandson of John) in the Brownlow Medal count.

Jai's tally for the season was the highest recorded by a Hawthorn player.

LOCH

EXCITEMENT has been the key word at the Loch and District Bowling Club during September.

Firstly, on September 12, the club played host to the South Gippsland Shire Council launch of nine sporting infrastructure projects.

For the club, the highlight was the official opening of the new synthetic green.

Eastern Victorian Upper House Member Tom McIntosh rolled the first bowl joined by mayor Cr Nathan Hersey, South Gippsland Shire CEO Kerryn Ellis and Bowls Club CEO Sue Loughridge.

Cr Hersey commented on community involvement and the club now hopes that all of Loch and District can utilise Loch's new asset.

Sue Loughridge outlined briefly the changes that have occurred during the last five years at the club.

She mentioned the support that the club has received from the district and many people that have gone above and beyond to enable the club to reach this stage.

The shire was thanked for its support and guidance to allow the club to be successful in obtaining the Sports Victoria grant, the project manager Alistair Jack and the Tiger Turf team Nick and Andrew for their expertise in installing the surface.

All visiting guests were invited to join in the event that was followed by a delicious morning tea.

The next big highlight was the 50th year celebration, which had been delayed due to COVID.

Also, the 23/24 season opening and the turning on the new lights, which was Sunday, September 24.

The MC for the day Craig Lineham invited CEO Sue Loughridge to deliver the jack, followed by the now retired green keeper Finlay Luke to roll the first bowl for the season.

All guests were then invited to join in the novelty bowls games which Greg and Paul had organised and enjoyed by all and then onto a few ends of bowls.

The guests moved into the clubhouse which was full to capacity to enjoy a two-course meal and witness Life Members Jim Riddell cut the celebration cake, which was made by Maureen Benson, hear Gay Garry reminisce of the early days at the club and Bev Bowcher draw the major raffle.

Crs Hersey and Jenni Keerie also spoke of the importance of the club within the district.

The raffle winners were Rick Winters, Nathan Broadmore and Alan Center.

All guests received a small memento in the form of 50th anniversary hat pin, signed the guest book and admired the banner displaying the 50th birthday.

Sue made special mention of one member Darryl Morris who was unable to attend due to illness.

Darryl has taken over the "barefoot bowls nights" all for the betterment of our club, this has assisted in the growth of the club, best wishes to Darryl.

President Paul Latham thanked everyone for their support and turned the switch to see the new lights, light the green and invited all to bowls "under our lights", which was enjoyed by those present.

Burger and bowls will start very soon - watch social media for updates.

Pennant will start on October 21 and midweek on October 24.

MIDWEEK

CORINELLA was the venue to continue the weekly challenge.

The green was in tip top condition, and the weather was fairly good for spring - no rain, clear sky and a temperature close to 20.

Thirty-three bowlers turned up to play with another five or six dropping in through the day as spectators.

Phil did a great job of setting up before they started, and they are grateful for all the work he puts in when they visit.

The day went well with the usual amount of friendly banter and laughter around the green.

Some excellent quality bowls were the order of the day, and it was a pleasure to watch some of the favourite bowlers teach a few how to play.

Not a lot of wrong bias bowls, but the Royal Children's Hospital tin is not in bad condition.

As always, the cream rose to the top, and this week's winners and runners up had to be separated on a countback.

This week's winners on 35 points were Terry Floyd (S), Frank d'Unieville (3) and Graeme McLeish (L).

Runners up also on 35 points were Mark Andreatta (S), Chris Brooks (3) and Jenny Smith (L).

Best one game winners on 25 points were John Nicholson (S), Margaret Hoy (3), Pauline McWilliams (2) and Max Summers (L).

The club looks forward to the return soon of some of its members who are not feeling too good - especially Bill, Shirl and Sue.

Everyone is thinking of you and look forward to your return.

Once again, the bowlers thank Peter, Pauline and John for all the hard work they do each week to get the group together and

hold these events.

Thank you also to Phil and Terry for looking after the bar and keeping most of the players happy.

Next week, the bowlers will be congregating at San Remo to once again fight it out, so if everyone could be on site by 10am to try to make Peter's life a bit easier when arranging teams.

Meanwhile, stay safe and see you next week.

WONTHAGGI

IT WAS another busy week at the club with plenty going on.

Bowls started off on Wednesday with a very good number of bowlers, even with an event at another local club.

There were 46 bowlers graced the greens on a fine day with a slight breeze.

The club welcomed two visitors on the day, one from Queensland and the other from Shepparton.

Bowlers played two games of 10 ends with triples and a couple of teams of four to square off the numbers.

The winners, on a countback, were Syd Gostling, Ray Hin and Julie Kellow with a score of two wins and 33 points and plus 17 shots up.

The unlucky team was Brett O'Donovan, a visitor from Queensland, John Hill, Cara Miles, another visitor from Shepparton and Bryan Donohue with a score of two wins and 32 points.

Thursday had a good number of bowlers with the weather on the improve.

Saturday saw a very good number of 36 bowlers for Grand Final Day, even though a lot of people like to watch the footy with family.

There was only one game, with the bell rung at 1.15pm to finish the day, which led to a barbecue.

As it was a social day, it was decided to fan the cards, with the winners being Stan Noad, Dot Stein and John Migliorisi.

A very good day was had by all at the club, with a great lunch followed by a good game on the big screen.

Bowls this week: on Tuesday there's a practice match against Inverloch with teams on the internet and notice board. Wednesday is the Turkey Triples. Thursday social bowls is at 10am. Friday coaching is at 10am and Saturday is a practice match against Phillip Island, starting at the normal Pennant time of 1pm. Teams will be picked on Tuesday afternoon and put on the board and internet.

Have a good week and good bowling.



Sponsor Linda Forrester with runners up Inge Giliam and Dianne O'Connor, winners Sherrill Winkler and Ann Poole, and sponsor Kath Davis at Woorayl Golf Club.



Korumburra's Wednesday winners Lyn McIvor (A Grade) and Diarne Maskell (B Grade).



Leongatha Golf Club's winner of the Inverloch Esplanade Hotel event Sue Woods.



Foster Golf Club's A Grade winner was Beth Curram.

FOSTER Ladies

IT was pleasing to see the course a bit dryer – it's been a while.

Thank you to Annette Garrow for sponsoring the day.

A Grade's winner was Beth Curram (22) 34.

Welcome to new member Kylie Collins, who won B Grade with a convincing (36) 36.

Josie Parisi was the accurate one with NTPs on the sixth and 17th.

The nine-hole comp was won by Helen Fulton.

It was great to see the regular nine-hole players turn up each week regardless of conditions.

BDTL went to Jenny Alexander (39) 34 points.

Next week, October 11, is Stableford.

KORUMBURRA

Ladies

WEDNESDAY'S weather had 16 women out playing with some nice scores coming in.

A Grade's winner was Lyn McIvor (22) with 36 points.

The B Grade winner was Diarne Maskell (33) with 33 points.

BDTL went to Julie Hillberg (25) and Aliesha Wrigley (24), both having 34 points each.

NTP on first was Aliesha and on the 13th green Lyn.

Saturday's Stableford game was won by Deb Wrigley (28) with 34 points on a c/b from Aliesha Wrigley (24).

BDTL went to Diarne (33) with 30 points.

Well done to the Country Team's men and women for competing last week and a special congratulations to the men's team on its fabulous win.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, September 26: Stableford.

Sixty-two members/guests played in Tuesday's Stableford event.

A Grade winner: Winton Knop (10) with 34 points. A Grade runner up: Cameron Harwood (14) with 33 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Steve Foster (16) with 34 points. B Grade runner up: Ken Lay (21) with 33 points.

C Grade winner: Gordon Allan (22) with 35 points. C Grade runner up: Ian Miller (31) with 34 points.

No nearest the pin awards for Tuesday.

Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Peter Hormann and Ian Barlow

Thursday, September 28: Stableford.

Sixty-nine members/guests played in this Stableford event.

A Grade winner: Ken Smirk (16) with 36 points. A Grade runner up: Anthony Bowd (13) with 34 points.

B Grade winner: Peter Read (18) with 39 points on a countback. B Grade runner up: David Child (24) with 39 points.

C Grade winner: Gerald Freestone (29) with 34 points. C Grade runner up: Alan Sperling (29) with 33 points.

NTP 14th: John Moor at 4.25m. 16th: Gary McGrath at 3.99m.

Extra Balls Comp prizes went to David Forbes, Trevor Steer and Jason Dennerley.

Saturday, September 30: Stableford.

On Grand Final Saturday, 71 members/guests teed off with a shotgun start at 8am to free the afternoon for all to watch the game.

This was a Stableford event off the blue tees.

A Grade winner: Paul Deery (9) with 35 points. A Grade runner up: Dan Schuppan (11) with 34 points.

B Grade winner: Grant McRitchie (16) with 38 points. B Grade runner up: Andrew Henley (17) with 36 points.

C Grade winner: Alan Black (24) with 33 points. C Grade runner up: Ian Miller (30) with 32 points on a countback.

NTP 14th: Peter Clingin at 6.00m. 16th: Gerald Freestone at 1.10m.

Ladies

THE Inverloch Esplanade Hotel sponsored the Stableford event last week.

The winner of the day was Sue Woods with 34 points on a countback from Chris Lay.

Both winner and runner up received a voucher from the Invit Espy.

Balls down the line went to Jenny Teasdale, Max Eabry, Shirley Welsford and Cheryl Shaw (29) with 38 pts.

Nine-Hole Stableford

Borg 32 points, Maryann Gartner and Anne Bowd 30 points, and Mel Willder 29 points.

Maryanne Gartner was closest to the flag on the 14th and Trish Owen on the 16th.

Teresa Bennett won the nine-hole competition with 14 points and Marie Sands earned a ball down the line.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY: September 28, Stableford.

A Grade: T. Makepeace (10), 35 points.

B Grade: N. Baker (24), 37 points.

DTL: R. Matthews, D. Taylor, P. Cummaudo 35, and T. Bradshaw 33 c/b.

NTP: fourth M. Payne, sixth M. Heiberg, 13th M. Woodall and 16th M. Woodall.

Birdies: fourth T. Makepeace, sixth M. Heiberg and 13th T. Bradshaw.

Friday, September 29: Ambrose.

Day winner: P. Woodall, M. Woodall, S. Woodall and D. Davis, (5.25) 55.75.

NTP: fourth S. Hill-Smith, sixth J. Kidd and 16th G. Renwick.

Saturday, September 30: Stableford.

A Grade: R. Matthews (11) 36 points.

B Grade: N. Baker (24) 38 points.

DTL: M. McKay, 37, P. Draper, P. Cummaudo 36, P. Smart 34 and R. Scurlock 32.

NTP: fourth G. Shandley, sixth N. Baker, 13th J. Coleman and 16th P. Smart.

Birdies: sixth S. Hill-Smith, 13th D. Woodall, P. Draper, and 16th D. Woodall and M. Woodall.

PHILLIP ISLAND

Tuesday 26th September Mens 18-Hole Stableford

A Grade winners A-1 Rob Davison (13) with 39 pts A-2 Mark Dykes (9) with 38 pts C/B.

B Grade winners B-1 John Leheny (19) with 39 pts B-2 John Enbom (17) with 37 pts.

C Grade winners C-1 John Sava (24) with 40 pts C-2 John Shaw (29) with 38 pts.

BDL to 35 pts. NTP 5th Peter Ablett 7th Justin McBean 10th Owen Jolly 17th Robert Sparkman

Nine-Hole Stableford



Wonthaggi Golf Club winners Yvonne Everitt and Marg Johnson with runners up Heather Wintle and Robyn Wilkinson.

Winner Ian Bray (32) 20 pts from Ian Samuel (28) 18 pts C/B. BDL to 16 pts.

Wednesday 27th September Ladies Stableford

A grade winner Sheryl Smith (26) 39 pts.

B Grade winner Lynn McCole (42) 39 pts.

BDL 33 points C/B.

NTP: 5th Emma Hall, 7th Stacey Meder, 10th Sheryl Smith, 17th Vicki Roff-Smith, 12th Trish Jamieson.

Nine-Hole Stableford

Winner Lyn Ward (33) 20 pts.

BDL to 17 pts.

Thursday 28th September 18 Hole Stableford

A Grade winners A-1 Ron Owen (15) with 38 pts A-2 Fred Panozzo (16) 37 pts.

B Grade winners Chris Disher (21) with 37 pts B-2 Rickardo Meder (18) 35 pts CB.

C Grade winners David Pardoe (33) with 42 pts C-2 Ian Young (25) 39 pts C/B.

BDL to 33 pts C/B.

NTP: 5TH Peter Cartwright, 7th Wayne Morris, 10th Peter Gray, 17th Adrienne Anglin.

Nine-Hole Stableford

Winner Steve Reiger (23) with 20 pts Ian Brown (34) with 19 pts C/B.

BDL to 17 pts C/B.

Saturday 30th September Mens & Mixed 18-Hole 4BBB Stableford

A Grade winners A-1 Max Brown & Rick Jenkins 47 pts. A-2 Peter Ablett & Robert Purcell 46 pts. A-3 Tony Hornsby & Christian Lloyd 44 pts C/B. BDL to 43 points C/B.

NTP: 5th Andrew Walton, 7th William Lang, 10th Chris Sander son, 17th Jack Ross.

Ladies 18-Hole 4BBB Stableford

Winners Jillian Tyrell & Alice Schofield 46 pts. Vicki Ramage & Emma Hall 45 pts.

BDL to 41 pts. Great Score (Eagle on the 9th) Emma Hall

NTP 7th Emma Hall, 10th Wendy Hopkins, 17th Emma Hall.

Saturday Open Nine-Hole Stableford

Winners Malcolm MacArthur (29) with 17 pts C/B Alan Tindale (31) 17 pts.

BDL to 14 pts.

Sunday 1st October Open Comp Stableford

Winner Harri Baltruschaitis (17) 34 pts Clare Henderson (13) 30 pts.

BDL to 27 pts.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: September 28, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Rod Walker 32. Runner up: Jim McEachern 32.

BDL to 31.

Ball sweep: Graeme Campbell 32, Stephen Kane 31 and Graeme Crawford 31.

Results: September 28, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford back nine-hole.

Winner: Norm Burne 22.

BDL to 15.

Ball sweep: Secondo Tiziani 17, Graham Ryan 16 and Kevin Bayley 15 C/B.

Results: September 30.

Competition: mixed Ambrose 18-hole.

First: B. Mabilia, Brady Ross, Max Walton and Ethan Dickson 57.25.

Second: P. Dell, M. Tiziani, S. Tiziani and R. Hender 57.875.

Third: F. West, C Harvey, B. Harvey and G. Prowd 59.625.

Ball sweep: R. Parker, A. Jones, S. Dennis and R. Newton, G. Huther, R. Lovett, S. Stirton and I. Gilmour, A. Hooton-Shandley, K. Loughran, M. Casey, and G. Lock, A. Cox, L. McLean, A. McLean and S. Judd.

NTPs: C. Harvey second, I. Gilmour eighth pro pin, B. Mabilia 13th and M. Tiziani 17th money.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the qualifying round of the Board Foursomes event.

There were 12 pairs out to enjoy the beautiful conditions.

The winning pair was Marg Johnson (17) and Yvonne Everitt (21) 76 net from Robyn Wilkinson (26) and Heather Wintle (40) 79 net.

BDL went to Anne Walker and Anne Tschideler 82, Andrea Grenville and Patsy Britt 82.5, and Wendy Cross and Betty Bowmar 85.5.

Wendy Cross claimed the only NTP on the day, with a great shot on the 17th.

WOORAYL

Ladies

WHILE the captain was busy with country teams, vice captain Janet took on the role of organising the golf day.

A two person Ambrose generously sponsored by Kath Davis and Linda Forrester.

The drawn partners combinations created some fun as the golfers set out to enjoy the day.

Some decisions about which ball to use proved easier than others.

It was lovely to welcome Kay Roberts to the golf competition.

Kay has been a member of Traralgon but now resides in Leongatha.

It is good to see more members returning after their winter escape.

The winners were Ann Poole and Sherrill Winkler with a top score of 60.5 points.



Senior Men's best player in finals series Ethan Bath, runner up best and fairest John Stephen, best and fairest Aidan Hall and coaches award recipient Luke Knights.

Leongatha Knights celebrate thrilling season

FOLLOWING a highly successful season, Leongatha Knights Football Club hosted its senior presentation evening at the Daker Centre in Leongatha on Saturday, September 23.

After both the Senior Women's and Senior Men's won their respective grand finals last week, there was much to celebrate. The following were awarded:

U17s mixed team: Best player in the finals series: Patch Wilson. Most improved: Caelan Scott. Coaches award: Koen Morton. Runner up best and fairest: Oscar Murdoch. Best and fairest: James Heneghan and River Thomas.

Reserves Men: Coaches award: Luke Murphy. Runner up best and fairest: Paddy Johnston. Best and fairest: Mark Mathews.

Senior Men's:

Best player in the finals series: Ethan Bath. Coaches award: Luke Knights. Runners up best and fairest: John Stephen. Best and fairest: Aidan Hall.

Senior Women's:

Best player in the finals series: Valentine Langlet. Coaches award: Jasmine Garry. Runner up best and fairest: Naomi Eaton. Best and fairest: Jasmine Garry.



Knights' U17s best and fairest James Heneghan, runner up best and fairest River Thomas, runner up best and fairest Oscar Murdoch and most improved Caelan Scott.



South Gippsland Umpires Association's milestone umpires were congratulated at the recent presentation night.

Umpires recognised for successful year

AWARDS were handed out at the recent South Gippsland Umpires Association presentation night.

It was a fantastic night to come together, recognise and celebrate all the achievements of the talented group throughout the 2023 season.

The association congratulates all the 2023 award winners.

A notable presentation went to Kane Pepperell, who received South Gippsland Umpires Association's life membership for his service to the association.

His 17 years of service include eight years on the committee, while on-field he has umpired over 400-games as a field, boundary and goal umpire. He is a very worthy recipient.

Thank you to all the coaches, committee, executive as well as all the members who helped behind the scenes for all their hard work that went into putting together another magnificent season for the panel.

Thank you also to Brett Tessari and Bobbie-Lee Blay from the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition for attending the presentation night, and for all their support of the association in 2023.

The full list of award winners are as follows:

Goal awards: Most improved: Ben Maguire. Coaches award: Ethan Nicholas. Best performed 'Alf Wilder Memorial': Gary Scholz.

Boundary awards: Best first year: Liam Egan. Most improved: Brodie Hillis. Coaches award: Harry Taylor-Smith. Best performed: Darcy Linforth.

Field awards: Best first year: Gemma Cook. Most improved: Nick Leonidas. Coaches award: Tom Harris. Best performed 'Bill Pollock Memorial': Jake Dennerley.

Special awards: West Gippsland Umpire of the Year: James Browne. Golden Whistle: Patrick Wilson. Ideal member: Rob Higgins. Life membership: Kane Pepperell.



The Golden Whistle went to Patrick Wilson at South Gippsland Umpires Association's presentation night.



South Gippsland Umpires Association's best first year field umpire was Gemma Cook.



South Gippsland Umpires Association award its ideal member award to Rob Higgins.



James Browne was named South Gippsland Umpires Association's Umpire of the Year. He is pictured with Brett Tessari (right).



Gary Scholz was named South Gippsland Umpires Association's Goal Umpire of the Year.



Brett Tessari (right) congratulated Kane Pepperell on receiving the South Gippsland Umpires Association life membership.

SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR JUNIOR SEA EAGLES



The U15s and U17/18 best and fairest winners and runners up were Grace Peterson, Fred Soumilas, Maddie Douglas, Clare McNamara, Rhiannon Radford, Jas Williams, Marnie Banks, Bella Reich, Abby Jones and Daisy Soumilas.



Club values winners, back from left, Chelsea McNamara, Remy Charlesworth, Sasha Vennell, Lila Terlich, Dae Anderson, front from left, Lenny Boyd, Liam Jones, Harry Lyons, Anahla Cameron, Matilda Brent, Piper Martin and Hazel Sorenson.



The junior football award winners were Lucas Allen, Tate Rigby, Rem DalPozzo, Andot Mangkong, Harry Butcher, Zak Box, Jarvis Harvey, Paddy Dwyer, Jed Rosenow, Jasper Cousins and Archie Terlich.



U13s netball best and fairest winners and runners up Taya Hayes, Amalia Lofgren, Indi Mathews, Bec Barclay and Ashleigh Kruss.



Isaac Seuren and Claire McNamara received the John Quigley Memorial Trophy for Junior Club Person.

INVERLOCH-Kongwak Football Netball Club celebrated its successful junior netball and football season with presentation nights held for the U11s, U13s, U15s, U17s and U18s netballers, and U16 and U18 footballers.

Team successes were celebrated, with the U18s Leongatha and District Netball Association (LDNA) and U18s footballers winning the premierships, and the U13 White LDNA being runners up in the finals.

Other finalists were U15 Blue LDNA, U13 LDNA Blue, West Gippsland Football Netball Competition (WGFNC) U11s and U16 football.

The growth in numbers playing was celebrated, with 11 netball teams playing at Leongatha, on top of the teams playing in the WGFNC.

Growth in numbers is great for the club, with so many more of the community able to be involved in the sport and feel a part of Inverloch-Kongwak Football Netball Club.

Isaac Seuren and Claire McNamara were awarded the John Quigley Memorial Trophy for Junior Club Person.

In the netball, players received awards based on their ability to exhibit club values as voted by observers each week.

The winners were:

U11s: WGFNC: Dae Anderson and Lenny Boyd Munro. LDNA: Gold: Emily Croatto and Aylah Strickland. Navy: Liam Jones and Anahla Cameron. Red: Piper Martin and Matilda Brent. White: Josie Richer and Evie Foster. Orange: Hazel Sorenson and Harry Lyons.

In the other sections, players voted for who they thought exhibited the club values:

U13s: WGFNC: Chelsea McNamara and Lucy Carter. LDNA: Blue: Lila Terlich. White: Evvi Winn. Gold: Sasha Vennell and Remy Charlesworth.

U15s: WGFNC: Daisy Soumilas. LDNA: Blue: Savannah O'Keeffe. Gold: Bella Reich.

17/18s: WGFNC: Jas Williams. LDNA: Fred Soumilas.

Best and fairest awards:

U13s: WGFNC: runner up Taya Hayes and winner Torah Boyd Metselaar. LDNA: Blue: runner up Indi Mathews and winner Bec Barclay. White: runner up Ashleigh Kruss and winner Marasai O'Keeffe. Gold: runner up Amalia Lofgren and winner Ella Lomax.

U15s: WGFNC: runner up Julia Lindsay and winner Daisy Soumilas. LDNA Blue: runner up Rhiannon Radford and winner Savannah O'Keeffe. Gold: runner up Sian Tessari and winner Bella Reich.

17s/18s: WGFNC: runner up Jas Williams and winner Marnie Banks. LDNA: runner up Grace Peterson and winner Claire McNamara.

Best in finals:

U15s: LDNA: Blue: Rhiannon Radford and Abbie Jones.

U17s: WGFNC: Marnie Banks.

18s: LDNA: Maddie Douglas.

In the football, the 18s celebrated back-to-back premierships and another successful year.

Awards went to the following:

Best and fairest: U16 Lucas Allen and U18 Harry Butcher.

Runners up: U16 Jasper Cousins and U18 Jed Rosenow.

Most determined: U16 Andot Mangkong and U18 Rem DalPozzo.

Most consistent: U16 Archie Terlich and U18 Jarvis Harvey.

Coaches award: U16 Paddy Dwyer and U18 Zak Box.

Most improved: U16 Froley Anderson and U18 Tate Rigby.

The club thanks all the coaches, team managers and parent volunteers who have helped to make the season such a success and look forward to a nice break ahead of season 2024.

YOUNG GIANTS CONGRATULATED



Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club held its junior vote count and presentation day on September 17. The rising stars from the junior football and netball sides were congratulated for their efforts throughout the 2023 season. The club thanked families for coming along to support the event.



U16s coach Jamie Walker with coaches award recipient Dylan Parry, best and fairest Bryce Riddell, runner up best and fairest Tanner Walker, most determined Max Fowles and most consistent Mitchell Hobbs.



U18s team manager Frank Donohue with most consistent Jack Donohue, runner up best and fairest Zach Barrett, coaches award recipient Will Croatto and equal best and fairest Tarkyn Walker. Absent: Codie Anderson (equal best and fairest), Zac Grabham (most determined) and Tyson Findlay (coach).



Zach Barrett and Mackenna Whiteside were named Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club's most promising juniors.



U17s most improved Pallas Lamers, best and fairest Chelsea Fox, runner up best and fairest Mackenna Whiteside and best in finals Sienna Cruickshank.



U11s team manager Kerryn Gow (far left) and coach Ella Cuman (far right) congratulated best and fairest winner Shylah Coote and runner up Pearl Cruickshank. Absent: Arli Edwards (coaches award).



U13s coach Jemayar Grabham (far left) and assistant coach Felicity Fox (far right) with coaches award recipient Zeannah Harland and best and fairest Anika Edwards. Absent: Claudia Boulter (runner up best and fairest, and best in finals).



U15s best and fairest Heidi Nicholas, runner up best and fairest Molly Boulter and most improved Maia Enbom with coach Maddie Smith.



Jemayar Grabham, Sienna Cruickshank, Rose Hutchinson, Ella Cuman and Pallas Lamers with their junior netball game certificates.



Andrew and Mel Robertson of KFNC and Rhonda Brooks and Doug Appleton of the A&P Society signed a lease agreement that will enable sport to continue at the local Showgrounds. A06_4023

A&P Society and Giants combine for positive future

TREASURER of Korumburra Football Netball Club Mel Robertson expressed her delight at the recent signing of a lease offered by the Korumburra and District Agricultural and Pastoral (A&P) Society, which owns the Korumburra Showgrounds at which the Giants play.

"The lease secures the long-term future for the club which is great for the town and the community," Mel said.

A&P Society president Rhonda Brooks said its committee put together the lease offer to ensure the Showgrounds can continue to be used for football and netball, providing opportunities for senior and junior players, and the facilities the club needs.

The lease arrangement will allow construction of the planned new netball building and revamping of existing club rooms to proceed, with the Sentinel-Times having recently reported a tender has been granted for the project that will benefit football and netball players and officials.

Works are set to get underway shortly.

Rhonda said the A&P Society has worked actively with Korumburra Football Netball Club to achieve a positive outcome.

Bridge results

PHILLIP ISLAND

TWELVE pairs competed in the duplicate competition on September 25.

In first place for north/south were Deborah Anglim and Greg Nicholson on 53% followed in second by Neville Chapman and Lorrie Reed on 51.50%. A whisker behind in third were Diane Coleman and Karen Klym on 51%. Cathie Beenie and Miranda Sage took first place for East/West on 54% with Anne Gibson and Robert McClellan coming in second on 52.50%. Third were Clare and Jim Murphy on 52%.

Wednesday saw the final of the two-week mid-week teams event.

In first place Team 7 comprising Deborah Anglim, Greg Nicholson, Lorrie Red and John Farr. Second placed were Team 3 featuring Hannah Martin, Maureen Stiles, Ruth Stevenson and Penny Loughran. In third were Team 4 made up of Diane Coleman, Moya Crowley, Jill Short and Marion Wellwood.

Congratulations to all.

It's great to see some new faces at Thursday's Social Bridge. All welcome. To find out more call Wendy on 0459 200 265.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND

RESULTS: September 29 at Wonthaggi: six tables.

First: Doug McIntosh and Alan Johnston with 62.15. Second: Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 55.9. Third: Ruth Stevenson and Penny Loughran 52.08.

September 29 at Inverloch: seven tables.

N/S pairs: First: Anne Speakman and Ruth Harvey 56.25. Second: Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 55.00. Third: John Currier and John Sutton 54.58.

E/W pairs: First: Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 57.86. Second: Maureen Stiles and Penny Loughran 52.14. Third: Mary Brewis and Carol Sowden 49.29.

TIGERS APPLAUD TEAM CHAMPIONS



by Rover



Mirboo North D Grade players Gemma McCormack, Alana Knowles, coaches award recipient Chloe Corry, best and fairest Kat Jessep, runner up best and fairest and players' player Connie Giardina, Dana Eaves and Tianna McLure.



C Grade's Kirsty Richardson, coaches award recipient Ruby Cannizzo, runner up best and fairest Tylah Wilkins, best and fairest Jayne Blackford and Stacey Harriage at Mirboo North's presentation night.



Mirboo North's Reserves' coaches award recipient Will Lewis, Matt Richardson, best and fairest Simon Bussitul, runner up best and fairest Dom Pinneri and most determined Rob Devine.



Brian McCormack and Stacey Harriage received Mirboo North's Recognition of Outstanding Service Award. They are pictured with Volunteers of the Year Gemma McCormack and Brian Doherty.



Mirboo North's A Grade coaches award recipient Bella Cook, Emma Evans, runner up best and fairest and players' player Dani Blair, Abbey Forrester and Tylah Peters.



Mirboo North's Seniors best and fairest Hudson Kerr, most consistent Jesse Chila, best first year Beau Melbourne and runner up best and fairest Ben Campbell.

MIRBOO North Football Netball Club held its annual senior presentation night at its Walter J Tuck Tigerland headquarters on Saturday night.

Club president Joe Piper thanked the club's sponsors for their strong ongoing financial support and volunteers were recognised across a vast range of services throughout the year.

In a lighter moment for the near 90-strong crowd, Mr Piper was presented with a Brisbane scarf, following the Lions' preliminary final win over his beloved Carlton — after the Blues gave up an early five-goals-to-nothing lead.

The Thirds footballers and U15s netballers featured in grand finals at Morwell East, but for the first time in a long time, there were no Mid Gippsland Football Netball League premierships for the mighty Tigers this year.

It was a different story in the Central Gippsland Junior Football League competition where Mirboo North's U10 footballers won the 2023 premiership against MDU under coach Jasan Hysen's expert guidance.

Simon Busuttil and Jess Holland received Mirboo North Football Netball Club (MNFNC) life memberships, while Gemma McCormack and Brian Doherty were joint Volunteer Of The Year recipients.

Recognition Of Outstanding Service Awards were accepted by Brian McCormack and Stacey Harriage.

MNFNC's junior vote counts and presentation night took place the previous evening.

Senior football: Best and fairest: H. Kerr. Runner up: B. Campbell. Best clubman: R. Kratzat. Most consistent: J. Chila. Most valuable: J. Lambourn. Best first year: B. Melbourne.

Reserves football: Best and fairest: S. Busuttil. Runner up: D. Pinneri. Most consistent: T. Little. Most determined: B. Devine. Coaches award: W. Lewis.

Thirds football: Best and fairest: O. Mahoney. Runner up: O. Budd. Most consistent: H. Barnes. Coaches award: B. Jennings and J. Conlan. Most determined: S. Bradley. Most improved: J. Jagusch. Best in finals: J. Chila.

A Grade netball: Best and fairest: M. Hilliar. Runner up: D. Blair. Coaches award: B. Cook. Players' player: D. Blair.

B Grade netball: Best and fairest: A. Hilliar. Runner up: H. Rogers. Coaches award: A. Snell. Players' player: R. Vansittart. Best in finals: A. Hilliar.

C Grade netball: Best and fairest: J. Blackford. Runner up: T. Wilkins. Coaches award: R. Cannizzo. Players' player: S. McGrath.

D Grade netball: Best and fairest: K. Jessep. Runner up: C. Giardina. Coaches award: C. Corry. Players' player: C. Giardina. Best in finals: T. Falkingham.

U17s netball: Best and fairest: A. Snell. Runner up: R. Cannizzo. Coaches award: C. Line. Players' player: A. Snell.

U15s netball: Best and fairest: T. Peters. Runner up: M. Wallace. Coaches award: Z. Flewin. Players' player: M. Wallace. Best in finals: T. Peters.

U13s netball: Best and fairest: A. Conlan. Runner up: E. Bickerton. Coaches award: C. Evans. Players' player: M. Lia. Best in finals: C. Evans.

Vale Graeme Trease:

MNFNC extends its condolences to the family of former player, past president and life member Graeme Trease, following his recent passing.

SHINING STARS OF KILCUNDA-BASS



Kilcunda-Bass' A Grade winners included best and fairest Caity Stephens, runner up best and fairest Kacey Maund, coaches award recipient Caitlin Egan and players' player Emily Mock.



Kilcunda-Bass' Senior award winners were best and fairest and players' player Nathan Foote, runner up best and fairest Dale Gawley, most valuable player Anthony Dario and coaches award recipient Dean McRae. Absent: Ben Eddy (most consistent).



Kilcunda-Bass' B Grade award winners were best and fairest Lisa Steel and Kira Hamilton, runner up best and fairest Liz Krog and coaches award recipient Kylie Wookey. Lisa also received the players' player award.



Kilcunda-Bass' Reserves winners were best and fairest Harry McLean, runner up best and fairest Will Campbell, most determined Robert Taylor and players' player Jordan Osborne. Absent: Gerry Giacco (most consistent).



Kilcunda-Bass' C Grade winners were best and fairest Kiara Brusamarello, runner up best and fairest Allison Carter, coaches award recipient Tess Papas and players' player Kim Pike.



Kilcunda-Bass' U18s award winners were best and fairest Ashden Grenness, runner up best and fairest Ben Wemyss, most consistent Toby Challinor, most determined Finn Russell, coaches award recipient Blake Baker and players' player Will Campbell.



Kilcunda-Bass' D Grade award winners were best and fairest Lisa Mildenhall, runner up best and fairest Miranda Eden, coaches award recipient Tailyn Payne and players' player Gemma Tschiderer.



Kilcunda-Bass' club awards went to Les Watson (Dave and Jan Brown Award), Jordan Osborne (Charlie Grummisch Award), Ben Wemyss (Frank Cahill Award) and Jude Watson (Life Member Award).



• FOSTER



Brad Coates, Josh Toner (captain), and co-presidents Mitch Allott and Mitch Jones are ready for Foster's 2023/24 season. A04_4023

Tigers in good shape for new campaign

FOSTER'S top run scorer and wicket taker of last season, Josh Toner, continues as A2 skipper, with new club president Mitch Jones looking forward to seeing what Toner delivers in the coming season.

"Hopefully he continues his good form as he has the past couple of years, and he's showing more leadership with his cricket," Jones said.

While the Tigers had just one senior men's side for most of last season, they will field a B2 team this campaign in addition to their A2 outfit, with the club also having a women's side.

Up-and-coming talent Tex Dyson arrives from Yarram, and although still a junior is expected to figure in the senior action this season, likely to play a part in A Grade.

He is an allrounder, bowling medium pace and set to bat in the middle order.

Batsman Jake Best returns to Foster, although he won't be available early in the season.

The Tigers have retained last season's talent, with hopes their recruiting efforts will drive them up the A2 ladder.

Foster's healthy junior stocks are creating the most excitement at the club, which will have a presence in Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 15s.

"Our junior numbers are very promising, a lot higher than what we have had the last probably five seasons, which is a big positive, and we've got a lot of new families coming to the club," Jones said, adding the club prides itself on being family oriented.

• NYORA



Nyora have a couple of practice matches under their belt and have their sights firmly set on the top spot this year.

• IMPERIALS



Imperials' Isaac Bolge, Jimmy Jeffery, Francois Botha, A Grade captain Jack Ginnane and Aydan Williams (front) launched their training sessions at the Korumburra indoor nets.

Imperials have eyes on the flag

THE Imperials are gunning for a competitive 2023/24 season.

After falling short of finals in the Seniors last season, the Imperials are looking to step up and be in contention for the flag.

"We didn't have great on field results (last season), but we weren't far away," president Kristian Gray said.

"We were competitive in most games – we just started a bit slow in A Grade, but we finished pretty strong so hopefully we can get that momentum going into this year. Hopefully, we can get a few early games to set us up."

"Certainly, we will be trying to give ourselves a chance to win it. That's top of the agenda in A1. In B1, if we can be competitive and just be on the edge of finals, that would be a good result for us. If we have everyone available, I think we could be really good. We had a large turnover of players last year, so we are hoping that doesn't happen again."

The Imperials will be fielding just the two Senior sides with Jack Ginnane as A Grade's captain.

Although they were unable to field a C Grade side for the current season, the club anticipates the addition of a C Grade side is not far off.

In the juniors, the Imperials will be represented in the U17s, U13s and U11s.

"Troy Williams has worked really hard with the juniors. All our U17s are back

- **A1 captain:** Jack Ginnane
- **Key recruits:** Nil
- **Key departures:** Nil
- **2022/23 A1 finish:** Seventh
- **2022/23 leading batsman:** Jack Ginnane
- **2022/23 leading bowler:** Lachie Wright

again – they were bottom age last year," Gray said.

The Imperials will also be running a Woolies Blast program in conjunction with Nerrenna and Leongatha Town.

"If there are kids out there aged five to 10 who want to get involved, they're encouraged to sign up. Each team will run three sessions at their ground with a barbecue at the end of each session," Gray said.

"We will be chasing 10 to 13 year olds to fill out our U11s and U13s program. If we can get anyone new into cricket, that'll be awesome."

The Imperials launched their pre-season with trainings at the Korumburra indoor nets before heading out onto the ground.

Off the field, the Imperials are looking forward to several social events including a ladies' day and its 2003/04 B Grade reunion.

Nyora shaping up to take on finals

HENRY Dolphin will once again Coach and Captain Nyoras' A Grade side this year, after successfully taking the team to the finals last season.

While they reached their goal to get to the finals, the team lost to Korumburra in the semi's, but with the knowledge they can get there, their sights are firmly set on the top spot.

Two new recruits from Somerville, Aaron Kaddatz, a good all-rounder and Aaron Thompson, predominantly a bowler, will be helping the team take wickets and make those runs.

Jarrod Shields will also join the side this season after being recruited last year, though unable to play due to a knee injury, and will be showing his talent as wicket keeper.

The team are in full training mode and touring Victoria to test out their form in a couple of practice matches.

The first was all the way to Dederang in North East Victoria to play a practice

match against the mountain men and enjoy some team bonding and building over the weekend.

With a closer practice match played in Pearcedale last week the team are polishing their skills and will be in shape by the start of the contest.

Nyora are recruiting players for all their junior teams and will be holding a fun, social family night with a Halloween Theme on Saturday, October 28.

- **A2 captain:** Henry Dolphin
- **Key recruits:** Aaron Kaddatz and Aaron Thompson (Somerville) and Jarrod Shields (returning following knee injury)
- **Key departures:** Nil
- **2022/23 A2 finish:** Fourth (Semi Finals)
- **2022/23 leading batsman:** Jake Hackett
- **2022/23 leading bowler:** Henry Dolphin



• GLEN ALVIE •



Jack Brown, Will Hynes, Archie Luke, Gaby Hynes, Ned Brown, Archie Moore, Archie Donohue and Jarvis Hynes will compete in Glen Alvie's U15s and U15s sides this season.

Juniors to shine at Glen Alvie

GLEN Alvie Cricket Club has launched into the new season with big plans in the works.

Despite being the "club with no town", Glen Alvie is excited to return to the game with a healthy mix of juniors coming through into the seniors, thanks to a well-supported junior program.

"We pretty much have the same players as last year returning," club president David Hynes said.

"We're going to pick up a few new junior players, which we are excited about. We are pretty happy with our junior program."

The club anticipates around 40 juniors will participate in the 2023/24 season – an increase on the previous season.

"We've been building (our junior numbers) slowly over the last few years. Out where we are – we're the team with no town – we have to make sure we provide good quality facilities and a family environment to ensure the kids come out, and that everyone gets a go

and everyone has fun. That's the main thing," Hynes said.

This season, Glen Alvie will be fielding teams in A2, B2 and C2.

Ben McRae – a longtime Glen Alvie player who has risen through the ranks from juniors – will coach the Seniors.

Ben has been a great role model within club – he has been an asset to the junior mentoring program and received the President's Award last season for his support of the club.

Stephen Kennedy is stepping into the A Grade captaincy.

The club will also have teams competing in U11s, U13s, U15s and U17s.

"Our A Grade went okay last year. It was a bit below our expectation. We do have a lot of young guys playing – a lot of juniors have come up through the ranks," Hynes said.

"In particular, we've got a lot of guys around 16 to 17 years of age who will be looking to crack into that A Grade side this year, so we will be setting

our goals a little higher.

"Our ultimate goal is to get back into A1. Our B Grade has had a real boost with a lot of young guys coming through there as well."

Glen Alvie also has a number of girls playing in the junior sides and hope to see a female competition formed into the future.

"Cricket Victoria has given some grants and put a bit of effort into this area to get an U12s competition going. They did really good work last year in the women's competition, so if we can boost that and get some younger girls going, it'll really help," Hynes said.

"We're also focusing on getting some of the junior players through coaching courses. Within the ranks, it's getting harder to recruit people so if we can look after our own and promote the juniors within the club, that's what we'll do.

"Growth in our juniors is our main focus. Without the juniors coming through, the club won't exist into the future. I think for our club in

particular, it is important to provide a facility and space where everyone and anyone is welcome. We are a bit of a bunch of misfits out there, but the club is a really great, family-oriented club."

Glen Alvie has had a shake up in its committee with Pete Roberts and Ray Slade stepping down as secretary and treasurer respectively.

Steve Smith will take on the secretary role and Dean Williams is the treasurer.

Glen Alvie launched its pre-season at the Korumburra indoor nets and is now training at the Glen Alvie oval and Wonthaggi's multipurpose oval.

"The ground is in really good condition. We've also got plans for some renovations to the rooms and to the nets. (Bass Coast Shire) Council is looking to get on board and help us where they can, so that's great," Hynes said.

The club is also looking forward to its trivia night prior to Christmas and family day – including a ball drop and yabbie races – in mid-March.



Glen Alvie Cricket Club's new A Grade captain Stephen Kennedy with president David Hynes.

- **A2 captain:** Stephen Kennedy
- **Key recruits:** Scott Peatling
- **Key departures:** Matt Allen
- **2022/23 A2 finish:** Sixth
- **2022/23 leading batsman:** Lachie Harris
- **2022/23 leading bowler:** Nathan Findlay

• POOWONG-LOCH •

No white flag for Poowong-Loch

POOWONG-Loch Cricket Club remains in recess but is not flying the white flag, with hopes of a future return.

The club remains in a good financial position, recently held its AGM and has a strong committee in place, with Peter Miller its president.

"I'm happy to be behind the scenes helping to run the club if people want to get on board, and we're hopeful that at some time in the future that will happen, at a junior level possibly," Peter said.

He spoke of the fact cricket receives little promotion in local schools, adding that is something Cricket Victoria's Peter Ciavarella is keen to address.

"We're hopeful if he's doing that, it will make a difference," the Poowong-Loch president said.

The Sentinel-Times looks forward to outlining progress in the promotion of cricket in the Poowong-Loch area and hopefully to reporting the club's return to the field.

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• MDU



Jake Palmer, Troy Sinclair, A Grade captain/coach Joel Sinclair and Maddie Arnup (front) are ready to get the season underway at MDU.

MDU aim to go one better

THE 2023/24 is another opportunity to build up the club and aim for the premiership flag out at MDU.

Last season saw MDU play off in the grand final against Korumburra in A2, ultimately conceding defeat.

B Grade also had a stint in the finals series while C Grade fell short of making an appearance.

"We had a reasonable year. Hopefully we can go one better this season," A Grade captain/coach Joel Sinclair said.

Craig Hoober and Dale Thomas are filling the roles of B1 and C2 captains respectively.

In the juniors, MDU is looking to field U15s, U13s and U11s.

"(Membership) is not bad at the moment, but we could do with a few more numbers," Sinclair said.

"We've got enough players to field our three teams again, and we are hoping to get some more juniors in. We've got our Woolworths Blast program, so hopefully we get some young kids coming along to that as well."

"(Our aim) is to continue to build as a club, and have a successful, enjoyable year."

In the last few years, MDU has put a lot of work into its nets, which will be getting a good run at trainings.

MDU kicked off its preseason training with a Sunday session at the beginning of September, followed by trainings on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

The club is also looking into putting a new pitch in at Dumbalk.

Off the field, the club will be organising social dinners and events, which will be finalised after consideration of the draw.



Kurt Sinclair in form during MDU's first training of the new season.

- **A2 captain:** Joel Sinclair
- **Key recruits:** Nil
- **Key departures:** Nil
- **2022/23 A2 finish:** Runners Up
- **2022/23 leading batsman:** Joel Sinclair
- **2022/23 leading bowler:** Scott Browne

• OMK



Nick Auddino, Coby Brann, Shane Taylor and Clayton Quaiff are looking forward to the season ahead and hoping to make it to the finals again. ob07_4023

• KOONWARRA L/RSL



Koonwarra Leongatha RSL are upbeat for the coming season even though a few senior players are taking the seasons off.

Bright future ahead for Koonwarra

KOONWARRA Leongatha RSL will have a strong presence again in season 2023/24 with senior sides in A2, B1 and C1 competition and a women's team, having won a B1 premiership last year.

Last season's leading A Grade batsman for the Cougars, Ben Walsh, won't be representing the club this year, playing closer to home for family reasons after the birth of a child.

Koonwarra's top A Grade wicket taker last season, Kasun Weeranga, is unable to take part in this campaign due to changed rules concerning overseas players, whilst talented left arm bowler, capable batsman and sharp fieldsman Harry Hoekstra has departed to take on the challenge of Premier Cricket with Casey; and Ben Davison and Jack Hughes are planning to take this season off to concentrate on their newly expanded

- **A2 captain:** Jimmy Rushton
- **Key recruits:** Nil
- **Key departures:** Ben Walsh, Harry Hoekstra, Kasun Weeranga
- **2022/23 A1 finish:** Eighth
- **2022/23 leading batsman:** Ben Walsh
- **2022/23 leading bowler:** Kasun Weeranga

families.

While there are no new senior arrivals so far for this season, Koonwarra Leongatha RSL president Nick Arnup is upbeat about the club's long-term future, joking about the recent arrival of Cougar cubs.

"With all these people having kids, we'll be looking really good in 10 years' time," he said of the club's future junior boost.

Arnup is delighted with the Cougars' present junior situation, with sides playing in Under 11s, Under 13s, Under 15s and Under 17s, and Koonwarra Leongatha RSL also

offering the Woolworths Master Blaster program for younger kids.

"If we don't have the youth coming through, then we're in a world of pain," Arnup said, noting the importance of ensuring juniors continue to enjoy their cricket as they progress through the age groups towards senior ranks.

There is a strong emphasis at the club on providing a family-friendly atmosphere.

Enthusiasm for women's cricket is high at Koonwarra and Arnup said the competition will expand this season.



Last season's B1 premiership team are looking to take back to back wins.

Top of the ladder again for OMK?

COMING up from the bottom of the ladder in 20/21 to finishing on the top of the ladder last season, OMK were pretty happy with their efforts.

Russel White said, "Everything just seemed to gel and we had a good year."

Getting knocked out in the finals though has made the guys hungry to get to the top again and stay there.

Last season's players have all been retained, including great recruit Coby Brann.

Although it could be interesting for the side because according to Russell they usually pick up a player or two who have come to Australia on sporting visas.

However, visa requirements have changed and the option to add to the side with international recruits is no longer there.

Preseason training has been a bit slow with a few of the team members finishing

up with footy, but now that's over the boys are keen to get out onto the pitch.

The club secured a grant to replace nets, thus shiny new equipment has been a bonus.

The club look like having four senior sides and two juniors, under 11s and under 13s.

- **A1 captain:** Coby Brann
- **Key recruits:** Nil
- **Key departures:** Nil
- **2022/23 A1 finish:** First (Semi Finals)
- **2022/23 leading batsman:** Ethan Lamers
- **2022/23 leading bowler:** Nick Auddino



• INVERLOCH •



Inverloch's Jack Rowe, Jack Donohue and Matt Marston training at the new cricket nets at Thompson Reserve.

Stingrays storm into new season

INVERLOCH has jumped into the new season with strong numbers.

Preseason training kicked off recently and the club is aiming to build on its efforts from last season.

A Grade just missed out on finals, but B and C Grade both represented the club during the finals series.

The juniors also did the club proud and are raring to go this season.

"We've had plenty of junior numbers, which is good. We will have four teams this season - an U17s, U15s, U13s and U11s, as well as our Woolworths Blast program," A Grade captain Dave Newman said.

"We've run the (Woolworths Blast program) for the last few years and it's been very popular. That's where all our juniors came from. Around seven years ago we didn't have an U17s or anything like that. (The program) filled out our side and our numbers are really strong."

"(Training) is going well so far. We are looking to build on last year and we've got some good kids coming through."

In the Seniors, Inverloch will field an A1, B1 and C1 side with Jason Dennerley at the coaching helm.

Brett Debono and Warren Stewart will

- **A1 captain:** Dave Newman
- **Key recruits:** Nil
- **Key departures:** Nil
- **2022/23 A1 finish:** Fifth
- **2022/23 leading batsman:** Dave Newman
- **2022/23 leading bowler:** Andrew Donohue

captain B Grade and C Grade respectively.

With no recruits or departures, Inverloch is continuing its hard work developing its existing teams, looking to make a strong entrance into the 2023/24 season.

"We're looking at pretty similar sides and we think finals are achievable for our Senior sides," Newman said.

"Our main focus is developing our kids and making them stronger as well, and to enjoy the season."

Inverloch kicked off the new season on a high note, getting the full use of its nets for the first time.

"We got the nets for the last round last season, so this is the first full year we'll have with them," Newman said.

"They're really good and serving their purpose well."

Good luck to the Inverloch Cricket Club for the upcoming season



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• WONTHAGGI CLUB •

Strong start for Wonthaggi Club

WONTHAGGI Club are looking to bolster its juniors through the ranks in the 2023/24 season.

Although Club missed finals last season, it saw great improvement from its juniors and is looking to continue their development.

To promote interest in the sport, Club had the Melbourne Stars Regional Roadshow visit local schools including Wonthaggi North and Powlett River primary schools.

Former Australian international cricketer and Stars player Nathan Coulter-Nile ran a clinic with the students, igniting interest and resulting in a few signups for the cricket season.

President Luke McGuirk said the club had had a strong start to the season with great numbers turning up for pre-season training.

"We've had a good start to the season so far. We started training in Pakenham, doing weekly training at a facility called the Kangaroo Courts. We've also been doing Voyage Fitness classes on a Friday night," he said.

This season, Wonthaggi Club will be fielding A1, A2, B2 and C2.

In the juniors, it will be fielding U17s, U13s and U11s, as well as running a Woolies Blast program.

"We will potentially field two U13 sides. Nathan Davis will be coaching the juniors. He's been doing a lot of work to develop the younger sides," Luke said.

"We had four kids from the U12s last year play representative cricket for the (Leongatha and District Cricket Association). We are hoping to build on their skills in the next few years to make sure we have strong players in the future."

Ryan Birkett will coach the U17s, with Luke Sibley coaching the Seniors.

In the Seniors, Josh



Stewart Beaumont and Harry West will be part of Wonthaggi Club's A2 side in the 2023/24 season.

- **A1 captain:** Joel Brann
- **Key recruits:** Josh Andrigutto and Ben Walsh
- **Key departures:** Matthew Waller and Andot Mankhong
- **2022/23 A1 finish:** Sixth
- **2022/23 leading batsman:** Ryan Thomas
- **2022/23 leading bowler:** Joel Brann

Andrigutto has returned to club after four years off.

"It's good to see him back. We also have another player from Koonwarra L/RSL joining us - Ben Walsh. He was a Team of the Year player for the LDCA last season," Luke said.

"Ben and Josh will add some depth to the A Grade batting."

Club's departures include international player

Matthew Waller and last season's U15s junior country week captain Andot Mankhong.

For most of the club, training takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the U13s getting their training in on a Wednesday night.

Club officially launched its season on September 24 with a family day, gearing up players and supporters alike for round one.

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• KORUMBURRA •



Korumburra's Rhys Butler, Tyler Dole and Tom Crocker at a Sunday pre-season training session.

- **A1 captain:** Rumesh Rangana
- **Key recruits:** TM Dilshan
- **Key departures:** Nil
- **2022/23 A2 finish:** Premiers
- **2022/23 leading batsman:** Inshaka Siriwardena
- **2022/23 leading bowler:** Inshaka Siriwardena

Korumburra set to take on A1

ENTERING its 50th year, Korumburra is ready to make this one a memorable season.

Having won the A2 grand final last season, Korumburra will battle it out in A1.

"We feel we will be competitive in A1 straight away, so our aim is to stay in A1 and hopefully play some finals," club president Tim Morrison said.

With a mix of ages and experience in B Grade last season, the team only came away with one win.

This season will be focused on continuing the development of the team to produce a competitive side.

"Our focus for B Grade is to keep improving and getting a few more games for the kids. The kids have had some great opportunities there and they'll continue to improve," Morrison said.

C Grade made a run for the flag but was ultimately the runner up.

"In our C Grade, we are pretty confident we will be competitive again, especially since our C Grade made the grand final last season. It'll be good to have another go at that," Morrison said.

Rumesh Rangana has

returned as captain/coach of A Grade, with Harry McNeil stepping up as vice captain.

The club is thrilled to welcome major signing TM Dilshan.

Dilshan is Sri Lanka's former test and one day captain and has signed on to play five games with Korumburra.

"He grew up with our captain/coach Rumesh, they played cricket together as kids," Morrison said.

"He's going to help us out before Christmas. They'll all be one dayers. We have our 50th anniversary celebration on Melbourne Cup weekend, and he will be part of that as well."

The club is also hoping to have former player Evan Alloway – who now plays for Casey – play on a permit for the 50th anniversary match.

In the juniors, the club will field an U13s, U15s and U17s side and also run a Woolworths Blast program.

"We had around a dozen signup for the program last year, and we've had a few more put their names down this season," Morrison said.

"We've been pretty lucky here, we've seen

some really strong junior numbers."

The club will continue its efforts to fundraise for new nets during the season.

"We've been trying for a few years to get new nets at the old netball court site," Morrison said.

"They'd be multipurpose nets, so the soccer club could use them for small drills when the ground is too wet. We are hoping it'll happen sooner rather than later."

The club has raised \$20,000 but are still waiting on grants to help put the plans into action.

Plans are also in the pipeline for an electronic scoreboard.

As well as its 50th anniversary celebration on Melbourne Cup weekend, the club is looking forward to its Helicopter Lotto Christmas function.

The event includes a helicopter going up and tipping a washing basket full of golf balls out, with the nearest the pin declared the winner.

Korumburra Cricket Club has been training on Sundays throughout the pre-season but will be getting out there on Tuesdays and Thursdays now that football has come to an end.

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• KILCUNDA-BASS •



Kilcunda Bass' A Grade captain Ryley Duff, Harry Berry, Daniel Ferguson and Jackson Baker during pre-season training.

Fighting fit after 50 years at Kilcunda-Bass

KILCUNDA-Bass are aiming to put forward competitive teams as it celebrates 50 years as an amalgamated club.

Last season started well for the A Grade side, but the momentum could not be maintained.

"We were three and one, then we didn't win a game for the rest of the season," Senior coach Cameron Davidson said.

"A few things didn't go our way and we dropped off, but we know we can be competitive."

"We have a couple of blokes in this season. From the three and one at the start last year, we could see that we do have a fair bit of talent, and they're just going to get better and better. They're quite young and enthusiastic."

The club will be fielding A2, B2 and C Grade.

A Grade will be co-captained by Ryley Duff and Jayden Tregear.

Chris Beckett will captain B Grade and C Grade's captain is Paul Cornelius.

Two U11s teams will be fielded in the juniors, along with an U13s side and the Woolworths Blast program.

The 50th anniversary celebration will take place on November 12.

The club will be celebrating five Teams of the Decade, as well as one 50-year team.

Throughout the season, Kilcunda-Bass will also be continuing its fundraising efforts.

"We've received funding from the ASIF for new nets. That was for \$13,500," club president Cameron Chasemore said.

"We probably need to raise around

- **A2 captain:** Ryley Duff and Jayden Tregear
- **Key recruits:** Alan Bedford, Eddy Magnussen and Aaron Conron
- **Key departures:** Nil
- **2022/23 A2 finish:** Eighth
- **2022/23 leading batsman:** Jayden Tregear
- **2022/23 leading bowler:** Ryley Duff

\$50,000 to finish it off and we are hoping to be close by the end of the year.

"We have a meat raffle every Friday night at the San Remo pub and all that money goes towards the nets. Des Gow from San Remo Butchers has donated the meat trays for years. That money has always gone back into the community, the cricket club and the recreation reserve, so we'd just like to thank him."

The club also received funding to support its women's teams.

Two women's teams will be fielded this season, with the funding going towards kit bags.

The women's season will start later in October.

Kilcunda-Bass is hoping to see strong sides out on the ground by the back half of the season.

"Our aim is to keep improving week on week, training session by training session," Davidson said.

"Win, lose or draw, we will be focusing on improvement."

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• NERRENA •



James Kelly, Jack Donohue, A Grade captain Mitch Clark, club president Zack Trease, Seniors coach Caine Salmon and Eamon Berryman (front) are looking forward to launching into the 2023/24 season.

Nerrena gear up for another thriller

NERRENA has its sights on the premiership ahead of the 2023/24 season.

The club's focus comes off the back of a thrilling 2022/23 season, which saw almost all its grades compete in the finals series.

To recap, Nerrena's A Grade lost in the semi final by six runs, B1 lost the grand final after an undefeated season, and B2 competed in finals in its first year up from C1.

In the juniors, the U17s made the semi finals before bowing out and the U15s finished fifth.

This season, Nerrena will field A1 and B2, with the B1 side moving up into A2.

Caine Salmon has returned to coach the Seniors, with Mitch Clark stepping up as captain.

Dave Trotman and Mick Croatto are the captains of A2 and B2 respectively.

The club is looking forward to welcoming back Jack Hoy, Brandon Tauro and Ryan Sparkes after 12 months off.

"The three of them can play A Grade, so it will

- **A1 captain:** Mitch Clark
- **Key recruits:** Jack Hoy, Brandon Tauro and Ryan Sparkes
- **Key departures:** Dave Baldi
- **2022/23 A1 finish:** 2nd (Semi Finals)
- **2022/23 leading batsman:** Mitch Clark
- **2022/23 leading bowler:** Tim Wightman

be handy to have those younger guys back," club president Zack Trease said.

Nerrena have a notable retirement in B1 player Dave Baldi.

This season, the club is focused on continuing the development of its junior players.

"Out of the 11 juniors in our U17s last year, nine of them played in the A1 and B1 final, so hopefully those kids take the next step this year and push on a bit further," Trease said.

"The U17s might be a bit light on (in numbers) but the kids are trying to get their mates to come along and have a hit. U15s will have good numbers, U13s will have eight to 10 players and the U11s will be roughly the same."

Nerrena will also be running a Woolies Blast Program in conjunction with Leongatha Town and Imperials.

"We combined with Town and Imperials to run a Woolies Blast Program last season. It was three weeks at each club, and it worked well. We had 32 kids participate."

Off the field, Nerrena will be continuing its fundraising efforts, aiming to build new training nets.

"Last year, we raised \$16,000. Our current nets get a bit wet during the winter. We are still waiting on grants from Cricket Victoria and (South Gippsland Shire) Council. We've been speaking to the shire, it's just a matter of when the grants become available," Trease said.

• LEONGATHA TOWN •



Leongatha Town's B Grade captain Luke Ashton with A Grade captain/coach Jesse Giardina.

Town rallies for new season

STRONG numbers have returned to Leongatha Town ahead of the 2023/24 season.

Town enjoyed an exciting 2022/23 season, with many of its teams getting a taste of finals, now hungry for more.

B2 won its premiership battle and will now compete in the B1 side.

A1 and C2 both fell short in the premiership clashes.

In the juniors, U15s won the flag with the U17s just missing out on the finals series.

Jesse Giardina will fill the role of A Grade captain/coach, with Luke Ashton and Paul Carter taking on the captaincy for B Grade and C Grade respectively.

Town is looking forward to having Jack Hume included in its A Grade line up.

Hume rose through the junior ranks but has taken a couple of years off and will be a handy addition to the team.

Town's only departure is last season's leading bowler Mudassar Riaz.

Town had a tough start to 2023 when its clubrooms burnt down in early February.

The club, the community and Cricket Victoria rallied together to ensure the rooms were rebuilt ahead of the new season.

The club received grants to get the rebuild underway and is thrilled to see it completed. A room rebuild opening will be held at the club on October 21.

"It was great to see people really get around the club. We had a hard time after the fire, so we are looking forward to having everyone back to enjoy the facilities," club president Cameron Dowling said.

Cricket Victoria also issued a grant to Leongatha Town to go towards its Open Women's team, which it will be fielding for the first time, while a Woolworths Blast program will be run in conjunction with Imperials and Nerrena.

The club aims to encourage more junior players to get involved in cricket and is thrilled with the number of signups so far.

- **A1 captain:** Jesse Giardina
- **Key recruits:** Jack Hume
- **Key departures:** Mudassar Riaz
- **2022/23 A1 finish:** Runners Up
- **2022/23 leading batsman:** Madura Madusanka
- **2022/23 leading bowler:** Mudassar Riaz



Leongatha Town's Ray Edwards in action at the Korumburra Indoor Nets.

Good luck to the Nerrena Cricket Club this 2023/2024 season



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ROUND 1
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

A GRADE, Division 1

Nerrena v Town
LEONGATHA TURF
Ashley Stride
OMK v INVERLOCH
OUTTRIM
Shane Moore
Korumburra v Imperials
KORUMBURRA
John Schelling
Phillip Island v Club
NEWHAVEN
Glenn Plymin

A Grade, Division 2

MDU v Nerrena
MEENIYAN
Terry Rogers
Nyora v Foster
NYORA
Ken Scrimshaw
Koonwarra L/RSL v Kilcunda-Bass
KOONWARRA
Ian Salmon
Glen Alvie v Club
WONTHAGGI TURF
Les White

B GRADE, Division 1

Town v MDU
SCORPION PARK 1
TBA
Inverloch v OMK
INVERLOCH TURF
Garry Quilty
Imperials v Korumburra
EAST CAMPUS
Geoff Parkinson
Koonwarra L/RSL v Phillip Island
LG VELODROME
Neil Graham

B GRADE, Division 2

Phillip Island v OMK
RHYLL
TBA
Foster v Nerrena
FOSTER GOLF CLUB
TBA
Kilcunda-Bass v Korumburra
BASS
Geoff Wyatt / Oscar Tuchtan
Club v Glen Alvie
McMAHON
TBA

C GRADE

Inverloch v Korumburra
INVERLOCH RES
TBA
Club v Phillip Island
DALYSTON
TBA
OMK v Glen Alvie
DIGGER PARK
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MDU v Town
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• PHILLIP ISLAND



Phillip Island Sharks training session, from left, Shiran Rathnayake, Max Royal, Dimmi Perera, Simon Kirton, Daniel Mock, Tom Niven, Kohen Beaumont, George McCausland, Henry Peppard, Tim Niven, Jobe Williams, and Heath Womersley.

Phillip Island ready to take on new challenges this season

PHILLIP Island has won the past couple of A1 Grand Finals but is placing faith in up-and-coming young players this season after losing some key on-field personnel.

Daniel Mock continues as A1 captain.

He needs all-round talent Shiran Rathnayake and the returning Zac Brown to fill the off spin void left by the departing Charith Keerthisinghe who has moved due to work and family commitments.

Wicketkeeper Jarrod Black is taking the season off, also due to family and work commitments, while young top order batsman Daniel Bourke is trying to establish a footy career.

A new child will keep Tom Keily out of the early cricket action but it's hoped the opening bowler and middle order batsman will be available after Christmas.

Last season's leading batsman for the Sharks, Lachie Cleeland, and Grand Final century maker Rathnayake will be among those ensuring the side continues to challenge opposition bowlers.

One of the Association's quickest bowlers Simon Kirton is also continuing with the club.

Young fast bowler Tom Niven tasted A1 action last season and will feature more at that level this campaign.



Phillip Island Under 17's from left top, coach Connor Epifano, Will Peppard, George McCausland, Finn Russell, and Heath Womersley, Ollie Duggan, and front left, Justin Tran, Drew Fusinato, Harry and Max Areco. Z05_4023

There are bright Under 17s prospects capable of delivering strong performances in A Grade.

They include top order batsman and medium pace bowler Heath Womersley and opening bowler George McCausland, both of whom are part of the Gippsland Pride squad.

"They're only 16-year-old boys, but I'd imagine they'll get a fair amount of exposure this season in A1," club president Andrew Finlayson said.

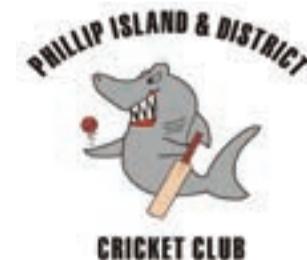
Kohen Beaumont is another young batsman with potential, having played a couple of A1 games for the Sharks last season.

The loss of experienced players across the club's senior ranks has prompted Phillip Island to have just one A Grade side this season.

"We've had to move our second eleven from A2 to B1 this year," Finlayson said, explaining the top trio from last season's A2 outfit aren't playing.

- **A1 captain:** Daniel Mock
- **Key recruits:** Zac Brown
- **Key departures:**
Charith Keerthisinghe,
Jarrod Black, and
Daniel Bourke
- **2022/23 A1 finish:** Premiers
- **2022/23 leading batsman:** Lachie Cleeland
- **2022/23 leading bowler:**
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2023/24 DRAWS



A GRADE

DIVISION 1

Round 1 - October 7

Nerrena v Town Leon.Turf
OMK v Inverloch Outtrim
Korumburra v Imperials Korumburra
P-Island v Club Newhaven

Round 2 - October 14

Club v OMK Won.Turf
Imperials v Nerrena Leon.Turf
Town v Korumburra Scorpion 1
Inverloch v P-Island Inv.Turf

Round 3 - October 21

Korumburra v OMK Korumburra
Inverloch v Imperials Inv.Turf
P-Island v Nerrena Newhaven
Town v Club Scorpion 1

Round 4 - October 28

OMK v Town Outtrim
Nerrena v Inverloch Nerrena
Club v Korumburra Won.Turf
Imperials v P-Island Leon.Turf

Round 5 - November 4

Town v Inverloch Scorpion 1
Club v Imperials Won.Turf
OMK v P-Island Outtrim

Sunday, November 5

Korumburra v Nerrena Korumburra

Round 6 - Nov. 11 & 18

P-Island v Town Newhaven
Imperials v OMK Leon.Turf
Inverloch v Korumburra Inv.Turf
Nerrena v Club Nerrena

Round 7 - Nov. 25 & Dec. 2

Club v Inverloch Won.Turf
Town v Imperials Scorpion 1
OMK v Nerrena Outtrim
Korumburra v P-Island Korumburra

SEMI FINALS: Saturday & Sunday, March 16 & 17

GRAND FINAL: Saturday & Sunday, March 23 & 24

A GRADE

DIVISION 2

Round 1 - October 7

MDU v Nerrena Meenihan
Nyora v Foster Nyora
Koon L/RSL v K-Bass Koonwarra
Glen Alvie v Club Won.Turf

Round 2 - October 14

Club v Nyora Dalyston
K-Bass v MDU Bass
Nerrena v Koon L/RSL Nerrena
Foster v Glen Alvie Foster GC

Round 3 - October 21

Koon L/RSL v Nyora Leon.Turf
Foster v K-Bass Foster GC
Glen Alvie v MDU Won.Turf
Nerrena v Club Nerrena

Round 4 - October 28

Nyora v Nerrena Nyora
MDU v Foster Meenihan
Club v Koon L/RSL Dalyston
K-Bass v Glen Alvie Bass

Round 5 - November 4

Nerrena v Foster Nerrena
Club v K-Bass Dalyston
Koon L/RSL v MDU Leon.Turf
Nyora v Glen Alvie Nyora

Round 6 - Nov. 11 & 18

Glen Alvie v Nerrena Won.Turf
K-Bass v Nyora Bass
Foster v Koon L/RSL Foster GC
MDU v Club Meenihan

Round 7 - Nov. 25 & Dec. 2

Club v Foster McMahon
Nerrena v K-Bass Nerrena
Nyora v MDU Nyora
Koon L/RSL v Glen Alvie Leon.Turf

SEMI FINALS: Saturday & Sunday, March 16 & 17

GRAND FINAL: Saturday & Sunday, March 23 & 24

B GRADE

DIVISION 1

Round 1 - October 7

Inverloch v Town Inv.Turf
Imperials v Club E. Campus
Nerrena v Korumburra Leon.Turf
P-Island v OMK Newhaven

Round 9 - January 24

Town v P-Island Scorpion 1
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
Club v Nerrena Won.Turf

Round 10 - January 13

Inverloch v Club Inv.Turf
Imperials v Town Leon.Turf
Nerrena v OMK Nerrena
P-Island v Korumburra Newhaven

Round 11 - Jan. 20 & 27

Town v Nerrena Scorpion 1
Inverloch v OMK Inv.Turf
Imperials v Korumburra Leon.Turf
Club v P-Island Won.Turf

Round 12 - Feb. 3 & 10

OMK v Club Outtrim
Nerrena v Imperials Leon.Turf
Korumburra v Town Korumburra
P-Island v Inverloch Newhaven

Round 13 - Feb. 17 & 24

OMK v Korumburra Outtrim
Imperials v Inverloch E. Campus
Nerrena v P-Island Leon.Turf
Club v Town Won.Turf

Round 14 - March 2 & 9

Town v OMK Scorpion 1
Inverloch v Nerrena Inv.Turf
Korumburra v Club Korumburra
P-Island v Imperials Newhaven

Round 15 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 16 - Nov. 11 & 18

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 17 - Nov. 25 & Dec. 2

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 18 - Feb. 3 & 10

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 19 - Feb. 17 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 20 - Feb. 21 & 28

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 21 - March 2 & 9

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 22 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 23 - March 2 & 9

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 24 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 25 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 26 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 27 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 28 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 29 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 30 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 31 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 32 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 33 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 34 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 35 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 36 - March 2 & 24

Koon L/RSL v MDU Koonwarra
Korumburra v Inverloch Korumburra
OMK v Imperials Outtrim
Town v P-Island Scorpion 1

Round 37 - March 2 & 24

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Round 50 - March 2 & 24

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Cowes Recreation Reserve works

EVERGREEN Turf Group will be carrying out rejuvenation works at Cowes Recreation Reserve, to improve the condition of the recreation oval.

The drainage upgrade, resurfacing and warm season grass conversion at Cowes Recreation Reserve Oval will bring the performance of this deteriorated oval to a level conducive to playing local level football and cricket. This will achieve the best outcome for the long-term performance of the oval.

Reshaping, cultivating, compaction and earthworks will allow better rainfall runoff from oval surface and reinstatement of the existing irrigation including renewal of the subsurface drainage will be completed.

The supply and installation of concrete synthetic cricket pitch will also be completed, as well as turf sprigging works including turf maintenance works.

The total project cost is approximately \$300,000, funded by the Bass Coast Council.

The recreation oval will be closed to the public during the construction and turf maintenance period with a construction zone and appropriate traffic and pedestrian control measures implemented onsite.

This will include 12 weeks turf establishment and maintenance, and is subject to favourable weather, contractor, and supplier availability.

A temporary perimeter fence will be installed to stop public access to the construction site.

The use of heavy plant and machinery including noisy, and vibration works for construction including use of trucks for removal or delivery of materials.

Construction began on Monday (October 2) and is anticipated to be completed by end of January 2024.



Gemma Cook was recently selected for the Victorian Schools Team.



Trinity O'Keefe, Cooper Quaife, Mackenzie Gibbs and Byron Doran competed in the mixed ability relay race.

SGB multiclass swimmers lead the way

SWIMMING Victoria is encouraging swimming for all abilities, with changes to the multiclass swimming entries to encourage more swimmers to compete and be involved.

South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club (SGB) has been encouraging its multiclass swimmers and they have thrived.

For many, like Gemma Cook, most of her swimming meets finds her racing against able bodied swimmers.

However, with the changes she has been able to compete at more events against other swimmers with the same classification as her.

Gemma was recently selected for the Victorian Schools Team, competing in Sydney against others of the same age, with the same classification –

something she just loved.

Gemma only started competitively racing a year ago and has gone from strength to strength.

With the rise in multiclass swimmers competing for SGB, the club was able to enter a relay team at the recent Victorian Countries Swimming Championships.

Byron Doran entered in the all abilities relay team where two multiclass swimmers raced with two full ability swimmers in the event.

While the team didn't place, the smiles on the swimmers who were part of the team was a sign of how proud they were to be able to compete.

SGB offers multiclass sessions at the Leongatha pool, but swimmers can also train with the regular squads.

Byron has been swimming since he was six months old.

Byron's always loved water whether playing with it or being in it.

Living in a coastal town, his parents always saw the need for Byron to learn to swim especially having a disability and not understanding the dangers of water.

Byron's is in his third-year training with SGB in Leongatha with Lorri McKenzie as his coach and has recently started training with the Special Olympics team - Dandenong Casey Titans (DCT).

DCT team trains every second Sunday in Dandenong, and he is competing in September.

Byron just loves to swim but doesn't understand the

competitive side of racing.

He knows he just has to get in and swim, listening to his coach and their instructions, but doesn't necessarily go fast. Sometimes he thinks he is doing exactly what the other swimmers are doing but it doesn't come out that way in the water for him.

Byron's disability makes learning a slow process and takes a lot longer for him to learn the process, but he does learn and totally understands all his coaches say to him.

Swimming with SGB has provided Byron and his family to be a part of the sporting community in a fun inclusive way.

SGB continues to grow its swimmers of all abilities and welcomes new swimmers to the club.

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Neil White (Over 60s) hitting another boundary last season.



South Gippsland Kookaburras are batting up for the season ahead.

Veterans return to training grounds

SOUTH GIPPSLAND Kookaburras Veterans Cricketers are back in action.

Training at the inside cricket facility at Korumburra has been happening since the start of August with this Thursday scheduled to be their last training session at the indoor nets at Korumburra commencing at 1.30pm.

Weather permitting training will revert to the Kookaburras normal in season training schedule at the Outtrim Cricket Ground at 4.30pm each Wednesday.

The club continues to expand attracting cricketers from all over South Gippsland.

This year the club will continue with two Over 50's teams, one Over 60's team and a combined Over 70's team.

The Lyrebird Over 50's Gippsland League, in which one of the Over 50's teams play, has now expanded to eight teams for the coming season. The second Over 50's team play in the Melbourne Competition, as does the Over 60's and Over 70's team as part of the Victorian Veterans Cricket competition.

There are nearly three hundred Over 70's cricketers currently playing in the competition and over 2000 players in the Over 60's. As well as the normal Sunday competitions

there are State and Australian Championships in which South Gippsland has had representations.

The emphasis of Veterans cricket is participation, in which, the benefits of health and overall well-being are seen as the major outcomes.

If you are interested in joining, please contact the following people who can provide answers to any queries.

Over 50's Chris Falls 0425 759974

Over 50's Trevor Allan 0429 800 909

Over 60's Neil White 0428 689 883

Over 70's Trevor Wilson 0408 586 382



Stuart McNaughton enjoys the moment with family after being named a Life Member of Leongatha Knights.

McNaughton's contribution to Leongatha Knights recognised

SOCER stalwart Stuart McNaughton's contribution to the sport locally was recently acknowledged when he was awarded Life Membership of Leongatha Knights FC.

McNaughton started playing soccer in the Under 12s, representing the then Leongatha Soccer Club.

After having kids of his own, he returned to soccer a decade ago joining Leongatha Knights FC to coach and play.

"There isn't much Stu hasn't done for the club," the

Knights' current men's coach and women's player Beth Milkins said.

She suggested the former captain might consider a break from retirement.

In addition to his onfield contribution, McNaughton has coached an array of age groups, this year overseeing and expanding the club's Under 14s teams.

At a committee level, he has been president, vice-president and an active committee member for a number of

years, currently being a joint vice president.

McNaughton has cooked barbecues, refereed games, mowed lawns, marked lines, cleaned bathrooms, led working bees and attended league meetings.

"He is often the first at the club and the last to leave," Milkins said.

"Not one to be the centre of attention we were excited to surprise Stu with his Life Membership at our junior presentation and to

celebrate his efforts again at our senior presentation on the weekend at which he received a well-deserved standing ovation.

"We are a community club that thrives under the leadership of passionate advocates such as Stu."

Milkins described McNaughton as "officially a Knights' Legend", expressing her appreciation of his contribution to the club and also praising that of his wife Jo and the couple's children.

10,000 steps and more for Ian's mental health walk



Ian Gelling and his dog Ollie are walking for a cause this month.

FOR Wonthaggi resident Ian Gelling, walking more than 100km regularly may be a great way to stay in shape, but now it has a special purpose.

During October for Mental Health Month, Ian is aiming to walk 150km as part of One Foot Forward which kicked off on Sunday, October 1, with the Black Dog Institute calling on Australians to take a stand in solidarity with those experiencing symptoms of mental illness.

Participants are encouraged to walk, run or roll 40km, 60km, 100km or 150km between October 1-31 to highlight the 1 in 5 Australians impacted by mental illness and help raise funds for crucial research and support services at Black Dog Institute.

Impressively, Ian has already clocked up more than 200km raising over \$300 towards his \$680 goal.

Ian decided to partake this year as he already walks a huge amount of kilometres each week.

"I walk about 100km each week, and I thought I may as well walk for a purpose," he told the *Sentinel-Times*.

"I've lost people close to me from suicide and I know quite a few people who have had major mental health issues, so I've seen a lot first-

hand."

"I also had a brain tumour about eight years ago and my recovery from that, physically and mentally, was very challenging."

Ian clocks up his steps by walking along the Great Southern Rail Trail.

"I do that and other Gippsland rail trails, it's a good way of discovering more of Gippsland and its little towns," he said.

Ian hopes his efforts will encourage others to take mental health seriously.

"The more that people are aware of themselves and others' suffering, the more they're able to address it early before it becomes life threatening," he said.

Ian moved to Wonthaggi during the COVID-19 lockdowns, and it didn't take him long to embrace the incredible lifestyle that the town and wider Bass Coast has to offer.

He has also been involved with the Olivia Newton-John Foundation where he received cancer treatment.

"I've done a lot of work with them in their walks and spoke at public engagements, telling my story and raising awareness," he said.

To support Ian's journey, visit onefootforward.org.au/fundraisers/iangelling

Go Girls Foundation golf day teesoff to empower women

THE GO Girls Foundation is thrilled to announce its upcoming Charity Golf Day, at the picturesque Foster Golf Club. This exciting event promises a day of camaraderie, sport, and philanthropy, all while supporting a noble cause.

The Go Girls Foundation Charity Golf Day is a four-ball ambrose team event, perfect for golfers of all levels to enjoy a friendly competition in the stunning surroundings of Foster Golf Club. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner, this event welcomes everyone to come together and make a difference.

The primary objective is to raise funds for the Go Girls Foundation's vital programs aimed at empowering women at risk. By participating, you're not just enjoying a day on the greens, but you're also contributing to a brighter and more secure future for women in need.

Michelle Jobson, Executive Director of the Go Girls Foundation, expressed her enthusiasm for this event, stating, "The Go Girls Foundation Charity Golf Day is not just a golf tournament; it's a powerful gesture of solidarity with women facing challenges in their lives. With your support, we can create opportunities, provide support, and foster self-confidence among these remarkable individuals."

How You Can Get Involved:

Golf Teams:

Gather your friends, colleagues, or fellow golf enthusiasts to form a team and participate in the tournament.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Explore various sponsorship packages to showcase your commitment to empowering women and gain visibility for your business.

Donations:

Even if you're not a golfer, you can still contribute by making a direct donation to the Go Girls Foundation.

Volunteer:

We're also looking for volunteers to assist with event logistics and ensure everything runs smoothly.

Don't miss this chance to make a significant impact while enjoying a fantastic day of golf. Join us at the Go Girls Foundation Charity Golf Day, and together, let's tee off for empowerment!

For more information, registration, sponsorship inquiries, or to donate, please visit our website at gogirls.org.au or contact Rita Bottomley on 0413 810 700.

The day will be held at the Foster Golf Club on Sunday October 15 at 9am for registration with a tee off at 10am.



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Members of the winning Southern Gippsland Dahlsens All Stars Under 15 competition included Malachi Ori, Harrison Carlon, Jayden Burns, Angus Livingstone, Alby Logan, Jeremy Kelly, Thomas Walker, Gavin Monson, Max Fowles, Ayden Fawaz, Frederick Soumilas, Xavier Williams, Archie Woodall, Clayton Quaife, Thomas Macmillan, Connor Macmillan, James O'Neill, Jaxon Brouwers, Archie Casey, Nathan Patch, Augustus Finsterer, Clancy Snell, Leevi Lidstone, Jasper Shone, and Froley Anderson.



Best player for Southern Gippsland in the Under 15s carnival was awarded to Southern's Jeremy Kelly from Phillip Island.



Southern's Beau Elkin from Leongatha was named their best player in the Dahlsens All Stars Under 13s carnival.



Southern's Heath Bowen from Phillip Island was named the best for them in the Dahlsens All Stars Under 14s carnival.

Southern juniors star in season finale

THE last of the Gippsland football competitions for season 2023 have been run and won with two talent-search teams from Southern Gippsland, the Under 15s and the Under 13s claiming the premierships in their divisions of the AFL Gippsland Dahlsens All Stars Carnival.

With games against Eastern, Western and Latrobe Valley in April, June, July this year and the final last Friday, September 29 at Morwell, the two local teams came out on top in the 15s and 13s.

After a win against the Latrobe Valley in April, a loss to Eastern in June and a win over Western in July, the Southern Under

13s 14.9.93 defeated Eastern 3.12.30 in the final last Friday to win the Under 13s Shield with their best player of the carnival being Beau Elkin from Leongatha while Hudson Froud from Wy Yung.

Members of the successful Under 13 Southern team included: Noah Murray, Lukah Fawaz, Cruz Maund, Finn O'Halloran, Eamon O'Keefe, Charlie Boulter, Maddison Leed, Gemma Fischer, Linc Chila, Jesse Moschetti, Shelton Winmar, Archer Gee, Frazer Livingstone, James Martin, Harvey Leary, Max Tonkin, Gypsy Quaife, Tierlin Hamley, Jackson Glen, William Hullick, Beau Elkin, Noah Bradley, Cobie Milner, Zeb Anderson and

Harvey Sorensen.

In the showpiece match of the day, the Under 15s final Southern 6.5.41 defeated Latrobe 5.1.31 in what was a cracking final.

"The Latrobe Valley, with players coming from Morwell, Traralgon and right around central Gippsland, took it right up to us in the final with nothing between the teams until half time," said coach Matt Pugh of Wonthaggi.

"But we had 12 players selected to go forward to the interleague carnival at Shepparton over the weekend, and we pulled away from them in the third quarter.

"They're a talented group

and we'd expect to see quite a few of them up for selection in Gippsland Power teams next year."

Jeremy Kelly of Phillip Island was named best in the carnival for the Southern Under 15s but Thomas and Connor Macmillan of Wonthaggi dominated the competition and also shone out at Shepparton over the weekend.

As well as Matt Pugh the Under 15s coach, Jason Hullick and Glen Jobe supported as line coaches.

Thanks to all volunteers, players, coaches, coordinators, umpires and supporters for your support of the program this year.

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