



OVERNIGHT SENSATION

- Tourism back with a bang

THE number of overnight visitors enjoying what Phillip Island and Bass Coast has to offer was up a whopping 29 per cent, year-on-year, to the end of June 2023, in a sure sign that the region is back, better than ever, after the ups and downs of COVID.

And with those visitors booking more than 3.5 million nights accommodation across the shire, roughly three nights each on average, a 25 per cent lift year-on-year,

there was cause for celebration when Destination Phillip Island members met for their annual industry conference at the Phillip Island Winery last Thursday.

Providing a state of the industry address at the start of the conference, detailing a 42 per cent increase in expenditure to \$838 million, DPI CEO Kim Storey said the data reflected a very pleasing trend.

"The last two years has seen a really

pleasing increase in overnight stays and some of the factors may include pent-up demand for short-break trips post-pandemic, and the closeness to Melbourne, so travel is easy. The region offers a diverse range of experiences in close proximity, and we have a strong marketing campaign in place with support from the Commonwealth Government.

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IT'S not just enough to list your holiday house on Airbnb or Stayz and organise a cleaner, or to buy a great commercial coffee machine and call in the signwriter! These days, in hospitality, the customer wants more; including evidence of sustainable practices, care for the environment, social awareness and recognition of our First Nations People for starters. But as CEO and founder of Regeneration Projects, Matt Sykes, revealed at tourism conference on Phillip Island last Thursday, the new generation of visitors is also looking to give something back as well. Read what he had to say inside. Also pictured Regeneration Projects Chief Operations Officer Helen Sweatman.

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Our women's health and safety is in crisis

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL, mental health and well-being status of Gippsland women is in crisis as evidenced by harrowing data released by the Gippsland Women's Health (GWH).

GWH's report found that mental health, well-being and gendered violence were overwhelmingly the most significant concerns, followed by a gross lack of access to health care services.

The report comes following extensive engagement and consultation with local women, organisations and communities, in 2022 – 2023.

Women diagnosed with mental health conditions were found to rate well above the state average for all local government areas in Gippsland.

Contributing factors include gender inequity, gendered violence, bushfires, floods and industry downturn, along with a critical shortage of services and support.

Very distressingly, over 70 per cent of respondents reported that they had considered self-harm or suicide in their lifetime.

While 45 per cent of participants were not able to access mental health support in their immediate location and 79 per cent of women reported that they travelled outside of the region to access health care



The Gippsland Womens Health Report found that there are disproportionately high rates of homelessness among women (and their children) in several sub-regions, due to family violence.

services in the past 12 months.

Affordability, travel time, a lack of transport and isolation all contributed to the challenges in accessing services.

Staggering rates of family violence across Gippsland were reported, with 184 women per 10,000 of our population revealing violence in the home, compared to the state average of 114 women per 10,000.

This equates to an average of

100 women in Wonthaggi, over 200 women on Phillip Island and overall, 800 women across Bass Coast and 600 women across South Gippsland.

Gendered violence is the leading contributor to death, disability and illness for women aged 15 – 44.

On average, 10 women per day in Gippsland are hospitalised for assault injuries related to family violence.

While 40 per cent of family violence survivor/victims attending a Victorian hospital over a 10 year period sustained a brain injury.

Gendered violence costs individual women, children and families their lives, their health and safety and psychological well-being.

It also costs in excess of \$300 million per year (2021) in family violence response services for the community of Gippsland alone.

Gippsland not only has excessively high rates of family violence but also has extremely alarming rates of sexual offences including rape and indecent assault.

Women's perception of their safety varied from town to town, but on average across Gippsland, only 46 per cent of women felt safe walking alone at night, compared to 74 per cent of men.

Kate Graham, CEO, Gippsland Women's Health states: "The solution can be found by Gippsland leaders, industries and communities having the courage, the respect and the humility to acknowledge and facilitate equal treatment, access, opportunity and distribution of resources for women and girls - it is after all a fundamental human right."

Crime up 20.5% in South Gippsland

SOUTH Gippsland is still the safest place in Gippsland to live, with the municipality recording the lowest crime rate of the six LGAs for the year ending June 30, 2023.

But the total number of criminal incidents in South Gippsland was up 20.5 per cent for the year.

There were 1444 criminal incidents recorded in South Gippsland, up from 1198 the previous year, with breaches of family violence orders (152), criminal damage (134), burglaries (109) and thefts (107) the standouts.

The rate of increase in criminal incidents in South Gippsland was well ahead of a rising trend across Victoria of 7.9 per cent, up to 506,408

total offences, according to data released by the Crime Statistics Agency (CSA) on Thursday, September 28.

But South Gippsland's rate of offences, at 4656.8 per 100,000, is still below that of its near neighbour Bass Coast, which has a crime rate of 4831.9 offences per 100,000 but still well below the state average of 7494.4 incidents per 100,000, which was up by 5.7 per cent for the year.

By way of comparison, the City of Latrobe has a crime rate of 10,577.3 incidents per 100,000 people.

In Bass Coast shire, the total number of criminal incidents was down from 2131 to 2066 this year, a fall of 3.1 per cent with breaches of family violence

orders (266), criminal damage (188), thefts (168), assaults (177) and non-aggravated burglaries (133), that is, no one at home at the time, as the most common criminal incidents.

In both local municipalities, the number of family incidents were down, in Bass Coast down by 10.7 per cent from 878 incidents to 784 and in South Gippsland down 4.8 per cent from 540 incidents to 514 incidents but the picture overall is not great.

Here are the rates of family incidents in Gippsland per 100,000 population, also adding in Cardinia for comparison (in descending order): Cardinia 1228.6 family incidents per 100,000, Baw Baw 1569.2, South Gippsland 1657.6,

Bass Coast 1833.6, Wellington 2939.6, East Gippsland 3210.9 and Latrobe 3285.4.

All of these rates of family incidents were above the state average of 1378 incidents per 100,000, which was relatively stable, showing a 0.8 per cent increase.

CSA Chief Statistician Fiona Dowsley said that "increases in acquisitive offence types, particularly theft offences, are a major contributor to the upward trends observed in recorded crime measures in the last 12 months."

"Despite an increase in theft offence types across all recorded crime measures, these numbers remain below pre-pandemic peaks recorded in 2020," Ms Dowsley said.

POLICE BRIEFS

Chat to a friendly officer

MEMBERS of the Bass Coast community are invited to enjoy a friendly chat with their local police at The Cowes Cultural Community Centre in Thompson Avenue this Wednesday, October 11.

The relaxed event provides a chance to discuss local issues and ask questions, kids are welcome to jump on the police motorbike for a photo, with the session running from 10am until 12pm.

Car engulfed in flames

KORUMBURRA-Wonthaggi Road was temporarily closed in both directions near the corner of Lynnes Road, St Clair on Saturday evening due to a car and scrub fire.

An abandoned car in the bushes was set alight at roughly 8pm with neighbours describing an explosive noise as tyres engulfed and airbags exploded.

According to nearby residents and locals who drive along Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road, the vehicle has sat abandoned for over 6 weeks.

The fire is being treated as suspicious and anyone with information is urged to call Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Rail Trail damage

A VEHICLE smashed through the safety fence at the Great Southern Rail Trail on Roughhead Street, Leongatha on Thursday night before proceeding to drive down the Rail Trail and through the closed gates at the Turner Street crossing.

South Gippsland Shire Council crews made the trail safe on Friday so it could remain open for use, but further repairs will be needed in due course, resulting in unnecessary cost and additional labour.

"If you or someone you know saw anything, please contact local police," a council spokesperson said.

In possession of drugs

AT 2PM on October 8, Police had cause to search a 46-year-old female from Melton on South Dudley Road, Wonthaggi.

The female was searched, and it's believed was found in possession of methamphetamine.

The individual was charged and released on bail to appear at the Magistrate's Court at a later date.

Stolen plates

NUMBER plates were stolen from a Holden Commodore sedan on Watts Street overnight on October 6-7.

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WED | Oct 11
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Wind AM: Light
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THUR | Oct 12
Showers increasing.
Wind AM: N 15-25km/h
Wind PM: W 25-40km/h
12° 19°



FRI | Oct 13
Showers.
Wind AM: W 25-35km/h
Wind PM: W 25-35km/h
9° 16°



SAT | Oct 14
Showers.
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9° 16°



SUN | Oct 15
Showers increasing.
Wind AM: NW-SW 20-30km/h
Wind PM: NW-SW 20-30km/h
8° 15°

IN BRIEF

Head to the Ladies Fete

THE Bass Coast Ladies Fete will take over the Allied Health car park at Wonthaggi Hospital this Saturday (October 14) from 9am to 2pm. Head on down to support a wonderful cause.

Last gasp for
Island roads scheme

IT'S a case of speak now or forever hold your peace for the residents of Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay on Phillip Island faced with paying the lions' share of a \$35 million for a new roads and drainage project in the coastal area.

Submissions, either in support or objection, must be received in writing by Council on or before 5pm this Wednesday, October 11 with the opponents of the scheme needing 521 of the 1041 property owners in Surf Beach Sunderland Bay to say no for the scheme to be abandoned.

Submissions will be considered at the December meeting of council where a decision will be made about whether or not to go ahead, after a long-drawn-out process, at a cost already of upwards of \$1 million.

A submission and/or objection can be emailed to sunderlandbayandsurfbeachupgrade@basscoast.vic.gov.au

Last chance to
explore Art Trail

THOSE yet to explore Art Connect South Gippsland's Open Studio Art Trail have one more weekend to do so, with the exciting shire-wide event wrapping up on Sunday October 15.

There is a diverse range of art on offer with its creators delighted to chat to visitors and outline what they love about their chosen mediums and projects.

Sentinel-Times explored the colourful Lunasea in Venus Bay, home of writer and artist Jo Hinchliffe, with this scribe, his parents and their dog Mac equally delighted with the chance to explore.

Jo has enlivened her gar-

den beds with vibrant pink, a friendly face, lots of legs, and even a lampshade.

She also has her own yellow brick road, drink-bottle jelly-fish and a table complete with its own beach.

Jo upcycles clothing, giving op shop items a stylish edge.

Fish Creek's Wallace & Wallace Sculpture & Photography combines the intricate and unique sculptures of Domenica Wallace with the creative photography of her husband Andrew.

Lunasea and Wallace & Wallace are just a couple of the many options to explore during the Open Studio Art Trail's final couple of days.

Seat at the table
for Bass Coast

BASS Coast and Baw Baw shires, both members of the Peri Urban Councils Victoria (PUCV), are taking part in a new Federal Government roundtable tasked with shaping Australia's new National Urban Policy.

The invitation to join the Urban Policy Network was extended by was extended by Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King MP.

The group attended a virtual meeting on September 20.

The government has set aside \$11 million over four years to establish a new cities and suburbs unit in the federal infrastructure department to produce "State of the Cities" reports and deliver a new National Urban Policy, which is likely to ascribe a role, and corresponding funding, to those municipalities on the urban fringe to manage the impacts of growth.

World 5th place for
Daniela Mollica

REGULAR rider, in the front bunch, on the Wattlebank to Cape Paterson cycling circuit several times weekly, Daniela Mollica, has posted a 5th place finish in the 50-54 age-group

section of the 2023 UCI Gravel World Championships in Italy over the weekend.

A top-class, pro-cyclist from Europe in her day, Daniela settled in the Glen Alvie area some years ago, and has been a welcome addition to the local peloton.

But no one is surprised to see her have success overseas this week.

"You'll find that the ones who finished ahead of her would be very accomplished riders. She's a regular on the podium, if not on top of it, in that company," said local Ironman rider Phil Hanley.

Dirty Three wins
regional pinot award

IF YOU win an award for the Best Gippsland Pinot Noir, given the hot competition that exists in the region, you know you're doing plenty of things right.

And that's what Marcus Satchell and Lisa Sartori of Dirty Three Wines of Inverloch came away with for their Magic Dirt Pinot from the 2023 Australian Pinot Noir Challenge recently.

"Pretty stoked the 'Magic Dirt' took out the trophy for 'Best Gippsland Pinot Noir' last night at Cutler & Co in the Australian Pinot Noir Challenge," they posted last week.

"So happy we made the decision to put this in the bottle as our only single vineyard wine from 2022. Massive hats off to Lauriston Thoroughbreds for growing such amazing fruit!"

The winners of the 2023 Australian Pinot Noir Challenge were Meadowbank Wines, and winemakers Peter Dredge and Mardi Ellis.

But the Magic Dirt is a mighty fine drop all the same, a worthy representative from Gippsland.

Wet weather worsens
Gippsland's rough roads

THE state of Gippsland's roads have significantly worsened as a result of the impact from recent rains, according to the Member for Eastern

Victoria, Melina Bath, and she should know.

Travelling many hundreds of kilometres through the region she represents, from south-east Melbourne to the Mallacoota, Ms Bath said most areas of Gippsland received more rain in a couple of days than the region received all winter and its played havoc with an already compromised roads network.

"The one thing Gippsland roads didn't need was a deluge of rain to further undermine the road surface," said Ms Bath, mindful that some rural areas actually welcomed the belated break.

"Dangerous potholes are being reported from one end of the region to the other from frustrated motorists at an increased rate – much more than usual which is saying something."

And she has called on the Allan-led government to act immediately with a program of urgent repairs.

Special visitors at
Fixit Café Wonthaggi

IT was business as usual at Fixit Café recently when out of the blue Danny and Karen of Mend-it Australia rolled up unexpectedly.

They have been unfailing supporters of the repair movement, travelling from Scoresby to cafés all over and lending a hand and advice.

The next Fixit Café will take place on Sunday, October 15, between 11-1pm and will cater for electrical goods, clocks, sewing, garden implements and anything else you care to bring – so long as you can carry it.

Your goods will be weighed and added to the total weight kept out of landfill.

A half hour spot for your repair needs to be booked at Mitchell House by calling in or phoning 5672 3731.

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“Visitors also seeking to book via platforms such as Airbnb have several thousand holiday house properties to choose from in the shire, and there has certainly been a strong desire to book these properties post pandemic.”

In fact, expenditure has gone up 61 per cent when compared to pre-pandemic 2019, which is a huge result for Bass Coast and Phillip Island.

“Our digital platforms have had strong engagement from paid advertising and brand-new assets including the Phillip Island 101 campaign.”

Leveraging the penguins, Seal Rocks tour and the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix, the ‘Phillip Island 101 campaign’ highlights that there’s 101 square kilometres of natural beauty to explore.

“Day visitors visit Phillip Island and Bass Coast for a variety of reasons including visiting our attractions, food and drink venues, our villages and shopping experiences, as well as our major events, so it is pleasing to see those numbers return,” said Kim.

But DPI isn’t resting on its laurels, also proving members with a sneak peak at a draft new Destination Management Plan and an insight into its Phillip Island Regenerative Tourism Project, both of which describe a whole new chapter for Island tourism with the focus on caring for the environment and the local community.

“Absolutely, as discussed, the new Destination Management



Destination Phillip Island tourism CEO Kim Storey said strong bookings on short stay platforms for Bass Coast and Phillip Island accommodation had resulted in a 25 per cent lift in overnight stays.

Plan will consider positive tourism projects, and an effort to encourage visitor consideration and education of the special place we are,” said Ms Storey.

“We’re also looking at delivering a low and shoulder-season event plan, which complements our destination and brings visitation when we are not at peak. The Regenerative Tourism Alliance is keen to see our first pilot of a visitor-giving project up and running soon.”

The DPI website has also

kicked goals for its tourism operators with 533,000 users, 2 million page views and 136,000 booking clicks.

Ms Storey said other “game-changing” positives for the region included the opening of the new Cowes cultural centre and a plan for the development of the old Isle of Wight site.

“Prospective visitors like to see that the top-end of the market is provided for, even if they ultimately don’t end up booking a stay there themselves,” said Ms Storey.

Destination Gippsland

Destination Gippsland, which has also witnessed a strong upswing in visitation, will be hosting the Gippsland Tourism Forum on October 26 at the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre (GPAC) in the Latrobe City. Open to tourism operators and stakeholders across Gippsland the emphasis will be on accessibility, sustainability and digital bookings. There will be a range of speakers. Bookings at eventbrite.com.au search Gippsland Tourism Forum. Cost \$64.40.

Bass Coast College students prep for final exams

IT’S getting down to crunch time for local VCE students.

Bass Coast College kicked off its practice exams for its Year 12 students on Friday.

Over three days of intensive preparation, the students can familiarise themselves with the exam process before taking on the real exams from October 24.

Senior campus assistant principal and VCE coordinator Phil Hughes said the college began conducting practice exams more than 10 years ago and has seen significant improvement.

“It’s all about getting our students familiar with the exam process, timing and techniques, and reducing exam anxiety,” he said.

“The whole process is as formal and as close as we can get to the real deal. They’ve gone through the process with the GAT already, but that’s one test back in June. It’s good to go through the process again, and a lot of the students get to know where they are at in terms of their revision and timelines.”

The practice exams are held at the Wonthaggi Town Hall, where they will also sit their final exams.

“We set it up exactly how it’s going to be on the day,” Mr Hughes said.

“There’s a whole lot of rules and regulations that are the same for 70,000 kids across the state. The VCAA is trying to co-ordinate that and make sure it’s



Bass Coast College Year 12 students Imogen Lindsay and Bella Schmidt sat a practice exam at the Wonthaggi Town Hall on Friday morning, in preparation for their real exams, which will start later this month.

all consistent, so every student has the same opportunity, so we have to run (the practice exams) under those fairly strict conditions, with our own localised differences.”

Mr Hughes said since the introduction of the practice exams, the college had seen improved attendance at revision programs.

“We do have a review process after the practice exams, so our students can see where their strengths and weaknesses are

and they can work on those things before their exams,” he said.

“The whole thing is fairly intensive for the students, remembering their actual exams are spread out over almost three weeks, but our students get better and better at the process each year. They respond to it well and, if they continue doing what they’re doing, they are well on track to showing the examiners how good they can be.”

Year 12 students Bella Schmidt and Imogen Lindsay said the practice exams were tough, but they were glad to have the opportunity.

“It’s really good to replicate how the exams are actually going to go so you can work out things like timing,” Bella said.

Mr Hughes said the practice exams couldn’t go ahead without the support of the fantastic team of external supervisors and thanked them for allowing the process to go ahead.

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Mayor's message

THIS week marks two very important international days of observance, both of which occur today on October 10th. World Homeless Day and World Mental Health Day which forms part of the national Mental Health Month in Australia.

As many of you will know we recently released the Affordable Housing Strategy to facilitate increased affordable housing throughout Bass Coast where it is most needed and close to essential services.

I am pleased to announce that last week Council and the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi jointly facilitated a Bass Coast 'Homelessness Think Tank' where we brought in more than 20 local organisations to share information, build local connection across agencies and workshop impactful projects to reduce the incidence and impact of homelessness in the Shire and greater region.

Participants shared information regarding the services currently available and built linkage amongst local agencies to best serve vulnerable community members experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The group also discussed key opportunities and gaps in Bass Coast and the region, and workshoped actions for community-led impact and collaboration going forward.

People experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness are among Australia's most socially and economically disadvantaged. Homelessness may be the result of many structural and personal factors, and the current housing pressures experienced across the Shire, state and country are putting significant pressure on individuals and service agencies.

The group acknowledged that the causes of homelessness are varied and complex, and that it is critical to connect local knowledge and expertise to the larger structural picture in understanding and addressing homelessness in our Shire. By fostering greater integration and alignment, participants took steps to making a significant impact.

The Think Tank identified initial direction and points for future collaboration. The group will continue to work



Cr Michael Whelan



together on this complex and multi-faceted issue for our community.

Another significant date for this month is Mental Health Awareness Month. Today is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma.

Over the past few weeks Council have facilitated a range of training sessions around mental health first aid. We were inundated with participants, and we will now be running further sessions in December.

Sadly, close to one third (30%) of Australian farmers reported a decline in mental health over the past few years. Even more devastating, close to half of Australian farmers (45%) have had thoughts of self-harm or suicide, while close to a third (30%) have attempted self-harm or suicide.

These sessions are aimed at the agricultural sector to help address these issues and promote better mental health in our community.

We have had tremendous feedback from participants (who are all now certified mental health first aid responders) and I would encourage organisations and networks that directly service and support or who are in touch with our farming communities to register online and undertake this training.

I encourage all members of our community to continue to support each other, reach out to the many wonderful service providers we have in the area and reduce stigma around poor mental health. Please check out some of the events and services we have via our website, our new Community Services Booklet and our new Seniors Festival Booklet which have been released in the past week. These can also be collected from our many customer service centres.



Elyse Coffey, Patricia Pearson and Julian Pearson were excited to be celebrating Patricia's new citizenship to Australia, originally from the Republic of Ireland. ob11_4123

Bass Coast Shire is home to 36 new Australian citizens

THE BASS Coast Shire Council welcomed 36 new citizens to the region in their Australian Citizenship Ceremony on Thursday, October 5.

There were tears of gratitude and joy from some as they accepted their certificate of citizenship and there were cries of Aussie, Aussie, Aussie and laughter as others accepted theirs.

A wide range of people

of all ages, from babies to the elderly who originally came from 15 other countries, including South-east Asia, Europe, Africa, Canada and the Middle East can now call Australia home.

Cr Michael Whelan, Mayor, officiated the ceremony beginning with an acknowledgement to country.

Cr Geoff Ellis, West-ernport Ward Councillor

was in attendance and presented each new citizen with a certificate and hamper made with local products/produce after they individually made their pledge.

After making their pledge as one, the Australian Anthem was sung.

Celebrations followed with family and friends at the catered event, at the Workmen's Club in Wonthaggi.

Council raids cookie jar for cultural centre

CASH reserves and investments, held by the Bass Coast Shire Council, dropped by \$10 million last financial year, from \$72 million to \$60 million.

At the same time, borrowings went up by a net \$4 million to \$20.4 million.

But, despite not revealing the all-up cost of 'Berninneit', council has acknowledged in its draft financial and performance statement for the year, that a significant part of that dramatic shift in the shire's finances is due to the development of the new Cowes' centrepiece.

How that impacts the shire's financial sustainability overall is not clear after councillors failed to sing from the same hymn sheet at last Wednesday's council meeting where the report was approved in principle.

Cr Les Larke was the one, dissenting voice.

"It's clear the accounts comply with the accounting standards, subject to audit, but it's another disappointing performance," said Cr Larke, noting that the council reported an underlying deficit of more than \$2 million.

"It's been another lost opportunity to reform council's finances from an operating perspective."

He claimed if council was able to generate a five or 10 per cent operating surplus by transforming its operations, it could realise \$50 million to \$100 million over 10 years for rate relief and garbage charge reductions or additional capital works on its own or in part-



Berninneit has smacked the Council's financial reserves and added to its loan account, but ahead of a three-stage opening event we still don't know the all-up cost of the project.

nership with government.

Other councillors took a different tack and trumpeted the organisation's strong financial position and such achievements as "paying down debt" and "delivering \$49.1 million in capital works".

In fact, they didn't pay down debt, nor did they deliver \$49.1 million in capital works.

According to the report, net borrowings actually increased by \$4 million to \$20.4 million, due to loan drawdowns associated with the new cultural centre in Cowes, although Council did repay \$3.7 million in borrowings ahead of schedule during the year.

And capital works overall? While \$49.1 million was listed against the capital works program, \$46.9 million was actually spent on capital works with the remaining \$2.2 million going to operational expenditure.

The meeting, advertised variously as starting at 1.30pm (according

to the online agenda) and both 2pm and 3pm on the livestream notification, went ahead at 2.05pm and was all over in a tick over 12 minutes.

The Council's financial performance can be summarised as follows:

- \$123.8 million revenue (budget \$93.7 million) – the variation due to \$15.1 million more in unbudgeted developer contributions, additional unbudgeted capital grants of \$8.1 million, extra operating grants of \$3.8 million and other income of \$2.3 million due to increases in interest rates.
- Total expenditure of \$96.4 million (\$4.9 million more than budget)
- Underlying deficit of \$2.3 million.

The additional meeting of council, called last Wednesday, October 4, to process the shire's financial statements is a statutory requirement before the documents are submitted to the Victorian Auditor-General's Office.



Notice of intention to formalise permanent one-way traffic flow on The Esplanade, Cowes

Bass Coast Shire Council (Council) in accordance with clause 9 of Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act 1989, proposes to restrict the passage of vehicles to flow in a one-way direction along The Esplanade, from east to west between Thompson Ave to Warley Ave, and west to east between Thompson Ave to Bass Ave.

A person may make a written submission on the proposal in accordance with section 203 and section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989. Any persons proposing to make a submission under section 203 and section 223 of the Act must do so within 28 days of publication of this notice. Submissions should be addressed to Major Projects and posted to the following address: Bass Coast Shire Council PO Box 118 Wonthaggi VIC 3995 or emailed to majorprojectsadmin@basscoast.vic.gov.au. Additionally, submissions can be made online at www.engagebasscoast.vic.gov.au/esplanade-cowes.

Written submissions that meet the requirements of this notice will be considered in accordance with section 203 and section 223 of the Act. Any person requesting to be heard in support of their submission is entitled to be heard before Council or be represented by a person acting on their behalf and will be notified of the time and date of the hearing. Following consideration of submissions, Council may resolve:

1. proceed with a formalising the permanent change to one-way traffic along the Esplanade or
2. The Esplanade remains as a two-way street.

Further information contact Council's Major Projects Team, on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211.

James Stirton, Acting Chief Executive Officer

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Local job's expo on to boost employment

EMPLOYMENT opportunities are plentiful in the towns of Bass Coast with the 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 hosting the annual jobs expo.

This is the second year the shire has presented the Local Jobs Expo, this year with further events and programs on offer over a two-week period until October 12.

The Cowes Local Jobs Expo was held at St John's Uniting Church on Wednesday morning commencing at 9:30am with Tafe Gippsland staff holding a free sausage sizzle for the public on arrival.

Business owners in Bass Coast and surrounds were invited to register their employment opportunities to be presented on the public jobs board for prospective applicants to apply.

Fiona Bristow of Tafe Gippsland welcomed the public to the annual expo, inviting them to discuss their future employment prospects with local recruits or seek assistance from team members from the Skills and Jobs Centres.

"Our team, work with job seekers of all ages, getting



Andrea and Elise of Tafe Gippsland Skills and Jobs Centres attended the expo in Cowes last Wednesday, holding a free BBQ for the public. Z12_4123

them job ready, whether it be working on resumes or applications, or even providing course advice."

This year there was an ample number of opportunities in education, hospitality, tourism, health care, and agriculture, as well as professional services, traineeships, and apprenticeships.

"There is no shortage of career opportunity in Bass Coast," said Andrea of Tafe Gippsland.

Bass Coast Health have a

range of career prospects for those looking at clinical care or administrative work, especially after the opening of the new Wonthaggi hospital, and the number of support services available for aged care and in-home support is abundant.

Veronica McLeod of Dairy Australia was too in attendance showcasing the job vacancies for those looking for a career in the dairy industry and expanding their support to farmers in attracting new workers with the launch of the

Dairy Farm Jobs Board.

Bass Coast Shire Council hopes to fill job vacancies for businesses showcasing local career pathways and providing networking opportunities for business owners and facilitate skills development for staff or potential staff.

To help strengthen the community and get people back into the workforce, an additional expo will be held in Wonthaggi, and a small business mentoring clinic will be held in Inverloch.

Wonthaggi Jobs Expo

9.30am to 2.30pm
Wednesday, 11 October
Wonthaggi Workmens Club, 75 Graham St, Wonthaggi
Learn more: basscoast.vic.gov.au/jobs-expo

How to Attract and Retain Great People with Catherine Bell

7.00am to 9.30am
Tuesday, 10 October
RACV Inverloch Resort, 70 Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road, Inverloch
Book tickets: attract-and-retain-great-people.eventbrite.com.au

Small Business Mentoring Clinic

8am to 1:00pm
Thursday, 12 October
Free 45-minute online mentoring sessions

Be one of the first to see new Cowes Cultural Centre

WONDERING what's inside the new Cowes Cultural Centre?

Dreaming of all the performances that may be held there?

Thinking about the books to be read, and the galleries and exhibitions that may allow your mind to wander?

Bass Coast Shire Council is thrilled to announce the opening of the new cultural centre.

To celebrate, a sneak preview event to launch the new program season will be held on Wednesday, November 1.

The program launch event will feature an exciting preview of upcoming performances, as well as explorations of this space, including a new library and gallery.

This is an incredible opportunity to discover what the new cultural centre has to offer.

"We would love to be able to invite everyone to attend, but with limited seating this is just not possible, so we've opened a ballot where you can express your interest and tickets will be allocated at random," mayor Cr Michael Whelan said.

"We encourage all members of our community to enter the upcoming ballot to enjoy an evening of celebration, entertainment and inspiration."

Ballot entries are limited to one per person and tickets will be allocated one per person.

Entrants to the ballot will be notified by email of the outcome of their interest by Tuesday, October 24.

The ballot closes at 5pm on Friday, October 20.

For more information about the ballot, contact corporate events planner Sam Bennett at s.bennett@basscoast.vic.gov.au or call 1300 BCOAST (226 278).

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Fewer overseas visitors

ONE of the guest speakers at the 'Experience Phillip Island 2023 Industry Conference' on Thursday, October 5, Jack Trainer of Booking.com had some interesting insights into what tourism operators can expect from overseas and domestic visitors in the next 12 months.

According to Mr Trainer travellers are looking at India, Hong Kong and Vietnam within our region with a high level of confidence as visitor destinations whereas Australia is lagging behind those other Asian destinations where forward bookings are concerned.

The good news is that in the post-COVID period, domestic tourists are still looking at exploring their own country in good numbers, although destinations including Bali and Fiji have re-emerged.

The other factor is that more people are looking at cheaper holidays or not going at all in the present rising cost-of-living climate.

People he said were also looking for destinations with sustainable certification and practices, urging business to acknowledge that upfront in their marketing.

Using keycards that automatically turned off air conditioners and lights, and water efficient toilets were widespread in accommodation, and welcomed by visitors who often looked to turn off lights, and air conditioners themselves.

Wanaka way to go for Island tourism

IF YOU'RE standing still, you're not going anywhere.

That in a nutshell is what the Phillip Island Regenerative Tourism Project is all about.

The project, initiated by Destination Phillip Island, is being rolled out by Matt Sykes, founder at Regeneration Projects, who was a guest speaker at the DPI 'Experience Phillip Island' conference at the Phillip Island Winery last Thursday.

So, why do we need to regenerate? Isn't Phillip Island fantastic already?

Because, according to Matt Sykes, the market has changed.

"Post-COVID there are different expectations from stakeholders about what the industry needs to be," said Matt.

"They want an industry that is respectful of local communities, that gives back to the environment and enhances the local economy.

"Visitors are more often looking for businesses that are socially and environmentally aware and they're prepared to get involved, by making a donation, planting a tree, picking up litter or doing something meaningful for the environment.

"They want to participate in the care of the place and to feel like they're a part of it."

Matt said there were plenty of organisations on the Island and at San Remo who would be able to facilitate those opportunities and there was value in getting together to organise it.

And they want to hear about the Millowl-Phillip Island First Nations' story, he said.

As a provider of strategic consultancy, Regeneration Projects



Guest speaker at the 'Experience Phillip Island' tourism conference at the Phillip Island Winery last Thursday, Matt Sykes, of Regeneration Projects, said visitors want more but they're also prepared to give more.

has created a point of difference by connecting business, ecosystems and First Nations Peoples, along the way training leaders in ecological literacy, building partnerships, creating strategy plans and initiating research partnerships.

It's all part of a wider strategy, not only to enhance the visitor experience while reducing the impact on the environment and the local community but also to make Phillip Island

and San Remo a more attractive destination for the younger demographic needed to work in the sector as well as the investors and professionals needed to bring expertise, energy and innovation to take the region to a new level.

"It's the next chapter," said Matt Sykes.

He said that listening to industry leaders describe the spirit of place on Phillip Island highlights people enjoying the feeling

of coming over the bridge to an "authentic, wild" destination, of literally taking a deep breath of relief on arrival, that the island was seen as a sanctuary, an island ark and there was great value in nurturing biodiversity and enhancing the island's natural assets.

The key, he said, was having a consistent message, a common goal and working together.

It's an initiative that Lake Wanaka Tourism in New Zealand has already adopted, setting up a "fund" to allow holiday makers the opportunity to invest time or money back into local projects.

"What if we could get 50 business champions or so to engage. All we need is a central webpage to get it started," said Matt.

His presentation dovetailed nicely into the data provided by Jack Trainor of Booking.com who said more travellers were looking for commitment to environmental and social responsibility, and Rebecca White of the Tourism Collective, who unveiled DPI's draft Destination Management Plan, with similar themes.

With a state of the industry address by Destination Phillip Island CEO Kim Storey, highlighting healthy overnight stay and spend figures, Mirerva Holmes of DJSIR providing details about the 'Experience Victoria 2033 strategy and how-to tips on social media from Bec Russo of Visit Victoria; it was altogether a well-crafted, up-to-the-minute, inspiring and compelling conference.

See also what Wanaka in doing in the regenerate space: bit.ly/3ROU3Yq



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Ruth Chambers: A Finalist in the Education Excellence Awards

WONTHAGGI Primary School teacher Ruth Chambers is a finalist in the 2023 Victorian Education Excellence Awards which was announced last Thursday morning by Minister for Education Ben Carroll.

A finalist for the Outstanding Primary Teacher award, Ruth has been recognised for her enduring dedication to enriching the musical and cultural education of students at Wonthaggi Primary School by incorporating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives.

“As one of three finalists statewide I feel honoured to have been nominated in the first place, not to mention being both thrilled and humbled,” Ruth explained.

“Wonthaggi Primary School has a Leadership Team that supports the statewide Department of Education imperative to embed First Nations perspectives throughout the curriculum.”

Ruth has developed programs of song and dance that bring Wonthaggi Primary School together to work alongside Senior Boon Wurrung Elder, Aunty Fay Stewart-Muir incorporating music, language, and games from the Boon Wurrung community.

“The Leadership Teams’ support is personal, fiscal and organisational. Their commitment is demonstrated through supporting the organisation of incursions by local First Nations community members so that staff and students can learn alongside each other



Music & Cultural Awareness Teacher Ruth Chambers (right) is a finalist in the 2023 Victorian Education Excellence Awards.

directly from First Nations locals; visual and performing artists, guest speakers, story tellers and Smoking Ceremonies to celebrate school events, such as the opening of our new playgrounds. Also allowing specific allocations of time for staff to learn together, creating space for whole school professional development and resourcing our school library (print and virtual) are other examples.”

Modelling best practice in cultural awareness, Ruth’s approach is enriched by her lived experience of working in Aboriginal communities. Initiating and

now leading the Cultural Awareness team, Ruth is supporting staff to embed their knowledge of Koorie perspectives within their classrooms and daily practices.

“The work that I have been privileged to lead would also not be possible without the commitment and teamwork of staff. Critically, this is underpinned and guided by Senior Boon Wurrung Elder Aunty Fay Muir. She has worked with us as a school community since 2020 and we thank her for patience when addressing our learning needs, making contributions to our

school-wide curriculum documents and introducing us to her Culture. We are so very fond of her and are grateful for her tireless and ongoing work with us all.

“Being named a finalist is exciting because it endorses the work of our whole school community.”

Ruth’s musical and cultural leadership has created a celebratory engagement with Koorie knowledge at the school that is bringing great joy and new awareness to staff, students, and their families.

Award winners will be announced on Friday October 27.

Walk together on the referendum eve

IN RESPONSE to the Uluru Statement from the Heart’s generous call to the people of Australia to ‘Walk with us’ as a movement of the Australian people. Lorraine Rodda, an event organiser at San Remo, said local communities are encouraged to hold candlelight walks on the eve of the Referendum to consider keeping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples in our hearts as we reflect on the tremendous pressure of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make a difference in their people’s lives.

Arriving at 7 pm for a 7.15 pm walk, Lorraine said, “it is also an opportunity to acknowledge the First People of Bass Coast and South Gippsland, who have worked tirelessly for generations to share the richness of the oldest continuous culture on Earth, including to advise the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network made up of Bass Coast Health, Bass Coast Shire Council Westernport Water and Nature Parks Victoria.

“It is also an opportunity to recognise that the State government funded Reconciliation Victoria four years ago to set up the structures to implement the Uluru Statement from the Heart.”

The Deep Listening Walk is being held on the San Remo Labyrinth. Drive along Beach Road in San Remo and continue along the unmade section. The Labyrinth is on the right alongside a row of Cypress Trees.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Level Up Your Community Group

Are you part of a community group and would like to enhance your grant writing and event management skills?

If so, Council is hosting two workshops that will help you take your community group to the next level.

Event Registration and Attendee Management Training

This session will empower community groups to use online event managements systems to create events, engage their communities and register and manage event attendance with confidence.

Topics include:

- Setting goals for the event.
- Choosing the right event management platform.
- Using event management systems to create events and automate attendee engagement.
- Using Canva to keep your media messaging, graphics and branding consistent.

This workshop will be held Saturday 21 October from 9.30am to 12.00pm with a light lunch included.

Advanced Grant Writing Workshop

In this session, an experienced grant writer and assessor will show you how to research and

write winning grant applications that will get you funded. You will become more confident in using persuasive language in your applications and learn about the mindset of the grant funder and assessors.

Some of the workshop topics include:

- Learning how to research funders so you can match your grant funding needs to their interests.
- Preparing each section so that you use the most useful information and avoid mistakes that can lose points.
- Looking at your proposal from the funders and assessor’s viewpoints.
- Obtaining community and other support before submitting your application.
- Taking the next step when your proposal is either funded or rejected.

This workshop will be held Thursday 2 November from 5.30pm to 8.00pm with a light meal included.

Please note, this workshop is for previous attendees of Grant Writing Workshops or grant writers with lots of experience. Number of participants is limited to two representatives per community group.

Both of these workshops are free of cost. For more information and to book a workshop, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants



Australia Day Awards



Know someone that goes above and beyond in our community? Australia Day Award nominations are now open.

Nominations are now open for the South Gippsland Australia Day Awards.

The awards provide an opportunity to recognise people who go above and beyond in our community. Awards are now open in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year Nomination Form
- Young Citizen of the Year Nomination Form
- Community Event of the Year

Nominations are open until 8 November 2023.

For more information and to make a nomination, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday

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

IMPOUNDED VEHICLE – NOTICE OF SALE

Council impounded the following vehicle in accordance with Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

2007 Black Ford Sedan

Registration Number: 1VY8BU

Engine Number: AFACXXMJDC7M00330

As this vehicle has not been collected and relevant fees paid within 14 days of impoundment, the vehicle will now be offered for sale to the public.

Offers marked “Abandoned Vehicle” and addressed to the Coordinator Local Laws, South Gippsland Shire Council, Private Bag 4, Leongatha Vic 3953 are hereby invited for the purchase and removal from Council of the aforementioned abandoned vehicle.

Offers close at 2.00pm on 13 October 2023 and are to be delivered to Council’s reception area at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha on or before the said time and date. The vehicle can be viewed at the Council Depot in Korumburra by appointment with the Local Laws Department on 5662 9200.

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/387 – Leongatha Municipal Office Redevelopment – Exterior Refurbishment

Tenders close at 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 31 October 2023

Documentation is available from Council’s e-Tendering Portal

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The Cavity in Venus Bay sits empty due to the failure of the wastewater system servicing its building. A05_4123

Wastewater solution expected soon but not as part of streetscape

OWNER of The Cavity in Venus Bay Jordan Meikle questioned why South Gippsland Shire Council elected to undertake streetscape works in Jupiter Boulevard before the town's sewerage issues were addressed.

That follows the catastrophic failure of the sewerage system servicing the five-shop complex in which the business is located.

Last December, councillors received the 'Venus Bay Community Services Sewerage Feasibility' report outlining possible sewerage solutions for the town, voting to note its findings and advocate to the State Government for funding of a suitable sewerage system to be implemented by South Gippsland Water.

Specifically, that system

would service commercial and community uses within the Venus Bay Tourism Precinct Plan area.

The report notes the potential for a low bore pressure sewer system, which can be bored or drilled, saying that approach has been implemented in similar conditions on the Mornington Peninsula.

"Assuming the timing is suitable, these works can be aligned with the proposed council streetscape works and the Surf Life Saving Club upgrades to minimise disruptions to traffic and the community," the report states.

Jordan questioned why streetscape works are now being carried out without installing any pipes to help rectify the wastewater issues in Venus Bay's Business District.

South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerry Ellis responded to that query when asked by the Sentinel-Times.

"The timing was not suitable for aligning the sewerage works with council's streetscape works," Kerry said.

"Although council is supportive of and is advocating for a sewerage system for the Venus Bay commercial precinct, there is recognition that the initiative is costly, would likely require significant financial investment from landowners and is not part of South Gippsland Water's five-year strategic plan."

She added that while a combined project would be ideal, with the sewerage initiative unfunded it would have prevented the streetscape from

proceeding for an unknown period.

"It is council's expectation that the streetscape works will not significantly inhibit any future sewerage system from proceeding," Kerry said.

She noted council has advocated for a wastewater solution in Venus Bay during discussions with State Government representatives and that council's executive team meets with South Gippsland Water's executive team on a quarterly basis with the desired sewerage project a standing agenda item.

In relation to the building housing The Cavity, Kerry said council has received an application for the installation of a new sewerage system and it is expected works will be able to begin shortly.

Council emphatic on safety of Ferriers Road

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council disputes the claims of the late Lindsay Love, a member of the South Gippsland Action Group, that works on Ferriers Road in Nyora have not been done in such a fashion as to satisfactorily minimise safety risks.

Lindsay wrote to council this April expressing concerns about the works then being undertaken, with current South Gippsland Action Group member John McCombe recently emailing councillors and the Sentinel-Times arguing the road remains unsatisfactory.

In his letter, Lindsay stated he was basing his opinion on his professional training and understanding of soil mechanics, having a background as an engineer.

"A brief review of the soil mechanics action under a wheel load at the edge of the new road shows that the road under the pavement will burst sideways and lead to an early

failure of the pavement, producing a dangerous road," he said.

Council's director of sustainable infrastructure Tony Petersen stressed the work done on Ferriers Road was to rehabilitate the existing road, with that project carried out through funding from council's Road Rehabilitation Program.

"It's currently funded at around \$5 million, and we do quite a few roads every year," Tony said of the program.

He added that an external third party carries out road condition surveys every three years to determine which roads to focus on through the program.

"Road pavements have a lifespan and with traffic volumes increasing and the size of trucks and heavy vehicles increasing, there's a fair bit of pressure on our road networks," Tony said.

He noted that roadside weed spraying has become an im-

portant part of road maintenance, enabling water to drain away from road edges quickly and reach open table drains, increasing the life of pavement by preventing pooling.

"That's what we've done on Ferriers Road," Tony said, explaining weeds have also been cleared from the drains.

He noted that has created the impression the drains have been deepened and the drop off from the road increased.

While conceding rehabilitation works have increased the height of the road in places, Tony said that is limited to a maximum of 50 to 100mm.

Tony addressed the concerns expressed by Lindsay that council didn't heed the requirements of its Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM) in relation to road width when planning works for Ferriers Road.

"The Infrastructure Design Manual is a guideline, generally for new developments or new roads, but where we've

got existing roads we just can't go widening them and often there's not the space to widen them," he said.

"If we can do it to the IDM, we do, but we can't always get that full width of road we would like because of the constraints of topography, vegetation and title boundaries."

Tony said Ferriers Road has been widened slightly.

He expressed confidence in the condition of the road and said bursting won't be an issue.

"Engineers have gone out there and checked it," Tony said.

As well as improving the surface and the drainage, Tony stressed that council has introduced a temporary speed reduction to 60 kilometres per hour on some parts of the road to boost safety.

Council has applied to Regional Roads Victoria, part of the Department of Transport for ongoing speed reductions on parts of Ferriers Road.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



PLENTY of locals celebrated the AFL Grand Final, but with eyes on the players and the ball, some might not realise we had one of our own local champions on the field. Congratulations to Matt Stevic, who is an AFL umpire hailing from Leongatha.

At the AFL Grand Final, he umpired his 11th final. Thank you and congratulations Matt for your significant contribution to the much-loved game of AFL and congratulations to the Pies on the win!

Be Prepared for all Weather

With fires in many parts of Gippsland and some heavy, consistent rain, it's a reminder to be prepared. My thoughts are with everyone who has been affected by the weather, and our neighbours in Wellington and Baw Baw Shires that have been hit hard by severe bushfires around Rawson, Loch Sport and Briagolong in particular. Council has sent staff to East Gippsland to assist with the emergency situations.

We need to be prepared for fire, flood and anything else that comes our way. By monitoring the current emergencies through the VicEmergency app and making sure you have plans in place for all situations and importantly in the season ahead, please make sure you have a Bushfire Survival Plan.

The Country Fire Authority (CFA) through their local brigades, often offer workshops where support is available to create your own Bushfire Survival Plan. Usually these are held in the lead up to the declared fire season, so make sure you keep up to date with your local CFA or visit the following website for more details and helpful resources: www.cfa.vic.gov.au

South Gippsland Australia Day Awards

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their valuable contributions to our region?

Please make a nomination for the 2024 South Gippsland Australia Day Awards. This year's categories are: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year which made a triumphant return last year after the pandemic.

All nominees will be recognised at an Awards Ceremony that will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 6.30pm at the Meeniyah Hall. The achievements of all nominees will also be featured in local newspapers, on Council's website and on their Facebook page.

Nominations close Wednesday 8 November. For more information on each category and to submit a nomination, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday

Workshop Opportunities

Event Registration and Attendee Management Training will be available on Saturday, October 21 from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Council Chambers in Leongatha, where you will learn how to use event management platforms such as Eventbrite, and marketing your event.

An Advanced Grant Writing Workshop is being held on Thursday, November 2 from 5.30pm to 8pm again at the Council Chambers in Leongatha.

To register for either of these events, or to follow Council to be notified of future events, please visit: <https://bit.ly/sghsc-eventbrite>

If you operate a business and want to find a workshop, you can visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/business

Korumburra Staying Strong promotes local connections

BUILDING stronger connections across the Korumburra community and fostering the sharing of ideas are key aims the Korumburra Staying Strong (KSS) Group is pursuing through its Helping Hands Project, with the town's population invited to learn more at an event on Saturday October 21.

That follows on from a community session KSS ran last year at which people put forward their thoughts and aspirations for Korumburra.

Attendees also received updates on projects in the town and had questions answered.

The Helping Hands Project stemmed from information gathered at last year's session and subsequently.

"Our consultation showed our community is very diverse and if we provide a place for people to be heard and share their views on what would address Korumburra needs, then people will come along and contribute," KSS member Noelene Cosson said.

She stated that the project idea covers many of the responses received from the community.

Those responses included people's desire for better connection of groups doing wonderful things locally, sharing skills, welcoming new residents, promoting volunteering, and boosting community awareness of planning and decisions.

KSS was established in response to a call out from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), which expressed willingness to assist in building a resilient community through funding from its Disaster Resilient Future Ready program.

"The FRRR funding has enabled us to engage a coordinator for the project who has connected with many community groups already," Noelene said.

Helping Hands information forms part of the new Korumburra Community website about to be launched, with the website a joint community initiative between Korumburra Community Development and Action Inc. and KSS.

"Both organisations strive to keep the Korumburra community connected and the website is just one way that we plan to achieve this," Noelene said.

"It will be the communication tool for things happening in the community."

The website has an event calendar, Helping Hands section, and a community groups section.

The Burra Flyer will be accessible online.

Korumburra Staying Strong 'Helping Hands Program' community event details:

When: October 21 from 10.30am

Where: Italian Social Club rooms



After an incredibly successful Cook and Eat in September Leongatha Men's Shed are hosting their October health event where participants can go into the draw to win a \$400 prize.

Your health covered at the Men's Shed

A HEALTH motivation event for senior men of Bass Coast and South Gippsland will be held at the Leongatha Men's Shed on October 27 from 10am to 12pm.

The Leongatha Men's Shed is fortunate to have as guest speaker, Mr. Julian Walker, a professional myotherapist.

A myotherapist's training enables them to treat myofascial pain and dysfunction (pain that arises from the muscles and surrounding connective tissue) using a variety of evidence-based treatment techniques. The treatments often include a take-home exercise prescription, a pain management plan, load management and activity/lifestyle modifications for long-term results.

Julian will be addressing the importance of musculoskeletal health of which maintaining muscle strength is an important part of extending and maintaining the quality of life.

Following Julian's address, attendees will understand the keys to improving the functioning of the body and how simple exercise is an important part of that, especially as we age.

In support of the health event and men's health generally, the Leongatha Men's Shed are promoting, organising and conducting an innovative simple exercise program over a six-week period that will optimistically kick-start senior men in our community to a life of improved health as they age.

In recognition of the health agenda by the Leongatha Men's Shed, local business AW Smith & Sons Hardware is fully supporting the initiative by sponsoring the program with a \$400 prize to encourage participation in the health event.

Hence, in recognition of this community support, the venture is named the AW Smith & Sons Hardware 'Gift' (not to be confused with the Stawell Gift)

To qualify for the end prize, each person enrolls in the program by paying a \$20 fee.

The enrolment fee becomes a commitment to the program to complete exercises during the six-week period using the Leongatha Men's Shed for the simple circuit exercises and the close proximity of the Velodrome for the walking exercise.

Both the walking and the simple circuit exercises are conducted at the persons discretion and pace involving a minimum of 15 laps overall of the Velodrome (approximately 5 minutes per lap) and a minimum of 15 sets of circuit exercises overall (of approximately 10-minute duration for each set) on Shed open hours.

Should the person complete his commitment, his fee will be fully refunded, and he will go in the draw for the AW Smith & Sons Hardware 'Gift' prize to be drawn at the Christmas event being held at the shed on Friday December 15. All participants in the program are invited to this event to celebrate their achievement.

Registrations forms with full information are available from the Leongatha Men's Shed and AW Smith & Sons Hardware until the end of November.

The program is open to all senior men from Bass Coast and South Gippsland communities.

The Leongatha Men's Shed look forward to welcoming interested men to the morning's session. Bring along a mate!

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Let's have a cuppa! For information about the Leongatha Men's Shed and its current activities, or any of this year's events, call into the LYON & BAIR Café, Bair Street, Leongatha any Tuesday morning between 10am & 11am and chat with a "Shedder"

This project is supported by

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Funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care under the National Shed Development Program.

Taking it slowly and carefully at Leongatha South

REGULAR travellers on the Bass Highway, between Inverloch and Leongatha have changed their driver behaviour – they’ve had to.

It’s all about the introduction of new ‘Side Road Activated Speed’ (SRAS) technology which has required through traffic to slow down to 70km/h when there is activity on the side roads, either Leongatha South–Outtrim Road or Rougheads Road, and the result has been a safer intersection that has been universally welcomed by locals and visitors alike.

Continuing State Minister for Roads and Roads Safety, Melissa Horne, said the intersection upgrade was the result of community action as much as it was a government project successfully delivered.

“We’ve listened to the community’s concerns about this intersection at Leongatha South, which is why we’ve delivered key safety upgrades that will benefit all road users, including the frequent movement of trucks and tourists,” Minister Horne said this week.

The new Side Road Activated Speed (SRAS) technology was installed at a cost of \$500,000.

While the SRAS installation will temporarily reduce the speed limit from 100km/h to 70km/h on the Bass Highway



As well as the introduction of Side Road Activated Speed technology at Leongatha South, trees were trimmed and safety rails added to complete the intersection safety upgrade.

way whenever a vehicle approaches the highway on either Leongatha South–Outtrim Road or Rougheads Road, the 70km/h speed limit is also triggered when vehicles on the Bass Highway are slowing and waiting to turn right into either Leongatha–South Outtrim Road or Rougheads Road.

This SRAS technology will provide drivers on the side roads more time to assess gaps in traffic and enter

the highway safely, allowing more time to react if side road traffic fails to give way.

Additional upgrades delivered at the intersection as part of the project include safety barrier installation, tree trimming, improved signage, and asphalt surfacing in a further boost to driver safety.

SRAS technology is being rolled out across a number of high-speed, high-risk intersections across regional

Victoria and Gippsland region, including the nearby South Gippsland Highway and Fish Creek–Foster Road at Foster.

Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh welcomed the upgrades.

“By installing Side Road Activated Speed technology and additional safety works, we are increasing safety for all vehicles using the Bass Highway at Leongatha South,” he said.

Korumburra 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.

“It’s important to the community to keep the Historical Society going,” its president Bob Newton said.

He encourages people to come along to be part of a friendly group, enjoying a social vibe in a new setting while helping ensure the history of Korumburra and surrounds receives the prominence it deserves.

“It’s important to get this history together, correlate it and retain it for future generations,” Bob said, adding that it’s what motivates him to write books on Korumburra’s past and that of the region.

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.

Bob said everyone is welcome, with the club currently having a mixture of ages.

“We’d love to get a lot of younger people in; unfortunately, some people think older people are the only ones able to go, and it’s not the case,” he said.

“We want to encourage all community members who can participate and be part of the history of the district.

The president said the Historical Society has a mountain of information in storage, as members await the move into the Hub.

He looks forward to the new setting, acknowledging it is an opportunity to move forward.

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



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The happy couple, Sarah Kane and Jacob Brennan of Drouin and toddler Charlie enjoy a stroll along the water at San Remo for some photos ahead of their reception.

Love is in the air at San Remo

LOVE was in the air at San Remo on Saturday for Drouin couple Sarah Kane and Jacob Brennan as they took advantage of the improving weather to take a stroll down by the water for some of their wedding photos.

With baby Charlie along for the ride, looking resplendent in white lace and tulle, the perfect foil for mum in a full-length lace gown and train, they cut quite the trio as they walked towards Griffith Point with the entrance to San Remo and Cape Woolamai in the background.

It's an increasingly busy time for weddings and receptions right through until Christmas and some of the best ocean vistas are available right here in Bass Coast.

And the cool, overcast conditions were ideal for photos as well, with no hard shadows to contend with.

Council striving for basketball solution in Leongatha



SPLASH stadium continues to live up to its name, presenting unwanted challenges for Leongatha Basketball Association and South Gippsland Shire Council in the form of unresolved leaks.

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council has apologised for ongoing issues with the SPLASH stadium roof that continue to negatively impact basketball in Leongatha.

Recent rain again forced players off court, disappointing basketball lovers, many of them juniors.

"The recurring leaks to the SPLASH stadium roof are frustrating for both SPLASH users and council," council CEO Kerry Ellis said.

She stressed that council hasn't given up on achieving a solution.

"Council is continuing to examine the issues and remains committed to achieving a leak-free roof," Kerry said.

Competition coordinator for Leongatha Basketball Association, Joel Langstaff, said the leaks are getting worse and that 12 buckets were used across the stadium's two courts recently to catch water.

He highlighted the impact on players across the age groups.

"It has affected over 280 domestic junior players and over 50 senior male players, and has also stopped our representative teams training at SPLASH," Joel said of the ongoing roof issue.

Despite determined efforts, a senior women's competition hasn't got off the ground, explaining why women haven't also been driven off the court by rain.

Joel spoke of the stress being placed on volunteers by the ongoing uncertainty caused by the stadium leaks, with his situation an example.

"I'm the one who has to make 100 phone calls to cancel basketball," he said, adding he also sends numerous emails in relation to the stadium situation while trying to manage his life outside basketball.

Joel noted that being only an eight-week competition, if a couple of games are washed out a quarter of competition fees must be refunded.

"We held off until term four thinking we'll get more sunny weather, but as it is, winter was probably drier than it has been since," he said.

This season's opening round of Tuesday night competition was rained out, impacting Under 12 and Under 14 boys and Over 14 girls.

Then on Friday, the Under 10s competition was touch and go as leaking continued until about 2pm, with the weather ultimately relenting and allowing basketball action to proceed.

With players coming from places such as Fish Creek, Meenyan and Mirboo North, parents need to keep a close watch on social media and emails to check whether basketball is proceeding.

Fingers crossed that ultimately the only splashes at SPLASH will be in the pool.



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Community tears for Heather Wilkinson

WITH the rain tumbling down on the roof of the Korumburra Recreation Centre last Wednesday, October 4, just as it did for the memorial service for Don and Gail Patterson a month earlier, the strains of James Taylor's "You've got a friend" drifted out, one of the late Heather Wilkinson's favourite songs.

More than 400 people had filled the community centre for the second outpouring of grief, for another of the victims of the tragic case of food poisoning, at a family lunch, in Leongatha in July.

Among them were Heather's husband, Pastor Ian Wilkinson, who walked into the centre, with the aid of a walking frame, only 10 days after being released from hospital following his own near-death experience with poisoning.

He remained in the foyer for more than half-an-hour after the service to greet friends, comfort others and accept their condolences.

Images of Heather in her early years and later, with family and friends flashed up on a screen out front while glowing tributes were delivered in memory of a Korumburra teacher, mother, grandmother and friend who made a real difference in the lives of many, especially in the local community.

"Heather led a life of service, caring for others with a very gracious heart," said Dr Graham Toohill at the end.

Earlier, a lifelong friend of Heather's, another Heather, Heather Dunning, said her friend was a person in whom "the spirit of God was always evident; peaceful, grateful, calm, joyful... and that it overflowed to enrich our lives".

"There is so much about Heather's life that we can celebrate," she said.

Next followed a eulogy by her son David Wilkinson supported by his brother-in-law Brad.

Heather, he said, was born at East Melbourne on October 20, 1956, the third daughter of Ted and Esma Young, and a little sister for Gail and Lynn.

Describing how his mother's "bright and energetic character contributed to her wonderful ability to make friends", he said the Youngs initially lived above the family menswear shop before moving to a house in Hughesdale "where the sisters enjoyed reading imaginative stories like the Magic Faraway Tree, or comics, doing jigsaws, playing cards, or doing puzzles, looking after the chooks and learning how to do cake decorating, all of which mum continued to enjoy



More than 400 people turned out in Korumburra last Wednesday for the second memorial service for victims of the mushroom poisoning incident at Leongatha in July, celebrating the life of Heather Wilkinson.

throughout her life".

"Despite being an outdoorsy kind of kid, mum also enjoyed watching TV; her love of Zorro, the Lone Ranger, Shintaro the Samurai, Tonbe the Mist a ninja series, tapped into her sense of adventure and imagination and informed much of her play with friends..."

"Much of life centred around the Hughesdale Congregational Church, where mum attended Sunday School during her primary years and as she grew, took part in church worship, concerts, church social activities and sporting events."

He said that "significantly this was the place where the Young family first met the Patterson family, a connection that would prove important not only in friendship and family but also in her faith."

He said his mother's decision to follow the way of Jesus Christ in her teenage years was the pivotal event of her life.

After leaving school at the end of form five, she worked in retail, at the Gas and Fuel Corporation, then as a laboratory assistant at Peters' Ice Cream where the opportunity to taste the product as part of the job wasn't the only benefit. It was here that she met her future husband, Ian. They were married in 1979 and honeymooned in Botswana where sister Gail and brother-in-law Don Patterson were involved in missionary work.

Four children arrived; David, Luke, Ruth and Elizabeth, two on either side of the couple's move to Korumburra.

He said his mother and father

were convinced of the important role mothers played in the family and in community, and Heather remained committed to that until she could take up work again after the children finished school.

His mother, he said, had developed a great love for music and in private she was an excellent whistler who seemed to have internal music in her always. She had piano lessons at a young age, later playing recorder and violin.

"She enjoyed singing and harmonising alto lines while listening to her mum, our gran, singing in choirs, including Handel's Messiah which they both always loved and singing hymns in the kitchen and also at church." She also enjoyed listening to records and going to concerts, two of the most memorable being the Rolling Stones and Creedence Clearwater Revival.

It was a life skill she passed on to her children who all played instruments in the college bands.

"She was patient, kind, loved to laugh, creative in play, encouraged adventure, was unflappable, well-organised, uncompromising but full of grace, forceful, faithful, welcoming to visitors, and neat; a wonderful mother and readily deployed those skills as a grandmother."

David said his mother always took a keen interest in the proper use of the English language, a fascination that Heather turned into a commitment to supporting the education and development of others, initially as one of the first Learning Assistance Program (LAP) volunteers at the Korumburra Secondary College, then an integration aide and finally a

teacher of English for new arrivals to Australia, putting herself through a Diploma of Education along the way.

Next followed a recording of tributes from her grandchildren: For the children, it was all about how they loved spending time with Grandma.

"Grandma was always heaps of fun, good at sewing, good at cooking, so kind, gentle and loving," said one.

"Creative, fun and always smiling, and with plenty of things for us kids to do. We were never bored when grandma was around."

"I will always remember the creativity, the joy and having a laugh. We made a book together and a newspaper to send to our cousins."

Principal at the Korumburra Secondary College for 10 years during Heather's tenure at the school, Peter Biggins, also spoke, attesting to the profound difference Heather made in the lives of many students at the school who may have had learning, behavioural or social issues holding them back.

"She was instrumental in attracting more parents to volunteer for the Learning Assistance Program, by praising its successes, with the result that many students were assisted, not only to improve their literacy and numeracy skills, but also by understanding that other people in the community cared about them and their future."

Mr Biggins said the LAP program also made a difference in the lives of the parents who volunteered their time to the program.



The late Heather Wilkinson when she married her husband of 44 years, Ian.

He gave several examples where Heather helped students having significant difficulties with learning and also with friendships and fitting in at school.

He said she had a natural ability to find a way through, to help students understand and learn, where a solution hadn't previously presented itself.

Heather continued with these skills when she took on the role at Milpara House, teaching recent arrivals to Australia and others who had English as their second language, to improve their reading, writing and conversation.

It was a role she was working at right up until her untimely death on Friday, August 8 this year.

A selection of hymns including 'Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus' and 'Great is Thy Faithfulness' rounded out a moving service.

While the memorial service for Heather's sister Gail and her husband Don Patterson was held on Thursday, August 31, Heather's was delayed by the family until their father, Ian, returned home from hospital.

The family thanked those who attended, the community for its support, the Korumburra Baptist congregations for their prayers, the hospitals at Leongatha, Dandenong and the Alfred for their care, local police, members of the Koringal Women's Service Club and all those who had helped the family at this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers mourners and friends of Heather Wilkinson are invited to make a donation in support of the work of the Galmi Hospital in Niger West Africa (through SIMaid Ltd) via the my-cause crowd funding website.

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Honouring our heroes

DEAR Veterans of the Bass Coast and South Gippsland,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. Today, we wish to take a moment to express our utmost respect and gratitude for your unwavering dedication and sacrifice in serving our nation. Your commitment to protecting our values and ensuring our safety is truly remarkable, and it is an honour to have brave individuals like you within our community.

As we continue to forge ahead, it is crucial that we come together to provide the support and assistance that our veterans and their families deserve. The local branch of the Returned and Services League (RSL) has been an instrumental pillar in our community, striving to improve the lives of veterans and ensuring their voices are heard.

By being part of your local RSL, you not only connect with a network of like-minded individuals who share your experiences, but you also gain access to a plethora of resources to support you and your loved ones. From education and advocacy to welfare assistance and mental health programs, the RSL is dedicated to serving your needs and enriching the lives of veterans.

We understand that transitioning back to civilian life can often pose challenges, and the RSL is there to lend a helping hand during this adjustment period. Their support is not limited to the individual veteran alone, as they extend their care and assistance to your families as well. Together, we can ensure that no veteran or their family member is left behind.

Moreover, the vitality and strength of the RSL rely on the active involvement of the veteran community. By joining your local RSL, you contribute to the collective voice of our veterans, strengthening their advocacy efforts and ensuring that veteran support remains a top priority within our society.

The RSL is not just an organisation; it is a community that offers camaraderie, understanding, and a platform for your voice to be heard. Your unique experiences and perspectives are invaluable assets that can shape the future of veteran support programs, policies, and initiatives.

We encourage you to contact your local RSL and explore the benefits of membership. Sub Branches exist in Fish Creek, Foster, Inverloch, Korumburra, Leongatha, Mirboo North, Phillip Island, Toora and Wonthaggi. Together, let us build a stronger RSL that provides unwavering support to veterans and their families, ensuring that your sacrifices are acknowledged and respected.

Thank you once again for your service, and we wish you nothing but happiness, prosperity, and a strong connection within your local RSL community.

Warm regards,
Lindsay Guerin Region 10 Executive manager

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Exciting plans revealed for iconic Dinosaurs Trail

VISUAL plans for the \$18 million first phase of the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail have been revealed, showcasing an interactive experience that celebrates the area's fascinating prehistoric past and promises to take local landmarks to the global stage.

Bass Coast Shire Council detailed the creative design plans for the phase one of the unique experience that spans six creative sites including San Remo, Kilcunda, Wonthaggi, The Caves, Eagles Nest, and Inverloch, plus a digital overlay. These sites pay homage to the special environment inhabited by Victoria's polar dinosaurs 125 million years ago.

Using sophisticated technology, the site-specific experiences incorporate sensors, LED lighting and full-body tracking, as well as immersive 3D animations, audio-visual interaction and a digital field guide to deliver a world-class narrative of discovery and exploration.

The sites also feature sculptures, hectares of gardens and a world-class adventure playground.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Michael Whelan said the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail interacts with the State Government's Yallock Bullock Access and Infrastructure Plan and would allow visitors to experience first-hand the incredible history that existed in the region.

"The Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail is a game changer for tourism across our region," Cr Whelan said. "Never before has there been such an exciting and unique tourism experience in regional Victoria that captures our prehistoric dinosaurs, which date back more than 125 million years."

"The Dinosaurs Trail will reinforce Bass Coast as a sustainable year-round tourism destination and provide an unparalleled attraction that draws upon the region's heritage while connecting the next generation with science and education."

"Not only will this project be a unique addition to our tourism offerings, but it will support more than 400 jobs and significantly contribute to



Entry zone of Gondwana Garden in Graham Street, Wonthaggi.



San Remo - The Time Machine.



The Caves site with characters.

local tourism and expenditure in the region," he said.

"Estimates show that opening visitor sites in 2026 would increase annual tourist numbers by up to 20 per cent, with forecasts of new visitation of almost 100,000 people a year by 2035, which will make a significant impact on our local economy."

The six sites include a Time Machine sculpture at San Remo that replicates DNA at 25 billion-times larger than life. A spiral staircase provides a vantage of the ever-widening valley that separates Australia and Antarctica where polar dinosaurs once

roamed.

There is a Village Green gathering place at Kilcunda with a life-sized dinosaur inspired fence, and upgraded amenities including shelters, beach showers and barbecues.

A new seven hectare Gondwana Garden in Graham Street, Wonthaggi will take visitors on a journey from the beginning of Gondwanaland to its separation into continents and islands. The centrepiece of Gondwana Garden will be a community meeting and events space – The Crater – which will be home to special projection shows at night.

An auditory adventure awaits at Eagles Nest, the site of Australia's first dinosaur fossil discovery. The trail will combine immersive musical composition and compelling poetry to transport visitors back to the Cretaceous period, while The Caves will host Pocket Palaeontologists, teaching visitors about real-life dinosaur hunters through animated characters voiced by the very scientists who have studied the area for years.

The trail will culminate in the Dino Hunters Playground at Inverloch, a combined adventure playground, art installation, outdoor learning space and hands-on exhibition.

Dinosaur Dreaming dig coordinator Lesley Kool, who has painstakingly searched for precious polar dinosaur fossils for almost 40 years, said the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail would be a tourism boon for the region and a welcome learning tool for generations to come.

"The Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail is an incredible opportunity to put this impressive history on a global stage and acknowledge the dedicated research that has happened here for the past four decades, largely by volunteers who do it purely for the love and thrill of it," Mrs Kool said.

"The Bass Coast is the only place where the early Cretaceous rocks are exposed of that age. All the rocks from San Remo to Inverloch have been dated at about 126 million years – and at that time Australia was very firmly attached to Antarctica and was the very last remnant of Gondwana."

"Many people aren't even aware that dinosaurs existed here so the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail will highlight just how special the South Coast of Victoria really is."

The concept still requires high level funding support, with Council now investigating partnership opportunities to help bring the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail to life.

Planning is also underway for a future second phase of the project, which includes the Inverloch Cultural Discovery Centre.



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Managing children's digital use

PARENTS are spending considerable amounts of energy thinking about and mitigating the risks associated with their kids using mobile phones and the internet.

The impacts of too much screen time on children's physical and mental health, development and education are common concerns among parents.

New research by the University of South Australia suggests that mums in particular are experiencing a "relentless and intense" mental load linked to their children's digital use.

UniSA researcher Dr Fae Heaselgrave calls this additional burden "digital care work", which involves mothers monitoring their children's digital activity, familiarising themselves with social media platforms and coming up with strategies to manage their kids' media use.

"At a societal level, we already know that the use of mobile phones, laptops, and computers in the home is more prevalent than ever. Families in Australia own on average almost eight digital devices, with children owning up to three devices each," she says.

"What we don't know as much about is the effect children's digital media use has on a mother's role. Digital care work – which is an extension of the wider unpaid care role mothers provide in the home – is more often the domain of women, as mothers tend to be the primary caregiver.

"This means the increased use of digital devices is having a bigger impact on mums in terms of demanding more time, energy and mental and cognitive work, which can also affect their career choices and paid work patterns."

In a series of interviews with Adelaide mothers of children aged 9 to 16, Dr Heaselgrave found that digital care work intensifies modern mothering by requiring an additional investment of time and energy to monitor children's digital media use.

Some mothers remarked that digital homework, which requires use of tablets or laptops rather than traditional pens, paper and textbooks, can make it difficult to set rules or guidelines around media use because children need to use a device to complete school-related work.

"The fact that devices also provide many sources of distraction, including those for entertainment and social interactivity, adds another layer of complexity to digital care", Dr Heaselgrave says.

Dr Heaselgrave says the research found the range of digital care work is intense, constant and unyielding, and can take a physical and emotional toll.

"This intensity might explain why some mums encourage children to use digital media, so they themselves can take a break."

As Anita, one of the mothers in the study, put it, "sometimes you take the easy option and let them use the iPad because you just want to sit down and go 'eugh!' for five minutes".

Ever thought about cyber security?

This story was written by Josh Baker and has been edited due to space.

CYBER Security is all about wearing a hoodie, hacking and coding, right? Yeah, I was wrong too. I'm studying a Graduate Certificate in Cyber Security, with the intention of progressing into a Masters of Cyber Security.

While working as a Senior project manager, I stumbled into running a project to align an organisation with the ISO 27001 standards, which are the cyber security standards recognised around the world. These standards can be challenging to meet and obtain for a small – medium organisation. Without anyone internally who had a firm understanding of the true requirements for this task, I needed to contract a third party.

This served its purpose, however I felt very reliant on what they said and had no real or effective way to challenge or confirm if what they recommended was actually the best fit.

From here I wondered what a career in the space could look like and how the project management skills I have could assist. The course has been fantastic, however studying in isolation was challenging, which is where I found a town just 10 minutes away (Wonthaggi) has a Countries University Campus!

Since enrolling, I frequently



Josh Baker has loved the facilities provided at Bass Coast CUC while studying a Graduate Certificate in Cyber Security.

dedicate my evenings after work to enjoy some quiet and focused time at CUC; and the ability to complete proctored exams, have access to all the tools (excellent internet, great computers and technology) has motivated me and made the experience even better.

You may have heard a lot of talk about Cyber Security of late with various data breaches, personal information being published on the dark web or just someone you know who's been caught up in a scam! Well, in regional and remote areas access to quality cyber security professionals is far and few. This means many small or medium business and

NGOs often don't have the means to deploy cyber safe practices or have an understanding of the importance behind it.

What does all of this mean for a future career? Well it means there are plenty of options and already based in a regional area provides a unique perspective to the challenges faced. The sector is expanding in a significant way and with demand for cyber security professionals through the roof, it's been a great journey to the next phase of my career.

In addition, a career in cyber security can provide job opportunities and economic benefits to regional and remote areas, as businesses and organisations

require cybersecurity professionals to protect their systems and data.

My experience in the workforce and education have varied, however I've continued to be drawn to technology and the vast impacts it has on everyday lives.

After a successful project (to relocate 100 residents) and many happy residents in new homes, I embarked on my biggest challenge to date, leading a not-for-profit to become compliant against the Australian Governments Information Security Manual (ISM) and the ISO27001 standards for cyber security.

This project provided a new found love for the complex and challenging Cyber Security space. This study truly has been made possible thanks to the work for the Country University Campus in Bass Coast, a campus that a number of years ago I sat on a round table discussing how it could benefit the region and the need for such a facility.

Cyber Security might seem like a big cloud of mystery and a little overwhelming, however you can take simple steps to reduce the risk of your data being compromised and the first step you can take is a strong password you can remember. If you love Chocolate and Coldplay the band, you might create something like 'Ch0c0late&C0ldPlayR0ck!' is a great place to start.



Struggling in the digital landscape – head to your nearest participating Myli Library where the team will empower you to participate safely in the online world.

Join Myli for Get Online Week

MYLI - My Community Library is proud to announce its participation in the annual Get Online Week (GOLW) campaign for the fourth consecutive year. Get Online Week is an initiative organised by Good Things Foundation, aimed at bridging the digital divide, particularly among individuals aged 50 and above. The campaign seeks to empower everyone with the skills and knowledge needed to participate safely in the online world.

Taking place from October 16 to 22, Get Online Week provides an excellent opportunity for Myli patrons to receive assistance and support in getting online with branches actively participating including Inverloch, Korumburra, Leongatha, Mirboo North, Pakenham, Warragul, and Wonthaggi.

Whether it's learning how to use a computer, accessing online resources, or simply getting more comfortable with technology, Myli Libraries will be there to help!

Leanne Williams, Myli CEO, expressed her enthusiasm for the continued participation of Myli Library branches in Get Online Week.

"We are thrilled to be part of this important initiative once again," said Leanne.

"For some of our branches, GOLW has become an annual tradition, while for others, it's their first time participating. Regardless, our commitment to helping people with their tech questions remains unwavering. During Get Online Week, thanks to the grants received from the Good Things Foundation, we can offer even more support and assistance."

In addition to increased staffing levels, Myli Library branches will host various events and activities throughout Get Online Week.

For more information about Get Online Week activities and schedules at Myli, please visit or phone your local library branch, or phone 1800 44 6954, or visit our Events page myli.au/GOLW2023

Beat the scammers!! with help from Citizens Advice Bureau

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.

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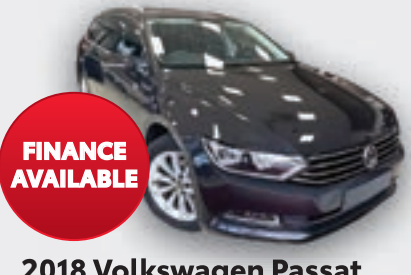
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Children and their families are encouraged to learn about protecting their environment by joining the Biosecurity Quest.

Get set for the Biosecurity Quest

A FUN new citizen science campaign is underway, encouraging children and families to play their part protecting Victoria's precious environment and agriculture.

Biosecurity Victoria executive director Katherine Clift said the Great Biosecurity Quest is about protecting what we value most by preventing and managing harm caused by pests and diseases.

"In Victoria, we have a beautiful natural environment and a thriving agriculture industry, and we all have a responsibility to protect them," she said.

"You can become a Watchout Warrior by keeping an eye out for potential risks during October and together we can work to reduce the threat of diseases and pests in Victoria."

Participants can download or print Agriculture Victoria's new citizen science toolkit and keep an eye out for some of the state's highest plant and pest risks.

"Grab your magnifying glass, take your toolkit and see what you can find," Dr Clift said.

"This is a great way for children and families to get outside – whether it be in a backyard, park or garden.

"If you find an unusual plant, pest or disease you think we should know about, you can make a report via our website."

As well as the benefits of getting out in nature, two lucky Watchout Warriors will take home an iPad Mini – one for answering a citizen science question and the other for naming Agriculture Victoria's mascot.

The Great Biodiversity Quest runs from October 9 to 22.

Learn how to join via the Agriculture Victoria website agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurityquest.

Márquez to lead homecoming ride

MOTOGP™ superstar Marc Márquez will lead fans on the ride across the iconic San Remo bridge to the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit for the second annual Homecoming Ride.

On Wednesday, October 18, up to 500 fans on motorcycles will meet in San Remo and ride to the circuit, completing a lap before finishing on the main straight.

The Homecoming Ride welcomes back MotoGP™ to Australian shores ahead of the gates opening for the MotoGP™ Guru by Gryfyn Australian Grand Prix on Friday, October 20.

The 2023 Homecoming Ride will start at the Marine Parade Car Park, San Remo, where motorcycles will be checked in and scrutineered before a Q&A session with the MotoGP™ riders.

Márquez is looking forward to joining MotoGP™ fans as they ride to the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

"I am really looking forward to getting on the road with all of the Australian GP fans before the race this year. Phillip Island is a really fun race, and the Australian fans have a unique character that I enjoy a lot, it's always nice to meet them and speak with them about the sport. See you on The Island!"

Limited spaces for the Homecoming Ride are still available – visit motogp.com.au/event/homecoming-ride.

High Tea at Headspace

WONTHAGGI Headspace took the opportunity to put on a free event for the community with a high tea party to celebrate National Headspace Day on Wednesday October 10.

"We wanted to open up our centre, get people involved and spend some time with our staff and meet other members of the community," said Harriet Nunan, Community Engagement Officer for Headspace.

Holding a High Tea event was the idea of the organisations youth advisory group (YAG) who regularly give staff insight into what local youth want and need.

"They are the beating drum of the centre, we lean off any advice from them," said Harriet.

Holding the event in the foyer of Wonthaggi Headspace was also a chance for people to check out Headspace in a friendly, inviting and casual way.

"People that are already experiencing mental health problems find that coming through the doors of Headspace can be quite frightening," explained Harriet.

"Despite how much colour we put out there and our beautiful, friendly faces at reception and whatnot, it's a daunting experience."

The YAG and another LGBTQIA+ advisory group called Amplify, meet weekly with Headspace to give feed-



Wonthaggi Headspace hosted a High Tea party to celebrate National Headspace Day last Wednesday. ob05_4123

back, discuss ideas and pitch for events they'd like to see happen locally.

Amplify will be putting on an event in four weeks, where community elders will come together on a panel and talk about their gender and transgender experiences.

"It's all a means to remove that stigma around trans' and try to promote some in-house education so that we can better support the youth that are

experiencing some of those things," said Harriet.

The YAG have also been giving feedback about the need for more disability advocacy. In this vein Headspace are looking to collaborate with Maxima – a not-for-profit disability employment service, as well as host disability advocacy events and teach sign language to staff in the office, to make the service more openly accessible for everyone.

In the meantime many from the community were enjoying the high tea event and the lovely sandwiches, sausage rolls and quiches made by The Wander Lust Chefs and the green Headspace coloured muffins from The Muffin Lady.

"Nothing's better than having a cup of tea and sandwich with some new people and breaking bread, if you will, with the community," said Harriet.

Escabags for family violence victims

AFTER a customer, who was in hiding as a result of being a victim of domestic violence went into the Cowes Community Bank, Leonie Brown decided to help.

"She had nothing, and a young child," explained Leonie.

Leonie had seen some advertising about the Escape Bags and ordered four for each of the Bass Coast branches – San Remo, Cowes and Grantville.

Escabags provide essential items for women and their children who are fleeing their home to escape violent and abusive partners and dangerous situations.

The 'Escape Bags' provide two variations, a 'Parent and Child' and a 'Single Adult' pack and are non-gender specific.

A range of toiletries, sanitary items, tea, notepad and pen, and useful information is provided while children's bags are also supplied with nappies, muslin clothes and teddy bears.

Leonie explained that women who are escaping family violence will often need to approach the bank to change their address or order new cards or change their bank account, and this provides a good chance for staff to offer an Escabag.

Since having the bags in stock and doing a little advertising, the Grantville branch has given out all of their packs, proving them to be a useful and needed item.

"It's obviously a great cause and being a part of the community, we want to help out, whoever we can, wherever



Matilda Carter, Leah Atherton and Kim Grinham from the Grantville Community Bank provide Escabags to help out victims of family violence.

we can," said Leah Atherton from the Grantville branch.

"The situation that people come in for (to get the bags) is hard, so it's nice that they can come in, no questions asked. We're just here to help support whoever we can."

According to recent data released by Gippsland Women's Health (GWH), in real terms, 800 women across Bass Coast and 600 women across South Gippsland are victims of family violence.

Of 79 Victorian Local Government Areas (LGAs) Bass Coast ranked 16th for reports

of family violence and South Gippsland ranked 25th, according to Vic Crime reporting rates for 2022.

A victim spoke about her experiences with family violence, as detailed in GWHs recent report.

"You learn to know when to shut up – if you haven't had any experience with family violence you don't always appreciate what a dangerous situation it is and can be."

Leonie explained that any organisation can be involved in supplying the Escabags, and it doesn't cost anything

for the business.

"You get a poster that you put in the window, so people are aware that you do have the bags. There's some information in there too, around some helpful phone numbers that you can call and organisations that can be of assistance as well."

To find the nearest Escabag stockist, go to: escabags.org/escabags-stockists or call 1800 015 188 for 24/7 confidential crisis support, information and accommodation or email: safesteps@safesteps.org.au.



Lisa Churchward and Archie, Sarah Prime and Oddball, Leanne Turner and Ruby, Daniel Waide and Dolly at the Dog Snake Avoidance Training.

Training dogs to avoid snakes

WITH the weather warming up more snakes are venturing out of hibernation; local dog owners are keen for their canine friends to stay away from the slithering reptiles.

Attending a Dog Snake Avoidance Training held on Saturday at the Mirboo Recreation Reserve, dog owners were keen to condition their pets to avoid snakes instead of attacking them and potentially getting fatally bitten.

Using four different types of venomous snakes, most common to South Gippsland, including the Eastern Brown, Lowland Copperhead, Tiger and Red Belly Black Snake, dogs are trained in one afternoon.

The Reptile Man, Raymond Hoser began the program a few years ago and uses snakes that have been devenomised, so no harm can come to the dogs or humans handling them.

Raymond's daughter Ade-lyne Hoser, Snake Handler and Victorian Dog Trainer, Daniel Mannix, were carrying out the training.

With overcast, hazy skies and mild conditions, it was a perfect day for the training, as the snakes are less active when it's

not too hot, as a Tiger snake lay on the cricket pitch in the middle of the oval.

Daniel accompanies the owner and pet out onto the oval and the dog is free to run around until it comes across the snake.

According to Ade-lyne, hunting dogs usually find the snake quite quickly, while pugs with their poor sense of smell usually have a harder time.

Once the dog is literally touching the snake, they receive a quick zap from a collar that has been placed on them.

Some dogs yelp and others jump up in the air, but all dart away. While it seems somewhat cruel, Ade-lyne comments that it is better than the alternative, which could be a fatal injury.

All the dogs are exposed to all four of the snakes separately, in a variety of environments, as they each have different smells and the dog is subsequently trained to avoid each of the snakes, according to smell.

Sarah Prime brought her dog Oddball to the training as he once brought an Eastern Brown snake into their living room – as a gift – and she doesn't really want another gift like that.



Ade-lyne Hoser holds two Lowland copperheads and two Eastern Brown snakes, all are devenomised so no harm comes to the dogs in training or humans handling the snakes.

Be aware!! It is already a snakey season

WITH THE recent sunshine and warmer spring days snakes are coming out of hibernation to bask in the sun, search for food and find a mate.

As people are also getting outside to enjoy the warmer weather, their paths may be more likely to cross that of a snake.

After almost a decade of considering becoming a professional snake catcher, an opportunity for Jake Condotta aka Jake the Snake Catcher arose last year when the local snake catcher moved out of the area; prompting Jake to do the course, get his licence and permits to start catching professionally.

"Last season was my first season. It got busy pretty quickly, but this season is already busier."

Jake caught 80 to 100

snakes last season and has re-located 27 snakes in the past six weeks.

Since he was a kid, Jake has loved the bush and had an interest in snakes and reptiles and was spurred on by watching Steve Irwin.

"I started doing it (catching snakes) when I was younger, probably when I shouldn't have been, bringing Red Bel- lied Blacks home and things like that. Mum was always pretty stressed about it."

While Jake sees a variety of snakes, including Eastern Browns and Red Bellied Black snakes, the most common are Tiger and Lowland Copperheads, all of which are highly venomous.

Jake covers from Lang Lang to Wonthaggi and surrounding areas, with the majority of calls coming from Loch and Poowong.

Places with natural and abundant sources of water, and those in back yards including fishponds, dog bowls, and leaking taps attract snakes.

"Snake love water, because if they've got something to drink, they've got rats and mice coming into the water to drink. They've got frogs everywhere and that sort of thing."

Jake picks the snakes up by the tail and guides them with a hook, into a bag, which goes into a locked box on his ute.

The snakes are then re-located to bushland or reserves away from public areas.

"I didn't realise how many snakes have so many different personalities. Every time I go somewhere the snakes act completely different," Jake said.

Snakes will become aggressive if they've been cornered or if they're being harassed

by pets or magpies, because they're trying to defend themselves.

They are generally shy and prefer to keep away from people and hence, snake bites are fairly rare.

"The biggest thing is, you've got to respect what they're doing and try to read their body language," Jake explained.

Snakes can move and hide quickly, and Jake commented that the best thing people can do once they've placed a call to a snake catcher is keep an eye on it from at least five metres away, and if it takes off into a paddock, let it go.

Jake also advised clipping the bottom of shrubs, avoiding mass planting next to the house, keeping lawns short and remaining aware that snakes are attracted to piles of rocks, timber, building materials and water.



With low light pollution the dark skies of the Bass Coast are the perfect place to take see and take some of those stunningly clear night sky images with the Island Astronomy Association.

Discover the night skies

THE NIGHT skies hold many mysteries, with thousands of stars making up the milky way, planets with multiple rings and moons, black holes and craters on earth's own moon.

"I like to just look at things like Jupiter, which is in the sky at the moment. People look at this funny bright star and think, 'what the hell's that'. But if you looked at it through a telescope or even binoculars, you'd see its Jupiter and its four moons."

Bob Wolstenholme is the President of the Island Astronomy Association Inc. He got hooked on astronomy a few years ago.

"I bought a telescope, only an average scope. I got it out and I just happened to find Saturn and I could see the rings around Saturn and also the moon Titan - it was just awesome."

The Association has been running for a few years and meet each Wednesday night for a range of astronomy and cosmology activities and to hear from knowledgeable speakers.

Local members with a love of all things in the galaxy cover a range of topics from how hot the sun is and how far away we are, black holes, what are they and why they're there, can we live on the moon and what it takes to live on the moon, to Jupiter, Saturn, Mars and Venus, and last week, member Andy Stavros gave a talk on his visit to NASA.

Astrophotography is high on the Phillip Island club's list and with low light pollution the dark skies of the Bass Coast are the perfect place to take see and take some of those stunningly clear night sky images.

Members of the Association experienced in astrophotography are willing guide and teach others how to take perfect pictures.

The club own two new deep sky telescopes bought from community grants, that members can use and borrow to star gaze and learn about constellations, planets and moons.

Members can also learn how to use their own telescopes properly to get the best vision of the night sky.

They can also see how new, digital scopes work and discover how they can find a planet at the touch of a button, from the other keen star gazing members.

The Association is happy to welcome new members and encourages learning and discovery. To find out more get in touch with Bob Wolstenholme on 0412 271 887.



Annie Sargo and Kerry with Marty Thomas, host of the biggest and most colourful Marty Gras which will be held in Meeniyan this October.

Meeniyan Marty Gras this October

THE BIGGEST and most colourful annual fundraising party, Meeniyan Marty Gras, will be celebrated this October. Marty Thomas – owner of Moo’s at Meeniyan will be hosting the fourth event of its kind, this time bringing glamour and glitz from three drag queens. RuPaul’s Drag Race Downunder contestant Aubrey Haive, her partner in crime Gloss, and Xena Ghost are set to entertain the crowd.

Local DJ Golden Fleece, the Gippsland Queer Choir, and It’s no drama inclusive theatre ensemble will also be performing. “It is just the most fantastic inclusive night. There’s a real mix of locals and Melbournites. It’s represented really well by a good mix of the community, which is what’s so beautiful about it. Everybody comes together – there’s no judgement and it’s very fun,” said Marty.

Outrageous and colourful outfits are required, embracing the theme behind Marty Gras’ namesake event. Marty Gras began in 2018 to mark the 50th birthdays of Marty and his close friend Kym and the pair celebrated with over 200 of their nearest and dearest, at the Meeniyan Hall.

“It was such a hit, everybody enjoyed it and we were asked to make it a bit of an annual event,” said Marty. The event is held to raise much needed funds for two initiatives dear to Marty’s heart -Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA) in Cambodia, and Gippsland Pride Initiative Inc. ODA provides education and a diverse range of opportunities to over 1450 disadvantaged children across eight outlying villages of Siem Reap. Gippsland Pride Initiative Inc exists to connect, celebrate and represent LG-BTQI+ Gippslanders, encouraging visibility, engagement, and awareness.

Meeniyan Red Cross will be providing catering and there will be prizes for the best dressed attendees, plus raffles and auctions, with items generously donated by local businesses. “I can’t wait to get on that dancefloor again with everyone, and do good while having a blast,” Marty declared. A Drag Trivia Night will also be held at Moo’s on Friday October 27, hosted by the fabulous and fun Aubrey Haive with multiple rounds of trivia over a casual dinner. “We’re trying to make a little bit of a weekend of it, to encourage people to come for the weekend and stay in Meeniyan,” said Marty, who hopes to extend it out to the Sunday in coming years. For more information and to book for the trivia night, call Moo’s on 5664 0010. Tickets for Marty Gras can be purchased from trybooking.com/CLOVG and will be held at Meeniyan Town Hall from 7.30pm on Saturday October 28.

Kardella South Hall site gets a makeover

By Barry Phillips

PAST and present Kardella South residents have been busy over recent months updating the old hall site on the South Gippsland Highway, located roughly halfway between Leongatha and Korumburra. It all started after the 2022 Kardella South reunion, when a small committee decided to freshen up the site. Nancye Harley got the ball rolling by writing to the South Gippsland Shire Council arranging an on-site meeting. At the meeting, it was agreed upon for the Council to remove the existing flower bed and wooden border and replace the area with a low maintenance lawn. The old stump behind the monument rock also desperately needed to be removed.

This was a particularly sad outcome for Doug and Dorothy Boston, as they had generously maintained the garden bed’s flowers for an incredible 20 years, but unfortunately there were no hands raised to take on this voluntary role. Next it was decided, around the kitchen table at Nancye’s home in Korumburra, to create a new plaque explaining the history of Kardella South. After agreeing on the word-ing and design, it was off to



Fay Le Maitre and Nancye Harley, former residents, standing by the replaced Kardella South sign and newly installed plaque.

Parry’s Gifts of Korumburra to manufacture the plaque. Once created, Doug Boston and Les Eastman generously gave their time to attach the plaque to the monument rock at Kardella South. Barry Phillips arranged with the Shire, to replace the old worn-out Kardella South sign with a brand new one. Barry explained that the local community is very grateful of the Shire’s support, particularly Pam Derrick

and crew, in helping when needed and also mowing the small lawned area on a regular basis. On Monday October 2, 2023, a small gathering took place, on-site, to celebrate the unveiling of the new informative plaque. Fay Le Maitre donated a flowering gum in recognition of her family’s connection to Kardella South – the adjoining road to the site is named Le Maitres road.

A flowering gum, donated by Nancye Harley, was also planted to replace a similar gum which was unfortunately removed many years earlier when the highway was realigned. Nancye said, “All we need now is rain!”. It seems Nancye got her wish and some. A big ‘thank you’ goes out to all those who kindly contributed their valuable time in order to complete this small but satisfying project.

Beware the ghouls at Coal Creek this Halloween

A SPOOKY but fun family evening is planned for ‘Ghoul Creek’, Coal Creek’s Halloween identity, with the chance for youngsters to enjoy trick or treating in a safe environment on Tuesday October 31. “We’re going back to the original traditions Halloween came from, which was All Hallow’s Eve,” Korumburra Lions Club president Roger Powell said. The event is designed for those aged under 12. While free to attend, registration is essential as numbers are limited and attendees must have a ticket. Kids will get a map on arrival, outlining the trick or treat trail to follow, with various stores operating as treat stations manned by members of community groups who are set to dress for the occasion. The trick or treat stations will create an appropriate mood, with the use of smoke effects, lighting and jack-o’-lanterns. The action will take place mainly at the top end of ‘Ghoul Creek’, down to the rotunda.

Those embarking on the trick or treat trail are encouraged to get into the spirit of the occasion. “We’re wanting people to dress up in their best Halloween gear,” Roger said. It’s the first time in a few years a Halloween event is being held at ‘Ghoul Creek’, with a change in format from the previous larger scale version that had an admission fee. Korumburra Lions Club and Coal Creek management have organised the Halloween event, but Roger explained that many others have contributed.



It’s back! Celebrate All Hallow’s Eve at Coal Creek with free entry and a wonderful night to be had. Tickets are limited. Photo by Paige Cody | Unsplash.

“The community groups have really got behind this,” he said. A number of groups have donated money towards the purchase of sweets, with South Gippsland Shire Council also contributing to that cause through its Small Grants program. Sausages in bread, soft drinks and chips will be available to purchase, with the local Lions and Rotary Clubs teaming up to provide catering. There will be a demonic DJ in the rotunda on the pond, with parents able to enjoy the occasion while kids play on the grassy area.

The fire and brimstone blacksmith will be making trinkets, and haunted cartoons can be viewed on a big screen in the Mechanics’ Hall. Roger outlined the history behind Halloween. “All Hallow’s Eve was the evening before All Saints Day, November 1, and it was declared as the day that the world we live in and the world of the spirits came together,” he said. “That’s the tradition of it, and the trick or treating is an Irish tradition, and you had to put treats out in the bottom of your garden or the fairies would play nasty tricks on you.”

Those setting out on the trick or treat trail can expect to learn the association between Halloween, goblins, ghouls and pumpkins. Roger stressed that while there will be a spooky element to the evening it won’t be too scary, ensuring participants still get a good night’s sleep unless the sugar intake keeps them awake. The fun starts at 4.30pm and runs until 7.30pm, with no alcohol permitted. Free bookings must be made through Eventbrite, with a link provided on the Coal Creek Community Park and Museum Facebook page.

Spring Show is almost here

IT'S hard to believe Welshpool and District Horticultural Society's 63rd Spring Show is just weeks away.

Preparations are well underway, and gardens are being tended in the hope that blooms and produce will be in optimum condition for showing.

The 63rd Spring Show will be held on Friday, November 3, from 1.30pm to 5pm, and Saturday, November 4, from 10am to 4pm at the Welshpool Memorial Hall.

The theme of the show is 'Spring Fantasy' and the feature colour is purple.

Show schedules and programs are available from show secretaries Frances Grylls (0481 385 122) and Prue Fleming (0418 775 717) including digital copies.

The show has nine classes including 'Class G – Home Garden Produce'. This class gives exhibitors the opportunity to show produce they have cooked or treated to preserve for eating.

Long time club member Jan Gyles produces amazing prizewinning produce to enter in Class G.

Jan remembers growing up making jams and pickles with her mum and nan, the produce from Jan's father's veggie garden and any leftover produce from the fruit shop her mum worked in.

The family also went out picking blackberries in season and an uncle gave them onions for pickling.

Jan has continued with his principle in her adult life and now her children and grandchildren are enthusiastic produce makers and enter in the show.

Jan has some basic rules to follow when making jams and

marmalades for showing:

1. Before starting, select jars that are clean, odour free and have no label residue on them. Remove sticky label residue with Eucalyptus oil or "Orange Power" – a commercial product. Run the jars through the dishwasher. Choose jar size to suit the produce.

2. Select fruit that is not too ripe, as it sets better. Make to your own or a family recipe if you have one. Check the fruit has natural pectin, which helps the jam to set. If not, you may need to add lemon/citrus. Remove the lemon before the last bit of cooking time. Jan never uses commercial 'jam setter'.

3. While the jam is cooking, sterilise the jars. Make sure the jars are warm when filling with jam. Pour cooked jam into dry jars. Don't over fill or under fill the jars.

4. When the jam has cooled down, cover the jars. For showing, you need to use clear cellophane covers. The judges need to be able to see and taste the jam if necessary. Make sure the jam hasn't got any sign of mould. Ensure to label jars with produce variety and the date it was made.

5. If this is your first experience of jam making, choose a small amount of fruit. One kilogram is enough. Jellies are quite tricky to make so try jams first. Berry varieties are the easiest for success.

Please make sure you read the show schedule/program and follow the rules and guidelines for the relevant dates and timelines for exhibitors.

The Welshpool and District Horticultural Society look forward to seeing the regular show visits and welcoming new visitors to the Spring Show.



Welshpool and District Horticultural Society member Jan Gyles with her winning entries.



Examples of correctly presented entries for the Welshpool and District Horticultural Society Spring Show.



The Littlest Penguin. Written by Michelle Madden, and illustrated by Jedda Robaard.

A little penguin

CREATED in partnership with the Penguin Foundation and based on the amazing journey behind The Penguin Parade, including a non-fiction section with all you need to know about these wonderful little birds, The Littlest Penguin follows the ocean adventures of one of Phillip Island's penguins.

The Littlest Penguin is a treasure trove for young minds, offering not only a captivating story but also a window into the fascinating world of the penguin. With its unique blend of narrative and nonfiction, this book becomes more than just a tale — it's a companion for exploration and learning.

The adorable little penguins come waddling and tumbling out of the water and up the hill, back to their burrows on the island . . . But where have they been? What adventures did they have?

Join Little Penguin, Scruffy, Cheeky and Big Chick as they go out to sea for the very first time and learn everything you need to know about the real-life penguins along the way.

Beautifully illustrated on every page and packaged as a small gift-hardback format, this is as irresistible as the cuddly little birds the story is based on.

Honouring Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet

ONE of Australia's leading scientists of all time, Traralgon-born Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet will be memorialised at dinner and evening lecture in his hometown on October 18.

Organised by the Order of Australia Association, Gippsland Regional Group, the speaker this year will be Professor Miles Prince AM, an internationally recognised haematologist and professor of medicine at both Melbourne and Monash Universities.

Bookings available at orderofaustraliagippsland.org.

Nature journaling at Hoddle Flora Reserve

JOIN art tutor Melina and ecologist Peter at the Hoddle Flora Reserve for a morning of fun facts and nature sketching.

Peter will point out where to look for hidden gems of nature.

Melina (and her artist team) will guide us in recording observations in our journals.

Tree ferns and eucalypts guaranteed ... wildflowers, burrowing crayfish and koalas if the weather is right.

This free event is supported by Parks Vic through their Volunteering Innovations Fund.

When: 9am - 12pm, October 28 (back-up November 4 if the weather dictates!)

Where: Hoddle Range Flora Reserve (assembly point and details on registration).

What to bring: Sturdy footwear and clothes suitable for hiking through very steep terrain; hat and sunscreen; your own snacks and water.

Art materials: Supplied.

Fitness level: Moderate. The walk will be around 1.5km, but not on made walking tracks. We will be following animal trails on varying terrain, some quite steep.

Any questions, please contact Anda on 0409 180 346.

Register: via our website (promcoastecolink.org) or ParkConnect (parkconnect.vic.gov.au)

Platinum wedding anniversary for Wilma and Les

THE SEVENTY-YEAR union between Wilma and Les Coleman of Tarwin Lower proves the way to a man's heart really is through his stomach, with the couple celebrating their platinum wedding anniversary on Monday October 16.

They married at Caulfield Church of Christ in Bambra Road in 1953 on a very hot day, with Wilma's brother giving her away shortly after she turned 21.

The couple met through one of Les' mates who dated a girlfriend of Wilma.

At the time, Wilma lived in Clayton and Les in Caulfield.

With Les an avid dancer and Wilma unable to dance, he initially divided his time between outings with her and dancing with another girl.

"I used to dance on Tuesday and Thursday nights and take Wilma out the other nights," Les said.

However, Wilma's excellent cooking won his heart.

She said her big roasts were the key to making a positive impression.

Wilma was one of 19 children, taking on family cooking responsibilities when her mother passed away.

Les offered his insight into the reason Wilma had so many siblings.

"They didn't have any television," he quipped of her



Wilma and Les Coleman are celebrating 70 years of marriage on Monday. A01_4123

parents' era.

Attending the pictures three times a week became a favoured pastime for Wilma and Les and while they perhaps found more diversions than the previous generation, they still managed to have four children of their own, Jayne, Brian, Warren and Richard (Rick).

Wilma still takes pride in maintaining a tidy house, having also worked hard as a cleaner in other people's homes once the children grew up.

Les worked for Australian Paper Mills picking up waste-

paper in his truck.

It was his involvement in pigeon racing that led him and Wilma to the area in which they now live, with a chap in the pigeon club inviting them down in the 1960s.

That led them to purchase a holiday house in Venus Bay, eventually moving to their Tarwin Lower residence.

For some time, they spent half the year in South Gippsland and the rest in Queensland, with that organised around their commitment to Tarwin and District Bowls Club, making sure they were available during the season.



Les and Wilma Coleman enjoy their moment after marrying 70 years ago.

Wilma reflected on reaching 70 years of marriage.

"We seemed to work together pretty well," she said.

"I don't think we've had any arguments and we've more or less done everything together."

Asked whether they have really got through 70 years of marriage without an argument, Les was again quick off the mark.

"Not one I've lost," he said.

Les is 93, with Wilma having turned 91 on Sunday.

Happy anniversary to a couple who have kept their sense of humour.

What happens next?

IT'S Referendum Day this Saturday, October 14 and everyone has got to vote.

Most people have decided, for their own reasons, which way they are going to go.

But, one question remains: What happens next, regardless of whether you vote 'Yes' or 'No'?

If the 'Yes' vote gets up, we know the intention is to establish a body to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice that may make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

It will be up to the Parliament, we're told, to make laws with respect to Voice group, including its composition, functions, powers and procedures.

But what then?

Do we take it on trust that the government will get it right?

So far, they haven't exactly covered themselves in glory addressing the health, welfare and social issues faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

What happens if the 'No' vote gets up?

A government that wasn't playing politics on this, and a Prime Minister that wasn't looking for his Kevin Rudd sorry moment, would be able to tell us.

The fact is, that if it's the best strategy for addressing the pressing issues being faced by our First Nation's People, that a Voice advisory group be formed, to assist the government, then they should go ahead and set it up anyway, regardless of the outcome of the referendum.

If that ship has sailed, the government needs to redouble its efforts, in consultation with indigenous leaders, to make serious progress on the health, education, poverty, social housing and other issues impacting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

And yes or no, the \$364.6 million it has cost to fight this referendum would have made a good start.

Of course, the government does have one or two other pressing issues on its plate: Addressing climate change and implementing a sustainable and clean energy transition; ensuring health care, aged care and child-care are affordable, properly staffed and resourced; managing immigration and border security; supporting partnerships with our neighbours; and enhancing national security and defence capabilities; while fixing education, and funding infrastructure development.

The good news is that the vast majority of people in Australia already support recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia, which this whole question was supposed to be about.

Of benefit to who?

Looking for a reason to vote "yes" at the referendum I asked the Aboriginal person I know best what he thought. He replied the referendum is a huge waste of money and many Aborigines will be voting "no," fair enough.

So, if he sees no benefit to Aborigines, and I can't see any benefit to me should we be putting faith in this, or any future government that changing the constitution will be of benefit to anyone now or in the future?

Steve Finlay, Leongatha

Vox Pop

Would you say there is plenty of opportunity for careers in regional Victoria?



Natalie Aedy

Scope, San Remo

"There are plenty of opportunities for support staff working with NDIS participants, as well as customised employment for participants with a disability."



Veronica McLeod

Dairy Australia

"There is definitely career opportunity in dairy farming, with opportunity for farmers and staff to upskill. We provide support and help create careers in the industry."



Jo Dixon

Phillip Island

"Yes, absolutely. There is certainly opportunity in hospitality, health, and education, and there is always a chance to invest in your skills with further training."



Dianne Holbery

Phillip Island

Business Network

"Yes, there is a diverse range of employment available, and a variety of skills required. Upskilling is for anyone in any industry, you just have to take the opportunities."

Stolen poppies

INVERLOCH RSL Sub Branch enjoys outstanding support from the Inverloch Community. This support is seen as we conduct our commemorative services to mark the many sacrifices of those who have served.

One such memorial is the recently created RSL and Legacy Commemorative Garden at the Inverloch Cemetery. It was extremely disappointing then when some of the poppies we had planted for Remembrance Day had been lifted and no doubt planted somewhere else.

I know that Reverend Amy, our Sub Branch Padre', would seek that I do not wish any harm on those who have borrowed our poppies for their own use. And so, I do hope the traditional symbols of love and peace do prosper in the destination garden (well maybe an attack of hay fever).

LJ Guerin, Secretary Inverloch RSL Sub Branch

Fire preparation time is now

THIS year we are being warned that we face an intense bushfire season and the time for preparation is now.

In recent days we have seen fierce bushfires across Gippsland.

With the official start of summer still eight weeks away, it's a timely warning for all of us to refresh our fire survival plans and stay vigilant.

A combination of warm, dry weather and high fuel loads has prompted emergency authorities to put much of eastern Victoria on increased alert.

Despite a heavy rain forecast this week, both the Australasian Fire Authorities Council (AFAC) and the Bureau of Meteorology have warned that we will have the first dry spring since 2020 leading to an increased risk of fires earlier in the season.

These organisations do not issue these warnings lightly.

I encourage everyone to download the VicEmergency App from emergency.vic.gov.au, tune into emergency radio broadcasts if an event is live.

You can find your emergency broadcaster at emv.vic.gov.au/responsibilities/victorias-warning-system/emergency-broadcasters/official-emergency-broadcasters-in-victoria

Stay alert and informed, and have your bushfire plans updated and ready.

You can use resources such as the CFA website cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

and the Red Cross' Get Prepared app redcross.org.au/emergencies/prepare/get-prepared-app/ to help you develop your plan in advance.

Hopefully you won't need to use it.

Melina Bath, The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria

Our attitude must change

NEVER in the history of voting has a cause been pushed in my face more than the YES vote. Voting is a choice and suddenly as someone that had done all my research, all my reflecting and was confident on where my vote was leaning towards, I am not sure I want to vote either way. If we are talking about listening to the people, well, if we are hearing there is a NO vote campaign also out there and if we are listening, we should not be biased and listen to all the voices. I do not need to read or hear councils, organisations and individuals telling me that YES is the better vote, I am quite capable of making up my own mind and I know there will be a lot of confused people that are going to follow the voice that shouts loud.

I came to this country as an immigrant in the seventies. I have since that day embraced this country, its people, which to me is our indigenous people and have made it my goal to fill my ignorance of them with readings, stories, and some from the indigenous people themselves. Since becoming a citizen not too long after my arrival I have always felt Australian, even if I have kept some culture from my country. I have been entitled to the same thing as every other Australian and I have never expected or demanded anything less. What I do not understand is that who do we think we are if we must give our true owners of this country permission to be in our referendums. They are no less Australian than any one of us and if we have said sorry in the past and nothing has changed, if we say things but our attitude does not change nothing is going to change. There is always going to be that division. We are all Australians and entitled to the same things.

Our indigenous Australians do not need our vote to say that they have every right like anyone of us and if I and every other Australian do not need a referendum to be entitled to have a voice then they should be entitled to nothing less. This has become so much about politics and less about our people and long after the referendum

decision has been made nothing is going to change.

The only thing that needs to change is our attitudes and perhaps if there can be a referendum on that we will start treating every single Australian to way they should be treated.

How arrogant are we to think that we have the right to say YES or NO. Give them a voice like anyone of us and then there will be no need for a waste of voting time. For goodness sake when will it stop being them and us?

Dilene Hinton, Inverloch

Complications and failings

Given that the Board of the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) is involved in privileged consultations with several organisations in the Bass Coast area affecting all ratepayers, it is disappointing to read in the Sentinel (3/10/23) that their failed performance in statutory areas such as accounting for the source and destination of large sums of money has needed the intervention of the Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation (RATSIC). RATSIC has appointed a special administrator to replace the entire board of BLCAC till March 15, 2024. This was preceded by historic failures to lodge GST with the ATO and lack of statutory meetings.

Another issue which arose recently within the BLCAC was the dispute between the Bunurong and the Bunwurrung involving their conflicting claims of Tribal perimeters.

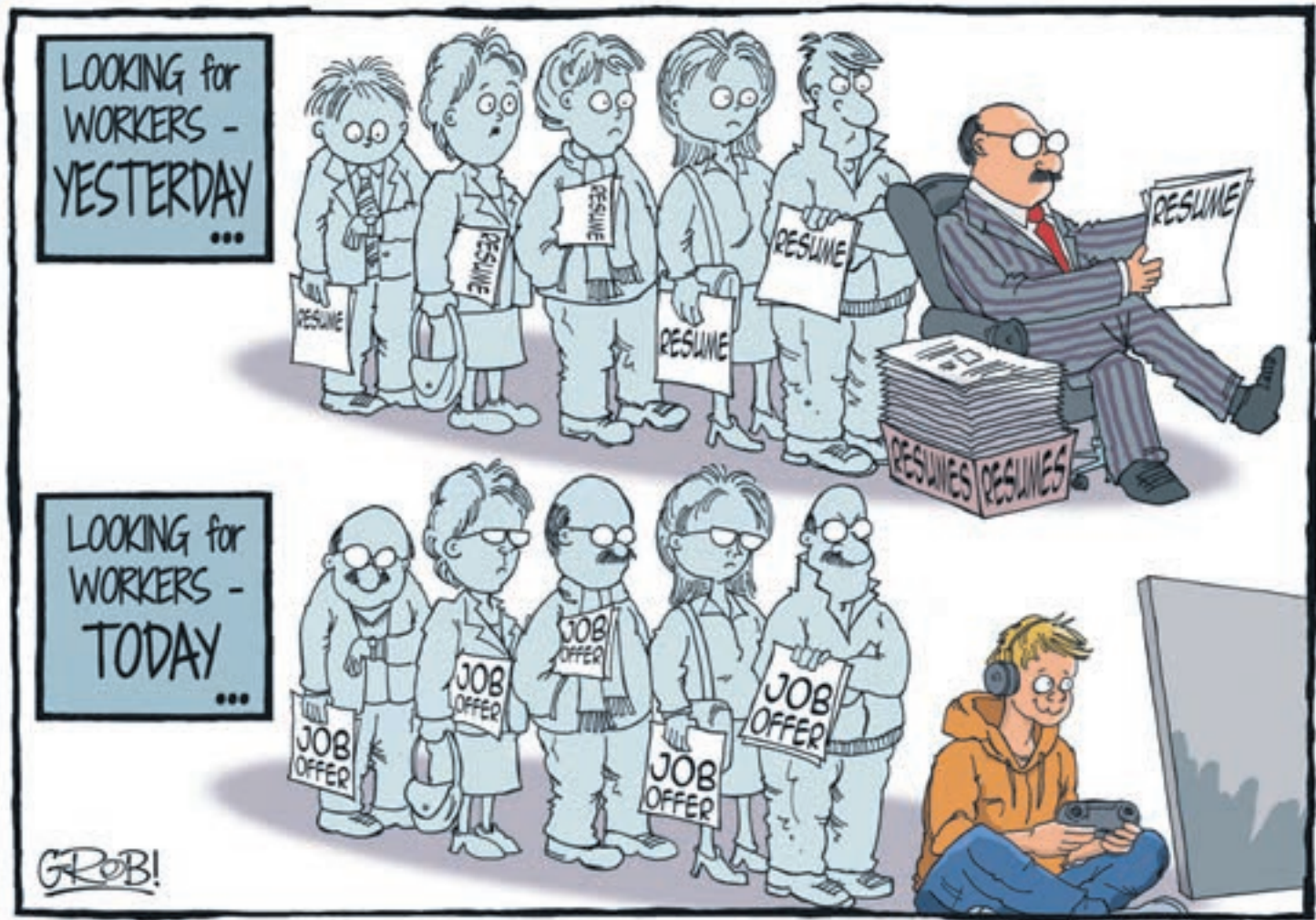
This type of dispute could also arise with the choosing of the "composition" of any "Voice to Parliament".

According to Google, there are "250 mobs and upwards of seven clans within any mob". Warren Mundine raised this issue some time ago when he stated the complications which would arise by choosing regional representatives according to colonial divisions rather than tribal regions.

Thomas Mayo, Noel Pearson, Marcia Langton, Megan Davis and Linda Burnie should have spent more time presenting an actual vision of what they will do and how they will do it rather than promoting themselves as bearers of entitlement due to genetic heritage.

Please would voters access the video on the internet titled: "Meet the Architect of the Voice.....Thomas Mayo" before voting in the Referendum.

Rosemary Hutchinson, Inverloch



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grob' Robinson.

Bridging the gap

SENATOR Walsh's 'walking together' appeal to help 'bridge the gap', by 'listening' to Aboriginals, by saying 'yes' to the referendum, sounds so motherhood and 'heart-felt'.

"Of course, we want to be charitable to the everlastingly marginalised and permanently helpless victims of a 'genocidal massacre strewn invasion' and 'systematic child and land thieving' colonial history, for which we must make amends and reparations."

Isn't that right children?!"...."Yes Miss!....."

This overwrought narrative is about as accurate and objective as a toothpaste commercial. It only gets the traction it does because its Woke proponents have taken over our social institutions in general and educational ones in particular, to the point that theirs is the only voice to be heard.

There is an alternative explanation for 'the gap' that doesn't necessarily either in whole or part shift the blame for everything that is wrong with Aboriginal society, particularly in semi-rural country town camps or remote communities, onto the modern migrants who over the last couple of centuries have turned this continent into a prosperous and opportunity rich multicultural society with some democratic features left (Woke depredations and misgovernance notwithstanding) that people from sometimes very nasty places risk their lives to get to, and become its most enterprising citizens.

The Woke have had around 50 years to straighten out the indigenous 'poor and oppressed' and we have seen the spectacular results of their efforts this year, in a degree of feral behaviour by Aboriginals in places like Alice Springs, that has started a non-Aboriginal abandonment of the town.

The numerous Aboriginal support services there sat around and watched as their governance paradigm disintegrated around them.

If we are going to do real 'truth telling to power', perhaps we should be doing it to 'The Woke Indigenous Industry' that spends around \$43,000 per 'Aboriginal' (whatever that means these days) every year of our taxes, to as it turns out, come the crunch, produce not just no discernible benefit at all, but chaos.

Admitting to their abject failure to do anything but preside over failure seems a rather more honest thing to do than demanding more constitutional powers that cannot be legislatively walked back like the

Western Australian Aboriginal Heritage Act fiasco was a month or two back.

And when it comes to honest admission of failure, maybe it is time for our Aboriginal brothers and sisters to start fessing up to their lack of motivation or interest in becoming modern citizens committed to doing more than just voting at elections/referendums and waiting for their welfare payments and mining royalties to roll in.

Perhaps there could be a bit more interest in making their children go to school and making sure they are doing some study and achieving good marks. Perhaps they could be modelling to them some good work habits, disciplined lives, and strong moral values that give more than they take, and never make excuses....or accept any.

And it would be nice, especially if they choose to live outside the modern economy where productive jobs might be found, to actually build some of their own by exercising some entrepreneurialism, or do what Thursday Islanders and Maori do in Australia, like working in the construction industry to send money home to their families or save for starting a business.

The reason we are having this discussion at all is that the Woke and their poor-things-my-countrymen never compare and contrast with others that have met all the challenges of 'Western Imperialist Aggression'.

Look around our region of the world. Every colonial people there has variously made the journey into the modern firmament, by grasping as tightly as they could whatever it was the white people were having that made them so powerful and prosperous. Some of the oppressed and miserably paid Chinese and Indian indentured workers that spread through the region 150 years ago made a success of it. Visit Singapore and marvel.

More widely, consider the Jews; the most persecuted people on the planet. Did they collapse in a welfarist heap of helplessness when almost half of their global population was systematically herded into camps, shot, gassed, or deliberately worked to death by the SS? Did the trauma of it all crush them? Shouldn't it have done?

My view is that what Aboriginal communities don't need is yet another echelon of unrepresentative activist swill in Canberra to muddy the ideological and ethnic waters, so that we keep not noticing that their indigenous clients aren't doing even the basics to get themselves up and running as a dynamic element in the multicultural mix of a modern society.

And like those vociferous urban African nationalists who wanted to 'liberate' their countries from 'colonialist oppression and exploitation', all they were really interested in was institutional power, getting their hands on the money, indulging in a bit of nepotism and corruption and leaving their tribal hayseed backwater populations to continue to rot in the dysfunctional and primitive manner to which they have long been traditionally accustomed.

Christopher Eastman-Nagle, Grantville

Voting closes but outcome will have to wait

VOTING for this contentious proposal closes on Wednesday, October 11, but it appears that ratepayers and residents will need to wait until the Bass Coast Shire Council meets in mid to late December, to learn of the outcome.

What!!! Two months for the council staff to count approx. 1050 votes. With one person counting this would only be some 25 votes a day counted, which I agree is an impossible workload, but do-able. Imagine if six staff got stuck into the count they may get it done in a week!

This just "beggars' belief", whichever way you look at it. The project, which has been a total schmozzle from the start, continues unabated in the same vein two years down the track.

Surely a prudent, organised Council, would be maintaining a running, tally of votes cast, on a weekly basis which would allow them to assess the outcome by the end of October and even if they then wanted to have the votes independently audited, the outcome would be available by the November Council meeting, at the latest.

This is a disgrace, and we deserve and demand better than a bunch of incompetent Councillors and senior staff who have no understanding of corporate responsibility, professional duty or community courtesies.

Rob Chandler, Surf Beach

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

LIFE Moments



Isadora Afonso Martins Curren was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on September 9, to parents Silvana Afonso Martins and Jeffrey Curren of Cape Woolamai. Isadora weighed 3.19kg.

Send your birthday, anniversary or baby photos to news@sgst.com.au

• FAITH FACTOR

Live a well-balanced life

By Rev Charles Lazaro, Wonthaggi Baptist Church

STRIVING to live a balanced life is not that simple anymore. It appears that we have many preoccupations to juggle each day. Just when you find some equilibrium, something else emerges to destabilise your stability.

Tried balancing on one foot? You will soon begin to sway from one side to another struggling to steady yourself. This little illustration on balance got me thinking that there are three sides of our life to keep in balance. How do I know this? Because God created Adam the first person with a body, spirit, and soul. Genesis chapter 2 and verse 7 says, "Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person."

Because the first person received a body (the physical), spirit (the spiritual), and soul (mind and emotions), we too need to take good care of all three functions to be a balanced person. To live a well-balanced life, we need to ensure that each of these three areas are cherished and nourished on a daily basis.

Most of us do make time to nourish our body (the physical), and soul (mind and emotions). But many neglect their spirit (the spiritual). How then can we strengthen our spiritual life? My suggestion is a daily recipe for spiritual nourishment is: 1) Pray (talk) to God. Prayer is communicating with God. Both, talking to and listening to Him. 2) Study the Bible (God speaks through the Bible - His Holy word). 3) Find someone who could support, train and enlighten you with Prayer and the study of God's Word - the Bible.

If anyone observes these three disciplines, they will be spiritually nourished. This will greatly assist anyone to live a well-balanced life.



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WITH school holidays now well behind us the Centre's activities are back in full swing. Full details of the programs offered through Mitchell House can be accessed through the website (wonthaggi.neighbourhoodcentre.com) – follow the link through the 'Programs' tab on the homepage to download the recently released Spring edition of the Grapevine.

Here you will find details of all the various programs with relevant dates, times and costs. Regarding costs, if an activity is designated a Learnshare program the cost to members is a mere \$4 (\$6 for non-members). Hardcopies of the Grapevine are readily available at the Mitchell House reception desk.

A reminder that the new addition to the program – The Bass Coast Parkinson's Peer Support Group will meet for the first time this Friday, October 13, from 1pm – 3pm at Mitchell House. This group seeks to support those living with this complex condition and their families. Please phone Fight Parkinsons Victoria to register your interest – 1800 644 189.

The Centre and the Housing Matters Bass Coast group are keen to highlight Anti-Poverty Week this year by extending an invitation to a free lunch during the designated week on October 18 from 12:30pm at Mitchell House.

Anti-Poverty Week supports the Australian community to have an increased understanding of poverty and to take action collectively to end it. Since 2002, the anti-poverty network has been active each year in the week around October 17, the United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Their key message is: Poverty exists. Poverty hurts us all. We can all do something about it. It is one of hope, not despair. In 2023, Anti-Poverty Week will be held from October 15 to 27.

The challenges of poverty and the cost of living generally impact on people in all communities and Wonthaggi is certainly not immune.

Please consider joining with others over the shared lunch on October 18 and engage in conversation around these vexing issues.

The Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group is currently working towards welcoming a second refugee family into the local community. Their first sponsored family arrived almost 12 months ago and thanks to the generous support of the community and the Group's heartfelt commitment to the cause, this family of parents and four children are now feeling well settled and very welcome.

The children are enjoying school and kinder while their parents have been learning English, seeking employment and generally embracing the opportunity to make a new start. The Group continues to be encouraged by the generosity of the Wonthaggi community and the inclusive welcome the family and the Group's requests for assistance have been received.

Financial or material donations for this worthy cause are always sought and make a genuine difference to the families and the cause generally. Interested persons are encouraged to subscribe to the BCRSG mailing list to receive their newsletter and other updates. Email contact to subscribe and/or make a donation is bcrrsg202122@gmail.com.



MILPARA
COMMUNITY HOUSE

IT'S HAPPENING... Milpara is now only a few weeks away from starting our big move to the new Korumburra Community Hub. The Hub spaces and grounds are looking fantastic, and we are so looking forward to taking the next step in this exciting transition later this month.

As we move through this time, we will let you know of any changes to our regular opening hours so please stay tuned. In the meantime, put Friday November 10 at 12pm in your calendars. This will be the official opening of the Hub building.

Bookings are open online, in person and via phone for Milpara's regular term activities. You may have noticed some of the program appears a little lighter than usual. This is to allow space and time for our team of staff and volunteers to set up and get to know the new building. Copies of the program are also available in the House – feel free to share with your neighbours and local groups.

We are planning a bunch of interesting community sessions toward the end of the Term 4 and into 2024, so stay tuned by checking our website, Facebook page or calling – you will be pleased to know that Milpara's phone number remains the same... And if you have a community event or ideas of your own, feel free to contact us to help make it happen.

Our Centrelink Agent is available Tuesdays 10am-2pm, and Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am-1pm. Food bank hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 10am-3pm. Please remember to bring your own bags.

The House is open 9.30am-4pm (closing at 3pm Tuesdays) and continues to provide friendly assistance with accessing community services and resources, problem solving and networking.

We'll hope to see you soon.

LEONGATHA
COMMUNITY HOUSE

TERM 4 has begun! We are looking forward to catching up with those that took a break over the school holidays and to meeting the participants of our new groups and classes. Look out for our term four booklet in your letterbox or drop in and pick up a copy. We can also email it.

We have lots planned for term four including three Christmas themed, one day Workshop's: Christmas Calligraphy, Kids Christmas Cards, and Christmas Ornaments.

New to Monday's we hope to start a creative writing class, where participants will have the opportunity to learn and develop their skills with our highly trained tutor, this class needs a minimum of four people to go ahead.

New to Tuesday's is our Women's Self Defence Class, this class is offered to women aged 12 plus and is for all abilities. Learn new defence skills in a fun and safe environment, come along and give it a go!

New to Wednesday's Kids Art class, aimed at 7-11-year-olds, children will have fun learning various art styles. This class is limited to 10 and is currently full, a waiting list is in operation.

For more information on dates, times and prices call us on 5662 3962. Bookings are essential for all our tutored classes.

Also new are our free handyman advice sessions. Our new volunteer Michael will join our tech expert David on Mondays 9.15am-10.15am. Both gents offer free advice and assistance on your technology queries and home projects.

Please mark your calendars: In recognition of Mental Health Month, we will be hosting a big blue table luncheon on Wednesday October 25 at 12pm. Cost is \$10 with all money raised going to Beyond Blue. There will be a yummy luncheon, raffles, and a guest speaker on the day. Seats are limited so please contact the office to book! Call us on 5662 3962.

BASS COAST
ADULT LEARNING

THE Health and Support industries are booming, and BCAL has two courses starting this month to help get you in on the ground floor.

The Get Ready to Work in the Health Industry course has been developed in recognition of the fact there is much more to the health sector than patient care. Health facilities need reception staff, food and catering, security, maintenance, and cleaning. This course prepares participants to work in the health industry with information on where to begin, résumé preparation, industry connections and much more.

The Work for Yourself Care and Support course also returns this month. The course prepares people to become support workers for NDIS clients. Many people who have completed the training have since gone on to start their own businesses.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

WONTHAGGI
COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden's smallest members and visitors are now confident enough to talk to the regular volunteers about garden tasks. They ask, "what are you doing?" and, "can I help you?"

And so, with a little encouragement they might use a trowel, pick a lettuce or choose flowers to decorate their lunch table at the Bass Coast Child Care Centre (BCCC).

A highlight is watching a garden helper pick bright orange carrots from deep in the soil. These are takeaway treats to enjoy later on.

BCCC staff and children also make a point of regularly visiting their own garden patch, which is full of young strawberry plants, greens, flowers and precious carrots.

Meanwhile one of the garden's popular, hardworking members dropped in last week to say farewell. Elise is leaving South Gipps to be closer to family. We wish her well and look forward to photos and news of her next community garden, in the north-east.

Contact tgorodn@westnet.com.au for more information about joining or visiting the garden. You are also welcome to drop by on Thursdays between 10 and noon when the volunteers meet.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

One of the best things about working with wood is that the material itself brings the beauty – there is no need to add to it.

One of the furniture makers is currently working on a 'burl' coffee table. This is where a slab of the trunk is used as the shape. The finished piece will keep the original shape of the wood. It results in a piece of furniture which is as unique as the tree it came from.

The Woodies continue to welcome new members with equal numbers of women and men joining.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au or pop into the workshop.



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Set to run the world's toughest half marathon

THIS November Holly For-syth, along with friends and family from the Bass Coast community will team up to face Australia's toughest half marathon in Hobart, Tasmania.

With the suffering of brain cancer so close to her heart, and currently no cure, Holly has taken on the challenge and registered for the 'Point to Pinnacle' Carrie's Beanies 4 Brain Cancer (CB4BC) team with a goal to run the 21.1 km trail to Mt Wellington.

The half marathon is set to take place on Sunday, November 19 to raise vital funds for brain cancer.

A 10-week program is in place to assist participants in their preparation for the extensive challenge.

Holly has already started her strength training, pushing herself to accomplish long distance runs; running to Kilcunda and back through the Wonthaggi rail trail – calculating her time and distance to better her pace and speed before she begins her incline training in the coming weeks.

"The climb to Mt Wellington is

1200 metres in elevation, so I'll be training with hill sprints and interval running, as well as two-hour flat runs.

"This training will help me get a steady speed and control my breathing, as I plan to run the entire 21.1 km track," said Holly.

Being her first time participating in a half marathon, Holly registered for the 10-week online training program to learn tips and tricks from marathon trainer, Matt to get her prepared.

"I'm estimating the challenge will take me approximately three hours to complete."

Holly has raised \$7322 of her \$8000 goal and updates her training progress online weekly.

In 2022, 200 'Point to Pinnacle' fundraisers raised \$360,000 when they took on the half marathon, with the 2023 goal set at \$400,000 with the overall critical mission to end brain cancer as a terminal illness.

To keep track of Holly's training progress and generously donate to Holly's challenge, visit bit.ly/3tn4gB6.



Holly's joining Carrie's mission to walk for Brain Cancer with 100 per cent of funds donated to Carrie's Beanies 4 Brain Cancer Foundation.

Australians face Long COVID battle

LONG COVID is a growing public health challenge, according to the Australian Health-care and Hospitals Association (AHHA).

AHHA chief executive Kylie Woolcock said long COVID has affected one in 25 Australians, and left more than 1.5 million at risk of long-term chronic illness, preventing many with the condition from going about their day-to-day lives.

"One of the many challenges people with long COVID face is that there is no single, nationally accepted case definition in Australia, and public health messaging differs across each state and territory. This complicates an already challenging diagnostic process," she said.

Ms Woolcock said Australia does not recognise long covid as a disability, which compromises access to necessary care and support services – which are already limited.

To ensure Australians are recognised and supported with adequate and appropriate person-centred healthcare, social and disability services, some key priority areas much be addressed.

"Improved surveillance and consistent public health guidance will be essential to accurately identifying the burden of long covid on Australia's healthcare system and resourcing it to respond accordingly," Ms Woolcock said.

"The recognition of the disabling impacts of long COVID in Australian health policy must also be pursued so that people with long covid can access necessary services and be protected from discrimination.

"Increasing engagement with long covid consumers will be vital to developing and delivering person-centred, value-based care."

Reform needed for mental health support

BEYOND Blue is calling for urgent reform in the mental health system, as suicide rates remain unacceptably high.

New data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), released last week, shows 3249 people in Australia died by suicide last year. On average, nine people take their life each day, and three quarters of those are men.

"Australia's approach to mental health and suicide prevention needs to change and change soon. There needs to be appropriate levels of support for people in crisis, just as there needs to be appropriate support for people before they reach crisis point," Beyond Blue CEO Georgie Harman said.

"We need to ensure that people don't end up trapped in feelings of distress and that they can get support early when they need it. This is how a mental health system that invests in earlier intervention can make a real difference."

Beyond Blue's support service can be reached on 1300 22 4636 or on beyondblue.org.au/getsupport.

Push for bowel cancer screening

NOW is the time to get yourself tested.

Bowel cancer is Australia's second deadliest cancer, and Australian medical guidelines recommend screening using a faecal immunochemical test every two years between the ages of 50 and 74.

Draft recommendations are currently under consideration to lower the screening age to 40, a change welcomed by Bowel Cancer Australia, which has been advocating for it since 2018 given the rising rates of bowel cancer in people under the age of 50.

According to Bowel Cancer Australia, 1680 people under the age of 50 are given a bowel cancer diagnosis each year.

Bowel Cancer Australia CEO Julian Wiggins said the draft recommendations were yet to be made final and receive endorsement by the National Health and Medical Research Council, and even then, any change to the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program screening ages will still be subject to government decision.

GPs may offer tests to those who request it between the ages of 45 and 49.

Those with family history or symptoms must also be screened.

The early warning symptoms include blood in the stool, obvious changes in bowel habit, unexplained weight loss, extreme tiredness, and lump or swelling in the abdomen.



Bass Coast Health offers treatment for bowel cancer.

According to Bowel Cancer Australia, almost 99 per cent of bowel cancer cases can be successfully treated, if detected early.

As a subregional health service, Bass Coast Health (BCH) offers treatment for bowel cancer.

"Patients receive chemotherapy and immunotherapy for bowel cancer, among many other cancers at the L. Rigby Centre at the (Wonthaggi) hospital," BCH CEO Jan Child said.

"We offer general and colorectal surgery for minor bowel conditions. Our gastroenterologists perform colonoscopies and interventional procedures to

identify and address some bowel cancers, however we do not provide surgery for more complex bowel conditions. This surgery is undertaken at larger hospitals with high dependency units that provide the required follow up care for such patients."

Often people with bowel cancer require a stoma following treatment or surgery, which is a surgically created opening for waste to exit the body.

BCH Stomal Therapy Nurse Sarah Ziegerink helps people to adjust to living with a stoma, which is a significant change in lifestyle.

She can assist with the selection of appropriate

stomal appliance/pouch techniques for applying pouch to stoma, family education, skin complaints and ensuring patients are able to enjoy a full family, social and working life.

June was Bowel Cancer Awareness Month, and Bowel Cancer Australia ran its signature events to raise funds dedicated to prevention, early diagnosis, research, quality treatment and care.

Donations can be made to Bowel Cancer Australia for awareness, support and research at bowelcanceraustralia.org/online-donation.

For more information, head to bowelcanceraustralia.org.

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David Button who along with his wife Judy grow most of the clematis.

I SEE early Spring as a gentle awakening with the green leaves appearing, the soft blossoms along with daffodils and tulips but as we enter October, we see the big and bold displays of the peonies, jackmanni clematis, the bright mollis azaleas and roses.

This has been a good year for waratahs they have been putting on a spectacular display around Mirboo North with their large red (or sometimes pink, yellow or white) flowers.

Shady Lady red would be one of the most popular of all waratahs and for good reason. It is one of the first waratahs to flower and is a hardy and vigorous hybrid that produces lots of flowers. The Shady lady range includes red, crimson, white, pink and yellow.

Proteaflora have recently introduced another range of waratahs called enchanted. In this series there is enchanted flame, red, pink and dawn. I find these useful as they appear to flower slightly later than the shady ladies especially enchanted flame and dawn. Enchanted red is a stunning flower it has large red flowers that contrast beautifully against dark green leathery leaves, as the flowerheads age, the end of the red bracts turns a luminous pale pink/white.

Waratahs belong to the proteaceae family but unlike most proteas they prefer a spot with morning sun and afternoon shade – this especially applies to the white waratahs. Waratahs thrive in a free draining slightly acid soil and will not tolerate wet feet; if your soil is heavy, they are best grown in a raised bed. After flowering, trim the canes back by half their length or three quarters. This will help the plant produce more flowers the following spring. Mulch the plant to help keep the roots moist and cool, and to prevent competition from weeds. Waratahs rarely need feeding but before flowering they can be given a slow-release low-phosphorous fertiliser like blood and bone or native fertiliser.

It is hard to find a more stunning flower than that of large flowering clematis.

Clematis are climbers and good companions to other plants because they do not damage what they are growing on. They can be grown as ground covers, through a hedge, over an arch, on a pergola

**By Karen Haw,
Mirboo North Garden Centre**

or in a pot or hanging basket.

There are hundreds of different species in the wild, some are evergreen, and others are deciduous and there are even native clematis. The large flowering clematis also look great when planted with climbing roses.

Clematis are easy to grow and can be planted any time of the year, in particular autumn and spring when the weather and soil warms up. When planting clematis dig a decent hole as they have a deep root system. The soil needs to be free draining.

A good tip when planting clematis is to plant it deeper than normal and if possible, layer side shoots. Mulch is important as it helps to keep the roots cool.

The flowers will grow to the light and some support is needed to support the new growth. Feed the clematis regularly with rose food. Treat them like roses – give a trim and a feed after each burst of flowering.

Montana clematis are another popular form of clematis, they are spring flowering and have masses of small pink or white flowers they are also very hardy and frost resistant. There are many varieties, and some have darker foliage such as clematis ruben. Pruning is important with montana clematis because they flower on previous season's growth so therefore, they should be pruned after flowering. Pruning in winter will remove all the previous seasons' growth and buds and lead to a lack of flowers.

It is exciting when the peonies come into flower. Last year I planted a garden bed with tree peonies, herbaceous and itoh peonies. While a couple of the tree peonies and herbaceous have buds this year (which is not unusual as they often take a couple of years to establish) 8 out of 10 of the itohs have buds and the plants are a good size.

Itoh peonies are a combination of herbaous and tree peonies. In the late 1940, amid the rubble of the Second World War, Dr Toichi Itoh was quietly working away to make the world a more beautiful place. With a lifelong fascination of peonies, he had the fantasy to cross herbaceous peonies with

tree peonies, to create incredible hybrids that would result in enormous flowers that were not only larger, but longer lasting and available in novel colour combinations. There was just one small problem with Itoh's ambition: it was though totally impossible as not only do the flowers of the two peonies tend to bloom weeks apart, even if you could get them to coincide, genetic incompatibilities between the two meant the crosses would never take, hence why centuries of dedicated breeding had never even come close.

After well over 20,000 attempts to make this cross by hand, in 1948 one miraculous seed pod ripened, creating a handful of healthy baby plants that defied what the botanical world thought possible.

In a cruel twist of fate, he did not live long enough to see the first flowers, but his tireless love of peonies has given later generations some of the most wonderful hybrids out there in the form of the Itoh peonies that bear his name.

With their sturdy, compact architecture meaning they won't need staking to avoid collapsing under the weight of their giant bloom, they are even far more resistant to peony blight and slug attack. As Dr Itoh predicted, hybrid vigour does indeed mean they produce the largest of all peony flowers and being sterile, their lack of pollination means they last around twice as long with some varieties will even throw up a second flush of flowers later in the year. This is the time of year to purchase peonies when in flower, but they are best planted in autumn.

Mollis azaleas are a deciduous azalea with showy yellow through to red flowers (including pink and white) on bare stems late spring – they certainly do well around Leongatha.

Mollis azaleas do well in a shaded position though I have seen many established plants in full sun though full afternoon sun could result in bleached leaves and shortened blooming period. They also have good autumn colour. These plants are easily grown in moist, acid, humusy well-drained soils. When they flower the bush is smothered with eye catching flowers and some are perfumed. They are perfect for shrub borders and mix well with rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolia.



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Steve Morris of the Destination Phillip Island Board chats with George Papas of the Phillip Island GP Circuit about preparations for the GP on October 20 to 22 at the DPI conference on Thursday.



Chatting with Tony Greer of Ingenia Holidays at the Experience Phillip Island 2023 Industry Conference last Thursday were Amy James and Kelli Love of Anchor Belle Holiday Park.



Chair of Destination Phillip Island, Catherine Basterfield, also CEO of Phillip Island Nature Parks chats with former CEO of Racing Victoria Giles Thompson at DPI's annual industry conference last Thursday.



Enjoying a networking opportunity at the Experience Phillip Island 2023 Industry Conference last Thursday were Tricia Hogan BC visitor information centres, Kevin Love PINP Board Chair and Bev Munro PINP Board.



Harriet Nunan Community Engagement Officer at Wonthaggi Headspace with Jay Martin and Renee Winterton, all enjoying catching up over tea and cakes. ob01_4123



Cailey Sheppard and Pam Sheppard were enjoying the spread of delicious food at the High Tea held by Headspace in Wonthaggi. ob02_4123



Senior Constable Megan Krause and Jenna Hunt were discussing the wonderful tea cups at Wonthaggi Headspace's High Tea. ob03_4123



Caeley Dunshea with Kasey Rose Dumm - Youth Advisory Member and co-chair of Headspace Consortium. ob04_4123



Bronwyn, Louise, and Kristal of Bass Coast Health attended the Cowes Jobs Expo last Wednesday announcing a selection of roles in the health sector, both clinical and administrative.

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Experience Phillip Island Industry Conference, Headspace's High Tea and the Cowes Jobs Expo.



Jess Patman of Wildlife Coast Cruises, Serena Cabello of DPI, Kimberley Brown DPI/North Pier Hotel, and Toby Wall North Pier Hotel at the Experience Phillip Island 2023 Industry Conference last Thursday, October 5.



One of the guest speakers at the Destination Phillip Island conference last Thursday, Matt Styles of Regeneration Projects chats with DPI CEO Kim Storey and Michaela Salvato of Phillip Island Nature Parks.



Attending Experience Phillip Island 2023 Industry Conference were Anthony Jiang of Sydney/Melbourne Touring, Jack Trainor of Booking.com, Alva Hemming of Go Beyond Melbourne and Brenda Jones of Ocean Adventures Phillip Island.



Suzie Smith and Kelly Rutter of NRMA Phillip Island Holiday Park got a lot out of their attendance at DPI's Experience Phillip Island 2023 Industry Conference last Thursday at the Phillip Island Winery.



Lucy and Sarah of Bass Coast Shire Council attended the job expo in Cowes last Wednesday to help locals and seasonal visitors find employment in Bass Coast.



Courtney Pulis and Fiona Williamson of Berry Street were advising the public of their mentoring program at the job expo last week, welcoming anyone over the age of 18 to become a mentor.



Vanessa Chapman and Dean Turner of Skillinvest were onsite in Cowes, providing advice to job seekers and employers on apprenticeships and traineeships.



Emma and Neil of Inverloch RACV resort showcased their job opportunities at the Cowes job expo last week, seeking staff for the hospitality industry. Z06_4123

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Catch The Radiators on Saturday, November 4 at The Westernport Hotel, San Remo.

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THE rock 'n' roll road to stardom is a dangerous road indeed, littered with unsuccessful starry-eyed hopefuls, wannabes, one hit wonders and jaded "if only's". While many bands self-implode before they even leave the garage, victims of classic clashing egos and personalities, few "make it". One who did and are still packing houses is Australian iconic band The Radiators, who in 2018 celebrated 40 years together since their very first show.

The Radiators have carved a niche in the archives of Australian rock history and shared the stage with great Aussie acts such as AC/DC, Rose Tattoo and INXS, with over 4000 shows to their credit. They

have played their music to millions of people in Australia, recorded over 100 original songs, with two albums being awarded Platinum status, two achieving Gold and sales of over one million units.

The Radiators still tour extensively playing an average of 100 shows per year and the band's fans young and old, still flock to grab a slice of living Aussie rock history and dance the night away to the great catchy songs and classic hits that make The Radiators an iconic name in Australian rock music.

Catch The Radiators on Saturday November 4 at The Westernport or visit thewesternport.com.au for more information and tickets.



Book your tickets Wonthaggi Citizens Band are playing this Saturday!

Get your toes a tappin'

THE Wonthaggi Citizens' Band are set to delight audiences once again in their concert at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre on October 14 at 8pm.

Formed in 1910, the band is one of the longest running community organisations in Wonthaggi and has a long history of playing at the WUCAC, having performed their Annual Concert at the theatre since the 1980s.

The community band, conducted by Craig Marinus, is made up of 35 brass and percussion players, ranging from students from Bass Coast College to retirees in their sixties and beyond, and

were recently named C Grade State Champions at the recent Victorian Bands League competition.

Performing a broad range of pieces – from movie themes to hymns to marches to works specifically composed for brass band – Wonthaggi Citizens' Band are sure to get your toes tapping. The concert will also feature Wonthaggi Youth Brass, conducted by Nick Beale, and the Training Band, conducted by Natalie Meadows.

The band are thrilled to welcome guest vocalists Kerryn Lockhart, Cecily De Gooyer,

Aoife O'Connell and Lyra Lockhart to also perform as part of the evening, accompanied by Dan Moldrich.

These talented singers are well known to local audiences, as they often feature in Wonthaggi Theatrical Group, Leongatha Lyric Theatre and school productions.

Tickets are on sale, so get in quick: trybooking.com/events/landing/1094286.

Come along for a great night of music, and make sure you bring your singing voice ready for local favourite, 'Part of my Heart in Wonthaggi'!

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The Syncopators: One show only

THE Syncopators are composed of six of the finest musicians in Australia and without doubt they are considered to be one of the best show bands in the country. If you only see one group for 2023 you will leave amazed at their organisation and control.

The members of the group are Chris Ludowyk leader and trombone, Peter Gaudion on trumpet and vocals, Richard Miller on reeds, James Clark on bass, Steven Grant on keyboards and Rod Gilbert on drums.

Formed in 1984, Chris Ludowyk handpicked the cream of Melbourne's jazz talent to form the "Society Syncopators", now known as the "The Syncopators". They achieved the pinnacle of Australian jazz within a few years.

With their versatility (the guitarist plays banjo, the bassist plays tuba, the clarinetist plays alto and tenor sax and the trombonist plays bass), they cover a wide range of styles and material. The vocal harmonising talent of the front-line also lends itself to the performance of "popular jazz" material a la "Mills Brothers" and "Boswell Sisters".

Although their repertoire stems from the roots of traditional jazz, they play everything from classic jazz through mainstream to pre-rock rhythm and blues. This guarantees a much broader audience and wider appeal than that of a "straight" jazz group. Arguably, few other groups are perceived to possess the range of material and individual talent of

this group.

The instrumentation also allows total flexibility for formats ranging from pin drop concerts to cabaret and dinner dances. At concerts, virtuoso solo spots also highlight the talents of the individual artists.

Over the life of the band, eighteen CDs were produced, most of them commercially available recordings including award winning ones, and most of which will be on sale on the day. This is a must see and we anticipate that seats will be at a premium so don't miss out.

By excelling at the music they love and loving the music they excel at, they are recognised as one of the leading classic/mainstream/jazz groups in Australia by critics and jazz fans alike. Arguably

they are regarded as the leaders in their field in the world. This, plus their superb musicianship, stage presence and keen sense of humour invariably draw standing ovations worldwide.

The late Graeme Bell was a fan of the group and in his words, they are "easily one of the top show jazz bands in Australia today".

Venue is at Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Rd, Cowes commencing at 2pm. Cost of entry is \$20 for members and \$25 for visitors.

For more information on bookings please contact Robin - 0432 814 407 or Jill - 0417 416 300 to arrange purchase of tickets. Tickets are selling fast, but we still have some available, don't miss out!



Pear Cake

By Meg Viney

A CAKE that has been very well received each time I have cooked it. Moist and delicious and easy to make, especially if you have a food processor.

Ingredients

- 1 cup salad oil (sunflower/canola)
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups plain flour
- 1 teasp baking soda
- 1 teasp vanilla
- A little freshly grated nutmeg
- 3 pears, peeled, quartered and cored (cooked in a little water until just tender is best)
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Method

In a food processor beat the oil, sugar and eggs until light and fluffy.

Add the flour, baking soda, vanilla, nutmeg, pears and walnuts.

Blend slowly at first and then increase the speed until the mixture is smooth (a few chunks is fine though).

Grease a Bundt pan, pour the mixture in and cook in a 180C oven for an hour and twenty minutes.

Test with a skewer to ensure it is cooked through.

Rest for a few minutes and then turn out onto a platter.

If you do not have a Bundt pan, use a 21 cm round cake tin.

Some whipped cream to accompany.

Bass Coast Fine Film Group presents "Godland"



Discover a divine world beyond your imagination in 'Godland'.

ON SUNDAY (October 15) at 10.45am, the BCFFG is screening "Godland", from Icelandic writer/director, Hlynur Pálmason (A White, White Day, BCFFG March 2020).

Godland is a story set in late 19th century Iceland, following the journey of a young Danish priest named Lucas. The film explores themes of faith, struggle, and trust, as Lucas faces challenges on his mission to bring Christianity to the Icelandic people.

The plot is driven by the complex relationship between Lucas and a local farmer named Johann, who initially offers to help Lucas but ultimately proves to be untrustworthy.

Pálmason skilfully weaves together these elements to create a compelling and thought-provoking narrative that leaves a lasting impact on the viewer.

The cinematography and visuals in Godland are breathtaking. Pálmason captures the

rugged and harsh beauty of the Icelandic landscape, using it as a canvas to explore the conflicts and struggles of the characters.

The film is shot in a way that transforms the harshness of the environment into something both beautiful and terrifying. The use of natural light and shadow creates a sense of realism and authenticity that draws the viewer into the world of the film. The visuals are complemented by a haunting and evocative score that adds to the film's overall atmosphere and mood.

The acting performances in Godland are exceptional, particularly that of Elliott Crosset Hove, who plays the role of Lucas. Hove delivers a nuanced and powerful performance, capturing the internal struggles and conflicts of his character with subtlety and depth. The supporting cast also delivers strong performances,

with each actor bringing a unique and authentic presence to their respective roles. The character development throughout the film is masterfully crafted, with each character undergoing a transformation that feels both earned and impactful.

Overall, Godland is a stunning and thought-provoking film that showcases the talent and vision of its director and cast.

To find out more head to: bcffgfilms.weebly.com/godland.html

BCFFG Members entry is free on presentation of membership card. General public welcome with tickets at usual box office prices. Film screening at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

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



10.45am SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER
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Save thousands on your home loan

IT'S the savings hack that could save you tens of thousands of dollars – and help you shave years off your loan – but still thousands of Australians don't know how to use an offset account.

Compare the Market's General Manager of Money, Stephen Zeller, said that while interest rates remained high, offset accounts could help mortgage holders pay down the principal on their loan faster.

"If you keep a decent balance, an offset account has the potential to help you save money in loan interest and pay off your mortgage sooner. "It's a great incentive to save. And unlike regular savings accounts, you won't pay tax on the interest you offset."

Compare the Market crunched the numbers and found that having just \$25,000 in an offset account for a \$500,000 loan with an interest rate of 5.84 per cent could reduce your loan term by two years and 11 months and save more than \$100,000 in interest over the life of the loan.

What are the benefits of an offset account?

- Save on interest
- Access your funds any time
- Tax advantages – The funds you deposit into your offset account don't generate taxable income. Whereas if you deposit the funds into a savings account and earn interest, you would be taxed
- Great incentive to save money – the more you save and put into an offset account, the less



Have you considered an offset account? It could save you thousands. Photo: PA/Alamy

interest you pay on your mortgage

What are the disadvantages of an offset account?

- Limited home loan options – Offset accounts are typically reserved for variable-rate home loans
- Pay for the perks – Having an offset account linked to your home loan may cost you more in interest and/or fees than if you chose a more no-frills option
- Need money to save money

Your mortgage can sometimes be more expensive if you have home loan features like an offset account so be sure to check your comparison rate to understand the impact of fees and charges.

Some lenders will slap

you with a fee for every withdrawal you make – so be sure to read the product disclosure statement before you apply.

If you don't need all the bells and whistles, Mr Zeller said you may consider a "no-frills" option to start.

"If there aren't any low-rate home loans with an offset facility - it might be worth exploring the no-frills option with a lower interest rate to help reduce your monthly repayments," Mr Zeller said.

"Once you build up your savings, you can start to shop around for a home loan with an offset facility.

"Understanding your options, switching to competitive rates, and making use of features could save you thousands."



Beth Banks and Jessica Harrison of Housing Matters Bass Coast address the homelessness issue that continues to rise in the shire, seeking council to take further action. Z13_4123

No one deserves poverty

THE Bass Coast Shire Council and Rotary collectively hosted a 'Think Tank' event at the end of September to address the rise in homelessness within Bass Coast, with Housing Matters Bass Coast (HMBC) representatives pleased with the well-attended event.

Beth Banks of HMBC - affiliated with Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House stated it was good to meet representatives from churches, service clubs, Bass Coast Shire Council and welfare organisations supporting the homeless.

The YesYouthHub in Wonthaggi were active in their discussion to help ease the pressure from youths living under financial hardship, with all organisations openly expressing their ideas to combat the housing crisis.

"We suggested two solutions to the forum. One is for churches in our area to work together towards a "Winter Shelter" program offering overnight accommodation in suitable halls, with community support, for winter 2024.

"Our second is easy – Homeshare Australia and New Zealand Alliance (HANZA) already exists. It is a not-for-profit organisation for homeshare providers in Australia and New Zealand. Their programs match an independently living householder, who could benefit from companionship and help in the home, with a home sharer prepared to lend a hand in return for affordable accommodation. HANZA could solve some of our immediate housing needs.

HMBC representatives are active in finding long-term and short-term solutions for those affected by the cost-of-living crisis and Jessica Harrison from HBMC said, "Last week the Victorian government made changes to the Planning Scheme to make it easier to build a second small home on a block with a primary dwelling.

The announcement stated 'right now, the system just isn't working like it should – and decisions aren't getting made

fast enough.'

The then Andrews Labour Government confirmed unless we take bold and decisive action to build the homes people need now, Victorians will be paying the price for generations to come.

"Meanwhile, Mount Alexandra Shire has allowed residents to live in a tiny home indefinitely. Surf Coast Council, which includes Torquay and Lorne, has followed suit, with a trial this summer. The Shire of Esperance in WA has made similar changes."

HMBC would like to see the Bass Coast Shire Council make planning amendments and set up a two-year trial, lifting restrictions on tiny homes as primary and permanent residences and waiving permit charges on living in caravans on private land over 28 days, under certain conditions.

"We look forward to the follow-up meeting in November to progress these ideas, and other suggestions made during the session, such as an interactive database of all the organisations supporting the homeless in our area," confirmed Jessica and Beth.

Following the Think Tank, HMBC are holding two upcoming events.

- Renter's Right's session - held every second Thursday of the month from 3pm until 4:30pm at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre. Gippsland Community Legal Service provides free and confidential advice to tenants.

Bookings are essential. Book via phone on 5672 3731 or email reception@wonthaggi-neighbourhoodcentre.com

- Free lunch for anti-poverty week Wednesday, October 18. 12:30pm

Book via phone on 5672 3731 or visit the centre.

"Cost of living pressures affect us all, and some more than others. Join us for a shared vegetarian meal and conversation. No-one deserves poverty," said Veronica Gribble from Housing Matters Bass Coast.

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Victoria experiences big rise in debt worries

VICTORIA has had the greatest rise of all Australian states in calls to the National Debt Hotline.

Statistics show calls from Victoria increased by 7051 in September, 31 per cent more than the same time in 2022 as cost-of-living pressures continue to impact the community.

The National Debt Hotline is a not-for-profit service that offers free confidential financial advice to individuals and families experiencing financial hardship.

Meanwhile Roy Morgan released its measure of mortgage stress that found 30.2 per cent of all mortgage holders are classified as "at risk" of slipping into stress, while one in five mortgage holders are classified as "extremely at risk".

The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath said many regional households are stretched to their limits and could not absorb further costs, whether it be rises in energy costs, rent, food, petrol, or another rate rise.

"Labor has imposed 50 new taxes since 2014, punishing Victorians for its own financial mismanagement and billion-dollar project blowouts and contract cancellations.

"Housing affordability is at its worst level in 30 years - non-essential spending is off the table for many and luxuries such as eating out and holidays restricted.

"Bill stress is an issue which my office deals with daily - while all Victorians are struggling with soaring energy bills, eastern Victorians are also being slugged significantly more for energy than the inner city.

"In July it was revealed that the average annual combined energy bill in eastern Victoria households was \$4425, while the city and inner suburbs pay significantly less at \$3995."

Victoria September 2023 calls to National Debt Hotline 24,505

Victoria September 2022 calls to National Debt Hotline 17,454

Exquisite home with everything

THE owners of 53 Martins Road haven't left a stone unturned in the design of this stunning property that offers the perfect blend of luxury, space, and tranquillity. This magnificent house is nestled on approximately 16 acres, providing you with ample room to live, play, and create lasting memories.

Upon entering, you will be greeted by a warm and inviting atmosphere, with ample natural light flowing through the open plan living areas. The modern kitchen features sleek cabinetry, high-quality appliances, and an enormous butler's pantry, making it a dream for any aspiring chef.

With three bedrooms and two bathrooms, this home is perfect for families or those seeking a serene retreat. The master bedroom looks over the magnificent views of the property and is complete with walk-in-robe and an ensuite with spa and separate shower. The remaining bedrooms have built-in-robos and offer plenty of natural light and with double glazed windows throughout the home a peaceful night's sleep is ensured.

The living areas are designed to maximise comfort and style. The open-plan layout seamlessly connects the living, dining, and kitchen areas, creating a perfect space for entertaining guests or enjoying quality time with loved ones complete with a solid fuel heater and reverse cycle unit. The formal living area could double as a movie room with soundproof walls keeping the rest of the house quiet whilst you watch those noisy action movies.

One of the standout features of this property is the incredible

American barn style garage space. With a whopping seven garage spaces, you will have more than enough room to store your vehicles, boats, caravan or any other toys. Additionally, you'll find an internal shower, and wash facilities. This is a rare find and will surely impress those in need of extra storage space.

Outside, the property boasts stunning landscapes and breathtaking views. The garden has been wonderfully thought out and immaculately maintained with enclosed vegetable gardens and a range of native and exotic species. There is even an outdoor studio/office space for those working from home. The expansive land offers endless possibilities. Eleven of the acres are currently agisted by a local farmer and that agreement can happily be continued if the new owners are agreeable.

This property offers the perfect balance of privacy, energy efficiency, zoned living and convenience. Meeniyan is a charming town known for its friendly community, local amenities, and picturesque surroundings. You will have easy access to shops, cafes, schools, and public transport, ensuring a convenient and enjoyable lifestyle.

There is so much more to this property that would make this write up go for pages including 3.5kw of solar and two heat pump hot water services. Don't miss out on the opportunity to own this slice of paradise, come and have a look - we promise you won't be disappointed!

Contact us today to arrange a private inspection and make this dream home yours.



3 2 7 16 acres

53 Martins Road, **Meeniyan**
For Sale \$1,590,000
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245 Eastaways Road, **Fish Creek**

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“Kitlake Farm”

10-acre organic permaculture retreat

SITUATED in the popular countryside of Outtrim and centrally located between Inverloch, Korumburra and Leongatha, “Kitlake Farm” offers a rare opportunity to embrace the tranquil and sustainable lifestyle you’ve been looking for.

This 10-acre property boasts a country home, established orchards, thriving veggie patches, water security, ample shedding and pastured paddocks set up for livestock. With its certified organic history and continued commitment to organic principles, “Kitlake Farm” is ideal for those seeking harmony with nature and has the scope to expand to a commercial sized enterprise.

A country home exists in the heart of the property, comprising four-bedrooms, three-bathrooms, which includes a guest room addition for family or friends. Enjoy light, bright and spacious living areas, a well-appointed kitchen, and fantastic views from every window.

There are three thriving orchards (two fully netted), housing a diverse range of fruits, plus many other trees around the property. Furthermore, ample veggie patches and a greenhouse complete with watering system, provide year-round opportunities for cultivating your own fresh produce.

Water is by numerous tanks for the house supply and livestock. A well set up irrigation system sourced from a large dam ensures your gardens are always watered. The water supply is supported by a reliable 38-inch annual rainfall (approx.).

Well-maintained sheds offer ample storage for all your tools, machinery, equipment, fodder and animal housing requirements. Eight paddocks, thoughtfully designed for rotational grazing for livestock. Stock yards and a loading race provide ease of stock handling.

“Kitlake Farm” has a long history of organic certification, and the current owners remain dedicated to organic principles, providing a unique opportunity for sustainable living. The owners have also created a sanctuary for wildlife and bird life on the property through treed shelter plantations and working in tune with nature.

“Kitlake Farm” offers the perfect rural lifestyle all while embracing sustainable and organic practices. Whether you aspire to run a thriving organic farm or simply desire a rural retreat with endless possibilities, “Kitlake Farm” is a rare gem that promises a harmonious connection with the land.

Don’t miss your chance to make this property your very own piece of paradise in the heart of South Gippsland. Contact us today to arrange an inspection.



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- Spacious kitchen with gas cooking, dishwasher, storage
- Open-plan living area with abundant natural light
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‘Nampara’ in the Dumbalk Valley

MEANDER through the hills, off the main road, down a country lane, and you will find the peaceful charm of the beautiful ‘Nampara’.

Established in 1908 this Edwardian home is set amidst a glorious European and native garden set on a tranquil five acres in the Dumbalk Valley.

The period home has enjoyed updates over the years whilst still retaining its original character with 12 foot corniced ceilings, timber floors, French doors, and the gorgeous bay windows with surrounding spacious verandas.

The kitchen and dining room features a beautiful north facing window, welcoming the morning sunshine, in a home that offers both relaxed and formal living spaces with garden views throughout the home. Featuring:

- Country kitchen with electric cooking, dishwasher, and gorgeous garden views.
- Separate family living room, alongside formal dining, with French doors opening out to the veranda.
- Three spacious bedrooms with an en-suite and walk in robe off the master.
- Family bathroom with adjoining European laundry with great storage.
- Heating and cooling of the home taken care of by a gourmet wood heater providing hydronic heating throughout the home and a second Heatcharm wood heater in the living room in addition to two reverse cycle air conditioners.

Externally:

- Enjoy the inground swimming pool, perfect on a hot summer’s day!
- Two car carport, two wood/garden

- sheds and sundry storage areas.
 - A former shearing shed has now been converted to a workshop, with a studio room providing great storage space suitable for crafting or home office.
 - 5 KW Solar system and a 2.2 megalitre water licence from the Tarwin River East branch.
 - The ever-changing garden of jacaranda, maple, ginko, beech, banksia, Woolamai pine, ferns daffodils, and roses galore!
 - Orchard plantings of various citrus and apple varieties, mulberry, berry patch, veggie garden and adorable chicken coup with yard.
- A picturesque seasonal creek runs along the property edge providing water for the garden pond. There are two small front, fenced paddocks, ideal for a horse or a couple of beef cows.
- Centrally positioned, 14 minutes to the vibrant village of Meenyan, 20 minutes to Mirboo North, 25 minutes to Leongatha for major supermarkets, hospital, and sporting facilities, and an easy drive to the beaches of Waratah Bay and Walkerville and 2 hours from Melbourne.
- For further information and to arrange a personal inspection, please call Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate 0429 045 632.

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Big family? Need the space?

THIS property is hard to compare to anything else in the current market, with five bedrooms and three bathrooms over two storeys, it's a standout amongst the rest!

Located in a desirable spot close enough to the main street of Leongatha and also the schooling precinct.

The large home sits on an approx. 1,041m² block of residential land overlooking the reserve behind and offering plentiful space for pets and children to play within a fully fenced and secure yard.

Inside the home you are first greeted by an open plan layout with the lounge followed by the central kitchen then another seating and meals area. The kitchen features laminate benchtops, electric cooktop, rangehood and dishwasher. Completing the downstairs space is one of two master bedrooms with a walk-in robe and ensuite, second bedroom with built in robes, family bathroom with separate toilet and the laundry.

Upstairs, the light filled living space includes a balcony to enjoy the morning sun, separate toilet, two further bedrooms and the second master bedroom with ensuite and walk in robe. The home is serviced by two reverse cycle air conditioners (one upstairs and one downstairs) and ducted electric heating/cooling system (upstairs). The home also features a ducted vacuum system for convenience.

If you like to entertain, the rear under-cover patio is the perfect space (use all year round with the pull-down outdoor roller blinds). Outside you will also find a back gate out to the reserve, a variety of mature plants and trees, single carport with automatic roller door and a 7m x 10m lock up garage which has been used as the ideal man cave with a separate toilet and ample storage space.

You would struggle to buy a similar block and build this thoughtfully designed home with all the added extras for any less than the advertised price. The vendors are realistic and invite you to inspect their well-loved and maintained family home.

To arrange your inspection, please contact the friendly sales team at Alex Scott & Staff Leongatha.

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Livestock or Lifestyle maybe both?

LOCATED between Korumburra and Kongwak, this superb property is perfect for those looking for that extra parcel to fatten stock or possibly create a dream lifestyle property with excellent building sites (STCA).

The property consists of approximately 120 acres of undulating to hill country, ample water supply (dams), hay shed, shearing shed, stockyards and loading race.

The farm is ideally suited to a wide variety of agricultural interests which could include cattle fattening and breeding, sheep, equine, horticulture and much more.

- Features in short:
- Superb heavy carrying highly productive soil.
 - Hay shed and former shearing shed.
 - Stockyards and loading race for ease of livestock movement.
 - Well fenced with plenty of road frontage for access.
 - Water supply via dams and troughs with a reliable 40 inch plus annual rainfall.
 - Korumburra 8km, Wonthaggi 20km, Melbourne only 1.5 hours

Contact the selling agent, Scott McKenzie, for further information.



Livestock Approx 120 acres

17 Goochs Road, **Jumbunna**
For Sale \$1,800,000
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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK
OCTOBER 15-20

- [\$100]** How do poverty rates in regional areas compare to metropolitan areas in Australia? A. Higher poverty rates in regional areas. B. Higher poverty rates in metropolitan areas. C. No significant difference in poverty rates. D. Poverty rates vary by location with no clear pattern.
- [\$200]** Which of these is the peak body for charities assisting poverty in Australia? A. ACAT. B. ACOSS. C. ADP. D. AGDRP.
- [\$300]** How does poverty in remote Indigenous communities compare to the rest of Australia? A. Lower poverty rates. B. Similar poverty rates. C. Higher poverty rates. D. Not recorded.
- [\$500]** Which group is the most at risk of poverty in Australia? A. Those on Parenting Payment. B. Those on Youth Allowance. C. Tenants in public housing. D. Those on Disability Support pension.
- [\$1000]** What percentage of people experiencing homelessness in Australia are also affected by poverty? A. 10%. B. 30%. C. 50%. D. 70%.
- [\$2000]** What is the main cause of poverty among single-parent households in Australia? A. Low education levels. B. High childcare costs. C. Lack of government support. D. Lack of employment opportunities.
- [\$4000]** The CEOs of Australia's top 100 companies are earning how many times more than a typical worker? A. 5 times more. B. 15 times more. C. 50 times more. D. 55 times more.
- [\$8000]** What percentage of the Australian population was estimated to be living below the poverty line in 2022? A. 2.1%. B. 7.7%. C. 13.4%. D. More than 25%.
- [\$16,000]** When did Prime Minister Bob Hawke declare that within three years "no child will be living in poverty"? A. 1983. B. 1984. C. 1987. D. 1991.
- [\$32,000]** In what year was a "relative poverty line" of \$62.70-a-week first calculated in Australia as part of the Henderson poverty inquiry? A. 1966. B. 1973. C. 1983. D. 1990.
- [\$64,000]** The United Nations records that nearly half of the world's population currently lives in poverty. What income level do they use as their poverty line? A. \$2 US per person per day. B. \$10 US/day. C. \$50 US/day. D \$100 US/day.
- [\$125,000]** What is the fortnightly Job Seeker payment worth for a single adult with no children? A. \$634.80. B. \$749.20. C. \$802.50. D. \$958.30.
- [\$250,000]** Which of these figures represented 'the Poverty line' in Australia in 2022 (income for a week a for a single adult)? A. \$374.60. B. \$489. C. 598.80. D. 645.10.
- [\$500,000]** Which of these countries is not one of the top 10 poorest in the world? A. South Sudan. B. Somalia. C. Haiti. D. Mozambique.
- [\$1,000,000]** Which of these top 100 poorest countries is poorer? A. Indonesia. B. Fiji. C. Vietnam. D. Ukraine.

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SUDOKU Level: HARD

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

CALCUDOKU Level: EASY

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18+	2	4	13+	1	27+		3	7
	3					8	6	9+
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20x	1	8		4	4-		5	15+
		2	1-	3	5	9/		17+
	3	6	8/	8	1	11+		2

Instructions: Every row and column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 once each, with each outlined section equal to the number in the top left of the area when the noted mathematical operation is used.

TIP: For subtraction and division, start with the largest number in the section.

DOT CONNECT



Level: HARD Instructions: Start from the initial dot, then connect all dots on the board. Connections are made vertically or horizontally without overlap.

Source: <https://api.razzlepuzzles.com/>

CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
1 Trawl
5 What children learn
9 Former
13 Small particle
14 Hardhearted
15 Air (prefix)
16 Cob
17 Tie
18 Of no value
19 Spade (2 wds.)
21 Third part
23 Bivouac
24 Net strung across a stream
25 Make camp
28 Food shortages
31 Look
32 Sprinkles white stuff on
34 River dirt
36 Hotel
37 Downwind
38 Directory (abbr.)
39 Compass point
41 Warfs
43 Do it again
44 Injuries
46 Eyed
48 Advise
49 Mind
- DOWN**
1 State treasury
2 Midwestern state
3 Heavenly light
4 Small hand powered railroad car
5 A vacation (2 wds.)
6 Spree
7 Nervous system
8 Methods
9 Bars
10 What you do to a sound
11 Little Mermaid's love
12 Not any
14 Mixes up
- ACROSS**
50 Complainer
53 Simulating
57 Father
58 Great ape
60 Canal
61 Seethe
62 Wise Man's gift
63 Connecticut (abbr.)
64 Monetary unit
65 Partial
66 Leg joint
- DOWN**
20 Surface to air missile
22 Three
24 Dew
25 Otherwise
26 Asian country
27 Come to an end
28 Takes off
29 Bedspread feather
30 Skid
33 Tight at the top, flaring at the bottom (2 wds.)
35 Walked
40 Giant wave
41 Organised massacres
42 Sledge
43 Hick
45 Wrath
47 Electroencephalograph (abbr.)
49 ___ Matisse, painter
50 Welcome rugs
51 Follow
52 Cain killed him
53 Raise crops
54 Take the wrinkles out
55 After eight
56 Heredity component
59 Grain

MAGIC SQUARES

- Instructions:
- You have to fill in the numbers 1 ~ 16 in the puzzle.
 - You can only use the numbers once.
 - The sum of the numbers in the rows, columns and the diagonal must be the same as the numbers that are printed around the puzzle

Sourced from: www.edu-games.org

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Crossword:
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Sudoku #1:
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8 6 4 3 7 5 1 2 9
2 5 7 9 4 1 3 8 6
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5 7 2 4 6 9 8 3 1
9 8 6 7 1 3 2 4 5

Sudoku #2:
9 1 2 3 7 8 6 5 4
7 3 6 5 9 4 1 2 8
8 4 5 2 1 6 3 7 9
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HAY and SILAGE

Silage or hay this season?

OFTEN farmers access to machinery and contractors can drive decisions around whether to cut silage or hay.

The class of stock being feed also needs to be considered, whether that be to grow lambs or simply maintain the condition of cattle.

The major benefits of silage over hay are that it can be cut earlier and is less weather dependent, it is generally of higher quality and there is also often a much-improved regrowth.

Hay can also be good quality if it's cut at the right time. It also has the benefit of being lower in cost, because there's no wrapping and it's a lot easier than silage to store, transport and sell.

"They're the sorts of things that you need to be keeping in mind when you're looking at whether you're going to make hay or silage," said Michelle Joliffe, Dairy Extension Officer from Agriculture Victoria.

While there are a wide range of pastures that can be grown including, cereals, grasses, clover and lucerne, together with various mixes among these, maize is by far the easiest crop to ensile.

Other cops such as lucerne or clover mixes are expensive and there is less room for error during the ensiling process.

Michelle recommends aiming for higher quality silage over



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quantity when possible.

To ensure quality silage that produces good quality feed to grow animals on, dry matter targets, wilting and ensiling must be timed well.

Mowing, wilting and harvesting should be done within 72 hours at the very most and ideally between 24 and 48 hours for the best results.

If it takes any longer than this, the quality will drop rapidly, and moldy or unpalatable fodder may be produced, resulting in a waste of time, cost and effort.

It is recommended that farmers ensure they have both their contractor and wrapper organised to stay within these timeframes.

While hay is somewhat easier to manage, similar issues still apply, including needing to hit the target dry matter quickly.

If making cereal hay, the seed heads need to be at the target range for the dry matter when its being baled.

If a heavy crop or perennial pasture is being cut, Michelle recommends that farmers think about investing in a mower conditioner because it starts the drying process a lot quicker.

However, with cereals, a roller mower conditioner is far more effective because it's able to crinkle more of the stem to get more water out and start the drying process faster.

Depending on the crop that's growing there are specific

times when it's better to cut, to support this process.

To get quality silage and hay, getting rid of water out of fresh mown forage as fast as possible is key.

Another important element to this is creating low, wide windrows rather than high double edge windrows, as sunlight and breezes can evaporate moisture easier on the aforementioned.

Another quick way to get to the target dry matter is using a tedder to aerate the crop prior to windrowing.

Ultimately, a good quality product that can be fed back to animals helps to generate both good milk and meat production.

Prepare your farm for fire season

AGRICULTURE Victoria's new Fire Preparedness Toolkit is designed to assist farmers and land managers to prepare their farm for fire season.

Agriculture Victoria's Kylie Macreadie said the toolkit contains checklists and templates to help farmers prepare their farm business, livestock, staff and infrastructure ahead of the season.

"The checklists and templates published in the toolkit were developed with input from farmers," she said.

"Learning from the experiences of farmers that have been impacted by fire, we have identified key things that make it harder to recover after a very traumatic bushfire experience.

"For example, having a documented farm asset inventory can greatly assist in assessing loss of damage in the aftermath of a fire.

"Similarly, ensuring your farm documents are securely stored – on the cloud or off farm – and on hand, will help ease the pressure when it comes to seeking financial support or making insurance claims."

A Farm Fire Preparedness free webinar will step through the newly available toolkit and will be held on Thursday, October 19.

The Fire Preparedness Toolkit and other bushfire resources are available on the Agriculture Victoria website and should be used in conjunction with existing information and resources from the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and local council.

Register for the Zoom webinar by clicking us06web.zoom.us/j/81060024131.

More information about the webinar is available on the Agriculture Victoria website at agriculture.vic.gov.au/events.

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Krowera's silage productivity hopes amid dry weather concerns

KROWERA dairy farm owner Andy Thomas spoke of the importance of producing silage in the short term and planting for more in the future, highlighting the skyrocketing prices prevailing if one needs to buy in feed and the uncertainty about how dry the weather will become.

His share farmer has been hard at work doing a number of paddocks of silage prior to the recent spell of wet weather after succeeding in growing a lot of grass.

Efforts are currently being made to ensure that is the case down the track too.

"We're pouring fertiliser on to try and get stuff to grow so that we can make our own silage because trying to buy in hay and silage is going to be very expensive this year.

"I saw one quote for some canola hay in New South Wales and they were wanting \$800 a ton; that's ridiculous sort of money and normally it's just over \$200," Andy said.

He stressed that means it is essential to make the most of Spring and grow as much grass as possible in case the weather gets dry.

Andy observed that beef farmers are locking up paddocks for hay production, with dry conditions in parts of Queensland and northern New South Wales driving up feed prices and causing farmers in those areas to offload cattle, which has contributed to the drop in cattle prices across Australia.

"They've got to feed their animals something, or they've got to sell animals," he said of the interstate farmers battling dry conditions.

Have you done your checks?

HAY and Silage season is here again, now is the time to take advantage of any poor weather to check over your haying equipment and prevent costly downtime in the harvest. Compiling a pre-season checklist is also a great way to ensure you won't be caught unprepared.

TTMI recommends completing these checks to find any issues you might have parked from your last harvest.

- Inspect, lubricate, and service all power-driven areas such as belts, bearings, chains, and gears. Set tension on belts and chains.

- On disc mowers, replace knives and rotate or replace worn turtles over the knives. Conditioning rollers are often overlooked. Look for uneven wear and adjust the roll gap, roll timing, and roll pressure for your crop.

- On round balers, inspect belts, chains, and slats or rollers frequently for wear. Trim frayed edges and repair belts as needed to maintain uniform tension. When not in use, keep belts clean and release belt tension. Pick-up teeth on balers and on rakes are frequently broken or bent. Replace defective teeth and adjust height if necessary.

- While your equipment has been parked up over winter, there is risk of it becoming a nesting place for rats and mice.



Tom Hogan, Apprentice Service Technician, performs pre-season checks on KUHN Round Baler.

Check over electrical connections and hoses for chew marks and remove any nesting material. Check over the lights, reflectors, and decals before taking machinery out on the road.

- Also, be sure you have replacement parts on hand for frequently broken or replaced items. Are you stocked up on net wrap, silage film, shear pins, and spare tines for tedders, rakes and balers? TTMI Parts departments can help get you sorted for Spring.

- And most important of all, review your owner's manual to brush up on operation before the season begins and identify recommended maintenance

procedures and proper settings.

- At the end of the season, repeat these checks again and replace the filters and seals if applicable. It's also a good idea to relax belt tensioners before you put your machinery away for the winter, and always store your machines indoors or under a tarp to prevent rust. It's tempting to simply back equipment into the shed for the winter without giving it a second thought, however conducting an end-of-season inspection, and noting maintenance needs while they are still at the top of your mind can be time well spent.

Even if you typically take a do-it-yourself approach to

equipment maintenance, TTMI are available to provide expert workshop and field service and support when you need it. TTMI offers servicing for all tractors and hay and silage equipment.

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Getting dry matter targets right

WHEN it comes to doing any type of silage, whether that be lucerne and pastures right through to maizes and mixes, the most important thing is getting the dry matter right.

It is particularly important for both pit silage and baled silage, to get the air out and to get the right compaction to avoid rotting fodder.

Michelle Joliffe, Dairy Extension Officer for Agricultural Victoria explained in a recent webinar on Fodder Conservation, that the key to getting great fodder is to hit that dry matter target.

If silage becomes too dry, it will become bouncy and it won't compact properly, if it's too wet, it will become an oozy, slushy effluent.

For fresh pasture, and direct cuts, dry matter should make up about 15 to 20 per cent of the content.

Wilted silages and long chops should ideally have a dry matter of around 30 to 35 per cent while short chops should have around 35 to 40 per cent.

Baled silage should have between 35 and 50 per cent dry matter.

With hay the aim is to have about 80 per cent dry matter. If hay gets too wet or it's under that 80 per cent range, farmers run the risk of hay fires.



The best and easiest way to determine the dry matter percentage range of silage is through a simple hand squeeze test.

The best and easiest way to determine what the dry matter percentage range is, is through a simple hand squeeze test.

A sample of some forage from the windrow can be taken and cut up to fit into the hand.

It needs to be squeezed as hard as possible, then released and looked at closely.

If it has less than 25 per cent dry matter, the ball will

hold shape and moisture will run through the fingers.

If it's around 25 - 30 per cent the hand will be slightly wet, and the ball will hold some of its shape.

Between the 35 to 40 per cent mark, the ball will fall apart really slowly, and no moisture will be on the hand. If it's over 40 per cent it will open out quite quickly and hold no shape.

Michelle recommends that farmers should ideally choose quality over yield particularly with silage and particularly with pastures.

The reason is because this season it's early cutting, and crops should yield a high quality and there will be more regrowth and overall, a similar or greater total yield in the end - if the dry matter target is right.

Farmers take on disaster support

AGRICULTURE Victoria is working with Victorian farmers and industry to prepare for, respond to and recover from natural disasters.

These includes floods and storms.

Agriculture Victoria will deliver technical information and decision-making support services to help farm business recovery, including grazing, cropping and pasture management, irrigation and horticulture system rehabilitation, soil erosion management, land management, animal health and nutrition, farm mapping and planning, water quality and weed management.

More information is available from the Agriculture Recovery Team on 0427 694 185 or at recovery@agriculture.vic.gov.au.

Support for farmer health

THE National Centre for Farmer Health is committed to supporting primary producers whose properties, livestock or crops were damaged or lost in the floods or storms.

This will be implemented through the delivery of initiatives to boost farmer mental health and wellbeing, including a supportive online community through the #BuildingFarmSpirit social media campaign, free access to online psychology support delivered by farmer health trained psychologists, support for community events providing social connection and mental health promotion opportunities for farmers, farming families and farming communities, and distribution of mental health resources and support information.

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"As farmers we start and remain in the industry because it's a lifestyle."

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"With this efficiency, it will save us money on the rising costs of fuel, and the rising costs of fertiliser.

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"And to put it into perspective we are burning up to \$700 a-day in fuel, so by implementing quality and efficiency systems, we can maintain the costs for our clients."



Tom Davey of Ag Davey is pleased to with the drier conditions this year for the start of silage season.

Dry conditions prompt early start to silage season

SEASONALLY dry conditions have seen the silage season start a bit earlier, and Tom Davey from Davey Ag is pleased that this year's underfoot conditions are an improvement on last year.

"It looks like it's shaping up to be a really good year."

Less rain coupled with more sunshine and warmer temperatures this September has given rise to optimism among those in the industry.

"Obviously, it's still early, but things are getting started, which is definitely a lot more positive compared to this time last year," Tom said.

"It was so wet last year that we just couldn't go on paddock."

Predictions of El Nino weather events set for this Spring and Summer will keep conditions dry across the country, with effects on South Gippsland looking to be reasonable in the

short term.

"We're very lucky here in South Gippsland. Even when they say it's going to be dry here, we're normally not too bad," said Tom.

Ongoing and very dry conditions in the north of the country, and increased prices of goods and services overall, including transport costs, will likely see the price of fodder increase this year.

"It's a flow on effect, everything from diesel and all that goes with it has gone up so obviously the end product is going to be worth more," explained Tom.

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Sales representative Rod Gundrill displays a Fendt Rotana 160v baler. A02_4123

Navigating challenges in the hay and silage industry

In the heart of rural life, Phil McNaughton, a seasoned hay and silage contractor, stands as a testament to the indomitable spirit of the farming community. This season has proven to be an early one, kicking off unexpectedly in September, a rare occurrence according to Phil.

"It's very early, I haven't really done any silage in September for probably 10 years," Phil enthusiastically explained.

"It was a lot better going than I thought – a lot easier to get the crop dry – being so early. Normally it's a mission to get the early stuff in, but it went through really well."

Embracing the early start, Phil and his team wasted no time, completing three to four jobs in quick succession.

Conversely, Phil mentioned that the crops were not as abundant as they could have been.

"It wasn't quite good enough, but farmers just wanted to have a go and get a bit off."

Phil's journey into hay and silage began during his childhood, fueled by an enduring fascination with tractors and an unwavering love for the land. His passion gradually led him to expand his operations, eventually becoming a prominent figure in the local farming community.

"I'd do a bit with dad and then it expanded to a little bit for the neighbours and then grew into buying another machine, and another machine from there..."

Over the years, Phil has encountered several challenges, with one of the most persistent being the labour shortage that has plagued the industry. Finding and retaining skilled workers has become increasingly difficult, exacerbated by unpredictable weather patterns, especially during the wet seasons.

"We've had three years of wet seasons, it's not even work; it's stop start. You then have to get three jobs done in one day, in the one window you've got for the week – it's a lot of pressure and seems to be harsher as you get older," Phil acknowledged.

"We've seen a few people get out (due to labour shortages)."

Despite these challenges, Phil remains determined and hopeful, especially with the arrival of El Niño, a weather pattern that could provide much-needed relief from the relentless wet seasons.

The drier weather not only facilitates easier access to farms but also opens up opportunities for crop cultivation work.

"While we may see fewer bales during drier weather, farmers often transition to crops... Then in the autumn, if it remains dry, there's an abundance of grass sowing work. It's a balancing act – what we may lose in one area, we gain in another," Phil noted.

"Drier weather is a lot easier. When you tell someone you'll be there, you can be."

Phil's work is as diverse as the fields he tends. He's actively engaged in hay and silage production, crop cultivation, and even farm fencing during the off-season.

On the subject of pricing, Phil acknowledged the ongoing challenge of determining fair rates, especially with unstable fuel prices and the rising costs of machinery and labour.

"I used to be a member of a local contracting association. We would meet (August/September) and work out what we should be charging based on the climate at the time," Phil said.

"We don't have that association anymore – we're all on our own. It's challenging – trying to get a fair price for everyone."

Phil McNaughton's journey in the hay and silage industry is a testament to the resilience and dedication of those who work tirelessly to support our agricultural communities. Despite the challenges and uncertainties, Phil's passion for farming and commitment to his work remain unwavering.

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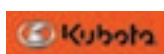
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Yarra Valley apple grower, Scott Symons, was philosophical about the ups and downs of being an apple grower at the Churchill Market on Saturday.

Riding the roller coaster of a fruit grower

"Yeah, they're great this year. The only heavy rain we've had was that

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Hooded Plover breeding season is back with a changing of the guard

Following last season's remarkable record of 23 fledged Hooded Plover juveniles on the Bass Coast between San Remo and Inverloch, these resilient yet vulnerable beach-nesting shorebirds are back, ready to repeat their breeding success.

Currently, there are three chicks in Inverloch and two nests with eggs at San Remo and Powlett River mouth, as breeding adults 'pair-up' at various sites.

Last season's surge in fledgling numbers on the Bass Coast helped counter lower numbers in other Hooded Plover habitats during challenging times. However, the work to save this threatened species continues, with Stephen Johnson, the long-time volunteer regional coordinator of Bass Coast Friends of the Hooded Plover, stepping down after 18 years of dedicated service.

Stephen played a pivotal role in establishing the volunteer friends' group with BirdLife Australia, fostering collaboration among land managers and stakeholders, raising public awareness, and mentoring volunteers along the



Stephen Johnson has stepped back from his role after 18 years of dedicated service as volunteer regional coordinator of Bass Coast Friends of the Hooded Plover. Photo: David Hartney.

Bass Coast. While Stephen's wisdom will be missed, he will continue to offer guidance to volunteer monitors and assist in flagging the birds for scientific purposes. David Hartney (Cape Paterson region), Warwick Mears (Inverloch region), and Janine Thomas (Kilcunda region) will now share his responsibilities.

Last season's fantastic local results can be attributed to favourable weather conditions, effective threat management,

increased public awareness, and a touch of luck. Collaborative efforts and initiatives between BirdLife Australia, land managers like Bass Coast Shire and Parks Victoria, Bass Coast Landcare Network, especially in fox control, and the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority were crucial.

In the Cape Paterson/Harmers Haven area, a valuable financial contribution of \$28,000 from The Cape

sustainable housing estate is funding various Hoodie initiatives along that stretch of the coastline.

Parks Victoria also made a significant financial grant of \$1500 from their Volunteer Growth Fund for updating nest management materials along all Parks Victoria managed sections of coastal real estate.

The volunteer group is now well stocked up for the coming breeding season. And let's not forget the valuable role the dedicated volunteers from Friends of the Hooded Plovers – Bass Coast play in supporting the Hoodies, monitoring their wellbeing and raising community awareness over many months.

The community and beachgoers also contribute significantly to Hooded Plover conservation. Success relies on beach users respecting the environment and wildlife by being aware of the Hooded Plovers' presence, following advisory signage, and adhering to Parks Victoria and Bass Coast Shire regulations regarding beach usage.

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Hoddle Range Flora Reserve discoveries

ECOLOGIST Tim Bowler recently completed a Flora and Fauna Survey of the Hoddle Range Flora Reserve, leading a tour on Saturday for an intrepid band of walkers who observed rare and threatened species he had identified.

The adventure was the first Prom Coast Ecolink citizen science activity.

The still new Prom Coast Ecolink is a volunteer run group working to connect and extend the patches of remnant and regenerated native vegetation on private and public land in South Gippsland.

"This was a wonderful opportunity to take a peek inside the reserve, which is not usually open to the public, being landlocked without an access road," Prom Coast Ecolink



Wendy, Marion, Gary, Julie, Anda and Ineke participated in an engaging tour of the Hoddle Range Flora Reserve

Chair Anda Banikos said.

With no designated paths or tracks inside the reserve either, the tour route relied on animal trails, and followed landforms.

"It was fairly slow going,

partly because of the ruggedness of the terrain, but mostly due to the fascinating botanical wonders at every turn," Anda said.

Hoddle Range Flora Reserve, a tiny pocket of Parks Victoria

land includes wooded gullies lush with tree ferns, ancient messmates, thickets of grass trees and stretches of heathland.

"The soundtrack for the walk was birdsong and an occasional koala growl," Anda said.

"It was sobering to see the damage being caused by deer and goats in the reserve and Prom Coast Ecolink is working with Parks Victoria to monitor the feral problem, as a first step to controlling numbers."

Anda expressed her appreciation to Lindsay Williams for access over his property and to Parks Victoria for its collaboration and support.

She said there will be another opportunity to visit Hoddle Range Flora Reserve on October 28 for a nature journaling event.

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Farmers encouraged to capture the moment

IN THE lead up to National Ag Day on November 17, BASF Australia has announced the launch of The Biggest AgriPhoto Competition.

The aim is to celebrate the enormous contribution and importance of agriculture heroes – farmers and their families.

The photo competition will be launched on October 16 and closes November 12.

Farmers, growers, families and even others outside the Ag industry are encouraged to capture moments on the farm that celebrate the hard work of farmers and the enduring spirit of all in the Ag industry.

“At BASF, farming is the biggest job on earth, made up of countless activities that everyday Australians don’t see. We want to use the photogenic talents of many to showcase the efforts of our farmers and all in the Ag community – from the early starts and long hours, to working in the fields and beyond, whilst managing families,” head of Agricultural Solutions in Australia and New Zealand Gavin Jackson said.

The Biggest AgriPhoto Competition is an opportunity to drive greater community collaboration while celebrating the unsung heroes who dedicate themselves to providing everyone in Australia with their daily fresh fruits, fibres and food.

Participants are encouraged to enter a photograph for a chance to win a \$500 store voucher (GiftPay) and a framed photograph of their image.

Two winners will be announced each week via BASF Australia’s social media channels and will also go in the running for the grand prize – a \$2500 store voucher (GiftPay).

The winner will be announced on National Ag Day.

For more information about the Biggest AgriPhoto Competition visit crop-solutions.basf.com.au/AgriPhotoCompetition.

Cream rising to the top: Victorian dairy delivers

A NEW report has found Victorian dairy farmers enjoyed one of their most profitable 12 months in the last 17 years.

Agriculture Victoria released the 2022-2023 Dairy Farm Monitor, an annual survey tracking 80 dairy farm businesses statewide.

Agriculture Victoria Sector Development and Services Executive Director Dougal Purcell said the report showed that in 2022-2023, milk price increased by 33 per cent to \$9.77 per kilogram milk solids – the highest on record in 17 years – helping to offset rising feed costs and overheads including labour.

‘It is pleasing to see Victorian dairy farmers come out on top following a year of higher business inputs, wet conditions and flooding,’ Mr Purcell said.

‘We thank the Dairy Farm Monitor project participants for their dedicated support for this initiative, providing such valuable information to industry and government.’

Agriculture Victoria’s Dairy Farm Monitor project is a partnership with Dairy Australia, collecting and analysing financial and production



Victorian dairy farmers celebrate their most profitable year in 17 years.

data from dryland and irrigated dairy farms in south-western Victoria, Gippsland and northern Victoria.

Dairy Australia, General Manager for Research and Innovation Greg Jarman said farmers are making multiple operational and tactical decisions on a daily, weekly and seasonal basis.

‘Some of these decisions can have a lasting impact on the profitability and sustainability of their farm,’ he said.

‘The Dairy Farm Monitor

Project is a valuable source of independent physical and financial data around a wide range of on-farm practices, equipping farmers with essential insights to inform their decision making. This information also ensures that on-farm consultants and industry stakeholders can use reliable, independent and useful information and resources to provide good advice to farmers.’

Project participants represent a distribution of farm

size, feeding systems and herd sizes.

Valued at \$2.5 billion, Victorian dairy leads the nation’s exports. The gross value of milk produced in Victoria is worth \$2.86 billion and the sector supports almost 13,000 jobs, almost half of which are in regional Victoria.

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Previous Gardiner Foundation Scholarship recipient Rachel Dickson on exchange in Canada.

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This initiative reflects Gardiner's commitment to nurturing the next generation of professionals who will play a pivotal role in the development and progress of the dairy sector.

"I applied because the scholarship was empathetic of the primary producing background. A lot of scholarships only look at the stats and don't see that we still need help," previous recipient Rachel Dickson said.

Rachel is no stranger to farming, growing up on a 750-cow dairy farm.

She's worked on the farm ever since she was little, showing dairy cattle.

"I've been to Dairy Week every year since 2014, except during COVID and when I did my exchange," Rachel said.

She has also worked on a large-scale dairy operation near Manchester in the UK.

"I always knew I wanted to do something with livestock and animals. Doing a gap year reaffirmed my decision," Rachel said.

After completing her second year at university, Rachel studied a semester abroad at the University of British Columbia, Canada.

"I definitely wouldn't have been able to do my exchange without the scholarship. It allowed me to explore my study exchange to the fullest. I didn't have to worry about being able to pay rent or afford food because I couldn't work while in Canada. Without these funds, I would

not have had the experience I did, and I'm very grateful," she said.

Prospective students who share a passion for the dairy industry's success and wish to be part of the positive transformation in rural communities are strongly encouraged to apply for the Gardiner Foundation Scholarship.

"The scholarship gives you the flexibility to not only move away from home, but to make sure you're able to live the experience. Having the support to go and do something that was different like an exchange was amazing and I'm very grateful for the opportunity," Rachel said.

"My goal of completing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine following this degree remains unchanged. I plan to complete an internship next year within the animal health sector, to explore the industry outside of clinical veterinary practice."

To be eligible for the scholarship, candidates must exhibit a genuine dedication to pursuing a career that directly contributes to the enhancement of the dairy industry or the wellbeing of dairy communities.

This represents a unique opportunity for students who are not only seeking academic excellence but are also keen on making a tangible difference in the lives of those living in rural areas.

Applications are now open and close on Monday, November 20.

To apply and for more information, please visit the official Gardiner Foundation website at gardinerfoundation.com.au/ts.

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Grants for ag shows

THE Victorian Government is supporting Victoria's agricultural and pastoral societies to improve their business operations and increase involvement in regional shows with the latest round offering grants of up to \$10,000 for eligible projects.

These grants will offer agricultural and pastoral societies the opportunity to upgrade or establish new facilities while creating opportunities for further collaboration and partnerships with businesses.

Eligible projects for funding can include improving showground amenities like fencing and shade covers, or further enhancing on farm biosecurity planning.

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Applications close on Friday, October 13.

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45 Angus steers, 22-24 mths
A/c M & E Telling, Woodside (PHC)
40 Hereford steers, 16-18 mths, by Mawarra & Karoonda Bulls, VB
A/c Cobana Pastoral, Bombala (NUTRIEN)
25 Charo / Angus X steers, 24 mths, NE Accred, GF, AF, proven performing cattle
A/c F & K Crooke, Boisdale (NUTRIEN)
16 Angus steers, 22-24 mths, Innesdale blood, GF, AF
A/c A J Thomas, Jack River Valley (PHC)
15 B/B & Hereford x steers, 20-22 mths
A/c M & T Prosser, Jeetho (NUTRIEN)
11 Speckle Park steers, 20 mths
A/c Monaghan Pastoral P/L, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 22-24 mths
A/c P Arnol, Jeetho (NUTRIEN)
5 Speckle Park steers, 20 mths
3 Angus X steers, 20 mths
A/c P LePage (ALEX SCOTT)
6 Angus steers 2yo

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c Cobana Pastoral, Bombala (NUTRIEN)
30 Charolais heifers, 24 mths, NE Accred, GF, AF, proven performing cattle

WEANERS

A/c A.G. Landy, Walkerville (SEJ) - Annual Draft
180 Angus & Angus Hereford x steers
120 Angus & Angus Hereford x heifers
10-12 mths old, weaned 6 mths, By AI Landfall New Ground & Temania Bulls, drenched & vaccinated
A/c A Conisbee & Co, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
100 Angus steers, 13-14 mths, By Fernleigh & Banquet Bull, NE Accred, EU Accred, Annual Draft
A/c Blackwood Grazing, Trafalgar (NUTRIEN)
100 Angus steers, 14 mths, Pathfinder blood, NE Accred, drenched 10/9
A/c G&J Tuckett, Woodside (ELDERS)
90 Angus steers, 12-15 mths, Landfall blood, VB, GF & ABF
A/c Castello Farms, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
Annual Draft
70 Sim Angus steers, 13-15 mths
14 Sim Angus heifers, 13-15 mths
Hick Blood, weaned 1/6/23, drenched 2x5in1, booster B12, VB, GF, AF, NE Accred
A/c Ross Castello Family Trust, Trafalgar (NUTRIEN)
80 Angus steers, 14 mths, Leawood & Bowman bloodlines, weaned, NE Accred, GF, AF
A/c Cobana Pastoral, Bombala (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 12 mths
20 Charolais heifers, 12 mths
Weaned, NE Accred, GF, AF, proven performing cattle

A/c P LePage (ALEX SCOTT)

25 Angus steers, 12 mths, weaned
25 Angus Heifers, 12 mths, weaned
A/c I & R Hengstberger, Dumbalk (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus steers, 12-13 mths, Clunie Range blood, weaned, MH at weaning
A/c AC & RA Bowman, Winnindoo (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 13-15 mths, Pinora blood
A/c Andrew Bott, Briagalong (NUTRIEN)
20 Charo / Angus x steers, 10-12 mths
20 Charo / Angus x heifers, 10-12 mths
Weaned, GF, VB, AF
A/c Manuka Ridge P/L, Kilcunda (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus mixed sex weaners, 9-10 mths, By Absolute, Kelly & Merlewood Bulls, weaned 19/2/23, 3x5in1, PiliGuard 11/9/23, Multimin & Virbamec Plus
A/c Fuller Downs, Foster (ALEX SCOTT)
30 Angus heifers, 12-14 mths, By Banquet and Yancowinna Bulls Drenched and Multimin 4 wks ago
A/c Tullaree Pastoral, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus steers, 8 mths
A/c A & A Missen, Woodside (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 11-12 mths
A/c G & S Couper, Mardan (SEJ)
20 Angus steers, 10-12 mths, weaned May, 3 x 5in 1, Eprinex one week, Bowman Performance blood
A/c G & L Simmons, Woodside (PHC)
20 Hereford steers, 10-12 mths, weaned, By Karoonda Bulls, VB
A/c NR & KD Hansford, Yinnar (NUTRIEN)
20 Hereford heifers, 12-15 mths
A/c G & C Moon, Airly (NUTRIEN)
10 Hereford steers, 5 mths
8 Hereford heifers, 5 mths
Weaned, GF, VB, AF
A/c A Orchard & E Garth, Mirboo North (ELDERS)
16 Angus steers, 12 mths, weaned, Leawood blood, VB, GF & ABF
A/c Greigs Creek Angus, Won Wron (PHC)
15 Angus steers, 12 mths, Weaned, VB
A/c R & S Lowe, Kilcunda (ALEX SCOTT)
15 Angus mixed sex weaners, By Kelly, Absolute & Merlewood Bulls, 3 X 5 In1 Vacc Multimin & Virbamec Drench, NE Accred, GF and ABF
A/c S Ogniew, Briagalong (NUTRIEN)
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<p>BOYLE, Robert (Robbo):</p> <p>15.04.1952 - 08.10.2023.</p> <p>Departed this world under the loving watch of his wife and children.</p> <p>Will be dearly missed by Helen, Penny and Mike, Joanna and Ryan, Jennie and Leigh, Peter and Amy.</p> <p>His grandchildren will miss their Grumps.</p> <p>We lost a part of ourselves today - such an incredible man.</p> <p><i>“his family - his life”</i></p>	<p>BROWN, Graeme John:</p> <p>Graeme / Pa,</p> <p>Thank you for the love you showed us and all the beautiful memories we have to treasure. We will miss that cheeky smile terribly.</p> <p>We did not want to say goodbye, but we are grateful you were ours, and take comfort in knowing you are now resting peacefully.</p> <p>Loved and remembered every day.</p> <p>Tim and Cindy, Cade and Brooke, Kiera and Ben, Jordan and Ava xx</p> <p>Dad, you’ve left us way too soon, we will miss your visits, advice, and the cheeky type of humour you possessed, you fought this terrible disease right to the very end and have now gone to a better place, thanks for the memories Grazy/Pa, you will be sadly missed but never forgotten.</p> <p>Much love, Cameron, Brooke, Taylah, Kyle, and Jhett xx</p> <p>Dad/Grazy/Pa, We will cherish our memories forever. Thanks for teaching us all so much. You will always be in our hearts.</p> <p>We miss you ♥</p> <p><i>“That’s life”</i></p> <p>Love always Chris and Jodie, Chloe and Byron, Will and Felicity and Molly.</p>	<p>BROWN, Graeme John:</p> <p>Brother of Alan (dec.), brother-in-law of Marj, uncle of Karen, Robyn, Ian, and families.</p> <p>A lifetime of memories.</p> <p>Rest peacefully Graeme.</p> <p>BROWN, Graeme:</p> <p>A dear friend for over 70 years who will be sadly missed.</p> <p>Our deepest sympathy to Dos and family. Love Ross and Gwen, and family.</p> <p><i>Rest in peace Browny.</i></p> <p>BROWN, Graeme:</p> <p>Kongwak Hall Committee acknowledges the sad passing of our colleague and friend.</p> <p>Graeme served on the Hall Executive and Committee over many years. He actively supported working bees and social events.</p> <p>Our thoughts are with Dorothy and the family.</p> <p>-- Burt Blackburne, Secretary</p> <p>DIXON (née Schmidt), Marjorie Clara:</p> <p>Passed away at home on the 5th of October 2023.</p> <p>Loving wife of Kevin. Mother of Wendy, Russell, Tony, Stuart and families.</p> <p>Grandmother to Tara, Gemma, Rhys, James and Ella.</p> <p>Great grandmother to Nyah.</p>	<p>DUNSTAN, Philip Glen:</p> <p>03.01.1943 - 03.10.2023.</p> <p>Passed away peacefully after a long illness.</p> <p>Loving husband of Jean. Father and father-in-law to Glen and Belinda, Brook and Nathalie.</p> <p>Grandfather to Alexandra, William and Claire.</p> <p>Phil's contagious love of travel, including many crazy Outback adventures, along with his voracious appetite for reading and knowledge, have been an inspiration.</p> <p>Go with all our love Phil, to that happy hunting ground in the sky, and prepare a great camp site for us.</p> <p>HARRIS, Alexander James (Alec):</p> <p>12.12.1953 - 03.10.2023.</p> <p>Passed away peacefully on October 3, 2023.</p> <p>Aged 69 years.</p> <p>Loving husband of Lynette.</p> <p>Stepdad to Jamie, Kellie, David and Sarah.</p> <p>Grandpa of Aiden and Blake.</p> <p>We will miss you, sleep peacefully.</p>	<p></p> <p>HARRIS, Alec:</p> <p>Members of the Outtrim Lodge 209, mourn the loss of our</p> <p>WBro Alec Harris PGStdB.</p> <p>He will be sadly missed.</p> <p>So Mote It Be</p> <p>LUMSDEN, Ray:</p> <p>Deepest sympathy to Denise, Scott, Raelene and family.</p> <p>Happy memories of good times and your infectious humour.</p> <p>No more pain Ray.</p> <p><i>Rest in Peace.</i></p> <p>-- Ron and Jillian.</p> <p>MUNDAY, Jake Mark:</p> <p>It is with great sadness and heartache to announce the sudden passing of our beautiful son Jake Munday who passed away tragically Saturday night September 30.</p> <p>Loving son to Mark and Meaghan, brother to Mia and Alivia, Grandson to Gael Munro, Adrienne Watts and Keith Munday.</p>	<p>NOONAN, Brendan (Bren):</p> <p>03.05.1973 - 05.10.2023.</p> <p>Bren passed away peacefully at The Whittle Ward, Hobart, Tasmania, aged 50 years.</p> <p>Loved son of Peter (dec.) and Margaret Noonan. Cherished brother and brother-in-law of Damien and Jo. Much loved uncle to Connor, Shannon, and Holly.</p> <p>Big heart, big personality, big muscles, and considered himself a big Romeo.</p> <p>Everything about Bren was larger than life.</p> <p>Gone up to heaven to sort things out!</p> <p>Very sadly missed.</p> <p>For funeral details please contact Millingtons Funerals on 03 6211 4888.</p>	<p>SMITH, James Douglas (Jim):</p> <p>08.12.1947 - 06.10.2023.</p> <p>Passed away peacefully at Peninsula Private Hospital, Langwarrin on October 6, 2023, aged 75 years.</p> <p>Loved husband of Annete (dec.).</p> <p>Loving partner of Pat.</p> <p>Dearly loved father and father-in-law of:</p> <p>Teri and Paul, Gene and Angelique, Jo-Anne and Peter, Dale and Robyn.</p> <p>Bonus dad and father-in-law to: Sein and Lisa, Jamie and Lara, Shannon and Paul.</p> <p>Much loved grandfather of fifteen and great grandfather of three.</p> <p>Loved and Adored by All.</p>	<p>BOYLE, Robert:</p> <p>Please come and gather with us to share your memories of a special person who will be greatly missed.</p> <p>Stony Creek Racecourse & Recreation Reserve on Friday October 13, 2023, at 1pm.</p> <p>BROWN:</p> <p>A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mr. Graeme John Brown will be held at Kongwak Public Hall, 1440 Korumburra-Wonthaggi Rd, Kongwak NEXT TUESDAY October 17, 2023, commencing at 1pm.</p> <p>Graeme's service will be recorded and placed on Handley Funeral Services website for details.</p> <p> Phone: (03) 5662 2717</p> <p>DIXON:</p> <p>The Funeral Service for Mrs. Marjorie Clara Dixon will be held at the graveside, Korumburra Cemetery, Kardella Road, Korumburra NEXT TUESDAY October 17, 2023 commencing at 11am.</p> <p> 5672 1074</p> <p>DUNSTAN:</p> <p>The Funeral Service for Mr. Philip Glen Dunstan will be held at the Newhaven Yacht Squadron, Seaview Street, Newhaven, on Monday October 16, 2023, commencing at 2pm.</p> <p>A Private Cremation will follow.</p> <p> 5672 1074</p> <p>HARRIS:</p> <p>A Funeral Service to celebrate the life of the late Mr Alexander Harris (Alec) will be held at the Korumburra Masonic Centre, 25 Bridge Street, Korumburra on TODAY, Tuesday October 10, commencing at 1pm.</p> <p>The funeral will then leave at the conclusion of the service for the Korumburra Cemetery</p> <p>All Masonic Brethren are respectfully invited to attend.</p> <p> Phone: (03) 5662 2717</p> <p>MUNDAY:</p> <p>The Funeral Service and Celebration of life for Jake Mark Munday will be held at the CYC Phillip Island Adventure Resort, 1775 Phillip Island Road, Cowes on FRIDAY October 13, 2023 commencing at 10am.</p> <p>A Private Cremation will follow.</p> <p> 5952 5171</p>



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In lieu of flowers, donations to Head Space or Suicide Prevention would be appreciated. Envelopes will be available at the Service.

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SMITH:

A memorial service for Mr James Douglas Smith will be held at Foster Football Club Station Road on Friday, October 13, 2023, commencing at 11am.



THOONEN:

A Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs. Janine Margaret Thoonen will be held at the Grandstand complex, Leongatha Recreation Reserve, Roughead Street, Leongatha on Monday, October 16, 2023 commencing 11am.

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IN MEMORIAM

BURGESS, Beth May-Anne:

07.10.2019.

A life so brief, a child so small, you had the power to touch all of our hearts.

Loved always, Nanny and Pa Mc, Janelle, Jordan, Thomas, David and all your family.



McRAE, Barry Anthony:

08.10.2015.

As time passes, your presence in our family becomes stronger and stronger.

We draw on the legacy of memories, teachings and resourcefulness that you gave us daily. Knowing that you and Beth are together gives both love and comfort.

-- Kristine, Anthony, Belinda, Janelle, Lauren and all your family who love you.



BEREAVEMENT THANKS

WILKINSON:

The Wilkinson family extend their heartfelt thanks for the support, prayers, messages, expressions of sympathy, cards, donations and for those who attended the service to celebrate the life of Heather Wilkinson.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

BEREAVEMENT THANKS

HOGG:

The family of the late Ken Hogg wishes to thank everyone in attendance of our dad's funeral on 2nd October 2023.

Words cannot express our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, cards, flowers and condolences we received during this sad time.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank the staff at Woorayl Lodge for their dedicated love and care shown to Ken during his time there.

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AS THE club's top Brownlow Medal
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combe had the right to start favourite in
the club count for Hawthorn's Peter Crim-
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But the fact that he finished runner-up
again, this time to another youngster, Will
Day, by a margin of just two votes, 125 to
123, in only his second full season with
the team, takes nothing away from what
has been another stellar year.

Not only did Newcombe finish as Haw-
thorn's top vote-getter in the Brownlow,
with 18 votes, including three best-on-
ground honours, to finish clear of Hawks'
captain James Sicily (12) and fellow mid-
fielder James Worpel (11), Newcombe
was also named in the top 40 players in
the competition, when included in the All-
Australian squad for the first time.

The club was full of praise for his ef-
forts.

"In a testament to his sharp career rise,
Newcombe finished as the runner-up for
the second year in-a-row. Newcombe has
now landed on the club's best and fairest
podium in both of his first two full sea-
sons in the system, an incredible feat for
the 22-year-old who has only played 51
career games.

"Renowned for his hard-nosed ap-
proach, the fan-favourite has averaged
25.1 disposals per game this year and 5.5
clearances.

"Newcombe was also important in
generating scoring opportunities for the
Hawks, highlighted by a team-high aver-
age of 6.4 score involvements per game,
while also kicking a total of 12 goals him-
self this year.

"The Box Hill success story has been a
shining light for the Hawks in recent sea-
sons after arriving to the club as pick two
in the 2021 mid-season draft."

Long Course
season underway

THE Long Course season of racing
blasted off for the South Gippsland Bass
juniors, with GSII held at Morwell on Sun-
day. All 24 swimmers looked great racing,
many in their new team bathers, and look
forward to the season of racing ahead.

The event, swum in their 25m pool, was
great for the South Gippsland Bass juniors
who are still getting the hang of 50m races
and are encouraged when they hit the wall
and know they are halfway.

It's a great practice for them before they
race in the 50m pools in a few weeks.

For those who have swum before, it was
a great chance to see how much they have
progressed over the past few months while
there has been a break.

Coach Lorri, who has taught many of
them since they joined the Junior Develop-
ment squad, was all smiles, watching them
get in and have a go.

"I am so pleased to see them have a go.
The races can seem like a long way for
them, especially those just starting out
with their racing journey," she said.

"At the end of the season, they will look
back to their first race and see how much
their confidence has grown and times re-
duced."



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Coasters ready to break into a new season



Coasters stars Ruby Morris and Jett Garnham are ready to ball out this season.

BASKETBALL is once again taking off in Wonthaggi and surrounding areas, with domestic, representative and Country Basketball League (CBL) each entering new seasons.

The Wonthaggi Amateur Basketball Association (WABA) will again field both a men's and a women's CBL side and look to be competitive in the region's highest and most competitive basketball competition.

The proud Wonthaggi club has undergone a few changes in the offseason, following another successful season in the CBL last summer, when their men finished sixth and their women fifth.

Both teams welcome new head coaches, with the men to be led by Andrew Mortimore and the women now under the guidance of Cath Garnham.

Fresh into their new roles at the helm, Andrew and Cathy spoke to the Sentinel-Times last week ahead of the CBL's opening round.

"It's what I'm used to, I'm much more comfortable with the seniors role, I've coached up in New South Wales in youth league men's, NBL1 and played in that league for about 20 years as well," Mortimore said.

"I'm feeling much more at home with the older boys."

"I took on the role since they're a good bunch of girls, they've had a bit of recent success and I'm hoping to get that next group of women coming through and getting them involved," said Garnham.

Neither coach is a stranger to the role or the club itself for that matter, the Garnham name is entrenched in the WABA and Cathy herself has coached many successful representative teams of all ages, she also has three supremely talented children who have and will represent the club with flying colours.

As for Andrew, he and his family moved to the area during the pandemic and has since invested his time in the junior portion of the WABA, coaching his 11-year-old son in his junior representative team, he will now take on the big job and coach his other son Will.

Will is touted to be a massive drawcard to the Coasters games with a wealth of experience and height, standing 6'10".

"He's been in boarding school in Sydney for the last three years, playing NBL1 in NSW, he's just turned 18 and won the NSW Youth League State Championship, which was a big win for his club in Maitland," Mortimore said.

Will Mortimore will look to gel early with his new teammates, one of whom Jett Garnham, who was a top ten scorer in the competition last season and has recently played Youth League basketball at the Dandenong Basketball Club, Jett is also one of Cath's sons, and will again line up alongside his older brother Jenson, in what shapes to be Wonthaggi's best and most exciting line up yet.

"What excites me about the boys is that they've got a bit of mongrel about them, which is great, they're young, fit, aggressive and our strength will be to use that intensity on the defensive end to create a bit of pressure," Mortimore said.

"We've got a bit of height coming in this year with Will, so the combination of speed, aggression and height should see us have a bit of extra oomph compared to last year."

With a new coach and a true power forward/centre coming into an already potent machine, the 'Wonny' men are primed to make a finals run, and have their sights set on doing so.

"We sat down at our first session and as a team we targeted a top three finish so we can have a great advantage going into finals, so that's where we're aiming this year," Mortimore said.

On the women's side of the tape, their new leader is pumped to get to work with her fresh and young squad.

"We're travelling well, we've got a few junior girls coming through the junior program, which is good, it shows that our pathways are all working, we've got a good mix," said Garnham.

"I think we have that blend of good youth and experienced heads as well, our older lot, that are only in their early 20s, they have that experience of winning the title two

By Aiden Box

seasons ago and playing at a high level themselves as juniors,

"So having that mix now and passing that information and skills onto the junior group and still having that chance to make finals and potentially win again makes this season really exciting."

Building off of this buzz, the 2021/22 champions will once again steel themselves for another finals tilt, or at least their coach certainly hopes so.

"We always hope to win, we know we've got to get time into the junior ones as well, so a lot of development but we'd be disappointed if we didn't make finals," she said.

All the preseason hype will finally come to an end this Saturday at Korumburra Indoor Recreation Centre, in a blockbuster rivalry double header.

The women will tip things off at 6pm in a clash of the champions, before the men hit the floor as one of the best local sporting rivalries adds another chapter, both coaches had their say on their huge season openers.

"The boys have said this is one they really want, all eyes are on Korumburra for us, it's a really important one, the boys are focused, and I'll get them ready on the day, we'll be ready to play," Mortimore said.

"We're hoping to get out and run, we've got some speed, they're the reigning champions, they've got great juniors and women's sides historically, they'll be super tough, we're going in as underdogs," said Garnham.

"But we'll try our best and take it to them and hopefully come away with the win."

Just to build even more excitement, in 2023/24 it will be easier than ever to watch the Coasters CBL stars strut their stuff out on their home floor, with five massive home games, all on Sundays!

This is a move which was requested by WABA president Michael Bell and his team, as a way of making the CBL action more accessible to families and locals in the area, Michael spoke of this change to the Sentinel-Times last week.

"It's really the perfect substitute for senior footy, it's the highest level we have around the region and its so easy to get to, we really want to build that family atmosphere," he said.

Wonthaggi's huge home opener double header tips off with the women at 12pm this Sunday at the Bass Coast Community Stadium, with the men to follow at 2pm, both against Southern Peninsula.

Both incoming coaches threw their support behind the change to Sunday afternoon home dates.

"I think particularly for local junior basketball players in the area it's a really good opportunity to come and see kids that have come through the same club and got to a point where they perform," said Mortimore.

"We've got Jenson, Jett and Dom who are all really solid local juniors who are going to be competing in high levels of basketball for a long time, so I think for juniors to come and see how far they can get to as basketballers in Wonthaggi it's a really good opportunity to come and support."

"Come down because you can see some great local talent, some people they've potentially grown up with our know around the area and see some role models for men and women," said Garnham.

"It's great for those younger people to see that there is quality high-level sport in their region that they can be part of, either through playing or just by coming and watching and we want to do our town - Wonthaggi and surrounds proud."

The club is hungry for more success this summer as it continues to grow at all levels.

"Numbers for the club overall are great, domestic is still growing, we've had to move to adding a Friday night to the schedule to fit everything in, rep is going well too, we just hosted heaps of practice games for the local clubs over the weekend," said Bell.

Overall, the WABA is set for another bumper season of basketball, and it promises to be an unmissable one for the area's locals, who are all welcome to come get their piece of the action.

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To continue meeting natural gas demand from homes, business and industry, Beach Energy has commenced planning and consultation for the Offshore Gas Victoria (OGV) Project.

The webinar will enable the local community to learn more about the OGV Project, which is considering a range of activity in the Commonwealth waters across several phases. These include seabed assessments (non-seismic), drilling and connecting new wells, and removing suspended wells.

We are committed to working with our local communities, ensuring people are informed of our projects and can provide feedback. Stakeholder consultation is an important part of our planning as it helps identify any local concerns and ensures management of potential impacts.

If you would like to ask our technical staff questions about our projects, or provide feedback, please register your interest in joining the webinar by emailing community@beachenergy.com.au.

Tuesday 17 October 2023 from 5pm to 6pm

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Softball thrills in Bass Coast

SOFTBALL interest is increasing in Bass Coast.

A come and try session was held at the Newhaven Recreation Reserve last Friday night.

This was a Bass Coast Softball Association initiative in partnership with VicHealth and Softball Victoria.

“We are a new association trying to introduce Bass Coast to the sport of softball,” Bass Coast Softball vice president Melony Grand-Court said.

“Jo Schutt from Softball Australia put an expression of interest out all over Bass Coast to see who was interested in softball, where they would like to see it, what ages, and from that we are trying to plant the seed, see what we can do and if we can grow it.”

On Friday at Newhaven, participants were divided into U12 and U16 age groups to take part in an interactive warm up and throwing drills, culminating in a game of modified softball.

The Newhaven session was held off the back of a successful five-week miniseries in Bass over winter.

The miniseries attracted around 40 participants each week.

Another come and try session will be held at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve this Friday at 5pm.

“We’re trying to see if we’ve got a bit of interest on Phillip Island and in Wonthaggi,” Melony said.

“From here, we are looking at doing a six to eight week season. Hopefully, with a team from each location, we will be able to come together every week and play against each other.

“We have a lot of schools that do



Bass Coast Softball Association hosted a come and try session at the Newhaven Recreation Reserve on Friday. Pictured back, association committee member Shelly Spencer, Tyler Drager, Lulu and Sage van der Walt, Savannah Mol, association vice president Melony Grand-Court, front from left, Holly Goss, Hayley Alexander and Zara Hill.

play softball that are quite successful. Bass Valley Primary School won districts in softball and one of the girls Gemma (Schumack) plays U14s for Victoria – but there’s nothing down here for them to play regularly.”

Melony and fellow Bass Coast Softball Association committee member Shelly Spencer travel at least three hours each week to play softball.

With enough interest, the association is hoping to form a competition

to allow young players the opportunity to experience the sport locally.

The Newhaven and Wonthaggi training sessions have been funded by Softball Victoria, Softball Australia and VicHealth, who also provided the training gear and offer training courses for coaches.

The mini season is set to be launched on Friday, November 10.

It is anticipated the mini season will be played at the Bass Recreation Reserve.

Try fishing with Venus Bay Angling Club

VENUS Bay Angling Club (VBAC) is keen to get more people hooked on fishing, holding an open day on Saturday October 28.

No experience is needed, with enthusiasm the only thing attendees are encouraged to bring.

Those new to the sport will receive guidance on what bait to use, how to set up a fishing rod, and casting techniques.

“We will give you tips on reading the local tides to optimise your fishing success and suggest good spots to throw in a line whether you are land based or have a boat,” VBAC member

Roslyn Shelly said.

The club is always ready to welcome new members who quickly become part of its fishing community.

VBAC’s philosophy is that fishing isn’t just about the catch but also laughter, friendship and creating happy memories.

“If you’re not sure yet if fishing is for you, come along and have a chat and join in the sausage sizzle; bring the kids and make it a family event,” Roslyn said.

The open day runs from noon until 4pm at Gerald’s Shed on Fishermans Road.

Reel in a grant for your patch

THE latest round of the Recreational Fishing Grants Program has officially opened, making it easier for Victorian fisheries to catch a grant.

The annual program, which invests recreational fishing licence fees into vital projects, is open to fishing clubs, community groups, incorporated bodies, and government and statutory bodies.

Intermediate grants tailored for fishing clubs are available for projects up to \$50,000, while smaller grants are on offer for projects

of up to \$5000.

Project proposals between \$5000 and \$100,000 qualify for the ‘Large Grants’ part of the Program, which is available across four categories:

- Fisheries sustainability and habitat improvement
- Fishing access and facilities
- Fisheries related education, information and training
- Recreational fisheries research

Grants are open until February 29, 2024. For more information or to apply online, visit vfa.vic.gov.au/fishinggrants.

Hannah Eisen recognised for female leadership

PHILLIP Island’s Hannah Eisen has been nominated as a semi-finalist in the Regional Development Victoria Leadership and Innovation Award which forms part of the 2023 Community Achievement Awards for Victoria.

The awards encourage, acknowledge, and reward the valuable contributions that individuals, communities, and businesses are making throughout Victoria.

Having been selected as a Semi Finalist, Hannah’s nomination will now be reviewed by a judging panel during the final stages of judging, where the finalists will be selected.

Hannah was nominated by Phillip Island Board Riders (PIBC) treasurer Joanna O’Reilly Stubbs who said Hannah is heavily involved in the community, she is passionate about women being enabled in STEM, architecture and design, sport and recreation, community infrastructure, as well as community strengthening and the environment.

“It is wonderful for the Bass Coast Shire community to have Hannah listed as a semi-finalist, to demonstrate professional female leadership in local government and regional Victoria.”

Hannah is renowned in the community for her generosity and hard work. Working tirelessly for the girls and women in sport, mentoring the next generation – especially in architecture, design, project management, and community infrastructure - particularly the cultural centre.

Hannah said, “the additional study



Hannah Eisen made it to the semi-finals in the Regional Development Victoria Leadership and Innovation Awards.

to upskill ensures I’m keeping relevant.”

Hannah strives to help not-for-profits, supports grass roots community sport, is speaking up regarding violence against women, focuses on females in construction, STEM, is solo travelling as a female and establishing innovative programs, and events to help the region feel more connected especially after COVID – including running yoga classes at PIBC three times a week for the community.

“The nomination is huge for me

especially as I hate bragging, don’t like self-promotion, and do things in my community as a volunteer because I genuinely love where I live and love the support I get from the people in my life.

“I was honestly shocked I got this far into the process but am grateful to be recognised. I put so much time and passion into PIBC to get things happening, so to have a little recognition is very nice.”

This finalist phase of judging will take place on October 11.

Have your say on current fisheries’ policies

THE Australian Government has opened public consultation on the effectiveness of two key policies behind the management of Commonwealth fisheries.

The Commonwealth Fisheries Harvest Strategy Policy and the Commonwealth Fisheries Bycatch Policy set the standards for sustainable harvesting of our fisheries resources to maximise benefits to the Australian community.

Assistant secretary for Fisheries George Day encouraged stakeholders to provide their views on whether the policies remain fit for purpose.

“It’s important that these policies maintain target and bycatch stocks at sustainable levels, maximise economic returns to the Australian community,

and minimise impacts on the marine ecosystem, all in the context of increasingly needing to adapt to a changing climate,” he said.

“I invite members of the fishing industry, marine conservation NGOs, recreational fishers, fisheries and marine scientists and researchers, First Nations fishers and sea country Traditional Owners, and the general public to have their say on how Australia’s fishing resources and marine environment are managed.

“Feedback received will help us to understand where changes may be required.”

To have your say and to view the consultation paper, visit haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/fisheries-policy-reviews.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY
October 10

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- ▼ 1.57pm 0.80m
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WEDNESDAY
October 11

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- ▲ 9.46pm 1.15m

THURSDAY
October 12

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- ▲ 10.59am 1.24m
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- ▲ 11.11pm 1.17m

FRIDAY
October 13

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- ▼ 6.00pm 0.71m

SATURDAY
October 14

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SUNDAY
October 15

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- ▲ 1.19pm 1.35m
- ▼ 7.26pm 0.49m

MONDAY
October 16

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Wonthaggi Croquet Club's Section 2 runners up Virginia Wheeler and Neil Warburton at Lakes Entrance.

Wonthaggi Croquet

LAKES Entrance conducted a Golf Croquet handicap doubles tournament on the weekend of September 23/24, with players from at least 11 clubs throughout Victoria attending.

Four members of the Wonthaggi club took part with the usual pairing of Virginia Wheeler and Neil Warburton competing in Section 2 and Sue Cartwright and Gerry Kool competing in Section 1.

The latter pair failed to trouble the scorers to any great extent by winning only one game for the weekend.

The section was won by Heather Bradbury and Dennis Saxton from Bairnsdale.

Virginia and Neil fared much better by finishing runners up in Section 2 to Betty Clissold and Wilma Freeman from Sale.

Weather wise, it was a great tournament and a credit to the Lakes club for a fabulous weekend.

Pennant season has now been running for six weeks and the table is starting to take shape as follows;

Drouin, Wonthaggi Maroon, Phillip Island Blue, Wonthaggi White, Leongatha, Phillip Island White, Korumburra

The season will run until early December.

Island Tenpin Bowling

Phantom: 1st on 14.5pts Dragonfly, 2nd on 13pts PBA9X and 3rd on 13pts Alleygator.

2s Company: 1st on 23pts King Pins, 2nd on 20pts Tinabe and 3rd on 20pts Him & Her.

ABL: 1st on 133pts Pinpals, 2nd on 119.5pts Knackers and 3rd on 117.5pts Buccaneers.

Business Early: 1st on 3pts Balls Deep, 2nd on 3pts Woolly Balls, 3rd on 3pts Old Timers and 4th on 2pt The Redundants.

Business Late: 1st on 3pts S&R Clarke Auto, 2nd on 3pts Jd's, 3rd on 3pts Island Restoration and 4th on 3pts Team Rich.

Top scorers:

Men – Jason Bence 233, PBA9X 204 and Toby Durdin 203.

Women – Jacque Kent 168, Bec Bertram 158 and Kerri 148.

New blood test could improve concussion diagnosis

A GLOBAL blood test for concussion could be a step closer after a Monash University-led study discovered specific proteins or biomarkers that can help diagnose concussions relatively quickly and accurately.

Once approved, a blood test identifying these biomarkers could improve the diagnostic process of concussion following accidents, sport-related collisions, or other injuries, aiding management and recovery. It would be used alongside, rather than replace existing diagnostic measures such as physical signs and symptom self-reporting, to improve accuracy.



South Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners John Nicholson (S), Jenny Smith (L), Bev Elliott (2) and Ken Barnes (3).



Max Williams (L), Vern Elliott (S) and Laurie Bell (3) were this week's South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group runners up.



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's best one game winners Luke Monckton (3), Phil Wright (S) and Peter Stansfield (L).



Inverloch Bowling Club's social bowls winners Allan Jonstone, Laurel Lee, Jill Kennedy and Bill Selby (skip).



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday event was the Graham Jackson/Daryl Major Memorial Shield between the Wonthaggi and the Phillip Island bowling clubs. Wonthaggi's Allan Ireland and Phillip Island's Chris Fricke are pictured with the shield.



The winner of Korumburra Bowls Club's Monthly Triples was the Inverloch team of Jeff Gilbert, Steve Snelling and Martin Hannaford.

INVERLOCH

CLUB Championships:

Last week incorrect information regarding our Club Championships was published.

The correct information is that the Ladies' and Men's Singles Finals are both on Sunday, December 3.

The Mixed Pairs Final needs to be played by December 10.

Draws are now posted in the Club-room.

Bowlers are reminded to read the conditions of play carefully.

Social bowls: A reminder for club members that Thursday's Social Bowls times have changed from the winter schedule.

Names now need to be in by 11am with play starting at 12.30pm.

Thursday's Social Bowls saw 32 bowlers brave the weather to hone their skills in windy conditions.

Eight teams of fours played two games of 10 ends. Only two teams won both games.

Runners up for the day were the team of Carol Waters (skip), Di Selby, David Turnbull and Jeff Curwood finishing with two wins and 27 points.

The winners on the day finishing on two wins and 30 points was the team of Bill Selby (skip), Laurel Lee, Jill Kennedy and Allan Johnstone.

Pennant:

Pennant season is fast approaching with Saturday Pennant starting on October 21 and Midweek Pennant starting on October 24.

Inverloch and Hastings bowling clubs competed for the Battle of Hastings Trophy on Saturday.

This is an annual event on the bowling calendar.

Thirty-six bowlers from each club competed over 21 ends to battle for honours.

Inverloch was the winner on the day with a total score of 211 to Hastings 151.

Pie/Pastie Night: October 19 has been set aside for the Pie/ Pastiest. If you want to attend, please put your name down on the sheet in the clubroom.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

THIRTY-THREE of the family of bowlers turned up for this week's challenge.

It was definitely a winter's day with a bitterly cold wind blowing up the green from the south pole.

Luckily, the rain stopped falling before they walked out to start the game, and the only other rain that fell was during the lunch break.

All in all, it was a fairly good day for the bowlers.

Lots of laughter across the green, both from the friendly banter, as well as the wind making it hard to control the bowls.

Not a lot of wrong bias' bowls today.

A big shout out for the wonderful organisers Peter, Pauline and John.

They make it so easy for all of the players to turn up and get on with the game.

There can only be one winner, and this week's winners both finished the day with 37 points which led to a count back to determine the winner.

This week's winners on 37 points were John Nicholson (S), Ken Barnes (3), Bev Elliott (2) and Jenny Smith (L).

Runners up, also on 37 points, were Vern Elliott (S), Laurie Bell (3) and Max Williams (L).

Best one game winners on 36 points were Phil Wright (S), Luke Monckton (3) and Peter Stansfield (L).

It was great to see Sue return from her medical break.

It was also great to see her husband Peter make a return following his long absence due to

work commitments.

Next week, the bowlers will be attending Koo Wee Rup bowls club to, once again, fight it out for team of the week.

The club hopes to see as many players as possible.

Everyone is asked 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.

KORUMBURRA

IT was another busy month with players getting ready to play pennant for the coming season.

At this stage, the numbers are looking okay, with the club having representation in Division 1, 2 and 4 in Saturday Pennant and Division 1 and 3 in Midweek Pennant.

There are lists on the notice-boards.

If you are unavailable for Pennant at any time, please make sure the selectors know.

The club held its Monthly Triples last Monday, with full greens on a very pleasant day.

Winners on the day were the Inverloch team of Jeff Gilbert, Steve Snelling and Martin Hannaford.

Runners up were John Paterno, Guilio Marcolongo and Ron Burge.

Best last game went to T. Cove, J. McVeigh and R. Cove.

Thanks to Fishers Timber and Hardware for their generous sponsorship.

Don't forget counter teas this Friday night.

Names are to be in this Wednesday.

WONTHAGGI

IT was a very different week at the club.

Tuesday's practice match was called off – as was the Triples on Wednesday – because of rain.

It was left to Saturday, for the Graham Jackson/Daryl Major Memorial Shield, for the weather to improve.

This is the first year this event has been held between Wonthaggi and Phillip Island for a practice match to be held every year.

As you can imagine with both greens full with four divisions playing, it was a sea of colour and activity.

At the end of the day, Phillip Island took the shield home for this year with all matches played in the very best spirit.

The two clubs have a good relationship.

Rod Beech and Kevin Wagner spoke about Graham and Daryl, about bowls and the individuals in general.

After the two speakers finished, everyone felt they knew the two gentlemen a little better.

There are some photos on the club website, just to get a feel how well the day went.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am and on Saturday there will be a practice match against Inverloch under normal Pennant times, for the Bunurong Shield.

Don't forget on Tuesday, October 17, there will be a practice match for Midweek Pennant, so put your name or names down for that day.

Have a good week and good bowling.

CORRECTION

AN INCORRECT photo accompanied last week's Leongatha Bowls Club caption. The photo was of third place scorers Phillip Island – John Newcombe, Graeme Cornell and Peter Forrest with a score of three wins + 34 shots.

KORUMBURRA

RESULT: Tuesday, October 3: No competition: rained out.
Thursday, October 5: Stableford: four players.
Winner: Barry Kerr (14) 40 points.
NTPs: first Barry Kerr, 10th Barry Kerr and 13th Greg Wilson.
Saturday, October 7: Monthly Medal: 40 players.
Sponsor: Ian Gibson and Greg Jones.
Winner: Dozer Skewes (25) 58 net. A Grade: Mat Wrigley (3) 69 net. B Grade: Dozer Skewes (25) 58 net. Scratch Winner: Mat Wrigley (3) 72 off the stick.
NTPs: first Roy Fleming, seventh Rob Gallagher, 10h Peter Johnson and 13th Shane Pouw.

Ladies

THE heavy rainfall put a stop to golf last Wednesday.
However, there were a number of women who made use of the Full Swing Simulator to practice their golfing techniques indoors.
The club had a team of three travel to Phillip Island on Friday to participate in their bowl.
On Saturday, Lynette McIvor (22) won the RB Monthly Medal with 74 net and was the recipient of the Luscious Café voucher.
Kerri Besley (20) was runner up 75 net and Aliasha Wrigley (24) won a BDTL 80 net on a c/b from Trudy Olden.
Merrissa Cosson was the Scratch Score winner with 94 and Lynette was NTP on the 10th green.
The new seven-hole social competition on Sundays had a great turnout this week.
It's just \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.
Book with Mi-Score or phone John at the club, 5655 1886, to book a time.

LEONGATHA

Tuesday, October 3: No competition due to the wet weather.

Thursday, October 5: Stableford.
Thirty-four members/guests braved the elements to play in this Stableford event.
Overall winner: Greg Ellt (19) with 34 points.
Overall runner up: John French (19) with 33 points.
NTP 14th: John Moor at 3.25m. NTP 16th: Tony Gedye at 7.25cm.
Extra balls comp prizes went to Josh De Groot and Rod MacKenzie.
Saturday, October 7: Monthly Stroke.
On Saturday, 80 members/guests played in the Monthly Medal stroke event off the black tees.
Overall winner: Simon Thomas (25) with a net score of 67.
A Grade winner: David Newman (14) with a net score of 71.
A Grade runner up: Craig Hutchinson (8) with a net score of 73 on a countback.
B Grade winner: Bruce Christison (18) with a net score of 69.
B Grade runner up: Josh De Groot (16) with a net score of 71 on a countback.
C Grade winner: Kent Hams (21) with a net score of 69 on a countback.
C Grade runner up: Stuart Harry (19) with a net score of 71 on a countback.
D Grade winner: Alan Briggs (24) with a net score of 74 on a countback.
D Grade runner up: Gerry Carcour (25) with a net score of 75 on a countback.
NTP 14th: Chris Indian at 1.79m. NTP 16th: Craig Hams at 1.92m
Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Chris Indian, Christopher Leaver and Doug Clemann.
Sunday Leongatha Plate Stableford Event October 8
Sunday saw 103 members/guests hit off at 10:30am with a shotgun start, off the blue tees for the Leongatha Plate event. Such a superb day with excellent

weather and an outstanding level of competition.
Team results: Winners: John Hoare 41 points, Brett Langmaid 39 points and Andrew Logan 35 points on a countback.
Runners up: Gordon Allan 37 points, Ken Smirk 36 points and Peter Brown 34 points
Individual Results:
A Grade winner: Andrew Logan (12) Meeniyan Golf Club with a score of 35 points.
A Grade runner up: Peter Brown (0) Morwell Golf Club with a score of 34 points.
B Grade winner: Brett Langmaid (15) Moe Golf Club with score of 39 points.
B Grade runner up: Ken Smirk (16) with a score of 36 points.
C Grade winner: John Hoare (21) Garfield Golf Club with a score of 41 points.
C Grade runner up: Gordon Alan (19) with a score of 37 points.
NTP fourth: Mark Engley. NTP seventh: Danny Dwyer. NTP 14th: Chris Nott. NTP 16th: Rodney Moreland.
MIRBOO NORTH
SATURDAY, October 7: Stroke.
A Grade: B. Bradshaw (11) 70 net. B Grade: N. Bickerton (18) 68 net. C Grade: C. Snell (31) 69 net.
DTL: J. Mc Farlane 70, N. Bracecamp 72, and T. Bradshaw, P. Robinson and T. Baker 73,
NTP: first B. Bradshaw, fourth C. Graeme, sixth N. Baker, 13th G. Shandley and 16th P. Robinson, Birdies: sixth S. Mills and 16th P. Robinson.
PHILLIP ISLAND
TUESDAY, October 3: men's competition cancelled due to bad weather conditions.
Wednesday, October 4: ladies' Monthly Medal Stroke.
A Grade winner: Emma Hall (6) net 74. B Grade winner: Nako McRae (34) net 74. BDL net 77.
NTP: fifth Karen Green, seventh Rhonda Boyd, 10th Liz

Gleeson and 17th Vicki Ramage.
Nine-hole Stableford:
Winner: Lynore Mercer (32) 17 points.
BDL to 15 points.
Thursday, October 5: 18-hole Stableford.
Overall winner: Daniel Pearce (8) 39 points C/B.
A Grade winners: A-1 Daniel Pearce (8) with 39 points A-2 Rob Davison (13) 36 points.
B Grade winners: B-1 Rod Ward (17) with 39 points B-2 Robert Purcell (22) 37 points C/B.
C Grade winners: Barry Melven (33) with 37 points C-2 John Gains (26) 36 points.
BDL to 33 points C/B.
NTP: fifth Heath Grace, seventh Rod Ward, 10th Max Disher and 17th Ian Smith.
Nine-hole Stableford:
Winner: David Gladman (17) with 20 points C/B John Withington (25) with 20 points.
BDL to 17 points.
Saturday, October 7: men's Stroke Monthly Medal.
Overall winner: Brady Ross (25) net 64.
A Grade winners: A-1 Luke Zonetti (8) net 69 and A-2 Tony Shannon (10) net 71.
B Grade winners: B-1 Heath Grace (16) net 68 and B-2 Christian Lloyd (13) net 70 C/B.
C Grade winners: C-1 Brady Ross (25) net 64 and C-2 Harry Bentley (22) net 66.
BDL to net 74 C/B.
NTP: fifth Steve Duggan, seventh Paul Ledwith, 10th Rickardo Meder and 17th Aaron Saric.
Ladies' 18-hole Stableford:
A Grade winners: A-1 Michelle Davey (43) 47 points and A-2 Vicki Ramage (24) 40 points C/B.
BDL to 34 points.
NTP: fifth Jeanette Diss, seventh Vicki Roff-Smith and 10th Vicki Ramage.
Saturday open nine-hole Stableford:
Winner: Malcolm MacArthur (30) with 18 points.
BDL to 14 points C/B.



Korumburra Golf Club's Monthly Medal winner Doz Skewes 58 net.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: October 5, SR. 71.
Competition type: Stableford 18-hole.
Winner: Ian Murrells 34.
Results: October 5, SR. 34.5.
Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.
Winner: Paul Cornelis 16.
BDTL to 14.
Ball sweep: Norm Burne 14 and Secondo Tiziani 14.
Results: October 7.
Competition: MM and Putting 18-hole.
Winner: A: Ian Baker 72.
B: Jim Jordan 70 (Monthly Medal). C: Paul Cornelis 71.
BDTL to 75 C/B.
Ball sweep: Ross Lovett 72, Mick Bourke 72, Doug Putt 73, Alan McLean 73, Michael Scott 73, Miles Foster 74, Darren Brown 74, Dean Winning 75 C/B.
NTPs: Michael Scott second, Mat Johnson fourth, Julian Wintle eighth propin, Ross Lovett 13th and Mark Tiziani 17th money hole.
Putting: Paul Cornelis 28 putts.

South Gippsland men secure the country week win

SOUTH Gippsland (SGGI) golfers' men's team competed in the country week golf tournament in the Plate division held at Yallourn, Trafalgar, and Traralgon golf clubs. The team defeated East Gippsland 5/2 in the first round but after the buy in round two were outplayed by a strong South Western (SW) team 2/5 in round three.
Needing a good result against North Eastern (NE) in round four the team rallied winning 4 1/2 to 2 1/2 which kept the team in touch.
With the final round to be played at Traralgon three teams were in with a winning chance, SGGI were level on points with NE, but one game behind, this meant that if NE defeated SW, SGGI needed a greater winning margin. If SW defeated NE, SGGI only needed to defeat Golf Central.
The cards fell SGGI's way with SW defeating NE 4/3 and SGGI defeated Golf Central

4/3 to secure the win. Having won the Bowl, division three in the past this is the first time that South Gippsland has won the Plate, division 2 - 2024 sees the association playing in the top shield division. SGGI have previously played in the shield division when the top two teams were promoted.
Women's results
After many weeks of preparation, the South Gippsland country teams golfers played five matches against the cream of country golf from all over Victoria in West Gippsland.
Round one - South Gippsland 4/3 vs East Gippsland. Round two - South Gippsland 2/5 vs Western. Round three - South Gippsland 2/5 vs Ballarat. Round four - South Gippsland 6/1 vs West Gippsland. Round five - South Gippsland 2/5 vs South Western.
Unfortunately, South Gippsland didn't come away with the win, but will compete again next year.



From back, Peter Rayson (team manager Woorayl), Bart McDonald (Lang Lang), Wayne Kennedy (Lang Lang), Matt Wrigley (Korumburra), Ian Balfor (assistant manager Woorayl), Michael Thomas (Leongatha), and front, Jack Jacobsen (Leongatha), Damien Symmons (Woorayl), Steve Bromby (captain Korumburra) and Chris Buckland (Foster).



Andrea Thorson, Sue Hoskin (assistant manager), Robyn Galloway, Marissa Cossan, Shelley Snooks, Elly Berryman, Sue Wylie (Team manager), Rena Casey, Jennifer Sullivan, Sharon Rayson, Rebecca Thomas and Merryn Dear.

Bridge Club news

PHILLIP ISLAND

SEVEN tables competed on Monday, October 2.

John Farr and Bronwyn Sund came first for North/South with a score of 56.55 per cent followed in second by Graham and Wendy McKergow on 53.87 per cent.

In third place were Neville Chapman and Lorrie Read with 51.79 per cent.

Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles were first for East/West with a percentage of 55.36 per cent.

Equal second were Jill Short and Marion Wellwood and Diane Coleman and Karen Klym on 54.17 per cent.

Wednesday saw seven pairs compete.

Congratulations to Don and Trish Stewart-Uden in first place with a score of 69.79 per cent.

In second place was Karen Klym and Bronwyn Sund with 60.42 per cent, followed in third place by Marnie Myall and Moya Crowley on 54.17 per cent.

There will be no Bridge on Phillip Island this week, as the majority of members will be enjoying the delights of Rutherglen on a Bridge holiday.

The club will be hosted by the Albury Bridge Club on Thursday.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND

AT the 34th birthday celebration lunch, president Neville Chapman told of John Sutton's amazing contribution over many years.

He was always so ready to share his knowledge as he went on to achieve Grand Master's status.

In the early years as a committee member, he most significantly taught new learners the skills of a complex, challenging and most enchanting game.

His patience and expertise set many members on the path to success in competing locally, regionally and statewide.

In more recent years, supervised play at his home focussed on advanced skills and practice in a most convivial environment.

He continues in his charming and knowledgeable way to foster and support players of all standards during the local and regional competitions.

Results:

October 3 at Leongatha:

Seven tables participating.

N/S: First: the consistent Anne Gibson and Julie Perriam 60 per cent. Second: John French and Deb Anglim 57.5 per cent. Third: Greg Nicholson and Kaye Douglas 54.64 per cent.

E/W: First: Alan Johnston and John Sutton on 53.75 per cent. Second: Ian and Julie McPhee on 57.08 per cent. Third: Chris Hall and Doug Mackintosh on 52.85 per cent.

October 6 at Inverloch:

Seven tables participating.

N/S: In the master's points with a resounding win were Deb Angim and John French with a monster 71 per cent. In second place was John Farr and Faye Rowlands on 55.06 per cent. Third place was Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson on 52.08 per cent.

E/W: First: Alan Johnston and Ruth Harvey 64.58 per cent. Second: Maureen Styles and Penny Laughran 59.23 per cent. Third was Julie Perigam and Anne Gibson.



Inverloch's Ann Gibson (Tate) with Don Quixote, winner of the Garryowen Equestrienne Turnout, 70 years ago, in 1953.

70 years on, Anne Gibson and 'Don Quixote' honoured

THE time-honoured 'Garryowen Equestrienne Turnout', one of the most prestigious riding events in Australia for women, has been run and won at the 2023 Melbourne Royal Show by Jessica Stalling of Tahmoor NSW.

However, while 21 of the very best horse and rider teams in the country were getting set to strut their stuff for a record \$11,000 in prizes, organisers took the opportunity to cast their minds back to the achievement of one particular horse and rider in the event 70 years ago – Don Quixote and Anne Gibson (Tate) of Inverloch.

It was back then that Miss Anne Tate of East Kew, riding Don Quixote, triumphed in the Garryowen at her third attempt, among other scores, receiving the perfect rating of 20 out of 20 for her riding ability and 'The Don' 29 out of a possible 30 for conformation and general soundness.

But it wasn't because it was 70 years ago this year that Anne and her favourite old horse Don Quixote were remembered ahead of the draw for this year's event, in fact, Don Quixote was being elevated to 'Hall of Fame' for his performances over the years.

According to Noelene King OAM, a board member the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Limited, and a Charolais breeder of note from Almurta, each year a horse, rider or a person associated with the event is voted on to join the hall of fame.

"This year it was Don Quixote who was chosen, not just because Anne won with him in 1953 but also because he competed at a high standard for several years, including other placings, that he was considered worthy of the honour," Mrs King said.

Anne Gibson and some of her family members were on hand to see the presentation of the award by Brad Jenkins CEO of the Melbourne Royal Show.

Back in 1953, the Argus newspaper carried half a page of coverage about Anne Tate's victory: "Anne Tate of East Kew has captured the greatest equestrian prize of the year, the Garryowen



Inverloch's Anne Gibson receives an award from Melbourne Royal Show CEO Brad Jenkins after her Garryowen mount of September 1953, Don Quixote, was elevated to the time-honoured event's hall of fame.

Trophy at the Royal Show. Here Anne shows us how to earn a winning total of 89½ points in a high-class competition (with photo)."

Mrs Gibson recalls competing in the Garryowen on about six occasions, but it was a mishap at her first attempt in 1951, still as a teenager, which ultimately saw her team up with Don Quixote, and win the competition in 1953.

"I was competing on a black horse that I also got from Arthur Newman at Tocumwal, and I'd effectively completed the event when the judges asked me to come forward," Mrs Gibson said.

"He stepped out and unloaded me and that was that."

"Fortunately, Arthur Newman came up to me after and said he had another horse for me, one that would suit me better, and that horse turned out to be Don Quixote."

"I had him his whole life after that until he went lame, and we turned him out into the paddock."

"Funnily enough, he got over it some years later and I had a few more rides on him."

After competing at the Garryowen in 1951, 1952 and winning in 1953, Anne said she took a year off "because I wasn't sure I could win it again" but came back to compete four more times for two seconds, a third and a fifth in her

final year before having a baby.

The Don died more than 50 years ago and while Anne remembers him fondly from time to time, it was only when the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria announced last Wednesday that they were raising the bay gelding to the Hall of Fame that the memories came flooding back in greater detail.

"I didn't know they even had a hall of fame."

"He had a beautiful temperament, but he was pretty toey as well, he loved to go."

As a thoroughbred, tried for flat racing and over the jumps, he managed to adapt well to the discipline of dressage, but it was when Australia was gearing up for the inclusion of equestrian in the 1956 Olympics that Don Quixote and Anne came into their own.

A member of the Melbourne and Yarra Glen hunt clubs, a regular at all the major shows including the Sydney and Melbourne royal shows as well as being at the Waverley Riding School, taught by the likes of Olympic coach Franz Mairinger, Anne regularly competed at the disciplines of showjumping, dressage and cross country, and was invited to join an exclusive group of riders from most states of Australia to try out for the Olympics.

One of these trial events, over 12 days in Bowral in NSW in March 1954, at the estate of Sam Hordern, the president of the Equestrian Federation of Australia, featured most of the riders subsequently selected in the first Australian Olympic Equestrian Team and a number of horses that also went on to the Olympics.

The Victorians selected for the trial were Miss A Tate (East Kew), Bert Jacobs (Narre Warren), Colin and John Kelly (Caramut) and David Wood (Berwick) with Wood and Jacobs ultimately being named in the first Australian team with Franz Mairinger as coach.

The training school was featured in the Women's Weekly at the time and Anne received prominent coverage.

However, while organisers made an offer to take Anne's horse to the Olympics, it was to be 10 years before a woman was selected for the first time in an Australian Olympic equestrian team, for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

Not only were women behind the eight-ball when it came to competing against men in those days, but the heritage of the equestrian event at the Olympics was also against Anne, where only the military were originally allowed to enter, as the ultimate test for man and horse.

Horse riding continued to be part of Anne's life, with one of her fondest memories being riding the Bicentennial National Trail from Healesville to Canberra in 1988 with her husband Bruce as part of the official opening of the trail in October that year.

The Garryowen Perpetual Trophy has been awarded annually as part of the Melbourne Show since 1934 missing only 2007 (equine influenza) and 2020 and 2021 (COVID). The competition is named after three-time Royal Melbourne Show champion saddle horse, Garryowen, whose owner Violet Murrell died tragically whilst trying to save Garryowen from a stable fire in 1934.

DALYSTON PRESENTATION GALA



All-rounder Scott Darts, most improved Ben Lewis, most determined Will Clarke, runner up best and fairest Brayden Duve, coach's award recipient Hayden Wallis, most consistent Michael Harris, and best and fairest Curtis Murfett were Dalyston's Seniors award winners.



Dalyston's Fourths award winners were most improved Connor Shepherd, most determined Bailey Anderson, best and fairest Lincoln Harris, runner up best and fairest Riley Brinkman, best first year Jesse Dugard and most consistent Noah Forrest-Mabilia.



Dalyston's Thirds award winners included best and fairest Seb Ori, runner up best and fairest Keyva Kay-Darts and most improved Angus Chisholm. They are pictured with coach Mitch Davey. Absent: Ty Bolding (coach's award) and Ryan Cargill (most consistent).



Dalyston's B Grade best and fairest Sarah Blundell, runner up best and fairest Mataya Maloney, coach's award recipient Jade Ray-Angarane and best in finals winner Sienna Tiziani.



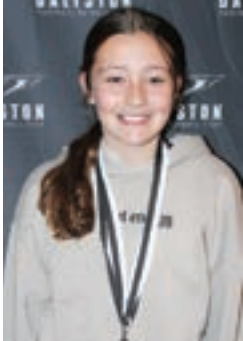
D Grade coach Alana McRae (second left) congratulated coach's award recipient Molly Horsfield, runner up best and fairest Ash Smith, and best and fairest Claudia Lewis. Absent: coach Bella Schmidt.



Coach Emma Main with Dalyston's C Grade runner up best and fairest Hayley Verboon, best and fairest Oona Shepherd and coach's award recipient Laila Kane-Di Paolo.



Dalyston's U11s team featured Zali Loughran, Hayley Magro, Evelyn Chetland, Skyla Garrick, Sophie Allan, Mila Wylie, Brylee Shepherd and Zaya Cole. Absent: Maisie Johnson and Georgina Caddy.



Dalyston's Hayley Magro was named best in finals in the U11s.



Dalyston's A Grade award winners were coach's award recipient Sophie Scott, runner up best and fairest Britt Thomas, and best and fairest and coach Alana McRae.



Most improved Ben McRae, best and fairest Troy Alford and runner up best and fairest Rob Davey were Dalyston's Reserves award winners. Absent: John Armstrong (coach), Tyson Andrighetto (coach's award) and Shaun Silver (most consistent).



U15s best and fairest and best in finals Ruby Morris, with runner up best and fairest Kiahra Maloney and coach's award recipient Mikaela Piasente.



Jade Ray-Angarane received the Lal Brosnan Award for Best Netball Club Person at Dalyston Football Netball Club's presentation night.



Dalyston Football Netball Club's Best Club Person recipient Diana Thomas with Best Netball Club Person Jade Ray-Angarane.



Dalyston's U13s best and fairest Bridie Allan with runner up best and fairest Isla Curtain.



Dalyston's U17s awards went to most determined Kady Milner, coach's award recipient Mya Brosnan, best and fairest Olivia Bramley, and equal runner up best and fairests Eva Garnham and Mataya Maloney.

LIONS CONGRATULATE THIS SEASON'S STARS



STONY Creek Football Netball Club celebrated its 2023 season recently. The Juniors' presentation night was held at the Stony Creek clubrooms on Thursday, September 28, followed by the Seniors' presentation night at the Dakers Centre in Leongatha on Friday, September 29. More than 100 life members, club members, players and supporters attended the evening. Inlet Hotel from Inverloch catered the event. The club would like to thank everyone involved in the great night and the sponsors throughout the season. A massive thank you was also extended to Ken Spence for taking photos throughout the night.



Stony Creek U17s' runner up best and fairest Tayleisha Johnston, coach's award recipient Chloe Smedley, team manager Kaitlin Funnell, coach Sophie Clarke, and best and fairest Sandra Dyke.



Seniors coach Chris Verboon with best team man Jai Bright, most consistent Matt Brown, runner up best and fairest Tully Bernaldo, best and fairest Cody Loughridge and coach's award recipient Jack Stewart.



Jye Davey was awarded the Alan Sinclair Memorial Award for his 2023 year at Stony Creek. Jye was always there to help and assist the club, with the best interests of the club at heart. His attitude reflects the love that he has for the Stony Creek Football Netball Club, going above and beyond his role. Jye is pictured with Steve Sinclair.



Coach Samantha Dyke (second left) congratulated Stony Creek's U15s runner up best and fairest Lucy Dell, best and fairest Mia Weir and best team person Jorja Kenny.



A Grade's most dependable player Melissa Blackshaw with best and fairest and coach Jeanette Brown. Absent: Kate McCarthy (runner up best and fairest).



D Grade's most consistent Charmaine Clifford, best and fairest Ashleigh Challis, coach Kelly Johnston, and runner up best and fairest Alison March.



C Grade's coach and best and fairest Stephanie Magro, most consistent Abbie Tapsell, and runner up best and fairest Taylor Mitchell.



Jarrad Byrnes became Stony Creek Football Netball Club's newest Life Member. This year, Jarrad played his 300th club game, which awards him this great honour. He is a three-time premierships player with the club, including 2009 Senior Premiership and the back-to-back Reserves Premiership team wins in 2018 and 2019 – also being captain in those Reserves years. Jarrad has also been on the committee and grounds staff throughout the years at the club. Jarrad is pictured with his dad Jim (left) and club president Mark LePage (right).



B Grade's award winners were most consistent Hannah Potter, best and fairest Jessica Brown, and runner up best and fairest Rebecca Brown.



Stony Creek's U11s team received their participation medals from coach Rebecca Browne.



Stony Creek's Reserves coach Bryce Rawson with best team man Jacob Cecil, most improved Thomas Horsburgh, most determined Cade James, runner up best and fairest Adam Atkins, and best and fairest Nick Svenson.



Jai Bright was awarded the Bob Burge Memorial Award for his dedication to the club, helping with the summer fundraising opportunities which included hay carting and the Stony Creek Races. Jai is pictured with Lauren Rawson.

A GIANTS' NIGHT FOR KORUMBURRA-BENA



C Grade coach Casey Walker with equal best and fairest Zoe Patterson and Amy White, runner up best and fairest Kerryn Gow and coach's award recipient for most improved Stacie Fermanis.



Joffa Holland presented Jay Walker with the Fred Holland Memorial Trophy as Senior best and fairest for Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club.



Korumburra-Bena's Senior coach Paul Fermanis with coach's award recipient Joel Cuman, best and fairest Jay Walker, best team man Tane Derrick, most improved Matt Kennewell and most promising U21 Blake Webb. Absent: Tyson Findlay (runner up best and fairest).



B Grade coach Ange Williams congratulated best and fairest Emma Fowles. Absent: Sophie Enbom (runner up best and fairest) and Ellen Sorrell (coach's award – best team person).



Reserves coach Jasper Macri with runner up best and fairest Jed Harris, best and fairest Jesse Harris and best team man Luke Mains. Absent: Colin Terry (most improved), Austin Gurnett (most consistent) and Will Croatto (coach's award).



Andrew Robertson was named Korumburra-Bena's best club person.



Korumburra-Bena's newest life member Tony Dixon.



Korumburra-Bena's milestone awards went to James Dunn (100 games), Amy White (200 games) and Gemma Dixon (150 games). Absent: Nick Besley (200 games).



The Ian Hillberg Memorial Trophy for the most promising U21 was presented by Shelley and Tim Snooks to Blake Webb.



A Grade best and fairest Gemma Dixon and runner up best and fairest Elisha Nicholas. Absent: Georgia Hamilton (coaches award).

Allambee Mirboo and District Tennis Association

Section 1 results:
Koonwarra 5.38 defeated Leongatha 3.27; Inverloch 8.48 defeated Korumburra 0.18; Westernport bye.

Ladder: Inverloch 10, Koonwarra 7, Westernport 5, Leongatha 3, Korumburra 0

Section 2 results:
Baromi 5.62 defeated Leongatha 4.42; Outtrim 8.71 defeated Korumburra 1.33.

Ladder: Outtrim 10, Baromi 7, Leongatha 4, Korumburra 1

Koonwarra was the winner against Leongatha in the first round of the 2023/24 season.

Well done to Matt Pocklington for bringing up younger players into senior tennis including his daughter Keerah, Zac Langstaff and Becky Ray from Fish Creek.

Alicia Marshman, playing for Koonwarra, is another example of the future of tennis and the importance of parents getting their children interested in the great game.

Inverloch haven't missed a beat, continuing its winning way with a win against Korumburra.

Shelley Walker and Rachel Carlisle did well to get three games each set against Michelle Krohn and Bronwyn Williams. Patrick Biro and James Sage found Justin Krohn and Richard Muranty too strong, but it is early in the season.

Although there are only four teams in Section 2, the competition is still strong.

Baromi won well on games, but Leongatha won four sets in their first-round show down.

These two teams always have great matches when they play.

Outtrim, similar to Inverloch, have continued on its winning way as well, winning big against Korumburra.

The sets were much closer than the scoreboard reflected, Korumburra just couldn't get on the right side of the sets.

Mirboo North and District Junior Tennis Association

RESULTS Ladders from round one

A Grade results:
Fish Creek Kangaroos 6 sets and 36 games defeated Mardan Smokin' Aces 0 sets and 8 games; Baromi 6 sets and 36 defeated Leongatha Parrots 0 sets and 9 games.

Ladder: Fish Ck Kangaroos 7, Baromi 7, Leongatha Lions 3.5, Leongatha Parrots 0, Mardan Smokin' Aces 0

B Grade results:
Leongatha Dynamite 6 sets 36 games ames defeated Mardan All Stars 0 sets 8 games; Mardan Bull Ants 4 sets 34 games defeated Fish Creek Fire 2 sets 13 games; Dumbalk North Phoenix 4 sets 32 games defeated Leongatha Conquerors 2 sets 18 games.

Ladder: Leongatha Dynamite 7, Mardan Bull Ants 5, Dumbalk Nth Phoenix 5, Baromi 3.5, Leongatha Conquerors 2, Fish Creek Fire 2, Mardan All Stars

C Grade results:
Baromi 3 sets 17 pointes defeated Leongatha Meteors 3 sets 14 games; Leongatha Crushers 3 sets 17 points had a draw against Mardan Thunder 3 sets 17 games.

Ladder: Baromi 4, Mardan Thunder 3.5, Leongatha Crushers 3.5, Leongatha Meteors 3

Seven-year-old embarks on epic journey

LUCAS Gotschi, a seven-year-old boy rode 115 kilometres over two days, all the way from Korumburra to Port Albert, on the rail trail.

Lucas' Mum, Elisabeth Gotschi opted to hire an e-bike to keep up with her son, however Lucas' little legs rode the entire way on his own push bike.

"He's a natural. It comes really easy (to him)," said Elisabeth, about Lucas ability to ride long distances.

The family often go riding together when they are on holidays and discovered the rail trail existed following a weekend visit to Phillip Island.

Having never been to Gippsland before, the Melbourne based family, were delighted with the trail and the surrounds.

"The trail itself was beautiful. It was amazing. I think all the trails in Australia are so well



The family were delighted with the beauty of the rail trail and the towns they could stop off at along the way.

done. It's amazing that there's no cars and you can just go. It's super well maintained, with super good conditions," Elisabeth said.

"The absence of elevation also just makes it super easy to cruise along."

The family were also pleasant-

ly surprised that the trail runs through small towns they could stop off at and have a meal rather than just their packed snacks.

"You go through little towns, and you can get coffee and proper food along the way, so that is also really nice."

Elisabeth also found the e-bike

to be a game changer, having been unwell the past couple of years and previously struggling to keep up on rides, causing her much frustration.

"It just allows me to keep up and actually ride for a bit longer."

Elisabeth was grateful that Inverloch Bike Hire also has the drop off/pick up service to Korumburra.

"It is just amazing because with an e-bike you can't just put it on the bike trailer, at least not on our ones. I couldn't have done it without them."

The family's next holiday is planned for Austria, and though winter when they get there, going for a cycle together is not completely ruled out.

"If its super cold and raining, it's not pleasant. We will have to look at the weather forecast and at the last minute decide on it," said Elisabeth.

Special bike with Korumburra link finds new life

A HISTORICALLY significant bike, formerly owned by Korumburra local Bob Newton, has been expertly restored, providing a tangible link to the period of transition from the striking but dangerous Penny Farthing to the much safer modern cycle.

The bike was manufactured by St George's Engineering Co. of Birmingham England in 1893 or the following year.

"It's a marvellous bike," its now owner Max Kerr who lives 60 kilometres from Ballarat said, while conceding its 'spoon brakes' are not particularly effective.

"It's a transition safety frame bike, changing from Penny Farthing to safety frame," he said of the 'New Rapid' model.

While the eventual safety frame had the same size wheel on front and back, Max's transition bike has different size wheels but not to the extreme extent of the Penny Farthing.

Max initially spotted the bike in Bob's shed roof over 20 years ago, expressing interest in buying it.

When the pair ran into each other about 18 months back, Bob urged Max to come and get the bike if he was still interested.

The men didn't know the identity of the bicycle's manufacturer at the time.



The restored and rare 'New Rapid' bike is pictured with Gary Wrench, its former owner Bob Newton and new owner Max Kerr.

However, Max had his heart set on getting it restored to its former glory.

Wanting that to be done appropriately, he placed it in the hands of Simon Anderson of Geelong Cycles, who undertook the restoration.

Melbourne's Paul Watson, the curator of the Farren Collection in Richmond, re-leathered the bike's original seat, a skill he is renowned for.

"Both of them are passionate with any restoration work they do to make sure it is authentic," Max said of the pair involved in the bike's rejuvenation.

Simon and Paul conducted extensive research, including studying old advertising material to determine the manufacturer and model of the bike.

The 'New Rapid' has a mounting peg on the rear back axle, a feature adopted from the Penny

Farthing, with the seat fitted on the frame as was also the case with its forerunner.

The transition bike had a 30-inch front wheel and a 27-inch rear wheel.

While currently it has a 28-inch tyre on the front due to the unavailability of a 30-inch tyre, Max has had the original wheel restored and intends to return it to the bike once it has been fitted with a solid rubber tyre.

St George's Engineering Co. also made Penny Farthing bicycles, one of which is in Shepparton's Farren Collection.

The company strove for recognition through its involvement in bicycle racing, with that approach seeing the 'New Rapid' transition model raced around the world, including in Australia where it also went on sale.

"The first bicycle outlet in Ballarat sold only two makes of bikes, one of which was the 'New Rapid'," Max said, adding the business began selling bicycles in 1895.

He said few of the transition bicycles now exist.

"Bob Newton is to be thanked for preserving this example for so long," he said.

The demise of St George's Engineering Co. in 1909 followed an unsuccessful attempt by the company to introduce a motorbike.

Cycling for a cause has Val lapping Wonthaggi

WONTHAGGI'S Val Bartley is taking on her ninth Great Cycle Challenge throughout October.

Val and husband Mike discovered their shared love of bike riding several years ago and took part in their first Great Cycle Challenge in 2015.

"We started cycling as mature-aged people, and we just love it. We came across the Great Cycle Challenge on Facebook and we've been doing it ever since," Val said.

This year, Val has pledged to ride 300 kilometres by the end of the month.

Val can be seen riding – rain or shine – through Wonthaggi's wetlands.

"This is my first challenge since moving to Wonthaggi and there's certainly been a mix of weather so far. I'm hoping to

do around 10 kilometres per day, which is four circuits of the wetlands," she said.

One of the biggest cycling events in Australia, the Great Cycle Challenge raises funds to support the researchers of the Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI).

Through the month of October, thousands of cyclists are sponsored to take to the paths and trails, with all proceeds going towards critical research to develop effective treatments for childhood cancers.

Statistics reveal more than 600 Australian children are diagnosed with cancer every year and three children die each week.

The aim of the CMRI is to accelerate research into children's genetic diseases, birth defects

and childhood cancer and produce treatments that will help children lead happier lives.

Val and Mike had the fortune to visit CMRI to see their funds at work, which spurred their dedication to completing the challenge each year.

"It was mind-blowing and makes you appreciative of the brilliant minds behind this research. It's horrific and heart-breaking what these little ones have to go through," Val said.

Sponsoring a cyclist supports the progress of important discoveries, which will create brighter futures for Australian children battling illness.

To follow Val's progress and to donate to the worthwhile cause, follow the link greatcyclechallenge.com.au/riders/valeriebartley.



Val Bartley will be riding around Wonthaggi's wetlands, having pledged to cycle 300 kilometres for this year's Great Cycle Challenge.

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Little Athletics is off to a running start

ONE hundred and forty-two kids from Leongatha, Wonthaggi and surrounding areas hit the start lines for the first Little Athletics program of the season on Saturday.

All the kids get a chance to try each of the athletic disciplines.

They get to run over various sprint distances, jump in long jump, triple jump, high jump and hurdles, and try their hand at throwing in shotput and discus.

With five different events each week, over a three-week cycle, the kids get a feel for what they are good at, what they like and what they can achieve in each field.

Little Athletics also has an on-track program for the little ones under six and now goes up to cater for the under 17's cohort, with all ages in between.

Everyone gets to compete in their respective age and gender groups and the aim of the game is for the kids to try and beat their personal best each time.

"I think they just get love getting out there and running and jumping, throwing, and the aim is to do well and win the race, but it's definitely not what we focus on," Ben Cruickshank, President of Leongatha Little Athletics said.

"It is setting a PB, so getting



Under 15-16 boys are geared up to compete and achieve personal bests at this season's Little Athletics in Leongatha.

a personal best."

As the program cycle runs over three weeks, the athletes won't be able to achieve a personal best until the fourth week, because they've got to have a result for the season down.

"The thing I love about it is that the athlete that either jumped in fifth (place) or threw fifth or ran fifth place, they're the ones running around with their hands in the air because they might have got their personal best when no one else did," Ben said.

Focusing on achieving a personal best helps to make the athletics all-inclusive and while some of the kids love burning down the main straight in the sprint, everyone can be involved and find something they are good at, commented Ben.

Many new faces and members have joined the Leongatha Club this season and it's also great for the parents because the event is very labour intensive - with an official at each station - so parents can get involved, rather than just

watching.

The Little Athletics season runs up until Christmas, breaks in January, and then runs until the end of March.

Children can still be signed up as trial members at Leongatha and Wonthaggi Little Athletics.

They are welcome to try it out for two weeks, before a financial commitment is needed.

For more information go to: lavic.com.au or Leongatha or Wonthaggi Little Athletics Facebook pages for direct queries.

Goannas are back with narrow victory first up

AT LAST, the Gippsland Goannas veterans' cricketers are back on the field.

On Sunday the Goannas Over-70 team travelled to Ormond Park in Moonee Ponds to take on the Essendon/Barkly Over-70 team. The ground was in surprisingly good condition and the weather clear, but cool and ideal for a game of cricket.

The Goannas won the toss and batted first with Andrew Smith, 11 from 17 balls, and Ian Gibson, 26 retired, opening the innings. Ian Southall, 21, Barrie Nunn, 15 and Phill Higgins, 12, all retired and the Goannas were 1/90 at the 20 over drinks break. Batsmen retire after 30 balls in the Over-70 competition and can return when all batsmen have had a hit, but must then retire upon reaching 40 runs.

Ron Lovel lasted just three balls, Bob Duljas, 17 and new player Steve Lincoln, 21, both



Bob Duljas plays a drive for the Over 70s Goannas on Sunday.

retired, before guest player Eane Whitton was bowled for one when the score was 125 in the 32nd over. Trevor Wilson made two, guest player Ron Milnes four and Captain Kevin Lanigan was not out 25 at the end, when the score had reached 170, for the loss of five wickets.

Southall and Smith opened the bowling for the Goannas, and they were followed by Lovel and Nunn. E/B had

reached 61 in the 13th over when Lovel bowled Ray Matters, the #4 batsman. A good Southall throw to wicketkeeper Gibson saw Michael Perrett run out, with the score at 2/71 in the 18th over. Wilson and Whitton each took a wicket as the score progressed to 4/122 in the 26th over. Higgins and Milnes each bowled an over before Lovel and Southall came back on to complete the innings.

Man-of-the-Match Southall took two wickets, to finish with 2/20 from six overs, and he ran out the returning opening batsman as E/B completed their innings at 7/164. Other successful bowlers were Lovel, 1/25 from eight, Wilson, 1/24 from seven and Whitton, 1/10 from five. Catches were taken by Southall and Gibson along with the two runouts.

The Over-70 team has started the season with a narrow away win, while the Over-60 team will take the park this coming week.

I still have not seen the draw for the Over-50 team, so cannot report when they will play!

Injuries and availability are already impacting the season, so if there are any aspiring veteran cricketers out there, the Goannas are needing a few recruits!

Please contact the secretary, Ian Gibson, on 0427 376776 if interested in playing at any of the age levels.

BYD continue as pacesetters for Wonthaggi Table Tennis

THE season continues to fly along, now past the half point, sifting out the grime from the prime.

Monday A Grade results: Defenders defeated Tesla 3 to 2; BYD defeated Merota 4 to 1.

BYD remains on top, despite leading player Justin's absence.

Replacement Luke Anstey's

mix of flair, tactic and boom-shak-a-laka put added shine on the family's table tennis reputation.

The clash between Defenders and Tesla showcased two young adult titans locking horns with Braden overcoming the Duffman.

Charley prevailing over sibling Jack will make dinner table chit chat flex between

joyous and excruciating.

A Reserve Wednesday night results:

Backhand defeated Flip-pers 5 to 4; Chop defeated Lucky Edge 6 to 3; Bats defeated Super Smash 6 to 3.

Top team the Super Smash stay on top despite losing to the surging Bats.

This 18-player competition has 18 wildly contrast-

ing styles, with more variety and vibe than a Tokyo sushi train.

Special mention to Lucky Edge's Andy and Ryan, winning 15 to 13 in the deciding fifth against Chop's Jay and Michael.

The word "epic" is used a lot so we won't use it.

Leading players are Fred 13 and Leanne 12.

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

ROUND 2 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

A GRADE, Division 1

Imperials v Nerrena

LEONGATHA TURF - Ashley Stride

Club v OMK

WONTHAGGI TURF - Shane Moore

Inverloch v Phillip Island

INVERLOCH TURF - John Schelling

Town v Korumburra

SCORPION 1 - Glenn Plymin

A Grade, Division 2

Nerrena v Koonwarra L/RSL

NERRENA - Terry Rogers

Club v Nyora

DALYSTON - Ken Scrimshaw

Foster v Glen Alvie

FOSTER - Ian Salmon

Kilcunda-Bass v MDU

BASS 1 - Les White

B GRADE, Division 1

MDU v Imperials

MEENIYAN - Geoff Wyatt

OMK v Koonwarra L/RSL

OUTTRIM - Garry Quilty

Phillip Island v Inverloch

NEWHAVEN - TBA

Korumburra v Town

KORUMBURRA - Neil Grabham

B GRADE, Division 2

Glen Alvie v Foster

GLEN ALVIE - TBA

Nerrena v Club

LG VELODROME - TBA

OMK v Kilcunda-Bass

DIGGER PARK - TBA

Korumburra v Phillip Island

POOWONG - TBA

C GRADE

Phillip Island v OMK

RHYLL - TBA

Club v Kilcunda-Bass

MCMAHONS - TBA

Nyora v MDU

NYORA - TBA

Korumburra v Town

KORUMBURRA SC - TBA

Inverloch v Koonwarra L/RSL

INVERLOCH FG - Michael Heenan

Glen Alvie - BYE

Subject to Confirmation.

Any prospective

umpires can contact

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Corinella Bowls celebrates 50 years

CORINELLA Bowling Club celebrated their fiftieth anniversary on the weekend with a few games of bowls in the afternoon sunlight followed by an evening of great food and entertainment.

A social bowls game called Scrounges was played by members, with local caterer, Chef By The Island, making up delicious platters and finger food.

A few of the past presidents graced the event, with one coming all the way from Deniliquin, and with a few giving speeches about their time at the club.

The history book that was created for the clubs 25th anniversary, has had an additional 25 years added to it, to celebrate and remember the 50 year milestone.

The club has about forty bowling members and play Division One and Division Four on Saturdays.

They are the smallest club in the area for both of those divisions, and that's pretty good for a small club, according to Steve Bray, Club President.

Once a year the club has "a state of origin grudge match," where Corinella versus Coronet Bay. However, Steve said Coronet Bay keeps beating them.

The club has brand new greens, bowling sheds and seats and a locally inspired beautifully coloured mural painted by local artist Laurie Faulkner on the club's fence, thanks to grant money of \$200,000 from the Bass Coast Shire and Bendigo Community Bank.

The club has become the social hub for many of the local people, now that the Bass Pub has closed, with 70 to 80 people going on for meals and trivia nights.

"We're a very inclusive club. We We're not snobs and we invite everyone - kids and families," said Steve Bray, Club President.

Local entertainer musician Phil Slink entertained the members and their guests into the night and Bass Coast Shire Council representatives helped to celebrate the evening, including Councillors Rochelle Halstead, Geoff Ellis and Claire Le Serve.



Steve Bray, current President of Corinella Bowls Club with past presidents, Enid Johnstone, Phil Wright, Kath Morgan, Dennis McRae, Jan Brown and Helen Anderson celebrating the Clubs 50th Anniversary. ob26_4123



John Oats Treasurer, Jacqui Carter Secretary, Dave Burzacott Vice President with Cr Clare Le Serve and Cr Geoff Ellis, celebrating the Corinella Bowling Clubs 50th Anniversary. ob27_4123



Steve Bray, President of the Corinella Bowling Club celebrating their fiftieth anniversary on the weekend. ob28_4123

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