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At Bass Coast Dinosaur Trail design launch, researcher Lesley Kool, Mayor Cr Michael Whelan, and Tom Rich with, front, Zahli Koster, Lewis Huitema, project manager Ingrid Huitema and Professor Patricia Vickers-Rich. See full story on page 7.



REJECTED

Dust settles on \$35 million Island street scheme

A LONG-anticipated, often controversial, \$35 million road and drainage upgrade for Phillip Island's Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay has been rejected by a majority of the homeowners in the area.

On Friday, October 13, the Bass Coast Shire Council posted the following notice on its Engage Bass Coast website: "The feedback that has been processed so far indicates that the majority of property owners within the estates have submitted an objection to the proposed upgrade project which means under the Local Government Act 1989 legislation, the project will not proceed.

"We acknowledge that some residents that supported the upgrade will be disappointed with the result. At this point in time, there is not enough support from the community to proceed further with

the upgrade project."

A full report will be released in due course, according to the council.

Although surprised by the quick response from the shire, ahead of this Wednesday's council meeting, the 'Say No to the Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Special Charge Scheme group' has welcomed the council's decision.

"We now hope that, as a community, we can finally work with council towards a more sustainable and environmentally friendly resolution," said a spokesperson for the group, Maxine Sando.

The ratepayers of Bass Coast have already spent more than \$1 million getting the scheme to this stage, through various iterations of the detailed design work, and wide community and stakeholder consultation.

Where the homeowners of the two estates have rejected the idea of each contributing, typically, \$24,000 towards the cost of sealed streets, kerb and channel drains and footpaths to eliminate dusty or flooding roads, and unhealthy drains, the ratepayers of the shire will now be required to pay for road maintenance there in perpetuity.

Neither the Mayor Cr Michael Whelan, nor any of the councillors have so far given an official response but one source, close to the council, described the result as "embarrassing".

"The majority of them didn't want it from day one and telling them they were going to get it whether they liked it or not, because the project at Pioneer Bay was such a success, was never going to work."

Council has been asked for comment.

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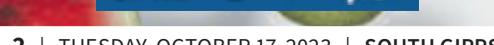
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**Wonthaggi Golf Club burgled**

OFFENDERS forced entry into a shed at Wonthaggi Golf Club, on Doctor Sleeman Drive, at 1.30am on Wednesday October 11.

A golf cart was driven away, later located in a laneway between Nelson and Toorak Streets and subsequently returned.

Investigations are ongoing.

Mobility scooter and power tools taken in Wonthaggi

OFFENDERS entered the garage of a residence in Murray Street Wonthaggi via an unlocked door overnight on October 9-10, stealing a mobility scooter and power tools, investigations continue.

Wonthaggi South vehicle break ins

ON OCTOBER 8-9, unknown offenders targeted four vehicles in Wonthaggi South, with multiple items stolen.

Perpetrators entered a Merrin Crescent garage via a roller door, accessed a vehicle and stole power tools after which efforts were made to hot wire a car in Billson Street, with offenders rummaging through the vehicle.

Tools and clothing were stolen from a locked vehicle in Merrin Crescent, while an unlocked vehicle on Watt Street was rummaged through, with nothing taken.

Police encourage community members to be vigilant, with data showing unlocked vehicles, doors and garages make for easy criminal activity.

Hand tools taken in Wonthaggi

AN OPPORTUNISTIC burglary occurred on October 12 in Matthews Street, Wonthaggi, with hand tools taken from an unlocked trailer; investigations continue.

Police urge people to stay out of old Wonthaggi Secondary College campus

THERE have been a number of break-ins at the old Wonthaggi Secondary College campus in McBride Avenue, with its still operational alarm system alerting police.

While nothing has been reported stolen or damaged, Sergeant Sean Kennedy of Wonthaggi Police Station requested people stay out of the old school premises for their own safety and that of police.

He stressed that nothing of value remains in the old campus buildings.

Mess made at Wonthaggi Primary School

ON OCTOBER 13, an unknown offender broke into a section of Wonthaggi Primary School between 12pm and 3pm, throwing items around and ultimately leaving a mess in their wake. Inquiries are ongoing.

Anyone with information relating to any of the above cases are urged to contact Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100 or contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or report online.

Chomper challenge

- GoFundMe appeal to fix Councillor's teeth

TRUSTED online crowdfunding platform, GoFundMe, has launched an appeal for \$30,000 to fix Bass Coast Shire Councillor Geoff Ellis' teeth.

The public appeal was initiated by a friend of the councillor, Jen Rutherford, with Cr Ellis' blessing.

Geoff is not a wealthy man, says Ms Rutherford in her pitch, and he needs tens of thousands of dollars to restore his smile.

The public campaign, listed as a 'medical' appeal, "to correct his condition and bring his smile back", is in good company.

Here are some of the other medical appeals on the GoFundMe website:

- Shamsher Singh, a new arrival in Australia, is seeking \$95,000 for a double kidney transplant or he will die (\$47,140 already raised).

- Jenaya Shaw, recently diagnosed with a stage three malignant brain tumor, needs \$35,000 for treatment and operations (\$27,148 already raised).

- The grandparents of 'Baby 'G', born with a rare condition called moyamoya disease, a progressive cerebrovascular disorder caused by blocked arteries at the base of the brain, are seeking \$50,000 (\$47,807 raised) for life-saving brain surgery due



A fundraising appeal for \$30,000 has been launched on the crowd-funding platform GoFundMe to fix Bass Coast Shire Councillor Geoff Ellis' teeth.

to take place in November 2023. (Search Gofundme for 'Monika needs life-saving brain surgery').

- And in one of many 'medical' success stories, Tai's community raised \$110,000 to help him after a spinal-cord injury.

So far, the \$30,000 appeal for Cr Ellis's teeth has attracted \$90 in donations: Jen Rutherford chipping in \$20, Ashlee Considine also \$20 and "anonymous" \$50.

"Have you laughed until your face hurt lately? Head-thrown back, eyes watering, jawbone aching slightly from your wide-open mouth?"

asks Ms Rutherford of Geoff's network of friends and colleagues via the GoFundMe page.

"It must be terribly taxing and tiresome, maybe even isolating and depressing to be on alert to muffle a smile. Geoff is someone who hides his smile because of an issue he has with his pearly whites.

"I am reaching out to his network of friends and colleagues to ask you to make a donation that will enable Geoff to pay the tens of thousands of dollars required to pay for dental surgery to correct his condition and bring

his smile back.

"It's such a personal thing... our bodies, teeth. I didn't know whether Geoff would be open to this fund-raising initiative, and I know he's not a wealthy man and it took some courage to broach it with him. I just thought; if it was me, I'd love some help and he felt the same way so onward. Let's do this thing."

Cr Ellis receives an annual allowance of \$31,980 from the Bass Coast Shire Council.

If you want to donate, search for 'Geoff's Smile' on GoFundMe or enter this in your search engine: gofundme.com/f/geoffs-smile

Some communities split by The Voice

THE 'Voice to Parliament' referendum has received a stunning rebuke from the Australian people with a 'No' vote of 60.62 per cent, in Victoria 59.6 per cent and the local electoral districts of Monash ('No' 66.46 per cent) and Gippsland ('No' 72.93 per cent) also strongly against.

But the overall result hides the fact that some local communities have been split right down the centre by the question of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recognition in the constitution, and the Voice to Parliament proposal, while others have come out clearly in favour.

Among those voting 'Yes' were:

- Cape Paterson 178 'Yes' (127 'No'),
- Cowes 546 (494)*,
- Fish Creek 295 (280),
- Inverloch 663 (602),
- Kilcunda 134 (122) and
- Newhaven 348 (230).

These were close:

- Dalyston 177 (185)
- Foster 530 (597)
- Kernot 30 (53)
- Mirboo North 515 (687)
- Rhyll 129 (130)
- San Remo 239 (299),
- Tarwin Lower 304 (305)

Although, the Cowes vote on Referendum Day last Saturday is tempered with the result at the Cowes

Early Voting Centre of 2526 'Yes' and 3444 'No'.

Many Monash polling places returned big results for the 'No' vote including the following: Arawata 52 'Yes' (178 'No'), Bass 89 (235), Corinella 255 (512), Dumbalk 100 (299), Korumburra 697 (1352), Leongatha 603 (1291), Mt Eccles 43 (103), Nyora 148 (541), Wonthaggi Early Voting Centre 4288 (7643), Yanakie 277 (505).

A spokesperson for the 'Yes' vote at Cowes on Referendum Day said she was getting a good response from voters and that certainly translated into a

winning vote on the day.

"A lot of people have come up happy to show their support. We're pretty hopeful," said one of the 'Yes' volunteers.

Monash MP Russell Broadbent said this week that he didn't believe the 'No' vote represented a lack of support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people but was simply a rejection of the idea that the Voice to Parliament would deliver the desired outcomes.

"At heart, Australians want what's best for our indigenous people," he said.

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Wind AM: S 15-25km/h
Wind PM: S 15-25km/h

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WED | Oct 18

Sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

6° **21°**



THUR | Oct 19

Sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

9° **23°**



FRI | Oct 20

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: SE 15-20km/h

11° **21°**



SAT | Oct 21

Showers increasing.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: S-SE 20-30km/h

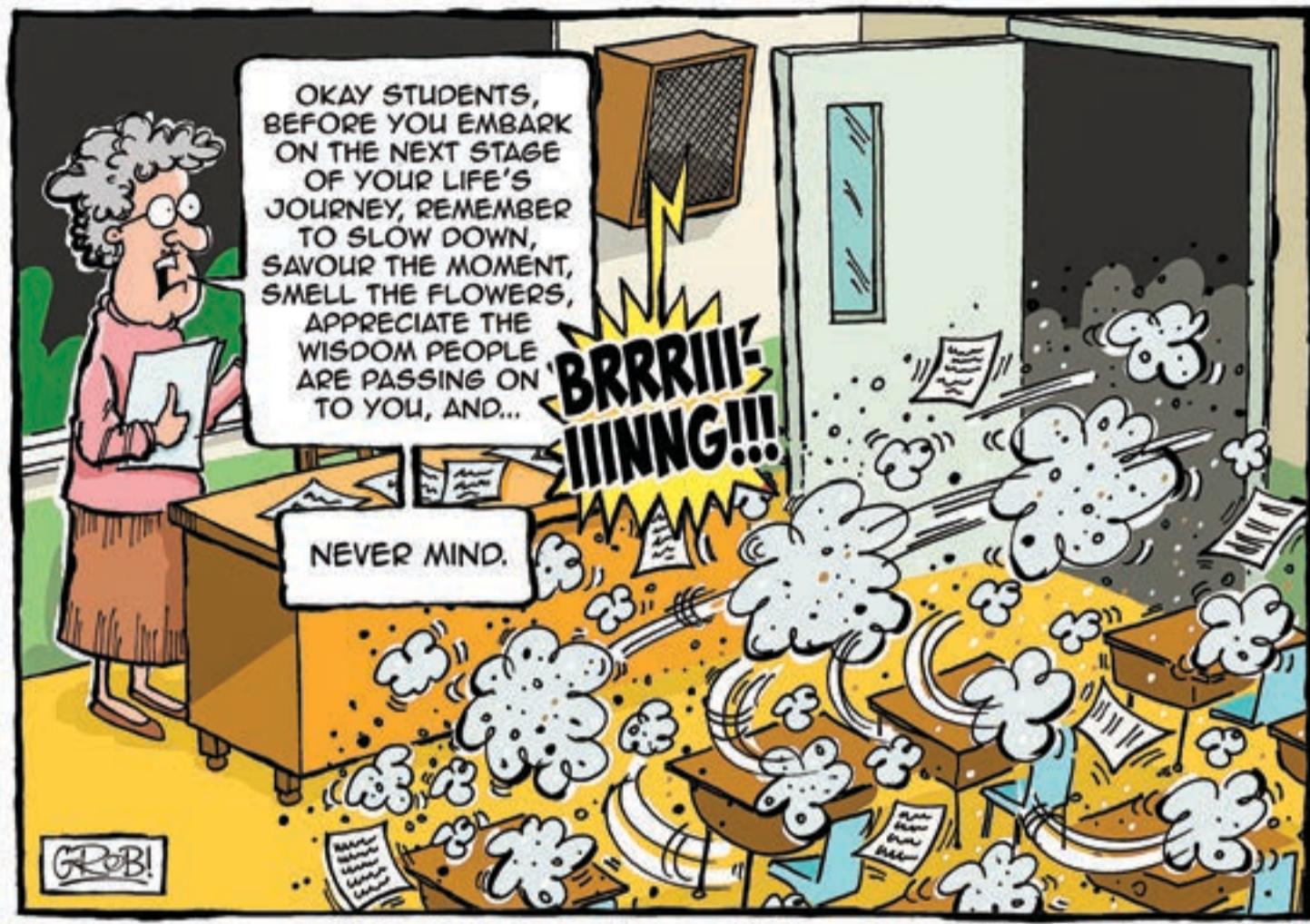
10° **18°**



SUN | Oct 22

Showers. Windy.
Wind AM: S 25-35km/h
Wind PM: SW 30-45km/h

8° **14°**



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

IN BRIEF

NDIS navigators roll out to specialist schools

STUDENTS at Victoria's specialist schools will soon get the help they need to make the most of the National Disability Insurance Scheme funding and support available to them.

Families of children living with disability know how challenging it can be to navigate a system that feels like it's been set up to fail them.

The State Government is investing \$21.2 million to introduce National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) navigators into all specialist schools by the end of 2025.

NDIS navigators will provide direct support to families and carers to help them to navigate the NDIS, including how to access the NDIS, prepare for plan reviews and access the right support.

More than 30 schools now have the funding to hire a NDIS navigator, and they will be in every one of the state's 86 schools by the end of 2025.

A full list of the schools is available at education.vic.gov.au/pal/ndis-navigators/policy.

Power surge puts Island furies on alert

ONE of the most technical response operations that local CFA, police and ambulance could mount was called out last Thursday night, October 12, in Cowes after a power surge caused problems around the town.

Believed to have started in an electricity transformer in Thompson Avenue, which

reportedly "got fried" at about 8.30pm, it resulted in an alarm being triggered at Woolworths, and smoke coming from electrical wiring and equipment at Banfields Aged Care.

Out of an abundance of caution, 40 residents of the facility were reportedly "evacuated internally" while Ausnet and firefighters investigated the problem, including via the use of breathing apparatus and infrared imaging.

While CFA crews connected tankers to fire-fighting services in readiness, the scene was ultimately declared safe without incident.

Seniors miss out on rockin' good time

LAST year, Korumburra and district seniors packed out the Korumburra Recreation Centre on Friday, October 14, when the South Gippsland Shire Council hosted Lonnie Lee and the return of the annual Senior's Concert, as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival, after a hiatus for COVID.

But despite wasting upwards of \$600 million on a failed Commonwealth Games initiative, the government couldn't find a few thousand dollars to support a similar event this year.

Instead, the shire put on a bus to take local seniors to an event last Wednesday at the Traralgon Arts Centre, 10 from Korumburra and nine from Leongatha went across.

But sadly, there would have been fewer than 250 in the huge Traralgon venue.

"We could have had Beggs to Differ and some local artists

and done a better job at Korumburra," said Syd White, Korumburra Community Development and Action President.

"Let's bring it back next year," he said.

'Take it from me, get the shingles vaccine'

IF YOU'RE eligible for the new shingles vaccine, don't hesitate about getting it.

That's the word from a fit and healthy Phillip Island man in his early 60s who can't go surfing at the moment after contracting the nasty ailment.

"Some of the rash is right on my wrist where the arm of my wetsuit comes down. I don't want to risk breaking the blisters," he said.

The local man, who has asked to remain anonymous because he's frankly embarrassed about it, said the shingles came on suddenly and completely unexpectedly after the AFL Grand Final weekend.

"All of a sudden, I started getting this terrible throbbing pain in my arm that I couldn't explain. It's hard to describe what it felt like, but it was excruciating."

Shingles is a reactivation of the chickenpox virus to which as many as 95 per cent of Australians have antibodies and one in three risk developing shingles in their lifetime, with older Australians more at risk.

Of particular concern is that the Phillip Island man wasn't able to get a doctors' appointment for three days.

"They said they didn't have an appointment. I didn't know what I had, I was in pain, and

it was a bit of a worry.

"I had chickenpox as a kid, but I didn't realise I was at risk of getting shingles."

From November 1, older Australians will have free access to a shingles vaccine, available from some local pharmacies.

Grants for innovative rural women

AGRIFUTURES has introduced a new program called the AgriFutures Rural Women's Acceleration Grant program, developed to foster the professional growth of rural women.

It will run separately to, but complement the Rural Women's Award process, aiming to provide a leadership and development opportunity to women who are not quite ready to apply for the Award.

Seven Australian women per annum will be granted with a learning and development bursary of up to \$7000 for professional development to enable them to bring their idea, cause or vision to life.

The Rural Women's Acceleration Grant is one of many AgriFutures Australia initiatives to ensure rural industries prosper.

AgriFutures Australia is proud to champion diversity through grants for women to help drive innovation in rural industries, businesses and communities.

Applications close on Wednesday October 25 at 5pm AEDT. Go to: agrifutures.com.au/opportunities/acceleration-grant.

Historic trees overshadow \$85M Cowes' hotel project

THE National Trust of Australia (Victoria) announced last week that it had included nine remarkable trees, from Toorak to Port Fairy, in the running for the prestigious title of 2023 Victorian Tree of the Year.

And while it wasn't one of the official contenders, the famous Morton Bay Fig, on the corner of The Esplanade and Bass Avenue in Cowes (old Isle of Wight Hotel site) could easily have been right up there.

Typically, the award not only highlights one of the state's top tree treasures, but also one that may be under threat from development or "progress".

When the Bass Coast Shire Council approved a planning permit last month for the development of an \$85 million, seven-storey hotel on the site of the old Isle of Wight, neither the developers nor the council considered the removal of the iconic tree. It stays no matter what.

But the developers have proposed the removal of 18 others, including an extremely rare example of a Hoop Pine, likely planted by Baron Von Muller, the director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne (1857-1873) in 1869 at the same time as he planted the Moreton Bay Fig.

Many of the 39 objectors to the project raised concerns about conditions around the protection of the trees being ignored, especially with regard to the Morton Bay Fig and Hoop Pine, saying they feared the developers would ignore the regulations when push came to shove.

Here's what council had to say:

"The development has sought to retain the Moreton Bay Fig tree which has been elevated in importance by being listed as a design objective within the schedule to the DDO. The Moreton Bay Fig (*Ficus macrophylla*) has a height of 16 metres and spread of 25 metres and has been confirmed by the



This famous Morton Bay Fig, on the site of the former Isle of Wight Hotel, now an \$85 million development site, will be saved from the developer's bulldozers but the fate of a rare Hoop Pine nearby is not yet clear.

applicant's arborist as having a very high retention value and is in the northeast corner of the site.

"It has been assessed as having good vigour with a long Safe Useful Life Expectancy of 30-60 years. The tree holds an important historical significance to the area, being planted by Baron Ferdinand Von Muller, and was classified on the National Trusts of Australia's national register of significant trees.

"Its broad canopy overhangs the site as well as the footpath and road of both The Esplanade to the north and Bass Avenue to the east, providing significant amenity and shade. It is prominent in the landscape and can be seen from the surrounding neighbourhood, the foreshore reserve, the beach, and the water beyond."

A beer garden is proposed in the vicinity of the Morton Bay

Fig but council has made it a condition of the permit that no structures are allowed within 15 metres of the tree.

The council has also opposed the removal of the Hoop Pine.

"The applicant has proposed to remove the Araucaria cunninghamii (Hoop Pine) which is situated behind the Moreton Bay Fig tree. The submitted arborist report observed die-back in the upper canopy with multiple stubs from previous branch failures and recommended removal due to its limited safe useful life expectancy (SULE)."

But Council's Arborist strongly rejected its removal.

"It is considered to have cultural significance with the specimen likely planted by Baron Von Muller in 1869 at the same time as the Moreton Bay Fig. The specimen provides a living link to the colonial history of Phillip Island

and a historically significant site on the Island. Due to extensive logging, there are very few examples of mature Hoop Pines. This specimen, which is intact, and of good condition is extremely rare. Hoop Pines are slow growing species that can have lifespans of up to 450 years with this particular tree estimated to be 150 years and of a condition that is suitable to be retained at this location and could continue to thrive at this location for years."

So, saving the Morton Bay Fig is a lock, but not so the Hoop Pine.

"The Hoop Pine has a historical and environmental significance and has been recommended for retention by Council's Arborist and Officers. The permit applicant will be required to lodge revised plans to show the tree as retained," said council in its decision last month.



This rare example of a Hoop Pine, on the site of a proposed \$85 million hotel development in Cowes has not yet been decided despite the Bass Coast Shire Council ruling that it must stay.

Anger at desecration of Inverloch Commemorative Garden

INVERLOCH RSL Sub Branch president Ross Gabb expressed his disgust at the desecration of the recently created RSL and Legacy Commemorative Garden at the Inverloch Cemetery.

Of over 20 poppy seedlings planted to bloom in time for Remembrance Day, all but one were stolen, with holes left in their place.

An Anzac Rose plant was also taken.

"It's a terrible thing to do and probably one of the lowest acts; things like cenotaphs and commemorative gardens for veterans is something that's symbolic," Ross said.

He added that in addition to its commemorative purpose, the garden is there for everyone to enjoy, stressing it is not there to be tampered with.

"I thought it might have been above that, but obviously not," Ross said of his disappointment that someone failed to respect the garden's

importance to the community and veterans.

Members of Inverloch RSL and Inverloch Legacy planted and tend to the garden.

"All the plants, a lot of the work and money was contributed by Bunnings Wonthaggi and Mitre 10 in Inverloch," Ross said.

Ross and his wife are among the volunteers who maintain the garden, with Ross devastated to discover its destruction a couple of weeks ago.

The seedlings raised from seed by a 98-year-old veteran were taken not long after they were planted, with Ross saying others planted at the RSL have begun to bloom and will be perfect for Remembrance Day.

"These poppies represent Flanders Fields and are a very important part of Remembrance Day."

An official dedication of the Commemorative Garden was conducted by Reverend Amy Turner in June this year.



Inverloch RSL president Ross Gabb is saddened by the theft of poppies from the RSL and Legacy Commemorative Garden at the Inverloch Cemetery.

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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



BASS Coast is on the cusp of something special – and we're about to share our secret with the world.

This week Council unveiled visual plans for the proposed iconic tourist destination, which will celebrate our region's rich prehistoric past and promises to project us to a global audience.

Detailed design plans for the first stage of the unique experience spans six creative sites across Inverloch, The Caves, Eagles Nest, Wonthaggi, Kilcunda and San Remo plus a digital overlay that spans the entire experience. Each site draws on a narrative that relates to the special environment inhabited by Victoria's polar dinosaurs 125 million years ago.

The site specific visitor experiences will incorporate sophisticated technology, including sensors, LED lighting, immersive 3D animations, audio-visual interaction and a digital field guide to deliver a world-class narrative of discovery and exploration.

The Dinosaurs Trail is a game changer. It will bring a unique tourism experience to regional Victoria and will be the largest destination scientifically-based dinosaur experience in Victoria, outside the Melbourne Museum.

Unbeknownst to many, Bass Coast had the world's most diverse range of polar dinosaurs. It was the site of Australia's first dinosaur fossil discovery in 1903, has the oldest and most diverse Australian mammal fossils, and was home to the last of a group of giant amphibians.

This history deserves to be celebrated and shared.

But, in order to bring this exciting experience to reality, we need others to align with our vision and the potential this has to attract thousands of visitors to Bass Coast, as well as create jobs and investment in our region.

The first stage of the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail will cost in the vicinity of \$18 million.

It is a weighty asset, but economic estimates show it will attract thousands of visitors to the region. Opening sites on the Dinosaurs Trail in 2026 would increase annual tourist numbers by up to 20%, with forecasts of new visitation of almost 100,000 people a year by 2035.

This would significantly benefit our local economy, with projections showing the Dinosaurs Trail is likely to inject an additional \$34 million into the economy in the first 10 years.

Council is seeking partnerships and funding opportunities from government and private enterprise to help bring the Trail to life.

We are working hard to capitalise on the special piece of history we have here in Bass Coast and have held discussions with Federal and State Governments to ensure the region gets a fair share of new infrastructure funding to help drive our tourism industry.

The Dinosaurs Trail will connect with the State Government's Yallock Bullock Access and Infrastructure Plan and give locals and visitors an opportunity to traverse Bunurong Country and retrace dinosaur footprints across an ancient landscape. The Trail will create more than 400 jobs, but more importantly an nature-based sustainable visitor experience that will help inform young minds for generations to come.



Staff from contractors Evergreen Turf Group Pty Ltd set about the extensive rejuvenation works at the Cowes Recreation Reserve.

All seasons' renovation for Cowes Recreation Reserve

CRICKET and pre-season football training will have to wait until at least the end of January next year in Cowes with a major rejuvenation project underway at the heavily used local recreation reserve.

For a cost of \$300,000, which the Bass Coast Shire Council is funding without outside grants, the council has appointed the Evergreen Turf Group Pty Ltd to carry out extensive works which have been in full swing in the past week.

The drainage upgrade, resurfacing and warm season grass conversion at Cowes Recreation Reserve Oval will bring the performance of this deteriorated oval to a level conducive to playing local level football and cricket. This will achieve the best outcome for the long-term

performance of the oval," said the shire.

"This will include 12 weeks of turf establishment and maintenance, and is subject to favourable weather, contractor, and supplier availability," according to the council.

Works include:

- Reshaping, cultivating, compaction and earthworks to allow better rainfall runoff from oval surface.
- Reinstatement of the existing irrigation including renewal of the sub-surface drainage.
- Supply and installation of concrete synthetic cricket pitch.
- Turf sprigging works including turf maintenance works.
- The recreation oval will be closed to the public during the construction

and turf maintenance period.

• Appropriate traffic and pedestrian control measures have been implemented onsite which is now a construction zone. "We appreciate that for your own safety and others that access will not be available to the public. A temporary perimeter fence has been installed to stop public access to the construction site.

"The project will involve the use of heavy plant and machinery including noisy, and vibration works for construction including use of trucks for removal or delivery of materials.

"This project represents another investment in sport and recreation facilities in Cowes and will significantly improve the condition of the recreation."

Reporting on anything and everything

ONE of the Bass Coast Shire Council's 'Service Performance Indicators' is to decrease the rate of domestic violence within Bass Coast – "achieved," they say in their draft annual report to be tabled at the next council meeting on Wednesday, October 18.

According to the Crime Statistics Agency, 'total family incidents' in Bass Coast went down by 10.7 per cent for the year to the end of June 2023, down from 878 to 748 incidents.

But what role the Bass Coast Shire Council played in that and how they can claim it as shire achievement is anyone's guess.

It is however an example of the plethora of information, useful and otherwise, that can be found in the shire's annual report 2023, set to be adopted at Wednesday's meeting.

"The population across Bass Coast has increased by 25 per cent in the past five years. With continued population growth predicted, investment in the public realm is essential to ensuring a high quality of life for our community," says the Mayor Cr Michael Whelan in his forward.

"Gender equality is always high on the agenda at Bass

Coast Shire Council. We were recently recognised for our sector leading work... via an Honourable Mention at the prestigious 2022 National Awards for Local Government," said the outgoing CEO Ali Wastie, who departed the scene on July 28 this year.

The shire aimed to increase the percentage of planning applications decided within required timeframes but wasn't able to list a result against that KPI, achieved or not achieved, in the report. And "Achievement of Climate Change Action Plan" – no result available.

There's reference to the independent satisfaction survey conducted by the Department of Government Services on behalf of participating councils within the report including that "satisfaction with council decisions" is down from 53 out of 100 in the 2022 financial year to 48 in the 2023 financial year.

Highlights of the year included:

- Council has delivered a record Capital Works program valued at \$46.9 million in 2022/23 compared to \$34.9M, \$18.4M, \$18M and \$17.6M in previous years.

• Award for best Playspace over \$500,000 at the 2023 Parks and Leisure Australia Awards of Excellence for the incredible work on Guide Park Wonthaggi.

• Recognition at the Victorian Tourism Industry Council Gala Awards ceremony being awarded Gold in the Local Government Award for Tourism category.

• The Bridge Walk on Friday, July 15 was "a monumental display of support for reconciliation by the Bass Coast community". The event saw well over 1000 people line the San Remo bridge from one side to another as they walked from San Remo to Millowl (Phillip Island) to show their support for a reconciled community.

• Council awarded \$282,823 in community grants during 2022/23 including \$10,000 for the Phillip Island Boardriders' Club for flooring renewal works.

- Becoming one of the first councils worldwide to use climate change risk data to predict the potential impacts on Council's buildings and how to manage these risks, in the newly adopted Building Asset Management Plan 2023-33.

Reasons for Bass Council to be cheerful

AS WELL as boosting its revenue by a whopping \$30 million over budget last financial year, among other things receiving \$15.1 million in unbudgeted developer contributions, the Bass Coast Shire Council had plenty of reasons to be cheerful when it tabled its Financial Performance statements 2022/23 recently.

Included was a pleasing acknowledgement that Bass Coast is not the "disadvantaged" shire it once was, although this may ultimately impact grants allocations.

Also contributing to the extra \$30m income were unbudgeted capital grants of \$8.1 million, additional operating grants of \$3.8 million and "other income" ahead of budget of \$2.3 million due to increases in interest rates.

Council's Performance Statement also reflects the following significant changes compared to the preceding year:

- The relative socio-economic disadvantage index prepared by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has been reviewed. The result has increased from three (3) to five (5) for Bass Coast, on a scale of one (1) for most disadvantaged to ten (10) for least disadvantaged.
- Utilisation of aquatic facilities has rebounded following the end of the pandemic and the normalisation of operating hours. The number of visits has increased from 47,066 in 2021/22 to 122,979 and is now back to pre-COVID levels.
- The percentage of Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT has increased from 43.75 per cent to 68.75 per cent.
- Council has maintained its best in sector rates of waste diversion from landfill of 75 per cent and the financial performance indicators reported confirm the sound financial position of the Council.

Clear your green waste in November

BASS Coast Shire Council's annual free green waste disposal period will soon begin to encourage preparation for the fire season.

The period will run from November 4 until November 26.

During this time, Bass Coast residents and ratepayers can dispose of green waste free of charge at council's waste facilities in Grantville, Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cowes.

Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said it is important for property owners to take steps to clean up their property before the start of summer.

"We've already seen bushfires in other parts of Gippsland and the fire season hasn't even begun," he said.

With the first weekend of the disposal period coinciding with the Melbourne Cup weekend, high demand can result in queues and delays.

Disposing of your green waste in the middle of the fee-free period may help you avoid delays.

To ensure the safety of our staff and community during this busy period, Cowes Recycling Bank will be limited in the loads and vehicles it can accept.

Cowes Recycling Bank will:

- Only accept green waste loads up to a maximum of 2m3.
- Only accept cars, utes, vans and single axle trailers. Larger vehicles – including trucks and tandem trailers – will be redirected to Grantville or Wonthaggi.
- Entry to the Cowes Recycling Banks will be via the Concourse end of Dunsmore Road to assist with traffic management.

Weed species including blackberry, English ivy, agapanthus, mirror bush and plants that cannot be mulched such as palm fronds are not accepted as green waste. However, these can go in the kerbside organics bin (green lid) at any time.

Locations and operating hours of council's waste facilities are available at bass-coast.vic.gov.au/wastefacilities.

For more information, please contact council's waste service team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or 5671 2211, visit basscoast.vic.gov.au/greenwaste, or email basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au.



Grade three students of Inverloch Primary School, Zahli Koster and Lewis Huitema celebrate the launch of the Bass Coast Dinosaur Trail design phase. Z04_4223



Zahli Koster and Lewis Huitema sit down with professor and paleontologist Patricia Vickers-Rich to learn more about dinosaur fossils found in Bass Coast. Z06_4223

\$18 million Dinosaur Trail project gains momentum

THE Bass Coast Shire Council recently launched the design phase of the Dinosaur Trail with plans to commence building in May 2024 — if successful with the grant funding application.

Project manager Ingrid Huitema confirmed the first three initial sites will include the Dino Hunters Playground at Inverloch, the auditory adventure at Eagles Nest, and The Caves, that will host Pocket Palaeontologists — teaching visitors about real-life dinosaur hunters.

"They are the initial sites and

then we'll look at state funding to activate the time machine sculpture at San Remo and the Village Green gathering place at Kilcunda.

"We'll then look to develop a working group to develop a plan for private investment for the 7ha Gondwana Garden in Graham Street, Wonthaggi. That's the most expensive site," said Ingrid.

"The first stage is \$18 million, and if we can get delivery happening, then we can look at more feasibility around the Inverloch

Cultural Discovery Centre."

Researcher Lesley Kool, Mayor Cr Michael Whelan, Professor Patricia Vickers-Rich, Tom Rich, project manager Ingrid Huitema and acting CEO James Stirton met with students of Inverloch Primary School Zahli Koster and Lewis Huitema on site at Flat Rock, Inverloch last week to discuss the project.

"Tim Flannery, a paleontologist, and environmentalist was a student at Monash University in the late 70s. He heard about the Cape Paterson claw, that was

found at Eagle's Nest — the very first one back in 1903," said Lesley.

"He and his cousin John who also turned out to be a paleontologist — they wanted to visit where the claw was found. And fortunately, Tim knew a guy called Rob Glenny who was a field geologist who had taken an interest in the work of William Ferguson, who found the first claw and he took them down to Eagle's Nest — they started finding bones straight away.

"That was back in the late 70s.

So, we knew there were bones here," explained Lesley.

Lesley has been preparing for nearly 40 years and became involved in 1984.

"We now have over 35 sites all the way around to Inverloch."

Lesley and the team of paleontologists are holding the next dig in Bass Coast in February 2024, and with the current digital technology, any research will be accessible to help educate the community on the incredible history that existed in the region.



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Here's cheers for Rhyll Brewery all clear

HIGHLIGHTED in June 2022 as a way to raise spirits, glasses and jobs after the ravages of COVID in regional Victoria, the development of a distillery, beer brewing business and associated restaurant at Rhyll has finally been given the green light.

Approved by the Bass Coast Shire Council at its meeting in February 2023, their granting of a planning permit was set to be challenged at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) at a hearing, starting on Thursday, November 2. But concessions were made, the objections were withdrawn and a determination was handed down by VCAT last Thursday, October 5, that the hearing had been "vacated".

The driving force behind the development of a microbrewery and distillery by the foreshore, Justin Jamieson, is delighted to have been given the all clear.

"It's pleasing to have the approvals process behind us now and we're really excited to be able to move quickly onto the build and create a wonderful hospitality experience for the island," Mr Jamieson said.

"We are hoping to start construction towards the end of this year and if all goes well, be open for summer 2024/2025.

"I'd really like to thank the



The Rhyll Brewery and Distillery project has finally been given the all-clear and could be up and running ahead of the 2024-25 summer season.

many people, especially within the Rhyll community, who have reached out over the journey with encouragement and support."

The approved project allows for:

"Use and development of land for the purpose of a restaurant, industry (Brewery) the sale and consumption of liquor (licensed premises), accommodation, advertising signage and a reduction in car parking in a Mixed Use Zone (MUZI) and Land Subject to Inundation (LSIOI) in accordance with the endorsed plans."

At the time council approved the project, Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said the brewery, distillery and restaurant project

was an exciting addition to Phillip Island.

"Phillip Island is already one of Victoria's favourite tourist destinations and this investment will encourage visitors to stay in our region even longer," Cr Whelan said.

"A focus of the Phillip Island and San Remo Visitor Economy Strategy 2035 was to attract projects which support off-peak and year-round visitation and this development ticks all those boxes."

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula visited the site on June 17 last year to announce a \$1.2 million investment from the Government's Regional Tourism Investment Fund which would create "around 55 jobs during construction and up to

20 full-time jobs after works are complete".

"A wide range of freshly brewed seasonal craft beer and spirits will be served, while the restaurant's menu will showcase the very best produce the Phillip Island region has to offer," he said at the time.

"The facility will also be able to host a range of events including masterclasses with guest brewers and distillers.

"The investment is expected to provide lasting benefits to the foreshore and wider Phillip Island region, including increased visitors for nearby businesses and more local jobs.

"Rhyl is a historically significant fishing village and the Rhyll Brewery and Distillery has been designed to reflect this history..."

Among other conditions handed down by the shire include that:

- All finished floor levels to be no lower than 600mm above the applicable 2100 one per cent AEP flood level of 2.94 metres to AHD. FFL should be to the satisfaction of the relevant authority.
- No more than 90 patrons are permitted on the premises at any one time without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.

\$40,000 more for arts centre

IT'S a far cry from a reported \$35 million spent on Berninnett at Phillip Island but at this Wednesday's council meeting, the Bass Coast Shire Council will ask for an extra \$40,000 for a compliance upgrade at Wonthaggi's arts centre.

According to a report to council, the existing facilities do not comply with current Australian Building Regulations and require upgrade works.

The council adopted a budget for the WU-CAC works of \$30,000 but say they need an additional \$40,000, before approving a contract of \$60,500 from Branch Studio Architects, presumably leaving an amount for contingency.

The council is proposing work including an upgrade to the box office and kiosk, toilets, office, disability access, lighting and mapping.

Council assets under inspections

BASS Coast Shire Council recently appointed AGIS to carry out Pathway and Open Space Inspections.

These inspections will take place over the next few months, expected to be completed by early December, weather permitting.

The information gained from this exercise will be used to inform council's renewal program for footpaths and open space assets such as retaining walls, park furniture, footpaths and shared trails.

Fully funded by council's operations budget there will be vehicles driving around council's pathways and open space areas to collate data and assess the assets.

The pathways will mostly be inspected using SCARTT ATV vehicles.

The speed on these vehicles is limited and approvals from Victoria Police will be secured with all drivers suitably trained and qualified to operate these vehicles and equipment.

AGIS inspectors will be identifiable with hi-vis, logos and identification badges.

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Reconnect Concert

South Gippsland Shire Council in partnership with The Hills Are Alive, are bringing live music to you this October. Reconnect is an all-ages concert that will foster connection in our community and reignite the music lover in everyone.

Immerse yourself in a night of melodic tunes from a number of talented, upcoming artist such as The Dreggs, Matilda Pearl, No Longer Kids and other local artists. Reconnect guarantees to provide a little something for everyone, showcasing genres ranging from Indie Folk, Electro Pop and even Alternative Rock.

Reconnect aims to provide a fun and safe environment for all-ages and is an alcohol, drug and smoke free event.

If you are wanting to attend but are unsure how to get there and back, South Gippsland Shire Council is offering a \$5 bus service from Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Korumburra, Mirboo North, Foster and Meeniyan.

Here are the event details:

When – Saturday 28 October 2023

Where – Memorial Hall, Leongatha

Time – Doors open at 6.00pm and close at 10.00pm

Cost – \$10 for entry only or \$15 for bus service and entry ticket

For more information, and to check out the concert line-up and bus times, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/reconnect

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:

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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 AEDT on Tuesday 31 October 2023

RFT/387 – Leongatha Municipal Redevelopment – Exterior Cladding Refurbishment

Tenders close at 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 31 October 2023

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

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Korumburra Community Hub springs to life

WITH less than a month until the official opening of the Korumburra Community Hub (November 10), excitement is building as the town's Myli Library branch and Korumburra Historical Society establish a presence in their new home.

The Sentinel-Times paid a visit on Thursday, checking out the modern facility and chatting to staff and volunteers busy organising their collections.

The Historical Society area was full of boxes, well organised into categories and labelled by member Helen Comer.

She said she has drawn on her experience setting up large retail premises.

"The Shire was awesome," she said, explaining it has paid for the removalists and required storage of items after the Historical Society needed to vacate its previous home.

Historical Society president Bob Newton said Helen's efficient categorisation ensured it is easy to put everything in its place, with an industrious team carrying out that task.

One member, Alan McGuinness, was busy placing items in the compactor which has been installed to minimise storage space requirements.

In the Historical Society's Community Hub home, bound copies of local newspapers dating back as far as 1880 will now have the prominence they deserve, having been among the collection stored under the old library, as well as a prized 'Korumburra Waterworks Trust' chest containing a



Members of the Korumburra Historical Society are putting everything in order ahead of the public opening of their new Korumburra Community Hub home. Helen Comer, Alan McGuinness, Pam Adkins, Alwyn Michie and president Bob Newton enjoy their new surroundings. A08_4223

hand-written history of the organisation dating back to its approval and constitution in 1894.

While members and staff are well equipped to find appropriate spots for collection items, expertise was required to ensure everything gets to its new home without damage.

Mark Blackburn was delighted his business Wonthaggi Removals & Storage was entrusted to ensure the safe transport of items for the Historical Society and Library.

"It's an honour," he said, noting the irreplaceable nature of much of its collection.

Helen expressed her appreciation of the dedication and efficiency Mark and his team.

The removalists were looking forward to delivering another 180 book boxes, weighing three and a half tonnes to the library.

Library manager Bregje van Waterschoot spoke about her delight at seeing the library being established.

"We are in the process of moving everything in, putting all the shelves together, getting the furniture in place; we've been very excited about moving in and so happy to be in this space," Bregje said.

She loves the warm and inviting nature, the curves of the building, and the views it provides of trees and rolling hills.

"We are excited to be in the

same space as the Historical Society, Community House (Milpara), and council offices," Bregje said.

"It will be easy for us to work together and for people to visit multiple organisations in one place."

The library team is organising activities for their opening week, with the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band set to perform on the spacious library balcony at the official opening event. Tai Chi is also on the agenda. So is a Mario Kart Tournament that will take place in the teens' section of the new library, which will house an Xbox and a new Nintendo Switch.

Meeniyan Community Plan launched

MEENIYAN locals, South Gippsland Shire councillors and staff, and Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien, came together on Wednesday evening to celebrate the launch of the Meeniyan Community Plan.

While Meeniyan Progress Association volunteers were instrumental in getting the plan together, the broader community played a key role with many people contributing their ideas on what they wanted to see happen in the town.

Once practical ideas were collated, they were categorised and put to a vote, with members of the public prioritising which were most important to them.

There is no danger of the newly launched Meeniyan Community Plan being left to gather dust, with Meeniyan Progress Association president Richard Sutterby outlining the fact efforts are already underway to achieve many of the community aspirations in the plan.

Major aspirations highlighted in the Traffic and Roads category are the establishment of a roundabout at Moos, angle parking in the centre, and a pedestrian crossing.

"We've written to and started lobbying Regional Roads Victoria on those issues," Richard said.

Toilets near the bus stop and community garden is the top priority outlined in the



Members of the Meeniyan Progress Association along with their president Richard Sutterby, Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien and mayor Nathan Hersey celebrate the launch of the Meeniyan Community Plan. A13_4223

Infrastructure category.

"We've already approached the CFA about their old building," Richard said.

Sealing the road around Meeniyan Recreation Reserve attracted a lot of votes in the Sport and Recreation category.

Within the Tourism and Economic Development category, key aspirations include murals at the supermarket and bakery, with lobbying of government and council already underway to secure grants.

Action is also taking place regarding the called-for kindergarten upgrade contained in the plan's Environment and Public Amenity category, with inspections of the site set to occur.

Councillor Jenni Keerie

launched the Meeniyan Community Plan, with mayor Nathan Hersey running late after helping deliver a calf.

A common theme among the speakers was the importance of a current community plan when striving to win council and government support to achieve local aspirations.

As a member of the State opposition, Danny O'Brien spoke of the value of a community plan in terms of his advocacy efforts.

"When a community comes together and says these are the things we want, it's so much easier for us to push for them," he said.

Mayor Hersey soon arrived, describing the new Meeniyan Plan as "community led".

That is a sentiment shared by Barbara Look, council's now retired community strengthening officer, who helped guide community sessions.

"The work of the Meeniyan Progress Association has been incredible," Barbara said.

Long-term member of the Association Avril van Wamel has been part of the Meeniyan community since 1980 and is delighted at how locals have come together to achieve progress.

"There's been a lot of thought, a lot of consultation with the community and we've had good community support," Avril noted.

The previous Meeniyan Community Plan, while commendable in its accomplishments, was past its useful lifespan.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



Get Up Close with Nature

MANY of our local residents enjoy our natural beauty and South Gippsland has no shortage of amazing scenery, streams, waterfalls, bushland and coastline. We truly have so much to love. South Gippsland Shire is taking practical steps to protect and enhance our environment through initiatives including our street tree planting program, roadside weed program and by developing the Coastal Strategy.

We also have wildlife and birds that make our region so special.

This week is National Bird Week and I encourage South Gippsland residents to participate in the 2023 Aussie Bird Count as a way of getting a better idea of the bird life we have in our area. The count will take place from 16 October until 22 October. To participate, please visit: <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au>

October Council Meeting

This month's Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at 2pm. At this meeting, we will be considering, to name a few, the:

- 2022/23 Annual Report.
- Revised General Local Law for engagement.
- 2023/24 Advocacy Priorities.

The meeting will be held at Council Chambers in Leongatha and members of the public are welcome to attend to observe. Alternatively, you can watch it online live or when it suits you by visiting: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Cyber Security Awareness Month

Cybercrime reports are on the rise, with the latest Annual Threat Report by the Australian Cyber Security Centre finding that during the 2021/22 financial year, one cyber crime was reported every seven minutes – an increase of 13 per cent from previous years.

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month – a great time to consider our own cyber safety. This year it focuses on four simple steps of being cyber wise they are update your devices regularly, turn on multi-factor authentication, back up your important files and use passphrases and password managers.

Part of being cyber safe is being aware of scams and knowing how to protect yourself. In 2022, it was reported that Australians lost \$3.1 billion to scams. Scammers are becoming more sophisticated, but being cautious with text messages, calls and emails can be a great first step.

For more information on scams and cyber security, please visit: www.scamwatch.gov.au or you can visit: www.cyber.gov.au

Reconnect Festival

Run for the first time in 2022, the Reconnect Festival is an all-ages concert run by The Hills Are Alive and South Gippsland Shire Council.

This year, it will be held at Memorial Hall in Leongatha on Saturday 28 October and features some great acts including The Dreggs, Matilda Pearl and other local acts.

Tickets are \$10 (children under 5 are free), with doors opening at 6.00pm.

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Lorraine's iconic fruit cake is back

THE ARAWATA Farmer's Breakfast is back this year for its fortieth year and long-time local supporter Lorraine Touzel will once again be bringing along her well-loved fruit cakes for auction.

Lorraine and husband John Touzel were residents of Kardella - the other side of the road of Arawata - for thirty-two years.

They were members of the Arawata Hall Committee during that time and the Breakfast was an annual fundraiser to raise money for hall expenses.

Over the years Lorraine became quite famous among locals for her delicious fruit cakes, which she bakes for the Breakfast.

The cakes often attract spirited bidding from the locals and Lorraine remembers one once going for \$65.

"I get embarrassed really," she said.

Lorraine began baking fruit cake for John, who she met when she was sixteen, and this year they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

"I started baking them when we were first married and when my husband John went to work, he went through one a week... with other people having some of it too, I think."

Lorraine and John now live in Korumburra with fond memories of Arawata and still enjoy visiting and supporting the town.

"I think we're one of the last of the older generation and the new generation are coming on now, and they're still lovely. When we can, we still go out to the casserole teas," Lorraine said.

While Lorraine doesn't eat fruit cake herself and with John long retired, she only occasionally bakes now, for her grandchildren.



Lorraine Touzel will once again be bringing along her iconic fruit cakes for the annual Arawata Farmers Breakfast. ob01_4223

and of course for the Arawata Farmers Breakfast.

Two of the iconic fruit cakes will be gracing the auction tables this year and Lorraine explained why she thinks they're such hit.

They contain all the obvious contenders, including cherries, sultanas and dates, but, she thinks, it's the tin of crushed pineapple that she adds in, is what makes them so popular.

There is only one way to find out.

The Arawata Farmers Breakfast will be held at the Arawata Hall on Saturday October 21, from 8.30 am, with breakfast at 9 am. Entry is \$15 per person.



A cooked breakfast will be on again this year for the 40th Arawata Farmers Breakfast.

The 40th Arawata Farmers Breakfast

THE ARAWATA Community Hall are hosting the 40th Farmers Breakfast Fundraiser, held continuously since 1983.

A cooked breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausages and more will be available from 9am followed by an auction.

A band of local cooks have been busy making preserves, jams, chutneys and cupcakes for the local produce stall.

While others will bring their unique craft and knitted items

to sell and bunches of freshly cut flowers from gardens will be there to purchase as well.

This event is always held on Caulfield Cup Day along with tickets for a sweep stake in the horse race.

Many local businesses and individuals have been donating goods and vouchers for the auction, which will commence at 9.30am.

Some of the items up for grabs include two of Lorraine

Touzel's iconic fruit cakes, a \$150 Haws Mobile Butchery voucher, a large jar of guest soaps valued at \$25 from The Local Emporium by Barany Naturals, a book voucher from The Hare & Tortoise Books, and produce valued at \$80 from the Gippsland Wine Company.

The Farmers Breakfast and Auction will be held at the Arawata Hall, 401 Fairbank Road, Arawata.



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Construction site to be cleared for Meeniyan Community Hub

DEMOLITION of Meeniyan's now closed public toilets and former Infant Welfare Centre is expected to occur shortly, making way for construction of the planned Community Hub building.

The building set for replacement has been fenced off, with members of the public having to use toilet facilities at Korumburra Recreation Reserve.

The South Gippsland Shire Council spokesperson said a Demolition Permit and a Building Permit application have been processed.

Following upcoming demolition, ground works on site, including excavation, are likely to commence in the coming weeks.

As previously reported, The Meeniyan Historical Society, local RSL sub-branch, and Take Off Weight Naturally (TOWN) will all have a presence in the Meeniyan Community Hub and Meeniyan Kindergarten will use the Hub building to run yoga for its young charges.

The current building, set for demolition, is leaky, mouldy and in need of replacement.

New public toilets will be incorporated into the Hub structure.

Progress at Mirboo North Pool and Baromi Park

WORKS on Mirboo North Pool's upgraded carpark are complete following delays due to bad weather in June and July.

"With 43 formal car spaces and provision for overflow parking during busy times, the carpark and associated works will significantly improve accessibility for all..." a council spokesperson said.

Friends of Mirboo North Pool secretary Mary Baker is delighted with the outcome.

"I think it's absolutely fabulous," she said.

"It was hodge podge before and people just parked wherever; sometimes you wouldn't even be able to get out because people would park behind you."

Mary added that another important improvement is the provision of two disabled spots, noting that the lack of formal accessible parking has always been an issue when hosting events at the pool, with organisers previously having to mark out spots for those with special needs.

Replacement of the existing public toilets at Baromi Park are set to occur soon. The new toilet block has been prefabricated off site, with demolition of the old block to be quickly followed by installation of the new build.

The project also involves replacement of the nearby park shelter.

Working dogs to take the stage

THE popularity of working dogs like Border Collies and Kelpies is on the rise.

Their instinct and skill for mustering livestock is second to none, and the value they bring to safe and effective farming is once again being realised.

They are also fierce competitors when put to the test in competitions.

This November, the best working dogs will be taking over Gippsland in two of the best working dog competitions in Victoria.

Korumburra Showgrounds will host the South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trial on November 11 to 13.

The Berryden Sheep Dog Trial and Victorian Working Dog Arena Championship will be held from November 17 to 19 at the Boolarra Recreation Reserve.

At each event, more than 100 working dogs will be competing with their handlers.

Over the three days, they will take on more than 400 sheep, each dog having to work three sheep at a time around a set course.

The pressure builds as each dog has only 15 minutes to complete the course and is



Ken Jelbart and Vern competing in a sheep dog trial at Korumburra.

judged on its ability to handle the sheep through obstacles.

Spectators will be mesmerised as dog, sheep and handler work in synergy to combine instinct, skill and patience to find out who will be champion dog. The dogs are the stars of the show.

While they may seemingly look alike, each one is a character unto their own and it shows as they contend with the often uncooperative sheep.

The sport of working sheep dog trials arose from healthy competition between farmers and their dogs and, over time, has become a worldwide sport.

The purpose of the sheep dog trial is to demonstrate the skill

of the handler in positioning the dog to where it's required and guiding the dog's natural instincts while it's herding three sheep around a course consisting of three obstacles and a pen.

The course is intended to show the heightened skills of the sheep dog required in a typical working environment.

Sheep dog trials are used by farmers and working dog handlers to hone the instinct and skill of their dogs, so they become valuable workers for herding and mustering livestock.

The South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trial is a staple event in Gippsland.

For three days, the Korumburra Showground's oval will give up its role as the town's football and cricket ground and be taken over by working dogs and sheep.

Competitors from all over Victoria and interstate will camp out at the showgrounds, creating a social and engaging event.

The Victorian Sheep Dog Arena Championship is a prestigious event that has working dogs scoring points towards the Australian Dog of the Year competition. Finalists from the Berryden trial will fight it out this year at Boolarra to become the Victorian Sheep Dog Arena Champion.

Gippsland Southern Health seeks community input



Community member Lynette Yeomans, chair Belinda Brennan and community member Noel Owen form part of Gippsland Southern Health Service's new Community Advisory Committee.

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service launched its new Community Advisory Committee as part of its ongoing campaign to improve quality of care.

The committee consists of chair Belinda Brennan, fellow Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) board directors Gwen Scheffer and Tony Peterson, and community members Lyn Yeomans, Noel Owens, George Auddino, Susan Fleming and Marion Dewar.

Ms Brennan described the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) as a great opportunity for the GSHS board to work closely with the community. "The community's voice is vital to the health service

and the services we provide now and into the future, and I'm looking forward to working with the committee and our local community members to deliver better services," she said.

Ms Brennan noting the CAC was off to a good start.

The CAC will deliver consumer, carer and community perspectives and views to assist GSHS in planning and implementing safety, quality and service improvements.

CEO Lou Sparkes said the committee would bring a consumer and community voice to the board and help with decision making around planning and services.

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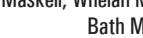
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South Gippsland Shire Council sets advocacy goals

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council's intended advocacy goals for 2023/24 are outlined in its Advocacy Priority List, set for endorsement at Wednesday's October meeting.

Roads funding, early years infrastructure, digital connectivity, renewable energy investment, resilient coastal communities, disaster recovery infrastructure funding, supporting volunteers and community groups, and the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Route are all in the mixed bag.

Advocacy in some of those areas is aimed at building on success achieved through advocacy efforts in 2022/23.

For example, in the area of connectivity, fibre to the premises upgrades have been funded in Leongatha, Korumburra and Mirboo North, and the Nyora mobile tower has been constructed and is now operational.

Regarding early years infrastructure, the Victorian Government provided funding for a new Early Learning Centre in Korumburra, with funding for a planning study for an Early Learning Centre in Mirboo North also received.

Support from the Victorian Government to facilitate the delivery of three-year-old kindergarten and



a commitment to ongoing infrastructure maintenance feature in the latest round of planned advocacy efforts.

Additionally, the new round of advocacy priorities also includes council calling for increased funding for rural-based councils from the Federal Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, and lobbying the Victorian Government for an expansion of its Rural Roads support package and reinstatement of the Fixing Country Roads program.

Ensuring South Gippsland receives the benefits it deserves through renewable energy investment in the area will be a key focus, with council seeking support from the Federal and Victorian Governments to facilitate commercial investment attraction, industry development and workforce participation in the shire.

Modification of Victorian

Planning provisions to better communicate coastal hazards and climate change risk are key actions council will ask the State Government to deliver, possibly through creation of a coastal hazard zone or an overlay control.

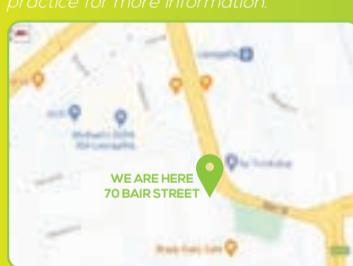
Simplification of the process to prove council's eligibility for Disaster Recovery Funding is being advocated for, with a continued focus on enhancing asset resilience.

The Department of Transport will be called on for funding support for a detailed planning study for Stage 2 of the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternate Route.

Efforts will be made to secure Victorian Government support to review governance requirements for volunteer groups, with council keen to reduce the red tape such groups face, as well as asking the State Government to provide funding support for volunteer groups to cover core overheads such as insurance.

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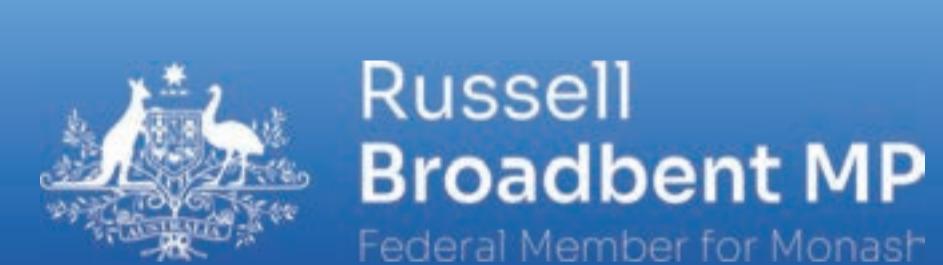
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VIEW club calls for children's education support

INVERLOCH VIEW Club members are calling on the community to give generously this Anti-Poverty Week (October 15 to 21) and end child poverty in Australia.

The community can show its support by sponsoring a child through national children's education charity The Smith Family.

Inverloch VIEW Club sponsors seven children through The Smith Family's Learning for Life education support program, which provides families with long term educational, financial and personal assistance so children have all the essentials needed to fully participate in their learning.

This year has been particularly difficult for all Australians due to the cost-of-living crisis, but has been even harder for those already doing it tough.

Inverloch VIEW Club president Heather said with one in six children living in poverty, it's never been more important to support a child with their education.

"Families are having to make impossible choices during this cost-of-living crisis. This could be prioritising rent over sending their child on a school excursion, or paying for schoolbooks," she said.

"No child should have to miss out on the essentials of their education, and this is why VIEW is so passionate about supporting the work of The Smith Family. Its evidence-based approach helps children experiencing disadvantage to overcome the education inequality they face. They support children for the duration of their education, and this helps them build the confidence and skills needed to create better future for themselves."

VIEW clubs nationally raised more than \$1.3 million last year to support The Smith Family's vital work, and currently sponsor more than 1700 students on the Learning for Life program.

While fundraising plays a vital role in helping children in need, Heather is also encouraging women of all ages to donate their time and skills by joining a VIEW club.

Last year, VIEW members collectively volunteered more than 70,000 hours of their time to help young people through homework, reading and mentoring programs run by the charity – but there's still a need for more helping hands.

"Our VIEW members have a unique opportunity to provide hands on support to children experiencing disadvantage, while also forming meaningful and lasting community relationships," Heather said.

"Recently, members in our local area have attended a forum with a guest speaker from Gippsland Legal Service and also participated in fundraising activities such as the Bunnings barbecue. Guest speakers are arranged monthly and there are regular outings at various locations."

To find out more about joining VIEW, visit view.org.au or call 1800 805 366.

To sponsor a child through The Smith Family, visit thesmithfamily.com.au or call 1800 633 622.

Norm's 50 year service to Freemasons



Norm McPherson holds his certificate and wears his 50 Year Jewel acknowledging his half century service to the Freemasons. The honours were presented to him by Hugh Hendry, also a member of the Outtrim Lodge. In the back row are Paul Vassil (Outtrim Lodge), Brian Brown (Freemasons District Coordinator and a member of the Duke of Connaught Lodge in Loch), and Kelvin Wyatt also a member of the Duke of Connaught Lodge.

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AN EMOTIONAL Norm McPherson was acknowledged for his 50 years' service to the Freemasons, with Korumburra identity and fellow Freemason Hugh Hendry at Carinya Lodge on Friday to present Norm with his 50 Year Jewel and certificate.

Those honours should have been bestowed last year, Norm having become a Freemason in 1972, but the special moment was postponed due to COVID protocols.

Norm was originally invited by a friend to join the Freemasons, being welcomed into the Outtrim Lodge to which Hugh also belongs.

Hugh said he was proud to present Norm's Jewel and that Norm should wear it with pride.

"It's a remarkable feat," Hugh said of Norm's contribution to both the Freemasons and Korumburra Lions Club, which last year acknowledged Norm's 50 years' service to that organisation in which he rose to the position of District Governor for the V3 District.

"He served in every office in

the Lodge and was Master of the Lodge," Hugh said of Norm's dedication to the Freemasons.

"It's beyond words and I'm so pleased to get it," Norm said when asked what his latest honour means to him, tears clearly visible in his eyes.

He enjoys the comradeship the Freemasons provide.

The worldwide organisation has between 7000 to 8000 members in Victoria, with the Freemasons aiming to benefit members and broader society.

Brian Brown, Freemasons' district coordinator and a member of the Duke of Connaught Lodge in Loch, said Freemasons gives its members the opportunity for self-development, including the chance to speak in front of an audience and to take on positions of responsibility.

He said the Freemasons Foundation provides significant funding for important societal causes.

In recent times that has included donating to Rochester after floods hit the town, and making a substantial contribution to the new Monash Children's Hospital.

Time for new input at Korumburra Business Association

WITH 80 paid-up members and a history of achieving excellent outcomes for the town, Korumburra Business Association (KBA) is looking for people with a positive attitude to steer the organisation's future direction.

KBA's October 24 AGM is a chance for those with fresh ideas and enthusiasm to put their hands up for leadership roles.

Current committee members have provided extensive service and are ready to tackle other challenges, leaving opportunities for new people to step into their positions.

KBA is responsible for Korumburra's successful late night Christmas shopping evening.

"A new committee can bring their touch to this event, if they would like to see it continue," current KBA secretary Noelene Cosson said.

"Despite what has been achieved in the past, things change, and this is a great opportunity for other business owners or employees to do what they feel is important for the business community."

Noelene stressed that being a member of the KBA committee doesn't have to be an onerous job and that those on the current



Noelene Cosson and Shirley Arestia are ready to move onto other challenges but are proud of what Korumburra Business Association has achieved during their time with the organisation and excited about the fresh ideas new committee members will bring for the town.

committee are happy to provide support and guidance to new committee members.

The current committee has produced a new tourist brochure that will be available in Korumburra shops shortly.

During Noelene's time with KBA over the last eight years, the organisation has achieved many things.

Teaming with members of the Korumburra Round Table to save the town's Bendigo Bank branch from closure is a highlight among

KBA's accomplishments.

Other achievements include Korumburra's accreditation as a Recreational Vehicle friendly town, and creating a social media and website presence for Korumburra.

KBA has also actively pursued grants toward TV commercials, outdoor furniture and a Christmas tree for the town.

The organisation has developed slogans and promotions such as 'Buy in the Burra', 'Support a Small Business', and 'Shop,

Eat, Play, Stay', while promoting Korumburra through local radio and newspaper articles.

Easter egg hunts, displays in empty shop windows, and a new industrial estate sign are other contributions the organisation has made to the town.

Noelene said KBA keeps local business operators informed and works in partnership with others to benefit Korumburra, with the organisation's motto being 'Working together for our future'.

While those considering putting up their hands for a committee role may be concerned the large-scale Southern Lights Festival will require an extensive time commitment, the event is not the responsibility of KBA although it comes under its auspices.

Fellow committee member Shirley Arestia has also contributed eight years' service to KBA, while current vice president Kate McDowell Murphy has been a committee member for seven years.

Current KBA president Shaun Hill cannot continue in the role due to other commitments.

KBA's AGM will be held at The Middle Korumburra Hotel on Tuesday October 24, commencing at 7.30pm.

Leongatha celebrates Seniors Week with live entertainment



Carolyn Boothman's Borderline Band provided the Seniors Week entertainment at the Leongatha Dakers Centre.

LEONGATHA Senior Citizens Centre members celebrated an afternoon of entertainment at the centre on Friday, October 13.

Carolyn Boothman's Borderline Band provided the entertainment.

A great selection of songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s kept the audience of around 90 people toe tapping.

The band has been entertaining Leongatha Seniors for many years and have been booked to do a return show next year.

This event was hastily put together by the Leongatha Seniors Committee after receiving the news there would not be the usual state funded concert in Korumburra this year.

The committee were unanimously in favour of a local event, against the option of travelling to Traralgon for the state funded concert there.

Invitations to attend were passed on to the general public

via other community groups and the centre was pleased with the number that attended.

It was noted also that a few old friendships were renewed at the event.

The centre thanked South Gippsland Shire Council for providing financial assistance to fund the afternoon tea, the entertainment organiser Mavis for getting the artists for the day, and those that arranged to have the delicious, boxed afternoon tea prepared by Brent Sinclair Catering.

It was an enjoyable afternoon of friendship in the warm Dakers Centre, compared to the cold and miserable situation outside.

If you missed this fantastic entertainment, the centre has more coming every Friday at 1pm.

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OH WHAT A FEELING



Four ladies from the Bass Coast Writers will be hosting The Memoir Experience, a writing workshop as part of the Seniors Festival. Back, Gayle Marien and Liz Low, front, Gill Ryan and Penny Walder.

I remember: A Memoir Writing Workshop

FOR THOSE who have thought about writing a memoir but were unsure about how or where to start, the Bass Coast Writers are holding a free workshop to celebrate the Seniors Festival.

Four accomplished writers, speakers, and members of Bass Coast Writers will speak about writing memoirs using various techniques.

Liz Lowe, author of the memoir *Eagle Hawk girl*, published in 2018 will talk about the difference between a memoir and an autobiography, and about the purpose of writing for an audience as well as publishing.

She will also talk about how to link objects to memories and how to use this as a technique to start writing.

Penny Walder, a long-time member of Bass Coast Writers, will talk about writing intuitively from the heart, abandoning planning, and just delving into the writing experience. She will also talk about how to process and write emotional stories.

Gill Ryan will present on confronting disbelief and about having confidence in what you want to do, as well as writing memoirs with a sense of freedom without feeling the need to publish. She will also talk about revealing stories about yourself to others.

While President of the Bass Coast writers Gayle Marien will be leading a writing exercise called 'I remember', designed to pull out five one sentence memories.

"The objective of the day is for everybody who comes to be in a comfortable, non-judgmental environment and to walk away from the day with something started," Gayle said.

Following afternoon tea, participants will have the opportunity to get started writing, with the assistance of the ladies.

Participants will also receive gifts including, Waves of Inspiration, a Bass Coast Writers anthology, a pad and pen for the writing exercises, and the booklet '7 Questions to Ask Yourself before You Write Your Difficult Story' by Nicole Breit - a Canadian award-winning writer and a teacher of creative non-fiction and memoir writer.

The Memoir Experience will be held on Thursday October 19, at Inverloch Community House. Call 5674 2444 to book.

Why they're 'playing for sheep stations' at Phillip Island croquet

DON'T let the tranquil setting, the lush green lawns, the flash new clubhouse and relaxed atmosphere fool you.

They're "playing for sheep stations" up at the Phillip Island Croquet Club... well, sometimes anyway!

It might have been a "come and try day" on Wednesday, October 11, as part of the Victorian Senior Citizens Festival 2023, a chance to "walk, talk and socialise whilst trying out a new sport", at their handsome Blue Gum Reserve venue between 2pm and 6pm, but it was still very much "game on" for some members battling it out on the front lawn.

While a social group of four, shared the space in a fun game of golf croquet, doing their best to stay out of the way, there was the serious business of a club challenge match going on as well.

The male player, playing the red and yellow balls, got out to a handy lead early, but his female opponent, on the black and blue, wasn't giving it up and made some clutch shots and ultimately hoops to challenge again.

Fortunately, the social group finished, shook hands, and cleared the scene, as the battle royale raged, both players despatching balls put in good position by their opponent to all parts of the arena, and setting up to make the hoop themselves.

"You can make friends in croquet and lose them just as easily," said president of the club, Claire Earl, in a light-hearted reference to the more combative aspects of the game.

"It's a lot of fun, takes a fair amount of strategic thinking and yes, it can get very competitive at times."

The club is certainly open to new members, but they're doing very nicely all the same



It's smiles all round after an enjoyable game of golf croquet on Come and Try Day last Wednesday as part of the Victorian Senior Citizens Festival 2023 for Judy Nicoll, Steve Earl and Robert Smallwood.

with 50 members, a new \$600,000 pavilion, opened in October last year, and tons of competition.

They play in the West Gippsland interclub league, with two golf croquet teams and an association team involved; each of them in good positions on the ladder.

For those that missed the "come and try" day on Wednesday, it's not too late. The club offers opportunities to try croquet throughout the season, call Ralph Leditschke 0493 614 265 to arrange.

The Phillip Island Croquet Club hosts golf croquet on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9.45am for a 10am start. And association days on Tuesdays and Thursday, again

9.45am for a 10am start. Visiting players are welcome.

And the difference between golf and association croquet is akin to the difference between 20-20 cricket and test cricket. Golf croquet is easier to understand and faster to play with all players moving to the next hoop after one player has made the hoop and collected the point.

But it's no less skilful, requiring players to accurately make long shots, to obstruct their opponent's ball or shots and to strategically position their own ball to make the hoop with their next shot. One of the main differences being that you can't get on-a-roll with well-played shots. You get one shot only per ball

each round.

Association croquet, the time-honoured version of the game, is a lot more complicated, involving a journey around 12 hoops, and finally "the peg", (where the saying "to peg out" comes from) in a contest time-limited to two-and-a-half hours. Like the game of golf, players can play against more experienced players via a handicap system, formerly known as "bisques".

A cross between snooker, golf and bowls; croquet is an absorbing game and a worthy contest; some say addictive, so be careful!

If you'd like to know more, contact club president Claire Earl mobile 0403 690 237 or email cearnew@gmail.com

Fashion for Seniors Festival at the Bass Coast CWA



The ladies from Bass Coast CWA showing off the latest fashions at Grantville Hall with advice and guidance from Fashion Stylist from Postie, Julie Filer (third from right).

THE BASS Coast CWA invited Postie to the Grantville Hall last week to show off the latest fashion for ladies and catch up over afternoon tea.

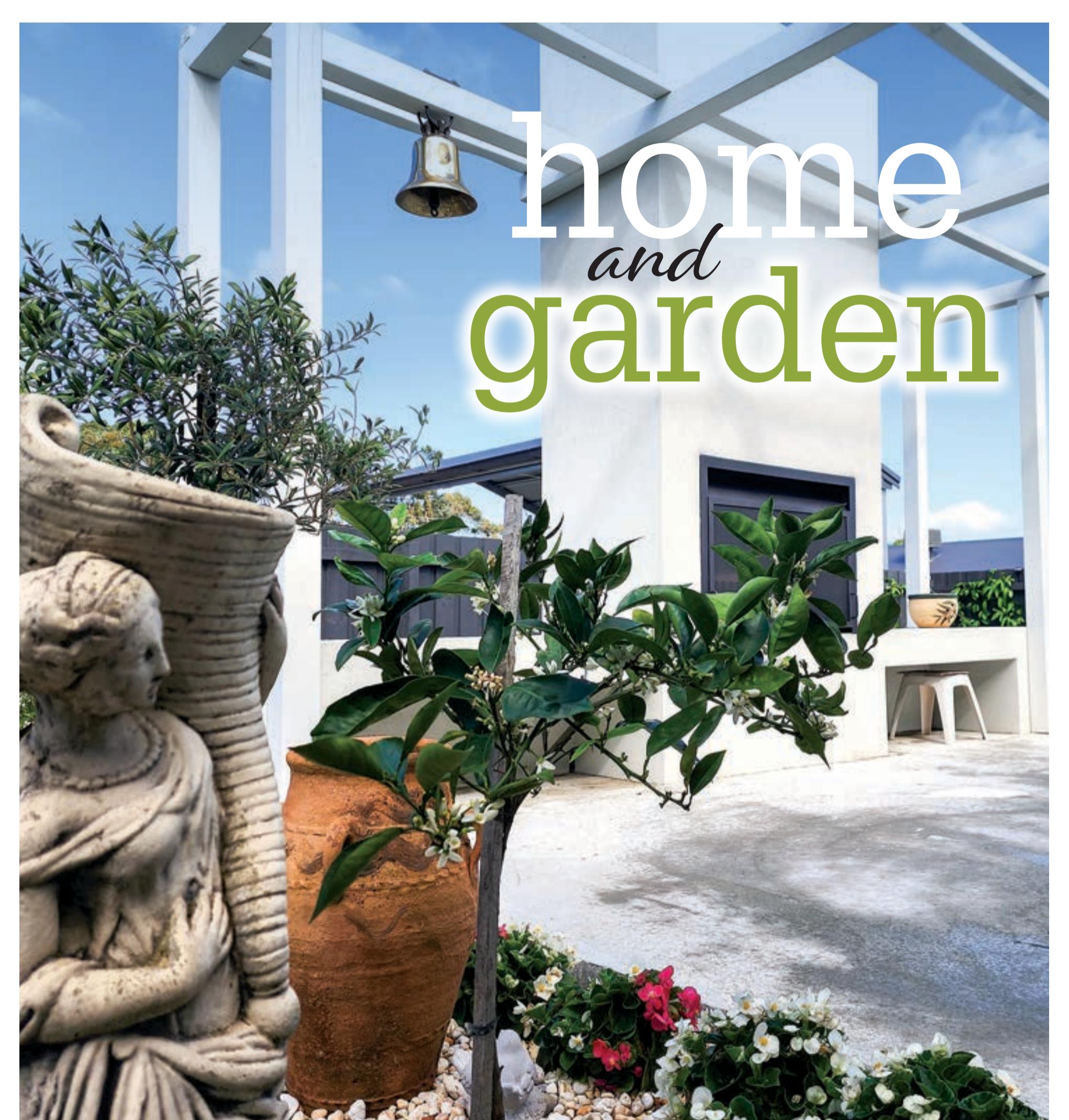
As well as an opportunity to raise funds for the CWA, the ladies could purchase new items to freshen up their wardrobe with staid advice from Julie Filer, fashion stylist with 36 years' experience in the industry.

"We've got some sleeveless, some sleeves. We've got some warmer and then some lighter fabrics," Julie explained noting the ability to mix and match wardrobe staples.

Posties size range is 6 to 28, catering to a range of shapes and sizes to fit most women.

Ten percent of all sales from the day goes back to the CWA.

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“The process can be daunting and leave you with a myriad of decisions, from exterior to interior selections,” Chelsea explained.

“Often clients have been overwhelmed with the sheer volume of choices.

“One client had recently been to five tile shops to select her materials – she was completely overwhelmed before requesting my services.

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Removing the ‘background noise’ Chelsea's design experience encompasses every element from fittings and fixtures, plumbing, power point locations, lighting, tiles, wall and floor finishes to external finishes – from the interior to the exterior it is all done.

Chelsea helps you extract and articulate your vision, leaving no stone unturned. With a portfolio that showcases diverse designs, she doesn't impose her style but rather adapts to your individual preferences, making each project unique, in turn saving you from costly mistakes and unwanted stress.

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“Working in sync with builders is of utmost importance,” Chelsea explains.

“I work seamlessly with them, not

against them. I'm an extension of your building journey, making the entire process smoother and more enjoyable.

“A lot of my clients know what they want – they just don't know how to piece it together.”

Chelsea's commitment to understanding your style, needs, and desires sets her apart. She aims to eliminate the anxiety that often accompanies design choices and ensure that you create a space that truly feels like home. Her process helps you save both time and money, ultimately resulting in a space that genuinely reflects your vision and stands the test of time.

“Part of my experience is understanding the construction process and plans – and asking questions. For example, for one client shower niches were not in the plans but they didn't realise that. It was early enough we could get this changed with the builder.”

And whilst it's never too late to employ Chelsea's services, the earlier in the process the more flexibility there is to make your dream a reality.

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As we head into the warmer months, the market is picking up, which is reflecting on the busyness of the office.

Coast to Coast is also linked to commercial, litigation and family law lawyers who can assist clients with their wider legal requirements.

Wills and Estates lawyers are often in the office meeting with clients.

"It's always good to consider whenever there is a life changing event like selling or buying property to update and

reflect this in your Will," noted Dikki Fung, Associate – Wills and Estates.

Servicing the Bass Coast and surrounds, the team at Coast to Coast Conveyancing have strong relationships with local real estate agents and can therefore help their clients better understand the terms of a contract, before delivering a compliant binding sale.

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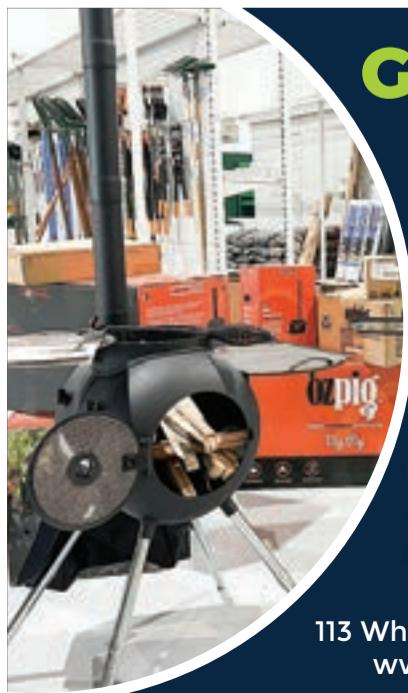
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One of a number of gumea lilies in full bloom at the Newhaven Information Centre at the moment.

Gardens a delight for Island visitors

IT WAS all-hands-on deck as the Bass Coast Shire Council applied the finishing touches to the splendid gardens around the Visitor Information Centre at Newhaven in the past week.

It was a final spruce up before the statewide judging of the best visitor information centre in Victoria, an award where Bass Coast has covered itself in glory over the years, and there's no reason why they shouldn't do so again.

Not only was one of the shire's outdoor crews dispatched to the Island to have the gardens looking their best, but information staff also pitched in, adding indoor plants and making sure everything was in order for judging day.

Of course, it's fortuitous that the visitors' centre should get a big spring clean now with the 2023 Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix in action from Friday, October 20 to race day, Sunday, October 22 and, in fact, big numbers already in for the massive preparation works going on at the GP Circuit and around the Island.

A feature of the Newhaven VIC gardens are the doryanthes excelsa, commonly known as the gumea lily, which are putting on a spectacular flowering display at the moment. More common in coastal areas of New South Wales, they grow easily and happily in coastal areas of Victoria as well.

Overall, though, the gardens at the Newhaven Information Centre add significantly to the experience of visitors to the Island as one of the first places they stop off at when starting their journey locally.



Dan Laurie of Alex Scott & Staff in Venus Bay shows off a spectacular new build in Lees Road. A02_4223

Contrasting but equally appealing living options in Venus Bay

A STYLISH new build affording spectacular inlet views from its rooftop entertaining area and an intriguing beach house are a couple of the current potential homes on offer in Venus Bay through the local Alex Scott & Staff branch.

The new build at 231 Lees Road occupies a long-vacant block.

Dan Laurie of Alex Scott noted its high-quality construction, fittings and fixtures.

"It's the only house we've got on the books that has a rooftop entertaining area," he said, adding it is perfect for a family and a great spot to enjoy a barbecue.

He said the house's owner, a carpenter, embarked on the project during the lockdown period, completing the build last year, with the as yet unlivable home showcasing the potential of vacant blocks in the area that are being snapped up for their inlet views.

The beach house at 3 Crichton Crescent provides a nautical vibe, complete with oars attached to an external wall.

Dan said it would make a fantastic family home or holiday rental property, highlighting its dual living spaces and proximity to shops and the beach.

He noted the housing market has

picked up.

"Stock's coming back on the market and we're starting to get really good interest, especially ahead of summer," Dan said, explaining that people are keen to move in soon to enjoy the warmer weather.

The holiday rental market is also thriving, with Dan speaking about the positive situation being observed through the Venus Bay Short Stays business.

"We're getting some great new properties on the market," he said of that sector, noting that bookings have been strong for the Christmas period and next Easter.

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Radiating character and charm, this modern, mediterranean inspired, home holds an abundance of stories.



A unique mediterranean escape

IN A quiet corner of Wonthaggi stands a house that exudes character and charm. This isn't just any house; it's a testament to the creativity and vision of its owners, Anastasia and George.

As we step inside their Mediterranean-inspired home, the story unfolds, revealing a remarkable journey of passion, local collaboration, and sustainability.

The pair bought the land in 2018, but a significant health challenge forced them to put their dreams on hold.

As the world began to heal from the initial shock of the pandemic, Anastasia and George decided to make their vision a reality.

"My mum has lived in Wonthaggi for 10 years now, and I fell in love with the area visiting her – coming down every weekend," Anastasia said.

"Originally, we were going to custom build, but I saw the industry at the beginning (of Covid) plummet. It was too risky."

Creating visually stunning spaces, Anastasia, who works in the industry, brought that same passion to the design of her own home.

"Once you know and apply the principles (of interior design), you can apply it to anything in life – the way you dress, the way to design your backyard. It's understanding what works," Anastasia noted.

As she explains, their Mediterranean heritage also played a significant role in influencing their choices.

The house's exterior sets it apart from the rest. It's not your typical modern suburban dwelling. Anastasia and George entrusted high-end building group, Boutique Homes with their project, known for creating unique homes. Theirs is no exception.

Bright rooms and high ceilings with chic, modern finishes imbue the home with an unmistakable sense of sophistication. Its character and a sense of rich history are imparted through the inclusion of upcycled and antique items.

Anastasia advocates for embracing

older, unique pieces that have a story to tell. From cherished heirlooms to a 100-year-old Arabic heritage pot, her love for vintage is apparent.

The Mediterranean influence extends to the backyard, creating a serene escape for the couple.

Upon setting foot in their alfresco, one is struck by the lush greenery and variety of plants. Fruit trees line the sidewalk with magnolia trees, azaleas, and hydrangeas merging to form a picturesque backdrop around the property. Vegie gardens provide delicious, home-grown produce for the kitchen with the first olive harvest presenting an abundance of fruit.

The garden doesn't just look good; it's filled with stories. Many of the backyard's elements were bought second-hand, with each piece carrying its own narrative.

The little nuances do not go unnoticed either – a bay leaf tree sits perfectly framed through the laundry door, an exquisite, exposed aggregate walkway surrounds the home, a multi-level entertaining space segments different areas, an ex-defence force bell sits proudly in the outdoor entertaining area to the side of the outdoor wood fire.

Together for 34 years, the bell was a present from George to Anastasia last year.

"I had been looking for eight months," George noted having had feelers out in Caulfield and amongst collectors and dealers.

While Anastasia is passionate about her backyard, George, ever the meticulous planner, takes a different approach to the home's interior. He's an enthusiast for modern design, a contrast to Anastasia's more eclectic tastes. Nevertheless, they've managed to find common ground. Their kitchen stands out as a stunning compromise of contemporary aesthetics and Anastasia's personal touches.

The green façade, timber-grain interior cabinetry provides a warm, classic look, contrasting the prevailing trend of white kitchens.

By difference, Anastasia points out that a flat pack kitchen can look amazing with the right design and details for those who are looking to renovate and are on a budget.

The couple's journey in creating their dream home didn't come without challenges. However, their story serves as a testament to the power of creative vision, collaboration with local artisans, and embracing sustainability.

A young, local landscaper stepped up and undertook the hard labour in the front yard whilst Bass Coast Concreting completed all the paving works including driveway, footpaths, alfresco area and shed.

Utilising a combination of exposed aggregate and plain concrete (that will be covered in exterior tiles when the weather warms) directors Anges McMaster and Eric Grinham showed off their varying skills, noting that working for clients like George and Anastasia was a pleasure.

"It's great to execute their dreams into reality," the pair stated.

"There was a lot of varying elements to the job with concrete pumps used for the large outdoor living spaces, and exposed aggregate laid for the driveway and curve footpath that wraps around the home.

"It's one of our favourite projects and is great to see the landscaping now complete – all the elements complement each other bringing George and Anastasia's vision to life – it's amazing!"

It's a Mediterranean escape in the heart of Wonthaggi that offers something truly unique in the world of modern suburban homes. The journey continues, with plans to add more unique features to their home, as George and Anastasia embrace the growth and transformation of their space over the years.

For any concreting works contact Bass Coast Concreting on 0491 950 640.

Follow @casadiparla for more insights into Anastasia and George's home.





HOME STYLING TIPS:

Transform your space this Spring

WHEN it comes to decorating your home, it is important to let your character shine through – allow your home to speak truth to who you are and look at the key elements that will help you decorate like an interior designer.

Owner of A Garden of Thoughts Barb Muller and interior decorator Sue Little can help you style your home with their exquisite pieces in store at the Wonthaggi boutique.

Getting your home décor right can be challenging if it's not your forte, but Barb suggests starting with one piece at a time, changing a vase on the buffet or a main statement piece of artwork in the living room – these changes can really give the space an entirely new look.

"Starting the change with one piece can freshen up your old décor to look new again without the unaffordable expense – simply adjusting the layout will also enhance a room to give it a fresh new feel," said Barb.

Soft furnishings are an important element of styling, whether it be in the living domain or a sleeping space; so, by simply changing the colour palette to complement the season, it can soften or brighten a room and make it more inviting.

"In spring we can incorporate a little more colour - it's important to remember to maintain your character but don't be afraid to experiment with designs and textures."

"Trends are always changing but finding your niche or your look by incorporating a new soft throw with a few cushions on the sofa or on the bed can really transform the room," said Barb.

A step further would be to include an indoor plant, and instore at A Garden of Thoughts the stylists can assist with what size piece would be ideal for an area.

"Many of our customers see the beautiful products but don't know where to start, so it is important to know that our background in merchandising and interior design can assist with styling your home."

Visit Barb Muller and Sue Little in store at 143 Graham Street, Wonthaggi for further advice on styling your home this season or call 5672 1622.



Residential growth in Wonthaggi's north east is picking up pace with one of the town's biggest estates, Parklands, set to open up Stage 7 soon.

Stage 7 soon for Wonthaggi's Parklands Estate

PROMISED for almost two decades, the rapid expansion of Wonthaggi's residential area is finally gaining momentum and a major player in providing sustainable housing for the region is Parklea Developments and its Parklands Estate at Wonthaggi North.

With the backing of one of the most highly regarded residential land developers in Melbourne's south-east and neighbouring municipalities behind it, the 600-lot development off Korumburra Road and McGibbons Road is now going ahead in leaps and bounds.

With Stage 5 "now selling", the 'Boardwalk' release at Parklands Coastal Estate offers a great opportunity to build your dream home in a well-resourced town, still close enough to the magnificent Bass Coast to enjoy everything that a coastal lifestyle has to offer.

This release features 79 premium allotments, each one offering a unique size to suit your needs.

Across the whole estate of 161 acres, lot sizes vary from 450sqm to 1200sqm while there is also 14 acres

of parkland as part of the project.

And Parklea has just announced that Stage 7 will also soon be coming to market.

"Parklea's purpose has always been to create thriving, beautiful, safe and sustainable communities that offer our residents the very best amenities available. We are passionate about innovation, environmental sustainability and quality through design, engineering, construction and delivery," said a Parklea spokesperson recently.

"Our projects are renowned and highly sought after. These include completed projects such as Heritage Springs (Pakenham), Timbertop (Officer) and Kaduna Park (Officer South).

"At Parklea, we are proud to be a Victorian family business who have helped shape communities for almost 50 years (1974). Local to the Casey and Cardinia area, the Facey family has been a pillar in the real estate industry for four generations.

"2023 has been a milestone year for Parklea commencing works on our newest master-planned community

Ridgelea (Pakenham East) and Lillfield (Warragul). Parklands (Wonthaggi) has also completed a 79-lot stage and stage seven is coming to market shortly."

Typically for a 552m² block, with a frontage of 18m, land in Parklands Wonthaggi can be purchased for \$320,000.

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Ella Cargill of Townsend Nursery in Wonthaggi advises to start preparing the ground now for tomato planting over cup weekend. Z15_4223

Time for spring gardening

TO ENSURE the garden flourishes this spring the team at Townsend Nursery have provided several essential suggestions to help home growers tend to their gardens after the blistering cold winter.

Vicki Edwards of Townsend Nursery said now is the time to start thinking about where you would like to plant your tomatoes, remember they like full sun and should always be planted with marigolds – these act as a companion plant to help with pest and disease.

"The first step is to prepare your ground by adding compost, manure or blood and bone - this will prepare the soil, then plant the marigolds and you'll be ready to plant the tomatoes over cup weekend," said Vicki.

"Remember that tomatoes can be planted anywhere from a pot to a large garden bed. We have a vast variety available including Black Russian, Sweet Bite, Apollo, Gross Lissy, Roma and KY.

It is also a good time to buy up on citrus trees with a selected range of last year's trees now all 30 per cent off, and the last chance for bare rooted - all 20 per cent off.

Vicki also recommends companion planting for peaches if there is any sight of leaf curl, planting marigold, French lavender, rosemary, or parsley can help fight pest and disease without the need to spray any harsh chemicals.

Spring is known as the best time to prune the garden, so Vicki encourages home gardeners to give their patio a

clean-up and start pruning all the daisies, this way the garden will be ready to bloom in time for Christmas.

"A light prune throughout the garden will encourage new growth – including all stone fruits – apricots, nectarines and peaches, they can be cut back to a third now," said Vicki.

"Spring is also a good time to feed your citrus trees with blood and bone or anything on hand.

"When planting blueberries, remember that spreading pine needles around the base of the blueberry bush will aid as feed by providing an acid soil."

Then when deciding to plant cucumber, corn, peas and zucchini, Vicki said "it is best to plant with a straight seed, they will grow much better than a punnet.

"And when planting I always recommend layering the soil with damp cardboard or newspaper as a base, followed by mulch over the top; this will prevent the weeds and is a natural alternative to spraying."

The team at Townsend Nursery can provide customers with everything required for planting this season, as well as providing knowledgeable advice on companion planting and a natural approach to plant care – including the use of white oil or water on the indoor plants leaves to keep them healthy.

For the best advice on planting this season visit Townsend Nursery at 315 West Area Road, Wonthaggi or call 5672 1982.



Ready for action, Kevin Crowe has 30 years of excavation experience.

Ground control preparation

DIGGIN It delivers construction and excavation works to residential and commercial properties in Bass Coast, South Gippsland and surrounds, providing over 30 years' of experience in earthwork projects.

Director Kevin Crowe specialises in driveway preparation and house foundations, servicing builders and trades with a 3.5 tonne excavator with rubber tracks and hydraulic grab – designed for large rock removal, as well as a 3.5 tonne bobcat, and truck for soil removal.

Every construction project begins with a parcel of land ready to be developed and preparing the site is an essential part of the planning process for a solid foundation.

"My level of work also services farmers within the regional towns – assisting them with restructuring tracks, as well as working alongside landscapers to assist with ground works removal," explained Kevin.

The excavator is complete with an auger drill to assist with fencing installation, housing stumps and installation of retaining walls.

"The machinery I have on hand is essential for removing dirt piles from a new build or a renovation project, it is also beneficial for hefty rubbish

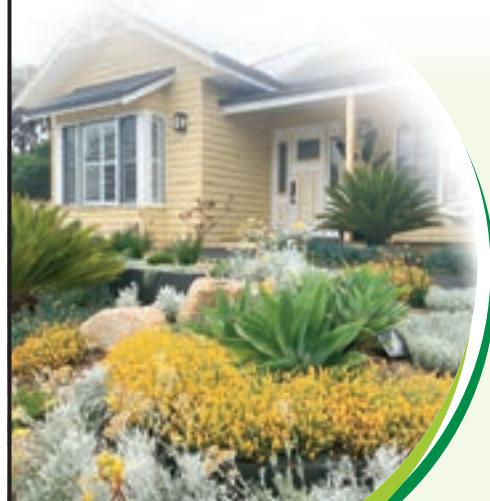


removal and movement of large rocks," Kevin added.

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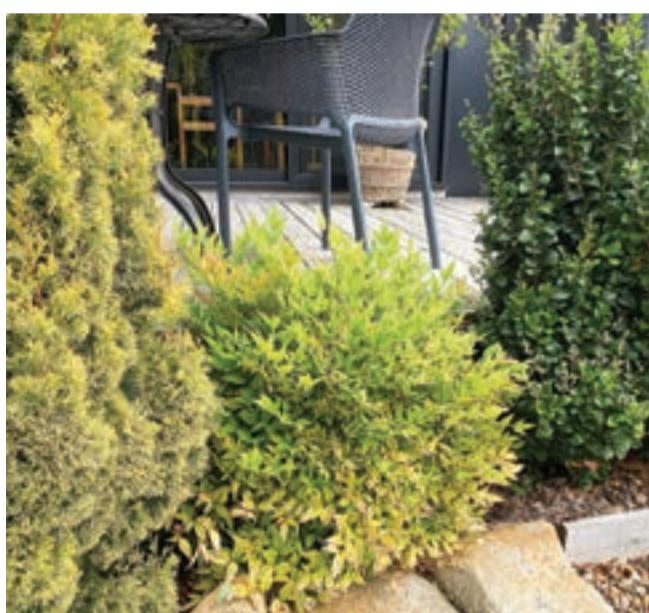
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The result of careful planning, preparation, and plant selection is an engaging, tranquil, established garden, perfectly complementing the home in a relatively short space of time.



The very popular Nandina, sometimes called Sacred Bamboo or Heavenly Bamboo, a beautiful shrub native to Japan, is another of John Atchison's top choices for a low maintenance garden. Fortunately it is not at all similar to bamboo, in fact, the more compact varieties can look more like Japanese maple trees, but they do suit Oriental-style gardens very well.

Nandinas also suit informal flowery cottage gardens, woodland areas, formal green topiary hedges, and bright modern outdoor spaces too. They come out in a bright orange display and especially love the full sun.



Looking for a fast-growing, attractive screen next to fences or for privacy? Consider Waterhousea floribunda or weeping lilly pilly. It can grow up to two metres in a single year. Prefers full sun and moist soils but will tolerate light shade and periods of dryness. Grows quickly when adequate water is given. Tolerant of urban conditions and performs well as a street tree or as a shade tree in parks. Also popular for screening or informal hedging.



Landscape design professional, John Atchison of Cowes, provides an insight into some of the strategies and plant selections he incorporated into his own home.

Perfect planting

Garden planning to suit you, your lifestyle and your home

JOHN Atchison has been enjoying the lifestyle balance of a weekend house on Phillip Island and a workday residence back in Melbourne for many years.

But when he built a new home in Cowes a few years ago, the landscape gardener, landscape designer and interior designer knew exactly what he wanted inside and out.

Last week, the Sentinel-Times dropped by for a few landscaping and plant selection tips when setting up a coastal property.

"The overall strategy has got to be 'low maintenance'. You're not here all the time and when you are, you want to be down at the beach or relaxing. You don't want to be spending all the time getting things back into shape in the garden," said John.

Don't get him wrong, John enjoys his time in the garden but after a life of work in the sector, initially as a landscape gardener and then landscape designer, he knows how to use his time there efficiently.

John went for a French-inspired gravel backyard and some carefully designed garden areas with trees, shrubs and groundcover matched to those

spaces; all with the emphasis on low maintenance but with no compromise on style, function and suitability.

"The most important thing is the soil quality.

"When I was setting up here, I got a bobcat in and dug the garden beds out half-a-metre and brought all the soil in; otherwise you've really got no idea what you've got in there."

"Getting the soil right is like building a house, you need good foundations, or the house will fall over. Without good soil, the garden is never going to reach its potential."

For his low hedges, John went for *Murraya* rather than the ubiquitous box hedge (*Buxus Sempervirens*) because they look better, shape up nicely and have a delightfully scented flower.

"We used a lot of box hedges back in the day, but they're overdone now, and you've got to be looking for something else."

John loves the aromatic herb rosemary as a garden feature and the colour burst provided by Nandina. Golden conifers are back in, according to John, if they were ever out, and when you're looking for a fast-growing screen, *Waterhousea floribunda* or weeping lilly pilly does a great job. They look good and can grow two metres in 12 months, enjoying full sun.

"The whole garden faces north so you want plants that enjoy full sun. It's also heavily overplanted to out-compete the weeds and the result is a garden that looks great but only requires the minimum of effort."

There's also a Kaffir Lime tree

which was there before the house and has been incorporated nicely into the garden design.

Kaffir Lime leaves also do a nice job in Thai, Indonesian and Cambodian recipes.

There's another extensive garden plot, beside a wide rear deck, where an outdoor table and chairs is placed for outdoor dining and entertaining, featuring a potpourri of plants, including one single rose which manages to stand out from the crowd with superb apricot tones.

The result is a garden and a lifestyle that flows easily inside and out, in all weather, at all times of the day and evening, tranquil and engaging outside, with a number of places to sit, stop and enjoy your down time, and a highly-appointed three bedroom home inside. The property comes complete with a stand-alone cottage offering complete privacy and the option of additional income from B&B or permanent rental.

The landscape designed garden complements the home to perfection, one reliant on the other.

"All you can see is sky and trees from the windows."

As much as he loves the garden and the house, which he crafted with all his experience in the industry, it's time to move on and the property at 2 Glen Isla Court, Cowes is on the market with Alex Scott and Staff of Cowes, contact Brian Silver 0407 347 509 or Maree Malloy 0408 316 715 for details or to arrange an inspection.

You can view the property at realestate.com.au/property-housevic-cowes-142815652



One of those responsible for 'bringing back' the box hedge to some of Melbourne's most exclusive gardens, John Atchison of Phillip Island agrees with many that they've now been overdone. He recommends trying *Murraya* (*Murraya paniculata*) for hedges instead, an evergreen shrub from south-east Asia that grows to around three metres tall or pruned to your hedge requirements. They're hardy and offer the bonus of a truly delightfully scented flower, reminiscent of orange blossom or gardenia. The flowers are produced in abundance in spring then again in late summer or early autumn, but they also tend to appear after heavy rain. The plant has a dense, twiggy habit and glossy, dark green foliage, and makes an excellent privacy screen or hedge.



And don't forget the good old golden conifer. Preferring an open, sun filled position in rich, free-draining soil, once established it requires minimal maintenance. Water deeply until established for the first six to eight weeks.



And roses? Why not, but it's a case of less is more with roses. Find a place where your choice of colour and variety will stand out. Again, they're easy to grow and require only irregular maintenance.



THE CAPE
COMMUNITY
FARM

Spring has sprung and to celebrate The Cape Community Farm is hosting a community open day on Sunday October 22 from 11am-2pm. The open day is an opportunity for 'the farm' to open its gates to the general public and to showcase all that it has to offer.

On the Day visitors will have the chance to participate in a series of mini organic gardening workshops covering a variety of topics including; worm farming, making compost, spring planting, propagation tricks and tips and garden problem solving. These sessions will be professionally presented by our farmer and will be the perfect opportunity to hone your skills in preparation for creating your abundant and productive garden.

Kids can get their hands in the dirt and discover the joys of growing by participating in the kids' program - a series of specifically tailored activities suited to engaging the younger gardeners.

Experienced gardeners and aspiring green thumbs will be able to take home some farm grown heirloom vegetable seedlings which will be for sale from the nursery. For the gastronomically minded, a sausage sizzle will get energy levels up; of course, there will be some freshly harvested produce available for sale on the day.

The Cape Community Farm is located in The Cape estate, Sunlight Boulevard Cape Paterson. Parking is available at the carpark on Sunlight Boulevard, or visitors can enter via a short accessible flat path from Coral Street Cape Paterson, or park in the carparks on Surf Beach Road and walk up on the coastal paths.

We look forward to welcoming the community on Sunday October 22 from 11am-2pm, for more information and general enquiries please contact the Adrian (the farmer) on his email farmer@liveatthecape.com.au. You can follow The Cape Community Farm on Facebook and Instagram.



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What do you make of these AI garden tips?

WE asked the controversial artificial intelligence platform ChatGPT to provide some gardening tips for our 'House and Garden' feature this week and were surprised to find that it aligned closely with those of our guest landscape design expert, John Atchison.

Like John, ChatGPT stressed, "start with the right soil". Here are the top 10 gardening tips via artificial intelligence:

1. Start with the right soil: Make sure your soil is well-draining, rich in nutrients, and suitable for the plants you want to grow.
2. Get to know your plants: Understand the specific needs of the plants you're growing, including their preferred sun exposure, watering requirements, and preferred planting season.
3. Plan before planting: Design a layout for your garden, considering factors like plant spacing, sun/shade patterns, and plant compatibility.
4. Consider companion planting: Certain plants benefit from being grown together, as they can repel pests, attract beneficial insects, or provide shade/support.
5. Water wisely: Water deeply and infrequently, allowing the soil to dry out slightly between waterings. This promotes deep root growth and efficient water use.
6. Mulch for moisture retention: Apply a layer of organic mulch around your plants to help retain moisture, regulate soil temperature, and suppress weed growth.
7. Weed regularly: Keep your garden weed-free to prevent competition for resources and reduce the risk of pests and diseases.
8. Prune and trim: Regular pruning helps shape plants, encourages healthy growth, and improves airflow to prevent diseases.
9. Use organic pest control: Opt for organic and environmentally friendly pest control methods, such as companion planting, insect-repelling plants, or homemade remedies.
10. Provide adequate support: Stake or trellis plants that need support, such as tomatoes, peas, and climbing plants, to prevent damage and improve yields.



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Greg Sutherland's teepee creations are suitable for small backyards and those wanting to optimise space. C01_4223

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EXPLORE a world of flourishing gardens and abundant produce at The Ranch Dalyston. With a strong focus on sustainable and versatile gardening, Greg Sutherland, the steward of this lush oasis, brings a selection of unique offerings to those who seek to cultivate their own fruitful paradises.

At The Ranch Dalyston, innovation and plant life thrives. Teepee growing pots, a gardening marvel, prove perfect for small backyards or compact living spaces.

These wonders of ingenuity support the growth of a diverse range of vegetables and fruits. Greg's commitment to sustainability drives his exploration of vertical gardening and efficient use of space. The results are awe-inspiring, offering a wide variety of crops, including an abundance of tomatoes, squash, spring onions, Lebanese cucumbers, Continental cucumbers, eggplants, capsicums, and zucchinis.

The journey to a bountiful harvest begins with dedicated care. Even before the fruits of labour are ready for the public, diligent effort is invested. Spring ushers in the vibrant blossoming of well-tended fruit trees, a testament to the dedication and knowledge that Greg embodies.

With attention to detail, Greg lovingly nurtures vegetable seedlings and fruit trees, ensuring their health and vitality for the benefit of all.

The Ranch Dalyston, a haven for gardening enthusiasts, sits just a stone's throw away from Dalyston's bustling main strip.

You can find Dwarf Washington Navel oranges, Dwarf Tahitian limes, Eureka lemons, and Imperial mandarins. Also featured are Dwarf Tang-O's nectarines, offering a delightful array of choices for planting or repotting. Remarkably, the five-and-a-half-year-old Genuine Dwarf Pinkabelle and Wee Folk Dwarf 'Leprechaun' apple trees are in full bloom this spring. They are primed for planting, or if you prefer, you can leave them undisturbed to continue their remarkable growth.

Greg warmly invites the public to visit The Ranch Dalyston and embark on a journey to gather seedlings for their own vegetable gardens. Cucumber, spinach, eggplant, Roma tomatoes, jalapenos, Pak choy, and zucchinis are readily available and perfectly suited for planting.

When your selections are made, Greg can offer invaluable assistance. He can provide advice on soil selection and

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All the essential resources you need are readily available on-site at The Ranch Dalyston, 185 Dalyston-Glen Forbes Road.

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With a horticulture background Michelle provides her customers with expert advice on planting for healthy growth, as well as plant care for both indoor and outdoor flora.

The expansive site off White Road in Wonthaggi stocks decorative pots to help achieve a finished look in the garden, as well as wind spinners and statues to complement the area. Peter Bowler said here at Pots and Co we can help pot the trees or plants for our customers so they're ready to take home.

“Alternatively, if it's preferred that they plant or pot at home, we stock a vast range of sizes and colours, and it's important to pot with the right soil, which we also have available for purchase.”

“Inside the shed, we welcome our customers to take a walk around – with so much in stock, there is sure to be the right indoor plant or decorative piece to fill the space,” said Peter.

Some indoor plants can be tempera-



Pots and Co's Peter Bowler has a vast range of indoor and outdoor plants available. Z12_4223

mental, requiring the right amount of direct or indirect sunlight so be sure to speak to the team about where the plant will be kept in your home.

With Melbourne Cup only weeks away, and that being the preferred weekend for planting tomatoes, Peter and Michelle have a variety of tomatoes set for planting. They have grown the seedlings, so they are ready in time for the November sun.

The team are also meeting the community's high demand for fresh flowers, now stocking bright and colourful bouquets daily – the perfect preferred gift or

simply a centrepiece in your own home.

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Texture is the new black

GREEN and textures are the new black according to the team at Haymes Paint in Wonthaggi who have seen an increase in requests for the likes of eucalyptus and olive greens, after an earlier shift to teals.

Dusty pinks have also made a comeback with grey blues.

With walls predominately white, the team have seen an influx of black trim (windows) adding a modern twist and pops of colour through furniture statements.

Copper is another popular choice.

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NICK Williams, a local trader from Wonthaggi, is bringing instant cooling to people's homes this summer.

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Nick specialises in installing, maintaining, servicing, and replacing reverse cycle air conditioning units, for homes and business. ob03_2123

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Jayde Palmer wins Carpentry Award

JAYDE Palmer of Ecoliv Buildings has won the Second Year Carpentry Award at the 2023 HIA-Stratco Victorian Apprentice Awards, held on Friday October 6 in Melbourne.

"Jayde's outstanding dedication and exceptional performance have not only earned her the HIA second-year apprentice award for carpentry but also our utmost admiration," Ecoliv owner and director, Ashley Beaumont said.

The judges had outstanding candidates to choose from this year and the winners stood out in a very distinguished crowd.

"The HIA Awards showcase the best of the best in the residential building industry, and the outstanding quality of work undertaken by HIA members," said HIA Victoria Executive Director Keith Ryan.

"The outstanding calibre of apprentices recognised at the 2023 HIA-Stratco Victorian Apprentice Awards proves that the future is very bright," concluded Mr Ryan.



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Leongatha Primary School students, Operation Christmas Child volunteer Doreen Western and teacher Joel Cahir with filled shoeboxes of gifts for children overseas. A05_4223

Leongatha Primary School joins Operation Christmas Child again

LEONGATHA Primary School students, with support from parents, pitched in for this year's Operation Christmas Child, an annual initiative run by Samaritan's Purse.

Toys and school needs were popular choices long-term Operation Christmas Child volunteer Doreen Western said.

She underscored the importance of items such as pencils to those who receive gifts in countries that may include Fiji, Philippines, Thailand and Cambodia, explaining that these items provide a starting point for children to access education, and emphasising the vital role of stationery.

Doreen said that with Leongatha Primary School children helping select items for the boxes they often lean towards toys, something that is sure to bring joy to recipients.

She explained that the contribution of Samaritan's Purse isn't limited to Christmas gifts.

"When they deliver the shoeboxes, they look at the villages and see if there are other needs such as water pumps," Doreen explained.

Grade 6 Leongatha Primary School students Levi Sweeney and Harper Pitts were among the enthusiastic group packing shoeboxes on Monday October 9.

"I'm fortunate and I like doing good deeds for people and it's good to be able to help," Harper said.

"It's fun packing them," Levi said, also appreciating the opportunity to give to those less advantaged.

While students packing boxes ranged from Grades 4 to 6, the donations came from all year levels across the school.

Teachers outlined Operation Christmas Child to members of the Student Representative Council (SRC) about five weeks ago.

The SRC members then explained the campaign to their classmates, promoting enthusiasm to contribute.

Teacher Joel Cahir, who has helped run the SRC program throughout the year, said that in addition to the benefits of those receiving gifts, SRC members' involvement helps give them greater student voice and the chance to show leadership.

Fellow teacher Jessie Evans, who also helps run the SRC program, is delighted by the school's involvement in Operation Christmas Child.

"It's a fantastic initiative that children elsewhere can be given a Christmas gift," she said.

Any members of the community wishing to return a filled shoebox, please call local representative Doreen on 0473 179 623.



Leongatha Primary School students Levi Sweeney and Harper Pitts enjoy playing a part in Operation Christmas Child. A04_4223

Korumburra Secondary College school captains announced

NEWLY appointed 2024 Korumburra Secondary College school captains Jake Churchill and April Reeves are excited about their leadership roles after learning on Friday that other students had voted them in.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what we can improve on," Jake said, suggesting assemblies may be one thing in line for a shakeup.

April can't wait to work with other students and staff.

"I'm excited to collaborate with everyone and have a bigger impact on our community, because I'm passionate about being a leader and working with amazing, like-minded

people," she said.

April wants other students to feel they can approach her and Jake for a chat.

"I don't want them to look at us and go 'Oh, these are scary school captains,'" she said.

Principal John Wilson said schools now tend to focus on positive student leadership in the form of school captains, with the concept of prefects, who in this scribe's experience could be a little scary, largely belonging to a bygone era.

RIGHT: 2024 Korumburra Secondary College school captains Jake Churchill and April Reeves with principal John Wilson. A19_4223



John Wilson is delighted he can make longer term plans for Korumburra Secondary College after being appointed as the ongoing principal. A20_4223

Korumburra SC backs John Wilson as long-term principal

WHILE in some ways the appointment of Korumburra Secondary College (KSC) acting principal John Wilson to the role in an ongoing capacity late last term will change little in the day-to-day running of the school, it enables him to focus on longer term planning.

After 12 years at KSC and having several times been acting principal, John has a strong understanding of his role and knows the community well, so is hopeful his transition into the leadership position will continue to be a smooth affair for staff, students and the community.

He said being principal consists of a wide range of elements, with responsibilities including managing finances, physical resources including the recent building project, and the current workforce challenges in the education sector.

Those duties are carried out while ensuring focus is maintained on the key business at hand; teaching and learning support.

John is delighted the school has stable and well-settled staff, and intends to ensure KSC continues to offer versatility, catering to the individual learning needs of students.

"My main focus is to continue to work with our staff, who are committed to ongoing improvements," John said, explaining extensive work has been devoted to the curriculum and the teaching and learning program over several years.

The school's three signature programs, Ace, Like Minds, and Activate will remain strongly supported, with each benefiting from ongoing development.

The Ace program provides support and wellbeing for all students across the school.

"Our Like Minds class is our signature extension and enrichment program," John said, with that program running across subjects for those in years 7 and 8, and students within the program helping produce the Burra Flyer publication.

The Activate program offers an alternate learning environment for students in years 8 and 9, with students having a strong say in what and how they are learning.

He noted the school has a strong Vocational Major program for those in years 11 and 12, saying that along with onsite Vocational Education Training and the three signature programs, that ensures KSC students are provided with many pathways to success.

John is also keen to involve parents in the journey of their children through the school.

"It allows me to take a much longer-term view; I know I'm in the position for five years," he said.

John explained that allows for greater strategic planning over several years and for incremental improvements over time.

As far as the building project is concerned, hoarding has now been removed from the schoolyard, creating extra space for students and greater ease of movement.

Most importantly, students and staff are enjoying modern, functional and comfortable purpose-built facilities for learning and recreation.

Landscaping and the addition of outdoor shaded areas are further positives.

KORUMBURRA SECONDARY COLLEGE



Emma Anderson



Ashlynn Anthony

I'd love a career involving travel or the law/criminal justice system.



Skyla Bailey

I see myself working in the field of disability care work. I have always had a strong passion for this industry.



Liam Beech

My future aspirations are to get a university degree in any of the following, health, sociology, politics, and psychology/criminology.



Harrison Clark

My future aspirations are to hold a decent paying job and to travel around Australia with my family.



Curtis Gardner

I would like to become a designer and travel overseas.



Josh Gardner

My future aspiration is to provide for my community and expand my expertise with my learning continuing throughout my life.



Shanea Hendry

I want to finish my childcare course and work in childcare, travel, meet new people and try new things.



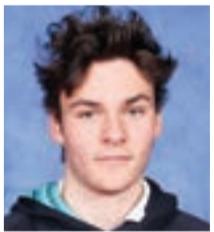
Jordyn Marrow

Beyond school I wish to go to university and study sports science, move out and have my own house.



Aiden Marshall

I want to go to university and study outdoor education so that I could be able to travel to different countries.



Ryan Mostert

My future aspirations are to go to university for sports science.



Harrison O'Leary

To leave the retail industry.



Riley Sendek

I aspire to work in an international organisation such as the UN. A position with them would offer opportunities and life experiences.



Amber Sullivan

In my travels, I want to see and experience everything; with my fashion and design, I want to shower the world with creativity.



Riley Sullivan

I want to travel around Australia working on the road and simply just run my own race one laugh at a time.



Alana Surman

In the future, I want to be a famous zoologist like David Attenborough. I hope my life holds lots of travelling, working and learning!



**Take pride in how far you've come
Have faith in how far you can go
But Don't forget to enjoy the journey**

-MICHAEL JOSEPHSON

Wishing the Korumburra Secondary College class of 2023 all the very best



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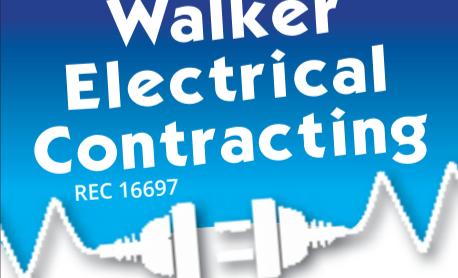
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Year 12 Celebration 2023



Hamish Boys

I want to travel Australia in my car, live on the road and work for myself.



Madi Canavan



Mikayla Cester



Joshua Checkley

I would like to be a plumber. My life beyond school involves making sure Clayton Oliver stays at Melbourne.



Teisha Howarth

In a few years time I want to be working in childcare. I would like to travel, meet new people, learn new things and earn more money.



Owen Jones

My future aspiration is to be a sparky and have another part time side hustle, be a millionaire and make the most out of my life.



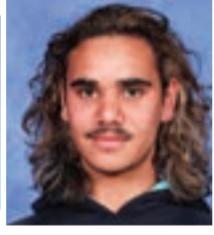
Hal Joyce

After school, I want to study at Monash to become a clinical psychologist.



George Lindhe

I would like to work with reptiles. I want to work and save up until I can see more of the world.



Rhys Pether

I would love to go to university, study anthropology, economics, history, sociology. Hopefully find a job that allows me to travel.



Ella Phipps

I look forward to studying at university and finishing school, travelling around the world and seeing everything.



Charlie Rollo

I want to be a Personal Trainer to help others and eventually be Dwayne The Rock Johnson's Personal Trainer.



Kasey Sage

My future aspiration is to find a career I am passionate about and to take opportunities as they come.



Mackenzie Swain

After school I plan to go to university, ideally for a biology-related science degree. I also want to travel and become rich.



Connor Swale

I might study for university and follow my passion. I am already studying to be a Computer Program Designer and Animator.



Claire Trewin

My future aspirations include travel and study.



Liam Wilson

I'm likely taking a gap year, then possibly university. I hope to maintain friendships and explore the world.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023



To all year 12 students, we wish you all the very best with your upcoming exams. The Community Engagement Group and our Community congratulate you on reaching this milestone.



We are very proud of your commitment and resilience – you've got this!!



Barry Davies a former Meenyan resident, organised the Leongatha High School Reunion for classes of 1963 to bring old classmates together and to have a good old-fashioned catch up. ob30_4123

Classes of 1963 reunite

THE LEONGATHA High School Reunion for the classes of 1963, from forms one through to form six celebrated last weekend at the Leongatha RSL.

Barry Davies a former Meenyan resident, now living in Melbourne organised the event to bring old classmates together and to have a good old-fashioned catch up.

Despite having some trouble getting the word out to former pupils who are now spread far and wide, thirty to forty former locals made it to the event.

Meeting old faces and some new, saying hello and finding out what path other lives have taken was on the agenda.

There was much reminiscing about the good old days and some of the not so good.

There was chat about how school has changed for the better with Daryl Hook remembering the days when teachers used rulers over students knuckles to discipline them.

Others remember the social times and making great friends while others remember enjoying playing sport at school.

Then there were those who were happy to leave at the first opportunity to start making a buck.

There were lifelong friends who've made it through the decades, as well as two couples who met at Leongatha High School and are still married today.

Barry commented that everyone had a fantastic time reminiscing and catching up at the reunion.

Have your voice heard in youth parliament

THE government is encouraging young Victorians to have their say on issues that matter to them at next year's YMCA Victoria Youth Parliament.

Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman opened applications for the 2024 YMCA Victoria Youth Parliament program and called on young people from across the state to get involved.

Participants will draft, debate, and vote on bills in a three-day intensive sitting held in the chambers of the Victorian Parliament in July next year. Bills that pass Youth Parliament are presented to government for consideration.

Youth Parliament has helped shape more than 30 Victorian laws, including a new recycling scheme, mandatory wearing of bike helmets, banning the sale of soft drinks in government schools and gender-neutral school uniforms.

The program also includes the YMCA Victoria Youth Press Gallery, which provides young people interested in journalism with an opportunity to develop political journalism, photography, videography, and social media skills.

Past participants have developed and published content on Youth Parliament for a range of media outlets.

Applications are open until November 12. For more information or to apply, visit bit.ly/4938sGH.



Over 50 individuals representing 15 schools from all over Australia and New Zealand participated in the ADEC Conference held at the Village High School.

Conference brings democratic reps from all over Australia

THE VILLAGE High School (VHS) in Ryanston were very excited to host the 2023 Australasian Democratic Education Community (ADEC) Conference earlier this month.

VHS opened in 2020 and have 55 students from Years 7-11. It is a democratic, progressive, and alternative educational style with a participatory approach.

ADEC has been running for 22 years and for 21 of those there was one president, until Fiona McKenzie, Principal of VHS happened along.

"I took over from that president last year, at the last conference in Tasmania, so it felt like a nice way to kick off my tenure by hosting the conference," Fiona said.

Over 50 people attended

the conference held over two days, and 15 democratic schools were represented with people coming from WA, Queensland, NT, Canberra, Tasmania and New Zealand.

The program was primarily a collaborative effort among participants, with the inclusion of a few keynote speakers.

Speakers included, Lael Stone, educator (Aware Parenting), author (Raising Resilient and Compassionate Children), school co-founder (Woodline Primary); Kelly Bettridge, former teacher and practicing psychologist; and Katherine Phelps, lecturer (LaTrobe University), author (Surf's Up: Internet Australian Style), and coder with a passion for open-source

computing and knowledge.

These speakers presented respectively on the relationships that occur within democratic schools, on supporting neurodivergent children and young people to advocate for themselves in their school and home environments, and whether AI will be a helpful tool or artificial additive.

For the rest of the program participants nominated which topics, among those that were submitted, they'd most like to talk or enquire about and rooms are allocated for the chosen sessions.

Conference attendance offered a wonderful opportunity for participants to connect with a community of like-minded educators who value democratic education,

facilitating the exchange of practical insights and knowledge about programs and philosophies in the field.

Fiona received a lot of really supportive feedback after the conference and is looking forward to the next one, which will be held in Perth.

"The democratic education is very relationship focused and that's really important and I think that comes through in the educators that were there, and the people involved in these schools are naturally strong in that area anyway. When they all come together, the relationships and the connections just flow really nicely and people are very good at sharing, encouraging and being supportive of each other".



These exceptional young leaders have demonstrated a strong commitment to the values of Newhaven College and will play a crucial role in shaping the school's culture and success throughout 2024.

Newhaven College announces 2024 Year 12 leadership team

NEWHAVEN College is proud to announce its School Captains and the student leadership team for the year 2024. The newly appointed College Captains for 2024 are Max Arceo, Tom Bird, Alice Mabilia and Tahlia Williams.

These exceptional individuals will be responsible for guiding a Year 12 student leadership team, each taking on leadership roles in their respective areas of expertise.

The House Captains for the four College houses are as follows:

Bass House Captains: Will Campbell, Becky Heffer, Sienna Mitchie, and Jack Ryan.

McHaffie House Captains: Ella Berry, Archer Herbert, Sonny McMillan, and Sienna Steiner.

Sambell House Captains: Claire Banks, Heidi Driscoll, Finn Russell, and Amelia White.

Clarke House Captains: Daniel Caffieri, Neave Dunston, Jade Ruffin, and Leo Savona.



The newly appointed College Captains for 2024 are Max Arceo, Tom Bird, Alice Mabilia and Tahlia Williams.

Additionally, the College is delighted to introduce the remainder of the Year 12 Leadership team:

Music Captains: Liam Fuery and Jasmine Turton.

Sport Captains: Harry Butcher and Lily Mewett.

Drama Captains: Jemima Atkin and Dean Lyle.

Visual Arts Captains: Chloe

Harris and Phillipa Thompson-Lord.

Social Justice Captains: Tilia Pires-Andersen and Gabriel Winterson.

Wellbeing Captains: William Bar Bar and Georgia Reich.

Environment and Sustainability Captain: Tahlia Lindley.

These exceptional young leaders have demonstrated

a strong commitment to the values of Newhaven College and will play a crucial role in shaping the school's culture and success throughout 2024.

They are congratulated on their well-deserved appointments and look forward to a year of growth, learning and achievement under their guidance.

Campaign to boost children's oral health

THE Smiles 4 Miles program has partnered with Westernport Water and South Gippsland Water to promote the consumption of tap water in early childhood services.

Smiles 4 Miles is an initiative of Dental Health Services Victoria, which aims to improve the oral health of children and their families in high-risk areas across Victoria.

The key messages promoted in Smiles 4 Miles are 'drink well, eat well and clean well'.

The program is implemented locally by the South Coast Prevention Team – health promotion workforce of Bass Coast Health, Gippsland Southern Health Service and South Gippsland Hospital.

Tooth decay, an oral disease, affects half of all children and adolescents and is five times more prevalent than asthma.

The percentage of children in Bass Coast and South Gippsland aged zero to five attending public dental services who have at least one decayed, missing or filled tooth is 25 per cent and 27 per cent respectively.

Children with tooth decay and poor oral health can have trouble eating, sleeping and paying attention.



South Gippsland Water communications and organisation development support officer Janika, Smiles 4 Miles coordinator Beth and Westernport Water communications and engagement officer Katrina are encouraging children to 'drink well' to protect their oral health.

Reinforcing the 'drink well' aspect, both Westernport Water and South Gippsland Water champion the Choose Tap message.

This statewide movement highlights the importance of tap water, promoting it as the premier hydration choice for the community's health.

During Dental Health Week in August, early childhood services in Bass Coast and

South Gippsland emphasised the drink well message and the benefits of tap water over sugary drinks to children and their families.

Four-year-old kindergarten programs were provided with supporting resources, activities, drink bottles courtesy of the local water corporations and the opportunity to enter the draw to win a colouring competition.

"Thank you to everyone who participated in the colouring competition. The lucky winner of the regional competition was Allora Kindergarten. Allora Kindergarten have won the competition prizes, which includes a collection of health promoting books and a dental plush puppet allowing children to practice brushing teeth," local Smiles 4 Miles coordinator Beth said.



Water is the lifeblood of our community. Book Westernport Water's Hydration Station for your next local community or sporting event.

Celebrating National Water Week

THIS week is National Water Week and Westernport Water and South Gippsland Water are encouraging everyone to take some time to think about the importance of water within their communities.

Each year, National Water Week is celebrated in October, aiming to inspire individuals, communities and organisations across Australia to understand and take action to help protect and conserve our most precious resource – water.

Access to clean water is hugely important to our daily lives, and it's up to all of us to protect our water environments and resources and use water wisely.

Running from October 16 to 22, this year's theme "United by Water" celebrates water's vital role in connecting communities.

To learn more about National Water Week and this year's theme, visit: westernportwater.com.au, sgwater.com.au and nationalwaterweek.org.



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COMMENT

Council must respond to disastrous vote

THE results of two important community votes were in over the weekend; one we know a lot about, the other, not so much.

In the Voice to Parliament referendum, the local electorates of Monash (66.46% 'No') and Gippsland (72.93% 'No') voted strongly against setting up of a Voice to Parliament advisory group. But if you drill down, the picture wasn't quite so clear, with several local communities including Cape Paterson, Cowes, Fish Creek, Inverloch, Kilcunda and Newhaven saying 'Yes' and just one vote the difference in Tarwin Lower and Rhyll.

In the other vote, to decide whether the Bass Coast Shire Council goes ahead with its \$35 million road and drainage improvement project in the Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay residential estates, there was also a resounding vote against the project from the residents, we're told.

What the exact result was, we don't know.

The shire dumped the outcome on its Engage Bass Coast website last Friday night with little explanation, despite the fact that they have already spent more than \$1 million of ratepayers' money on design and preparation.

Apparently, the writing was on the wall from day one that the homeowners of Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay didn't want to pay typically \$24,000 for their share of the \$35 million project. A number simply didn't want the ubiquitous kerb and channel with bitumen roads and concrete footpaths you see in a metropolitan setting.

And perhaps they were right. A different sort of treatment, along the lines of Lohr Avenue at Inverloch, at least in the area of the magnificent but incredibly important foreshore, beside the Short-tailed Shearwater rookeries and fragile coast, might have been better.

But as much as they consulted, the shire didn't listen.

The tragedy is that something needed to be done with the third-world conditions that exist across these estates, not only to keep the dust down and upgrade the unhealthy drains, but also to save the rest of the people in Bass Coast the cost of constantly maintaining this area.

The shire needed to come up with a unique project for this magnificent area and then embark on a comprehensive campaign to "sell" the project, highlighting health concerns, the opportunity to add significant value to homes and to save the rest of the shire's ratepayers millions over the next 20 years.

The council could also have offered everyone, regardless of financial circumstances, the chance to pay it off over 10 to 20 years.

It needed to be a "charm offensive" not an Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Instead of wasting our time on grandstanding over The Voice and whether or not they've "achieved" their goal for a family violence reduction in Bass Coast, the council needs to stay in its lane and get their own job done first.

This disaster needs to signal a major change in the approach of this council to more collegiate government and effective, outcome-driven community consultation.

Vox Pop

What's the most important thing you're looking for from applicants at a job interview?



Bec Arnason

Leongatha

"What skills the person has. Whether they're willing to work, friendly, and have a level of engagement with the role. Do they listen and do they know anything about the industry."



Alex Aeschlimann

Engagement Officer, NBN

"It's all about attitude; enthusiastic and interested. The rest you can train. And turn up on time. A mate of mine told trades' applicants to turn up at 6am on Monday, the ones that did got the job."



Kristal O'Connor

HR at Bass Coast Health

"Confident and friendly, then skillset. There's always the opportunity to grow with a new organisation."



Aaron Pendlington

HR at Disability Connect

"I want them to know something about the job, about the role, not necessarily about the company, and that they genuinely want to be there. Just showing up is a big thing."

Democracy and referendum

I GET my news and their unbiased opinions from ABC and SBS.

Both organisations have told me 'ad nauseam' I should vote 'yes'.

I voted 'no' – job done – obligation observed – my choice, not theirs.

Peter Brown, Glen Forbes

Thank you from us

THE committee of the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band would like to thank everyone who contributed to making Saturday night's Annual Concert such a great success!

This includes everybody who bought a ticket and attended, both first timers and those who come along year after year, our fabulous guest artists Kerryn Lockhart, Cecily de Gooyer, Aoife O'Connell and Lyra Lockhart (and Dan Moldrich, their accompanist), our team of helpers who are always happy to jump into different roles, and the team at the Wonthaggi Community Arts Centre.

We missed the opportunity to acknowledge our stage manager Kath Moore and MC Steve Donohue in front of the audience, but we hope they enjoy their gifts of flowers (Kath) and jumper leads (Steve).

Michael Kershaw, President of the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band

Thank you

I WRITE to thank all in our community and beyond who answered the call to provide assistance during the last week's bushfire and flood emergencies.

Thank you to the CFA volunteers who travelled from far and wide to work alongside our professional emergency services staff to minimise the effects of these bushfires on our community.

Thank you also to the SES volunteers who answered the numerous call outs for help during the strong winds and flooding.

And thank you to everyone in our community who did and continues to do what they can to offer help and support.

It was heartwarming to see the numerous offers from people on social media offering to open their homes or offering food and other services for those in need. While this doesn't surprise me because I know the people of Gippsland South have generous hearts, it is important that everyone's contribution is recognised.

From those who fought directly on the fire front to those assisting with shelter,

meals and transport and those who continue to assist with clean-up efforts, your efforts are sincerely appreciated and valued.

Of course, as the clean-up efforts continue, there is no doubt that more support will be needed over coming months. Those wanting to assist financially can do so to one of many charities, but most particularly the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (gerf.org.au).

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

Danny O'Brien MP, The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health, Shadow Assistant Minister for Ambulance Services.

Annual election of Mayor

ALL citizens who understand the principle of a free, open, and transparent democracy know that the right to ask reasonable public questions is a cornerstone of such democracy.

Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association was formed in 2016 with the purpose of seeking to raise the standards of accountability, transparency, community engagement, and financial discipline at Bass Coast Shire Council. The provision of a public question time at council meetings goes to the heart of three of those goals.

But regrettably, some of our elected Councillors do not agree that public question time is a cornerstone of democracy.

Cr Michael Whelan, the current Mayor of Bass Coast Shire, is certainly no fan of public question time at council.

In March 2022 he took the unprecedented action of stopping public questions being presented to the Council meeting. And he later told ABC radio of his view that the need for public questions to be put at Council meetings is a fantasy.

Then, at the August 2022 council meeting, Cr David Rooks attempted to remove all reference to public question time from the governance rules. That would have eliminated the requirement to have public question time at council meetings. His motion was supported by then Deputy Mayor, Cr Leticia Laing.

These three councillors have made it clear that they do not consider public question time to be a cornerstone of democracy at the local government level.

With the annual Mayoral election upon them, BCRRA is calling for Councillors to not support the re-election of Cr Michael Whelan, nor the election of Cr

Leticia Laing nor Cr David Rooks, to the position of Mayor.

BCRRA is calling for a different councillor to stand for the position of Mayor. A councillor who understands and honestly accepts that public question time is a cornerstone of democracy. And the association asks that all other councillors support such a candidate.

BCRRA encourages all community members who understand the importance of public question time, to briefly email all councillors requesting them to not support the election of Crs Whelan, Laing, nor Rooks, as Mayor.

Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association

The choice of the Voice

An Aboriginal baby, and a child, Appeared on the cover of The Age, The upshot of the message was — They needed help, at this stage

As today there's a referendum For a Voice in the halls of power, To give their people a say — So their future will surely flower

It would be nice to help that baby, And to give that child a voice; The options were vote Yes or No, — And I had to make a choice

"Yes", to create a Federal Committee, As that would help them some; "No", 'cos pollies can't be trusted, And would make a bad outcome

Both sides had said some good points, And I wanted to help that baby — So, I chose a midway compromise, And at the booth I voted "Maybe".

Andrew Guild

Set aside our differences

Australia has voted. Let us now set aside our differences and work together towards what every Australian wants; equal opportunities for all.

Bill Freeman, Charlton

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.



Preparations are underway for the Horticultural Society's Spring Show.

Thrilling year for Horticultural Society

IT is a busy time for the Welshpool and District Horticultural Society.

The Spring Show is almost here, and the annual general meeting was held at this month's meeting.

Office bearers for the coming 12 months were elected, with Prue Fleming re-elected president, Tom Reakes as secretary and newsletter editor, Garry Kipps as vice president and treasurer, and Frances Grylls as show secretary, assisted by Prue.

A committee of seven members were also elected.

Prue's report thanked all concerned for their contribution to a full and interesting program.

Kate Crowth organised some well attended sessions and speakers for the monthly club meetings, including a garden quiz day, a session on photography in the garden, information on the 'colour wheel' and how it can be used for plant placement, and sessions about how to stage exhibits for judging at shows.

Food is often the focus of the activities, and the annual June Soup and Sandwich lunch meeting and December Christmas lunch were very happy occasions.

Kate organised three successful club trips.

The big trip of the year was a five-day, four-night visit to Western Victoria, including Camperdown, Warrnambool and Port Fairy, and day trips to Warragul Garden Club, Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson.

During the year, Rob Gyles spearheaded a project of collecting and collating the club's history.

Some of the finds provided fascinating reading with snippets in the monthly newsletter.

A huge thanks goes to Joyce Locke for her 11-year role as newsletter editor and to Leanne Thomas for her work as treasurer.

The nursery ably coordinated by Ros McPherson is now an integral part of the club, located behind the Welshpool Hall.

Queues to buy plants on show days is very long and many happy patrons emerge with their 'best buys'.

The Autumn and Spring Shows are the major events.

The upcoming Spring Show will be the 63rd.

Club members are looking forward to welcoming old friends and newcomers on Friday, November 3, from 1.30pm to 5pm and Saturday, November 4, from 10am to 4pm at the Welshpool Memorial Hall to enjoy the beautiful displays of flowers, plants, fruit and vegetables, and photos, and to feast on the famous country style refreshments.

The club is delighted that long standing club member Bruce Crowth has agreed to open the 63rd Spring Show on Friday at 2pm.

Bruce has been an enthusiastic and engaged club member for many years.



Bert, Chris, Pierre, Raymond, and Aaron joined the Black Dog Ride from Leongatha. Z32_4223



Mick, Shawry, Clive, Shane and Brad of Longriders supported the Black Dog Ride event to help to raise awareness of depression and suicide prevention. Z31_4223

Black Dog raise conversation in light of mental health



ON SATURDAY, October 14, the volunteers of Black Dog Ride united with Biktoberfest.

Bair Street, Leongatha was closed off by police, and a motorcycle display was presented in the Leongatha Memorial Hall with all public proceeds donated to Black Dog Ride.

Organisers of Biktoberfest Terri and Rozz invited the national charity to be part of the local event to help raise funds for mental health programs in Gippsland.

Hundreds of motorcycles lined Bair Street before organiser Bernie Garrey of Black Dog Ride led the riders on their first Gippsland route through Meeniyan, gathering at the RSL on Saturday evening.

From Sunday morning the ride continued through to Traralgon before setting off for Bendigo on Monday, the trail then continued through Alexandra to Mansfield on Tuesday.

The volunteers will then take to the road from Mansfield to Lakes Entrance, before returning to Korumburra on Thursday. "Connecting with communities on the way brings attention to the cause."

"We have had more than 2700 volunteers join us on our rides in the past 12 months," said Bernie.

"We are grateful to Biktoberfest for inviting our national charity to be a part of the Leongatha event this year, and for their support in donating their funds for the motorbike display to Black Dog Ride."

It was a gold coin donation for the public to view bikes from the pre-50's, pre-70's and pre-90's – all going into a judging category, with the option of a people's choice.

"Black Dog Ride embarks on annual state rides each year, with likeminded people working together for mental health. We welcome all individuals, families, and businesses to get behind the cause," said Bernie.

"Together we can make a sustainable difference in people's lives."

To apply for a community grant from the Black Dog Ride visit blackdogride.org.au

LEFT: Randal, Geoff, Andrew, and Jim with Black Dog Ride mascot Winston. Z33_4223



Leongatha and District Netball Association Debutante Ball

The Leongatha and District Netball Association held a Debutante Ball on Saturday, October 7, at Memorial Hall. Twelve debutantes were presented and, together with their partners, performed five dance routines for their friends and families. This is Leongatha and District Netball Association's third ball for 2023, and it looks forward to providing more Debutante Balls for local young people. Pictured back from left, Tate Rigby, Bodhi Abernethy, Sam Schilling, Zak Bright, Reghan Lewis, Tadgh Gannon, Gabriel Smith, Rylan Andronaco, third row, Zac Grabham, Xavier Lamers, Alana Lopez-Freeman, Sienna Cruickshank, Poppy Stewart, Pearl Quinn, Jarvis Lacy, Finn Dunn, second row, Hollie Burns, Sophie Kreutzberger, Ashlyn Matheson, Lucy Patterson, Shea White, Sophie Lester, front row, India Curtis, Oslen Campbell (Flower girl), Archie Harland (Page Boy), and Sophie Kenney. Officials: Vicki Neal, Dianne Thiele, Kerri Palmer, Brenda Hocken, Clare Williams and Coral Johnston.



Milton Edward Wesley-Finch was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on September 23 weighing 2.75kg. He is the first child for delighted parents Tara Wesley and Brooke Finch of Bass.

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• FAITH FACTOR

A Personal Relationship with God

By Father Darren Howie, Parish Priest, St Joseph's Parish, Wonthaggi

IF THERE is no more to Christianity than what meets the eye, then us Christians are wasting our lives.

If there is no more to Christianity than what meets the eye then, at face value, Christ makes undeliverable promises.

Consider Jesus' claim in Matthew 19:29 that "everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life."

The apostles certainly didn't receive things which could be seen a hundred times over in this life because all of the apostles who remained faithful to Jesus except for St John the beloved disciple, died as martyrs.

Christians claim that Christ has risen from the dead and countless Christians have argued so convincingly for Christ's resurrection that Lee Strobel, the former atheist investigative journalist who became a pastor, to his intense frustration before his conversion was not able to disprove the resurrection of Christ.

Based on my personal experience it is my firm conviction that there is a far more powerful and compelling reason for why people believe in God and why the likes of Abraham persevered in his belief in God despite numerous setbacks and challenges to his faith.

There are many reasons to believe, but the most compelling one is personal and is not demonstrable.

It is my belief, based on my personal experience, that countless believers must have a deep and personal relationship with God which is so real that they keep persevering.

Christians can give very good reasons for the faith they have but it is my firm conviction that the main underlying motive for their perseverance is a deep personal relationship with God and an unwavering conviction that God is true and faithful.

The words of Jesus found in John 14:27 come to mind: "Peace I leave for you; my Peace I give to you. Not in the way that the world gives, do I give to you."

Life FM Gippsland celebrates 20 years

IN THE early hours of October 29, 2003, a new era began in radio and for the Christian community in Gippsland. It was then a new community radio station, Life FM, first went to air on the 103.9 frequency.

Two decades later, 103.9 Life FM Gippsland is still going strong, broadcasting positive, uplifting music and messages of hope across the region.

Life FM also features locally made programs such as "Gippsland Perspective", which covers local news and events, "Light Up Latrobe" and "Make Gippsland Great Again".

One person integral to getting Life FM on the air was Deb Bye, a former manager at ABC Gippsland who was CEO of Gippsland Christian Broadcasters, the organisation behind Life FM, from 1999 until 2015.

Deb said she was motivated by a desire to give the Christian community a place in Gippsland radio which hadn't previously existed.

"In 1999, when I started doing deputations to tell people we wanted to start a radio station, I met a lady in South Gippsland, who said, 'I've been praying for Christian radio in Gippsland for 20 years'.

For me, that was like a rubber stamp, I was on the right track," Deb said.

Until Life FM was able to afford a link between the studio in Sale and the transmitter on Mt Tassie, a loop of content, downloaded on to a hard drive and connected to the transmitter, was broadcast.

"We'd drive up to Mt Tassie once a month or more, and we'd switch over the hard drives. It was full-on," Deb said.

"If we went off air, we'd have to drive back up and press a button to turn it back on again.

"The night we (first)



Life Gippsland president Yvonne Coffey and station manager David Braithwaite are helping celebrate 20 years of Life FM.

went on air was amazing, we started getting calls at two in the morning.

"People started calling us from W Tree and Gelantipy (in East Gippsland) and places like that. God had just opened up the whole of

Gippsland to something that we had said, 'it'll probably just be around the Sale area', but people in Paynesville, Bairnsdale and Omeo, they could all hear us, and down to South Gippsland."

Former production team leader and station manager Randell Green said Life FM had made a positive impact in the lives of people in Gippsland over the past two decades.

"I remember one pastor in Traralgon said he had a young guy come to his church because he was driving home from work one day, and just happened to be listening to Life FM. Something in it touched him, he decided to seek out God and came to this church," he said.

Current station manager David Braithwaite acknowledged the efforts of people like Deb and Randell as well as the many volunteers who helped

make Life FM what it had become.

"Without their vision and efforts, we may not have had a Christian radio station in Gippsland, created for Gippsland," he said.

"Twenty years on air is a milestone we're proud to have reached. It's a big achievement, but we wouldn't have been able to do it without the support of listeners – through memberships and donations – as well as local churches, businesses and community organisations.

"To all who have helped us over the years, a massive thank you and we look forward to that support continuing."

To mark the milestone, Life FM will host a range of events, including a trivia night on November 4, shopping centre displays and, early next year, a celebration night.

Life FM is also holding its 20th Birthday Appeal. Donations, which can be made via the Life FM website lifefm.com.au.

People also can support Life FM by becoming a member for just \$10 a year or becoming a sponsor, both of which can be done by visiting the Life FM website.



Kathleen Surridge honoured with Legacy induction

Inverloch's Kathleen Surridge was recently inducted into Legacy by South Gippsland President Legatee Phil Head at the Group's monthly meeting. Legatee Kathie now proudly follows in her father's footsteps, the late Wonthaggi Legatee Bill O'Reilly. A Legatee is a volunteer member who makes a personal commitment to assist the families of those who gave their lives or health in service to their country. From left, President Legatee Phil Head with Legatees, Jane Ross, Kathleen Surridge and Jan Millington.



BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

THE adult English and Maths course makes a return this week after a break.

The course has been a staple of BCAL's services for many years. It recognises the fact that a lot of people have gaps in their reading, writing or maths skills. These are often not identified until someone needs to change jobs, or perhaps help the kids with their homework.

The classes are friendly, informal, and cater to all ages at all stages. The work can be tailored to the individual's needs, whether it's getting into another course or just filling some gaps.

People who have been to the course in the past have said it's a life-changing experience. You can enrol at any time, or even try it out for one session to see if it's right for you.

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 community garden can be a good solution for single person households, where there is limited space for growing vegies and fruit.

Several of the garden's small home member/volunteers enjoy really fresh home grown produce, and like the idea of having just enough for their needs.

They can plant and pick a variety of vegies from their own plot for a meal – or a week, without waste or much expense. It's economical sustainable, healthy eating.

Involvement in a community garden expands outdoor gardening opportunities for all participants, to grow what they love to eat and to share and swap any excess.

There are also social and learning benefits to getting involved.

For more information about joining the garden contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or visit the garden on a Thursday between 10 and noon to chat to a volunteer.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies hit a milestone this week and now have over 100 active members.

They have also announced that the annual po-up Christmas gift shop will again be at the workshop this year.

Last year's gift shop was only open on weekends but this year, it will be five and a half days a week, opening on December 9 through to December 23.

The shop will feature items from the pocket-sized, like pens and kitchen utensils, all the way up to large items like tables and lamps. Plus, visitors will be able to see exactly where the items were made, and possibly get a taste for woodworking themselves.

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



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Off-road adventures

BRIAN Cody and young son Levi, of Wonthaggi, love adventures in Brian's 2017 Holden Colorado four-wheel-drive ute, recently heading to Wilsons Promontory.

The vehicle was runner-up in the 'Best Local Ute' category at this year's Bass Coast four-wheel-drive show at Wonthaggi.

The judges told Brian they were impressed by the ute's "clean setup".

It features a well-equipped canopy box for storage, manufactured by Arrow Toolquip of Hallam.

Brian did everything himself to set the vehicle up for camping.

"I bought it just with the tarp and I changed it over and decked all the back out; I've got a fridge and dual battery in it," he said.

He did the wiring for the battery setup that enables camping equipment such as the fridge and lights to run independently of the car battery, with a solar blanket that generates electricity able to be connected.

Brian lined the canopy box with insulation and carpeted it.

While there is already some impressive equipment on the ute, he is keen to make additions such as a bull bar and winch.

Brian and Levi are looking forward to checking out the four-wheel-drive tracks around Licola on their next trip.

"I love camping, spending time with dad and exploring," five-year-old Levi said.

A couple of his favourite activities while away with his dad are skipping rocks along the water and riding on the Walhalla Goldfields Railway.

Levi is also delighted at the chance to see wildlife, being passionate about animals.

"Any animals we see, we stop and have a look at them," Brian said.

He noted his ute is just as at home on road as it is off.

"Being a 2017 model, it's very smooth on the road," he said.

Brian's forward fold Ezytrail camper makes ideal accommodation, comfortably towed by the Colorado and designed to handle offroad conditions.

Father and son had plenty of space to themselves on the recent Wilsons Prom trip, being shortly after a long weekend, spending time on the beach and walking along the river.

While solitude is enjoyable, Brian said four-wheel-driving is also a sociable pastime, meeting friendly people from many places.

A spot near Erica is one of his and Levi's favourites, with the pair driving up to the snow at Mount Baw Baw during the day and returning to camp in the evening.

Brian offered encouragement for those considering four-wheel-driving.

"Go with a few mates and give it a go," he said, adding it's a chance to experience a different world to that around town.

Brian recommends Rooftop's maps, saying they give you a good sense of the lay of the land, including how steep the terrain is, and are great to have in the glovebox.



Brian's Colorado made an appearance earlier this year at the 4WD car show in Wonthaggi.



Levi and Brian's many adventures include Wilsons Prom and Victoria's high country.



Set up to tackle off road adventures, Brian and Levi often hit the road for a father-son weekend away.



Biketober: Don't become a number

LOCAL police are urging motorcyclists to ride safely and take their time this October.

"Operation MotorSafe is active across the whole eastern region for the month of October," Sergeant Goff, Bass Coast Highway Patrol said.

"Over a five-year period October is the highest risk of motorcycle fatalities and January to March is the highest risk for serious injury collisions.

"October presents a risk with the warmer weather and Motorcycle GP encouraging novice and inexperienced riders to engage in activities and experienced riders to engage in high-risk activities. The operation is designed to proactively address the risk of road trauma through commitment to motorcycle safety across the peak periods."

Bass Coast Highway Patrol will have marked and unmarked vehicles out and about on the roads pulling up motorcycles for random checks including licence, roadworthiness and registration.

"A lot of people leave their bikes covered up for six-seven months of the year. Drag it out, kick it in the guts, it starts and go riding," Goff continued.

"Your skills drop off if you're not riding on a regular basis and that is why October - the start of the riding season - sees an increase in fatalities."

"As confidence builds come January, February, March people are pushing the limits harder and that's why we get a lot of serious injury collisions."

One of Highway Patrol's motorcycle police officers, Sergeant Goff is urging riders to get their bikes checked, ensure maintenance is up to date, allow extra time when travelling and take time to stop and rest between towns - "don't push through that next corner".

Drivers are also reminded to adhere to the blue line signage during the MotoGP period with both lanes active for motorcycles and cars when signage is activated.

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Rocking the night away with Wonthaggi Citizens' Band

THE Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre presented the Wonthaggi Citizens Band on Saturday evening, showcasing the immense talent of the musicians directed by Craig Marinus.

Stephen Donohue compèred the night's proceedings addressing the tireless work of President Michael Kershaw and Craig Marinus. Craig has directed the band for the past 27 years.

"This performance is Craig's first with his entire family on stage," said Stephen.

"We would also like to acknowledge Sue for her 50 years with the Wonthaggi Citizens Band."

The band opened the evenings program with Starburst – Dan Price, Jurassic Park – John Williams arr. Peter Graham and Alone Yet Not Alone – Bruce Broughton, before welcoming the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band – Trainer Bands with musical director Natalie Meadows.

The band followed with Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, C.H. Parry arr. Bolton/Banks before Sing Sing Sing, Louis Prima arr. Ray Woodfield, where percussionist Adam Richards was at the centre of

the audience attention with his solo on the drums – a powerful performance.

Guest artist Aoife O'Connell then took the stage accompanied by pianist Dan Moldrich before welcoming Cecily De Gooyer, and the two immersing the audience with their young, yet inspirational talent.

Cecily and Aoife are coached under the guidance of musical talent Kerryn Lockhart of Newhaven College. The pair began their journey with voice coaching at six years old before finding a common interest in musical theatre.

Returning from interval the Wonthaggi Youth Brass played under musical director Nick Beale before welcoming guest artist Kerryn Lockhart and Lyra Lockhart again accompanied by sensation Dan Moldrich.

Committee member of the Wonthaggi Citizens Band since 1996 Paul Jamieson said we have an array of youth talent performing, and they have come so far.

The Wonthaggi Citizens Band recently won the state championship in Ballarat and express their sincere thanks to the community and their sponsors for listening and supporting.



Adam Richards on percussion playing Sing Sing Sing. Z35_4332



Wonthaggi Citizens Band presented their 2023 concert at the Wonthaggi Community Union Arts Centre on Saturday evening. Z36_4223

Local artists show and sell new work in Meeniyian

SOUTH Gippsland artists had the opportunity to bring new work out of their studio to show and sell to the public, at the Meeniyian Hall last weekend.

The Art Trail Sale was part of the South Gippsland Arts Connect Open Studios programme.

It was organised by three local artists under the banner of Clay.made South Gippsland, Kate Stuart, Nicky Fraser and Ann-Maree Gentile.

"The reason that we created the market was to give artists who don't have the capacity for people to visit them in their studios the opportunity to bring their studios out," Kate said.

A beautiful variety of work was on sale including pottery with cups, plates, bowls and vases available in earthy tones, landscape paintings, colourful earrings, silver and gold jewellery, carved wooden spoons and utensils, colourful hand woven baskets, knitted items and drawings.

There were even some native plants that people could pick up on their way out.

CWA catered the event adding a point of difference and giving people the opportunity to relax and enjoy some Devonshire teas, sweet slices and scones – of which the ladies received many compliments for.

The sale was popular with a constant stream of people flowing in over the weekend with a lot of artists selling their work, which Kate commented was encouraging for everyone there.



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Community performance for Kiki

A CONCERT evening, 'Voices for Kiki', on Friday October 27 offers the chance to enjoy a great night out at the Meeniyian Town Hall while supporting the ongoing quest for Leongatha community members Ariane 'Kiki' Joseph and her daughter Elisabeth to remain in Australia.

As previously reported in the Sentinel-Times, Kiki has been a carer for her aunt Marie-Claire, who is blind and has other health issues, since 2019 but has been denied a Carer Visa and is awaiting the outcome of an appeal.

That is an expensive process, with Kiki not permitted to undertake paid employment, and the situation has prompted community members to organise a fundraising event to assist in meeting costs.

While Mauritian born Kiki can't earn an income, she is an active member of the community, working as a volunteer for The Salvation Army and St Peter's Church opportunity shops in Leongatha.

She is a member of the South Gippsland Shire



A fundraising event will see performances by the incredibly talented Kiki herself and Tarnya.

Brass Band, the Lyric Theatre group and the Treble F Singers.

One of the members of the 'Voices for Kiki' committee, Tarnya Wilson, said the concert event will take the format of a Meeniyian Tavern night, with performers volunteering their time.

"Lyric Theatre is well represented; they've got a comedy sketch, two of their female singers Cecily de Goyer and Aoife O'Connell are performing, and young harpist Xander Beach will play," Tarnya said.

Kiki will also be central to the action, dividing her time with South Gippsland Brass Band between playing her trumpet and singing.

While she has not long been playing the trumpet, Kiki has a background as a professional singer.

She will also perform alongside her long-term friend from Mauritius Ben Sandapa, the pair having sung together many times over the years.

Bush poet Steve Horton will have the audience in hysterics with his mixture

of old favourites such as 'The Redback on the Toilet Seat' and his own poems.

Tarnya will perform with her jazz trio Black Notes, while the Treble F Singers will share well-loved songs, with Kiki joining in.

Kiki's sister Annick Cerdor and Lyric Theatre's Bruce Grainger will jointly host the evening, ensuring all flows smoothly and everyone enjoys the occasion.

"My goal is to make sure everyone has a good time," Kiki said.

"I'm very touched by the fact people are so supportive."

'Voices for Kiki' on Friday October 27 starts at 7.30pm at the Meeniyian Town Hall, 97 Whitelaw Street Meeniyian.

Tickets are just \$25 and include entry into a prize draw.

A cuppa and biscuits will be provided, with people encouraged to bring their own nibbles and drinks.

Search 'Voices for Kiki' on ticketbo.com.au to book.

You can also make a donation through gofundme.com by searching for 'Voices for Kiki'.

Celebrating children with loads of fun activities

CHILDRENS Week is a national celebration that recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children.

The theme for Children's Week 2023 is "Children have the right to relax, play and to take part in activities they enjoy" based on Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Children's Week runs from Saturday October 21 to Sunday 29 October 2023, with thousands of Victorian children taking part in the festivities.

It's a great opportunity for Victorian families to enjoy fun, engaging and educational experiences and there are a range of events on offer in the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires.

Mighty Movie Day

Children can enjoy watching Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre. Ryder and his pups are given superpowers, but will it be enough to stop evil from gaining ultimate power for themselves? For ages 5 - 12 at 10am on Tuesday, October 24. There are 100 free tickets up for grabs, and each one includes a small popcorn! Go to trybooking.com/events/1097530/sessions/4159672.

Pop-up Conceptual PlayWorld

A fun group activity where parents and children read a book together, create a Conceptual PlayWorld based on the book and use STEM concepts. Gain insight and resources to create a conceptual PlayWorld at home. For ages 3-5 years at 10am on Wednesday, October 25. At the Inverloch

Community Hub. To book go to playgroup.org.au/conceptual-playworld.

Children's Week butterfly experience

Go to My Community Library (MYLI) Wonthaggi and celebrate Children's Week with a special Butterfly Adventure. Learn about butterflies from butterfly experts, see them close up and participate in the butterfly activities provided. For ages 0-12 years at 11am on Saturday October 28. For more information contact the library.

Fun and varied children's activities

The South Gippsland Shire Council welcomes families in the region to celebrate this year's Children's Week event at the historical Coal Creek Community Park and Museum. Activities include face painting, story times, sensory play, games and petting animals. For ages 0-6 years at 11.30am on Thursday October 26. For more information contact Michelle Donohue, 0497 926 100 or michelle.donohue@southgippsland.vic.gov.au.

Cooking and clay workshop

Cooking and clay workshops, alongside a community cafe serving delicious food are all part of the Manna Gum Community House Children's Week celebrations. A relaxing way for families to spend a Saturday morning in the Corner Inlet area, with lunch included. For ages 0-12 years at 10am on Saturday October 28. For more information contact Rebecca Matthews, (03) 5682 1101 or office@mgch.org.au.

Volunteers raise funds for Bass Coast Health

THE Bass Coast Health (BCH) Ladies Auxiliary volunteers held their annual fete on Saturday morning raising funds for the Wonthaggi Hospital and the vital equipment required for the new wards.

Since the recent expansion of the Wonthaggi hospital, volunteers have made it their priority to work with the Bass Coast community - holding fundraisers to help better service the health of regional patients.

BCH volunteer Kaye, of the Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary, said together we have handmade knitted scarves and beanies - known as the 'happy hats' for chemotherapy patients, we have also crafted birthday and special occasion cards.

"The community support is wonderful," said Margaret.

On November 11 the BCH Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary will be holding a Big November Dinner Auction, with good food and great music. Visit bignovemberauction.com.au



Kaye, Hazel, and Kathie volunteered their time for the Bass Coast Health fete on Saturday, selling handmade cards, scarves and beanies for cancer patients. Z22_4223

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Lisa Fitzgerald and Lucy Legione love coming to ballet classes because of teacher Wendy Crellin being so great. ob03_4223



Silvana and Val enjoy seniors' ballet classes because of the fun times they have and the friendships that develop. ob04_4223



Gail Huitema and Helen Bryce had been saving their money to spend on clothes at the Fashion Show from Posties at Grantville Hall. ob06_4223



Pam Toogood, Gail Hance and Lynne Jarvie were eager to shop for well-fitting clothes at the Grantville Fashion Show. ob07_4223



Vicki, John and Leanne help Black Dog Ride raise awareness of depression and suicide prevention. Z24_4223



Chris and Geoff help at the Black Dog Ride in Leongatha raising funds for mental health. Z25_4223



Bass Coast Shire Acting CEO James Stirton, Mayor Cr Michael Whelan and General Manager Partnerships Economy and Culture Greg Box in Inverloch for the Dinosaur Trail design launch. Z09_4223



Grade three Inverloch Primary School students Lewis Huitema and Zahli Koster share their excitement for the Bass Coast Dinosaur Trail. Z10_4223



Ron Missen, and Gerry Surridge tackle the damaging wind to keep the Bass Coast Health fete sausage sizzle up and running. Z18_4223

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Seniors Ballet Classes, Grantville Fashion Show, Black Dog Ride in Leongatha, Bass Coast Shire Council's Dinosaur Trail creative design phase launch, Go Girls fundraiser at Foster Golf Club, Meeniyan Community Plan launch, Leongatha High School Reunion and Bass Coast Health Fete at Wonthaggi Hospital



South Gippsland Shire Council's Christian Stefani (Manager of Economy, Community and Investment), Sophie Dixon (Coordinator of Community Strengthening) and Barbara Look (retired Community Strengthening Officer) display the new Meeniyan Community Plan. A14_4223



Cathy Waldron, Avril van Wamel and Sarah Banks enjoy the launch of the Meeniyan Community Plan. A15_4223



Owners of the Meeniyan Motel Matt and Mel Campbell are pleased to see the new Meeniyan Community Plan launched. A17_4223



Margaret and Anne of Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary sell raffle tickets to raise funds for the Wonthaggi Hospital at Saturday's fete. Z21_4223



Evronne and John Bentley met at Leongatha High School, fell in love, got married and now live in Warrnambool. ob35_4123



Barb Challis and Aileen Hughes have enjoyed a lifelong friendship since meeting each other at Leongatha High School. ob33_4123



'Arnold House'

INTRODUCING the exquisite 'Arnold House', a masterpiece of architectural design, nestled in the heart of South Gippsland on approximately 8.1 acres.

This remarkable residence, built between 2000 and 2001, is a true testament to quality craftsmanship. Spanning an impressive 58 squares, Arnold House boasts a stunning main entrance foyer that sets the tone for the grandeur within. The central kitchen/family room, complete with a walk-in pantry, forms the heart of the home, offering a seamless blend of functionality and style.

Discover the dual wings that characterise Arnold House. The east wing features two elegant guest rooms, each with its own bathroom and toilet facilities, ensuring utmost comfort for your visitors.

A study/small TV lounge, a spacious living area, and a convenient laundry/kitchenette provide versatile spaces for both work and relaxation.

A double car garage and private entrance enhance the practicality of this wing. This east wing has been utilised as a bed and breakfast, offering a potential additional income stream. Guests are drawn to the area by the attraction of the nearby Wilsons Promontory National Park and activities that South Gippsland has to offer.

Step into the west wing to find two additional bedrooms, one with a separate bathroom, and the master bedroom that redefines opulence. The master suite boasts a generous layout, built-in robes, and a luxurious ensuite bathroom with a corner spa bath and year-round comfort with the reverse cycle air-conditioner.

The west wing also accommodates the third dining and sitting area, with gas log fireplace and features a piano in the corner of the room that overlooks the natural beauty of the garden and the landscape beyond.

The heart of the home, the open-plan kitchen, dining, and living

area, offer breath-taking north-facing views of the surrounding farmland in the Hoddle Valley to the distant Strzelecki ranges.

This space is complemented by a reverse cycle and wood fire for ultimate cosiness. The expansive kitchen features Caesar Stone benchtops, timber cabinetry, quality Miele appliances including a gas cooktop, electric wall oven, built-in microwave, and a walk-in pantry. Indulge in the captivating views while preparing meals, or simply unwind and enjoy the serenity.

A unique feature of Arnold House is the glass conservatory, providing an enchanting space to soak in the views and overlook the solar-heated salt inground pool. The double-glazed windows throughout the house ensure energy efficiency.

The exterior is equally enchanting, with a rear deck extending from the house, leading to a terraced lawn that opens up to panoramic vistas of the Hoddle and Strzelecki ranges. Surround yourself with approximately two acres of meticulously landscaped gardens, complete with eight paddocks and ample water storage.

For the equestrian enthusiast, a high-clearance open shed, stables, and tack rooms (13.5m x 7m) are ready to accommodate your beloved animals, additionally a four bay lock up shed (12.5m x 6.5m) for all your storage needs.

Nestled just 10 minutes from the charming village of Meenyan, five minutes to Fish Creek, and less than 15 minutes to Foster, Arnold House seamlessly combines luxury living with rural serenity. With convenient proximity to Melbourne's CBD, a mere two-hour drive away, this is an opportunity to embrace a lifestyle of elegance, comfort, and natural beauty. Inspections are strictly by appointment only. Please contact selling agents Matt Redmond on 0418 357 341 or Kellie Thomas on 0438 647 449 for any more information or to arrange your inspection today!



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"Killaloe", not just a home but a lifestyle

NESTLED on approximately 10 acres of picturesque countryside, "Killaloe" presents a stunning transformation of a 1950s-built cottage into a contemporary residence spanning more than 35 squares. This light-filled haven offers a lifestyle of modern luxury and rural serenity.

As you enter, you'll be captivated by the open-plan design that seamlessly integrates the living spaces. The heart of the home is the exquisite kitchen, boasting a high-end 900mm gas cooker paired with an electric oven, a whisper-quiet Bosch dishwasher, and impeccable Blanco fittings and a striking black ceramic sink.

Glass splashbacks add a touch of sophistication, complemented by a butler's pantry and a separate walk-in pantry keeping storage and organisation nothing short of perfection.

Effortlessly extending from the kitchen is the inviting living area, featuring sliding doors that open onto a spacious deck with breathtaking views of the expansive property. The raked ceilings and floating floors add an extra layer of elegance to this space, and a split system offers all round comfort.

This home's northern orientation ensures that you'll wake up to stunning rural views from each of the three bedrooms, all thoughtfully equipped with their own split-systems.

The two bathrooms are equally impressive, with one recently renovated to the highest standards, featuring quality fittings, a separate bath, and floor-to-ceiling tiling. The second bathroom has also received a modern makeover, and both bathrooms are complete with toilets.

Not to be overlooked, the laundry has been meticulously fitted out with ample storage and generous bench space. A versatile study area, soundproofed for maximum concentration, could easily serve as a fourth bedroom. More recent upgrades include new cladding, new flooring throughout the home.

For sustainability you can enjoy the benefits of double glazing and a solar system, ensuring efficiency and year-round comfort.

This exceptional home boasts a wrap-around verandah leading to a rear deck that offers stunning panoramic views of the property - perfect for enjoying outdoor living.

For the car enthusiast or hobbyist, a generous three-car garage and workshop provide ample space. Additionally, a 10m x 5m shed with 3.5 metre walls and a high remote roller door offers secure storage.

For more sustainability and convenience, the property boasts a 30,000-litre water tank dedicated to the house and an additional 30,000-litre water tank for the gardens. It's divided into five paddocks, complete with a holding yard featuring a loading ramp. A large dam graces the landscape, alongside an orchard and vegetable garden, a hothouse with a sprinkler system, and a hay shed capable of storing over 100 bales. Woodshed space is also on hand for your convenience.

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The second living area offers a huge light filled north facing living, dining area and fully appointed kitchen with American oak solid timber cabinetry with stone benchtops and black glass splashback. A Coonara wood-fired heater and split system is a welcome touch and complements this living area.

The expansive master bedroom is situated at the back of the house for privacy and offers a full ensuite. The

remaining two bedrooms, all generously sized, have built-in robes and a modern family bathroom services this area. Plantation shutters throughout with carpet and new vinyl plank flooring give you a modern feel.

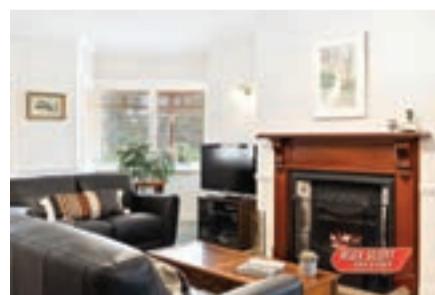
This traditional Federation style home features ornate cornice, ceiling roses, dado rails and fretwork.

The traditional exterior brickwork consists of soldier course bricks above the windows, bullnose bricks on the window ledges as well as corner and plinth bricks. The double garage, with plenty of storage and a workbench, is located at the front for ease of access.

This home offers the ultimate beachside lifestyle with its close proximity to the beach. The popular Silver-leaves General Store is a five-minute walk away and the cafes and shops of Cowes are just a short stroll along the beach or along the newly completed beach track. All that the Island has to offer is within easy reach.

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- [\$100] Which year did Captain James Cook first land on the eastern coast of Australia? A. 1770. B. 1867. C. 1901. D. 1923.
- [\$200] Which city was the capital of Australia before Canberra? A. Melbourne. B. Sydney. C. Perth. D. Brisbane.
- [\$300] Which year did Australia become a federated nation? A. 1867. B. 1901. C. 1923. D. 1988.
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- [\$1000] Which Australian state was the first to grant women the right to vote? A. New South Wales. B. Western Australia. C. Victoria. D. South Australia.
- [\$2000] In which year did Australia win the America's Cup yachting race, breaking the United States' 132-year winning streak? A. 1963. B. 1973. C. 1983. D. 1993.
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- [\$32,000] What was the first national park in Australia? A. Royal National Park. B. Lamington National Park. C. The Grampians National Park. D. Springbrook National Park.
- [\$64,000] Who was the leader of the Australian Labor Party and the 23rd Prime Minister of Australia? A. Kevin Rudd. B. Julia Gillard. C. Paul Keating. D. Bob Hawke.
- [\$125,000] When did Tasmania change its name from Van Diemen's Land? A. 1803 B. 1834 C. 1856 D. 1857.
- [\$250,000] In what year did the Frontier Wars end? A. 1788. B. 1830. C. 1928. D. 1939.
- [\$500,000] In what state of Australia would you find the Marree Man geoglyph? A. Victoria. B. NSW. C. South Australia. D. Western Australia.
- [\$1,000,000] In what year was the first recorded armed conflict between European explorers? A. 1623. B. 1770. C. 1788. D. 1795.

Quiz answers: 1. A. 1770. 2. A. Melbourne. 3. B. 1901. 4. A. Banjo Paterson. 5. D. South Australia. 6. C. 1988. 7. C. 1851. 8. B. 1867. 9. A. 1803. 10. C. 1856. 11. A. Kevin Rudd. 12. C. 1856. 13. D. 1939. 14. Royal National Park (in 1879 south of Sydney, second in the world). 15. A. South Australia. 16. C. 1923. 17. B. 1939. 18. D. 1939. 19. C. 1901. 20. D. 1993.

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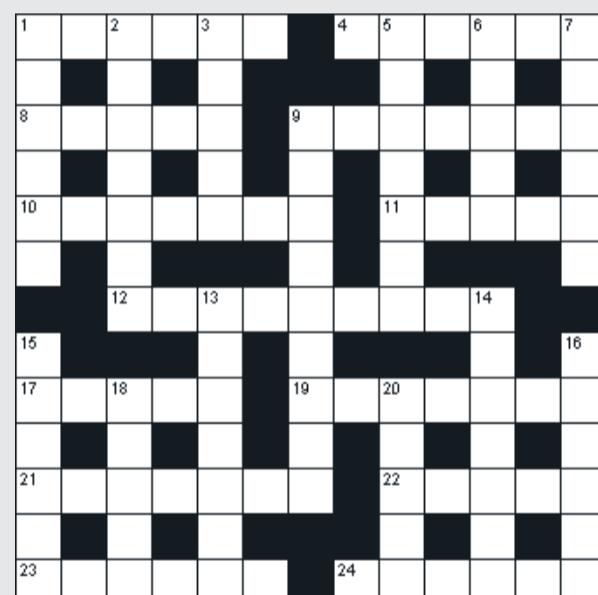
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QUICK CROSSWORD



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- Sagacity (6)
- Spiny yellow-flowered shrub (5)
- Come down (7)
- Deer horns (7)
- Pastimes (5)
- Finished (9)
- Ire (5)
- Three score and ten (7)
- Discoloured (7)
- Discolour (5)
- Nonsensical (6)
- Fraudulent scheme (6)

DOWN

- French brandy (6)
- Haphazard (7)
- Subject, topic (5)
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- Sleeper's vision (5)
- Fashionable (6)
- Revealed (9)
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SOLUTIONS: Oct. 10, 2023

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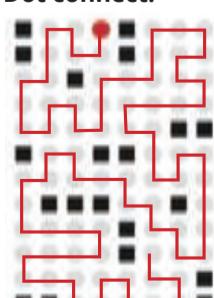
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National Rural Ambassador finalists 2023 - South Gippsland's Alexandra Pattinson (centre).

Alexandra's national rural ambassador success

THE FOSTER & Victorian Rural Ambassador, Alexandra Pattinson, has been awarded Runner Up at the National Agricultural Shows Australia Rural Ambassador final on Friday October 13.

Congratulations to Reece Jerrett representing WA for the National title.

Alexandra impressed the judges with her rural knowledge, vivacious and veracious personality, and passion for her community.

Alexandra met with the six other finalists in Launceston, Tasmania.

Over the past week they have represented their states and local agricultural show societies at various functions, farm tours, and events.

Each finalist had an on-stage interview and were judged throughout the week on their activity and initia-

By Sammy Spark

tive within their local rural communities, and their commitment to agriculture, their local show and their future goals.

Alexandra is an outstanding ambassador for our region. After completing a Bachelor of Science and a master's degree with a research dissertation on maternal behaviour in cattle, Alexandra moved to South Gippsland.

She has connected with her new farming community in organising the Young Farmers Challenge through involvement with the Foster & District Agricultural Show committee.

Alexandra is excited to continue her personal and professional involvement in agriculture, in particular championing rural and regional

women.

The Rural Ambassador Award is a National Competition that highlights and celebrates young people aged 18-35 years old who have a genuine interest in rural Australia.

The Award identifies and recognises the next generation of leaders who have a strong commitment to agricultural industries and an involvement and/or a genuine interest for the Agricultural Show movement either at the local, state or national level.

Alexandra is most humbly looking forward to her next committee meeting with the Foster & District Agricultural Show Society, where she can continue to help build what will be a fantastic Foster Show on Saturday February 24.

Congratulations Alexandra!

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BASS COAST Landcare are offering an opportunity for children aged three to five to explore the wonder of the natural world over eight sessions.

Free and fun guided activities exploring busy bees, wiggly worms, Australian animals, beautiful butterflies, super seeds and plants, wonderful water bugs, growing great veggies, nature's colours and patterns will be run at the Bass River Garden.

"From a Landcare perspective, young families are really involved in Landcare as much as other groups, so it's a good opportunity to provide something for that level of kids and young families," said Lisa Wangman from the Bass Coast Landcare Network.

Each session will include story time, a guided exploration, a craft or garden activity and a free morning tea.

All materials will be provided and there will be an item to take home for each child from each session. Parental/Carer supervision and participation is required during all activities.

The first session will be held on Friday, October 20 from 10-11.30am then every week until December 8. To book go to [eventbrite.com.au/e/river-garden-little-kids-program-tickets](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/river-garden-little-kids-program-tickets).

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Wombat trails track invasive weed

A HIGHLY invasive weed, blue hounds tongue, has been detected for the first time in Victoria at Wilsons Promontory National Park.

Visitors are reminded to clean their shoes, clothes and gear after each park visit.

Specialist weed management contractors discovered an infestation of the weed at Tidal River, the campground on the western coast of the Promontory.

It appears the weed is closely linked to the network of wombat tracks in the area.

The wombats seem to be the perfect ally for the invasive weed, spreading seeds stuck to their fur as they move around their network of trails.

Blue Hound's Tongue, originally found in the Mediterranean region of southern Europe is a fast-growing plant that produces pretty bright blue flowers and spreads quickly.

It poses a serious biosecurity threat in Australia as its leaves are lethal to livestock.

Blue Hound's Tongue is difficult to identify, even to the trained eye. Its distinguishing features are its bright blue or pink flowers with dark veins, but it's only in flower for a small window of its life.

This is the first record of Blue Hound's Tongue in Victoria, having previously only been recorded in New South Wales.



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Parks Victoria's Chief Conservation Scientist Dr Mark Norman says, "Small weed infestations can go undetected for many years until discovered. We are fortunate to have experts in the park that helped to ID this weed early."

The most likely explanation for how it spread to Wilsons Prom is by a park visitor. The plant produces seed capsules covered with little hooks, specially designed to stick to animals and travel to new places to invade. Seeds easily stick to people's clothing, shoes and gear, being transported around the world.

Since its detection at Tidal River, Parks Victoria, the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) and Agriculture Victoria have worked together to quickly tackle the weed



An highly invasive weed, blue hounds tongue, has been detected for the first time in Victoria.

infestation.

"Due to the nature of Blue Hound's Tongue's life cycle, we won't be able to confidently eradicate the species from Tidal River for at least five years," Dr Norman said.

"Consistently monitoring and treating the infestation areas to ensure no new seed is produced will be key to the success of eradicating this dangerous weed from Wilsons Promontory National Park and Victoria."

This discovery and rapid action are part of a much larger coordinated effort to increase environmental protection at Wilsons Prom.

Park visitors can help by staying on formed paths, cleaning boots, clothes and hiking or camping gear and reporting any sightings to Parks Victoria on 13 19 63.

Nature Parks prep for fire season

A NEW blueprint will help Phillip Island Nature Parks manage the risk of bushfires this season.

This comes amid concerns that hotter, drier conditions will pose a more significant fire hazard.

The Bushfire Management Plan 2023-2028 sets out a range of fire preparedness initiatives being undertaken by Nature Parks to safeguard iconic wildlife, conservation areas and local communities on Phillip Island as the summer season approaches.

Among the initiatives detailed in the new plan are the use of fire to maintain or improve biodiversity, reducing the risk of fire ignition within Nature Parks sites through education and restricted access areas, hazard management strategies, and having adequate resources to patrol for and respond to fire events promptly.

The plan builds on Nature Parks' Future Proofing Little Penguins initiative, which is helping to protect the widely loved animals by modifying penguin habitat

to reduce flammability and land temperatures in high-risk areas, strengthening firebreaks and replacing vegetation with 'penguin friendly' plants to reduce the speed and intensity of bushfire.

As part of the strategy, Nature Parks conducts preseason inspections to check its asset protection zones and fuel management is carried out in accordance with appropriate standards and ensures sprinkler systems at the Penguin Parade and Koala Conservation Reserve are fully functional.

Nature Parks staff also participate in property advice visits with the Country Fire Authority to support adjacent landholders with their fire preparations and is investigating the feasibility of extending sprinkler systems around the Penguin Parade visitor centre as additional emergency shelter.

Phillip Island Nature Parks ranger in charge Ben Thomas said climate change and the threat of more frequent, destructive bushfires had ensured a comprehensive

fire preparedness plan to plan for future fire seasons.

"While bushfires are relatively uncommon on Phillip Island and more fires are quickly detected, with 65 per cent contained to one hectare or less, we cannot be complacent. We must be prepared," he said.

"The reality of climate change is making heat stress events and bushfires worse, not only in Australia but globally."

"These fire events are becoming more frequent, more intense and more dangerous – and they have the potential to decimate communities, conservation areas and vulnerable populations of the treasured wildlife we are fortunate to have on Phillip Island."

"In particular, fire can have devastating short and long term effects on colonial nesting species, including penguins and short tailed shearwaters, as well as koalas who have limited ability to escape fire – not to mention the knock-on effect on business continuity and the local economy."



A new advisory board and community grants program will be established to help manage a range of evasive species, including gorse (pictured).

Grants to target pests

A NEW community grants program targeting established weeds and pests will be priority for a new Victorian advisory board.

Biosecurity Victoria executive director Katherine Clift announced the new 10-member Victorian Invasive Pest Advisory Board (VIPA) recently.

Established weeds and pests are widespread and beyond eradication in Victoria. This includes species such as rabbits, blackberries, gorse and serated tussock.

VIPA will promote collective action and shared responsibility as they key to managing established weeds and pests in line with Victoria's biosecurity statement.

This recognises that government, industry and community all have a role to play in preventing and managing the harms caused by weeds and pests.

Dr Clift said the board will co-design the new grants program, aiming to build community capacity and capability to support place-based management of established weeds and pests across Victoria.

The new community grants program is funded through the State Government's 2023-24 'Backing Victoria's Producers' budget initiative, with \$5 million available over the next four years.

Register now for MLA Updates

MEAT and Livestock Australia's flagship event – MLA Updates 2023 – is open for registration.

Held on Thursday, November 23, at the Bendigo Showgrounds, MLA Updates will feature presentations, displays and demonstrations bringing farmers – and everyone along the red meat supply chain – up to speed on MLA's investments in research, development and marketing.

This year's theme centres around 'sustainability from paddock to plate', with a strong focus throughout the day on solutions and technology to embrace sustainability and set producers up for success.

MLA Updates will also feature keynote speaker Holly Kramer, who will address the event with a discussion about the increasing interest in sustainability throughout the supply chain, not only here in Australia, but also in major export markets for Australian red meat.

The MLA annual general meeting will also take place at this event from 3.30pm and MLA Updates will conclude with a sundowner event.

To register to attend this event, visit mla.microsoftportals.com.

For more information about events throughout MLA Updates, visit [updates.mla.com.au](http://mla.com.au).



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Improved results at the yard

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AGENTS yarded around 3000 head at last Fridays VLE Leongatha store sale.

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After some very good falls of rain in the area a good field of local south and west Gippsland agents and graziers along with the two regular commission buyers competed strongly on the best pens of Angus cattle to be fully firm to a little dearer in places in line with the improved quality.

Coloured cattle, Xbreds and dairy types continue to be the hardest to attract extra competition on with prices similar to previous sales cheaper rates, although there was a few more pens of Friesian steers making over a \$1 per kilogram compared to the last sale.

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, Oct. 13, 2023

Grown Steers

K Northcott 11 Angus	581kg	\$2.51	\$1460
N Underhill 13 Angus	561kg	\$2.47	\$1390
Mondamac Past 15 Angus	557kg	\$2.70	\$1550
Cobanna Past 14 Angus	560kg	\$2.73	\$1530
K Northcott 11 Angus	545kg	\$2.62	\$1430
Castello Farms 17 Angus	541kg	\$2.73	\$1480
F & K Crooke 17 Angus	529kg	\$2.62	\$1390
Mondamac Past 30 Angus	526kg	\$2.64	\$1390
G&J Tuckett 13 Angus	511kg	\$2.43	\$1240
Castello Farms 20 Angus	509kg	\$2.75	\$1400
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Blackwood Grazing 36 Angus	469kg	\$2.78	\$1310
Managhan 21 Angus	469kg	\$2.60	\$1220
A Conisbee & Co 20 Angus	466kg	\$2.81	\$1310
Blackwood Grazing 42 Angus	462kg	\$2.81	\$1300
Castello Farms 17 Angus	456kg	\$2.78	\$1270
G&J Tuckett 15 Angus	449kg	\$2.45	\$1100
A Conisbee & Co 23 Angus	436kg	\$2.89	\$1260
R Castello Family Trust 24 Ang	422kg	\$2.74	\$1160
Hobson & Jones 11 Angus	406kg	\$2.81	\$1140

Weaner Steers

G&J Tuckett 18 Angus	382kg	\$2.77	\$1060
R Castello Family Trust 18 Ang	380kg	\$2.78	\$1070
A Conisbee & Co 17 Angus	380kg	\$2.65	\$1020
R & M McInnes 22 Angus	379kg	\$2.61	\$990
D & B Wiffen 13 Angus	379kg	\$2.09	\$710
G&J Tuckett 18 Angus	370kg	\$2.70	\$1000
Bergalia 25 Angus & BB	370kg	\$2.29	\$850
The Gorge 12 Angus	368kg	\$2.45	\$900
A.G Landy 19 Angus	365kg	\$2.35	\$860
B Phillips 19 Angus	360kg	\$2.36	\$850
G&J Tuckett 15 Angus	354kg	\$2.60	\$920
A.G Landy 17 Angus	349kg	\$2.46	\$860
R & M McInnes 25 Angus	347kg	\$2.68	\$930
Elm Valley 12 Angus & BB	345kg	\$2.49	\$860
Chester Smith 17 Angus	335kg	\$2.68	\$900
M & N Rankin 13 Angus X	329kg	\$2.15	\$710
G & S Couper 20 Angus	326kg	\$2.66	\$870
A.G Landy 12 Hereford	325kg	\$2.15	\$700
The Gorge 18 Angus	324kg	\$2.69	\$870
A.G Landy 18 Angus	321kg	\$2.71	\$870
M & S Evans 15 Angus	316kg	\$2.78	\$880
Chester Smith 10 Hereford	301kg	\$2.45	\$740
The Gorge 19 Angus	291kg	\$2.64	\$770
Elm Valley 22 Angus	263kg	\$2.60	\$660
Tullaree Past 18 Angus	247kg	\$2.30	\$570
Bergalia Farm 19 Charo	357kg	\$2.26	\$810
Cobana 15 Charo	366kg	\$2.07	\$760

Heifers

Bj Buckley 25 Angus	411kg	\$2.55	\$1050
Castello Farms 14 Angus	411kg	\$2.36	\$970
Bj Buckley 24 Angus	372kg	\$2.82	\$1050
Ranleigh Downs 19 Angus	337kg	\$1.69	\$570
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Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, October 9, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x \$16 to \$85
 Friesian Bulls \$32 to \$63
 Friesian Heifers \$50 to \$195
 Beef Bulls \$30 to \$110
 Beef Heifers \$30 to \$72
 Number of Calves: 419
 Number purchased to rear: 64



Veronica McLeod, workforce attraction program leader for GippsDairy.

Dairy jobs available locally

THERE are lots of great jobs in the dairy industry, locally in South Gippsland, on farm and in the processing sector, and further afield.

But according to Veronica McLeod, workforce attraction program leader for GippsDairy, who attended the Wonthaggi Local Jobs Expo at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club last Wednesday, you don't have to be one to be one.

"There are lots of jobs in the dairy industry, both on farm and in the service sector, and you don't have to have a background in

dairy," said Ms McLeod.

There are plenty of farm hand and milking jobs available, calf rearing roles, herd management and also entry-level share-farmer opportunities.

And to help get you ready to apply for one of these roles, or to upgrade the skills of those already employed, GippsDairy offers a range of short courses and information about how to access others.

"We've just put another 13 people through their Cups On Cups Off Course and we have a number of programs in partnership

with local schools including Leongatha, Korumburra, and Foster secondary colleges."

If you are interested in a job in dairy, don't forget to take a look at Dairy Australia's 'Dairy Farm Jobs Board' where you can drill down to your state and area for available jobs.

Or simply send an email to veronica.mcLeod@gippsdairy.com.au and she will put you on the right track to training, a job and potentially even grant and scholarship opportunities.

GippsDairy farmer dinner set to impress

ALL Gippsland dairy farmers and industry professionals are invited to join GippsDairy for the annual Farmer and Industry Dinner.

The dinner will be held on Thursday, October 19, at the Austral Hotel in Korumburra.

This event is an opportunity for farmers and industry professionals to come together and celebrate their hard work and achievements throughout the last year.

It is a chance to connect with like-minded people who are passionate about the dairy industry and its

future.

The dinner will feature keynote speaker Claire Moore.

A former stockbroker turned farmer, Claire is the founder and CEO of Sweet Justice and a key member of the beekeeping industry.

She will share the journey of Sweet Justice, a company that offers second chances by training young people and adults in correctional facilities across Victoria to become qualified beekeepers.

The evening's MC will be Ben Vagg, a third-generation dairy farmer from

South Gippsland.

Ben is deeply engaged in the dairy sector, contributing to Gippsland's Youth Dairy Network, employing apprentices, and taking calves to local schools for Dairy Australia's Cows Create Careers program.

Registrations are still open to attend the dinner.

The event will be preceded by GippsDairy's annual general meeting (AGM), beginning at 6pm at the same venue.

If you are interested in observing the AGM, please email info@gippsdairy.com.au.

Milk continues to flow locally, they say

SOUTH Gippsland processors are expecting no disruption or minimal impact locally from a threatened strike by as many as 1400 Victorian dairy workers who have warned of 48 hours of stop-work action this Wednesday and Thursday.

Workers are asking for a pay increase and

improved working conditions.

And while they say they "respect the rights of the unions and processors to periodically review both pay and conditions, Dairy Farmers Victoria, has also expressed concern about such strike action.

"The ramifications of a strike go far wider than

the parties involve. They hurt the farmers, they hurt the consumers and they hurt the environment," said a spokesperson for DFV.

The action will reportedly affect the likes of Saputo, Fonterra, Peters and Lactalis although this has not been confirmed.

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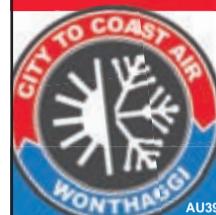
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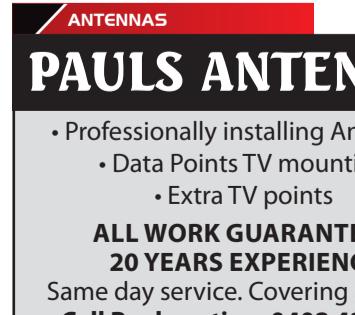


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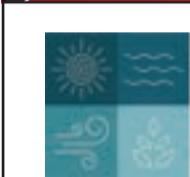
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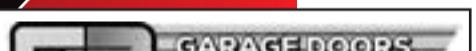
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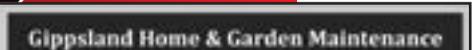


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DEATHS

CONNELLY, Dorothy (Dot) May:
03.08.1924 - 12.10.2023.
Beloved wife of Max (dec.).
Loved mother and mother-in-law of Amanda and Gerald.
Loving and adored nan to Ben and Tess.
Finally at Peace.
Her Way All the Way.
One of a Kind.

CONNELLY, Dorothy May (Dot):
Dear sister of Bernie Hayes (dec.) and sister-in-law of Mavis (dec.).

Much loved Aunty Dot to Lynette, Robyn, and Jane (Hayes) and dear friend to all their partners and children. We will miss our visits to you to have a chat and a cuppa!

Another link in the chain is broken, gone from our sight, but not from our memories.

CONNELLY, Dot:
Dear friend and neighbour for over 40 years.

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DEATHS

COX, Marilyn (Maz):
Passed away peacefully at home on October 15, 2023, surrounded by her daughters.

Loved wife of Bruce (dec.).

The most amazing mum to Kelly and Mark, Sharon, Simone, Vicki and James, Rachael and Justen.

Step-mum to Jackie and Dutchie, Tammy and Steve, Tracey and Spencer.

Adored nana to Nicholas and Heath; Sofia; Zach, Declan, and Hannah; Jayde and Ryan;

Henry, Gary and Courtney; Peter and Sonia; Cody and Mackenzie; and her 3 great grandchildren.

Forever Loved.

Reunited with Bruce, her mum and dad and sister Georgia.

COX, Marilyn (Maz):

God has called a beautiful angel to be with her beloved Bruce.

You were our very special friend and neighbour, and we will miss you so much. Our hearts are broken but we will hold onto all the memories.

Get togethers will never be the same.

Sleep peacefully sweet lady.

-- Lynne, Ken, and family.

Our thoughts and prayers go to all the girls and their families.

DEATHS

COX, Marilyn (Maz):
A longtime and forever friend. You spread your wings into the arms of your soul mate Bruce.

Our get togethers will not be the same without you Maz.

We have years of wonderful memories. Love to the girls and their families.

Forever in our hearts.

-- Allan, Leonie, and Liz.

COX, Marilyn (Maz):
A wonderful, kind, loyal dear friend for many years.

Will be sadly missed.
"Oh the memories".

Sincere sympathy to the girls and all their families.

Forever in our hearts.

Never to be forgotten.

-- Helen, Stu, Sean, Kerryn, and families.

COX, Marilyn (Maz):

21.10.1936 - 12.10.2023.
Loving husband to Janne and a wonderful father to Rosalie, father-in-law of Tim, grandfather to Andres, Estefania and Jorge.

'He's finally gone for that holiday behind the fridge'. Privately farewelled.

JACKSON, Phil:

A long-time friend of Steven, Annette and family.

If you can't be good, be good at it. We'll miss you heaps, Jackie.

Love Lamos x.

DEATHS

PALMER, Gary:
Loving husband of Fe. Sadly missed by neighbours and friends.

WILSON (nee Parker), Margaret Jane:
16.08.1951 - 07.10.2023.

Passed away peacefully at Leongatha Hospital on October 7, 2023, aged 72.

Loved wife of Barry (dec.).

Loving mother, mother-in-law and friend to Craig, Glenn, Michael, Cortney, Karyn, and Paul.

Nanna to Tayla, Brioney, Jayden, Zach, Mitchell, Jai, Blake, Tessa, Beau, Matilda, and Gage.

Great nanna to Makenna, Ember-Skye, Aurora, and Ruby.

Forever in our hearts.

GRENON, Jean-Paul (John):

21.10.1936 - 12.10.2023.
Loving husband to Janne and a wonderful father to Rosalie, father-in-law of Tim, grandfather to Andres, Estefania and Jorge.

'He's finally gone for that holiday behind the fridge'. Privately farewelled.

JACKSON, Phil:

A long-time friend of Steven, Annette and family.

If you can't be good, be good at it. We'll miss you heaps, Jackie.

Love Lamos x.

FUNERALS

CONNELLY:

Funeral Prayers for Mrs. Dorothy (Dot) May Connnelly will be offered at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi on Friday, October 20, 2023, commencing at 11am.

At conclusion of Prayers the funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

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CONEY:

A Service to Celebrate the Life of David Lee Coney 04.01.1988 - 19.09.2023 will be held at 3pm Tuesday, October 24 at the MDU Social Rooms, Meenyan.

Red and black for his beloved Bombers will be the theme.

COX:

The Funeral Service for Mrs. Marilyn (Maz) Cox will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Friday October 20, 2023, commencing at 3pm.

At the conclusion of the service the funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

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WILSON:

A Gravemide Funeral Service for Mrs. Margaret Jane Wilson will be held at the Korumburra Cemetery, Kardella Rd, Korumburra on Friday October 20, 2023, commencing 11am.

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARDS, John Colin:

21.10.2019

Miss you mate, think about you regularly.

--Robin Bland

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

WILSON, Paul:

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BEREAVEMENT THANKS

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Melva, Paul, Kelle, Caitlin, Maddi and Hudson thank everyone for the lovely flowers, cards, phone calls and condolences we received during this sad time.

Laurie would have been amazed at the huge gathering of family and friends who came to say goodbye.

Also, thank you to the Car Club for the use of the club rooms; that was Laurie's wish. He loved that club.

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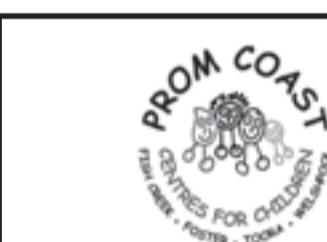
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PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION LOCATED AT DALYSTON

Telstra plan to upgrade the existing telecommunications facility comprising a 35m concrete pole off Bass Highway, Dalyston, Victoria 3992 (Lot 1 on TP164373)

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1. Telstra Limited (A.C.N 051 775 556) are currently upgrading existing mobile network facilities to allow for the introduction of 5G to Telstra's network. As part of this network upgrade, Telstra propose the installation of LTE1800 (4G), LTE2100 (4G), NR/LTE2600 (5G/4G), NR850 (5G) and NR3500 (5G) technologies in the Dalyston service area.
2. The proposed facility upgrade includes the removal of three (3) existing panel antennas, the installation of six (6) new panel antennas (each no more than 2.8m long), the installation of three (3) new 'air' panel antennas, and the installation of associated ancillary equipment (including but not limited to three (3) new remote radio units (RRUs)). All internal equipment will be housed within the existing equipment shelter located at the base of the facility.
3. Telstra regard the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018* based on the above description.
4. In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about this proposal. Further information and/or written submissions should be directed to Adi Ananda, Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd (A.B.N 54 005 139 873) via email to: adi.ananda@aurecongroup.com or via post to: Adi Ananda, Aurecon Australasia, PO Box 23061, Docklands, VIC, 3012 by 5pm on 31/10/2023.



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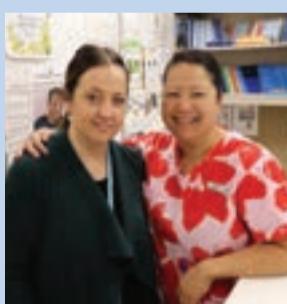
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Bass Coast College and Mirboo North Secondary College students immersed themselves in Melbourne University's Biomedical Science Day recently.

Students discover Melbourne University

YEAR 10 and 11 students from Bass Coast College and Mirboo North Secondary College were among 120 students from across regional and rural Victoria to attend the annual Biomedical Science Day at the University of Melbourne.

The students and their teacher Megan Toler had an exciting opportunity to experience life as a biomedical scientist at the event presented by the University of Melbourne's School of Biomedical Sciences and the Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC).

Kate Gibson and her son, Mirboo North student Jacob, also enjoyed the experience.

The university's Head of School of Biomedical Sciences Professor Jennifer Wilkinson-Berka encouraged the students to think about the science behind what creates, sustains and threatens people's lives in Australia and beyond.

Professor Wilkinson-Berka spoke of the revolutionary work underway at the school, the GTAC – including biological processes to better understand human health, computational biology, 3D printing to replace bones, genomics, new tools for cancer treatment and new vaccines to combat disease.

Professor Wilkinson-Berka encouraged students to apply to the Bachelor of Biomedicine after completing their VCE studies.

"When you come to Melbourne, you don't just come to the School of Biomedical Sciences," she said.

"You have access to the whole of the Melbourne Biomedical Precinct, a collabora-

tion of hospitals and research institutes that are right on our doorstep, not to mention the diverse range of career opportunities upon completion of your studies."

Students worked alongside researchers in the GTAC Laboratories to photograph specimens using light, fluorescence and scanning electron microscopes, and had the opportunity to enter the images into their own Under the Microscope Coverslip Competition.

They also took a behind the scenes look at the university's Harry Brookes Allen Museum of Anatomy and Pathology and uncovered real tissue specimens and historical anatomical models, and a tour of the Digital Learning Hub, which allowed students to experience how innovative digital technology is used to study the human body.

"I was really keen to participate," Jacob said, who enrolled himself in the initiative.

"I'm really curious about nutrition and food as fuel for the body."

Second year Bachelor of Biomedicine student Karam Matloob and third year Bachelor of Biomedicine student Sandra Lin spoke about their courses, the diverse research topics they are pursuing, and life on campus and in Melbourne.

The students also learned about Access Melbourne, a program that helps students from rural or regional areas gain entry to undergraduate courses at the university.

Each year, 20 per cent of domestic undergraduate places are reserved for Access Melbourne applicants.

Cranky Koala makes surprise visit: South Gippsland Landcare Network

A SURPRISE visitor threatened to overshadow the guest speaker at South Gippsland Landcare Network's (SGLN) 2022-23 Annual General Meeting.

Cranky Koala came along to support Friends of the Strzelecki Koala's (FoSK) Anthony Amis who spoke to SGLN members about the importance of protecting this genetically unique marsupial.

Cranky was carrying a spray of eucalyptus leaves to remember the hundreds of koalas killed each year in South Gippsland, including thirty lost on the roads near Meenyan alone.

Anthony said that the protection and creation of linked corridors, particularly along waterways, containing manna, swamp, Strzelecki and/or blue gums is critical for the ongoing survival of koalas.

In delivering the SGLN Annual Report, Chair Jillian Staton described the extensive work being done by SGLN to develop a Biodiversity Protection Plan (BPP) for South Gippsland.

It's a truly collaborative project involving the South Gippsland Shire Council, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Parks Victoria, the



West Gippsland Catchment Authority, all SGLN Landcare Groups and several other environmental organisations. The first draft of the BPP is scheduled for consultation in February 2024 and one of its most important actions is likely to be the development of a scientifically robust biolinks plan for the region.

The 2023-24 Board comprises Jillian Staton (Chair), Alex Daraio (Vice-President), Mark Matthews (Secretary), Luke Thornton (Treasurer), Nick Dudley, Jen Layton, Graham Ross, Jo Sapir, Sam Stringer and Herb Wildes.

Miscarriage inspires fundraising effort

A CORONET Bay family is inviting the community to support their fundraising for a charity that helps families who have experienced miscarriage.

Amanda and Steven Panayi are raising funds for the charity Bears of Hope Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support after enduring the heartache of a miscarriage.

Amanda and Steven were assisted through their miscarriage by the team at Bass Coast Health and now wish to help Bears of Hope supply hospitals with bags of care items to help others at their time of need.

The bags include a teddy bear with the name of another baby that has been lost to remind a couple they are not alone, as well as candles and information about support and grief.

"Steven and I have one beautiful son Owen who is four-years-old but unfortunately have gone through three miscarriages," Amanda said.

"During our most recent one, we learnt at our



Amanda and Steven Panayi keep their Bears of Hope teddy by the urn of their baby.

12-week scan that our baby's heart had stopped beating. Everything prior to this day was perfectly normal and myself and our bub were fine so this came as a complete shock."

Amanda and Steven are taking part in Bears of Hope's Remembrance Walk at Jells Park, Wheelers Hill in Melbourne on Saturday, 21 October.

"It is because of the experience that we've gone through with three

miscarriages that we want to make others aware of the support that is out there," Amanda said.

"A miscarriage can be something that people keep to themselves and not reach out for support for."

Donations can be made online at: choosinghope.com.au. Families who have experienced the loss of their baby can find support at bears of hope.org.au or by calling 1300 11 HOPE.

Surveying Waratah Bay seabed



An Uncrewed Surface Vessel was launched to survey seabed conditions in Waratah Bay.

he said.

"To ensure migratory mammals are not disturbed, the USV is also fitted with surveillance equipment, with a support vessel alongside, guiding the USV at all times."

The survey is expected to take several days, weather and tidal conditions permitting.

Throughout our survey

activities, people can continue to carry out their normal activities in or on the water in Waratah Bay," Mr Bresnehan said.

"We just ask that people keep a safe and respectful distance from the USV and the support vessel."

A notice to mariners about the survey has been issued to Transport Safety Victoria.

Phillip Island to host International Penguin Congress

PHILLIP Island will host the next International Penguin Congress, drawing the world's leading penguin researchers, conservationists and experts to our doorstep in 2026.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Conservation Manager and Senior Research Officer are fresh home from the 11th International Penguin Congress in Viña del Mar, Chile last month, where the Nature Parks and collaborators showcased 15 presentations focussed on little penguin conservation and their survival in a changing environ-

ment. There were over 150 presentations on all 18 species of penguins discussing issues such as, genetics, disease, conservation, climate change and monitoring.

The International Penguin Congress, held every three to four years since 1988, allows experts to collaborate on current research, emerging threats and future plans to safeguard penguin populations across the globe. Phillip Island hosted the second event in 1992.

The Conference will bring around 200 people

to Phillip Island, who will stay on the Island and contribute to the local economy.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Conservation Manager Jessica McKelson, who was part of the Nature Parks' contingent to attend the Chile event last month, accepted "Waitaha" the conference baton, which symbolises the ongoing link between each conference.

A local organising committee and an international scientific committee will now be established in preparation for the 2026 event.



Lara Smyth, Sam O'Keefe and Hannah Lucas at Sunday's swimming competition at Leongatha Splash.



Zac Sherar, Rahni Matheson, Cooper Quaife, Will Simmons and Josh Hunt represented South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club on Sunday.

Splash hosts Gippsland swimmers

LEONGATHA Splash hosted the first Gippsland-wide swimming competition of the year on Sunday.

Six clubs were involved, and it was a highly successful day.

South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club had 110 swimmers involved, mainly targeting the club's new and emerging juniors.

The event gave them experience at a swimming competition and on that measure, it was a terrific result.

RIGHT: Olivia Clark and Ruby Pirouet competed in the Gippsland-wide swimming competition held at Leongatha Splash.



South Gippsland Bass swimmers Indi Keady, Maggie Fisher and Isabella Lynch were geared up to compete in Sunday's competition.



The Grom Squad has begun for this term and Grommies Nina Egresits, Frankie Wilkinson, Wilko Stubbs and Lily O'Flynn are looking forward to riding some waves.

Budding surfers are back in the water with the Grom Squad

THE BASS Coast Board Riders Club Grom Squad Program has begun again this term for the budding young surfers.

The program is perfect for kids who have had a lesson or two but want more practice to master the basics of surfing, like paddling, getting to their feet and riding a wave.

The Grom Squad has been successfully running for seven or eight years, and in that time, some of the kids who started with the Squad and competed as part of the Bass Coast Boardriders are now competing at state or national level.

This includes current local junior surfers Arch Rayner, Dusty Rayner, Sonja Sueren, Sarah Sueren, Maeve Wilkinson and Sam Patterson.

An accredited coach teaches the grommies and this term local Surf Coach 'Gowie' will be back helping kids gain confidence in the water and getting their skills right.

The squad caters to children aged between 8 and 15 but may vary, depending on the children's ability in the water.

Organisers ask that kids are at least able to stand up on a foamy board in the water. If they are unable, they can get a couple of surf lessons with one of the three surf schools in town and then join the squad on a Friday night.

Luke Wilkinson, spokesperson for the Club commented that the kids enjoy learning to ride the waves in a group environment and get a lot out of the squad, with ten to twenty kids attending each session.

"Surfing in a group is the big kick. The coach, Gowie, he's fun. He's great with the kids, so he makes it fun. I think the kids just like doing it and whether it's the event or the wind-up sessions, we make them a bit of a fun and they get a couple of little prizes and things at the end of the programme."

The end of each term is celebrated with an event, whether it's a small competition or presentation.

The club also has loan boards, including long boards, foam tops and fibre glass that the kids can try out and might want to use depending on the conditions.

Parents are also encouraged to get in the water and help their kids during the sessions.

Grom Squad is on every second Friday night from 5.30 – 6.30pm, when the conditions, weather and tides are right at Ozone Street Beach in Inverloch.

For more information go to Bass Coast Boardriders Facebook and Instagram pages.

Champions rise at Torquay Point on finals day

IN AN exciting day of competition champions rose at Torquay Point throughout the finals of the Woolworths Surfer Groms Comp. The groms returned with all divisions lighting up THE Point with their enthusiasm and epic performances.

Overnight the swell filled in and greeted the competitors with three-four foot bombing waves. The groms took on the challenge with great courage, putting on a show for the crowd.

In a thrilling conclusion to the leaderboard format of the Under 10 Girls, Cobie O'Day (Torquay) emerged as the ultimate victor in a display of remarkable talent and determination. With her unwavering commitment to the set waves and exceptional skills, she outshone the competition.

In the Under 12 Girls Final things were looking even with all competitors scoring a mid-range ride early. Then Scarlett Rennie (Cape Woolamai) catapulted her way in front by blitzing a right-hand runner all the way through to score a 9.33 point ride. This incredible ride put her ahead of her competitors and gave her the win.

"I had a talk to my dad, and he said to go for the big sets as big waves equal big scores and yeah it worked out pretty well," Rennie said.

After taking out the Under 12 Girls final Rennie went into the Under 14 Girls Final with a lot of momentum. Getting an early start, she continued to go big, taking off and laying into three quality turns. This earned her a 6.67-point ride and the early lead in her second final. Now looking to back up her previous ride Rennie knew exactly what



Scarlett Rennie was awarded the invite to the Woolworths Surfer Grom Comps National Final Surf Camp at the Surfing Australia High-Performance Centre (HPC). Photo: Ange Zorica/ Surfing Victoria

wave to catch and didn't go for anything unless it had the right scoring potential.

Towards the back half of the heat, she was up again and going straight back into a range of smooth carves to receive a 6.17-point ride. This gave her a combined total of 12.84 (out of a possible 20 points) points and her second final win of the day.

"I've been working hard for the last couple of weeks so I'm very stoked to get both wins," Rennie exclaimed.

"It was so good surfing with all the girls and it was really fun," she added.

As the winner of the Under 14 Girls, Rennie was awarded the invite to the Woolworths Surfer Grom Comps National Final Surf Camp at the Surfing Australia High-Performance Centre (HPC). Also receiving an invite to the camp was Arch Rayner (Inverloch) as the highest ranked Under 14 Boys Vic-

torian surfer of the event.

In the Under 12 Boys Harlem Pec put on an excellent display of surfing, finding his way onto the best waves of the final. He snagged a bomb on his first ride and put together a variety of carves all the way to the inside where he blitzed the end section.

Feeling good about the wave, Pec pumped his fist into the air claiming the great wave that earned him an 8.17 point ride. None of the other competitors could quite get into the rhythm Pec had, and then to top it off he continued in his attack by hitting multiple sections on a bigger wave to score an 8.67 point ride.

This secured his final win with a 16.84 combined heat total. Placing second was Dusty Rayner (Inverloch), with Teddy Robertson (Torquay) and Frederick Merrison (Shoreham) coming in third and fourth.

Finals Results:

U14 Girls: 1st - Scarlett Rennie (Cape Woolamai, VIC), 12.84, 2nd - Stevie O'Day (Torquay, VIC), 4.80, 3rd - Chloe Muscroft (Jan Juc, VIC), 4.43

U14 Boys: 1st - Jet Bradley (Ulladulla, NSW), 12.50, 2nd - Jack Carrigan (Mosman, NSW), 7.40, 3rd - Arch Rayner (Inverloch, VIC), 6.67

U12 Girls: 1st - Scarlett Rennie (Cape Woolamai, VIC), 15.00, 2nd - Estella Carbonelli (Jan Juc, VIC), 8.17, 3rd - Stevie O'Day (Torquay, VIC), 6.03

U12 Boys: 1st - Harlem Pec (Jan Juc, VIC), 16.84, 2nd - Dusty Rayner (Inverloch, VIC), 9.90, 3rd - Teddy Robertson (Torquay, VIC), 5.34

U10 Girls: 1st - Cobie O'Day (Torquay, VIC), 9.50, 2nd - Edie Wouters (Rye, VIC), 8.00, 3rd - Olive Robertson (Jan Juc, VIC), 7.57

U10 Boys: 1st - Max Murray (Jan Juc, VIC), 15.33, 2nd - Fraser Gleeson (Port Fairy, VIC), 12.10, 3rd - Alby O'Day (Torquay, VIC), 10.50

U8 Mixed: 1st - Bowie Wouters (Rye, VIC), 8.67, 2nd - Sonny Van deuren (Barwon heads, VIC), 8.00, 3rd - Kai Lucas (Blaigowrie, VIC), 4.83

The live Scores and Schedule from the day can be accessed via surfingvic.com/live

Woolworths Surfer Groms Comps 2023 Schedule:

EVENT 6 - Clifton Beach, TAS - Oct 28, 2023

EVENT 7 - Northern Beaches, NSW - Nov 4 - 5, 2023

EVENT 8 - Trigg, WA - Nov 18 - 19, 2023

EVENT 9 - Cronulla, NSW - Dec 2 - 3, 2023

EVENT 10 - Sunshine Coast, QLD - Dec 9 - 10, 2023

National Final - Surfing Australia HPC, Casuarina, NSW - Dec 16 - 18, 2023

Surfing Victoria announce state team for Junior Surfing Titles



Arch Rayner from Inverloch will be one to watch at the Woolworths Australian Junior Surfing Titles being held at Phillip Island this November.

tor Cahill Bell-Warren.

"We have one of the most geographically diverse teams in recent memory with an even spread across the coastline showing the depth of talent in Victoria at the moment."

"Last time we had the event at home in Victoria we not only scored great waves but

had on the most successful

years ever and took home three individual Australian Titles. This squad is well prepared through the they have done with the Surf Better Now coaching team, the stage is set for the Vic Mafia to show off their skillset on home turf."

The Opening Ceremony

will be held on at the Phillip Island Penguin Parade on Saturday November 25 with surfing to begin on Saturday November 26. The event will be completed on Sunday December 3.

Surfers will compete in individual divisions including Under 14, 16 and 18 age groups along with Allstars and MR Shield Schools divisions.

Phillip Island is home to a host of world class waves with primary location for the event to be Cape Woolamai. Backup locations across the region include Penguin Parade, Smiths Beach, Right Point and Surfies Point.

Full coverage of the Woolworths Australian Junior Surfing Titles can be found by following Surfing Victoria's Instagram page @surfingvictoria and @surfabetternow.

More information on the event can be found at australianjuniorsurfingtitles.com

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 17
2.41am	1.58m
8.28am	0.63m
2.30pm	1.44m
8.31pm	0.32m

WEDNESDAY	October 18
3.17am	1.66m
9.01am	0.62m
3.06pm	1.46m
9.03pm	0.27m

THURSDAY	October 19
3.54am	1.70m
9.36am	0.62m
3.41pm	1.46m
9.38pm	0.24m

FRIDAY	October 20
4.31am	1.70m
10.12am	0.63m
4.16pm	1.45m
10.13pm	0.24m

SATURDAY	October 21
5.10am	1.66m
10.47am	0.65m
4.51pm	1.43m
10.50pm	0.25m

SUNDAY	October 22
5.51am	1.60m
11.25am	0.67m
5.30pm	1.40m
11.30pm	0.28m

MONDAY	October 23
6.37am	1.52m
12.03pm	0.70m
6.14pm	1.36m





The Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club is holding a new program, the Starfish Nippers, designed for those with special needs and disabilities.

A new Nippers program for all abilities

STARFISH Nippers is a new program designed for those with special needs or disabilities and will be available this upcoming season for the first time with the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club (ISLSC).

The program provides a safe and inclusive beach experience for children aged from five to 18 years old and runs alongside the annual Nippers program.

It is modified and tailored to the individuals and involves games, running, beach flags, wading, swimming, and board exercises, in a supported environment.

To ensure the program suits each participant, we

work on adapting the program to each individual's needs and requirements," Holly said.

This gives children with a disability an opportunity to develop essential water safety skills, gain confidence in the ocean environment, and learn basic surf life-saving techniques.

Physical activity, teamwork, and a sense of community within the surf life-saving culture are a few of the other benefits.

Inverloch has been hosting Disabled Surfing Victoria's events for a number of years and consequently identified a huge need for the program,

first developed by Anglesea SLSC in 2011.

"It has been a goal of ours to get the program up and running and this season with the hard work of our volunteers, we have been able to get the program off the ground," said Holly.

Starfish nippers uses the clubs regular lifesaving equipment, such as boards and tubes and will incorporate extra items such as beach toys and musical instruments.

The club are also seeking funding to purchase more specialised equipment similar to the beach accessible wheelchair.

The instructor-to-participant ratio for Starfish Nippers is 2:1, so the number of volunteers will dictate the number of participants that can be involved.

"As a club we aim to facilitate as many nippers in our programs as possible, no one should be denied water safety education and awareness," Holly said.

"Starfish Nippers is one step towards our goal of creating accessible pathways through lifesaving," Holly said.

For more information, to enrol or volunteer go to: islsc.org.au/lifesaving/education/starfish-nippers.

Soccer star off to nationals

WONTHAGGI'S Daisy Marotta is taking her soccer skills to new heights.

The junior athlete was selected for the School Sport Victoria U12 representative squad, which will compete in the School Sport Australia Championship this week (October 15 to 20) in Bundaburra.

As the host state, Victoria selected two squads, with Daisy earning a spot in the white team.

Daisy has had a fantastic year on the soccer field.

Playing for Southern United in Cranbourne, Daisy was named best and fairest, and voted player's player.

Southern United Football Club offers a high level of competition and offers young athletes pathways into the National Premier League.

Daisy was also invited to Melbourne City's talent training and underwent rigorous training to be successfully selected in the Victorian squad.

She is dedicated to her sport, training with Southern United three nights a week and playing on Saturdays throughout the season.

Daisy began playing soccer with the Wonthaggi United Soccer Club and is excited to play in the national competition.

Wonthaggi Primary School wish Daisy all the best at the national competition.

"We are really excited for Daisy. She's worked hard for this," teacher Will Rankin said.

"It's no exaggeration that she is well on the way to playing for Australia. It's great to see these opportunities opening up for athletes like Daisy, particularly coming off the back of the World Cup. Young people are starting to see it's no longer impossible to reach these goals and there are pathways for them to succeed."

Daisy's goal is to maintain her passion and continue to play for the love of the game.



Daisy Marotta was selected for the Victorian soccer squad competing in the School Sport Australia Championship this week. tkDaisyMarotta01_4223 or 02

Bass Valley Primary students head to softball nationals

BASS Valley Primary School students continue to dominate the sporting fields with another four students selected for the Victorian School Girls Softball team to compete in the National Championships in Adelaide starting on November 19.

Grade six students Paige O'Brien and Chelsea Stephens, and Grade five students Chelsea Stephens and Autumn Ross were successful in making the team after training almost every day with their school team under the guidance of Bass Valley PS Physical Education teacher Mr Jon McCormick.

Mr McCormick said, "Their eagerness to develop started years ago as part of PE lessons and interschool sports and continued over the holidays as they borrowed equipment from school to work on their skills at home".

The girls recently attended two try-outs for the state team in Melbourne and now they have been selected they have committed to training every Sunday around Melbourne.

The girls' selections continue a long history of Bass Valley Primary School students achieving state success, with seven state representatives last year in softball, football and cross country adding to the girls t-ball team winning the state championships for two years in a row and boys making the final, along with state softball success and many regional successes.

The girls are now fundraising to cover the costs of attending the National Championships, with uniform and equipment costs of up to \$1000 per player and accommodation and travel costs over \$1500 per family.

The girls have started selling zooper doopers at school, running meat tray raffles and have also received support from Bass MP Jordan Crugnale. They are also seeking sponsorship from local businesses to support them with their journey.

Any support would be welcomed, and the school invites any help to contact Bass Valley Primary School on 5678 0208. Congratulations and good luck to all the girls.

Riverside Tennis Association

ROUND one results:

Section 1/2 doubles: Warragul 7-50 defeated Drouin Gold 2-31; Drouin Maroon 5-41 defeated Neerim District 4-32; Moe 0-0 forfeited to Trafalgar 9-54; Hallora 3-31 defeated by Poowong 6-41.

Section 1 singles: Moe Blue 4-8-49 defeated Trafalgar 0-0-16; Moe Red 4-8-50 defeated Drouin 0-1-18; Moe White had the bye.

Section 2 singles: Drouin Gold 0-32 defeated by Trafalgar 6-49; Drouin Maroon 6-48 forfeited to by Moe 0-0; Warragul 0-9 defeated by Pax Hill 6-48.

Round two results:

Section 1/2 doubles: Neerim District 6-44 defeated Warragul 3-35; Trafalgar 0-16 defeated by Drouin Maroon 9-55; Poowong 0-0 Washout Moe 0-0; Drouin Gold 3-33 defeated by Hallora 6-44.

Section 1 singles: Trafalgar 0-1-18 defeated by Moe White 4-8-48; Drouin 1-3-30 defeated by Moe Blue 3-6-42; Moe Red had the bye.

Section 2 singles: Trafalgar 6-48 defeated Warragul 0-3; Moe 4-44 defeated Drouin Gold 2-36; Pax Hill 5-49 defeated Drouin Maroon 1-25.



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Winner and runner up of the Spring Fiesta Day Bert Borg and Jenny Teasdale with sponsor Pat West at the Leongatha Golf Club.



Inge Giliam, Linda Forrester, Ann Poole and Heather Sullivan had a successful day at Woorayl Golf Club on Wednesday.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's grade winners were Donna Brosnan, Lisa Brusamarello and Yvonne Everitt. Yvonne also won the October Monthly Medal.



Foster Golf Club's A Grade winner Jan Best with B Grade and Monthly Medal winner Kylie Collins.



Korumburra Golf Club's Member/Guest winner Shayne and Taj Harland with vice captain Ian Gibson.



Korumburra Golf Club's vice captain Ian Gibson centre with winners Stooge Muir and Mat Wrigley.



Korumburra Golf Club's grade winners on Wednesday were Trudy Olden and Heather Grist, with Heather winning the Monthly Medal on a c/b from Trudy.

FOSTER

Ladies

WHAT a fabulous day for the October Medal – a far cry from last week.

The medal winner was Kylie Collins with an equally fabulous score of (103-42-61 net).

A Grade: Jan Best (103-26-77).

B Grade: Kylie Collins who also won the B Grade scratch.

NTP on the 17th was Rachael Brown.

Scratch score: A Grade: Robyn Galloway 90.

Balls DTL went to Rachael Brown (77) and Robyn Galloway (78) C/B.

Putting: Geraldine Sinclair 27. Nine-hole comp: Helen Fulton (11).

Thank you to Elise Nudelman for sponsoring the day.

Next week, October 25: Par.

KORUMBURRA

TUESDAY, October 10: Stableford: 31 players.

A Grade: Greg Jones (16) 38 points.

B Grade: Stooge Muir (42) 44 points.

NTPs: first Shayne Harland, seventh Shayne Harland, 10th Blayne Spokes and 13th Brian Clasby.

Thursday, October 12: No competition: rained out.

Saturday, October 14: Two Man Ambrose: 33 players. Sponsor: Don Hislop.

Member/Guest: Shayne and Taj Harland 61 net.

Member/Member: Mat Wrigley and Stooge Muir 55.75 net.

NTPs: first Mat Wrigley, seventh Tristan Francis, 10th Terry Maskell, and 13th Peter Van Agtmaal.

Ladies

THE weather was perfect for the golfers last Wednesday.

It was a tight finish for the

October Monthly Medal with Heather Grist (20) the winner after a c/b with Trudy Olden (32), both finishing with 79 net.

The club welcomes new Monthly Medal sponsor the Tiny Teapot Café and Heather is the first recipient of this award.

The club appreciates all the businesses that generously provide sponsorship and urges the community to continue to support these fabulous local businesses.

Heather was the A Grade winner and Lynette McIvor (22) was runner up, 80 net.

Trudy Olden won B Grade and Dianne Maskell (33) was runner up, 82 net.

BDT went to Merrissa Cosson (12), 80 net and Shelley Snooks (18), 84 net and Merrissa was the Scratch Score winner with 92.

The nine-hole competition was won by Lynne Schwennesen (54) with 12 points.

NTPs were first Merrissa (Kelly's Bakery), 10th Kerri Besley (KD Barber) and there was a dead-heat on the 13th between Trudy and Heather (Pure Fitness).

On Saturday, Dianne Maskell won on a c/b from Aliesha Wrigley, both finishing with 25 points.

LEONGATHA

Tuesday, October 10: Stableford.

Forty-nine members and guests played in Tuesday's Stableford round.

A Grade winner: Michael Thomas (2) with 38 points.

A Grade runner up: Alan Starkey (14) with 37 points.

B Grade winner: David Child (23) with 34 points.

B Grade runner up: Peter Hartigan (21) with 33 points on a countback.

NTP 14th: Michael Thomas at 1.87m. NTP 16th: Andrew Smith at 1.80m.

Extra balls comp prizes went

to Josh De Groot, Peter Walsh, Peter Stivic and Rod MacKenzie.

Thursday, October 12: Wonthaggi Toyota Stableford event.

Conditions were bleak with 31 members and guests braving the elements, however only two players completed the competition.

Well done for staying the course.

Thanks to Wonthaggi Toyota again for their excellent sponsorship.

Winner: Alan Starkey (13) with 31 points.

Overall runner up: Michael O'Rafferty (16) with 30 points.

Saturday, October 14: Stableford.

Sixty-one members and guests played in this Stableford event hitting off the blue tees.

A Grade winner: Steven Piasente (16) with 39 points.

A Grade runner up: Ethan Lamers (14) with 37 points.

B Grade winner: Stuart Harry (18) with 36 points.

B Grade runner up: John Feddersen (17) with 34 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Peter Hartigan (21) with 36 points.

C Grade runner up: Philip Browne (22) with 34 points.

NTP 14th: Alan Starkey at 3.86m.

NTP 16th: Jon Smith at 2.26m.

Extra balls comp prizes went to Rod Hopcraft, Gordon Morrison and Andrew Henley.

Ladies

LIFE member Pat West sponsored the Spring Fiesta Choose Your Own Adventure Stableford event last week.

It was an Open event for both men and women.

All players were encouraged to select a coloured tee that they would not normally play from and to dress for the occasion.

A group of hard-working women decorated the clubhouse and

pathway in keeping with the spring theme.

The top score of the day was 42 points.

Jenny Teasdale took out the B Grade section with this fantastic score.

Jenny also won the Pro-V extra competition.

Cath Secull was runner up in B Grade with 37 points.

A Grade was won by Daniel Jolly with 39 points and runner up was Bert Borg with 36 points.

Two balls down the line went to Colin Bear, Geoff Maher and John Moor and one ball to Jenny Fraser, Michal O'Rafferty, Else Gedye, Dot Stubbs, Ross McRobert, Ken Lay, Maryanne Gartner, Kevin Michael and Greg Elt.

MIRBOO NORTH

Thursday, October 12: Stableford.

Day winner: M. Payne (13) 30 points c/b.

DTL: S. Hill-Smith 30 and T. Bradshaw 28.

NTP: fourth P. Woodall and sixth D. Taylor.

Saturday, October 14: Stableford.

A Grade: D. Jerram (17) 35 points.

B Grade: J. Hughes (18) 30 points.

DTL: S. Mills 34, M. Payne 31 and J. Robbins 30 c/b.

NTP: fourth T. Bradshaw, sixth G. Shandley, 13th M. Payne and 16th S. Hill-Smith.

Birdies: fourth J. McFarlane and T. Bradshaw, and 16th S. Hill-Smith.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: October 14, SR. 34.5.

Competition: Stableford nine hole.

Winner: Bill Howard 15.

BDTL to 13.

Ball sweep: Kevin Bayley 13, Peter Sullivan 13 and Secondo Tiziani 13.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the October Monthly Medal, rescheduled from last week.

There was a close contest between Yvonne Everitt and Catherine Bolding for the Medal but Yvonne, with 98(21)77 net, pipped Catherine who had 98(20)78 net.

Yvonne also won A Grade and NTP on the fourth.

B Grade winner was Lisa Brusamarello 107(27)80 net while Donna Brosnan won C Grade 123(43)80 net.

Scratch went to Anne Walker 95.

Putting was won by Marg Johnson 31 putts.

NTP on the second and 17th went to Merryn Dear and on eighth Marg Johnson.

BDL went to Catherine Bolding 78, Anne Walker 80, Marg Johnson 81, Jan Beaumont 81 and Marion Walker 82.

WOORAYL

Ladies

WOORAYL Golf Club had a perfect day for golf on Wednesday.

The Monthly Medal was kindly sponsored by Sharyn Rayson.

The A Grade and Monthly Medal winner was Ann Poole with 99-25-74.

Runner up was Heather Sullivan with 97-18-79.

The B grade winner was Linda Forrester 113-32-81 and the runner up was Inge Giliam 118-33-85.

BDL went to Pauline Lancaster 80 net and Janet Thompson 88 net on a countback.

Best nine out went to Sharyn Rayson 37 net and putting went to Ann Poole with 30 putts.

NTP on eighth was Sharyn Rayson and 17th Heather Sullivan.



POOWONG-LOCH PRESENTATIONS



Poowong Loch Junior Football Club's U10 award winners were, back from left, best first year player Bodhi Rus, coach's award recipient Blake Naylor, equal most consistent Logan Dixon, equal runner up best and fairest Jed Uren, best and fairest Harry Greenwood, front, most determined Riley Humphreys, most improved Elijah Chirgwin and equal most consistent Caleb Anderson.



Poowong Loch Junior Football Club's U14s award winners were coach's award recipient Jhai Townley, most improved Blake Sherar, most determined Kohan Gilliatte, most consistent George Edwards, runner up best and fairest Fylan Canavan, and best and fairest Lachie Moriarty.



Poowong Loch Junior Football Club's U12s award winners, back from left, best team player Kye Cecil, most determined Cody Naylor, most consistent Charlie Soumilas, runner up best and fairest Geoffie Lightowler, best and fairest Hudson Hance, front, coach's award recipient Hudson Shanks and most improved Charlie Cronin.



U10 equal best and fairest Jed Uren with best and fairest Harry Greenwood.



Poowong Loch Junior Football Club's Ollie Cronin Memorial Award (Junior Club Person) recipient Issy Ferrone with Senior Club Person Shayne Ferrone.



U14s runner up best and fairest Dylan Canavan with best and fairest Lachie Moriarty.



U12 runner up best and fairest Geoffie Lightowler with best and fairest Hudson Hance.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Ray Hin, Lorraine Day, Ken Webb and visitor David Kingston.

INVERLOCH

BUNURONG Shield:

The annual competition for the Bunurong Shield between Wonthaggi and Inverloch Bowls Clubs took place on Saturday. Twelve rinks battled it out in windy conditions that challenged everyone.

Inverloch won seven out of the 12 rinks on the day.

Wonthaggi, however, won 233 to 218.

Congratulations to Wonthaggi Bowls Club.

Club Championships:

Draws are now posted in the clubroom.

Bowlers are reminded to read the conditions of play carefully before arranging their matches.

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.

Last Thursday's Social Bowls was cancelled due to weather conditions.

Pennant: Pennant season is fast approaching with Saturday Pennant starting on October 21 and Midweek Pennant starting on October 24.

Flood lighting: The flood lights have been installed and are ready to pass through the accreditation process.

LEONGATHA

LAST Tuesday, a Midweek Division 1 side from the Leongatha Club welcomed a side from Inverloch Bowls Club for the purpose of having a practice game before the main competition begins.

The event was played under Pennant conditions and the players were keen to impress the selectors.

Numbers that have nominated to play Midweek are at a minimum

which made the selection of 12 per side difficult.

The game was played in a friendly spirit and an enjoyable day was had by all with Leongatha winning overall by three shots.

On Saturday, the John Richards Memorial Day was held at the club with the weather conditions being unfavourable for good bowling.

A respectable number of members arrived to show their respect for John who was a very enthusiastic and valued club member.

It was a pleasure to see John's family members who were in attendance and their sponsorship was much appreciated.

The match committee compiled a draw for a two Bowls Triples event for 30 bowlers.

Teams were compiled by the match committee and the match proceeded with friendly banter being evident at times during play.

Passing showers were a hindrance but were not sufficient to abandon the contest.

The suggestion was made that one player being Lloyd Hemphill should have been tested by the drug squad because he played the game of his life in the winning team.

The good news is that Wonthaggi brought the Shield home and will look after it for another 12 months.

Bowls this week: on Tuesday, October 17, the club has a practice match against Inverloch, Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am and on Saturday Pennant begins.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI

IT WAS another good week at the club, even with the weather at its best and most trying.

Wednesday saw a perfect spring day with a good number of bowlers at Wonthaggi for social bowls, even with two other local clubs having events on, which can test the numbers.

The club had 28 bowlers grace the greens in teams of three and fours to balance the numbers.

The runner up was a team of three – Lorraine Stanes, Dawn Jensen and Peter Miller – with a score of two wins and 31 points. A team of four was crowned the winner – Ken Webb, Lorraine Day, Ray Hin and David Kingston, a visitor on the day.

They had a score of two wins and 33 points.

Thursday was a washout along with a number of singles matches on Friday.

Saturday saw the annual Bunurong Shield take place.

This year it was Inverloch's turn to play host.

Not a lot to say about the weather, except to say it is the same for both teams.

The bowlers fought their way through, but the day was played in the best spirit of the game which made it a great day.

The good news is that Wonthaggi brought the Shield home and will look after it for another 12 months.

BREAKERS CELEBRATE BRILLIANT SEASON



THE Bass Coast Breakers celebrated a successful year, which saw them finishing second on the ladder after being elevated to Division One early in the season.

The presentation night was held at The Clubhouse – one of the club's ongoing major sponsors – and was well attended with plenty of achievements to recognise, including a number of individual milestones.

The team is on the hunt for a new coach for season 2024.

For a copy of the position description or further information, contact president Ella Angarane on 0438 722 639.



Breakers' coach's award recipient Jaclyn Van Rooy, best in finals Siena Lane, most improved Georgia Sharp, best and fairest Sophie Bolding, Deb Reilly G&D award winner Tayla Tatterson, and Breakers Spirit recipient Sophie McCracken-Evans. Absent: Kelly O'Neill (runner up best and fairest).



Bass Coast Breakers president Ella Angarane with Club Person of the Year Alan Bolding.



The Breakers' milestone players were Ella Cargill (100 games), Jess Bolding (50 games), Tess Angarane (50 games), Georgia Sharp (50 games), Carly Heislers (50 games) and Tess Wingfield (100 games).



The Breakers utilised the knowledge and experience of some of its players who had returned from stints in the AFLW and VFLW as part of a coaching panel, including Craig McCaughan (director of coaching), Tayla Stahl, Ella Angarane and Sophie Bolding. Absent: Kelly O'Neill.

SPORTS

South Gippsland Bridge

THE club is busy readying itself for its 2023 congress event whereby bridge players around Victoria and interstate converge to compete in pairs and teams of four.

Around 80 contestants are expected to compete on November 11 and 12 at the Dakers Centre, Leongatha.

Results:

October 10 at RSL Wonthaggi: five tables.

It was great to see new partnerships topping the tables.

Congratulations to Ruth Harvey and Chris Hall in first place with 61.11 per cent and who subsequently have been chosen to attend an afternoon of bridge at Victoria's Government house to compete against other representatives from bridge clubs throughout Victoria; a great treat.

Second was Faye Rowlands and Clive Hope on 56.02 whilst third went to Penny Loughran and Ruth Stevenson on 53.7.

October 13 at Inverloch Fishing Club: seven tables.

In week one of the Spring Pairs event, leading in N/S pairs are Deb Anglim and John French with 67.26 followed by Alan Johnston and Clive Hope with 63.39, and John Sutton and John Currier in third position with 54.76.

The club continues to run most relaxed and enjoyable weekly Thursday morning teaching and supervised play sessions at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club starting at 9.30am.

Contact Alan Johnston via the club's website if interested in attending.



John Sutton's amazing contribution was recognised recently with Grand Master's status. C31_4223



Chris Hall and Ruth Harvey will be heading to Government House on November 15. C30_4223

Spring darts leaderboard enters week two: darting legends return and tense competition

IN A captivating evening of darting excellence, 29 enthusiastic players convened for the second round of the spring darts series, setting the stage for a season filled with excitement. This week witnessed the comeback of two darting legends, David Healey and Darren Dempsey, proving their mastery in the game remains unwavering.

The climax of the evening brought an astonishing twist, as not one, but four champions emerged in a closely contested count-back finish. The darts precision of Allan Stray, David Healey, Darren Dempsey, and Bruce Lindsay left the audience in awe.

injecting extra excitement into the competition.

Beyond the darts action, the raffle added its own element of thrill. Bob Hee seized the coveted meat tray, while John Battista toasted his victory with a refreshing beverage. A cheer erupted as the chocolate prize was claimed by the Pres, Scott Lethbridge!

Special thanks and appreciation went to Des and the San Remo Butchers for their generous contribution of the mouthwatering meat tray prize, enhancing the evening's delight for all.

Laurie Jones retained the top position on the darts leaderboard, with Allan Stray, Paul Gleeson, and William Kennedy

locked in a fierce battle for the second spot. The upcoming weeks promise more darting excellence and remarkable achievements in the Spring Darts Series as these skilled players vie for supremacy on the leaderboard.

As the spring series unfolds, dart enthusiasts eagerly await the surprises and accomplishments the following rounds will bring.

New players are always welcome, so if you are interested in being involved and enjoy a friendly environment with young and old alike, male and female, please contact Scott Lethbridge 0407 543 154 scott@glpc.com.au.

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My part in their downfall

PETER 'Dickie' Williams practically choked on his Cornflakes when he read in the *Sentinel-Times*, prior to the recent Gippsland League finale, that Wonthaggi had "never beaten Leongatha" in a grand final.

Of course, the Wonthaggi Blues claimed bragging rights back in 1962 when they beat the red-hot favourites Leongatha at Leongatha on Saturday, September 15, 1962, by 20 points to claim the South Gippsland League Premiership.

The 'Sentinel' quickly corrected the oversight, also publishing a quality team photo provided by Williams, with all of the players' names, but some members of the glorious team of 1962 didn't see the make-up article online and wanted a replay.

So, with the encouragement of Dickie Williams, and other members of the team, we've gone back to the source, coach of the team and pivotal centre half back on the day, Peter McRae.

Peter McRae was one of those talented players from the country, who after enjoying initial success with his own club locally, in this case Dalyston in 1954, ventured to Melbourne to try his luck, but ultimately didn't enjoy the city lifestyle or lack of support.

Peter went to Footscray in 1955 and in 1956 played 16 games in the seniors including a First Semi Final win against Geelong at the MCG, in front of almost 80,000 fans, to go through to a preliminary final against Collingwood.

"I was lucky enough to break into a side that had only just won the 1954 premiership and still with a lot of those guys in the team," said Peter this week.

Captain-coached by Charlie Sutton and with the highly-talented young Ted Whitten a leading player, they still had a very good side.

"We beat Carlton at Carlton in the last round of the year to make the finals and went on to win that first final."

"We got up to beat Geelong by a few points and were right up with Collingwood in the Preliminary Final before they went away with it in the second half. But no one was going to beat Melbourne that year, they were just too good."

Decades later, Peter got the chance to reminisce with the late, great Ron Barassi about those days at a players' function.

"I went back to Footscray in 1957 which was the year they sacked Charlie Sutton in the middle of the season. We didn't know much about what was going on, but Charlie came out on the ground at training this night, looking a bit worse for wear and said 'those players with me can come over to the Rising Sun Hotel'. So, we all went."

"The place was packed out, the beer was flowing but no one said a word about what had just happened. We read about it next morning in the



Wonthaggi's 1962 premiership coach, Peter McRae, with the grand final ball, a Ross Faulkner, presented to him by the South Gippsland League in recognition of his feat.



Members of the Wonthaggi Premiership team of 1962, from left, back row, N Robertson, L Huther, G Beaton, G Fraser, R Dobbie, R Beech, centre row, W Harvey (trainer), J Liddle, M Foster, P Haines, T Haines, J McCully, L Milkins, P Williams, J Bentick jnr (trainer), front row, R Allan, A Beaumont, P McRae, (captain-coach), J Bentick snr (president), R Brambeau (vc), L Tessari, R Gilmour.

paper that Charlie had been sacked and Ted Whitten had taken over."

But it wasn't easy in Melbourne for country recruits, with little pay for playing, and some terrible factory jobs to work at during the week. Peter remembers working in a cannery factory for minimum pay, and a couple of other jobs.

"I had a gutful of living in Melbourne by then. We got paid bugger all. It was a real battle," he said.

He came home and played in the 1959 premiership team with Dalyston and was enticed across to coach the Blues a year or so later.

"I wanted to try coaching, but I thought if I went to Wonthaggi I wouldn't have to play against my brothers," he said.

The clubs weren't playing in the same league at the time.

"The Blues paid me pretty well and at 24 years of age, they got my best football."

Peter can't recall much about the 1961 season, except to say that he thought the Blues made the finals.

In fact, according to an article in the *Wonthaggi Express*, by Tom Gannon, Wonthaggi Blues played off in the South Gippsland League grand final against Leongatha in 1961, and despite a strong effort in the second half, ultimately went down by four goals: Leongatha 10.12.72 to Wonthaggi 6.10.46.

Peter McRae played in the ruck and Wonthaggi's best players included Parker, Huther, Cooke, McRae, Milkins and Allan.

"Supporters walked away disappointed claiming it to be Wonthaggi's worst performance for the season. The disappointment was compounded by the fact that they had finished the home and away season so strongly," said Gannon in his report.

The next year, it was different.

"The weather was good that day (at Leongatha in the 1962 grand final) and I could mark the ball, so I put myself at centre half back and Laurie Huther in the ruck. We were the underdogs, but I was marking it pretty well, and kicking it long to Miles Foster at full forward."

"We did to Leongatha what they did to Wonthaggi in the grand final this year," said McRae.

Back in the 1960s, Leongatha was also renowned for its fast starts in a game, and for their quick, run-on style of play; but Wonthaggi managed to beat them at their own game, while also dominating in the air to lead by 5.4 to Leongatha's 2.8 at half time. Three goals to one in the third quarter saw Wonthaggi get it out to a 24-point lead by the last change, to have one hand on the cup.

"Wonthaggi took complete control in the last quarter,

but a series of points saved Leongatha from a drubbing," according to the *Wonthaggi Sentinel*.

But Leongatha "suddenly came alive" with two goals, one point to give the fans reason to cheer but just when the Wonthaggi defence looked a little rattled, McRae took "a great mark" on the back line and drove it forward for Wonthaggi and the moment was lost.

A downfield free kick allowed McCully to kick a goal and Wonthaggi had won the premiership; Wonthaggi 9.10.64 to Leongatha 5.14.44.

Laurie Huther, named the best ruckman in Wonthaggi Blues' history (1955-2004), "was brilliant in the ruck" according to a report in the *Korumburra Times*. Coach Peter McRae engineered the win from centre half back, they said, and Leo Tessari led a winning on-ball unit while Leongatha's centre half back 'Dooly' Brydon and Wonthaggi's Robbie Allan had a ding-dong at half forward.

Other players named in the best for Wonthaggi included Ray Dobbie "a rock" at full back, Grambeau up forward, Milkins and Robertson supporting Dobbie and McRae in defence, but the paper said it wouldn't single out any others "for the Blues did not have one passenger on the day".

There were plenty of familiar names in the best for Leongatha on the day, defender Bill Powell, Jungworth and Fennell up forward, Ron Burrows brilliant on the wing, Ralph Miller on the ball, McKean, Ritchie and Coulter, while Leongatha's highly regarded coach Rod Cameron also rated a mention.

"We had the wind-up in the Buffalo Hall (in Murray Street) and had a pretty good night," said McRae.

Married to Val, Peter retains a keen interest in the local sport, initially with his own family, but now with his grandchildren including Kyle Reid, playing for Wonthaggi, Zach Reid, drafted to Essendon in 2020 and Archer Reid, coming off a stellar year with Gippsland Power and likely to get drafted in November.

The five grand final meetings between Leongatha and Wonthaggi include:

- 1931, Leongatha 14.8.92 defeated Wonthaggi Town: 5.10.40.
- 1961, Leongatha 10.12.72 defeated Wonthaggi 6.10.46.
- 1962, Wonthaggi 9.10.64 defeated Leongatha 5.15.45.
- 2001, Leongatha 14.8.92 defeated Wonthaggi 12.11.83.
- 2023, Leongatha 14.5.89 defeated Wonthaggi 7.7.49.

The tally is four wins to Leongatha and one win by Wonthaggi, so it's still 61 years since Wonthaggi has beaten Leongatha in a grand final but what will 2024 bring?

Additional details provided by Glenn Sullivan who compiled 'Navy Blue and White - the history of Wonthaggi Blues 1950 to 2004'.



Korumburra Cricket Club president Tim Morrison is looking forward to hearing about the 79/80 and the 83/84 A Grade premierships at the club's 50th anniversary celebration weekend coming up in November.

Cobras to celebrate 50 years of cricket

KORUMBURRA Cricket Club is celebrating its 50-year anniversary in November.

The milestone event will be held in Korumburra Soccer clubrooms, with around 200 guests anticipated to come along to mark the occasion.

"We are hoping to see a lot of the premiership players from the early days. There are some that wouldn't have been to the club in 30 years at least," club president Tim Morrison said.

"There was a lot of Korumburra teams before this club became what it is today. They used to play in the Leongatha league as well. To hear from some of the old blokes who were around in the early days of the club will be great, so I'm looking forward to that."

The celebrations will kick off on November 4.

B Grade will take on Glen Alvie on Korumburra's turf at 1pm, and the main celebration event will start at 7.30pm.

On Sunday, November 5, guests are welcomed back to watch A Grade play Nerrena on the turf at 1pm, where a barbecue lunch will be available.

This is also an opportunity to watch Korumburra's latest signing, former Sri Lankan captain TM Dilshan, take the field for the Cobras.

The rooms will be open until late on the Sunday night.

It is hoped the event will bring about retellings of old stories and recounts of past premierships.

Korumburra has brought home more than 10 premierships, more than half of which took place in the last 10 years.

"What we are hoping to do is have someone from every premiership team give a run down on that season, or especially that finals campaign," Morrison said.

"After that, we will probably do our team of the half century. We've sent out to opponents and ex-players to work out who they think the best 11 players were after 50 years, which is pretty hard."

"We are also hoping to induct some legends. Of course, every club has life members – and they do a lot of work with the club – but the idea behind the legends is not so much about the cricket stuff. It's more about giving back to the club, whether it be in a coaching role or an administrative role. Life members are probably a good gauge for a few of them on there, but there will be a few outside that box, which is pretty exciting."

Morrison said he is looking forward to hearing more about the 79/80 and the 83/84 A Grade premierships.

"They're our only top A Grade wins. We've had a couple of A2 wins, including the flag we won last year," he said.

"(The 83/84) team had four district cricketers in it – blokes who went and played second level in the Melbourne comp, which is pretty handy."

"Terry McGann was Victoria's second wicketkeeper before he came to us, I believe. Max Beard was one of the better cricketers in Gippsland history. David Cruickshank played district cricket too – I'm definitely looking forward to hearing about this one."

For more information about the celebratory weekend, questions can be directed to president Tim Morrison or secretary Glen Barrett.



Come along and give soccer a go with the Leongatha Knights. Pictured back from left, Beth Milkins, Mandy Bongers, Michelle Hackett, Ana Heneghan, Colleen Herbert, Bernie Fitzgerald, front from left, Jordan Rintoule, Maddie Herbert, Sam Heneghan and Jasmine Garry.

Girls urged to try soccer

NOW'S the time to give soccer a go.

The Go Girls and Go Soccer Mums programs are returning to the field at Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College, Leongatha, on October 18.

The Go Girls program is aimed at players aged 10 to 15, and the Go Soccer Mums program is open to all women aged 16 and above.

"It's going to be a four-week program, so each week we are going to look at a skill and have bucket loads of fun," organiser and Leongatha Knights coach Bethany Milkins said.

"There's no judgement, you don't have to have the fitness, there's no stress. It's just if you are keen to play, you can come along and have some fun."

The Go Girls will kick off at 4.30pm with Go Soccer Mums starting at 5.30pm.

The programs have not been able to run since the pandemic but have proven to help boost numbers at local soccer clubs in the past.

"We are hoping to capitalise on the Women's World Cup interest and boost numbers across the league," Bethany said.

"We are encouraging people from different areas to come along, and we can let them know which clubs are closest to them."

"There's a specific focus on women and girls because they were our fastest growing demographic before COVID, but that's gone down since. We are really hoping to reconnect and

get back to where those levels were at."

The programs will lead into the Go 5s competition, which is a five aside competition open for both men and women.

Six competitions will be featured – women's, competitive and social for adults, and U12s, U14 mixed and U14 girls for juniors.

Only two competitions ran last year and attracted 124 participants.

"We've taken a bit of a jump and opened it up to six competitions. We are anticipating that we are going to get the interest," Bethany said.

"It's a great way for people who don't play the game to just have a bit of run and do something fun with friends over the summer. The weather is usually beautiful, and we've been known to have ice poles and barbecues."

"We've opened this competition up to everyone. If you've ever had the thought you might like to kick the ball around and see what it's all about, it's zero commitment, have some fun, have a laugh, pick up some skills and see if it's for you."

The Go 5s competition will be held on November 15 and 16.

To take part in Go Girls or Go Soccer Mums, the cost is \$20.

For the Go 5s, it's \$50 for juniors and \$60 for seniors.

To register interest, head to gofootball.com.au/play/pickyourlocation/Leongatha-Knights-FC.



Michelle Hackett celebrates her goal.



Go Girls graduate Caroline Grainger with Go Girls foundation co-founder Michelle Jobson and former graduates Heidi Vanzet and Elizabeth Murphy host their first Gippsland golf day at Foster Golf Club. Z40_4223

Foster tee off for the Go Girls Foundation

FOSTER Golf Club hosted a charity golf day for the Go Girls Foundation to help support the future of 15 women in the 2024 program – to help them feel empowered and connected to their community.

Go Girls Foundation co-founder Michelle Jobson invited the Gippsland and Bass Coast community to a charity breakfast and round of golf at the Foster course.

Volunteers turned out to cook a bacon and egg breakfast for the attendees, thank them for their support and raise awareness of the foundation that has changed the lives of women for the past 16 years.

"At Go Girls we assist women at risk. They might be migrants, women who feel isolated, suffer from anxiety and depression, socially isolated in their homes, or experienced domestic violence.

"We also assist women who are homeless, and we work with women who've had a cancer diagnosis to help them get back on their feet," Michelle explained.

"I think what's important to understand is that we help these women create a vision and hope for their future. We run a series of workshops across different regions of Melbourne, and this has

been our second regional program, which has been held down here in South Gippsland."

The foundation supports 15 women to go through a five-month program, where they work with a team of experienced facilitators and psychologists in a group setting every month.

"The golf charity day will support our third program in Gippsland, and we are welcoming women from Yanakie through to Phillip Island to break down the barrier and change their lives."

"One of the beautiful things is when our women finish the program, we have mentors across South Gippsland who volunteer their time and mentor those women for an additional 12 months."

Major sponsor Steve and Lee Nickelson of Embrace Wealth sponsored five holes at the golf day – donating \$5000. Lee, a former mentor of Go Girls, has supported women to feel confident in returning to the workforce.

Former graduate of the program Heidi Vanzet addressed the audience and shared her personal experience stating 'before Go Girls I was living a very isolated and purpose-less life in Wonthaggi. I had a partner, and family but was deeply

lonely, incredibly depressed and anxious.'

"Go girls connected me back to myself, helped me create and define my dreams, gave me confidence and new skills, and gave me insight into 'what in my life was holding me back'. I got to refine what was important to me and found the motivation to seek out a better life for myself," said Heidi.

Another graduate of Go Girls Elizabeth Murphy shared that the program empowered her to become a better version of herself. "It helped me find friendships and a connect me to my community," said Elizabeth.

"What's beautiful at the end of a program is seeing these women forming friendships and having a Go Girl community where they feel supported," added Michelle.

The Go Girls Foundation were aiming to raise \$20,000 to begin the 2024 program and before the charity day commenced, through tickets and major sponsors, had raised \$14,000.

To find out more about Go Girls and how the foundation can change your life, or to become a mentor visit gogirls.org.au and be the change you wish to see.



Major sponsors of the Go Girls Foster Golf Day Steve and Lee Nickelson from Embrace Wealth with Go Girls co-founder Michelle Jobson, major sponsor Fiona McMahon-Hughes of Inverloch Ray White and Go Girls foundation chair Damian Paull. Z41_4223



South Gippsland Councillors turned out to support the Go Girls Foster Golf Day. Cr Scott Rae, Go Girls foundation co-founder Michelle Jobson, Go Girls foundation chair Damian Paull, Cr Mohya Davies, and Cr Mick Felton. Z42_4223

Table Tennis results

LEONGATHA

RESULTS: October 10.

A Grade results: Smashing Pumpkins 9-28 defeated Telegraph Road 2-15; Devo 7-21 defeated Thunderstruck 4-19; Thriller 7-24 defeated Summer of 69 4-16; We are the Champions 6-25 defeated Like A Virgin 5-18.

Ladder: Points/Rubbers/Games

Devo 30/110/384, We are the Champions 22/95/334, Smashing Pumpkins 20/98/345, Thunderstruck 20/86/289, Thriller 18/98/336, Summer of 69 12/82/295, Like a Virgin 8/66/249, Telegraph Road 4/60/242

Leading players: Braden A 39, Michael C 38, Michael G 36, Dirk H 36, Phil M 35, Ben H 33

A Reserve results: October 11.

Shaun the Sheep 6-25 defeated Bonanza 5-17; Thunderbirds 6-22 def Outback Truckers 5-17; Bye: Ben 10.

Ladder: Bonanza 20/75/246, Thunderbirds 18/67/246, Shaun the Sheep 14/71/263, Outback Truckers 10/60/208, Ben 10 6/59/226

Leading players: Aiden H 31, Ian T 30, Ian R 23, Danny R 19, Sam H 17

WONTHAGGI

A RESERVE Monday night results:

Backhand defeated Lucky Edge 6 to 3; Chop defeated Super Smash 6 to 3; Bats defeated Flippers 8 to 1.

Top team Super Smash have lost two matches on the bounce in a topsy turvy season that has the bookmakers scrambling to make sense of it all.

Jay from team Chop, in a rollicking display, swept the very proficient Siobhan three nil – bingo, bango, bongo.

Bats were dominant against the Flippers, led by emerging youngster Rhyder.

He was undefeated, winning two singles and a double in swashbuckling, musketeer style.

Backhand's Leigh prevailed over Lucky Edge's Ryan 11 to 7 in the deciding fifth.

It was a pulsating, white knuckle ride that sealed the deal.

Special mention to Dale for mashing table tennis with roller derby.

Swap the skates out and get some traction on your clodhoppers, or else the hall may fall.

Leading players: Fred and Leanne.

A Grade Wednesday night had the round postponed due to the humble hall receiving power maintenance.

Allambee Mirboo and District Tennis Association

RESULTS: round two.

Section 1 results: Inverloch 6.42 defeated Leongatha 0.27; Westernport 8.50 defeated Koonwarra 0.17; Korumburra bye.

Ladder: Inverloch 18, Westernport 15, Koonwarra 7, Leongatha 5, Korumburra 5

Section 2 results: Outtrim 7.62 defeated Baromi 2.36; Korumburra v Leongatha – wash out.

Ladder: Outtrim 19, Leongatha 9.5, Baromi 9, Korumburra 6.5

The weather was not good for tennis this weekend, with lots of movement and one wash out in Section 2.

All Section 1 matches were moved into Leongatha so they could play this week.

Inverloch was the winner against Leongatha.

Well done to Matt Pocklington with the young players winning two sets.

Koonwarra was not able to win a set against Westernport but played two sets to 7/5.

Jimmy Monaghan, who normally plays in Section 1, was a special guest star this week. He stopped in on his buck's party in his pretty pink tutu and even served a ball on the ladies' court.

Outtrim was big winner against Baromi this week.

Baromi won two sets in the end.

Hopefully the weather settles down so everyone enjoys more tennis in the weeks ahead.



The new Wonthaggi tennis pavilion was collectively funded by state government, Bass Coast Shire Council, and the Wonthaggi District Tennis Club. Z43_4223

Unveiling the spectacular Wonthaggi tennis pavilion

THE Wonthaggi District Tennis Club were thrilled to hold the grand opening of their newly established tennis pavilion as part of the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve Masterplan.

Bass Coast Shire Cr Leticia Laing attended the opening with acting CEO James Stirton before the official opening by Bass MP Jordan Crugnale. The facility was collectively funded by state government, the Bass Coast Shire Council, and the Wonthaggi District Tennis Club, with a total funding amount of \$870,000.

The project was bought to light as part of the Active Bass Coast plan. A 10-year plan that set the scene for healthy and active environments and services into the future. The plan provided strategic direction for the delivery of open space and recreation projects, along with short-, medium- and long-term goals.

Club president since 2002 Russell Cargill – owner of Cargill Sports Store in Wonthaggi said 'the courts were

refurbished approximately five years ago and today we're thrilled to celebrate the new pavilion built by TS Constructions.'

"It's a great all-inclusive building with toilet amenities, a fully equipped kitchen, open space for presentations and group functions as well as separate tournament rooms."

Members of the club attended the opening on Sunday morning taking part in a cardio coaching session with ITM coach Paul Rowbottom.

"This new space secures the future of tennis for the district, it's great for Wonthaggi and for the sport of tennis," said Russell.

For lessons, program and event enquiries visit play.tennis.com.au/wonthaggidistricttennisclub.

RIGHT: ITM junior tennis coach Luke Nicholson held a coaching session with juniors, from left, Sola, Isabelle (front) and Vincenzo at the official grand opening of the new Wonthaggi tennis pavilion. Z44_4223



Ballet barre celebrate the Seniors Festival



Wendy Crellin is the fabulous Seniors Ballet teacher and invites anyone over sixty who would like to try it out to come along to class for the Seniors Festival. ob05_4223

BALLET teacher Wendy Crellin is welcoming beginners over the age of sixty to free classes at Rescue Station Arts in Wonthaggi to celebrate the Senior's Festival.

Born in Wonthaggi, Wendy has been teaching senior's ballet classes for over two years, having originally trained at the renowned Borovansky Academy of Russian Ballet in Melbourne and then at the National Theatre.

Everyone is welcome and most of the current participants have either always wanted to dance but never had the opportunity, or are returning to it after many decades.

Women come to class from far and wide including Cowes, Coronet Bay and Leongatha, while most are in their sixties or seventies, the oldest student is 89 years young.

Classes are set to music and low impact but challenging and help to improve balance, flexibility

and strength.

The dancers enjoy the social, networking side of the class, as well as learning something new and challenging themselves.

Classes involve warm up exercises followed by barre work and then perfecting dance moves, with the beginners currently working on cygnets from Swan Lake.

Wendy explained that when she turned eighty, she said to her daughter, "I want to dance before I die." Her daughter asked what was stopping her, and Wendy replied "Well, not much."

So began her classes, which quickly became popular, now holding three classes a week that are free for members.

Men and women are welcome to join in on additional Festival classes, held on October 24 and October 26 from 10.30-11.30 at the Rescue Station Arts, Wonthaggi.

LDCA outgunned in opening senior match of GCL

By Liam Durkin, Latrobe Valley Express

LEONGATHA & District Cricket Association was defeated by competition newcomer Cricket Latrobe Valley as Gippsland Cricket League action got underway on Sunday.

In theory, given Cricket Latrobe Valley has been created by merging two former associations into one (Latrobe Valley District Cricket League and Traralgon District Cricket Association), and the fact TDCA won the GCL senior premiership last season, Cricket Latrobe Valley should be set for a strong campaign.

Cricket Latrobe Valley is able to draw players from close to 20 clubs, compared to other associations in Gippsland that have nowhere near that luxury.

In the Round 1 clash, Leongatha elected to bowl first upon winning the toss at Apex Park, Traralgon.

Honours were relatively even early, as the home side got the score to 50 for the loss of two wickets.

Leongatha gained momentum during the middle stages, and had Latrobe Valley 5/84.

However, some good work from Ewan Williams and Blair Clymo took the score into the 130s, before Clymo batted with the lower order to move the total along a little further.

Williams made 24 and Clymo an innings high 47 in a total of 175.

Leongatha's Jack Ginnane showed he wasn't still in party mode from Leongatha's Gippsland League football premiership, taking 4/28 off eight overs.

Jarrod Hoy also chipped in with two wickets, while Joel Brann and Ethan Lamers were economical, going for less than three runs per over in their 10 and seven over stints respectively.

Williams took confidence from his batting and proceeded to take the first two wickets of the Leongatha innings, reducing the visitors to 2/18.

A rescue mission from Koby Brann and Ginnane saw Leongatha reach 3/77, but the dismissal of Brann triggered a middle order collapse from which Leongatha never recovered.

Matt Dyke whipped the bails off to see Brann stumped for 29, and when Ginnane was bowled by Tye Hourigan for the same score, it was the second in a run of four successive wickets for the medium pacer.

Hourigan ended with figures of 4/17 off eight overs.

Matt Barry took the winning wicket, bowling Tim Wightman to see Leongatha all out for 101.

An all round bowling effort saw no Latrobe Valley bowler go for more than two runs per over.

Williams bowled exceptionally well with the new ball, taking 2/9 off four overs.

In the Under 18s, Leongatha was far too strong for Warragul.

Leongatha won by six wickets after bowling the Wild Dogs out for 90 at Droutin Recreation Reserve.

Only Jack Walsh with 26 offered much resistance for Warragul, as Aydan Williams proved deadly for Leongatha, taking 4/10.

Matthew Dakin and Tyson Harris were also useful, taking a pair of wickets each.

Leongatha had little to no trouble chasing the total, getting home in less than 30 overs.

Walsh had some joy in the game individually, adding two wickets to his batting effort.

WOMEN'S GCL begins this Sunday, with a round of Twenty20 matches at Catterick Crescent, Traralgon.

Leongatha, Latrobe Valley and Sale-Maffra will take part, playing each other in a round robin format.



Isla McLean riding Mirri.

Wonthaggi Pony Club leaps into show jumping

MILD weather and softer going thanks to last week's rain set the stage for the second of the West Gippsland Zone's Show Jumping competition hosted by Wonthaggi Pony Club (WPC).

Large groups of families and friends attended to enjoy the exciting spectator sport, where almost 100 riders competed in two rounds and two phase show jumping competitions across the arenas.

Local clubs attended as well as clubs from outer Melbourne.

Many members and in particular Wonthaggi riders, stepped up and helped to run a successful day.

The Club are proud of the members' commitment to their horses in preparing for competitions and the manner in which they conducted themselves in public.

The Club has friendly, supportive, and resilient kids sharing their passion with horses and with each other.

WPC would like to thank Ian Chalmers, course designer and builder.

Ian continues to be a fantastic support to the club and provides invaluable insights to the riders, as they learn the specialties of show jumping.

Senior member, Lucy Phipps was also a jump judge who is always very generous with her time and a great role model for the younger members.

Pony Club offers wonderful opportunities for local youth to get involved and learn many skills, including non-horse related skills such as time management, organisation, public speaking and more.

WPC would like to also thank their ongoing sponsors, The Wonthaggi Club, whose support and commitment is valued.

A new sign has also been put up in recognition of support from Ag Warehouse, Wonthaggi and WPC would also like to thank their official photographer, Taylah Clarke Photography.

WPC are also seeking more sponsorship to help improve the grounds and make them more accessible for all abilities.

Boxers converge for Corner Inlet Cup



Corner Inlet coaches Brad Anderson (left) and Scott Bindloss with local elite female boxer Jemima Geitz. Jemima secured a win at Sunday's event, Corner Inlet Cup 5.



Jemima Geitz was in form against Kayla Savi.

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"We have a huge demographic of ages, both male and female – we cater for everyone. We've got some kids with learning disabilities who we have helped get into sports. We are open to everyone, and we love seeing everyone become part of something."

The club has also seen great success over the years, bringing home numerous Australian titles and competing overseas.

"We have done very well on the competitive scene at national level," Anderson said.

"However, our success is not judged just on these titles, it's judged by how everyone gets involved and how they feel. Not everyone competes at our gym. We are open to people who just want to come and train and learn the art of boxing. Everyone trains together so they can all feel part of it."

The club is open to venue suggestions from the community, and those with ideas are encouraged to get in contact via the Facebook page.

"If someone could reach out, that would be fantastic. We are open to any sort of discussion about what we could do to find a venue, no matter what," Anderson said.

Anderson thanked the volunteers who helped bring Corner Inlet Cup 5 together, with special mention of fellow coach Scott Bindloss who took on the massive task of coordinating the boxers.

Lack of preparation doesn't hinder LDCA Under 18s in GCL season opener

THE LDCA kicked off its GCL season on Sunday with a six-wicket win over Warragul Cricket Association in Under 18s competition.

Warragul was all out for 90, LDCA replying with 4/91.

It was a unique set of circumstances with the LDCA boys lining up for a representative game despite their local competition not yet getting underway after its first two rounds were washed out.

The Under 18s LDCA team this season is being led off field by team managers Brian Gannon and Andrew Dakin with captain Tadgh Gannon and vice captain Harry Butcher steering the ship onfield.

On Sunday, Warragul won the toss and elected to bat first on the Drouin Football Oval, with Tim Niven 1/12 off eight overs and Aydan Williams 4/10 from six overs opening the attack superbly for the LDCA, Williams claiming three early scalps to have the Warragul team in trouble.

Tyson Harris, with 2/15 off seven overs, bowled a great spell of leg spin in partnership with Matt Dakin who captured 2/13



Leongatha & District Cricket Association started its Gippsland Cricket League season brightly with the Under 18s defeating Warragul Cricket Association.

off four overs, the pair helping ensure a steady fall of wickets.

It was a strong team performance with the ball for LDCA with all seven bowlers used doing well.

Campbell Reid was efficient with the keeping duties, Isaac Seuren took two impressive catches and Jesse Dugard made a good run out, all contributing to the cause.

Chasing 90 the LDCA boys went about it sensibly.

Matt Dakin and Harry West opened the innings, Dakin playing a busy knock (19) and West (20) showing his usual great temperament to get the LDCA off to a solid start.

Captain Gannon (15) then worked the ball around well to

get within striking distance before being trapped in front by Walsh, and Isaac Seuren (11no) and Harry Butcher (5no) then steered the LDCA home with 20 overs to spare.

After a strong performance, despite its lack of preparation, LDCA's Under 18s outfit will face Sale Maffra at home on November 12.

West Gippsland Wombats showcase improved skills

OCTOBER 8 was the second round of the Victorian over 70's cricket competition.

The game between the West Gippsland Wombats and Mornington/Canterbury was moved from Korumburra to Iona as the oval at Korumburra was still under water.

The Wombats won the toss and decided to field first.

It is amazing what a difference a week makes.

Not only weather was ideal for cricket, but Wombats' cricket had improved greatly as they took wickets in the eighth and ninth over, when Dick Stumbles 8 (20) was LBW to the bowling of Bob Phillips and Phil Mayne 13 (30) was bowled by Geoff Birnie.

At this stage, Mornington/Canterbury were two for 26.

In the 14th over, Anthony Stancombe 5 (18) was run out by a direct throw from Pieter Loos that hit the wicket from 15 metres away.

Brendon Thomas was not to be outdone by Loos, as Thomas hit the wicket side on from 25 metres away to run out Ian Sharp 12 (19).

The score was 94 in the 25th over, when the Mornington/



The over 70s Wombats cricket team.

Canterbury's captain, Michael Angwin 7 (9) was the fifth wicket to fall, as he was caught by Brendon Thomas off the bowling of Keith Houghton.

Ian Rowland 25 (30), Charles Morris 21 (30) and Bill Hansen had retired before Michael Loy 6 (5) was caught by Mike Newton off the bowling of Pieter Loos. Stanley Pamieta 6 (5) was bowled by Jim Gregory.

The first retiree Ian Rowland returned to join Vin Booth and after 40 overs they were both not out Rowland 36 (35) and Booth 8 (10), the score was seven for 183.

Wombats Bowling: Pieter Loos 6-1/28, Jim Gregory 5-1/27, Bob Phillips 6-1/30, Geoff Birnie

6-1/14, Keith Houghton 4-1/8, Mike Newton 3-0/18, Dallas Wyatt 6-0/32, Jon Martindale 1-0/3, Brendon Thomas 1-0/3, Jim Armstrong 1-0/8.

The Wombats were off to a slow start because of excellent bowling from the Mornington/Canterbury opening attack.

Barry Cain 0 and Jon Martindale 13 both survived to retire after facing 25 balls.

The first wicket fell in the 12th over with the score on 32, when Keith Houghton 9 (10) was caught by Phil Mayne off the bowling of Stanley Pamieta.

A hard-hitting partnership between Pieter Loos and Dallas Wyatt took the score to 76 in the 18th over before Loos 25 (23)

was caught by Ian Rowland off the bowling of Stanley Pamieta.

The next four batsmen retired after facing 25 balls, Dallas Wyatt 31, Mike Newton 10, Bob Phillips 17, Jim Armstrong 2. David Wells 5 (21) retired hurt before Brendon Thomas 4 (13) was caught by Vin Booth off the bowling of Ian Rowland. Jim Gregory and Geoff Birnie were both not out on 13 after facing 10 balls each.

The Wombats captain John Moore was not required to bat.

After 40 overs the Wombats score of 3 for 154, was 29 runs short of the Mornington/Canterbury total.

Mornington/Canterbury Bowling: Stanley Pamieta 6-2/30, Charles Morris 4-0/5, Bill Hansen 4-0/5, Dick Stumbles 5-0/22, Anthony Stancombe 2-0/14, Ian Sharp 4-0/31, Michael Angwin 6-0/9, Vin Booth 4-0/17, Ian Rowland 5-1/19.

Although defeated by a better team, the Wombats showed a great improvement from their first game, but still have to work on their catching.

The Wombats next game is on Tuesday, October 17, against Warandyte at their home ground.

Gippsland Goannas secure close win against Iona

GIPPSLAND Goannas enjoyed a narrow win in Over 60s competition, with a strong team bowling performance setting up victory over Iona at Cameron Reserve Maffra, while the Goanna's Over 50s opponent Sunbury/Macedon Ranges was unable to field a side. The Over 50s match will be rescheduled to later in the season.

Action in the Over 60s got underway in bright and clear conditions, with Iona winning the toss and electing to bat.

Bairnsdale's Bernie Symons and Toongabbie's Peter Anton bowled first for the Goannas, with Symons dismissing both openers to have Iona 2/30 after 10 overs.

Chris DeVent and Neil Meredith bowled the next 10 overs, taking three wickets between them to have Iona reeling at 5/50 at the drinks break.

Rob Taylor and Murray Moore took over the ball, with Taylor taking 1/17 from three overs.

Derek Morris, Ray Floyd, Mark Brown and Ian Gibson bowled seven overs between them for 18 runs.

Gippsland's opening bowling combination returned as retired batsmen came back to the crease.

Iona's innings concluded after its 40 overs at 7/117.

Gibson and DeVent shared the Goannas' wicketkeeping duties, with Gibbo taking an early catch.

The bowling figures for the oth-

er wicket-takers were: Symons seven overs three maidens 2/8, Anton eight overs 1/34, DeVent five overs two maidens 1/9, and Meredith five overs 2/10.

After the lunch break, with the weather cooler and the breeze strengthening, the Goannas' innings was started by Ken Bailey and Floyd.

They had put on 15 by the 5th over, when they both lost their wickets.

Taylor and Jim Armstrong took over, and both retired, for 20 and 10 respectively, after their 30 balls.

Rino Metlikovec, Mark Brown and Morris all made brief appearances, as the Goannas struggled to 5/61 at the 20 over

drinks break.

Moore and Meredith rescued the situation, both retiring, for 13 and 16 respectively.

Symons had a quick hit and Anton, 16 no, and Gibson, 8 no, saw the Goannas pass the Iona total in the 35th over.

Goannas 6/121 defeated Iona, 7/117.

The Goannas Over 60s team plays an away game next Sunday against the Pakenham and District side, while the Over 70s team will play at Morwell this Tuesday, October 17, against Yarra Valley/Ringwood.

The Goannas Over 50s side plays its next game on October 29 against the SE Veterans at Caulfield.

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

ROUND 3
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

A GRADE, Division 1

Korumburra v OMK

KORUMBURRA

Ashley Stride

Inverloch v Imperials

INVERLOCH TURF

John Schelling

Phillip Island v Nerrena

NEWHAVEN

Glenn Plymin

Town v Club

SCORPION 1

Shane Moore

A Grade, Division 2

Koonwarra L/RSL v Nyora

LEONGATHA TURF

Terry Rogers

Foster v Kilcunda-Bass

FOSTER

Ken Scrimshaw

Glen Alvie v MDU

WONTHAGGI TURF

Ian Salmon

Nerrena v Club

NERRENA

Les White

B GRADE, Division 1

Imperials v Inverloch

EAST CAMPUS

Graham Wightman

OMK v Korumburra

OUTTRIM

Garry Quilty

Koonwarra L/RSL v Town

KOONWARRA

Brad Phillips

MDU v Phillip Island

MEENIYAN

Neil Grahame

B GRADE, Division 2

Kilcunda-Bass v Foster

Bass 1

TBA

Nerrena v Korumburra

LG VELODROME

Michel Ryan

Club v Phillip Island

McMAHONS

Geoff Wyatt

OMK v Glen Alvie

DIGGER PARK

TBA

C GRADE

Glen Alvie v Inverloch

Glen Alvie

TBA

Koonwarra L/RSL v Korumburra

Inverloch FG

Michael Heenan

Kilcunda-Bass v Phillip Island

Bass 2

TBA

MDU v Club

Dumbalk

TBA

Town v Nyora

SCORPION 2

TBA

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Bass Valley students head to Nationals

Bass MP Jordan Crugnale celebrates with students Paige O'Brien, Chelsea Stephens, Autumn Ross and Sophie Hale who are heading to Adelaide next month as part of the Victorian School Girls Softball team. See story on page 59.

Boxers converge for Corner Inlet Cup

CORNER Inlet Cup 5 was battled out at Leongatha's Memorial Hall on Sunday.

A Boxing Victoria recognised event, the annual tournament is a major fundraiser for the Corner Inlet Boxing Club and was once again well received.

"It's all about showcasing what we do, showcasing our gym to the community and getting the locals behind us," coach Brad Anderson said.

"As everyone knows, we're a non-for-profit organisation, so the money we raise goes towards things like our rent, insurance and buying gear. It's been great

to have the community's support."

With 19 bouts and boxers travelling from interstate to compete, Sunday's event also featured local elite female boxer Jemima Geitz, and junior boxers Max Woodham, Gabriel Saulwick and Ash Olden.

This was a debut bout for Gabriel and Ash.

Anderson said involvement with the club had helped many young athletes come out of their shells and step into the ring.

"We've had kids start to ooze confidence without being arrogant and become more social.

It helps kids feel like they are a part of something. Not every boy or girl wants to play footy, cricket, netball or tennis. Some kids want to try something else and we've had some kids who have found an itch and found 'wow, I really enjoy this,'" he said.

Ten years of hard work has gone into Corner Inlet Boxing Club, which is now 60-70 members strong across two gyms in Leongatha and Foster.

However, it is almost time for the club to vacate its current Leongatha Holt Street premises, and it's now struggling to find a new home.

"We've had a look at few venues, but the prices are astronomical. It's been difficult. We are waiting to hear back from one place at the moment, but it's getting to the crunch time now," Anderson said.

South Gippsland Shire Council has offered ideas to the clubs, but options are still limited.

"I've spoken to council on numerous occasions. They've offered suggestions, which has been fantastic, but they've got no real venues themselves that could be used, and nothing has eventuated," Anderson said.

"We're happy to share with

another sporting or community group. We'll do whatever it takes.

"We used to share our facility with Leongatha Taekwondo, which was awesome at the time."

The loss of the boxing club would be a blow for its members and the community.

"(Scott Bindloss) and I have created something different here. It's about mental health as well as physical wellbeing. If it were to cease, it would be difficult to pick back up again, and a lot of work has gone into it. It would go to waste, and that would be a shame," Anderson said.

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