



‘SANDCASTLE’ SOLUTIONS

- Why there’s still no action at Inverloch

THE unprecedented duration and severity of the storm event, on either side of the weekend of August 31 and September 1 this year, which ripped tens of thousands of tonnes of sand off the beach at Inverloch has exposed more than the historic Amazon shipwreck.

At a meeting between land managers and Inverloch community stakeholders, in the surf lifesaving clubrooms on Monday afternoon, October 7, the gulf that exists between community expectations and the proposed response by authorities was laid bare.

In a nutshell, the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) plans to spend most if not all of the \$3.3 million it was allocated in November 2022 by the Federal Government, under its Coastal

and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program for ‘Cape to Cape Resilience Project on-ground works’, on a massive project to shift up to 150,000 tonnes of sand into depleted areas along the Inverloch surf beach.

There are no plans, apparently no appetite, no commitment to trialling and no money for ‘hard engineering’ solutions.

But the clincher is, that work is unlikely to start there until 2026 while the project is designed, environmental and cultural approvals sought, a contractor found, and heavy machinery including sand dredges sourced.

It all takes time, we are told.

In the meantime, small-scale, reactive dune renourishment and restoration work will continue as required.

As much as the local stakeholders in attendance at the briefing remained civil, there

was certainly a level of frustration in the air, while a decent-sized swell crashed on the beach outside, only metres from the back door of the surf club.

“There’s no silver bullet,” said a spokesperson for the DEECA.

“A whole suite of solutions will be needed starting off with a large-scale dune reconstruction project, moving huge volumes of sand, between 100,000 tonnes and 150,000 tonnes...”

“Yes, but we lost 60,000 tonnes in that one event,” said president of the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club, Glenn Arnold.

They’re talking about bringing the sand in from offshore, with a giant dredge, if that is even possible on a sometimes-stormy surf beach.

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Festival fires up ahead of MotoGP

Inverloch’s Terry Bourke and Mick Whelan headed over to Leongatha for Biketoberfest on Saturday. See page 53 for more. Tk27_4224

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12 months more to determine Bass Coast's future

By Michael Giles

THE State Government has given itself another 12 months to complete a review of the Bass Coast Shire planning scheme that has already been five years in the making.

The extension of time, required by legislation, was gazetted last Wednesday, October 9.

"The Governor in Council, under section 46AT(3) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, approves the extension of the period for the preparation, endorsement and approval of the Statement of Planning Policy for the Bass Coast distinctive area and landscape to 27 October 2025."

Oh, they say they'll have the shire's new Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), coming out of the 2019 Bass Coast Distinctive Area and Landscape process, "finalised in November" and approved by April 2025 at the latest.

But we've heard all that before... exactly 12 months ago when they applied for an extension of time to the end of October 2024.

"The Bass Coast has some of Victoria's most stunning landscape and precious coastline – that's why we're protecting it for generations to come," Bass MP Jordan Crugnale said, while commenting on the latest extension of time.

"The Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy will safeguard environmental, landscape and cultural values and encourage good neighbourhood design, while not putting communities in areas of environment risk."

"Once the Draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy is finalised in November, I will have more to say to the Bass Coast community about the proposed boundaries and outcomes of the plan. I know how important this is and that there is frustration this is taking longer than expected but I can assure everyone that this is a priority for government and the work will be done."

A spokesperson for the State Government thanked the local community for its patience.

"The Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy will safeguard environmental, land-



Glenda Minty, left back, with some of the other councillors at the ballot draw recently highlighted a further delay by the State Government in finalising the new Statement of Planning Policy for the Bass Coast Shire, protecting settlement boundaries and the areas distractive areas and landscapes.

scape and cultural values and encourage good neighbourhood design, while not placing communities in areas of environmental risk."

"We thank local communities for their patience while the policy is finalised. It will guide land use and development within Bass Coast for the next 50 years and we need to get it right."

Much of what is contained in the draft SPP has already been agreed to by the local council.

The Cape Paterson Ratepayers and Residents Association remains engaged and concerned about what the implications of any new Statement of Planning Policy may be for the character and environment of their unique coastal location.

"We do have a standing agenda item on it at each of our meetings and we've made contact with Jordan, Greg Box at the shire and also the Minister but there's not a lot more we can do," said CPRRA President Rohan Brown, who spoke to a personal submission he made to the Planning Panels Victoria hearing on the Bass Coast DAL in March last year.

"Our priority as an association is that the settlement boundary revert back to its intended position, along Seaward Drive."

"Putting what would amount

to an extra suburb on the northern side would change the whole character of the town, from a situation where most people walk to the beach, to having to get in your car and drive."

"It could simply be that planning priorities like redeveloping Melbourne's older social housing high-rise towers could be adsorbing all their time at the moment and Bass Coast has gone to the bottom of the list," he said.

The draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) is currently being finalised following consideration of the findings and recommendations of the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Standing Advisory Committee and all public submissions.

Under section 46AX of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the SPP will require endorsement from the Responsible Public Entities, this includes Bass Coast Shire Council. This process will happen once the draft is finalised. The SPP will provide a blueprint for the liveability of the Bass Coast declared area for the next 50 years and ensure housing growth and infrastructure investment occurs in the right locations.

However, while the extension of time was gazetted without fanfare or advice from government last week, it was left up to a candidate in the Western

Port Ward, Glenda Minty, to highlight the likely delay.

"I have just got word that the Bass Coast DAL is now subject to a gazetted delay," Ms Minty said on Thursday.

"Which means that the current DAL being discussed will be almost in need of an update by the time the State Government gets around to passing it."

"Bass Coast will have trouble planning its priorities and being able to move forward. This appears to be a sign of the lack of respect that the state level of government has for Local Government," said Mrs Minty.

"The State Government has been sitting on this DAL for a year after more than a year of panel hearings. All this time with no action."

There is already general agreement about establishing settlement boundaries around the shire's smaller settlements including Cape Woolamai, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Dalyston, Kilcunda, Harmers Haven, Jam Jerrup, Pioneer Bay and The Gurdies, Smiths Beach, Sunderland Bay, Sunset Strip, Surf Beach, Tenby Point, Ventnor Wimbledon Heights Archies Creek, Wattle Bank and Woolamai.

And no controversy around plans for the expansion of Wonthaggi and the containment to existing settlement boundaries at Inverloch and Cowes/Silverleaves.

The pinch points are Cape Paterson, where there's a proposal to expand the town north, San Remo, where the scope of the town's growth east is yet to be fully defined and Ventnor where there's an agreed settlement boundary but concern that the neighbourhood character of "informally sited, simple, one- and two-storey coastal dwellings, spaciouly accommodated on generously sized lots with low site coverage" is being challenged.

There may also be some issues about plans to restrict farming practices when the final draft comes out.

How the new SPP impacts the government's rollout of renewable infrastructure, given that the Bass hills are considered a Tier 2 area for investigation is yet to be revealed.

'Sandcastle' solutions

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"We're lucky we've got that money," said a DEECA spokesperson.

But there's no money or support, they say, for rock walls, groynes, breakwaters or other hard engineering options.

"We thought that solution fitted in with those community values. If you went for a rock wall it would commit us to no beach and what we have been hearing from the people, in hundreds of hundreds of consultations, is the beach is the priority."

"We haven't heard anyone say they want to save a couple of dozen houses."

"Why put sand where it is just going to be washed away again. We need permanent solutions, and the community needs to be involved in this," Mr Arnold said.

The meeting heard a wealth of information from the experts about the complexity of the coast at Inverloch, complicated by the location of Point Smythe, the constant movement of sand and water in Anderson Inlet, and changing conditions along the surf beach.

And the fact that any hard engineering would have unintended consequences.

They also said there had been a re-assessment of the storm event, over seven days in August-September, with the duration of the storm, the strength of the wind, the consistent wave heights (measured up to 5.5 metres at Venus Bay) and wave power "twice as much as before" raising the event to a 1:50 or 1:100-year event.

But with nothing to say it isn't part of a new normal, was one comment.

"It's frustrating. It seems that nothing, beyond continuing to build sandcastles, is going to happen and you can ask a five-year-old what happens to a sandcastle when the tide comes in," said Glenn Arnold this week.

"They've said they're only looking at moving sand around, that a rock wall isn't the solution but what about trialling some of the other engineering solutions?"

"The geotextile bags out the front of the surf club have done their job up until now, but you can see some of them starting to sag in the middle. Are they going to do something about that?"

"It seems to me that the only thing they've built is a bureaucratic brick wall that we have to get through before someone will take action."

"They told us the solution at the Gold Coast would suit us but there isn't the money to do it. Maybe they need to reassess what the surf beach at Inverloch is really worth."

Mr Arnold said the surf club and other community stakeholders, including those from the Inverloch Tourism Association and the South Gippsland Conservation Society, remained committed to meeting with authorities, the next meeting being in four to six weeks' time.

"Our surf club looks like the canary in the coal mine in this, but if that goes, I don't see any effort being made to save the houses behind it, and I'm not sure we want to see them go," he said.

As well as another meeting of stakeholders, convened by Bass MP Jordan Crugnale, Eastern Victoria MP Melina Bath will lead a debate in State Parliament, likely on October 30, following the tabling of a 2575 strong petition.

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Boat airlifted after fishing misadventure

SHALLOW Inlet was the scene of an unusual salvage operation last Friday morning after a mishap involving four people on a fishing trip in the area a week earlier.

But all's well that ends well. According to reports, the group of friends were scoping out the best way to cross back over the notorious Sandy Point bar when they got too close to the breaking waves, ultimately with the boat being washed ashore, about one kilometre east of the Shallow Inlet entrance.

The survivors were picked up from the beach by the police airwing, but their boat remained on the beach, well above the high-tide mark, undamaged but in a very remote location.

Enter highly-experienced diving and marine services expert, Johnno Rudge of Kina Diving.

"We got a call from the insurance company and went down for a look. It was pretty obvious to us that you couldn't tow the boat back down the beach or try to relaunch it and come back in over the bar so we decided to lift it," said Johnno Rudge this week.

"We're pretty well connected into aviation as well and got on to a helicopter dedicated to commercial work, but boats aren't really designed to be lifted.

"The helicopter had a 1.2 tonne limit so we had to strip all the equipment, the batteries and the fuel out of the boat to get weight down but thankfully, we were able to leave the 200kg outboard on the boat.

"We lifted all the equipment off first, in bulk bags, then came back for the boat and it lifted up perfectly first time with only one wriggle to get the cables right. You don't want to

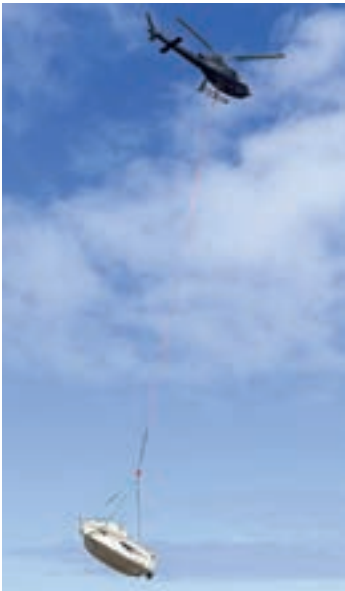
drop something like that.

"We got it back to Shallow Inlet and basically put it back on the trailer and towed it back to the owners in Melbourne. They were ecstatic. It was a pretty new boat and miraculously didn't have a mark on it.

"We do a lot of salvages where the boats are wrecked and just have to be taken off the beach but it was great not to be covered in diesel and muck for once."

The boat, high in the air, on lifting cables, suspended from a helicopter made quite a sight as it was flown back into the inlet and landed on the edge of the beach at about 11am last Friday morning.

The fishing group was safe at home and the boat back as good as new but the whole experience offered another salutary tale about the dangers that exist at the Sandy Point bar.



Salvaging this fishing boat, by helicopter at Sandy Point last week, marked the happy conclusion to a boating mishap at the treacherous entrance to Shallow Inlet.

IN BRIEF

Library disruptions in late October

LEONGATHA Library will be closed between Tuesday, October 29 and Thursday, October 31 for internal cabling works, followed by a staff development day.

The branch reopens at 10am on Friday, November 1.

All Myli Libraries will be closed for the staff development day on Thursday, October 31, with Myli encouraging people to use its online services.

"We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time," the organisation stated.

CFA fire season preparations underway

CFA MEMBERS will converge at Pound Creek on Sunday, October 20 for the South Gippsland Group exercise.

Members will practice with live fire on props at Pound Creek and brush up their skills in preparation for the fire season by drafting water, vehicle familiarisation and

simulated bushfire exercises.

The community will see members in their bright yellow uniforms and fire trucks coming and going from 10am to about 2pm.

"Don't be alarmed, we're getting ready for the fire season," Exercise Coordinator and Foster volunteer James McIntyre said, "it's vital we practice our skills in a safe, controlled environment.

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Inverloch jetty hiccup

IT HAD to happen.

Just as work was progressing well on the new Inverloch boat ramp pile driving suddenly came to a grinding halt last week.

One of the pylons being craned from a hydraulic pile driving rig on a floating platform hit concrete buried deep in the sand.

The long discarded concrete obstacle could well have been part of the remains of the old boat ramp however contractors had the problem fixed and the concrete removed within a day.

The project is still expected to be completed by December 20 subject to favourable weather, tides and supply of material.

Bridgewater Marine Pty Ltd is the lead contractor.

The existing Inverloch jetty is still accessible to pedestrian traffic.

Boat ramp users looking for alternate boating launching facilities at Mahers Landing have criticised private property signs preventing access to the Mahers Landing beach.

People with a disability have also complained about access to the Mahers Landing jetty.

The final concreting at Mahers Landing was completed last week.

Correction

SENTINEL-Times (Edition October 8): Western Port farmers call for permit relief, Page 6. Western Port Ward Candidate Glenda Minty is a retired teacher of 35 years and farmer of 40 years.

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Devil in the detail

A FEATURE of the final Bass Coast Shire Council meeting, for the present regime, this Wednesday, October 16, will be the presentation of the 2023-2024 annual report, something council is required to make public prior to 'Election Day' Saturday, October 26.

Unfortunately for the voters, because the Bass Coast Shire Council election is a post-only process, many people will have already voted by the time the annual report is tabled this week.

Nonetheless, the report provides important details about not only the Bass Coast Shire Council's performance, finances, capital works program and activities in the 2023-24 financial year, but also a profile of the shire as a whole including its population of 42,729 and economy, and a snapshot of events including the opening of the \$32 million Berninnet cultural centre and the publicity provided by The Block TV show.

New shire CEO Greg Box provides the forward to the document, noting his own pleasure in being able to present the shire's annual report for the first time since his appointment early in 2024.

A feature of his introduction is reference to the shire's



Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve still has one meeting to go before a new council is ushered in next month.

\$38.14 million capital works program, after the shire had initially budgeted for \$29.4 million to be spent on capital works in 2023-24.

"Our Capital Works Program was a huge undertaking with a total of 154 projects and a value of \$38.14 million. From footpaths, road renewals and culvert replacements to new playspaces, toilet blocks and community infrastructure, there are many new or upgraded facilities for our growing communities to enjoy," said Mr Box.

"One of the most significant achievements for Bass Coast was the completion and opening of Berninnet, our new cultural centre in Cowes. A multi-year, intergenerational project housing the library, customer service centre,

gallery, museum, meeting spaces and a theatre right in the heart of Cowes. Since its opening in November, it has seen theatre performances catering for young and old and in-between, comedy, fine film and the latest blockbusters, musical acts, festivals, celebrations and much more. It is a magnificent building that everyone in Bass Coast can enjoy."

But the devil might well be in the detail.

The annual report to be presented to council this week variously reports the value of the capital works program in 2023-24 at the \$38.14 million figured quoted by Mr Box, an amount of \$36.31 in the body of the document, and a forecast figure of \$40.098 million in the fourth quarter financial statement.

Much of the increase is the result of \$11.4 million carried forward of which \$5.9 million was projected to be spent on Berninnet, blowing out to \$8.388 million in the final analysis.

While the shire claims it saved \$800,000 on completed projects, it covers over the fact that several projects went over budget including the Loch-Ker not Road culvert \$458,000 to \$772,000, project design for the Powlett River pedestrian bridge \$57,000 to \$75,994, and the development of more EV stations up from \$345,754 to \$608,213.

Mr Box also notes that "the last 12 months hasn't been without its challenges" making special mention of the devastating storm which hit the region in February but without referring to an equally devastating incident when the State Government retrospectively introduced Environmental Audit Overlays on more than 600 residential properties in Wonthaggi's north-east in January this year.

A report on councillor expenses, the tabling of the fourth quarter report to the end of June 30, 2024 and the tabling of the planning and building activity report which shows the building permit activity continuing to trend down to the end of August 2024.

Inverloch motorcyclist refused bail after striking pedestrian

FRANKSTON Crime Investigation Unit detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding a collision in Carrum Downs last night which left a woman with critical injuries.

The collision, between a motorcycle rider and pedestrian, occurred on McCormicks Road on October 8 about 7.20pm.

It appears the rider struck the woman as she crossed the road.

The 31-year-old Carrum Downs woman was taken to hospital where she remains in a critical condition.

The 29-year-old rider from Inverloch was arrested at the scene and was taken to hospital under police guard.

He was interviewed by Frankston and Major Collision Investigation Unit detectives on Wednesday morning.

Local police were quickly on scene after coming across the rider just prior to the collision.

Officers were heading to another job and travelling along McCormicks Road when the rider, along with another solo, turned in front of their vehicle from Gamble Road.

It appears at this stage the rider immediately reacted and took off, just prior to the collision, when he spotted police.

Police were not in pursuit of the motorcycle at the time of the collision.

Enquiries have revealed the rider was unlicensed. He also returned a positive oral fluid test.

The Inverloch man has been charged with dangerous driving causing serious injury, drive in a manner dangerous and unlicensed driving.

He appeared before Frankston Magistrates' Court and was refused bail.

Erin Patterson back in court

THE Leongatha woman charged with the murders of three Korumburra people and the attempted murder of two others, including her estranged husband, Erin Patterson, will be back in court this week.

Ms Patterson has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Although the Supreme Court trial of DPP v Erin Patterson has been scheduled for April next year, at the Latrobe Court complex in Morwell, a further preliminary hearing restarted in Melbourne this week, set to run until Friday, October 25.

Ms Patterson is expected to attend the hearings by video link.

This hearing is subject to section 3 of the Judicial Proceedings Reports Act 1958 restricting the reporting of proceedings.

Councillors should have questions on financials, he says

IT TOOK the Bass Coast Shire Council less than six minutes to consider and vote on one of the most important documents of the year, the draft Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement for the year ending June 30, 2024, at its council meeting last Wednesday, October 9.

The 'Welcome to Country' and meeting preamble took two minutes, at a meeting lasting all of eight minutes.

The presentation of the draft financial report, and in principle approval, precedes the presentation of the annual report 2023-24 at a council meeting this Wednesday, October 16, fulfilling the requirements of Section 100(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020, that the annual report must be presented at a Council meeting, open to the public, no later than the day before election day.

It was on this point that Cr Ron Bauer asked the only question at last week's council meeting: "Why and how can we bring this to council during

caretaker mode?"

To which a council officer explained that there was no issue with these reports being presented during the election period because they relate to a three-step process involving approval of the annual report including its presentation to council, seeking in-principle approval for presentation to the Victorian Auditor General's Office, and then inclusion in the Annual Report.

"The annual report must be presented to an open council meeting one day prior to an election in an election year. Therefore, in order to meet the legislative timeframe, this report needs to come to Council today."

In fact, the wording is "no later than the day before election day".

Local government 'Election Day' is the fourth Saturday of October in an election year, that is Saturday, October 26, effectively irrelevant where the presentation of the annual report is concerned, when the election is postal-only, and

voting starts immediately after ballot papers arrive, from Monday, October 7 onwards.

Avid council watcher, Graham Jolly, told the Sentinel-Times this week that the council had missed an opportunity to provide vital information on the performance of the council by not releasing the annual report before voting started, and by delaying the release of its Fourth Quarter Financial Statement for the period April-June 2024.

"In the past few years, the fourth quarter statement has been tabled in August or September. The council needs to explain why it was delayed until October 16, three and a half months after the end of the financial year.

"For example, the council generated an additional \$792,000 in interest revenue, they spent \$665,000 less in wages and got more money than they expected from developers and the GST. Without that their underlying deficit would have been higher.

"They started the year with a

cash position of \$44.988 million but it was \$11.538 million at the end of the financial year. What happened there?"

Mr Jolly said the accounts raised issues about the shire's viability which was something the councillors should be asking questions about.

"We've paid up to \$9500 for three councillors to do the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course, and another councillor, Les Larke is a chartered accountant. They should be asking more questions. That's what they're elected to do.

"I don't blame Les (Larke). He's been the only one but you'd expect more than that from the others," he said.

As well as the question asked by Cr Bauer, Cr Leticia Laing explained that \$8.4 million of the underlying deficit of \$11.7 million was due to the late arrival of the Financial Assistance Grants from the Federal Government, usually received before the end of June and therefore not reflected in the annual accounts for 2023-24.

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BACK TO BASICS

Peak body to keep PICAL going

THE shock news, delivered by Phillip Island Community and Learning Inc. (PICAL) President Graeme Turner, on Friday, October 4, 2024 that the centre would have to cease operating due to an “historic debt” problem are still reverberating.

But there’s a willingness, to maintain the essential services that PICAL provides, until permanent arrangements can be put in place.

And one of those organisations pledging practical help is the peak body for the region’s neighbourhood houses, Neighbourhood Houses Gippsland (NHG).

The organisation is working closely with PICAL to address its financial challenges and explore alternative solutions to maintain essential community services.

“If PICAL is required to liquidate, NHG, in collaboration with funding bodies and partners, will step in as a caretaker to ensure that essential services, such as emergency food relief, Centrelink support, and the community garden, continue on Phillip Island,” said NHG’s Network Manager, Toni Halloran-Lavelle in the past week.

“Although program delivery may be limited in the short term under NHG’s coordination, the primary focus will remain on providing access to vital community services.”

Following discussions with Bass Coast Shire Council, Greg Box, Chief Executive Officer, it has been confirmed that the Council will provide the facility and community garden access to support NHG and ensure continuity of service if needed.

“NHG is dedicated to supporting the Phillip Island community through these challenging times. Our priority will be to sustain essential services and provide the necessary support to navigate these changes,” said Ms Halloran-Lavelle.

PICAL has proposed a motion to wind up the organisation, which will be discussed at a Special General Meeting on November 14, 2024.

Canberra to blame for budget black hole

THE DEFERRED payment of Commonwealth Government grants has been blamed for a \$7 million revenue black hole in the Bass Coast Shire budget last financial year.

Bass Coast Council passed a motion calling for a reversal of higher government policy on the timing of financial assistance grants.

The timing of the payment of \$9 million in financial assistance was changed from last year to this year.

The first payments came through in July, too late for inclusion in Bass Coast Council’s accounts with the remainder still due for payment.

Council revenue exceeded budget by twenty-three per cent reaching \$124 million for 2023/24, compared to \$123 million the year before.

Bass Coast Shire’s operating surplus came in \$7 million lower than last year at \$124 million.

Increased developer contributions, unbudgeted capital grants, additional operating grants and continued high interest rates all contributed to the unbudgeted revenue adding thirty-five million dollars to council’s bottom line.

The extra revenue was offset by a \$5 million reduction in operating grants.

Council spending exceeded budget by \$8 million.

Over-budget spending was blamed on a net loss from the disposal of road assets, a jump in the cost of materials and services due to capital expenditure being reclassified as operating expenditure, and unbudgeted depreciation due to higher asset revaluations.

Council reported an operating surplus of \$20 million which was \$15 million more than budget.

The change in timing for the financial assistance grants which were previously received in advance, added \$8.4 million to the underlying deficit.

Cash and investments decreased from \$60 million to \$48 million.

Bass Coast’s balance sheet



Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve with Bass Coast Shire CEO Greg Box, Cr Leticia Laing, Cr Brett Tessari, Cr Geoff Ellis and Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead. B07_4224

remained strong with almost \$1 billion in property, plant and other assets.

Income from rates and charges rose seven per cent to \$74 million.

Statutory fees and fines were lower than budget, due to the first year of the short-stay rental accommodation scheme and lower than expected car parking fines.

Council attributed the drop in car parking fines to better parking behaviour by motorists.

Expenditure on roads was less than budgeted due to delayed works on the Nyora Black Spot project at Loch and Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay Road project.

Less was spent on footpaths and cycleways due to delayed works on pathways, tracks and shared cycle trail projects in Inverloch, Cowes and Wonthaggi.

A small saving was made on the deferral of works for the Grantville landfill rehabilitation project but \$2 million more than expected was spent on repairing

and replacing bridges.

Cash from operating activities for Bass Coast dropped by \$11 million but cash from investments jumped by \$18 million due to higher interest rates.

Cash in the bank and the value of readily redeemable financial investments dropped by \$33 million to \$11 million.

Bass Coast Shire’s reserves have now reached almost one billion dollars from accumulated surpluses and relatively low levels of debt.

To meet the needs of the community Bass Coast Council has undertaken to continue to invest in large intergenerational projects such as the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre, and various jetties and boat ramps.

Council noted that its operating costs continued to rise, particularly those linked to CPI.

The number of councillors increased by one (from nine) to ten, and the number of key management personnel including Chief Executive Officer rose from six to ten.

Visits to the Wonthaggi aquatic centre increased by 14 per cent with an increase in membership numbers and more participants in the Learn to Swim program.

The number of visits to the aquatic centre tripled over the last three years and is now above pre-COVID levels.

Bass Coast libraries reported 19,000 members, planning applications were down 13 per cent on previous years and rubbish diverted from landfill increased marginally.

As with most large rural councils Bass Coast continues to rely heavily on rates.

Rates rose by an average of 3.2 per cent across Bass Coast Shire.

The percentage of Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT rose from forty-three per cent to sixty-eight per cent.

The full annual report can be found at Bass Coast Shire Council Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30 at bass-coast.vic.gov.au/about-council/council-meetings.

Bass Coast Shire Council postal election

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\$5M boost brings onsite housing for health workers to Bass Coast

MEMBER for Bass Jordan Crugnale last Friday announced that Bass Coast Health has been successful in the first round of the \$150 million Regional Worker Accommodation Fund. One of more than 20 projects which will boost housing for workers and their families across Victoria.

The health service will receive \$5 million towards the \$13 million project that will deliver a purpose-built, hotel-style accommodation facility on vacant land at the Wonthaggi Hospital for key health workers and their families.

Jordan Crugnale stated that 'this project will increase the supply of accommodation for health workers, reduce Bass Coast Health's reliance on leasing other residential properties and hotel accommodation which in turn will free up housing supply for the broader rental market in our region. As our community grows, so too does the need for health services and we want our community to get the care and support they need close to home'.

"This is a much-needed project that will provide health workers and their families with accommodation right near where they work, helping to attract and retain workers and freeing up local supply," Ms Crugnale said.

Acting Bass Coast Health CEO, Shaun Brooks, welcomed the announcement for the Staff Accommodation



At the BCH project site location, from left, Chris Peterson (Facilities Engineer), Carley Gilliland (Manager Medical Workforce) and Shaun Brooks (Acting CEO) with Jordan Crugnale MP

Facility (SAF) Project and reiterated the housing challenge for BCH as they expand health services.

"Like most regional health services, we have Melbourne-based specialists and health workers come for two or more shifts. Offering local accommodation ensures we are able to offer many of these clinical services, including critical medical, nursing and allied health. Having the SAF onsite will also reduce travel time for on-call workers housed in other towns," he said.

Mr Brooks also acknowledged BCH had received excellent support from Bass Coast Shire Council, Alfred Health,

Local Member of Parliament Jordan Crugnale and the State Minister for Health.

"I'd like to thank them for helping us highlight the need for this facility which will benefit our community by allowing BCH to continue to provide high-quality healthcare closer to home. Together, we'll make our vision for onsite staff housing a reality," Mr Brooks said.

All successful projects across the state are shovel-ready and include co-investment from private businesses, industries or local community groups – unlocking nearly \$250 million in combined private and public investment in new regional housing.

Each local housing project will be unique to the area – from self-contained units, worker villages, family dwellings, shared accommodation, and studios – and will be built to meet the skills needs of key sectors such as health, agriculture, education, manufacturing, and tourism.

The Regional Worker Accommodation Fund is part of the Labor Government's \$45 billion investment in regional and rural Victoria since 2014.

The more than 20 projects supported through the first round of the Regional Worker Accommodation Fund will be announced over the coming days. For more information, visit rdv.vic.gov.au/rwaf.

Manna Gum Community House a Learn Local Awards finalist

STUDENTS, teachers and Learn Local providers will be recognised for their inspirational efforts in adult and community education in Victoria at this year's Learn Local Awards.

Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh last week announced that Manna Gum Community House at Foster has made the list of 30 finalists for the 18th Annual Learn Local Awards, to be held later this month.

"We are delighted to be selected as a finalist and to have the opportunity to celebrate the Learn Local sector," Manna Gum Community House Manager Rebecca Matthews said.

"We take pride in offering local, accessible educational opportunities for adult learners in our community."

The Work for Yourself in the Care and Support Sector class held at the Community House has been included as one of two finalists for the Victorian Learn Local Pre-Accredited Program Award, in the small providers category.

"I'm thrilled to see a local program at Foster included in the 30 finalists ahead of the Learn Local Awards night later this month," Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh said.

The awards recognise Victorian teachers, students, and providers across eight categories, highlighting their achievements and illustrating the impact of adult and community education across the state. More than half of the finalists are from regional Victoria.

Learn Locals play a critical role in Victoria's post-secondary system, offering a unique community-based learning option that focuses on learners' core skills needs. More than 200 not-for-profit community organisations are registered as Learn Locals.

Bass Coast Adult Learning was named as a finalist in the Victorian Learn Local Innovation Award, alongside Coldon Homes and Capeview Building Products.

Winners will be announced at the 2024 Learn Local Awards gala ceremony to be held on Friday, October 25.

GELLIONDALE WIND FARM PROJECT

HAVE YOUR SAY ON COMMUNITY FUNDING

Synergy Wind invites you to share your thoughts on a Community Benefit Fund that would contribute up to \$240,000 annually to local projects when the proposed Gelliondale Wind Farm becomes operational.

The fund aims to support a range of community needs, from education and sports uniforms to medical equipment. If you have an idea or suggestion, we'd love to hear from you, so please reach out to the project team using the details below. We also welcome your feedback and questions as the proposal moves through the planning and approvals phase.

This is your chance to create opportunities that benefit your community. We invite your ideas, feedback and questions via e-mail, phone or the project website (details below).

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Turbines: Up to 13
Height: Up to 210 metres
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- Approximately seven kilometres south-west of Yarram, three kilometres west of Alberton and eight kilometres east of Welshpool.
- The area is cleared agricultural land with supporting infrastructure including energy storage and a substation next to an existing 66 kV transmission line.

Installed capacity

- About 80 MW
- About 37,000 average Victorian homes powered annually with clean renewable energy

Jobs:

- About 50 jobs during construction and about 10 ongoing positions

Project status:

- Planning and approvals processes underway at State and Commonwealth levels
- Planning and technical investigations completed along with targeted flora and fauna surveys, ecological surveys and a range of detailed environmental assessments being finalised
- Engagement with neighbouring properties ongoing
- Broader community engagement underway

\$300m project

Local investment

Renewable energy generation

Local suppliers

Community Benefit Program

Local jobs



Gelliondale Wind Farm Project Office: 310 Commercial Road Yarram VIC 3971. Open every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 1 pm to 6 pm, or by appointment. P: 1800 931 871 E: contact@gelliondalewind.com www.gelliondalewind.com





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Rest area for heavy vehicles needed on South Gipps Highway

THE AUSTRALIAN Government has committed \$140 million for the construction of new and upgraded heavy vehicle rest areas and Bena has been pegged as an ideal location by the Gippsland Safe Freight Network (GSFN).

At a recent meeting, the GSFN discussed the suitability of the Jeetho Road and South Gippsland Highway intersection for a heavy vehicle rest area.

GSFN member Mick Debenham, who is a local consultant specialising in heavy vehicle compliance and former livestock carrier for 12 years explains the reasoning behind the location.

“There’s a section of land in between Jeetho Road and the South Gippsland Highway that’s not privately owned. I presume it is more than large enough to build a heavy vehicle rest area and the Jeetho Road intersection is actually quite large with turning lanes. From what I’ve learned, one of the most expensive parts of a heavy vehicle rest area is actually the interface with the highway, so that is getting off and then getting back on the road,” said Mick.

“(This site) would significantly reduce the cost involved in doing it. But it’s also, I think, strategically located and probably a large percentage of heavy vehicles that use this highway would all be able to make use of that rest area.”

The South Gippsland Highway has seen increasing heavy vehicle use with the freight of dairy, livestock, horticulture, quarrying and forestry industries as the primary users and this will soon increase to include heavy vehicle use for on and offshore windfarms.

These industries together in Gippsland alone are worth more than \$18 billion annually. Yet there are currently no dedicated northbound heavy



The Jeetho Road and South Gippsland Highway intersection at Bena has been pegged as a potential site for a heavy vehicle rest area.

vehicle rest areas along the busy route from Yarram to Cranbourne, a section that is 171 kilometres long and over two hours of travel time.

“It’s pretty common for trucks to go in and out of Melbourne once or twice a day, but the other thing about a rest area is it’s not just somewhere to sleep. It’s actually somewhere for drivers to check their loads. It’s somewhere that they can actually access toilets,” explained Mick.

“So essentially, it doesn’t matter where you’re going down the South Gippsland highway. You know that that rest area will be able to be used.”

For eight of the twelve years Mick spent as a livestock carrier, he was also involved in the livestock transport associations and explains that the Bena location would offer the additional advantage of being suitable for the dumping of livestock effluent.

“Currently, there are no roadside effluent dumps (for

livestock) in Australia, despite the Australia Livestock and Rural Transporters Association getting funding to install one. They’ve had, to date, no luck with any councils wanting to say, okay, here’s some land, let’s build one and see what happens.”

“Obviously there’s a cost involved in that, but that was the intention of the trial, for a roadside effluent that was to be able to set it up with a user pays thing on it, to evaluate how much people would be prepared to pay, and how much it would actually cost on an operating line to do it,” explained Mick.

GSFN have also heard that the Heavy Vehicle Rest Area (HVRA) group who are responsible for the funding were disappointed they hadn’t had as many applications from councils as they were envisaging and will be advocating to the South Gippsland Shire Council to apply for the initiative.



Gippsland Safe Freight Network member Mick Debenham said a heavy vehicle rest area along the South Gippsland Highway is needed.

Local green waste amnesty

SOUTH Gippsland and Bass Coast Shire residents can tidy up as summer approaches, reducing fire risk in the process, with both councils set to open their yearly ‘green waste amnesty’ periods on Saturday, November 2, allowing green waste to be disposed of for free.

In South Gippsland, residents can do so at any of council’s transfer stations from then until the end of December.

Those in Bass Coast Shire have until November 24.

Changes have been introduced at Cowes Recycling Bank during the amnesty period to ensure the safety of staff and the public, with bookings required for green waste disposal at trybooking.com/CVPXD.

There is also a new entry point at that site, with patrons urged to pay attention to entry and exit signage.

Trucks and trailers larger than 8’ x 5’ will be redirected from Cowes to the Grantville Transfer Station during the fee-free green waste period.

In Bass Coast Shire, tree limbs more than 150mm in diameter and tree stumps can only be accepted at the Grantville Transfer Station.

In South Gippsland Shire, branches exceeding 300mm in diameter and tree stumps won’t be accepted as green waste.

Coated timber will not be treated as green waste in either shire.

In both shires, weed species such as agapanthus, blackberry, mirror bush, English Ivy, Kikuyu grass, hawthorn, capeweed, gorse, blue butterfly bush and pampas grass can’t be accepted as green waste at transfer stations.

It will be treated as landfill and fees will apply.

However, weeds can be disposed of in your kerbside organics bin.

Hard-to-mulch items such as palm fronds, cordylines, yuccas and related species can also be disposed of in your kerbside organics bin as this is subject to a different composting process, but are generally not accepted as green waste at Bass Coast and South Gippsland transfer stations.

Yuccas and agave plants can be accepted as green waste at Cowes and Grantville waste facilities only.

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South Gippsland Australia Day Awards

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South Gippsland Australia Day Awards

The South Gippsland Australia Day Awards recognise ordinary people in our community who are doing extraordinary things.

South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking your nominations for the 2025 Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year.

From quiet achievers to larger-than life characters, these awards celebrate people who go above and beyond to make our region better.

“Nominating others for awards like the Australia Day Awards is crucial because it empowers and uplifts the nominees” said our 2024 Young Citizen of the Year, Laila Witeveen.

South Gippsland’s 2024 Citizen of the Year, Kathryn Smith added that “many wonderful people do extraordinary things, and their efforts often go unnoticed. The nomination process is simple and provides a win-win situation. The awards highlight kindness

and foster a sense of appreciation while inspiring others to get involved, creating a ripple effect of positive change in the community.”

Whether it’s someone who mans the football and netball club canteen on a rainy winter’s day, or a person who takes time out of their week to contribute to preserving our regions heritage, your nomination recognises the significance that person has on our community.

So what are you waiting for? The time to nominate is NOW! To cast your nomination, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiday

If you need a hand with the application process, please get in touch with Council by either email or phone (council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au or 5662 9200). We want to make sure your nominee is recognised and celebrated.

Nominations close Wednesday 6 November.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

ArtCubes



The ArtCubes will be in Toora for the rest of October before making the big move to Foster. While they are in Toora, there is a fantastic line up of artists showcasing their work from within and around the Cubes. There are also a handful of workshops taking place, including self portrait tutorials, Kaiju drawing and printmaking.

For more information about who is in the ArtCubes, please visit: visitsouthgippsland.com.au/artcubes

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 16 October 2.00pm (Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council’s website at:
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To watch the ‘open’ part of the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:
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Please Note: For Council Meetings in the Election Caretaker Period (17 September to 26 October) there will be no public question time.

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Nuclear energy discussion

ENERGY expert Patrick Gibbons recently spoke about the prospect of nuclear energy for Australia, his Leongatha Rotary Club audience taking an active interest in what he had to say about the nation's energy future and current situation.

Patrick was the latest guest speaker in the club's series about energy, with wind and solar electricity projects and the place of hydrogen in the energy mix addressed previously.

When introducing him, club member Jeremy Curtis stressed that the energy talks are non-political and designed to provide people with information, allowing them to form their own views on how Australia's energy future should look.

Patrick is a former diplomat, policy advisor and business consultant with vast experience at the forefront of Australian climate policy development, having advised both sides of politics as a senior member of staff in Federal and State ministerial offices.

After outlining Australia's current energy mix, comprising predominantly of fossil fuels, he highlighted that the nuclear option offers reliable uninterrupted zero-emission electricity and avoids dependency on supply chains controlled by overseas adversaries.

Nuclear plants also provide longevity, with a lifespan of potentially 60 years or more.

"Social acceptance is going to be a big part of the debate in Australia," Patrick said.

That includes concerns



Guest speaker Patrick Gibbons stands between Leongatha Rotary Club's Jeremy Curtis and Jol Dutton after his presentation on nuclear energy. A01_4224

about nuclear waste and potential catastrophic failures of reactors.

There is a need to consider a range of zero-emission energy options to replace fossil fuel-reliant power plants and to handle the growing demand for electricity Patrick said.

Increasing electrification of vehicles and expanding demand for electricity to power data centres are a couple of contributors to that growing need for electricity.

The timeframe needed to introduce nuclear energy to the Australian mix isn't necessarily as long as many believe if there is sufficient determination to do so.

"The United Arab Emirates built four large-scale nuclear power plants and they went from nothing to four of them online in 12 years," Patrick said.

While he stressed that nuclear energy has been the subject of scare campaigns, he acknowledged incidents that have happened at Chernobyl, Fukushima and Three Mile Island.

While explaining that different technology and better design has reduced risks and that nuclear energy is largely a safe way to generate power, he understands why many people have concerns.

Patrick addressed the complicated issue of the cost

required to introduce nuclear power to Australia's energy production mix, with the limitations of modelling and transmission infrastructure requirements significant factors.

The opportunity to build nuclear plants in locations currently occupied by fossil fuel generators presents the chance to use existing transmission infrastructure, albeit with required modifications.

That would represent a cost saving compared to the new infrastructure needs for wind and solar energy production and is likely to reduce the political fallout associated with obtaining land for new transmission routes.

CEO Message



Kerry Ellis

HELLO South Gippsland.

We are getting some glimpses of spring – a time when our region comes alive with colour and vibrancy. It is also the perfect time for a spring clean, both inside your home and outside in the garden. As the weather improves, you'll likely start to see more weeds popping up that need attention. Why not take advantage of a lovely day on the weekend and spend some time in the garden? I know I'm looking forward to pruning and weeding so my property is fresh. It also has the added benefit of getting ready for the bushfire season.

If you're looking to add more plants to your garden, stop by your local nursery and get some advice on what will work best for your property and your green thumb.

Ballot Packs in the Mail

The Victorian Electoral Commission sent out ballot packs last week, so hopefully you have received yours. If you haven't received one by Tuesday 15 October, please get in touch with them to order a replacement.

The local government elections are 100% postal voting this year, so once you get your ballot, make sure you read the information about your local candidates and number all the boxes on the ballot paper. Once you've done your vote, you can drop it off at the VEC Office in Leongatha (6-12 Smith Street) or pop it straight into the mail.

As we have throughout the Election Period, Council is keeping a dedicated webpage up to date with some of the key information including how to spot misinformation, correcting inaccuracies, and voting information. To view, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/election

Events

Congratulations to the organising committee for Biketoberfest on another successful event over the weekend. Biketoberfest helps raise funds for the Black Dog Ride, that raises awareness of depression and suicide prevention. It is fantastic to see so many people out supporting local events, including those from around the state and interstate.

There are plenty of events coming up across our region as well, so make sure you check them out on the Visit South Gippsland website: www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events

As always, you can list your event for free on the Visit South Gippsland website, helping you get more people at your event.

Mirboo North storm debris put to valuable uses

MIRBOO North's recovery from February's devastating storm received a boost through almost \$50,000 of revenue generated through wood debris from the event, with that money to fund activities such as chainsaw training, and tree planting, as well as helping to support local school children.

Mirboo North Community Foundation executive Ruth Rogan said the funds raised will allow the organisation to support local community-led recovery programs.

The Mirboo North Timber Reclamation Project is one such program, formed after the storm to ensure fallen

trees are used by and for the community.

The Healing in Our Environment Program will also benefit and is set to include planting days to help community members recover while healing the local environment.

Teachers at Mirboo North Primary School and Mirboo North Secondary College are being trained to run a disaster recovery education program next year called Stormbirds, for students from Grade 3 to Year 9.

Following February's storm, significant volumes of wood debris were collected from private and public land, with Forest Fire Management

Victoria processing more than 150 cubic metres of high-value sawlog and 800 cubic metres of commercial firewood through existing arrangements.

Mulch was donated to various projects and residents have collected over 3000 cubic metres of free mulch, with more to be available from the Mirboo North transfer station later this Spring.

About 140 tonnes of timber has been donated to the Timber Reclamation Project, with around 135 tonnes of logs donated to John Crocker of Wildwood Timber Producers in Yarram for community projects relating to an

Indigenous youth program.

It is being determined how much more storm debris needs to be removed from public land, Deputy Chief Fire Officer Sam Quigley explained.

He said planning has commenced to assess bushfire risk on storm-affected public land, with only storm debris assessed as posing a risk to the community or firefighters set to be removed.

If you observe people removing debris from the Mirboo North State Forest at the moment, that is being done illegally and you are urged to report it to the Conservation Regulator.



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The challenge of historical use of land

By Daniel Prior, Partner, Prior Law

I HAVE been interested in things historical for as long as I can remember. Many childhood memories of time spent searching for clues of people long past. A rusted horseshoe, a hand forged nail, a foundation of a building no longer there.

One day I started digging in the backyard, determined to find clues of who had lived at my home before me. Thirty centimetres down I found a broken sprinkler. Eighty centimetres down I found clay. I kept digging until I could stand up and then my father found me. Keen to avoid the hole caving in on me, my dad filled it with branches and logs.

I haven't stopped digging holes. My most recent find was a broken bottle from a soft drink from the 1920s and my mind raced to think of what the land would have been like when the bottle found itself covered so many years ago.

I often think about all the history that surrounds us, some of which we take for granted, other history which we wish to forget and more common still the history which we have plainly forgotten.

The historical use of land is becoming a more prominent part of legal practice as people seek to use property in more intensive ways than historically. Many parts of our towns are covered by historical overlays to protect the built form of a building or an area, but this is only one of the controls over land that may affect the use, development and value of land. The environmental audit overlay slapped on lots in Wonthaggi (but then removed) demonstrated the effects that such controls can have on landowners.

Perhaps the land was formerly a rifle range and contains lead. Perhaps the land has informal waste sites, since covered but previously filled to the brim with asbestos and other building

materials. Perhaps the land over which an extension is built is over an old septic tank, long forgotten. Or perhaps, most commonly, a verandah now resembles an enclosed living room. Illegal building works is the still the most common current issue for properties - they have had "The Block" treatment, minus the building permit and appropriate tradespeople. Not so long ago I was told that for each house a particularly builder built in the 70s, a hole was dug in the backyard and the site rubbish placed in it.

Changes to what a vendor must disclose have made the historical use and development of land has increased focus on the history of land and improvements. It is no longer possible to leave it to the purchaser to make their own enquiries - the vendor must tell the purchaser everything that they know that a purchaser might want to know. This can be onerous, but is only fair - after all, the vendor is the person best placed to know.

I am still interested in what we might find if we have a dig. Stone tools and other aboriginal artefacts are possible, particularly on land adjoining the many creeks in the area. Those areas are usually designated areas of cultural heritage sensitivity. There are laws that prohibit the disturbance of aboriginal artefacts and care must be taken if objects are found.

There are laws that prohibit the disturbance of aboriginal artefacts. Laws also apply to post settlement artefacts but are subject to less controls provided the artefacts are not found within the vicinity of an archaeological site (think the surrounds of a building).

Where to dig next? For my part, if my property was on the line of the old dray track that meandered from the north-west corner of Worthy and McCartin street Leongatha and all the way to the corner of Roughhead street and Yarragon Road, I would be scratching around to see the track that carried all the early Leongatha residents before the town was proclaimed when the train arrived in 1891. Not much of it would remain but I am sure there would be a few backyards with some stubborn hard patches in the lawn, with the dray track lying underneath. Who knows, there might even be a horseshoe or two as well.



South Gippsland Shire Council candidate Jim Forbes would like to see more infrastructure for the smaller, but growing towns, such as Nyora.

Smaller, growing towns need support, he says

JIM Forbes has been a dairy and beef farmer in Poowong for 47 years and is running for council after an 18-year hiatus because he believes the shire's small towns have been overlooked and underfunded.

"I'm probably a bricks-and-mortar person where I like to see money spent on direct outcomes that will last for many years. I'm a tangible person. I don't like seeing money frittered away and I probably get concerned with the number, and amount of overruns on budget items and on contracts."

Mr Forbes is concerned that Nyora in particular has been forgotten and is just languishing, and despite having strategic reports completed in 2016 and 2020, Jim said the problem is that nothing has been actioned.

"Everybody forgets it's the closest to Melbourne. It's relatively flat. It's got public transport. It's got hundreds of blocks just about ready to have houses put on. The new roadway and footpaths for the new estate are just about

finished, and yet there's no infrastructure. So, there's no kinder, there's no sports centre, nothing," he said.

"I find it very despairing to see that this council and the administrators, even though permits have been issued for hundreds of houses, haven't driven the infrastructure that's needed."

Along with his passion for seeing more cash injected into South Gippsland's small townships, he says he brings experience from various sectors, a long and deep connection to the community and experience in local government to the table.

As well as farming, Mr Forbes taught science, agriculture and horticulture at secondary schools for 30 years, has served as a Justice of the Peace for 30 years and as an electorate officer; he's been on many boards and he's been a long-term member of many local committees.

In 2000, he was Mayor and on council for 10 years, serving three terms. Four of those years were with the Shire of Korumburra up

until amalgamation in 1994, and again in 1997.

Being part of local government is in the family's DNA, with Jim's great-grandfather president of Korumburra Shire in 1919, and Jim's son Adrian serving as a councillor for the last three years.

Mr Forbes plans to run for mayor if he gets elected as a councillor, as he would like to see a change in how meetings are run, introducing more debate, as well as seeing capital works projects get the priority they deserve in towns that need it.

"I was disappointed in the performance of this crop of councillors in terms of what they haven't initiated and driven projects," Mr Forbes said.

"I think meeting procedure at the Council, for the three years has not been up to standard, and certainly hasn't followed what's set down for council meetings."

"I'm passionate about South Gippsland and I've followed closely what's been going on for the last 18 years," he said.

Will he get the chance to serve? Only time will tell.

Question Council candidates in online forum

ALL candidates running for election to South Gippsland Shire Council in the upcoming elections are invited to participate in a series of online Meet the Candidate Forums, hosted by Deb Leonard.

The forums will provide an opportunity for voters to hear directly from candidates about their visions and plans for their respective wards and for our region.

Deb Leonard is the independent candidate for Monash in the next Federal election. She believes strongly that informed voting is the key to democracy working properly at every level of government.

"Hearing directly from candidates better equips us to make the best choices," Deb said.

"I feel it is so important to encourage community

engagement at all levels of politics and facilitate connection between community and decision-makers."

Each ward will have its own dedicated forum, scheduled as follows, with Strzelecki Ward's taking place last night (October 14):

- Tarwin Valley Ward: Tuesday, October 15, 6pm - 7.30pm, events.humanitix.com/tarwin-valley-ward-meet-your-council-candidates?hxchl=hex-pfl
 - Coastal Prom Ward: Wednesday, October 17, 6pm - 7.30pm, events.humanitix.com/coastal-prom-ward-meet-your-council-candidates?hxchl=hex-pfl
- During each session, candidates will deliver a brief presentation outlining their objectives as potential councillors.

Following the presentations, audience members will have the chance to ask questions directly to the candidates. The forum will also be recorded for those that cannot attend. Deb said that these online forums open accessibility to those who cannot travel to in-person events or have other commitments that prevent them from attending.

Registration is essential to participate or receive a recording of the event. You can register at: events.humanitix.com/host/deb-leonard.

Deb makes clear that although she is a candidate for federal election this is not a campaign event and council candidates attending the forum are in no way endorsing Deb for the federal election.

For further information, please contact Deb Leonard on 0437 180 962.

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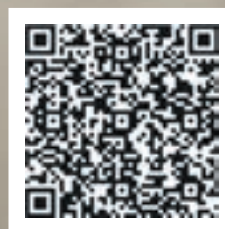
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Local TAFE pathway options and face-to-face study support

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BCAL provides flexible, supportive and inclusive options for learning right here in Wonthaggi. This includes partnering with TAFEs to support students in a number of ways. BCAL currently has an MOU (memorandum of understanding) with TAFE Gippsland working together to improve pathways from BCAL to TAFE Gippsland.

BCAL Centre Manager David Leslie, a former secondary school Principal, said "BCAL offers a pathway to success, through personal delivery by skilled, caring teachers, collaboration with peers, small class sizes and a supportive, welcoming environment. At BCAL, the individual matters."

Care and Support Pathway Courses

The Care and Support Pathway Courses at BCAL were created in response to the recent Victorian Skills Plan published by the Victorian Skills Authority. This plan recognises the care economy as a key driver of employment demand in Victoria, highlighting the growing need for workers in aged care, disability, early childhood education, and health support services.

The health sector in the Bass Coast has seen significant growth, leading to the development of an on-site Health Support Services course which is currently underway. The course provides opportunities to network with guest speakers, build confidence for interviews, explore traineeship possibilities, and enhance literacy and computer skills. Overall, the course is flourishing, with students making considerable strides toward becoming skilled and compassionate professionals in the health support field. This course will be available again in July 2025.

Early Childhood, Aged Care and Disability Support

For people interested in Early Childhood Education and Care, the pathways course will commence in February 2025. Guest speakers

from Chisholm and TAFE Gippsland will be able to guide students on how to apply for Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, as well as what the traineeship entails.

There is a significant shortage of staff in Aged Care. Therefore, BCAL is excited to collaborate with the Selmar Institute of Education. Upon finishing a Be Work Ready course in Wonthaggi at BCAL, students will have the opportunity to apply for a traineeship which includes studying Certificate III in Individual Support online with Selmar. The traineeship is at a local Aged Care facility and allows people to earn while they learn.

In-Person Support for Online Learning

Many students say that they don't enjoy online learning. In response, BCAL is partnering with Chisholm TAFE, TAFE Gippsland, and other Registered Training Organisations to deliver the Study Support course. Students enrol at BCAL, where they can work on their online assignments on campus with the guidance of an adult learning specialist. This support encompasses reading, writing, numeracy, and digital skills relevant to any subject. They can meet with fellow students studying online and be a part of a face-to-face learning community.

Advancement Opportunities

There are also opportunities available for students pursuing further qualifications in other courses.

"Earlier this year, a student who completed a Certificate II in Salon Assistant at BCAL advanced to a Certificate III in Hairdressing at TAFE Gippsland Leongatha," explained teacher Kate McNish.

This is not an isolated case; many students have followed a similar educational path before. In fact, a former student secured a hairdressing apprenticeship in Cowes while studying at TAFE Gippsland.

If you or someone you know, would like to study a TAFE course in the supportive face-to-face environment here at BCAL Wonthaggi, please contact us today.

For more information, visit bcal.vic.edu.au/care or call 5672 3115.



St Peter's Op Shop volunteers Dawn Rasmussen and Coral Johnston enjoy helping others and appreciate the generosity of those who donate items for sale, but others who dump rubbish at the site impose a substantial burden on them and other volunteers. A02_4224

Rubbish burden at St Peter's Op Shop

ST PETER'S Op Shop in Leongatha contributes to many valuable causes, its team of volunteers happy to help others but frustrated by those who treat the premises as a dumping ground for their waste.

Volunteers recently arrived on a Monday morning to discover a large load of unclean items, including cookware and clothes, outside the shop, something that happens frequently.

"That adds to your workload," assistant manager Coral Johnston said of the burden placed on the volunteer staff who give their time to benefit others through the store's fundraising.

"Morale is so good when you're sorting clean things," she said, contrasting that with the unpleasant task of dealing with people's dumped rubbish.

A volunteer with a trailer sometimes makes multiple trips during the week to a council transfer station to dispose of worthless items

left outside the shop.

Dumping has become a serious issue over the last decade or so.

That may be partially due to the costly nature of hard waste disposal through transfer stations or by booking a yearly council collection from your nature strip.

For the latter, South Gippsland Shire Council charges \$157, including GST, with pension card holders eligible to receive a discounted rate of \$56, including GST.

However, many items dumped at the store are able to be disposed of in a normal domestic rubbish bin for kerbside collection.

While appreciative of those who donate items suitable for sale, Coral stressed the need to do so by visiting the store when it is open.

"Things that are left in the night, if they're any good they're pinched, or the bags are gone through and they just spread it all over the yard," she said.

Currently, St Peter's Op Shop isn't taking donations due to the high volume of stock it already has.

Locally, money raised through the shop contributes towards the weekly community lunches at St Peter's church.

"We've been giving donations to Mirboo North since their disaster," Coral said, with St Mary's Church there determining what the funds are most needed for.

The shop has previously contributed to the purchase of instruments for junior members of the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band.

"We support a number of the missions, such as the Seafarers Mission," Coral said.

Donations also go towards suicide prevention initiatives, as well as contributing to the Fred Hollows Foundation, Mercy Ships, and organisations such as Compassionate Friends, which supports those who have lost a child.

Wonthaggi coal mine whistle comes down for repairs



THE treasured Wonthaggi State Coal Mine whistle has been taken down from its poppet head perch in Apex Park for long-awaited repairs.

Bass Coast Council provided an elevated work platform so Friends of the State Coal Mine could dismantle the whistle safely and take it to their coal mine workshop.

According to local folklore, the whistle could once be heard as far away as Tarwin Lower and acted as a warning for single girls in Wonthaggi to be home by midnight after the last whistle blast at eleven-thirty.

Old timers including former Wonthaggi coalminer Dan Carr,

say the whistle was loud enough to wake up the dayshift and everybody else in Wonthaggi.

Friends of the State Coal Mine, and jacks-of-all-trades with an engineering background Michael and Steve hope to have the whistle back on top of the poppet head in a matter of weeks.

"It's definitely been missed by the people of Wonthaggi," said Michael.

"We'll put the whistle back up as soon as possible."

LEFT: Former Wonthaggi coalminer Dan Carr with the dismantled State Coal Mine whistle.

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BASS Coast and South Gippsland Shires will benefit from Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to help overcome the impact of August storm damage.

While noting damage sustained during the August storm event wasn't as severe as earlier in the year, South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerry Ellis said news of the funding boost is most welcome.

"The Australian Government's announcement will allow council to request a reimbursement on money spent repairing roads and other public assets damaged during the latest storm event," she said.

News of the funding assistance was just as warmly received by Bass Coast Shire Council.

"Council welcomes the announcement of eligibility for DRFA funding and is applying for funding to support a range of activities," a Bass Coast Shire Council spokesperson said.

Those activities include hazardous tree works, road closures and repair works, and restoration of other community assets.

"We will continue to work with the Victorian Government to finalise claims," the spokesperson said.

Hay Fever Season: A trigger for Dry Eye Symptoms

HAY fever season can be a challenging time for many Australians, especially those who suffer from Dry Eye Syndrome.

Spring brings blooming flowers and lush greenery, but it also ushers in a surge of pollen in the air. For hay fever sufferers, this can lead to itchy, watery eyes and sneezing fits. Unfortunately, these allergic reactions can worsen dry eye symptoms, creating a double whammy of discomfort. Dry eye occurs when the eyes don't produce enough tears or when the tears evaporate too quickly, leaving the eyes feeling gritty, burning, and irritated.

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Discover South Gippsland's creative wonders on the Art Trail

EXPLORE the diverse creativity on show during Art Connect South Gippsland's Open Studio Art Trail, which is up and running.

Artists and other invited guests gathered at Korumburra's Coterie on Friday to celebrate the occasion, with the Art Trail opening to the public the following day.

Art Connect South Gippsland's George Manis said there is a stronger focus this year on artists' studios compared to other venues.

Foster North's Trevor Smith's studio and gallery space is set in a temperate rainforest that is home to lyrebirds and koalas and will be open to the public for the first time in 26 years.

He looks forward to welcoming people and having direct contact with those enjoying and buying his ceramic creations, with that interaction not possible when his works are sold through galleries and shops.

While the Art Trail brochure only lists him as opening on weekends, Trevor will also welcome visitors on Melbourne Cup Day and Eve.

Hallston's Rachel Knoester has joined the Art Trail this year, featuring her mosaics.



Charlie Loosemore and Anne and Fiona Bilbrough with Fiona's painting 'Jewels from Nature'. A15_4224

Her love of the art form started when she wanted a piece to display outside her house.

"I like the colours you can get in ceramics," she said.

It's an excellent way to recycle, giving new life to items such as broken cups and plates.

There's a French term, 'pique assiette', for the style of mosaic work Rachel loves, which she explained means 'plate thief'.

That style incorporates ceramic shards, broken dishes and found objects into a design, contrasting with traditional mosaics featuring small cubes that are relatively uniformly shaped.

More than 60 artists are part of this year's Art Trail, with 27 venues to visit across South Gippsland Shire.

"Travel, discover and be inspired," George suggested, with the opportunity to enjoy the hospitality and other attractions of the shire's towns while checking out what's happening on the artistic front.

George said an artist's studio is often a private space, so it can be a big deal opening up to the public.

He thanked the event sponsors for their support.

Deputy Mayor and council

candidate in this month's election, Nathan Hersey expressed his delight that South Gippsland Shire Council is again sponsoring the Art Trail.

"It's the vibrancy and creativity of our people that makes this such a special place," he said.

The Art Trail is not only for well-established artists, with Korumburra Primary School students embracing the opportunity to display their works at Coal Creek.

Visit artconnectsouthgippslandinc.com.au to see where the Open Studio Art Trail can take you.

Audience delight at Wonthaggi Citizens Band annual concert



Genevieve Tye, Xavier Duckmanton, Stella Carlilse and Annabelle Walkley were part of the junior band at the Wonthaggi Citizens Band annual concert on Saturday night. Tk31_4224

THE Wonthaggi Citizens Band hosted another successful annual concert on Saturday night.

A tradition of the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre for decades, the concert attracted around 320 ticket holders this year.

"The Wonthaggi Citizens Band always puts on a good night with a lot of local support," secretary Fiona Moldrich said.

"A lot of people in the audience have been coming for a long, long time. They never forget to put it in their calendar.

The citizens brass band performed on the night, conducted by Craig Marinus.

There were also performances from the Youth Brass Band, made up mostly of teenagers who are current and former students of local secondary colleges.

The guest artist on the night was local singing superstar Tom Green. Tom runs Green Room Concept Studios instrumental lessons in Dalyston and

is a fabulous tenor, formerly of the Ten Tenors.

He was accompanied by pianist Dan Moldrich, and also performed Nessun Dorma with the band, arranged by tuba player Cameron Sanders.

"I'm extremely excited. It's been a long time since I've performed with the Wonthaggi Citizens Band at their annual concert. They gave me a start about 10 years ago and it's great to be back with them to perform some theatre classics," Tom said.

Tom said a lot of hard work went into bringing the concert together, which couldn't have been done without Dan at the helm.

For the first time, the concert also featured students from Inverloch, Kongwak and Wonthaggi primary schools.

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The Kipper project required the installation of compression facilities on the West Tuna platform in order to maintain production from the Kipper field which has experienced decreasing reservoir pressure as gas reserves are depleted.

"The successful completion of the Kipper Compression Project enables the Gippsland Basin Joint Venture to maintain production of critical natural gas supplies from the Kipper field which is an integral part of our production system," said ExxonMobil Australia Chair, Simon Younger.

"Accessing new gas supplies or maintaining gas production is not simply a matter of flicking a switch. "Operations teams put in more than one million hours to ensure the project's safe completion and on schedule."

Esso Australia said natural gas remains a crucial part of the energy grid as a vital backup to renewables for industries such as glass, bricks, steel, fertiliser, recycling and critical minerals.

"These industries don't have alternative energy or feedstock sources," added Younger.

"Over the past six decades, Esso and its joint venture partners have made significant investments in Bass Strait to help meet Australia's energy security and this project is another prime example of Esso's efforts to power Australian homes and businesses.

"We have invested hundreds of millions of dollars into the Gippsland Basin, including projects such as the Kipper Compression Project which will help supply as much gas alone as is consumed in all of Victoria in one year.

"These assets have generated significant economic benefit for the nation, the state, and importantly also for the local communities where we live and work."

Students looking after the local environment

MIRBOO North Secondary College has been named as one of the 103 groups to share in more than \$409,000 provided through the Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity grants program.

Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh last week welcomed the news that Mirboo North Secondary College was successful in receiving \$5000, the maximum amount available, to enhance and restore the environment that was damaged by storms earlier this year.

"I was on the ground to see the storm damage in Mirboo North in February, and it's wonderful to see students are helping in the work to rebuild the environment," Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh said.

"As the Secretary of the recently established Parliamentary Friends of Landcare, I'm very excited to see our government supporting Junior Landcarers to do this work."

Grants of up to \$5000 were awarded for educational activities that engage children in conservation and projects that improve



Mirboo North Secondary School has been successful in receiving \$5000 to enhance and restore the environment after February's storm.

and expand habitat for native plants, insects and wildlife.

"We are incredibly thrilled to receive this grant. During the storm in Mirboo North in February, the school lost over 60 mature trees," Mirboo North Secondary College Principal Vaya Dauphin said.

"The opportunity to support our community in the future through supplying trees we have grown ourselves will go a long way towards revegetating our beautiful natural environment."

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Community Information Sessions

If you'd like to know more about plans for **Decommissioning of platforms and pipelines in Bass Strait**, the Esso Consultation Team will be hosting a community information and drop-in session at the following locations:

• Tuesday 22 October 2024 - Yarram
Yarram Hub
156 Grant Street, Yarram - 5.00pm – 7.00pm

• Wednesday, 23 October 2024 - Foster
Manna Gum Community House
33 Station Street, Foster - 5.00pm – 7.00pm

• Thursday, 24 October 2024 - Leongatha
South Gippsland Trade Skills Alliance (SGBLLEN)
71 Ogilvy Street, Leongatha - 5.00pm – 7.00pm

A presentation about decommissioning activities will be provided at 5.30pm for the above locations.

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The Esso Consultation Team will also be available to discuss all current activities, including:

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- Gippsland Basin Geophysical and Geotechnical Investigations

- Kipper - Sub-Sea Drilling

- Turrum Phase 3 Drilling

- South East Australia Carbon Capture & Storage (SEA CCS) Project

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James, Cooper and Jenni Dowling travelled from Mount Waverley to enjoy Out On The Weekend at Coal Creek on Sunday. Tk45_4224

Out On The Weekend delights

WITH stunning weather, fantastic music and a great atmosphere, Coal Creek was the place for lovers of music on Sunday afternoon.

Love Police presented Out On The Weekend, a celebration of live music with a country and western vibe.

The concert featured international acts as well as a couple of local bands across two stages.

Around 800 people travelled out to Coal Creek to enjoy the day.

"It's encouraging to see such a great local turnout and people travelling from out of town to experience this magical day in this special place," Love Police's BT said.

The concert ran from 1.30pm all the way to sundown.

It was a family-friendly event with food vendors, lollies for the children and merchandise.

This is not the first time Love Police have brought an event to Coal Creek.

A concert was held at the oval earlier this year and was a great success.



International artist Nick Shoulders performing at Coal Creek. Tk47_4224

Love Police will also be presenting a Tyler Childers concert at Coal Creek next year.

"I have some family down here and I've been coming here since I was a kid. We're always interested in finding new and special places to put on events," BT said.

"See you for Tyler Childers."



Joe Reilly (Branch Principal, Cape Woolamai), Bass Coast Deputy Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead and Mark Bouris (CEO Yellow Brick Road). B14_4224

Yellow Brick Road opens at Cape Woolamai

MORTGAGE Broker Yellow Brick Road has opened a new branch at Cape Woolamai on Phillip Island.

Branch Principal, Joe Reilly, was joined by Bass Coast Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead and Yellow Brick Road CEO Mark Bouris for the official opening in the tastefully renovated Yellow Brick Road offices at 8 Vista Place.

Yellow Brick Road is an all-encompassing mortgage broking service helping local homebuyers on the road to achieving their ultimate dream of home ownership.

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After working for a major bank for thirty-five years Joe Reilly has spent the last two years working as a mortgage broker.

"Now we've decided to go out on our own with Yellow Brick Road," explained Joe.

"My wife is the brains of the business."

Allie and Joe Reilly have one son Callan a keen sportsman playing cricket, tennis and soccer.

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Grand opening success for caravan dealership

SOUTH Gippsland Caravans and Camping Centre celebrated its grand opening on Saturday.

The Leongatha-based retailer moved out to 15 Anderson Street five months ago, and chose to hold its celebration last weekend as outdoor lovers welcome the warmer months.

To celebrate the event, South Gippsland Caravans and Camping Centre held a free sausage sizzle and had its vans on display, offering exciting specials on the Aussie FiveStar range.

On top of this, customers were treated to 20 per cent discounts store-wide and lots of giveaways.

The store moved from its original home in Bair Street and owner Kristie Walls is thrilled with the new location.

"It's given us the opportunity to expand on all our camping gear and supplies. We offer a variety of brands including Ringers Western and Ariat," she said.

"We've also been able to expand our range of caravans. We're not just doing the Aussie FiveStars now, we're also selling the hybrid vans. Eagle is

a brand-new style of van that we've got, which is perfect for outdoor living. We're also doing consignment (second-hand) vans. It's given people a lot more choice now that we've been able to branch out."

Kristie said the dealership had received plenty of interest from new customers thanks to the eye-catching orange shop-front.

She thanked her parents for taking the time to help with the painting and bringing the store together.

"It's given a freshen-up to the entrance of town," she said.

"Now that the weather is starting to get better, everyone has come back to Leongatha, and have seen where we've moved to."

"We've also had a lot of different people come through who haven't been in before. It's nice to see so many people deciding to pop in."

With an extensive range and passionate, knowledgeable staff, head on down to South Gippsland Caravans and Camping Centre and start planning your next adventure.



Aidan and Kristie Walls are excited to welcome people to the new location of South Gippsland Caravans and Camping Centre at 15 Anderson Street, Leongatha. Tk08_4224

Free camping

LOVE the Prom but cant justify the price tag to stay overnight?

The State Government announced on Sunday that camping would be free in every national park and state forest in Victoria this summer (from December 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025).

The announcement comes after caravan parks voiced their concerns in recent weeks at the affect free camping would have on local operators, and businesses.

The Premier, Jacinta Allan, and Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos visited Leanganook Camping Area in Mount Alexander Regional Park to make the announcement that is estimated to save families \$7.3 million in booking fees at the 131 Parks Victoria's paid campgrounds.

The \$9 million investment will ensure all campers have free access to every campground across the state – including the popular Tidal River in Wilson's Promontory, where fees are currently \$40.70 a night.

As part of the government's investment, \$1.7 million will go towards additional maintenance, repairs and operating costs to ensure campgrounds are kept clean and safe for all to enjoy.

Families who have already booked and paid to go camping won't miss out. Existing bookings for the summer will be honoured and refunded.

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Lifetime of memories from Camp Livingston

By Tayla Kershaw

FORMER Bass Coast College student George Blum recently had an amazing experience working for Camp America. He spent two and half months working at Camp Livingston in Indiana and enjoyed 30 days of travel across America before and after the camp. Camp Livingston is a vibrant summer camp that gives children the opportunity to participate in activities, form lifelong friendships and cultivate a strong sense of identity with the Jewish religion. George said his motivation to work for Camp Livingston stemmed from a desire to travel and work rather than head straight to university after graduation. "I had decided what I wanted to do at university, so I went online and completed the requirements for Camp America," he said. "They are culture-based camps that focus on different religions. I signed up for Camp Livingston."

George landed in Los Angeles on May 1 and backpacked his way to Indiana for the first 30 days. He went to concerts in San Francisco, watched NBA games in Denver, played footy in Chicago, and ended up in Indiana on June 2. "I spent two and half months at the camp and had the best time. I met a lot of new people from places like England, South America and Europe," George said. "I also met kids who have been affected by the conflict in Israel."

The camp was aimed at children from the ages of eight to 17. George chose to work with the 12/13-year-old age group and worked primarily as a lake lifeguard. "Camp America provided the lifeguard training and a lot of the living essentials," he said. "I would spend time with my cabin group two or three times a week, but I had a lot of interaction with other age groups during the activities I ran. "The kids were all interested in learning about where I came from, and I learnt a lot about their religion. I gained a lot of knowledge and learnt to be more open-minded. It was a breathtaking experience all about making memories, sharing experiences and forming friendships."

The lifeguard training George received gave him worldwide qualifications, so he can now apply for lifeguard jobs at home. On the way back, he returned to Chicago and lived in New York, giving him the opportunity to meet NBA players and American footballer Tom Brady. George got so much out of the experience that he will be returning to Camp Livingston in seven months.

Honouring the Anzac Legacy through a transformative journey

By Nicole May

CHLOE Lawson, a 16-year-old student from Bass Coast College, was one of 12 recipients of the 2024 Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize. In late September, Chloe embarked on a 10-day international study tour to Türkiye, where she and 12 other students from across Victoria explored historical sites. The trip included visits to Rhododen Ridge and Lone Pine Cemetery, where students learnt of the sacrifices made during the Gallipoli campaign. The students earned this opportunity by submitting remarkable entries that examined the significance of Victoria's Shrine of Remembrance or local war memorials. Chloe's project focused on the vital role of women during the war, drawing from her great-great grandmother's diary to illustrate personal stories of sacrifice and resilience. Chloe submitted a piece named 'Home for the ANZAC Hearts' of which she shared: In a quiet seaside coal mining township named Wonthaggi, which from the origins of its traditional custodians the Bunurong people means 'home'. There stands tall at the corner of McBride Avenue and Baillieu Street East, on Soldiers reserve, a Cenotaph that was unveiled by the Rev Cooper on ANZAC Day in 1931. To mark this occasion the Veterans from the Wonthaggi RSL Sub-branch and its members all marched together to the beat of the Wonthaggi Brass band. Since this day the entire community has come together and they march to the same beat, down the streets of Wonthaggi to honour and give thanks to our Service persons at the Cenotaph. In her submission, Chloe



Chloe Lawson at the Türkiye service reading the names of soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

wrote of the women and their personal stories, sharing: 'The names not listed but will forever remain ANZAC hearts, the women in Wonthaggi's tent town hospital during the War, who would help keep everyone well while they waited for the loves they had missing. One of these women being my very own Great-Great Grandmother, Gladys Taylor. 'She told tales of the love that she had and lost and instilled such a strong sense of gratitude and service. Her diary included a verse about her late husband, my Great-great Grandfather Vernon Charles Green that read. 'Should he not return my heart and the hearts of my two darling children, will remain forever broken.' This courageous woman stayed home, keeping in her heart the faith that her beloved would return to Wonthaggi, to her, to his two children. 'She worked harder than ever, volunteering at the Military Hospital in Wonthaggi or Tent town as it was known

then. Yes, he did return, but not as he was, he returned an ANZAC and family history states that his changes led to a broken marriage and hearts. 'This is just one tale behind the many listed names, one tale of the ANZAC hearts that stayed home and kept the ANZAC Spirit alive for future generations.' Reflecting on her journey, Chloe described visits to significant sites such as Anzac Cove and Lone Pine, where they held commemorative services to honour fallen soldiers. One soldier who Chloe was personally drawn to was Trooper Charles Pymont Wilkinson. In reflection, she wrote: 'We stand here today at Ari Burnu Cemetery, Türkiye – the place of rest for Trooper Charles Wilkinson, Service number 463 of the Australian Light Horse, 8th Regiment. 'Trooper Wilkinson was born in the small farming township of Trafalgar, Victoria and at the time of his enlistment was a farmer in

Jumbunna. Charles Wilkinson was 19 years and six months of age when he attended Broadmeadows to enlist to serve the Australian Imperial Forces from September 17, 1914. Charles listed his Mother Mrs C J Wilkinson also of Jumbunna as his Next of Kin.' 'Charles Wilkinson left Melbourne on February 25, 1915, on board the HMAT Star of Victoria and landed in Egypt in early April 1915. He then went to Gallipoli on May 16, 1915, and served with the regiment in the Walker's Ridge sector for the months of May and June 1915. Trooper Charles Wilkinson at 20 years of age would suffer severe shrapnel wounds and die as a result of these wounds on June 23, 1915. "Charles had a brother, Frederick Stephen Wilkinson, service number 6840, of the 5th Battalion, who was also tragically killed in action on June 4, 1918.' The emotional weight of the experience reinforced Chloe's belief in the importance of remembrance, advocating for ongoing participation in Anzac Day services and personal acts of reflection. She believes that honouring those who served is essential for fostering a sense of respect and gratitude. By sharing the lessons learned from her great-great grandmother's diary and her visit to Türkiye – Chloe aims to connect her peers to the personal narratives of service and sacrifice. "Understanding the sacrifices made by our veterans helps us appreciate the freedoms we enjoy today," Chloe emphasised. She encourages her friends to participate in Anzac Day services and engage in personal acts of remembrance, ensuring that the legacy of those who served lives on.

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Australia's Defence Force Operations in Afghanistan and the Middle East

OVER two decades, Australia has played a significant role in military operations in Afghanistan and the broader Middle East region, marking a complex chapter in its defence history. Following the September 11 attacks in 2001, Australia joined coalition forces in Operation Enduring Freedom, aiming to dismantle Al-Qaeda and remove the Taliban from power.

Initially, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) deployed Special Forces to support the United States and its allies. In the years that followed, Australia's involvement expanded to include combat troops, reconnaissance missions, and mentoring Afghan National Security Forces. Approximately 39,000 Australian service personnel served in Afghanistan during the mission, making it one of the largest military commitments in Australian history.

Despite significant efforts to stabilise the country and promote democratic governance, progress was often marred by persistent violence, corruption, and challenges in nation-building. The complexity of the situation was compounded by the evolving nature of the Taliban insurgency, which regrouped and adapted over the years.

In April 2021, following the announcement of the withdrawal of international troops, the situation on the ground deteriorated rapidly. As the international community prepared

By Inverloch RSL

to exit, the Taliban launched an offensive that culminated in their takeover of Kabul in August 2021. This swift change of power ended nearly two decades of international efforts to create a stable and democratic Afghanistan.

The withdrawal of Australian troops marked a poignant moment for veterans and military families. While many Australians reflected on the sacrifices made during this mission, the outcome raised difficult questions about the effectiveness and legacy of the long-standing operation.

As Australia reflects on its military commitment to Afghanistan and the Middle East, the enduring impact on service members, their families, and the nation remains a topic of ongoing discussion. The departure from such a protracted engagement stands as a testament to the complexities of modern warfare and the challenges of nation-building in regions facing deep-seated unrest.

As the dust settles, Australia continues to seek ways to support Afghan allies and address the humanitarian crises that have arisen from the Taliban's resurgence, reaffirming its commitment to global peace and stability.

Australia had 41 killed in action and 260 wounded, those soldiers gave their today for the Afghan tomorrow.

Lest We Forget



Inverloch RSL secretary Lindsay Guerin and president Ross Gabb laid a wreath at the cenotaph on Friday in recognition of Operation Slipper and the individuals who fought in operations in Afghanistan and the Middle East.



Inverloch RSL President Ross Gabb and guest speaker Professor Peter Hudson.

Professor Peter Hudson delights RSL members

THURSDAY saw Inverloch RSL hosting an event funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs for Veterans Health Week.

The RSL was fortunate to have Professor Peter Hudson speak to their members. Peter was formerly the Chief Research Officer at the CSIRO from 1990 until 2008, and has a wealth of knowledge in the field of cancer and treatment.

Peter explained the breakthroughs in immunotherapy as a treatment for melanoma, including the treatment used to cure Jarryd Roughead's stage four melanoma which consisted of a course of three injections.


A range of conditions were discussed and made for very interesting listening. After the talk the members enjoyed a healthy lunch prepared by the Hundred Mile Foodie Group.

The Inverloch RSL is very proactive in helping veterans access care for themselves and their immediate families. There are many services available, veterans can reach out to any RSL they do not need to be a member.

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Protecting Seal Rocks' cultural and environmental heritage

THE Lost at Sea Project, a groundbreaking partnership between Monash University, Phillip Island Nature Parks, and the Bunurong Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation), is set to embark on an ambitious journey to study Seal Rocks, the largest Australian fur seal colony.

Seal Rocks, covering eight hectares, is home to approximately 19,000 Australian Fur Seals. This key breeding area, located two – five metres above sea level, has been increasingly inundated by rising sea levels during major storms. The area has also experienced significant erosion, endangering the seals' breeding grounds.

Led by Dr Rebecca McIntosh, Senior Scientist at the Nature Parks, the project aims to address the rapid impacts of climate change on this critical habitat and its rich Bunurong Cultural Values.

"This is an exciting project for the teams involved, especially those taking the voyage to Seal Rocks to complete the assessment. Phillip Island is known by its Traditional Owners, the Bunurong (community), as Millowl. It is part of Victoria's Kulin Nation and is steeped in a cultural history dating back tens of thousands of years," said Dr McIntosh.

The Bunurong Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation), the Traditional Custodians of Millowl (Phillip Island) and Seal Rocks, have identified this volcanic sea landscape as culturally significant. Their invaluable knowledge and deep connection to Bunurong Sea Country make their participation in the project crucial.

Rising sea levels and increasing erosion necessitate an urgent Cultural Values Assessment to capture critical information before it is lost forever.

This project will mark the first stage of a three-year effort to document and protect the cultural values and environmental treasures of Seal Rock. The project will employ cutting-edge technologies to gather detailed data on climate change impacts at Seal Rocks.

The team, including Associate Professor Dr Ruth Reef from Monash University's Coastal Research Group, will examine the links between these impacts and fur seal pup mortality rates.

Additionally, the project aims to identify future refuge sites in the Bass Strait region for fur seals displaced by climate change. A dedicated website will be launched to share project updates, accessible via a QR code promoted across the Nature Parks, Wildlife Coast Cruises' eco-boat, and various online platforms.

Wildlife Coast Cruises, a partner in this initiative, will help raise awareness among its many visitors through in-person updates and promotional materials. Telematics Trust will fund the first year of the three-year project. The Trust supports public education and training in Victoria by promoting the development and delivery of courses via telematic means and leveraging new information technologies for distance learning outside traditional educational institutions. It provides grants, equity, and debt investments to projects that advance technology-based education and training in the state.

The Penguin Foundation has committed \$40,000 in funding for the second and third years of the project.

The Phillip Island Conservation Society will also be key in publicising the project through its website and social media channels. To our knowledge, this is Australia's first project to examine climate change's impacts on Bunurong Sea Country's natural marine life.

The findings will not only enhance understanding of the challenges faced by Australia's largest Australian fur seal located on Bunurong Sea Country about their breeding site but also inform necessary preparations to protect alternative refuge sites in other locations on Bunurong Sea Country and Australian coastal waters.

The project will also shed light on the effects of climate change on Bunurong cultural values at Seal Rocks, contributing valuable insights to the broader conservation and Bunurong cultural values and marine biodiversity management efforts.

Unlocking conversations at Loch & Key's Big Blue Table

THE LOCH & Key Restaurant and Bar will be hosting their first Big Blue Table to raise funds and awareness of mental health in conjunction with Beyond Blue this October.

For \$30 guests will receive a drink on arrival, delicious nibbles and be invited to have a conversation about mental health.

Restaurant owner Tamara said it was a spur-of-the-moment decision between her husband Dave who is also the chef and their new front-of-house manager Jules, and there were many reasons that led to the decision.

"Part of it's personal. I myself have struggled for years with depression at times, especially postnatal, over the years. But our son has also just come through cancer. We've seen a lot of that in young people," said Tamara.

"My husband and I very firmly believe that mental health is as important as physical health, and he's a chef, so we've spent a lot of time in hospitality where these sorts of things are always rough and tumble, and everybody glosses over it, but we've got some of the highest suicide rates in our industry."

Data collected from the National Coronial Information System and the Australian Bureau of Statistics between 2006 – 2017 (prior to COVID) found that suicide rates for chefs – both males and females, was significantly higher than for people in non-hospitality occupations and compared with other occupations, hospitality workers who died by suicide had significantly greater odds of being female.

Awareness of stressors within the industry has been growing,



Dave and Jules from Loch & Key will be holding a Big Blue Table event to raise awareness and funds for mental health. To find out more use the QR code.

especially following a series of relatively recent suicides by high-profile chefs in Australia and overseas.

Justin Bull had worked as a personal chef to James Packer and Russell Crowe, Jeremy Strode was a top Australian chef, Jock Zonfrillo was a judge on MasterChef and Anthony Bourdain was an American celebrity chef.

Hospitality work is typically high intensity and high demand with limited autonomy and low control, long and unsociable working hours, low pay, and poor physical working conditions.

In some instances, this can be alongside high rates of violence, aggression, and bullying within kitchen environments.

Almost 80 per cent of Australian hospitality workers are also employed on a casual basis, resulting in irregular hours and

income instability, which may also negatively affect the mental health of those in the industry.

"Basically, what it comes down to for us is it's multi-prong. We believe that mental health is as important as physical health. And in hospitality, it's very obvious because you work in such a full-on environment, we've had the opportunity to be exposed to a lot of young people, or raised young people, and we just know it's important for them to learn it's okay to talk about it," said Tamara.

Jules is also studying counselling and is grateful to have the opportunity to facilitate the event and these important conversations.

"We are looking at taking a male mental health focus for the event encouraging men in our local community to come along," said Jules.

"I guess just having those

conversations, really wanting to have that focus on those who might have struggled with anxiety and depression in their lives and having an open forum and really going from that perspective."

There will be a silent auction, trivia and door prizes draw on the night and all proceeds will be donated directly to The Big Blue Table, Beyond Blue Foundation.

The Big Blue Table will be held at the Loch and Key Restaurant and Bar, Loch on Wednesday, October 30. All who are interested can call 5659 4236 or use the QR code.

If you need support, talk to a GP or health professional.

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Carly Gregorich takes home \$68,000 on Deal Or No Deal

CARLY Gregorich recently made waves on the popular game show Deal Or No Deal, walking away with a remarkable \$68,000.

In an interview with The South Gippsland Sentinel-Times, Carly revealed that her selection for the show involved a competitive application process, which included a series of auditions.

"At first, I was really unsure," she admitted. "But as I engaged with the audience, I felt more confident."

Ultimately, Carly opted for the \$68,000 deal, a choice she felt was right despite the emotional high of having only two big cases left – \$40,000 in one, and \$100,000 in the other.

"I didn't have a pre-planned strategy for the game, but I did decide to go with a different number than expected – I went with my partner's birthday."

As Carly reflected on the emotional whirlwind of the game, she shared that she felt anxious yet excited.

"In the end, my partner Damien and I made the decision to take the deal."

"We knew that the financial impact of that amount of money would help us plan for the future."

Carly and Damien hadn't shared the news with her



Deal or No Deal winner Carly Gregorich and her partner Damien Allison with show host Grant Denyer.

parents – due to the possibility of the episode not airing, but the emotional challenge of keeping the news from Carly's Inverloch family meant that she couldn't wait to see their reactions.

With the combined nerves, excitement, and ultimately, success, Carly said her family were all sitting down to watch the episode air last night (Monday, October 14) at 6pm.

Carly shared that now she knew the episode was going to air, her and Damien were looking forward to planning for the future.

Carly has dedicated nearly a

decade of her life to helping the most vulnerable members of her community. As a guide dog trainer, she has worked with children with autism, veterans suffering from PTSD, and individuals with mobility issues.

"I trained my dog, Hendrix, to be a therapy dog, and together we help children at risk of disengaging from learning, often due to trauma," she explained.

"The work I do is incredibly humbling. The abilities of assistance and therapy dogs never cease to amaze me."

Carly's career path began while she was pursuing a bachelor's degree in science.

She volunteered at wildlife sanctuaries and animal shelters, eventually landing a position as a kennel attendant with a guide dog organisation. This led to a coveted Guide Dog Mobility Instructor traineeship, a rigorous four-year program that Carly completed, paving the way for a six-year career in the field.

Carly has also spent significant time in Africa, living in South Africa in 2015 while working on her Honor's thesis on elephant movement ecology. She returned in 2017 to conduct research on Mozambican wildlife in Johannesburg.

Carly's experience on Deal or No Deal marks her third appearance on the show, having previously served as a briefcase holder twice.

"I was eager to win the whole \$100,000, I won't lie," she admitted.

She and her partner enjoy wakeboarding at Eildon and have always dreamed of owning a wake boat.

"Those are quite pricey these days!" she added with a laugh.

Despite their aspirations for a wake boat, Carly and Damien are still discussing plans to use her winnings to purchase their new home, with hopes of expanding their family in the near future.

Homeward bound: Michael beats the odds

Living at home is the preferred choice of many older people who don't wish to move to a care facility.

Michael, a kind and quiet soul who lives alone in Hastings, was faced with a daunting reality: after suffering a fall and a hip fracture, followed by subsequent complications, he was told by rehabilitation staff that a residential care facility was his only option.

This news, coupled with the prospect of selling his beloved home, filled Michael with despair. However his fortunes turned a corner when he enlisted the services of Mark & Sylvie's Home Care. "He told me several times that if I can't go home, then I don't want to live like that. I don't want to live anymore," recalls Care Coordinator and Practice Nurse, Hilde Aschehoug.

Mark & Sylvie's Home Care, an approved provider of government funded Home Care Packages, is empowering older people like Michael to live independently at home for as long as possible. Founded by Dr Floyd Gomes, the service honours his migrant parents and integrates health care with daily living assistance.

After a lengthy hospital stay, Michael felt vulnerable. Mark & Sylvie's team stepped in, visiting twice daily to manage his oxygen, catheter, and medication. His home care manager



Home care client, Michael, has a wound dressed by his care coordinator, Hilde.

also arranged for an electric bed and ramps to improve his mobility.

Within two months, Michael was thriving at home, free from medical equipment. Now, he enjoys life at home, surrounded by his beloved garden. "He just misses driving," says Hilde, who helps him with groceries and errands.

Mark & Sylvie's Home Care operates across an ever growing area, with hubs in Hastings, Bangholme and Korumburra. They care for people across southeast Melbourne, Gippsland and the wider Peninsula, even as far as Phillip Island.

Mark & Sylvie's tailor care plans to each client's unique needs, collaborating with their GPs, physios, and healthcare team. Their services include personal care, dementia support, telehealth, home maintenance, and transport assistance, just to name a few.

"Our goal is to keep clients comfortable at home," says Hilde, "But we can also help with transitioning to aged care, if needed."

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- More than 25 per cent of children in Victoria are either overweight or obese, with poor diet a large contributing factor.
- Drinking tap water can be a major aspect of leading a healthy lifestyle.

Choose Tap is a campaign that benefits customers in all walks of life and plays a valuable role in supporting community sport, local festivals, education, parks and gardens and the health sector.

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While the idea of installing an irrigation system might seem daunting, here are a few key considerations for those looking to tackle the job themselves.

The Cost: Installing an irrigation system involves an upfront investment for materials, but don't forget to factor in the ongoing cost of water usage. Many people are surprised when their first water bill arrives after installing a system. Make sure you're aware of both initial and long-term costs.

The Hard Work: Laying the necessary pipe-work can be physically demanding. A small block might require over 200 metres of pipe, which is typically trenched either by hand or machine. Don't forget to 'Dial Before You Dig' to avoid damaging underground utilities.

The Design: Proper irrigation design – taking into account flow rates, pressures, pipe sizing, and zoning – can be tricky. If you're planning a DIY installation, it's worth getting expert input. Many suppliers offer free design services when you purchase materials through them.

The Controller: Modern irrigation controllers are a game changer. I recommend choosing a system that can be accessed remotely via the internet. These smart controllers can adjust watering schedules based on local weather conditions, helping to conserve water and maintain healthy plants.

Compliance: Any plumbing work related to your irrigation system must be done by a licensed plumber. They can also install the required backflow prevention device where your irrigation system connects to the mains.

For more information, including installation, design and maintenance contact Adrian Walsh, Wonthaggi Garden Sprinklers on 0494 055 100 or visit wonthaggi-gardensprinklers.com.au and don't forget to check out Adrian's blog.

Poster competition judging underway



Judging is underway for students in this year's South Gippsland water Natonal Water Week poster competition, with winners to be announced in the coming weeks. All entries will be on display at Coal Creek, head to the historic site to see these entries and more!

SOUTH Gippsland Water participates in the National Water Week poster competition every year. It's a wonderful way for our next generation to get creative when thinking about water and water conservation.

This year, South Gippsland Water received 66 entries from local primary school students.

Children were encouraged to design, draw or paint a poster that reflected this year's theme, "Water for all, inspiring action," which acknowledges the importance of water and everyone's role in using water sustainably now and into the future.

While local entries are judged by representatives from other Victorian water authorities and the finalists entered into the national competition, South Gippsland Water staff also had the opportunity to vote for their favourites. Posters were on display at their Foster office where everyone got the opportunity to vote.

First, second and third placegetters in each category (Prep, Yr 1-2, Yr

3-4, Yr 5-6) have been selected and prizes will be presented to our budding artists during National Water Week.

Entries were received from across the region, including schools from Toora, Tarwin Lower, Wonthaggi, Korumburra, Leongatha and Foster.

Water is vital for our health and the health of the environment. Safe and readily available water is important, and this competition raises awareness amongst the next generations to ensure there will always be water for all.

Posters on display

Thanks to a partnership with South Gippsland Shire Council, all 66 posters will be on display at the Mechanics Hall, Coal Creek, Korumburra from Friday, October 18.

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Supporting children's education a priority this Anti-Poverty Week

MEMBERS of Wonthaggi and Inverloch VIEW Club's are calling on the community to give generously this Anti-Poverty Week (October 13-19) and sponsor a child through national children's education charity The Smith Family. The focus of this Anti-Poverty Week is to end child poverty in Australia.

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

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

President of the Wonthaggi VIEW Club said with one in six children in Australia growing up in poverty, there has never been a more important time 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, being able to afford schoolbooks or essential digital learning tools," Carmel said.

"No child should have to miss out on the essentials for 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 educational inequality they face. They support students for the duration of their education, and this helps them build the confidence and skills needed to create better futures for themselves," Inverloch VIEW president, Heather added.

To find out more visit view.org.au.

Carers are celebrated and recognised nationally this week

By Courtney O'Brien

CARERS are being celebrated this week with a number of events being held locally to raise awareness of and acknowledge the unpaid caring work that over three million Australians undertake.

Leongatha Community House will be running a gratitude lunch for carers on Friday, October 18 and the Foster Hospital will host a carers afternoon tea on Wednesday, October 16.

Iris Gailard, Events Support Coordinator, La Trobe Community Health, is responsible for organising and running programs and events for carers and will be presenting at the Carers Lunch in Leongatha.

The service provides about 90 events throughout the year, across Gippsland.

"These events can be just about the carers taking a break from their caring role, because all audits have demonstrated the first reason why people go to residential care is because their carers couldn't do it anymore," explained Iris.

"Carers stress and burnout is a real issue in the community. Having a program like care events just allows them to take a little break."

The events can be purely social such as having lunch or brunch together with other carers, a cup of tea or a chat, or going to see a show or watch a movie just to give them the opportunity to do something else.



Over 90 carers events are organised to support carers over 65, each year across Gippsland.

There are also respite care options for carers and fitness opportunities offered with organised group runs, walks and exercise classes.

There are also social events combined with educational initiatives that can help support carers in their caring role, with other organisations such as Dementia Australia invited to present on topics that might fit the carer's needs.

Another arm of the program supports carers to help them access Aged Care Packages which can include receiving additional help such as cleaning, gardening, personal care or help with shopping and transport.

"It's important to recognise that carers need to be supported and that they are entitled to support and social engagement,

and even though they are caring in a quite hands-on full-time basis for their care recipient, they can also still have a life themselves," said Iris.

"People can reach out, that may be a carer, like someone looking after a friend or family member who's got a medical condition or mental health issues or disability. They do not need to hesitate to reach out."

For more information about the Leongatha carers event call 5662 3962 and for the Foster carers event call 5683 9777.

Carers amongst us

David Burnett lives in Leongatha and became a carer for his wife Lynette in 2018 after she suffered two strokes which left her with left-sided weakness and some short-term

memory loss.

"It's a seven-day-a-week job and most days. You don't get much of a break," said David.

"It's just something that I do because of who I am."

The couple were living in Mafra but moved a couple of years ago to South Gippsland to a smaller property, as David was finding it difficult to maintain and they could also be closer to family and specialists.

David has also joined a carers group in Wonthaggi which he finds helpful for social support.

"I think she's better off here too, we find that we're closer to the great grandkids and we can just go and visit for the day if we want to."

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Toyota unveils GR "Supracar" clay model

TOYOTA has magnified the energy and excitement of last weekend's Bathurst 1000 by unveiling a full-size clay model of the GEN3 GR Supra Supercar that will light up the Supercars grid from 2026.

Based on the classic rear-drive coupe proportions of the most celebrated model, it was just shy of a month ago on September 18 that Toyota revealed it would be entering the Supercar championship.

The stunning clay model of the race car's curved, powerful body – re-imagined and produced by the Melbourne-based Toyota Design Australia team – is instantly recognisable for its iconic Supra shape.

Prominent "A90" signage on the upper windscreen provides a historical model-code reference to the fifth-generation GR Supra sports car, which was conceived to deliver high performance on road and on track. The clay model's expressive exterior was further influenced by styling cues from the original FT-1 Supra concept from 2014. It also pays homage to Toyota's performance, design and racing heritage as well as much-loved sports cars including the 2000GT, Celica and MR2.

Athleticism is expressed with taut surfaces and racing-focused wide fenders, front splitter and rear diffuser, side skirts and a large Supercar rear wing.

The dramatic bodywork was revealed in Mount Panorama's pit lane garages by Toyota Australia's Vice President Sales, Marketing and Franchise Operations Sean Hanley and Senior Manager of Toyota Design Australia, Nic Hogios.

"Our design team has amped up the car significantly, giving fans a fresh perspective of GR Supra performance through a car that instantly looks like it owns the track," Mr Hogios said.

"We are enthusiasts first and foremost, and the GR Supra Supercar is the kind of project we dream about working on. We can't wait to see it competing and winning in Supercars, including right here at Bathurst," he said.

Mr Hanley said Toyota's decision to enter Supercars would reinforce the "fun to drive" spirit that is intrinsic to Toyota's commitment to making ever-better cars.

"Taking part in the heat of Supercars, as well as other racing and rallying series around the world, provides technical learnings that can be transferred to the development of our entire range of vehicles – not just our sports cars," Mr Hanley said. "We are looking forward to building on the passion among enthusiasts for our GR range and to generating interest and excitement among motorsport fans."

Going down to the wire

By Peter Cleeland

THE 2024 Qatar Australian MotoGP Championship round scheduled for the picturesque Phillip Island circuit on October 19-20 looms as a mouthwatering contest that will bring motorcycle racing fans from all over Australia.

For much of the season to date, it has been Ducati, Ducati, Ducati who have dominated the event from a manufacturers' viewpoint with daylight between the Italian bikes and the pursuing pack.

In the previous round in Motegi, Japan, Ducati riders filled eight of the first 10 placings in the longer race.

Like two heavyweight prize-fighters exchanging blows, riders Jorge Martin and reigning 2023 champion Francesco "Pecco" Bagnaia have been involved in a seesawing bout to sort out the title that has gone on for most of the season.

With Martin establishing a 10-point buffer over Bagnaia after the latest round in Motegi, the Spaniard has a tenuous grip



Reigning 2023 MotoGP world champion Francesco Bagnaia has closed to within 10 points of current leader Jorge Martin. A double at the Island for Pecco could swing the championship battle.

on the title.

Jorge Martin has the added incentive to win due to being rejected as the preferred rider for the Lenovo Factory Ducati team in 2025. He will be desperate to send a message to team Ducati that they have made an error of judgement in their choice of riders, preferring Marc Marquez.

The closeness of the contest sets up a thrilling round at the Island circuit, which is sure to attract thousands of diehard fans.

The tactics and strategies used by riders and their teams will provide a fascinating spectacle as the pressure builds in the chase for the crown against a backdrop of unpredictable spring weather at the seaside circuit.

Gresini Racings, one Marc Marquez, who has notched up consecutive wins in Aragon and Misano, cannot be discounted as he provides a significant threat to the leading riders.

The eight-time world champion has found his rhythm on the

Ducati and he has a distinct liking for the Phillip Island circuit, at which he has been more than competitive in past races.

KTM rider and sole Australian representative Jack "Thriller" Miller, who has had to contend with a number of handling problems with his bike, will be 'bringing it' for the local fans.

Jack has had some encouraging results in the latter half of the season, both in the Sprint and longer forms of racing, and he will be fired up to deliver on the circuit that has a corner named after him.

Thrown a career-saving blood transfusion in the form of a one-year deal with Pramac Yamaha for 2025, Jack will endeavour to get the best out of the KTM machine, which has handled like a unicycle with a flat tyre for the greater part of the season.

The race weekend program will start on Friday, October 18, with practice and qualifying in all three classes of racing before a 12-lap sprint race on Saturday and the main 25-lap race on Sunday.

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"I was quite excited to get this car out up there and give it a go on some of the tougher tracks."

Prior to owning his latest rig, Nate owned a Mazda BT50, which drove well but was nowhere near as capable as a Patrol.

Rolling the swag out, the Patrol has since been on several adventures with Nate's mates and girlfriend, Paige, including to one of their favourite spots around Woods Point, Licola.

"When we went on our big trip around Australia, Paige loved camping on the beach, it was her favourite. Now, anywhere with water, where we can take the puppy, go for a walk up the river, and play around in the sun..."

Sporting 33-inch Maxxis Razer



Nate's GU Patrol has been on a number of adventures up bush and in Victoria's high country.

all-terrain tyres and custom wheels that match the accents of the car, a factory snorkel, a two-inch lift and rock sliders made from platted steel, a lot of time and effort has gone into setting up the 4X4 for off-road adventures. Under the bonnet, the Patrol sports an upgraded turbo and intercooler.

"It's got the most powerful engine that came out in these cars with the best accessories – it certainly boogies when you put your foot down."

As far as luxuries whilst away, Nate refurbished an old set of heavy-duty drawers from marketplace, installed a GME UHF – 'to chat to all my mates while we're out bush', and has recently added a 12-volt setup running from a second battery that powers an air compressor, charging points for devices, lights, and fridge – on a very handy fridge slide, along with an GME EPIRB.

"I don't mind going away any time of the year. Me and the

boys love going out in winter, going to the snow and getting muddy, getting the cars dirty. It's a bit colder but you get a big fire going and you don't really feel it when you're having fun. Spring and summer if you're going to camp near a river and lay about in the water, that is absolutely beautiful."

As for hairy moments.

"You always find yourself going down a track that the maps say shouldn't be too difficult, and then you get onto the track and you're almost vertical, and your mate behind you, who doesn't have much experience is a bit shaky, and you feel a bit guilty for taking him down a track he's terrified on. But you always make it at the end, or you do the reverse of shame..."

The dream for the duo is a trip around Australia, a big clockwise loop starting up the west coast.

"We did the east coast in my old car, but this car would be the absolute dream to travel around Australia in – see all the beaches in WA," Nate exclaimed.

"You don't need the biggest, best car to get out there. We all started in cars and dreamt of something bigger, better and cooler, but you will always find a spot you can go."

Wonnangatta Drive, not for the faint hearted

**Dry Conditions, Very Difficult
2-3 Days – 222km loop
from Mansfield**

**Note this adventure is classified as very difficult and requires 4WD experience, for more information check out 4wdvictoria.org.au/iconic4wd. It is also recommended that you check weather conditions and road closures prior to departure.*

GET ready for an unforgettable off-road experience through Victoria's rugged Alpine National Park. The Wonnangatta Drive, part of Victoria's iconic 4WD adventures, takes you on a thrilling journey through stunning mountain scenery, cliff-top lookouts, and hidden historic gems.

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After navigating steep ascents like the Billy Goat Bluff Track, you'll be rewarded with panoramic views from Pinnacles Lookout. Marvel at breathtaking vistas stretching to Mt Hotham and the distant Gippsland Lakes. Camping under the stars at Horselyard Flat, with the Moroka River flowing nearby, is a perfect way to end your day.

Take a detour to explore Howitt Hut, the Snowy Range Airstrip (Australia's highest), or embark on scenic walks like the trek to Bryce Gorge. Along the way, you'll witness a mix of lush alpine plains and ancient Mountain Ash forests, rich with wildlife and history.

Whether you're in it for the adrenaline of off-roading, the beauty of untouched wilderness, or the allure of a bygone era, the Wonnangatta Drive promises an epic adventure you won't forget.

For those looking for an easier weekend away why not check out the Merringtons Campground near Thompson Dam accessible via both the Merringtons Track and Bridle Spur Track.

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their work, not all tuning is easy crusin' but is achievable.

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Final failing of a dysfunctional council

By Michael Giles

BY THE letter of the law, Section 100(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2020 to be precise, the Bass Coast Shire Council must present its annual report in an election year at a Council meeting, open to the public, no later than the day before election day.

The annual report and especially the financial documents that go along with it offer a wealth of information including:

- Council's borrowings, up by \$3.7 million to \$24.2 million or 32 per cent of rates revenue,
- The total amount spent on Berninnet (\$31.941 million),
- The fact that 'cash and cash equivalents' have dropped from \$45 million last year to \$11.5 million this year,
- Employee costs, up by more than \$2 million on last year to \$35.24 million.
- Why council posted an \$11.7 million loss (late arrival of \$8.4M Federal grants and \$3M assets write-offs, they say).
- How the council is progressing with its capital works program, including which projects are over budget, haven't been started or missed out on funding altogether.

The documents give councillors and the community the opportunity to ask all sorts of questions about council's viability and performance.

Last Wednesday, October 9, at a council meeting lasting 8.26 minutes, the shire's administration presented the draft Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement 2023/2024. It came ahead of the presentation of the 2023-24 Annual Report and Fourth Quarter Performance Report (year ending June 30, 2024) at the council meeting this Wednesday, October 16.

Of course, many people will have already cast their votes by then.

The idea of Section 100(2)(a) of the Act is that the voters get to see a final report on the performance of their councillors and the administration, before they cast their votes, but the Act was written with the idea that "election day" is the fourth Saturday in October of an election year, Saturday, October 26, 2024.

But not when an election is postal-only, as most local government elections are in Victoria this year, so it's a rort.

Please note, however, the Act says "no later than the day before election day", not as a council officer incorrectly stated in response to the only question asked by a councillor last Wednesday, by Cr Ron Bauer, that they "must be presented to a council meeting the day prior to election day in an election year".

In fact, the council and its administration could have presented the annual report and fourth quarter financial report to the public well before the voting packs started going out on Monday, October 7.

We might give the council a leave pass on the annual report, which has been tabled on October 18, 2023 and October 26, 2022 in recent years, but the shire has clearly delayed the release of its all-important Fourth Quarter Financial Report for 2024.

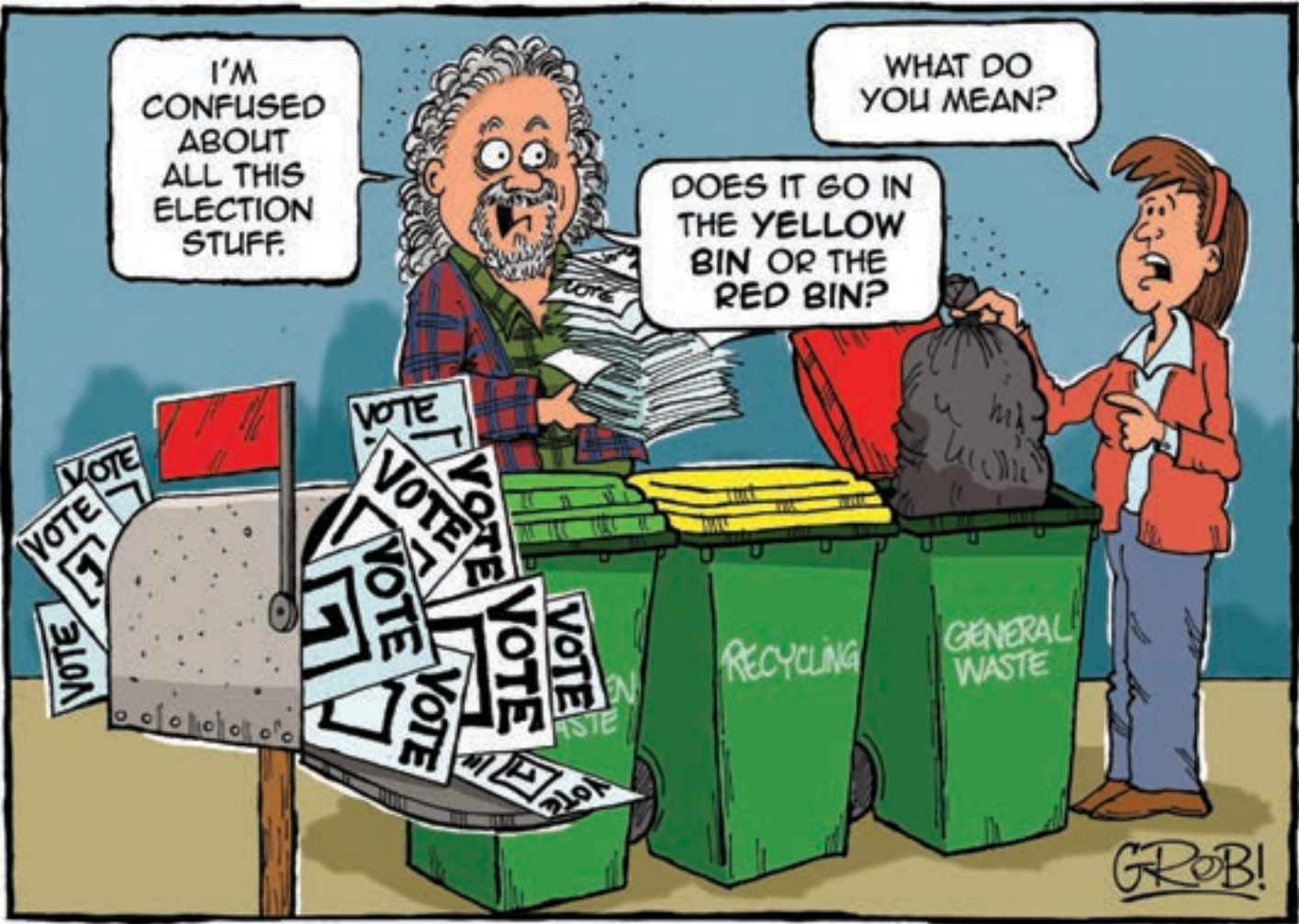
In the previous two years, that 'Q4' report was made available at the August 16, 2023 and September 21, 2022 council meetings, time enough for questions to be asked.

This time they are releasing the report three and a half months after the end of the financial year on October 16, 2024. Why?

It's a question our councillors should have asked, among many about information contained in some of the most important documents of the year.

But this past council regime has failed to challenge the administration to provide clear, transparent and timely information to the community about almost everything, mainly because a coterie of councillors, led by Cr Michael Whelan, has stopped council from working in the sort of collegiate way that would have achieved the best results.

This latest, final failing, of a dysfunctional council is just another case in point.



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Engineering study before saying 'no' please

THE Sentinel Times, October 8 certainly made for interesting reading, including the letters. The lead article on page one dealing with the forthcoming Bass Coast Shire Council elections outlines electioneering by one group supporting their candidates that can only be described with words like tawdry and grubby.

The reported Labor Party how-to-vote card and the large list of candidates smacks as an effort to split the vote to get one candidate up, "our own Cr Leticia Laing", says Tully Fletcher. Wonder how local State member feels about that description. As a recent councillor, Cr Laing, in my view has not done well in the role. But then the good councillor is not alone on that score.

Then the Greens Candidate writes very odd letters in the Sentinel, which suggests the young man needs to develop some resilience in his approach to politics, nor, as an "aged local resident", do I see his stated few years working in ACT Minister's office for "Seniors" as relevant councillor experience. We can all read policy and budget documents.

Then page five dealing with the candidate views on the Inverloch rock sea walls. Five candidates say no and one yes. But folks, the Minister has already said no to rock walls and yes to beach renourishment, so that was an easy "no" call. You don't want to upset the State Minister.

Mind you this is again a "cart before the horse decision". The horse being a proper engineering study first, and the Cape to Cape report is not such a document. In the end, both beach renourishment and some geotextile walls shaped into dunes will be needed to address the surf beach problem. And may still be only a short-term solution.

Rod Gallagher, Inverloch

Footpath maintenance

GREAT to see a team at work on the footpath near Glen Isla Court last week. A team of eight, from Melbourne spent some days repairing/maintaining

about 50 metres of footpath. Was using a Melbourne based work team the best value for money?

The team also told us they were due back in January for footpath works in Thompson Avenue. Really? In the middle of summer when crowds are largest? Lacking a bit of commonsense if you ask me.

Bring commonsense decision making for the community back to Bass Coast Council.

Darrell Silva, Candidate for Island Ward

Further delays for DAL

THE Bass Coast DAL is now subject to a gazetted delay.

Which means that the current DAL being discussed will be almost in need of an update by the time the State Government gets around to passing it.

Bass Coast will have trouble planning its priorities and being able to move forward. This appears to be a sign of the lack of respect that the State level of Government has for Local Government.

The State Government has been sitting on this DAL for a year after more than a year of panel hearings. All this time with no action.

In the end, we will have a statement of planning policy dumped onto those who are the most affected.

Surely, they could release some kind of statement that will allow Bass Coast to move forward at least in the areas where settled decisions have already occurred?

This type of delay impedes the level of Government closest to the actual people – the grassroots – to be able to do its job effectively.

Are they incompetent or do they have a hidden agenda to take over all planning decisions from Local Government where it should belong?

The recent release of section 53.22 of the Victoria Planning Provisions re Significant Economic Development, taken with the fact that the State Government considers the Bass Coast as a unique case with regards to planning, it appears very concerning.

Glenda Minty, Candidate Western Port Ward

Transparency wanted on contributors

In relation to the excellent letter to the editor from Cait McMahon (p22 8/10 issue), I note that in your response you say that you won't be attributing "contributed articles or articles that are simply a report of an event".

I would have thought that contributed articles are exactly the sort of items that need to be attributed. Why did you rule these ones out?

Furthermore, in reporting on an event, the way it is reported can certainly be used to push an opinion – your front-page article "Party influence not welcome" this week is a good example of this.

Come on Sentinel Times, more transparency please!

Peter Ghys, Inverloch

Editor: By "contributed articles" we mean reports from community and sporting groups. By "reports on events" we mean reports and photos of a produce market, art show, car show or racehorse meeting, etc. If reports include the writer's opinions, they should be attributed to them. In the rare event that we include a statement by an MP or other official in its entirety, these would also be attributed. Unlike a metro paper, that may have 100s of paid contributors, we have six journalists, and no one wants to see those six names repeated dozens of times in each edition. But as we said in our response to Cait McMahon, "we have reviewed our practices" and plan to include more bylines in the future. We also plan to include a list of staff journalists up front. In the interests of "more transparency" we got very busy last week putting out a 68-page edition, including the second instalment of candidates' information ahead of the start to voting, to make changes immediately. Thank you for your interest and relevant comment.

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.

Vox Pop

Do you feel less safe in the community now compared to ten years ago?



Ed Hanley
Dumbalk

"In general people feel unsafe because the structure of our world has deteriorated and is being ruined by people who are too involved in the electronics world and it's leading us into a very unsafe world."



Joan Wardle
Korumburra

"Absolutely. We experienced an attempted theft recently in Daisy Bank Estate (Korumburra)."



Fay Fowles
Korumburra

"Yes, but I live out of town and on a farm so I feel safe there. If I lived in the town, yes, I would feel much more unsafe now than I did ten years ago."



Jenny Rowe
Korumburra

"Business wise I'm concerned because we've already been broken into on a late evening. I've been here for 23 years and now I'm wary of people wandering randomly at night."

Meaningful conversations the way forward

LAST week's SGST editorial raised important points about the priorities reflected in our Council plans. It urged readers to "consider voting for candidates who focus on practical solutions rather than personal ideologies that waste time and taxpayer money."

As we approach the upcoming Victorian local government elections, the popular theme of "Back to Basics" has emerged across the state. But what does this really mean for Bass Coast residents and ratepayers – whether owner-occupiers, non-resident owners, farmers, or businesses?

The primary role of the Council is to sustainably deliver essential core services that residents expect, maintain our billion-dollar asset portfolio, plan for future needs, and manage borrowings – all while minimising expenses to ratepayers. This is the essence of the "basics."

Beyond what is necessary, additional funding is needed to enhance neighbourhood amenities, improve liveability, support local businesses, and advocate for issues that may fall outside the

Council's direct responsibilities.

Council funding primarily comes from rates revenue, supplemented by grants. With capped rate increases, revenue often fails to keep pace with inflation, further constraining resources available for service delivery and asset investment.

Consequently, the Council must critically evaluate its expanding list of services against the resources available to deliver them effectively. This includes assessing the value of existing community assets and the investment needed for new developments.

While many innovative ideas are proposed to the Council, they rarely include sustainable financing plans for the future. This highlights the importance of prioritising spending to ensure long-term sustainability while living within our means. The community must engage in discussions about how much they are willing to invest beyond the basics and how those costs should be distributed.

It's time for a meaningful dialogue between the Council and the community about our choices and how to sustainably fund them.

Brian O'Farrell, Candidate for Western Port Ward



The senior students from Tarwin Lower Primary School had the opportunity to visit the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine.

Students see out fun-filled term three

THERE was plenty of excitement to see out term three at Tarwin Lower Primary School.

The students finished off the term with a footy colours day in preparation for the AFL grand final during the school holidays.

The Grade 5 and 6 students also took the new school bus to explore the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine.

Students were also congratulated for their reading efforts throughout the term and those who recorded the most reading nights and least amount of days off were presented with awards.



These students from Tarwin Lower Primary School recorded the most reading nights in term three.



Tarwin Lower Primary School students wore their favourite footy colours on the last day of term three.



Stargazers across South Gippsland and Bass Coast were treated to another spectacular Aurora Australis display early Friday morning and into initial darkness that evening. Local photographer Anna Carson enjoyed watching the early morning show from San Remo as the sun began to rise. If you've captured something special from the local area email news@sgst.com.au.

High Tea raises funds for an impoverished community

ST MARY’S Church in Mirboo North recently invited the community to come for a high tea to raise money for a well for an impoverished community through the charity Tearfund.

A well in a village costs about \$1900 and can provide a sustainable source of water, making all the difference for an entire village and improving health and livelihoods, with clean water safe for drinking, washing and watering vegetables.

Volunteers from St Mary’s Church spent hours making a selection of savoury items including homemade sausage rolls, mini quiches, ribbon sandwiches and sweet slices, scones and meringues, in anticipation of catering for up to 100 people.

“We decided we’d have a high tea and raise money for a well in a village and it was just amazing. I think we had about 90 people. We charged \$20 a head, and we came home with just under \$2700,” said Jill Campbell from St Mary’s Church.

“There was a lot of support from the community on the day. People were just so generous, they bought raffle tickets, and people put more money in (than needed).”

“The generosity from the community was just amazing.”

As there were more funds than needed, more than just a well will be able to be provided.

“We’ll go through the catalogue, and we’ll plan what we’d like the other money to go to as well. There is another part of it, where you can give money towards where it’s needed,” explained Jill.

St Mary’s have been involved with Tearfund for many years, a non-profit charity organisation that work in partnership with 59 Christian agencies on the ground in 22 countries across Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and supports 88 projects.

They also provide a useful gifts catalogue which allows people to buy items from the catalogue to go toward providing for impoverished communities.

Gifts range from \$5 up to \$5000 and can be things like a chicken for \$5, a goat for \$50, seeds and tools \$10, education from \$5, a toilet for \$70 and many more gifts that improve the quality of life.

“Quite often goats will have twins, so whoever’s got a goat, they’ll have the goat, and they’ll keep one kid, and then another person will get the other kid. So, it’s creating sustainability and independence,” explained Jill.

For the five Sundays before Christmas, Jill has a card reader at St Mary’s Church, for anyone who would like to purchase Christmas gifts from the useful gifts catalogue.

To donate directly to Tearfund go to tearfund.org.au or to have a look at the gifts catalogue go to usefulgifts.org.

Host an international student and experience travel in your own home

WITH the cost of living travelling overseas is unaffordable for many but the World Exchange Program (WEP) can bring Europe or South America to Gippsland homes, schools and communities.

Families can volunteer to take on a high school student from overseas and experience the culture of another country, while sharing Australia’s own, with a student staying from one term up to a year.

“We have a lot of Italians, a lot of French, Belgian, Germans. We do have some South Americans as well as Mexican and Brazilian (students),” explained Donna Lack from the WEP.

“Exchange is a great opportunity for families to experience a different culture without having to experience the stress of travelling. They can experience other cultures in their own home, and a lot of the families we find have developed quite lifelong relationships with their students.”

Inverloch local, Shelley, decided to become a host after moving from outback Western Australia earlier this year. She joined the Inverloch Community Facebook page to find connections and saw the ad for exchange students.

“I thought, well, I have a three-bedroom home, it’s only myself and the dog, and when my kids were home I had exchange students. I thought, what a great opportunity for somebody to come from overseas, to come to Inverloch and have an Australian experience and that sort of thing.”

Shelley subsequently went through the application process and chose Mira, a female student from the Netherlands, based on their similar interests in dancing,



Mira is an exchange student from the Netherlands, staying with her host parent, Shelley from Inverloch for a year.

tennis and nature.

“I’m all about giving and I just think we’ve got a lot to offer both, as being in Australia and I think my family has got a lot to offer as well; just to show people a different sort of lifestyle to maybe what they’re used to,” explained Shelley.

Mira arrived in Australia in August, is attending school in Leon-gatha and will stay with Shelley until next June, giving her time to become fully immersed in the Australian way of life.

“My first impressions were really good; the Australian people are very open and nice. The surroundings are beautiful, but the

towns are so spread out in comparison to the Netherlands,” said Mira.

“I’m enjoying all of the new places I get to see and all of the new people I get to meet. I’ve visited some great places already with Shelley, like Phillip Island.”

Sydney is high on Mira’s bucket list, as she loves visiting cities. But she is excited about going to Queensland with Shelley in the summer holidays to go snorkelling, to the rainforest, to see crocodiles and she is hoping to go surfing.

The hardest part about living in Inverloch for Mira is the lack of public transport and she misses

the independence of being able to go anywhere at any time.

“If I want to go somewhere outside of Inverloch you always need a car. A lot of my friends live in other towns so it makes it a lot harder to hang out together. In the Netherlands all the distances are small and you can easily walk, bike or use public transport,” said Mira.

While the lack of public transport presents a challenge, Donna comments that WEP prefers to place students in regional areas rather than cities.

“We actually look to place more so out of the cities, because we find that the regional areas are a lot more excited to have an exchange student than capital cities are. It’s not often that you would have a Dutch student or Italian student coming to Gippsland, so having that opportunity in the community is definitely very exciting,” said Donna.

Anyone who is interested can become a host, including traditional families with young or older children, single-sex couples, single parents, and retired couples.

“We have students who come back and see their host families many years later. So, they develop a really special relationship,” explained Donna.

WEP is a non-profit organisation and all the host parents are volunteers.

“I think it’s a great experience for everyone to participate in and for everyone concerned,” said Shelley.

For more information contact Donna on donna.lack@wep.org or 9598 4733 or visit hostastudent.org.au.

Newhaven College students visit Japan to immerse in their culture

NEWHAVEN College has had a long-running association with Ibaraki Christian Junior High School in Honshu, Japan. It started in 2000 and has been flourishing ever since. Nine enthusiastic Year 10 and Year 11 students took the opportunity to visit Japan for two weeks in September. The Japan tour offers an opportunity to soak in Japanese culture as well as providing an opportunity to broaden Japanese language skills.

On arrival at the school in Ibaraki, the students were introduced to their host families who welcomed them into their homes. Students were immersed in the Japanese way of life, including visiting onsen (hot springs), local sites and sampling traditional cuisine.

At school, Newhaven College students became involved with classes assisting with English lessons and mixing with the students. One of the participants, Ruben Jungwirth said, “I was incredibly excited to have the opportunity to go on this year’s Japan Tour. It was truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to dive into Japanese culture and experience their education firsthand.”

“During my time at Ibaraki Christian Junior High School, I enjoyed making new friends with the students and creating countless memories. The program was an unforgettable experience.”

The students were accompanied by Newhaven College



Newhaven College students enjoyed their visit to Ibaraki Christian Junior High School, meeting other students and learning about their culture.

teachers, Ms Mitsuko Horiguchi and Ms Melanie Flower. Ms Horiguchi has been coordinating the tours for over 20 years. She said of this current group, “it was wonderful to continue the Japanese Exchange program this year, connecting with our sister school and hosting Japanese students in July, followed by our visit to Japan in September.”

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

“Through the exchange program, we believe our students have discovered new aspects of themselves and experienced personal growth. Spending time with our students and creating

unforgettable memories together has been a joy.”

The exchange program has provided valuable experiences, uniting students from various backgrounds and encouraging cross-cultural friendships while promoting mutual understanding. For Newhaven College students learning Japanese, it was an ideal opportunity to practice their language skills.



The San Remo SES unit thanks Stihl for their generous donation of a MSA 220 C-B 36V cordless chainsaw, enhancing their emergency response capabilities. Z07_4224

San Remo SES Unit receives generous donation from Stihl

THE San Remo State Emergency Service (SES) unit recently celebrated a significant boost in their operational capabilities thanks to a generous donation from Stihl. Unit Controller Mandy Chancellor expressed heartfelt gratitude for the support, emphasizing its importance in enhancing the unit's efficiency.

Mandy highlighted that the donation, which included a much-needed battery-operated chainsaw, will significantly improve the unit's versatility in emergency responses.

"We thank Stihl for their ongoing support, not just for SES, but specifically to our unit. This new equipment allows us to expand our capabilities."

Technical training manager for Stihl, Steve Gallyot generously presented the unit members with an MSA 220 C-B 36V

cordless chainsaw on Thursday evening, and provided onsite training on the chainsaw, stating that the battery tool is more user-friendly than a petrol one.

"This is great, it means it's ready to use when we need it!"

The San Remo SES unit's growth continues, with a new member recently joining bringing the total membership to 24.

Mandy noted the vital role community engagement plays in the success of the SES, stating, "Our volunteers are the backbone of our unit, and community support is essential for us to be prepared for the season ahead."

The San Remo SES unit is committed to providing reliable emergency services, and with the continued support from businesses like Stihl, they are better equipped to serve the community.



Training of the new MSA 220 C-B 36V cordless chainsaw with Steve Gallyot, technical training manager for Stihl. Z09_4224



Wonthaggi Library Customer Services and Programs Officers Sabine Aeschlimann and Tim Gessell. B26_4224



Chloe at the Wonthaggi Library for after-school air clay. B28_4224

Free films for seniors and air-dry clay at the Wonthaggi library

NO POPCORN but a free ice cream is provided at the Wonthaggi Library when seniors sit down for movie time.

The monthly free film screenings are always popular explained Library Customer Services and Programs Officer, Sabine Aeschlimann.

Every seat was taken for The Colour Purple as part of this month's Seniors Festival.

Next month the Wonthaggi Library will show coming-of-age Australian drama, 'Sweet As' and in December the recently released Christmas comedy 'The Hold-overs'.

"Bookings are free but essential," said Sabine.

There is much to enjoy at the Wonthaggi Library.

A free after-school library clay club is popular with children over five.

"Create your own air-dry clay artworks," said library staff member Tim Gessell.

New parents can connect with other new mums and dads at Baby Rhyme Time every Thursday at 11am, and story time for toddlers at 10.30am on Monday followed by a craft session to engage youngsters in language and literacy.

Young gamers can play Warhammer, Star Wars Legion, BattleTech, X Wing, One Page Rules, Bolt Action and War Machine on Saturdays at the library from 10am to 4pm.

Next month on November 12 at 11am the Wonthaggi Fire Brigade will conduct a free information session with tips and ideas on how to make your home fire safe.

Bring a book to the library on Wednesday from 2.30pm to 4pm for Book Chat with Sabine and Tim or try reading a poem aloud between 10am and 4pm.

"Simply go to the Poet's Corner on any day the library is open," said Sabine.

"Pull out the pedestal provided, ring the bell and start reading your poem."

Knit, crochet or sew every Thursday from 1pm as part of the Wonthaggi Library Close-Knit Social Group, try jewellery making on the first Saturday of every month at 1.30pm or catch up with the fantastic CWA Owl Women on the last Saturday of every month from midday to 4pm.

Help with computers is available at Tech Talk on Tuesday mornings.

The Wonthaggi Library hosts an ethics discussion group from 2pm to 3.30pm on the first Saturday of every month to talk about contemporary issues and enjoy lively debate.

Seniors Month continues next Tuesday, October 22 with Device Advice from 10am to midday.

For more information on library events and bookings go to myli.org.au/events or phone 5672 1875.

National medals highlight at firefighters award night

MEMBERS of the Pound Creek and Tarwin Lower and District Fire Brigades held a combined celebration of service with a number of awards presented on October 10 at the Leongatha RSL.

A special highlight of the evening was the presentation of two National Medals, presented to Mick Hughes and David Walker.

A National Medal is one of the highest honours in CFA – celebrating conspicuous active firefighting service and leadership.

Service awards were presented by South Gippsland Commander Simon Bloink and recognise the time and dedication members put into serving the community, training and being there to protect life and property when fire, accidents and hazardous events threaten the community.

CFA volunteers dedicate their time to training and turning out to help their community in times of need and stress, not only firefighting but helping other agencies including SES and CERT where members of the public are trapped and where properties are damaged.



Pound Creek brigade members after receiving their service awards. Pictured is Andrew Mutton, Joe Busuttill, Jay Masterman-Smith, Roger Davies, Mick Hughes, Julian Walker, Commander Simon Bloink, Peter Dellingham, Danny Drummond, Ross Vanzuyden and Captain Ivan Smith.



Tarwin Lower and District brigade members with their service acknowledgements, from left, Matt Alexander, Commander Simon Bloink, Julian Seri, Captain Mick Moore and Jim Barr.



Korumburra's Jan Morris and Helen Lyon-Jones of Nyora enjoy the friendly atmosphere at Thursday's lunch for seniors. A12_4224

Seniors afternoon out in Korumburra

SENIOR citizens were treated to a tasty free lunch on Thursday at Korumburra Community Hub, the well-attended event part of the month-long Victorian Seniors Festival.

Milpara Community House hosted the lunch with support from Frankie's Community Kitchen of Warragul.

Having recently retired from her role as Milpara manager, Jenni Keerie happily volunteered her time to help serve lunch, as did her fellow South Gippsland Shire councillor of the past three years, Nathan Hersey, and other willing helpers.

There was plenty of chatter among the room full of diners.

The lunch was a pleasant surprise for life-long Korumburra residents Marg and John Wilson who popped into the Hub for other reasons.

"Syd dragged us in," they explained, referring to local identity Syd Whyte and seeming pleased he did so.

Milpara Community House has teamed with Myli, which operates the Korumburra Library, to run free activities for seniors during October.

Upcoming seniors' activities at Korumburra Community Hub are Wednesday 'Tai Chi for Arthritis' on October 16, 23 and 30 between 10.30 and 11am, and 'Qigong and Meditation' on Tuesday October 15 from 10am until 11am.

• FAITH FACTOR

Do You See It?

By Karen Thorp, Wonthaggi and Inverloch Inter-Church Council

SOME people do see it, it's the beauty in nature. Magnificent landscapes and seascapes, flora and fauna right here on our doorstep and so easily accessible. Many visitors to Bass Coast have mentioned this area is some of the most beautiful in all of Australia.

Surrounded by beaches, cliffs and rivers, farmland, green grass, trees and a whole lot of fresh, clean air and salt water. When was the last time you felt the sun on your back or the wind on your face, smelt the sea breeze or walked on the grass in bare feet? These are places I go to talk to God either quietly or out loud when nobody is around.

When life gets complicated or stressful how about you let nature remind you of all those things that are still good and beautiful, and that God is always closer than you might think. In the magnificent splendour of this world that God made we can find peace and hope.

To help us remember these sometimes-forgotten things a small group of enthusiastic local people have got together to share the spectacular beauty God has provided by creating a calendar for 2025 with local images along with biblical scripture. Melea Couty is one of the photographers who in sharing her passion wants to remind us to "take some time to look around our beautiful Bass Coast, see God's amazing creation and be assured He loves us!" Photographers Don and Sue Michael also "love capturing the beauty of creation in awe of the majesty of God."

A fundraiser by Wonthaggi and Inverloch Inter-Church Council supporting local people in great need, it's now available for \$20. From Wonthaggi Wrench's Footwear, Wonthaggi ArtSpace, San Remo Anglican Church Op Shop and New Beginnings Books and Giftware at Leongatha.

Affordable fun at Leongatha Senior Citizens Club

LEONGATHA Senior Citizens Club isn't only a hive of activity during October's Victorian Seniors Festival.

While members enjoyed Friday's entertainment from performers Phil Benson and Graeme Drury of 'Travelin Country', club president Pat Allaway highlighted the great value on offer.

"Where else in Leongatha can you go for \$5 and get entertainment and a cuppa with afternoon tea?"

That happens every Friday afternoon at the club's Dakers Centre home.

Renting out the facility, when not in use by the club, raises revenue that allows prices for seniors' gatherings to be kept affordable.

As well as the low door price each week, the annual membership of Leongatha Senior Citizens Club is also a mere \$5.

Everyone is welcome, with no minimum age.

While there was a good turnout on Friday, Pat is keen to ensure the long-term viability of the club by boosting membership and participation.

"I want to keep it going and we need more younger ones," she said.

Friendly indoor bowls competition takes place on Monday afternoons from 1.30pm.

"It's not about winning or losing," club secretary Ian Rasmussen said.

He added that people might play for an hour and a half, then enjoy a cuppa and chat for another hour.



Phil Benson and Graeme Drury entertain attendees on Friday. A07_4224



Leongatha Senior Citizens Club Secretary Ian Rasmussen and President Pat Allaway look forward to welcoming new members. A06_4224

Friday's gathering attracted not only Leongatha locals but people from Foster, Korumburra, Nyora and elsewhere.

Sadly, senior citizens clubs in Foster and Mirboo North are no longer operating, while members of the Korumburra Senior Citizens

Club have experienced a nomadic existence since losing their long-term home base.

Leongatha Senior Citizens Club treasurer Kay Cook summed up what the club offers in addition to affordability.

"It's entertaining, and good fellowship, and you meet a

lot of people from different walks of life," she said.

She backed up Pat's message that people don't have to be old to join the fun.

Kay sees younger local people she knows at country music events but they don't take the opportunity to come and enjoy similar entertainment on Friday afternoons at the Dakers Centre.

This scribe is looking forward to Gavin Chatelier's Friday, October 25 Dakers Centre performance, having enjoyed his engaging presence and excellent voice at a concert in Cohuna.

In Leongatha, Gavin will be performing his 'Legends and Love Songs' show, paying tribute to the likes of Kris Kristofferson, Frank Ifield and Charlie Pride.

"Elvis is in the mix as always," Gavin said.

He'll look the part wearing glitter jackets and playing guitar, backed by a recording of his band.

Friday entertainment commences at 1pm.

U3A members celebrate vibrant seniors festival

CLASSES of all sorts are on offer at U3A and that was never more prevalent than last Thursday, October 10 at Connect, Celebrate and Discover U3A when the chattering of new and old friends was had.

"We try to have a get together on a regular basis," U3A president, Harry Freeman explained.

"U3A has groups of all sorts, and although we are very successful, we are always growing and open to new members."

With the promise of an even more spectacular program coming next year, U3A is entirely volunteer run and lead, with tutors, often students and vice versa across the array of groups.

"We currently have 233 people with some people involved in only one group, whilst others partake in several," Marion Schooneveldt explained.

"The membership fee is all you pay, (and sometimes materials depending on the group)."

Groups are generally maxed at 20 participants with a variation from watercolour art to singing through to bocce and strength and stretch.

"It's a rapidly growing age group."

"We exist because of our volunteers and have grown to two rooms after being around for about 30 years. Shakespeare



Regular bocce members Gary Beard and Annemarie Gaff take a moment to show visitor Robyn Reddall what the sport is all about. C13_4224

is our longest-lived group and has been going near on 30.

"It's not a lifelong commitment. Our oldest is 95 and youngest 51 with a range of everything."

Members and visitors alike were welcomed with a number of tunes from the singing group including an opening number of Elvis 'Can't Help Falling in Love', and Yippee Ki Yay by Kevin Walsh, before discussions moved to a delightful BBQ feast, and much sought after catching up.



Conductor Ann Brown leads the singing group through several numbers much to the crowd's delight. C14_4224

MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

TERM 4 has commenced! We started the week with Senior's Month Celebrations. There was a fantastic turn out to our Chair yoga and Qigong classes, in partnership with MyLi Korumburra, and a great party of locals came to the Special Senior's luncheon on Thursday. It was a wonderful gathering, supported by Milpara volunteers and Frankies Community Kitchen.

Our courses start this week and there are some still spots available. We need a few more Language class enrolments and as ever there is room in the Craft of Story Writing, Tai Chi and Crochet classes along with a lot more!

We have put out a call for those interested in an introduction to oil painting with Loch artist Lucy Hersey. Call us if you are interested and we will make it happen!

Please go to our website and have a look through the new program - milparacommunityhouse.org.au/term-program/

Please get in touch, we're happy to help.

We have our Centrelink agent at the house Monday to Thursday; and the Emergency Food Bank is available Monday, Tuesday and Friday.



15 Little Commercial St, Korumburra
PH: (03) 5655 2524
www.milparacommunityhouse.org.au

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

IS THE creative soul inside you wanting to get out and spread the joy of what you give to the art world be it a small world or a large one? Then come along to our Art Group. It doesn't matter where you are in the artscape, be it experienced or not, all are welcome. Bring your paints, a canvas, rocks or whatever you would like to work on or paint or draw. Our aim is to have fun. The group meets on Wednesdays 1.45pm to 3.30pm.

Whether one is a refugee settling into a new cultural environment or being part of a culturally diverse section of our community, it is very important to have those friendship and support connections which buoy our spirits and give us meaning and purpose. Well our Multicultural Women's Group can provide avenues for this.

They meet on Thursdays 10am to 12 noon. It is for support for those who are socially and culturally isolated and culturally and linguistically diverse. Providing, among other things an improved awareness of cultural mores and expectations and provide opportunities for the development of practical life skills.

The Fixit Café is on this Sunday, October 20. Please book in your item to be repaired with Mitchell House and they will pair it with the appropriate fixer and give you a 30 minute slot. One item per person, you also have to be able to carry it. The café with all its facilities and expertise, along with some other volunteers, are brought to you by the Wonthaggi Mens Shed at the Harvest Centre.

We have lots going on at the WNC during term time so consider becoming a member of the WNC and get discounts to many of our activities and receive our monthly newsletter Connections plus The Grapevine program which lists groups, dates, days and times for the term. Both can be delivered online or by post your choice.



6 Murray St, Wonthaggi
PH: (03) 5672 3731
www.wonthaggi-neighbourhoodcentre.com



BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

LAST week, BCAL presented a special Be Work Ready course in partnership with Selmar Institute of Education.

The full week course was part of the Regional Specialist Training Fund – a state government funded initiative aimed at addressing crucial employment gaps which require a skilled workforce for the local aged care sector to thrive.

The program introduces key skills to students who are looking to gain a traineeship in aged care. It covered job readiness, résumé and cover letter preparation, interview tips, and connecting with local employers.

This is among the first of a range of introductory courses in care services BCAL will be offering in 2025. Future courses will include Child Care, Aged Care, Health Support Services, and Disability Support.

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

WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden's plot rebuild program is almost complete. As of last Thursday, 16 new timber or metal beds were in place.

Member and volunteer, Kevin, has driven the project from the start, identifying which plots to replace, designing, sourcing materials and building the new beds from scratch.

In a final touch, last week, volunteers were on hand to fill the newest growing plots with layers of compost, cow manure and topsoil ready for spring/summer planting.

At least one bed will be planted with a range of tomato varieties for all the regular volunteers to enjoy.

If you would like to tour the garden, get involved or find out more contact tgor-don@westnet.com.au BCAL on 5672 3115, or drop in on Thursdays between 10am and noon. Everyone welcome.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Following the previous Saturday's working bee, last Saturday the Woodies hosted a social function.

This was an opportunity for members to bring their partners and get to know each other beyond their interests in woodworking.

Thirty people attended and enjoyed a huge lunch. While there is always a social aspect to any club based on a common interest, it's good to share other interests from time to time as well.

For more information, visit wonthaggi-woodcrafters.com.au or visit the workshop.



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www.bcal.vic.edu.au

LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WE HAVE really hit the ground running with the last term for this year. It is so good to see everyone back and enjoying our programs and activities. We still have lots more coming up with our Saturday workshop specials for Term 4 and a couple with a Christmas theme so you can create a special handmade gift for your loved ones.

Starting with the popular Pat Dale's Beginners Basketry Workshop on Sunday, October 20 from 10am-3.30pm. Participants will make a cord line hanging fish using natural plant fibres to create an unusual hanging to love. A few places still available. All materials supplied. \$40 session fee.

Saturday, November 9, 10am-2pm, we have the talented Constance Barker running a one day Exploring Portrait Drawing workshop. Drawing what you see rather than what you think this workshop will focus on drawing portraits. Session fee \$40.

Our beloved Jen Chitty returns for a special Christmas Card Calligraphy class on Saturday, November 30, 12-4pm. Learn the art of calligraphy focusing on French Ronde script and creating a personalised Christmas Card. Session fee just \$15.

On Saturday, November 30, 10am-2pm, we also have Constance Barker returning for Play with Acrylics Abstracts to be made into bookmarks to be laminated as gifts for Christmas. Session fee \$40.

Our popular Qigong and Stretch classes have moved to Tuesday evenings at 6pm.

Breathing coordinated with slow stretching and gentle standing movements. Sense a holistic connectedness to oneself and aliveness circulating through your body. \$60 term fee.

Our new Games Group is running on Wednesday mornings from 10am-12pm. Bring along your favourite board game or deck of cards, or simply come and join in the fun with like-minded people. Everyone's welcome, whether you're a seasoned player or just looking for a good time! \$3 donation.

Don't forget we have a Gratitude Lunch on Friday, October 18 from 11am-1pm. This event is free, and bookings are encouraged for catering purposes.

Please call to book on 5662 3962 or email info.leongathacommunityhouse.org.au



16 Bruce Street, Leongatha
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www.leongathacommunityhouse.org.au

YES YOUTH HUB

THE YES Youth Hub wishes to thank the Bass Coast Community for such wonderful feedback and attendance of the IGNITE! Youth Arts Fest during the school holidays.

Driven by the YES Youth Hub, FReeZA, and Bass Coast Y team, and generously funded by the Victorian Government "Youth Fest", Bass Coast Shire Council, and Engage! (DFFH) – the event was a resounding success. Displaying art from over 50 young creatives from around the Bass Coast and featuring incredibly talented local youth musicians; the event saw attendance of approximately 200 people on Opening Night, and over 300 total visits during the course of the exhibition's display.

Over 250 people voted in the "People's Choice Awards" and saw three amazing young people take home a prize for their incredible artworks. The IGNITE! Team was also thrilled to welcome the Honourable Minister Natalie Suleyman to the closing event, as well as MP for Bass Jordan Crugnale, to present the People's Choice Awards to the successful artists. We thank them wholeheartedly for their attendance, and their passion for youth in our community. With such an incredibly successful first event, we're emboldened to ensure that this program becomes part of our yearly calendar!

With Term 4 off to a roaring start (albeit a chilly one!), the YYH team will continue to deliver our amazing Monday Meals program, community pantry, laundry, and "Drop-In" programs. We have a saying at the YES Youth Hub: no-one goes home hungry – and we will always deliver snacks, delicious meals, and a warm and welcoming environment to ensure that the young people of Bass Coast always feel safe, welcomed and included in our space. The YYH team also has a range of exciting activities and programs lined up for Term 4, so be sure to keep an eye on our socials (FB and Instagram) for more information!

The YES Youth Hub is a community project managed by the YMCA Bass Coast on behalf of Bass Coast Shire Council, the Bass Coast community, and most importantly – young people. We provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive space for young people aged 12 to 25 living, working, studying and playing in the Bass Coast. We are located at 76 Watt Street, Wonthaggi and our beautiful space is open and available to young people of the community on Monday to Thursday between 2.30pm – 5.30pm. Young people are always welcome to come down and check out the space during Drop-In and spend time with the YYH team. We can't wait to see you there!



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@YESYouthHub

Fish Creek CFA celebrates 80 years

THE FISH Creek and District Fire Brigade will be celebrating 80 years as a CFA unit this October.

The brigade currently has 35 active fire-fighters, and five members with more than 50 years of volunteering service, two of who continue to turn out on the truck and help support their community in their time of need.

Fish Creek has been heavily involved in fighting many fires over the years, locally, and throughout Victoria and interstate, with strike teams sent to the Black Saturday Fires and to Wilsons Prom' more recently.

While the brigade was officially established as a CFA unit in 1944, like many other communities, there were coordinated volunteer efforts to fight fires long before this, of note is the 1939 Black Friday fires.

About 20 years ago the Fish Creek unit amalgamated with Sandy Point to become the Fish Creek and District Brigade.

They encompass the townships and communities of Fish Creek, Sandy Point, Waratah Bay and Buffalo, and their Road Rescue response area covers approximately 170 kilometres, all the way down to the most southern point of Victoria within Wilsons Promontory National Park.

The brigade offers fire response but also has a specialist response in road crash rescue response and steep angle rope rescue and was one of the very first brigades in CFA to have road crash rescue.

"We turn out to motor vehicle accidents, and we've been doing that for quite some time. We have a special rescue vehicle for that," said secretary of the brigade, Mike O'Mara.

Providing valued services to the community over these years, firefighters will come together to celebrate and the community is invited to visit the station and view the new renovations, vehicles and equipment.

The station has been upgraded with new change and laundering rooms and new meeting rooms, and in partnership with the Bendigo Bank, an electronic sign has been installed which will provide advice to the public on fire prevention and fire protection.

"The station basically now, is a lot more modern. We're in a period of austerity, and we were lucky to have this done for us. It took about three months," said Mike.

A celebration will be held at noon on Sunday, October 20 for CFA staff and volunteers with service awards to be presented.

After this is concluded, the station will be open to the members of the public between 3pm and 5pm and Mike welcomes everyone who is interested to come along.

"We're always interested in new members. People who want to come and join us. We're very keen to have volunteers, like every brigade it's always a challenge. The more people we've got involved in the community, would help us, and it's a great organisation to be part of," said Mike.

Flyball dogs return for Wonthaggi Show

THE BASS Coast Wonthaggi Summer Agricultural Show returns bigger and better than ever on January 4 with a spectacular line-up of events and attractions likely to draw thousands through the gates.

Show Secretary, Rosemary Loughnan said the return of the flyball dog trials will be a highlight of the 2025 show.

Flyball consists of a relay race between teams of dogs running in two or four lanes.

Each dog must jump over four hurdles, retrieve a ball by triggering a flyball box pedal then return over the hurdles to the start line where the dogs are required to drop the ball at the feet of their handler in return for a treat.

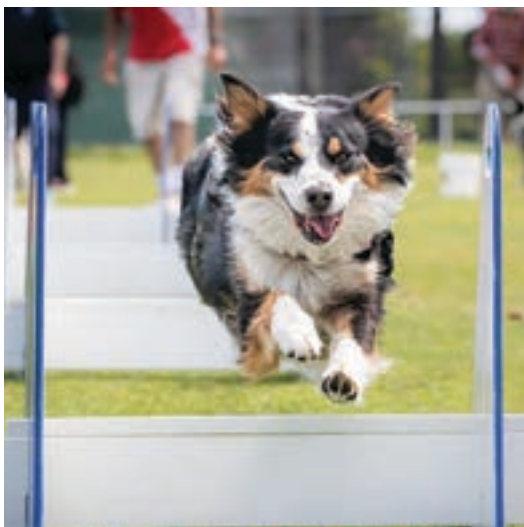
Flyball is pure fun for the dogs, handlers and spectators and any dog can enter regardless of breed, size, shape or formal training.

The first team to have all four of their racing dogs complete a run wins the heat.

The last flyball competition in Wonthaggi was held back in 2020.

Welshpool's Paul Macphail and his much-prized Beloka working kelpies will return to the Bass Coast Summer Show along with Murroka Clydesdales.

The Bass Coast Wonthaggi Best Beaut Ute and 4X4 Show is sure to attract plenty of interest as well as tractors and



Flyball is back for the Wonthaggi Show 2025.



Ann Berrett with Ardock Hamish, Driven Donkey.

farm implements from the Harry Ferguson Club.

Rosemary said needlework, cooking and preserves will have a new home in the clubhouse of the Wonthaggi Angling Club.

Children's artwork from local schools will also be on display.

Another big attraction promises to be a government-sponsored 'Sustaining Agriculture' marquee showcasing the food we eat and textiles we use.

Carnival rides, show bags, fairy floss, takeaway food vans, competitions, roving street theatre, clowns, a stilt

walker and sideshow alley will all be back in 2025 making the Wonthaggi Summer Show a perfect day for the whole family.

Garden and farm produce will be on display along with Wonthaggi's backyard chooks, scarecrows, decorated gumboots and a photography exhibition.

Sandy Creek Clydesdales will be at the show with some of the biggest and prettiest draft horses you have ever seen.

Blacksmithing demonstrations include horseshoeing.

Children under twelve are admitted free and entry for

adults remains at just five dollars making it the best value show this side of Melbourne according to Rosemary.

"Donkeys and mules are always popular at Wonthaggi and are well supported," said Rosemary.

Circle the date in your diary, Bass Coast Wonthaggi Summer Agricultural Show, Saturday, January 4, 9am to 4pm, Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve, Wentworth Road, North Wonthaggi.

For more information email basscoastagshow@hotmail.com or look for the Bass Coast Wonthaggi Show on Facebook.

Get ready for an unforgettable 'night at The Caledonian



The Giants headed by the legendary Stuart Wood playing live at The Caledonian Hotel.

WONTHAGGI is about to come alive, and The Caledonian Hotel can't wait for the community to join in on supporting live music in the town!

Manager Liam Easton is thrilled to announce that The Caledonian will host one of Australia's most respected rock and blues bands, The Giants, on October 26. This is an opportunity to experience live music at its finest.

Get ready for an opening set from Tattoorose, a group known for their brilliant musicianship and vibrant energy that perfectly complements the headliners – The Giants.

Since The Giants' formation in 1981, they have become a cornerstone of the Australian

music scene, releasing 14 albums. With a legacy of unforgettable performances across Australia, Europe, the USA, and New Zealand, they are celebrated as one of the best blues and rock bands in the country.

"We love live music and it's exciting to be bringing a big-name band to The Cally!"

Don't miss your chance to be part of this incredible event! Tickets are limited, so make sure to secure yours now.

Join The Cally for a night of great music, good vibes, and an unforgettable atmosphere. See you there!

Visit eventbrite.com/e/the-giants-the-caledonian-hotel-tickets-1039370945477



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Spiral Herb Bread

By Meg Viney

ANOTHER really special festive bread, especially if you have a herb garden.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp yeast
- ¾ cup warm water
- 1 egg
- 1 cup scalded milk
- 60 gm butter
- 2 tsp and a pinch of salt
- 4 cup flour
- Spring onion, chopped
- Parmesan
- Herbs of choice

Method

Soak 1 tbsp yeast in ¾ cup warm water with a pinch of sugar. Leave 10 minutes, until frothy.

Beat 1 egg, 1 cup of scalded milk, 60 gm butter and 2 tsp salt.

Add the yeast and 2 ½ cups flour, blend then add a further 1 ½ cups flour. Mix for a few minutes on a low speed. You are looking for a silky, not a sticky dough, so add more flour if necessary and mix until silky.

Allow to double, then punch down and roll out on a floured bench.

Beat an egg well, then add some chopped spring onion, some parmesan and herbs of your choice (parsley/oregano, a little rosemary/basil/thyme – according to the flavour of the accompanying meal).

Spread this over the bread, then roll up into a cylinder. Transfer to a greased tray. Allow to rise again.

Place in a warm place (if it is a cool day, boil a kettle and put water in a bowl on the lower shelf of the oven. Bread needs steam when cooking, so leave it there.)

When risen, remove whilst you pre-heat the oven to 200, then cook for about 25 minutes, until golden and making a hollow sound when tapped.

Turn out onto a wire rack.

• Photo: Half Baked Harvest



Dress to the nines and be prepared for shoe tapping, dancefloor pumping good times. Photo: Sarah Banks.

Marty Gras brings celebration to Meeniyan's main drag in October

SOUTH Gippsland's tiny town of Meeniyan is set to once again host the region's most anticipated and colourful annual fundraising party, the Meeniyan Marty Gras, kicking off at 7.30pm on Saturday, October 26 at Meeniyan Town Hall.

Guests are encouraged to dress in their most outrageous and colourful outfits, embracing the theme behind Marty Gras' namesake Sydney event, and dance the night away, all to raise funds for a good cause.

Marty Gras – which usually attracts 250+ attendees – began in 2018 to mark the 50th birthdays of Meeniyan Marty Gras founder Marty and his close friend Kym. The event was such a success, it has returned by popular demand year after year, with this being the fifth of its kind.

This year's Marty Gras includes a stellar line-up of entertainment by not one, but two drag queens – the winner of Rising Drag Star of the Year at MEDE-As 2024 Kath Zowthabag, and returning for her second year Xena Ghost, plus local crowd favourite DJ Golden Fleece.

The event is held to raise much needed funds for two initiatives dear to

Marty's heart – Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA) in Cambodia, and Gippsland Pride Initiative Inc.

ODA provides education and opportunity to over 1450 disadvantaged children across eight outlying villages of Siem Reap, Cambodia, focusing on English and computer classes, aiming to improve their employment options in the local tourism and government sectors. Students are also encouraged to express their creative side through art, which is exhibited at a gallery at one of the schools, with a percentage of the profits going directly to the student artist.

Gippsland Pride Initiative Inc began its journey as an LGBTQI+ roller derby group in 2019, and due to its success in bringing the community together it evolved into its own official entity. Gippsland Pride Initiative Inc exists to connect, celebrate and represent LGBTQI+ Gippslanders, encouraging visibility, engagement, and awareness.

In addition to entertainment, guests will be treated to catering provided by the Meeniyan Red Cross, plus raffles and auctions, with items generously donated by Gippsland

businesses including: Gippsland Wine Company, Messmates Dining, The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Entropy Wines, South Gippy Signs, Tiny Gardner, and more.

Marty says he hopes to exceed the \$6500 raised from last year's event, via ticket sales, donations, raffles and auction.

"Last year's Marty Gras couldn't have gone any better if we tried. The dance floor was pumping as soon as the event kicked off, everyone was dressed to the nines, and guests had incredibly deep pockets when it came to bidding on auction items and buying raffle tickets.

"Marty Gras is a celebration of love, community, togetherness, and support, and it takes many volunteers and hours of hard work behind the scenes to pull it together. I'm so grateful to everyone who gets behind it, and I'm blown away every year seeing how our little community makes such a big difference to many children's and adult's lives," said Marty.

Tickets: \$55pp at trybooking.com/CUHDJ

Dress code: Outrageous Mardi Gras

Food provided by Meeniyan Red Cross. BYO drinks, glasses and Eskys.

Jazz away to Steve Temple & Friends this Sunday

STEVE Temple is excited to be coming back to play at his favourite Jazz Club and Phillip Island Jazz are just as excited that he will be back.

Steve will be playing cornet backed up by Lin Wallace on drums, James Clark on bass, Will Purcell on banjo, Callum Mintzis on trombone and Cam Robbins on clarinet.

The quality of the group is unquestioned with each member of the group talented individuals who come with a reputation of fine musicianship.

The next event will be on Sunday, October 20 at a new time of 1.30pm to 3.30pm to allow for the band and patrons easier access off the Island due to the MotoGP.

Entry for Sunday Jazz is \$20 for Jazz Club Members and \$25 for visitors at Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes.

For more information please ring Robin on 0432 814 407 or Jill on 0417 416 300.

What's on this Festival of Seniors?

BASS COAST

Senior Week Book Chat

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wonthaggi Library

Come and Try Croquet

Thursday, October 17, 10am – 2pm
Wonthaggi Croquet Club,
41 Wentworth Rd

Victorian State Concert Orchestra

Sunday, October 20, 2pm
Wonthaggi Union Community
Arts Centre

Upcycled Planters

Monday, Oct. 21, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Corinella and District Community
Centre

History is alive and well

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 10am – 11.30am
Friday, Oct. 25, 1.30pm – 3pm
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 10am – 11.30am
Wonthaggi and District
Historical Society
Wonthaggi Railway Station Museum

Introduction to BorrowBox

Wednesday, October 23, 2pm – 3pm
Wonthaggi Library

The Memoir Experience

Thursday, Oct. 24, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Bass Coast Writers,
16 ABeckett Street, Inverloch

Steeton Court Big Band

Saturday, Oct. 26, 1.30pm – 4.30pm
Warrawee Seniors Club, 22 ABeckett
Street, Inverloch

Live Music Monday

Monday, October 28, 1pm doors,
1.30am start
Warrawee Seniors, Inverloch

Beginner Ukulele Lessons

Every Monday through October
and November, 11am
Warrawee Seniors Club, Inverloch

SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Qigong

Tuesday, October 15, 10am to 11am
Milpara Community House

Seniors U3A Prom Coast Performing Arts Concert Singalong

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 10am to 12.30pm
Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

2024 Seniors Month Lunch

Monday, October 28, 12pm
Mirboo North Hotel

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Every Wednesday through October,
10.30am to 11.30am
Milpara Community House

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U3A Tutor and student Maddy Harford catches up with BCAL's Bill Street noting her Globalisation group, which was cut short due to COVID is making a return next year. C17_4224



Leongatha Senior Citizens Club treasurer Kay Cook with members Lydia and Len Kartaschew enjoy themselves at the Dakers Centre on Friday. A10_4224



Elsie Evison and Elke Maciejewski at Friday's gathering at the Leongatha Senior Citizens Club. A11_4224



Atsuko Tanaka-Morrison runs TSUKO JAPAN and provided tasty food for attendees at the Art Connect South Gippsland Open Studio Art Trail celebration in Korumburra on Friday. A18_4224



Avid supporter of U3A Colin Cross and tutor/member Kevin Walsh discuss Kevin's current group. C18_4224



Phillip Elliott (Frankston) and James Cameron (Yarra Valley) at the opening of Yellow Brick Road mortgage brokers. B50_4224



Chris Roccisano (Sunbury) and Martin Reidy (Leongatha) were in Cape Woolamai for the opening of Yellow Brick Road. B51_4224



Paul Henry (Melbourne) and Warren West (Sunbury) celebrate the opening Yellow Brick Road mortgage brokers. B54_4224



Michael, Andrea and McKenzie Cleland with Callan Reilly were all smiles at the opening of Yellow Brick Road. B56_4224

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Connect, Celebrate and Discover U3A, Leongatha Senior Citizens Club, Opening of Yellow Brick Road in Cape Woolamai, Wonthaggi Citizen Band Annual Concert Open, Studio Art Trail Opening and Coal Creek Farmers Market.



Members Tom Gordon, Ken Graham, Greg Paten and visitor Robyn Reddall at U3A's Seniors Festival event. C15_4224



John Wilson relaxes at the Open Studio Art Trail event on Friday evening. A19_4224



Jenni Keerie, Sarah Mott and Craig Panagiris take it easy at the Open Studio Art Trail celebration. A20_4224



Tony Parisi, Rachel Warren, John Kennedy and Jo Hogan enjoy Friday's Art Trail opening. A21_4224



Tina and Shayne McConnachie caught up with Juliet Klauer at the Coal Creek Farmers Market on Saturday morning. Tk02_4224



Korumburra's Leanne O'Loughlin joined Andrew and Sally McConville to enjoy Out On The Weekend at Coal Creek. Tk43_4224



Tahlia Blackman and Kylee Steer performed in Saturday night's Wonthaggi Citizens Band annual concert. Tk42_4224



Korumburra's Ariella Greenfield, and Jae and River Simms enjoyed the Coal Creek Farmers Market on Saturday. Tk03_4224

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Help at your fingertips

WHEN it comes to making the most of your hay and silage, Agriculture Victoria offers valuable tools and resources to help farmers optimise their feed management. Two essential calculators available are the Dry Matter Calculator and the Hay versus Grain Calculator.

The Dry Matter Calculator helps farmers measure the yield of dry matter content in tonnes per hectare, assisting with the decision of when to cut and bale hay.

The Hay versus Grain Calculator allows farmers to compare the gross margin of hay and grain production in dollars a per hectare. This tool is especially useful when deciding whether a crop should be left for harvest or cut for hay.

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Cutting failed crops for hay or silage

By Michele Jolliffe,
Agriculture Victoria
Dairy Extension Officer

CROPS that fail due to frost, moisture stress or other limiting factors may be cut for silage or hay as an economically viable option. The following key points should be considered as part of your decision-making process.

Often moisture-stressed crops have insufficient dry matter before flowering to cut for hay. Making a timely decision to cut hay can prevent poor quality hay.

Cereal growth stages

- The optimal balance between yield and quality comes when cutting a cereal crop at the boot stage
- Feed quality declines after plants become reproductive and produce more head and stem material, which is less digestible. Metabolisable energy (ME) and protein generally decline after flowering
- The quantity of feed increases until early grain fill.
- Cereals tend to produce higher hay yields than canola, particularly after flowering.

Canola growth stages

- The optimal balance between yield and quality comes when cutting canola at late flowering
- Metabolisable energy (ME) and protein generally decline after flowering, although ME



Could your failed crops be cut for hay or silage?
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can rise slightly in canola after flowering

- Canola can lose leaf and pod material faster than cereals. It doesn't retain leaves as well as cereals later in the season
- While canola can produce higher quality feed than cereals, it produces lower hay yield after flowering

Soil moisture levels

- Determine soil moisture levels via tools and soil moisture models. These include soil probe data, SoilWater App, Agriculture Victoria's soil moisture dashboard and cropping reports. Alternatively, soil sample to identify plants available water and estimate grain yield potential in line with short term weather forecasts. This will allow you to compare likely gross

margins from hay or grain and help you decide if it is feasible to cut a grain crop for hay

- If you need additional support in making the decision, consult with your agronomist

Check for withholding periods and approval for use

- Before cutting or grazing a failed crop, check chemical labels to ensure any applicable withholding periods have expired
- Ensure the crop hasn't been sprayed with a chemical carrying a label warning or prohibitive statement that treated crops are not to be grazed or fed to livestock
- Record information and be prepared for requests or

declarations about chemical history to prospective buyers.

Grazing instead of cutting

If you have livestock, it is more cost effective to directly graze the crop in a targeted and planned way, rather than cut it for hay. Refer to the Drought Feeding Guides for Sheep and Cattle for nutritional requirements and further information.

Estimating hay yield

- Ideally, hay crops need at least 2.5 tonnes per hectare (t/ha) of dry matter (DM) to avoid excessive hay harvest losses. This is the measurement for dry matter at ground level, not cutting height
 - The less dry matter, the more hay is lost during baling. For example, a NSW study showed 45% of canola hay was lost during harvest at 1.5 t/ha of DM but this dropped to 19% lost at 3.5 t/ha of DM. Hay baling losses will also vary with machinery and experience
 - If a crop is unsuitable for baling, it can still provide a high-quality grazing opportunity, as livestock will selectively graze the high-quality parts of the plant
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Going pink for breast cancer awareness month

NOTHING is as sweet to a dairy or beef farmer than good quality silage made from premium South Gippsland rye and clover.

During October farmers can make it even sweeter by wrapping their silage bales in pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Silage making depends on the rain and this year cutting for silage started two to three weeks earlier than normal.

Big hay rakes, mowers and tractors are now the name of the game.

With a few good years behind them, beef and dairy farmers are now joining contractors in the race for more efficient machinery to make the best use of available casual labour.

Experience with machinery is what matters.

“With the economy as it is people are actively looking for work,” said one contractor.

Hay and silage equipment is expensive and needs to be looked after.

Contractors and farmers need a lot more warm weather before they start mowing, raking and baling for hay.

The end of November, or early or even mid-December are all possible start dates depending on the season.



Wrap it pink this year and support breast cancer awareness.

Last year farmers and contractors waited until mid-December before starting on hay and baled right through to February with just one day off for Christmas.

Temperatures in the high twenties and thirties are not unusual during haymaking.

Silage contractors specialise in either pit silage, or round-wrapped bales.

Bacterial inoculants are often used but nothing beats good quality grass for sweet silage.

This year’s silage was observed to be particularly aromatic due to good silage-making conditions late in the season.

Persistent rain can result in the silage getting overdone.

The earlier and drier the

season for hay the easier it is for machinery to get into the paddocks.

Round bales wrapped in black plastic are a familiar sight on Gippsland farms, but green netting is also used for hay, and even pink wrappings for silage to support breast cancer research.

Pink has long been associated with Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Pink ribbons are worn to recognise those who may have succumbed to the disease or are currently fighting, or survivors of breast cancer.

Bright pink silage bales would be difficult to miss.

For more information about raising money for breast cancer research go to australianbreastcancer.org.au/awarenessmonth/

Guide to Dry Matter Testing of Silage

ENSURING silage is made at the correct dry matter (DM) is crucial for promoting lactic acid fermentation, which occurs in the absence of air shortly after harvesting and sealing. According to Frank Mickan, a Fodder and Pasture Specialist at Ellinbank’s Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI), incorrect DM levels can result in poor-quality silage that is less palatable and often mouldy.

Here are the recommended dry matter percentages for different crop types based on the method of harvesting:

Pasture: Long Chopped: 28-35% (Pit/Stack), 40-55% (Bale). Precision Chopped: 35-50%

Leguminous Crops: Long Chopped: 33-45% (Pit/Stack), 40-55% (Bale). Precision Chopped: 35-50%

Whole Crop Cereal: Wilted & Fermented: 28-35% (Pit/Stack), 40-50% (Bale). Direct Harvested: 35-45% (Pit/Stack), 35-45% (Bale).

Maize: Precision Chopped 32-35%

Summer Forages: Long Chopped: 28-35% (Pit/Stack), 35-45% (Bale). Precision Chopped: 35-50%

There are two main methods for testing the dry matter of pasture to determine its readiness for ensiling: the hand method and the microwave method. While hay moisture meters are unsuitable for silage, these two techniques can help farmers accurately assess silage readiness.

Hand Method

Take a representative sample of pasture and cut it into 1-2 cm lengths.

Squeeze a handful tightly for 20-30

seconds. Quickly release and examine the ball of forage. The consistency of the ball will indicate the dry matter content, ranging from below 25% (wet – Ball holds its shape. Lots of free juice. Hand is wet or moist) to over 40% (dry and springy – Ball springs apart quickly. Suitable for round/square bale silage and precision chopping but total air exclusion is essential).

Microwave Method

1. Collect representative samples from the crop and thoroughly mix together.
2. Weigh out approx. 100g sample of the chopped forage. Weigh to the nearest gram. This is the initial wet weight.
3. Spread the weighed forage sample on a paper tray and put it in the microwave oven.
4. Place a 250ml glass three-quarters full of water in the oven to prevent igniting the sample after some initial drying. Maintain water level during oven use.
5. Heat at 80 to 90% of maximum power for 4 minutes if sample is estimated to be 30 – 50% dry matter.
6. Remove the sample, mix and weigh.
7. Continue to re-heat for 1 – 2-minute intervals, re-weighing each time. To prevent burning use lower heat and 30 second time intervals as the sample approaches being dry. If the weight of the sample does not change after two or three drying intervals, it is 100 per cent dry within 1 – 2% units. This is the final dry weight. If the sample burns use the last weight. Head to afia.org.au/guide-to-the-dry-matter-testing-of-silage for more information and equation.

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Australian beef is 'the greatest'

MEAT and Livestock Australia has launched a new advertising campaign reminding Australians why Australian beef is 'the greatest'. Launched on October 6 and running for six weeks until November and then again in March 2025, 'The Greatest' campaign shows beef at its best and how the irresistible taste and flavour leads to some irreversible yet humorous decisions.

General manager for marketing and insights at Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) Nathan Low said this Australian beef marketing campaign involved a slightly different type of greatness for beef than recent ads.

"After focusing on beef's nutritional greatness and value for money for the past few years, the new campaign is shifting to remind consumers how much they desire beef by highlighting its superior flavour and eating satisfaction. This underpins beef's position as a premium protein choice and is one of the main reasons why beef remains good value for money across the price spectrum," he said.

"Australians love their beef. MLA's latest research shows that 92 per cent of Australian households purchased beef in 2023 and Australians are the third largest consumers of beef, with per capita consumption averaging 23.4 kilograms.

"Australians have a strong affinity for the sensory experience of consuming beef, knowing that nothing else quite delivers the same level of satisfaction. It is a choice you can always feel great about, a sentiment heavily emphasised by the campaign."

The campaign will appear across mass media channels. These channels will include free-to-air TV, on-demand TV, large format billboards, online video and social.

Additionally, there will be seasonal retail activations in-store and in butcher shops to drive beef sales along the path to purchase.

According to Mr Low, domestic demand for beef has been strong throughout the year, with cattle slaughter and production at historically high levels.

"Adult cattle slaughter is forecast to rise by 16 per cent over 2024 to 8.2 million head, which is the highest figure since 2019," he said.

"Beef production is forecast to rise by 18 per cent in 2024 to 2.53 million tonnes, which will be the highest production volume since 2015, meaning there will be plenty of beef on the shelves as we roll into the New Year."



Aaron Kenzie says he'd prefer to pay a bit more for milk and support local farmers than see the milk price falling while the cost of everything else was rising.



Supermarkets have cut the price of milk back below what it was 14 years ago, in 2010, when a litre of milk cost \$1.60.

Supermarkets criticised for milking the farmers

IN 2010, you could buy a litre of milk for \$1.60. Fourteen years later, it's \$1.55.

It frankly doesn't make sense to Leongatha South dairy farmer, Ben Vagg, one of a diminishing breed of young men making a career in the industry.

"Everything is inflated, our supply chain, just about everything else has gone up in price but not milk," said Mr Vagg.

"Clearly, the milk wars are back on again, but I can't see Woolies having the stomach for it. Where Coles have gone out and developed a supply arrangement with some of the best farmers in Victoria, Woolworths are not in that position.

"But for the sake of a marketing and PR exercise, it just doesn't sit well with me, especially when some areas of the state are having a bit of a battle at the moment," he said.

Coles, Woolworths and Aldi have all fallen in line, cutting

the price of a litre of home-brand milk from \$1.60 a litre to \$1.55, 2lt cartons from \$3.10 to \$3 and 3lt cartons from \$4.50 to \$4.35.

Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) agree the actions by the country's big supermarkets are pushing the sector toward another milk price war for the second time.

"We all know supermarkets position dairy at the back of the supermarket and discount prices to get consumers in," ADF president Ben Bennett said.

"They then make the majority of their profits on all the shelves consumers walk past on their way to the dairy section.

"Meanwhile, supermarkets justify their price decrease because processors have opened the season with lower farmgate prices paid to farmers."

Having copped a 10-15 per cent decline in farmgate income, coupled with high input

costs, many dairy farmers are barely breaking even.

"This will only serve to encourage more dairy farmers to leave the industry, which is bad news for all Australians.

"Australia's milk production has been declining for the past 20 years, with dairy imports rising over the same period of time.

"It means Australian families will be forced to consume more imported dairy, and with an increasingly limited ability to choose quality Australian products."

Aaron Kenzie, who was shopping at Woolworths in Leongatha last week said he would prefer to see farmers get a better return than pay a few cents a litre less for milk.

"Sharon generally buys local milk produced in Caldermeade from a shop in Korumburra.

"Years ago, we swapped from one brand to another to ensure farmers get what they need,"

she said.

Sharon believes it is important to know where food comes from and to support local farmers where possible.

She was happy to comment but declined to have her photo taken.

Ben Vagg wrapped it up saying the price of milk sent the wrong signal to the consumers about buying a quality product and sent the wrong message to the industry.

Ultimately, he said, the price paid at the supermarket finds its way back to the farmers and if there's less paid there, we all get less.

"We've just had a 4ml-5ml overnight, there's moisture in the ground and we've just done silage, so the season here is making up for the reduction in milk price but it's not the same in the state's west and parts of East Gippsland.

"It's a real concern where their season is at the moment."

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SUCCESS THROUGH SERVICE



They're back but so far there's no sign Phillip Island's short-tailed shearwaters have brought the deadly H5N1 bird flu virus back with them from Alaska.

More angst than usual about shearwaters' return

LAST year, the H5N1 bird flu virus was detected in short-tailed shearwaters in Alaska, where the birds spend the Northern Hemisphere summer before making the epic 16,000-kilometre weeks-long journey across the Pacific Ocean, back to Phillip Island.

In the past few weeks they've been arriving back at their burrows along the Island's surf coast and while the deadly H5N1 2.3.4.4b strain detected in Alaska is yet to arrive here, authorities are monitoring and preparing.

It's exactly what they need to be doing and more according to Birdlife Australia, CEO Kate Miller.

Speaking on ABC radio last week, she said the upcoming emergency meeting of the states' agriculture and environment ministers, called by Federal Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek, needs to plan for an outbreak of bird flu among native animals and birds.

Ms Miller said recent bird flu war gaming has shown Australia is not prepared for an outbreak of the highly pathogenetic avian influenza H5N1 which has killed wildlife and livestock around the world. The H5N1 bird flu strain has also been detected in humans, most recently, among people, working with infected dairy cows in the United States.

And while Australia is one of the last places on the planet, free of H5N1 Ms Miller says outbreak test runs indicate biosecurity measures need to be improved to prepare for the looming arrival of the virus.

"I was lucky enough to participate in that preparedness exercise, and whilst there are a lot of incredibly talented people from the biosecurity area and also some of our wildlife protection agencies, what became very clear is that our level of preparedness to respond locally, at the grassroots, in community and in our really precious areas for nature, that the planning has not extended that far and even, I would say, at the national level.

"Having a really clear set of parameters for wildlife protection in the event of the breakout of H5N1 was still in development, and given that H5N1 could be on our shores in the coming weeks, it did not fill me with any confidence that we're ready in a way that would meaningfully protect our precious wildlife."

Which areas of biosecurity are you most concerned about? What are the weak points in the fence?

"This is a virus that has had catastrophic impacts, not only wild birds, but also sea mammals. It's a species level threat, and that's been recognised by the Federal Government. So, that means it's not just taking out a few individuals. It could have a catastrophic impact at a population level."

Ms Miller said emergency preparedness was the key. What will we do if we arrive at the beach to find a mass kill?

Phillip Island Nature Parks is fully engaged, of course, concerned about its iconic penguin parade, but also its other wildlife protection and enhancement programs.

"The State Government is leading Victoria's response to avian flu and Nature Parks is obviously working closely with the state authorities, but won't be attending the Canberra meeting," said a spokesperson for PINP.

"We will have more information about our response to avian flu in the coming weeks."

In the meantime, they have provided a response from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

"The Victorian Government undertakes surveillance for avian influenza virus in wild birds under the National Avian Influenza Wild Bird Surveillance Program, which is coordinated nationally by Wildlife Health Australia," said a DEECA spokesperson.

"The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action is working closely with a number of land managers, including Phillip Island Nature Parks and other relevant organisations, to prepare for a potential HPAI H5N1 detection in Victoria."

Background

While H5N1 is not in Australia, surveillance and reporting will be key to early detection and Victorians will be encouraged to report any sick or dead birds including wild, domestic or commercial poultry or wildlife with signs of HPAI H5N1.

Any outbreak of HPAI H5N1 would require a significant and rapid emergency response.

Where H5N1 outbreaks have occurred globally, a variety of avian groups have been susceptible to H5N1. Poultry and birds associated with water are at higher risk. This includes poultry as well as ducks, geese, swans, gulls, terns, shorebirds, seabirds, pelicans, herons, ibis, cormorants and penguins. Predatory or scavenging birds, such as eagles and hawks, are also highly susceptible.

In some parts of the world, the virus has had a large impact on marine mammals, particularly seals and sea lions. Some terrestrial mammals are also at risk. Most affected mammals have been scavenging species which had eaten carcasses of infected animals.

For more information about H5N1, including symptoms and how to report sick or dead birds or wildlife, visit: wildlife.vic.gov.au/sick-injured-or-orphaned-wildlife/high-pathogenic-avian-influenza

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STORE SALE 2000 CATTLE 2000

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024 - Starting at 9am

PLEASE NOTE: 4PM WEDNESDAY CURFEW APPLIES

GROWN STEERS

A/c Gibson Farm, Hallston (ELDERS)
36 Angus steers, 18 mths, GF & ABF
A/c S & S Johnstone (ELDERS)
32 Angus steers, 15 mths, Fernleigh blood, VB, GF & ABF, very quiet
A/c Fawlin Downs (ELDERS)
27 Angus X steers, 14-18 mths, VB, GF & quiet
A/c L Flannagan, Wonthaggi (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers 2 yo, East Gippsland bred, GF & ABF
A/c YQ Australia, Venus Bay (ALEX SCOTT)
16 Angus x Murray grey steers, 20 mths
A/c J. Bishop, Korumburra (ALEX SCOTT)
15 Black Baldy steers, 20 mths
A/c Rosebank Farm, Loch (ELDERS)
15 Angus steers, 13-14 mths, Lawson blood, weaned, VB, GF, ABF & NE Accred
A/c R & C Jackson, Strzelecki
10 Angus steers, 18 mths, Battersby blood, VB, GF & ABF
A/c Egrets Landing, Dollar (ELDERS)
7 Hereford steers, 20mths, East Gippsland bred GF, ABF

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c J & M Reid (ELDERS)
15 Angus heifers, 16-18 mths
A/c R & C Jackson, Strzelecki
10 Angus heifers, 18 mths, Battersby blood, VB, GF & ABF

ANGUS WEANERS

A/c Gippsland Beef, Gelliondale (ELDERS)
"PROPERTY SOLD"
100 Angus steers, September/ October 2023 drop, weaned, VB, GF & ABF, Smith Angus blood
100 Angus mixed sex weaners March/ April 2024 drop, weaned, VB, GF & ABF, Smith Angus blood
110 Angus mix calves, 2-4 mths
A/c P&M Hanratty, Traralgon East (ELDERS)
35 Angus Steer weaners, weaned, GF, ABF
A/c B Marks Nar Nar Goon (ELDERS)
20 Angus mix sex calves 8 mths
A/c Meljar, Ruby (ELDERS)
14 Red Baldy heifers, 13 mths, Yalgoo blood, Vetmec pour on 4/9, NE Accred
A/c L Thompson, Poowong (ELDERS)
12 Angus mix sex weaners
A/c Locklier & Smith (ELDERS)
8 Angus heifers
2 Angus steers

COLOURED WEANERS

A/c Hazel Dell, Ryanston (ELDERS)
40 Simm, Black Simm & Simm Angus X steers & heifers, 12 mths, weaned 2 mths, VB, GF & ABF
A/c Leighwood Farms Yarram (ELDERS)
26 mixed sex Speckle weaners, 8 mths
A/c Abby Gibson (ELDERS)
15 Speckle/Angus X heifers
A/c D Bye (ELDERS)
10 Speckle steers, 10 mths
10 Speckle heifers, 10 mths

XBRED & DAIRY

A/c Warren Farms (Elders)
30 Friesian steers, 18-20 mths
40 Angus/FF X heifers, 14 mths
A/c Invermay Farms, Drouin South (ALEX SCOTT)
50 Angus/Friesian mixed sex weaners, Autumn drop
A/c B Brady (ELDERS)
20 Friesian & Friesian X steers, 2 yo

A/c C & J Read, Woodleigh (ELDERS)
12 Angus Friesian X steers, 10 mths, bucket reared
A/c M&M Axford, Korumburra (ELDERS)
7 X AA/FF X & Friesian mixed sex weaners, VB

JOINED FEMALES

A/c N Gregg, Poowong (ELDERS)
10 Angus heifers, 2 yo, joined to Angus bull for October calving
A/c L, J, J & E Williamson, Carisbrook (ALEX SCOTT) "T/A Gairnshiel Shorthorns"
6 PTIC Shorthorn heifers, 18-24 mths, to LBW Roan Shorthorn bull for Mar/ Apr calving
A/c D&K Bowman, Foster (ELDERS)
7 F1 cows, 3rd calvers, Springing to Battersby Bull, for Oct/Nov calving

HEIFERS/COWS & CALVES

A/c G Guy (ELDERS)
30x30 Angus X cows, 2nd calvers, with Sted Angus CAF, 2-4 mths, not rejoined
A/c G A Sottosanti (ELDERS)
23x23 Angus heifers, Te Mania bred, with Pinora blood CAF 6-7 mths, 2 x 7 in 1 Vacc and marked, with opportunity to be rejoined to Adameluca Angus bull (Will be preg tested prior to the sale)
A/c Lavinia Park (ELDERS)
18 x 18 Angus cows, 2nd calvers, with 4-6 week old CAF, Adameluca and Tabletop bloodlines, Opp to Stud Angus bull since calving
5x5 Shorthorn/Friesian cows, 2nd calvers, with limo CAF 3-4 weeks old, not rejoined
A/c ABA Farms (ELDERS)
10 x 10 Angus /Friesian cows, 2nd calvers, with Angus and black limo CAF, not rejoined
10 x 10 Angus cows, 2nd calvers, with Anvil blood CAF, 2-4 weeks old, not rejoined
A/c Cleverlea Lodge (ELDERS)
20 x 20 Speckled Park heifers and calves, not rejoined
A/c D&K Bowman, Foster (ELDERS)
7x7 F1 cows, 3rd calvers, with Battersby Angus CAF
A/c C Urie (ELDERS)
12x12 Speckle cows, 2nd calvers, With Angus CAF, 2-4 mths, not rejoined
A/c J Goumas, Phillip Island (ALEX SCOTT)
12 x 12 Angus/ Friesian x cows, 2nd calvers, with Speckle Park CAF 6-9 weeks old, by stud Fish Creek Speckle Park bull, not rejoined
A/c Abby Gibson (ELDERS)
11 X 11 Speckle / Angus X cows with 3 mth CAF, rejoined Angus Bull for 3 weeks
A/c R Pratt (ELDERS)
7x7 Speckle cows with Angus CAF, 2 mths, not rejoined
A/c S Barwick (ELDERS)
6x6 Speckle & Angus X heifers, with Angus CAF, 2-4 mths, not rejoined
A/c T Wright (ELDERS)
3x3 Speckle Heifers with Angus CAF, 2-4 mths, not rejoined
A/c R & C Barnacle (ELDERS)
3 X 3 Speckle Park X cows with 2nd 3 mth Angus CAF
A/c D & W Beilharz, Lang Lang (ELDERS)
3 X 3 Angus Friesian X heifers with 2 mth Charolais CAF
A/c A Cook (ELDERS)
1x1 British Blue cow with Angus CAF, 2-4 mths, not rejoined

STORE COWS

A/c B Marks Nar Nar Goon (ELDERS)
10 Angus x store cows mixed ages



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Prices ease for stores

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded 3200 cattle at last Thursday's VLE Leongatha store in a good quality offering.

Prices generally eased 20 – 30 cents for the medium and heavy weighted feeder steers with a couple of feedlot orders absent and a smaller buying gallery in attendance, but there were some isolated quality pens of angus steers making near similar rates.

The steers weaners were 10 cents cheaper for the better end and 20 – 30 cents cheaper for the secondary types.

There was a good run of angus heifers penned with the better end of the heifers selling firm to a little dearer due to quality.

Limited numbers of Xbred types and friesians came forward and sold to solid demand.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024			
Steers			
SR Walsh 10 Angus	636kg	\$3.53	\$2250
Castello Farms 19 Angus	553kg	\$3.79	\$2100
Sjc Farms 15 Angus	547kg	\$3.84	\$2100
Collins & Jackson 27 Angus	544kg	\$4.02	\$2190
Castello Farms 18 Angus	544kg	\$3.98	\$2170
Castello Farms 14 Angus	538kg	\$3.90	\$2100
SR Walsh 10 Angus	509kg	\$3.86	\$1950
Castello Farms 16 Angus	505kg	\$3.83	\$1940
Melaleuca Pastoral 18 Angus	504kg	\$3.96	\$2000
M & N Castello 13 Angus	498kg	\$3.81	\$1900
Castello Farms 14 Angus	493kg	\$3.97	\$1960
T & Ja Christensen 11 BB	486kg	\$3.90	\$1900
S Miller 10 Angus	471kg	\$3.44	\$1620
B Hinson 21 Angus	457kg	\$3.49	\$1600
Castello Farms 10 Angus	453kg	\$3.81	\$1730
R Castello 18 Angus	446kg	\$3.83	\$1720
M & N Castello 14 Angus	435kg	\$3.97	\$1730
S Beckman 16 Angus	433kg	\$3.99	\$1800
Spring Valley 11 Angus	428kg	\$3.73	\$1600
B Hinson 22 Angus	424kg	\$3.65	\$1550
SJC Farms 24 Angus	419kg	\$3.82	\$1600
R Castello 18 Angus	412kg	\$4.02	\$1650
Annsfield 19 Angus	407kg	\$3.80	\$1550
S Conway 19 Angus	401kg	\$3.84	\$1540
B Garrett 25 Angus	400kg	\$4.04	\$1620
S Beckman 14 Angus	398kg	\$4.27	\$1700
A & A Missen 20 Angus	398kg	\$3.94	\$1570
Briarsview Beef 16 Angus	392kg	\$3.80	\$1490
G & B Morrison 18 Angus	386kg	\$4.04	\$1560
P & M Chisholm 17 Angus	378kg	\$4.31	\$1630
Annsfield 18 Angus	378kg	\$3.83	\$1450
Leebrooke L/Stock 20 Angus	377kg	\$4.48	\$1690
Spring Valley 11 Angus	377kg	\$3.82	\$1440
B Garrett 15 Angus	375kg	\$3.80	\$1420
B Hinson 22 Angus	371kg	\$3.69	\$1370
Northside Past. 24 Angus	366kg	\$3.68	\$1350
R Holt 10 Angus	357kg	\$3.84	\$1370
Angel's Run 16 Angus	352kg	\$3.89	\$1370
O'Loughlin Farms 21 Angus	342kg	\$4.03	\$1380
Northside Past. 21 Angus	333kg	\$3.66	\$1220
Leebrooke Livestok 13 Angus	329kg	\$3.70	\$1220
Von Pace 10 BB	322kg	\$3.91	\$1260
Northside Past. 21 Angus	321kg	\$3.64	\$1170
Von Pace 24 Angus	319kg	\$4.04	\$1290
Northside Past. 14 Angus	319kg	\$3.48	\$1110
D O'Brien 23 Angus	318kg	\$3.61	\$1150
M Gordon 12 Angus	312kg	\$4.06	\$1270
Von Pace 23 Angus	304kg	\$4.04	\$1230
D Land 20 Hereford	431kg	\$3.38	\$1460
JB Drewett 7 Hereford	430kg	\$3.37	\$1450
D Land 21 Hereford	375kg	\$3.14	\$1180
Whelans Run 14 Hereford	262kg	\$3.82	\$1000
M Prosser 12 S/Park	467kg	\$3.61	\$1690
B Hinson 11 Charo	460kg	\$3.30	\$1520
D Calrk 8 Charo	344kg	\$3.52	\$1210
B Hinson 8 Charo	338kg	\$3.14	\$1060

Heifers			
Castello Farms 15 Angus/Sim	450kg	\$3.53	\$1590
M & N Castello 22 Angus	445kg	\$3.45	\$1540
Ross Castello F/T 19 Angus	414kg	\$4.02	\$1670
S Beckman 16 Angus	405kg	\$3.87	\$1570
M & N Castello 22 Angus	400kg	\$3.47	\$1390
Ross Castello F/T 20 Angus	396kg	\$3.85	\$1530
Spring Valley 16 Angus	395kg	\$3.51	\$1390
M Berry 16 Angus	377kg	\$3.44	\$1300
G & B Morrison 20 Angus	372kg	\$3.35	\$1250
S Beckman 16 Angus	367kg	\$3.48	\$1280
M Berry 10 Angus	360kg	\$3.50	\$1120
B Garrett 26 Angus	350kg	\$3.68	\$1290
B Hinson 16 Angus	325kg	\$3.38	\$1100

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, October 7, 2024

Jersey & Jersey x\$16 to \$45

Friesian Bulls\$28 to \$100

Friesian Heifers\$65 to \$200

Beef Bulls\$37 to \$130

Beef Heifers\$28 to \$120

Number of Calves: **374**

Number purchased to rear: **177**

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Sam Matthews loves the variety of driving cattle trucks but was at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale with his ute and trailer in the hope of buying cattle during his holiday. A03_4224

Focus needed on and off-road for cattle truck drivers

SAM Matthews continues to enjoy driving cattle trucks for Storr Transport, having started with the business 15 years ago driving tray trucks, then semis, before moving on to B Doubles.

"There's always something different or a challenge to it," he said, with that keeping the job interesting, and it's not only on the road that concentration is required.

Truck drivers are responsible for loading the right cattle. Ensuring you are taking the correct animals from the right pen requires alertness, particularly when there are multiple buyers for different animals in one pen.

"Don't get confused and don't get interrupted," Sam said of the need to remain focused.

That approach is also essential to ensure safety, making sure crucial tasks are completed such as putting the pin in the back door of the truck to secure the cattle.

It is necessary to load cattle in the correct order if delivering to more than one location, the truck having divided sections.

Sam stressed the importance of reading how animals are feeling and are likely to behave, to minimise risk, a skill he has developed over the years after being seriously injured during the period when he was driving tray trucks.

On the road, challenges include approaching corners at the right speed, and the poor condition of some roads, Sam recalls taking three hours to drive 28 kilometres on a slippery surface near Balranald.

He said the Monash Freeway is particularly challenging, with drivers often cutting in front of the truck and not allowing him sufficient braking distance.

That can force heavy braking, potentially causing bruising to cattle even if the truck isn't travelling fast.

Those driving cars often lack understanding of the different approaches needed in a truck, such as having to take bends more slowly to stay upright and to ensure cattle welfare.

While Sam is focused at the saleyards and on the road, he displays his cheeky side at the depot, being a self-confessed larrikin who enjoys playing a practical joke.

Being on holiday from his truck driving job, he was at Thursday's Store Sale to buy young beef cattle for his eight-acre property in Mount Eccles, but the price proved prohibitive.

Celebrating Spring at The Cape Community Farm

SPRING has sprung, and to celebrate, The Cape Community Farm is inviting everyone to a Community Open Day! Join us on Sunday, October 20, from 11am to 3pm, as we open our gates to the public and showcase everything our farm has to offer.

The Cape Community farmer Adrian says "The farm features 375 wicking garden beds set within a stunning landscape, and it's always great to have an opportunity to open our doors to the public and to showcase what we have been able to achieve in this amazing space."

The day will feature the grand opening of our new multi-use farm building, 'The Pod.' This is a significant milestone for both The Farm and the local community, offering us a fantastic opportunity to introduce this facility to everyone. This new addition, built at a cost of around \$230,000 by the Cape developer, will be transformative for the farm, allowing us to broaden the variety of activities and events we can host, as well as offering a welcoming social space



Join The Cape Community Farm on October 20 as they showcase the farm in a public open day.

for our members and volunteers. The open day will be a special chance for the public to come and explore this exciting development, and to become members of the farm.

Now in its third year of operation, the Cape Community Farm is producing close to five tonnes of fresh produce per annum, and is making regular donations of food to local charities. For those eager to learn more about our community farm, visitors will be able to participate in guided tours

hosted by knowledgeable and passionate volunteers, where you will learn about and experience everything that makes our farm tick. Alternatively, you can choose to explore the farm at your own pace with a self-guided tour.

Now is the perfect time to prepare your gardens for summer! Throughout the day, the farm will offer a wide selection of well-established heirloom vegetable seedlings and vibrant annual flowers, along with a variety of delightful

herbs. It's a great opportunity to get excellent value for money and set up your productive garden for the season ahead.

The farm is also running a Garden Gems workshop from 1pm-3pm. Facilitated by local Permaculture expert Rick Coleman on Natural Pest Management, general attendees are welcome, and it's a good opportunity to learn a trick or two and to get some inspiration to get going with growing.

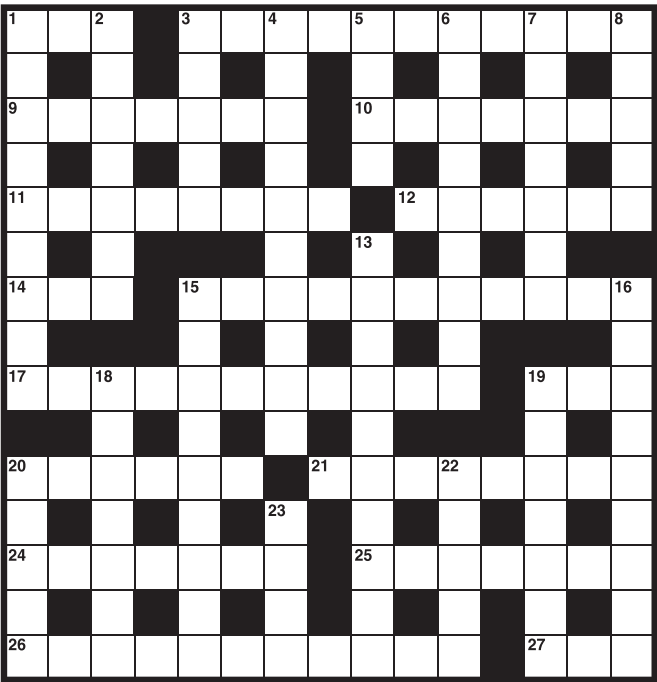
Finally, BBQ sausages, drinks, coffee tea and biscuits will be available to purchase providing you with all the sustenance and energy you'll need to get the most from the day.

Please Park in the carpark on Sunlight Boulevard, Cape Paterson and walk down the hill, The Community Farm is located adjacent to the playground. Alternatively local pedestrian access is via the Coral St Lane. Remember, we are a Land for Wildlife property, so if you bring your dog, it must remain on leash. For more information, please send an email to: farmer@capecommunityfarm.org.au



CROSSWORD

No. 249



- 26 A phrase marked off by brackets (11)
27 Lord (3)
- DOWN**
- 1 Common greeting question (3,3,3)
2 Fights (7)
3 Playground (5)
4 They protect the eyes from glare (10)
5 Staunch (4)
6 Made greater (9)
7 Japanese emperor from 1989 (7)
8 Type of boat used in rowing competition (5)
13 Amounts (10)
15 Flower tea (9)
16 Soaked (9)
18 Mythical horse-man (7)
19 Irrigating (7)
20 Sag (5)
22 Ribbons (5)
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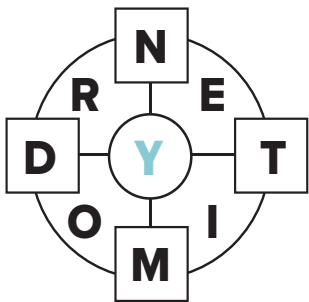
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3 Murder an important person (11)
9 Cowboy literary genre (7)
- 10 Print process (7)
11 Trustworthy (8)
12 Leave off (6)
14 Aye (3)
15 Debates (11)
17 Not anxious (11)
- 19 Buddhist temple or monastery (3)
20 Peril (6)
21 Despot (8)
24 Speech (7)
25 Stamp (7)

9-LETTER

No. 250

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural nouns ending in 's'.

- Today's Aim:**
- 14 words: **Good**
21 words: **Very good**
27 words: **Excellent**



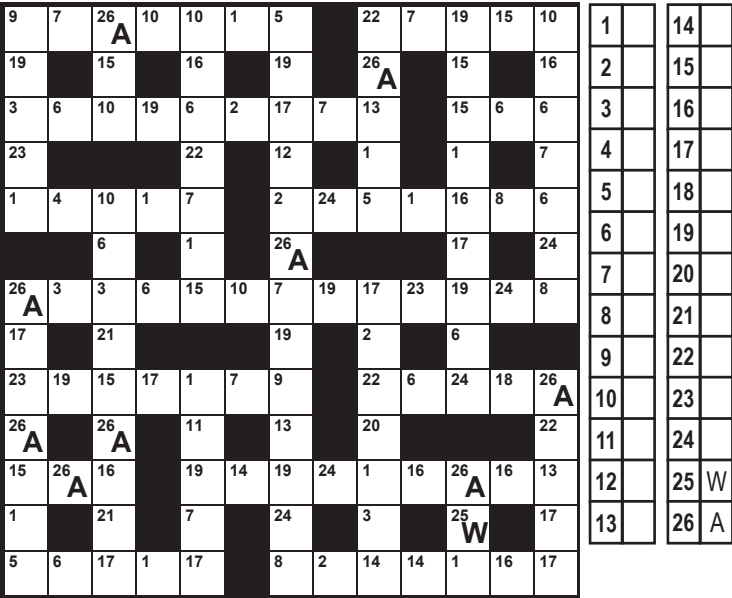
SOLUTION

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dory, doyen, dyne,
enmity, enormity,
entry, irony, minty,
moisty, money, oyer,
tidy, toyed,
trendy, troy,
tyre, tyre, yell,
yonder, yore

CODEWORD

No. 209

Each number corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Two have been filled in for you, can you work out the rest?



QUICK QUIZ

- Nuuk is the capital city of which island territory?
- Which Dutch explorer was the first known European to reach New Zealand?
- Shirley Temple's trademark song *On the Good Ship Lollipop* was from which film?
- The rings of Saturn are primarily composed of what?
- Mount Macedon is located in which Australian state?
- For which movie did Gary Oldman (pictured) win the Academy Award for Best Actor?
- A xylophone is made of what material: wood, metal or clay?
- 'As-salaam-alaikum,' is a spoken greeting in what language?
- Turpentine is created by distilling what?
- What is tyrotoxicism?

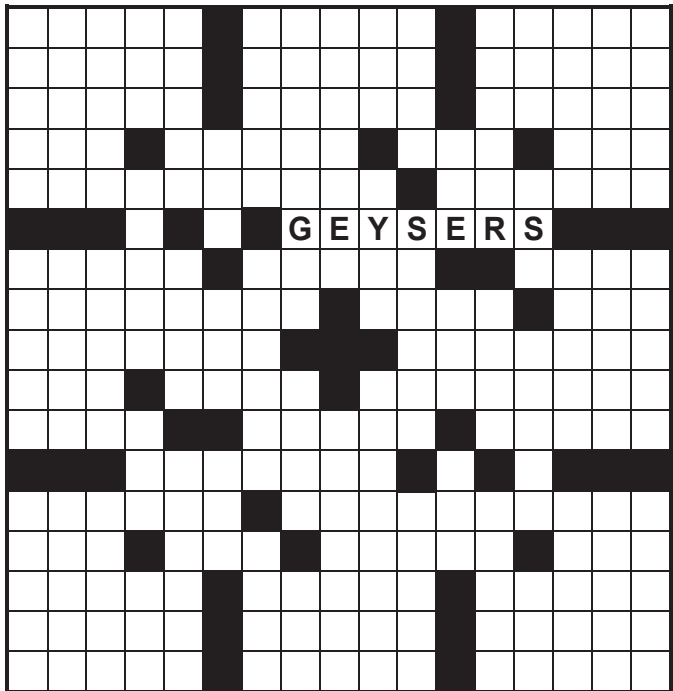


ANSWERS: 1. Greenland 2. Abel Tasman 3. Bright Eyes (1934) 4. Ice 5. Victoria 6. Darkest Hour 7. Wood 8. Arabic 9. Tree resin, primarily pine 10. Cheese or dairy poisoning

WORDFIT

No. 159

- 3 LETTERS**
- ACE
ALL
APT
ARE
ASH
ASK
BAD
BAN
CAR
CAT
DNA
EBB
END
GNP
HIM
ODE
RUE
TNT
TOO
USE
WOK
YEN
- 5 LETTERS**
- ABIDE
ACIDS
ADULT
ALIBI
AORTA
AREAS
ARENA
CELLO
COCOA
COMAS
CORDS
DENIM
DOUSE
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ITEMS
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4 LETTERS

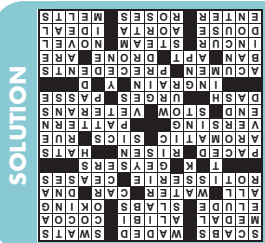
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EYES
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STEP
STOW
TSAR
WRAP

- SLABS
SLEWS
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SWATS
TONNE
TRADE
TREAT
TURNS
UNCUT
URGES
WADED
WASTE
WATER

- 6 LETTERS**
- ACUMEN
CEASES
NEARER
RIGOUR
SCORER
SNIPES

- 8 LETTERS**
- ALLERGIC
AROMATIC
VENERATE
VETERANS
- 10 LETTERS**
- PRECEDENTS
ROTISSERIE

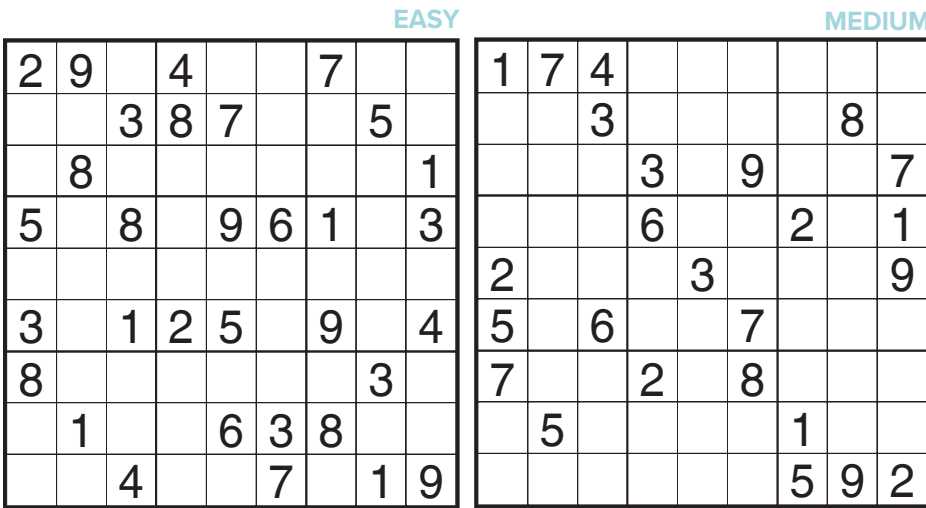
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- DIARIES
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INGRAIN
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VERSING



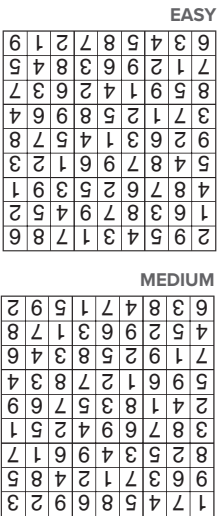
SUDOKU

No. 249

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



SOLUTIONS



WORD SEARCH

No. 159

Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.



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CAPE
CAVES
COLES BAY
CRADLE MOUNTAIN
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DEVIL
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KUNANYI
LAKE ST CLAIR
MONA
OLD GROWTH
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- PENGUIN
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DEATHS

PALMER (nee Sharrock), Joy Marie:

Died peacefully in aged care in Yarram on 10.11.2024.

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DEATHS

RUNCIMAN, Graeme:

22.03.1935 - 11.10.2024 (89 years).

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RUNCIMAN, Graeme Oswald:

Dearly loved son of Glad and Fred (both dec.).

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DEATHS

STUCHBERY, Morton Arthur:

22.11.1936 - 10.10.2024.

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Devoted older brother to Ivor, and brother-in-law to Margot, Barbara, and Jack.

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DEATHS

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Senior Project Manager – Major Projects

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Applications close October 30, 2024.



FUNERAL CONSULTANT

Location: Leongatha Branch, South Gippsland Region
Reports to: Branch Manager gary@handleyfs.com.au

About Us:
For over 50 years, Handley Funerals has had the privilege of serving families in the South Gippsland region. We take pride in being part of this close-knit community, supporting individuals and families through some of the most difficult times in their lives. Our dedication to compassionate care and professional service remains unwavering, and we look forward to continuing to serve and grow with our community well into the future.

Position Overview:
Handley Funerals is seeking a caring, thoughtful, and dedicated Funeral Consultant to join our team. This role is vital in guiding and supporting families through the funeral planning process, ensuring that their wishes are honoured with the utmost respect and attention to detail. You will be responsible for coordinating funeral services, assisting families with important decisions, and managing arrangements to deliver a seamless and compassionate experience. The successful candidate will demonstrate sensitivity, professionalism, and a sincere desire to make a positive difference during difficult times.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Funeral Planning & Coordination:** Meet with families to discuss their loved one's funeral arrangements, ensuring all details are carefully considered and planned. This includes completing necessary contractual and administrative tasks.
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What We Are Looking For:
We seek someone who brings a natural sense of empathy and professionalism, with the ability to guide families through a challenging process with grace and care. The ideal candidate will have strong organisational skills, the ability to manage multiple tasks, and a desire to support both our families and fellow team members.

Skills & Qualifications:

- Strong interpersonal skills, with a natural ability to build meaningful connections with families and the community.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, along with a professional and polished presentation.
- Ability to prioritise tasks, work calmly under pressure, and manage time effectively.
- Attention to detail with strong administrative and IT skills.
- A commitment to providing exceptional customer service and a genuine desire to assist people in difficult times.
- Self-motivated, with the ability to work both independently and collaboratively within a supportive team environment.

Requirements:

- A current unrestricted driver's licence.
- Willingness to undergo a police check.
- Successful completion of a pre-employment medical.

Working Conditions:
This position involves participation in weekend and evening rosters to ensure we remain available to assist families whenever they need us. Handley Funerals offers an industry-leading salary and provides a full corporate uniform to reflect the professionalism of our service.

Why Join Handley Funerals?
Becoming a Funeral Consultant with Handley Funerals means becoming part of a trusted, compassionate team that is dedicated to supporting the community. If you are looking for a role where you can truly make a difference and be part of a team that values care, respect, and service, we invite you to apply.

Job Applications will close on Thursday, October 24, 2024.

Email applications to the Branch Manager - Gary Drinken at gary@handleyfs.com.au



Mirboo North's David Gribble, Drouin's Bill Gardner and Rosebud's John Davis were in Leongatha for Biketoberfest on Saturday. Tk28_4224

Leongatha revved up for Biketoberfest

THIRD time is the charm for Leongatha's Biketoberfest.

The warm weather encouraged around 1000 motorcyclists to pass through the town on Saturday.

"It was raining during our first two years, and we only had around 370 bikes turn out last year," Biketoberfest committee member Rozz Busana said.

"We're happy to see people coming through the town to see the region and discover the great area we have to ride in."

Bair Street was closed

from 9am to 3pm so riders could come through and display their bikes for the public.

Merchandise stalls were set up down Lyon Street, with TAC on board to educate everyone about Motorcycle Awareness Month.

The Black Dog Institute was involved to discuss men's health and Psychs on Bike were available to anyone needing a chat.

The police displayed their motorbikes at the end of Bair Street and trial riding took place out front of the post office, which was a big hit.

People travelled from across the state to be involved and the local businesses went out of their way to support the event.

"We had a raffle on the day and all the prizes were donated by local businesses," Rozz said.

"Hopefully the cafes got a lot out of it as well."

Biketoberfest was planned to help launch the start of the racing season and get everyone fired up for the upcoming MotoGP on Phillip Island.

"We to do it all again – big and better – next year," Rozz said.



Dromana's Michelle Anderson had her 2014 Triumph America on display at Biketoberfest on Saturday. Tk29_4224



Leongatha's Edith and Henry Tranter enjoyed Biketoberfest on Saturday. Tk30_4224

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Back from left, Jet Bunting, Cade Manks, Blake Manks, front from left, Arden Manks, Mia Kruger and Nate Manks of the Korumburra Scout Group were providing marketgoers with hot food at the Coal Creek Farmers Market on Saturday morning. Tk01_4224

Numbers on the rise at Coal Creek market

SATURDAY provided a beautiful morning for the Coal Creek Farmers Market in Korumburra.

Twenty-one stallholders turned out to sell their local produce and goods, demonstrating that numbers will be on the rise as the summer approaches.

The car park filled quickly with a crowd turning out to explore the market.

"Today has been good and everyone seems very happy," market organiser David Weymouth said.

"It's always better once we get into the summer months. There's more people around and the warm weather encourages

people to come down and buy our local produce."

Around three-quarters of the stallholders are regulars who happily greet marketgoers every second Saturday of the month.

Friends of Coal Creek could also be seen floating around on market day, encouraging people to contribute to the ongoing maintenance of the beloved tourism hotspot.

"On market day, we encourage people to come into Coal Creek. We get dressed up in olden-day clothing and have as many shop fronts open as possible to support Coal Creek," Friends of Coal Creek volunteer Nicole Fowler said.

"(On Saturday) we were selling raffle tickets for a huge raffle with more than \$2000 worth of prizes and a vintage fashion show that's on November 9.

"Most of the money raised will go towards the train – the platform, the carriages and the train system. Money also goes to any current works involved in the preservation of the park. The buildings need a lot of maintenance, and it relies on volunteers."

Nicole encouraged everyone to check out the exhibitions and events happening at Coal Creek during the upcoming summer months.

Victorian State Concert Orchestra

October 20 at 2pm
\$15 tix

Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre
basscoastculturalvenues.com



Wonthaggi Table Tennis

TEAM White's Funcle Mark and his wonder paddle crossed swords with replacement Nick who brought along his own wonder paddle. In an entertaining four setter, Nick prevailed in the Wonder Paddle Cup and carried Team Yellow to victory. Special note to rocket balls Charley as there was a stall at the start of play to exhume the ball from the wall in the hall during warm up. She will knock the building over one day.

Yellow def White 7 - 4

Sven, you'll know him from the trail of smoking backhands and broken headbands, survived a valiant David in a classic five setter. David, his jolliness, scampered frantically around the table like Augustus Gloop at an Easter Egg hunt trying to break down the Berlin Wall but to no avail. The headband did survive though. Barely.

Notable mention to Team Brown's Leigh coming back after a long spell to outlast Andy in yet another fun five setter.

Green def Brown 7 - 4

Another classic five setter between power hitters Dirk and Jack. Jack sparkled like the Little Bear constellation in the outback night sky, outlasting the big bear in a very entertaining duel.

Beau chimed in with a key win for Team Black against Leanne in a seesawing five setter that got the W for his side

Black def Blue 6 - 5

Ladder: Green 24, White 16, Yellow 16, Black 12, Blue 8 and Brown 8.

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

PHANTOM: 1st place on 128pts Jewls, 2nd place on 127pts Saucer and 3rd place on 127pts HSB.

2scompany: 1st place on 19pts King Pins, 2nd place on 18pts Jail and 3rd place on 17.5pts Pinpushers.

ABL: 1st place on 132pts Storm, 2nd place on 123pts Dreamers and 3rd place on 118.5pts Pinpals.

Business Early: 1st place on 3pts Old Timers, 2nd place on 3pts Happy Hour, 3rd place on 3pts Wooly Balls and 4th place on 2pts Turkey Slappers.

Business Late: 1st place on 3pts Team Rich, 2nd place on 3pts The Big D's, 3rd place on 2pts S & R Clarke Auto and 4th place on 2pts Holy Splits.

Top Scores:

Men – 207 Jason Bence, 194 Toby Durdin and 193 Scott Lynch.

Woman – 167 Tricia Niessink, 156 Penny Wolswinkel and 154 Valma Peterson.

Block auction comes to Wooli

THE Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club held a very successful fundraising auction night at the Clubhouse on Friday, October 11, and the team from the Channel 9 TV series The Block turned out in force to support the event.

The MC and lead auctioneer for the night was the Block's legendary landscaper, Dave Franklin and the special guest auctioneers were Block contestants Hadyn and sisters Maddy and Charlotte. The Block's Executive Producer Julian Cress also joined in proceedings.

Over 100 members of the local community, lifesavers, Block cast and crew and their families mingled and enjoyed a wonderful evening of food, drinks, live music and entertainment from the auctioneers.

Those present dug deep and bidding was fierce for some great items donated by the local community, local businesses and members of the Block team.

According to Club President, Jason Close, "the night was a huge success in raising funds which will go towards the much-needed repairs to the Smiths Beach Rescue Base as well as some upgrades to the Clubhouse. We are so grateful to everyone who supported the night.

"Much of the credit for the evening must be given to Club members Darrell and Alison Clark as well as Dave Franklin who were the driving force behind the event.

"Club music impresario Glenn Davidson organised some great local musicians Daisy Spratt and



Blockheads Charlotte, Hadyn, Maddy from the Block with event organiser, Darrell Clark. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

Dan Searle who kept us entertained throughout the evening. Club members Emma Gallagher and Jordan Kuerschner made their Clubhouse musical debut with a great acoustic set, with Glenn helping out on bongos."

Everyone enjoyed some delicious food provided by the San Remo Hotel. Colleen Williams and many of the Williams family were also in attendance to support the event.

According to event organiser and Club Director of Assets, Darrell Clark, "as well as being a fundraiser, the event was also about bringing the local community into the Club. We have enjoyed so much support from local businesses and the community for many years and so it was great to see so many enjoying the evening and the Clubhouse and its facilities."

"We would really like to thank Island Surfboards, Dave Franklin, the Block, Amelia Trappett, Colleen Williams, San Remo Hotel, Korumburra Hotel, Rubicon Hotel, Alana Kozik, Phillip Island Winery, Shoreline Pest Control, Tommy Williams Photography, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Thundercat Tours, Phillip Island Chocolate Factory, Wildlife Coast Cruises, Prestige Surfaces, Pyramid Rocks Gallery and Green Works all of whom donated items that were auctioned."

Nici Cahill of Snapshot Photography was there to capture lots of images of the night. You can see more photos by visiting the Snapshot Photography Facebook page.

"The Block has made a transformational change to the Clubhouse, making it a much more

inviting facility. Some of the improvements have also made it a more comfortable environment for our volunteer lifesavers who give up so much of their time to be there," Jason added.

"We are thrilled that our connection with the Block has continued and are so happy that they reached out to support our fundraising efforts by donating auction items and then coming along and making it such a great night. We've also discovered some very talented musicians in our midst. Keep an eye out for some more great social events at the Club over summer."

The Club will continue its fundraising efforts over the coming months.

Fully tax-deductible donations can be made to woolamaibeach.org.au/donate



Participants of the Girls Can Shred surf and yoga 24/25 season program at PIBC.

Phillip Island Boardrider girls can shred

ON SUNDAY, October 6 Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) welcomed 30 participants for their Girls Can Shred surf and yoga 24/25 season program.

The program has been enabled by a Victorian State Government Change Our game grant for \$9960, for PIBC to run a six-week girls' surf and yoga program to connect girls to all things surfing,

competition, judging, media, youth development, career, mindfulness, mental health and community.

Change Our Game research has demonstrated that while there are some positive attitudes towards women and girls in sport and their right to equal opportunities and access, change is still required in terms of underlying attitudes and behaviours.

Women were more likely than men to see or experience negative behaviour and gendered discrimination in community sport, and people overall felt women had fewer leadership opportunities in sport than men.

PIBC aims to address these topics in their program, engaging providers Ringa Surf, Girls on Board, Dominique Salerno

Yoga and Claudia Tindale Photography, as well as PIBC committee volunteers, such as Secretary Emily Scott for designing the program and t-shirts, Clubhouse Manager Nat Van Der Heyden for all clubhouse logistics, and Treasurer/Surfing Australia Surf Judge Jo O'Reilly Stubbs who wrote the original grant application.

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 15
2.17am	0.51m
9.56am	1.33m
3.04pm	0.74m
10.02pm	1.27m

WEDNESDAY	October 16
3.35am	0.58m
11.00am	1.35m
4.27pm	0.64m
11.32pm	1.37m

THURSDAY	October 17
5.02am	0.62m
12.00pm	1.39m
5.43pm	0.48m

FRIDAY	October 18
12.45am	1.53m
6.22am	0.62m
12.54pm	1.45m
6.44pm	0.32m

SATURDAY	October 19
1.47am	1.68m
7.25am	0.60m
1.43pm	1.51m
7.36pm	0.18m

SUNDAY	October 20
2.42am	1.79m
8.15am	0.59m
2.29pm	1.55m
8.25pm	0.10m

MONDAY	October 21
3.31am	1.84m
9.00am	0.58m
3.13pm	1.57m
9.13pm	0.07m

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Local racer backs himself for a win at Nyora Raceway

NYORA local, Andrew Dike was born into racing, learning how to drive by sitting on his dad's and grandad's laps while they steered around the track.

By the time he was five and sitting in a booster seat, he was allowed to steer around the track and by the time he was eight, he was in the car by himself, racing.

"Pretty much the same way I'll be teaching my son," said Andrew, whose niece, Zara makes up the fourth generation in the car racing family.

Now at 33, Andrew still loves the competitiveness of the sport.

"In the car, it's just me, I'm not relying on really anybody else, other than my machinery. I work on my car. I do everything on my car. So, it comes down to how good my workmanship is and how well I can drive."

In August last year, Andrew bought an FG X Falcon and spent six months modifying it to create the perfect racing machine.

"Nothing on it's standard anymore. Everything is handmade and I did most of it myself, and then my father-in-law helped me out for a little bit of it, because he used to work on V8 supercars," Andrew explains.

"All the suspension is modified differently to standard, which makes it handle amazing. The motor has been heavily modified, which makes it ten times quicker than what it would be for standard. Then we use racing rubber, which is not what you'd use in your road car, and it makes a huge difference."



It's in the blood, Andrew with his niece Zara – a fourth generation racer.

Andrew has raced in ten meetings with it and won seven of these and set a new record for the eight-lap track in the modified sedan class, which is a national class.

The racing season has just begun for this year and Andrew plans to give it a red hot go and attend 15 or 16 race meets.

"My plan for this season is, I've got racing in Victoria, and then I go to South Australia, and then I'll go up to Queensland and I'll have a couple of races in New South Wales, so pretty much do the entire east coast plus South Australia."

The first race meet however will be held in Nyora over the

long weekend in November which will be two nights of racing for Andrew and he'll share the car with his mum Trish, who'll be racing on the third night in the sports sedans class.

"I share my car with my mum, which is, I reckon pretty cool. I don't think many people do that," said Andrew.

"It's even more funny because there's a little bit of a height discrepancy between me and my mum. My mum's five foot six, and I'm six foot."

As there's no moving the seat, Andrew made a couple of pads for Trish, who is a two-time state champion, to sit on and they have compromised on the

steering wheel height.

Andrew's dad and his brother will also be racing that same weekend – all three competing against each other in the same event, but Andrew is confident that the win will be his.

The Nyora race meeting will run the standard saloons feature, which includes the Dougo Memorial 44 lapper, wingless sprints, sports sedans, modified sedans, outlaw karts, there will also be the Miles Cup, V8 dirt modifieds and junior races.

The Nyora Race Meet will be held on Saturday to Monday, November 2, 3 and 4 at the Nyora Raceway. To find out more go to nyoraraceway.org.au.

What a difference a week makes

THE weather was perfect for tennis this week.

The experience of Inverloch was too great for Korumburra with a team brought up from Section 2.

Korumburra can hopefully look to next week for a better set.

Koonwarra and Leongatha had the closest match of the round, with equal sets and just two games separating them.

It was good to go out to Koonwarra and see all the wonderful work that has been done since the storm.

The Koonwarra Tennis Club would like to thank Jim Newton, South Gippsland Shire Council, Koonwarra Recreation Reserve and the Men's Shed for all their help in updating the tennis club facilities, fences and seats.

Koonwarra is a lovely place for tennis.

In Section 2, Baromi were winners against Outtrim and Korumburra were winners over Leongatha, both matches had the same games.

Section 2 is a mix of younger and more experienced players which makes for some great sets, well done to all players.

A note to all teams, please make sure you register your fill-ins by writing their names on the back of the scoresheet three times, also please ensure you submit your score to the Score Secretary before 8pm on Saturday evening.

Points can be deducted for late results.

AM&DTA TENNIS RESULTS

Section 1: Westernport White 7.45 defeated Westernport Red 1.17, Inverloch 8.49 defeated Korumburra 0.16, Koonwarra 4.34 defeated Leongatha 4.32.

Ladder: Inverloch 15, Westernport White 14, Leongatha 12, Koonwarra 11, Korumburra 5, Westernport Red 3.

Section 2: Baromi 6.66 defeated Outtrim 3.45, Korumburra 7.66 defeated Leongatha 2.45.

Ladder: Korumburra 15.5, Baromi 12.5, Outtrim 8.5, Leongatha 7.5.

RIVERSIDE TENNIS RESULTS

Round 1 Results: Section 1/2 Doubles: Drouin Gold 3 - 38 def by Warragul Blue 6 - 44, Drouin Maroon 7 - 53 def Warragul White 2 - 26, Poowong 0 - 25 def by Moe 9 - 55, Neerim District 4 - 41 def by Hallora 5 - 41, Trafalgar - Bye.

Ladder: Moe 16.5, Drouin Maroon 14.5, Warragul Blue 14, Hallora 12.5, Trafalgar 10, Neerim District 9, Drouin Gold 9, Warragul White 7, Poowong 6.5

Section 1 Singles: Trafalgar 1 - 3 - 24 def by Drouin Gold 2 - 4 - 26, Moe Red 3 - 6 - 36 def Drouin Maroon 0 - 0 - 18, Moe White 2 - 4 - 30 def Moe Blue 1 - 2 - 21, Moe Blue - Bye.

Ladder: Moe Red 8, Moe White 7, Drouin Gold 6, Drouin White 4.5, Trafalgar 4, Moe Blue 3.5, Drouin Maroon.

Section 2 Singles 2: Drouin Gold 1 - 26 def by Neerim District 5 - 43, Moe 1 - 23 def by Warragul 5 - 45, Trafalgar 4 - 43 def Drouin Maroon 2 - 21.

Ladder: Warragul 11.5, Neerim District 11, Trafalgar 10, Moe 6, Drouin Maroon 5, Drouin Gold 4.5

Rhett Kelly departs Parrots' nest to coach MDU

MEENIYAN Dumbalk United president Jason Harris is delighted to welcome Leongatha veteran Rhett Kelly to the club as Senior playing coach.

"We're looking towards having a good year and we think his experience is going to be a big boost," Harris said, the Demons looking to build on this season's sixth-place finish.

Kelly has the versatility to play across halfback and in the midfield and brings a wealth of coaching experience, including recently leading the Leongatha Reserves to a third straight flag.

He has also played in premiership sides at Under 18 and Senior level for the Parrots.

Harris noted Kelly is held in high regard by those he has coached and brings over 300 games of playing experience.

The president said it is good to have a local coach back in charge, with Kelly having a strong connection to the Demons.

"His dad Nick played over 250 games at our club and is a Life Member, and his brother Fraser is our captain," Harris said.

Kelly feels privileged to get the Senior coaching role and is excited about what can be achieved next season.

"The opportunity was there for the taking and I think the



New MDU Senior coach Rhett Kelly is welcomed to the Demons by club president Jason Harris.

footy club is in a really good position with players and off-field," he said of the work those in charge have done in recent seasons to set the Demons up for success.

He feels fortunate to have been around really good footballers and coaches at Leongatha over the years and is keen to pass on the knowledge he has gained to the Demons.

The Senior coach is impressed with the thriving junior

program at MDU, noting junior numbers over the last couple of seasons have been incredible.

There is also good depth in the Reserves that featured deep in this year's finals.

Kelly has brought in plenty of experience from Leongatha to help guide MDU players to turn recent Senior finals appearances into premiership contention.

Nick Nagel is one of the Parrots who will pull on a Demons jumper in 2025, as a playing

assistant coach who will probably play up forward.

He is joined by experienced ruckman Josh Schelling and young half forward and forward pocket player Trent McRae who was looking for more Senior opportunity after being part of Leongatha's flag-winning Reserves side this season.

The arriving Parrots bring valuable premiership experience and will help the existing MDU playing group understand the standards and efforts needed to achieve that success.

Kelly observed there is a hunger at the club to do so and achieving the desired improvement ultimately needs to be player-driven.

The new coach isn't placing any limits on what can be achieved next season.

He doesn't intend to reinvent the wheel when it comes to the Demons' playing style.

Having not played alongside brother Fraser for some years, since they featured in a couple of Senior games together at Leongatha, Kelly is looking forward to doing so.

Whether Fraser continues as captain will likely be left up to the players.

MDU playing coach of the past couple of seasons, Nathan Allen, has taken a footy opportunity at Officer, closer to his work.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

MONDAY, being a wild and woolly day outside, was a great day to be indoors bowling with good friends. The day was won by the team of Linda Newman and John Stewart with a score of +26 – well done to you both.

A great day was had at the Cape on Friday with lots of fun and laughter. As usual, the ladies put on a fantastic afternoon tea of cakes and sandwiches.

The winners were Brian Newman and Les Stanbury with a score of +26. Well done to all that played.

Next week, the bowlers will play again on Monday and Friday at 1pm at Cape Paterson Community Centre.

FOSTER

THE Opening Day went off well. The weather was perfect and a good roll-up of players.

Pennant practice matches are well underway. Foster played Fish Creek and won the plaque back. The match against Toora was not so lucky, going down by nine shots.

Foster had another against Yarram, which sadly was lost also – all just before the Pennant season begins.

Foster is holding a Melbourne Cup Day event, open to anyone who would like to join in. There is a chicken and champagne lunch to start, followed by an optional short game of bowls before the big race.

There will be raffles and sweeps for the Melbourne Cup. Prizes will be awarded for Best Dressed and Best Hat. Come along for a great afternoon.

It's also that time of year for the start of the 'Jack Attack' season – the fun for all barefoot bowls competition. The first night will be on Wednesday, October 23.

There will be two introduction weeks followed by the main six-week competition. For more information, call Bev 0408 369 298.

Foster held its October Triples last week with a good roll-up of 18 teams. Weather conditions were mixed. The sun shone, the clouds moved in and out and the wind tested the bowlers' wits.

Winners for the day, being the only team with four game wins, was the Toora team of Alan Spooner, and Bart and Ray Lecher.

The prizes were sponsored by Prom Meats.

There were four teams with three-game wins – three of them with their fourth result a loss, while the other had a draw.

The r/up team with three wins and a draw were the Foster team of Charlie and Bev Tyers with Brian Robinson.

Prizes were sponsored by Puhams Furniture and Carpet.

Bottles of wine sponsored by Foster IGA + Liquor were presented to the team with the best game, which went to the Foster team of Brian Roffey, Ray Parsons and Frank Raiti.

The Bowls Club is sponsoring a 'free drink' voucher for the encouragement prizes. These went to the Foster team of Ian Park, Sue Waugh and Jim Ganson.

The club looks forward to seeing everyone again next month.

Foster also has its Bendigo Bank sponsored Pairs Day coming up on Thursday, October 31.

Get your teams into Noleen 0427 928 542.

INVERLOCH

THE Inverloch Bowling Club Championships are now underway, and it is important that those participating in the various events are aware of the playing

conditions applicable to the event being played together with the dates by which each event round needs to be completed by.

The following details the completion date of the first round.

Men's Major Singles: October 27. Men's Minor Singles: October 20. Men's 100 Up: November 10. Men's Pairs: November 3.

Mixed Pairs: October 29.

Ladies Major Singles: October 27. Ladies Minor Singles: October 20. Ladies 100 Up: November 10. Ladies Pairs: November 3.

The club wishes all competitors the very best of luck.

Thursday saw a continuation of the sunny but windy period being experienced in Inverloch and this drew a fine field of 45 players, which included a visitor to the club from the Benalla Bowling Club, Graeme Currie, to contest two games, each of 10 ends.

With play starting at 12.30pm, there was no break for lunch.

Scoring was on the basis of games won, ends won and then shots-up if required.

The field comprised nine fours and three triple combinations.

The day provided three teams which won both of their games.

Terry Orford (skip), Jon Justin (third), Jeff Curwood (second) and Allan Johnston (lead) had the hard luck story, scoring 31 Pts from wins of 20/12 and 12/10.

Shots-up needed to be calculated to determine the eventual winners, and the runners-up, scoring 34 Pts with 12 shots-up was the team of Bill Selby (skip), Reg Varty (third) and Nancy Stephens (lead) with wins of 7/6 and 16/5.

The eventual winners, with a score of 34 Pts with 18 shots up from wins of 19/2 and 9/8, were Jenny Haydon (skip), Paul Davis (third) and Ted Lee (lead).

Don't forget that with daylight savings in place, play starts at 12.30pm with names to be registered by 11am on the day of play.

Thanks to the match committee representatives on the day Carol Hughes and Jeff Curwood.

The club dinner was held on Friday, October 11, where around 60 people attended the evening and enjoyed the fare which was roast pork and vegetables followed by a dessert of apple and raspberry crumble with custard.

Neil and Reg kept the evening rolling along with door prizes, chocolates for the birthday people and a load of meat packs distributed by the luck of the largest spinning wheel in town, and of course who didn't at least get a chuckle out of Reg's stories which are improving.

The next club dinner is scheduled for Friday, October 25, and names should be recorded on the board next to the club entrance. Thanks are extended to the volunteers who gave of their time on the evening, Yvonne Kee and Joyce Arnold on the door, Jon Justin behind the bar, Jim Haydon with Shirley Turton, Liz Jacobs along with Terry and Karen Orford in the kitchen and of course your emcee for the evening, Neil Everitt and his side kick, Reg Varty.

Next Friday, October 18, will be the club membership draw where the jackpot currently stands at \$200 and some lucky member's number is stored in the electronic number generator and you need to be in the clubrooms at the time of the draw to claim the jackpot, otherwise, it will jackpot to \$220 for the following draw.

There are also a lot of other prizes to be won, first pick of the table, four luck envelopes and lots more.

Come along and join in the fun, you'll be most welcome.

The Saturday Pennant season kicked off last Saturday, October 12, under fine and sunny conditions and overall, the Inverloch teams did well.

The results are as follows:

Division 1 were away to Corinella and took a five-shot win, 58/53, with the Pts score 13/1.

Rink scores were Hannaford, +6 (23/17), Gabb, -1, (19/20) and Burge 0 (16/16).

Division 1 sits in third place on the ladder.

Division 2 hosted Loch and posted a win by five shots (52/47) scoring 14 Pts.

The rink results were, Sutcliffe, +7 (21/14), McStravick, -5 (13/18) and Selby +3 (18/15).

Division 2 also sits in third position on the ladder.

In Division 3, Inverloch were away to Korumburra managing to only register two Pts from the day.

Final scores were 44/68 with the rink results showing, Massier, +5 (23/18), Breasley, -20 (10/30) and Hughes, -9 (11/20). Division 3 is in sixth position.

Division 5 hosted Loch and notched a win by four shots (57/53), scoring 12 Pts, which places them in third position.

The individual rink results were, Dunlop, +13 (30/17), Seaward, -1 (15/16) and Orford, -8 (12/20).

Tuesday (Midweek) Pennant will start on Tuesday, October 15, with Division 1 hosting Korumburra.

Division 2 will be away to Korumburra while Division 3 will be hosted by the Meeniyen Bowling Club.

Again, the strength of the Inverloch Bowling Club shone through as three of the ladies took out the Meeniyen Bowling Club Ladies Tournament on Friday, October 11.

Well done to Lorraine Dowson, Anne Tschiderer and Di Coleman on their win.

The Club's Melbourne Cup Gala Day is fast approaching with a fine field gathering for the event. Chicken lunch and a game of bowls is on offer, and you can choose one or the other, or indeed both.

Watch for the flyers at the club.

KORUMBURRA

WITH the start of pennant this week, it was a busy week.

On Friday night, the club had its monthly counter teas with nine people in attendance enjoying Keith's culinary delights. Then the bowlers started the weekend Pennant.

On Saturday, Division 1 travelled to Toora with a good result.

Robin Provan had 23 shots to 14 win, Kevin Beecroft won 20 to 13 and unfortunately, Rob Cosson went down 18 to 22 – still a very good overall win first up.

Division 2 hosted Inverloch. Shane O'Loughlin won 30 shots to 10, Ken Cecil won 20 shots to 11 and Ross Lomagno went down 18 shots to 23 – another overall win.

Division 4 travelled to Leongatha and all three sides had a win.

Alan Cherrett won 33 shots to 12, Rob Sund won 26 to 23 and Joanna Lomagno won 24 shots to 22.

On Sunday, the club held an open pairs tournament with 24 teams competing from all over Gippsland and some from Melbourne.

Winners on the day were the Moorabbin team of Patrick Patterson and John Smith with R/up the local team of Peter Spark and Charlie Edgerton.

Third place went to Mirboo North duo of Phil Stimson and Andy Plowman.

Thanks to Mick Manning, Tra-

cy Pepperrell and Kelly Dorling for their organisation and catering on the day.

LEONGATHA

THE club found it difficult at the selection table to field three sides on Saturday because of various reasons but managed to be competitive in round one of the Saturday Pennant competition for the 24/25 season.

The highlight of the day's play was the convincing win by the Division 1 side against the 23/24 Club Champions Phillip Island with a score of 73/48 shots and 16 pts.

Individual rink scores were as follows: Peter Forest skip (Phillip Island) was defeated by John Hall skip (Leongatha) 16/19 shots.

John Newcombe skip (Phillip Island) was defeated by Brenton Hackett skip (Leongatha)16/32 shots.

Russell May skip (Phillip Island) was defeated by Anthony Collier skip (Leongatha) 16/22 shots.

Division 2 travelled to the picturesque San Remo Club where they met stiff opposition and were soundly beaten with an overall score of 46/63 shots.

Individual rink scores were as follows: Barry McGowan skip (San Remo) defeated Jeff Pendergast skip (Leongatha) 23/15 shots.

James Power skip (San Remo) defeated Garry Van Sinderen skip (Leongatha) 24/14 shots.

Tony McKiernan skip (San Remo) was defeated by Les Wilson skip (Leongatha) 16/17 shots.

Leongatha's Division 4 side played host to its neighbouring club Korumburra, clad in new uniforms which obviously had an effect on the confidence as it went about the business of defeating the home side with an overall score of 83/57 shots. Individual rink scores were as follows:

Alan Moxey skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Allen Cherrett skip (Korumburra) 12/33 shots.

Karen Fidler skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Joanna Lomagno skip (Korumburra) 22/24 shots.

Susan Wakefield skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Robert Sund skip (Korumburra) 23/26 shots

A talking point on Saturday was the proposal to record scores digitally on a mobile phone, which was not received favourably with the elderly.

It is with deep regret and sadness that the club advises of the passing of Graeme Runciman.

Graeme was the husband of long-term club member Jo Runciman.

The club's thoughts and sympathies are with Jo and her family at this time.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

SUMMER seems to be pushing winter aside for all the bowlers around the state.

Thursday at Corinella was no different.

Fifty-one of the family of bowlers turned up to once again fight it out for team of the week.

They were greeted once again by Pauline and John as Peter arranged the teams.

It is just so exciting to play each week as part of a team made up from random players.

The green was in excellent condition, but with the wind blowing, it was definitely a challenge for many players.

A few intrepid members were in a charitable mood, as can be seen by the swelling jar of coins for the Royal Children's Hospital appeal in a few months.

It really is a great event each week, with so many great friend-

ships made with all the players.

This week's winners on 32 Pts were Shirl Corcoran (3), Craig Brown (S), Peter McWilliams (2) and Bob Arnold (L). R/up on a score of 30 were Cheryl Floyd (L), Rob Jefferey (3), Max Williams (2) and John Nicholson (S).

Best one-game winners for the day on a score of 20 were Phil Wright (3) Margaret McConville (L), Peter Gratton (S) and Chris Coulson (2).

Thank you to Phil and the Corinella members for all the work to set up and clean up as well as looking after the kitchen and bar.

These volunteers keep the bowlers going week after week.

Next week, the club will be meeting at San Remo to once again fight it out in the hope of being part of the winning teams.

Please remember to be on site by 10am or maybe miss out on a great day's play.

This weekend marks the beginning of the 2024 - 2025 pennant season, and all the members wish bowlers everywhere good luck and hope your club wins.

Meanwhile, not all members will be winners this week, but win or lose, keep your heads held high.

Till next week, stay safe and have fun.

TARWIN LOWER

DIVISION 2 ventured down to Phillip Island to take on the reigning champs. Every rink managed to get the job done to come out with a 68-37 victory. Bolstered by three first gamers for the club in J.Pinneri, G.Butler and M.Cosgrove who all showed they are key members in this year's goals going forward.

Div 4 had one of bowls tougher assignments in the league in heading down to Port Welshpool who are always extremely hard to beat on the home deck. The strength of the club was on full show here with so much outstanding talent out there including some experienced club legends they pulled off a fantastic 59-54 victory which really sets the standard for the remainder of the season. Selectors loading up on the Nurofen for the coming months!

Div 6 ventured down to Toora who are also tough in any division, unfortunately wasn't Tarwins day coming away with a loss, we are incredibly lucky to have a mix of new bowlers and some great experienced players there in both rinks. Expect to see plenty of names moving up the ranks in the coming months from this team.

A great start to the season for the club, now we look forward to Tuesday midweek pennant with some very tough assignments there we know everyone will give their all to not only get results but continue to learn and improve and more importantly enjoy their bowls.

Again we would like to thank all clubs working in with us the first few weeks with a few games shifting due to the new green being installed. Coming along nicely and we look forward to having all clubs play and hopefully enjoy that in the coming months.

Go Sharks.

WONTHAGGI

IT was another good week at the club.

Wednesday was a perfect day for bowls with 28 bowlers to grace the greens – a very good number, what with the Phillip Island Triples, as well as an event at another club on the same day.

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There were two teams that were two game-winners on the day, with the winners being Bryan Donohue, Lyn Tagell and John Gilliland with a score of two wins and 34 Pts.

The runners-up were Joy Phillips, Frank Tagell, John Kappler and Kathy Heaphy with a score of two wins and 31 Pts. Saturday saw the start of Pennant.

Division 1 played host to Mirboo North at Wonthaggi, on a perfect day for bowls.

The match was always going to be close, with both teams playing finals the last couple of years.

One rink had a good win, with the other two rinks having close matches, which helped at the end of the day.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 55 Mirboo North 52.

Division 2 ventured to Fish Creek, which is always a tough trip, with the green being a little slower than Wonthaggi's home green.

Two rinks had close matches with the other going down at the end of day.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 43 Fish Creek 61.

Division 4 played host to Fish Creek at Wonthaggi, looking to make a statement after being demoted from Division 3.

All rinks played well to record a solid victory.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 97 Fish Creek 44.

Division 5 played host to Lang Lang at Wonthaggi, also looking to make a statement after being demoted.

Once again, all rinks played well to record a solid victory.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 89 Lang Lang 35 – a great way to start the season.

Bowls this week: Tuesday Midweek Pennant starts, Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday Pennant.

Don't forget to reserve your table for the Basket Cabaret on Saturday, November 9, at 7pm.

Once again, there will be a live band and good music. The cost is \$10.00 per head and bring your own nibbles.

Friday night was a huge success, with a few extra members there for the Pie night, which was well received.

John Migliorisi and Mike Raman both won meat trays.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

WHAT an amazing week of bowling. There was a total of 58 players this week – 29 on both Tuesday and Friday

A reminder that the annual general meeting is on Friday, October 18. The club hopes to see you all there. There will be a light lunch then on to bowling.

The results of Tuesday's games were Pat Smith, Jenny Bakker and Ken Peterson winning with a plus 11. R/up on plus nine were Judy Sweetnam, Maggie Scapin, Jim Rodhi and Theo Sholley.

Friday saw some really close games, with no team winning two games.

The winners and the r/up had a win and a draw.

The winning team with plus three consisted of Dot Harland, John Bird, Mario Toffolon and Max Sweetnam. R/up on plus one were Helen Rook, Glenda Binch and Jos Kemper.



The Friday winners at Breakaway Bowls were Brian Newman and Les Stanbury with a score of +26.



Ray Lecher, and Bart and Alan Spooner from Toora were the winners of Foster Bowls Club's October Triples.



Shirl Corcoran (3), Craig Brown (S), Peter McWilliams (2) and Bob Arnold (L) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners.



Winners of the Thursday Social bowls at Inverloch last Thursday were, from left, Ted Lee, Jenny Haydon and Paul Davis.



Winners of the Meeniyian Bowling Club's Ladies Triples Tournament were, from left, Lorraine Dowson, Di Coleman and Anne Tschiderer.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Bryan Donohue, Lyn Tagell and John Gilliland.



Mario Toffolon, Dot Harland, John Bird and Max Sweetnam were the Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls winners on Friday.

FOSTER

WHAT a week it has been for golf.

The fields for the beginning of the week were decreased with the heavy rains that fell over the week-end and into Monday. Tuesday's round of Stableford saw just six players enter.

David Hutchison (13) won the day with a very modest 32 points.

Taking home down the line balls were Robert Arnold (27) and Graeme Watkins (8) with 30.

On Monday and Tuesday, a contingent of nine ladies hit the course at Lonsdale Links to take part in the Golf Australia Victorian Spring Tournament.

A total of 210 entrants from across Victoria tackled the course.

Monday saw gale-force winds and heavy rain at times.

On Tuesday, it was the polar opposite with a gentle sea breeze and clear sunny skies.

Deb Bray played exceptionally well over the two days and won the D grade nett event with a combined score of 65.

Kylie Collins managed to win three of the eight nearest to pin awards on offer over the two days.

Backing up from the spring tournament, the club had four players head to Woorayl.

Beth Curram, Jenny Alexander, Jenny Mountford and Kaylene Morris went to play in the annual "Pink Day", which is a four-person Ambrose event.

The ladies started strong and ended up winning the "Busiest Golfers" award.

Meanwhile, back at the club, there was a three-person Ambrose event on Saturday with Paddy Watkins, the generous trophy donor.

With 39 players, it proved to be a very tight competition.

Gary Buckland, Graeme Watkins and Chris Riddle won on a countback from Neil Park, Lachlan Park and Brod Courtney with 69 strokes 61 net.

Down the line went to Leigh Roberts, Brad Coates and Chris Buckland who had 65, 61.5 net and Justin Dubignon, Rod Coughran Lane and Robert Arnold with 74, 61.833.

Nearest to pins for the day were shared around between five players with them going to Tony Vanin (fourth), C. McCaughan (sixth), Gary Buckland (13th), Peter Dight (15th) and Travis Manne (17th).

As a large number of ladies had ventured off to the allure of a Lonsdale Links, there was a small but keen field on Wednesday.

For the first time, men joined in with the ladies to play a Stableford event.

Chris Buckland (+3) was the winner, playing to his handicap he came home with 36 points.

Chris was also nearest to pin on the sixth.

Leigh Roberts (11) received the only ball down the line with a hard-fought 31 points, meanwhile, Shirley Cook got one back for the ladies and was nearest to pin on the 17th.

In the ladies' nine-hole competition, Annette Garrow took home the win with 11 points on a three-way countback from Rae and Frances.

The winner of the chicken run also played on Wednesday.

Phil Worboys (21) played the front nine exceptionally and had 25 points.

Twenty-one players played throughout the week with three balls down the line awarded.

Trent Price (12) 19 points, Jake Pilkington (18) and Merle Barham (42) both with 18 points receiving the awards.

John Stone (21) was amazed on

Thursday when he won with 33 points.

There were 17 players on the day with John winning on a countback from two other players, Robert Fulton (19) and Barb Britten (21), Robert Arnold (27) claimed the third ball down the line with 32 points.

John Stone was accurate on the fourth and won nearest to pin as Peter Cook was closest on the 17th.

This week, the ladies will hold their belated medal day on Wednesday.

Elisa Nudelman is the generous trophy donor this month.

Also this week, there are the regular Stableford events across Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday with Gary Buckland donating the trophies for Saturday.

Chicken run will be played on the back nine with no doubt some impressive scores to come.

Also this week, the club had bright, beautiful, new yellow flags go up around the greens.

These flags are part of the new sponsorship with Ray White Foster and they look a treat.

The team from Ray White were at the club for lunch on Friday and could not help but take a happy snap with one of the new flags.

The club is thrilled to have them on board and the bright energy it will bring to the course.

Around the clubrooms, the Friday night members draw has jack-potted again.

This week, one lucky member could walk away with \$1150 and have themselves an awesome weekend.

The club has the amazing talents of Fiona Curram coming to perform on Friday, October 25.

She will be performing from 8pm until 10pm and is sure to bring a crowd.

Chantelle and the crew from 19 are always changing things up, at the moment they are working on a wonderful new menu – keep your eyes peeled for the newest taste sensations.

On Melbourne Cup Day, the club will be hosting a special nine-hole open Stableford day.

The day will include a chicken and champagne/beer luncheon along with salads, sweets and savouries.

On the day, there will be sweeps as well as a ladies' hat parade.

Most importantly, the Melbourne Cup Big Putt, it will be the putt that stops the nation.

Please book for the event next time you're in the rooms, or you can phone through on 5682 2272.

Until next week, try to stay out of the trees.

The Caddy.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, October 8. Stableford: 31 players.

A Grade: Steve Duffield (14) 38 points. B Grade: Peter Wallace (19) 35 C/B.

NTPs: first Dave Enbom, 10th Ray Ludenia and 13th Pete Wallace.

Thursday, October 10: Stableford: 24 players.

A Grade: Steve Duffield (12) 38.

NTPs: first Peter Johnson, 10th Simon Perks and 13th Brian Clasby.

Saturday, October 12:

Two-man Ambrose Guest Day: 49 players.

Sponsor: Wayne Knights.

Winners: Zac Scholte and Billy Wrigley 62.75.

NTPs: first Mitch McGraw, seventh Steve McNamara, 10th Greg Marsh and 13th Clint Newcombe.



Life member Pat West with winners and runners-up in the Spring Fiesta Choose Your Own Adventure event at the Leongatha Golf Club.



The grade winners for the Lorna Jeeves Rose Bowl were Catherine Bolding, Kaylene Hodgetts and Donna Brosnan. Kaylene was the overall Lorna Jeeves winner.



Last Wednesday, Korumburra's Johanna van den Heiligenberg won A Grade and Kim Enbom was the B Grade winner, as well as the October Monthly Medallist.



The Ray White Foster team with the beautiful new flag on the 18th green.



Keith Ridout, Dawn Judkins, Catherine Bolding, Ian Baker with their trophies after the Mixed Championships at the Wonthaggi Golf Club.

KORUMBURRA

AFTER a cool morning, the day turned out very pleasant and warm last Wednesday.

The club appreciates the sponsorship of many of the wonderful Korumburra businesses and members can show their support by shopping locally.

Congratulations to Kim Enbom, who won the Monthly Medal again, in consecutive months, with a terrific 74 net.

Kim (38) also won B Grade, the Tiny Teapot Café voucher and took a few shots off her handicap.

Trudy Olden (33) was runner-up in B Grade, 81 net.

Well done to Johanna van den

Heiligenberg (14) who was the A Grade winner with 79 net on a c/b from Shelley Snooks (20).

Johanna also had the best Scratch Score with 93.

BDTL went to Kerri Besley (18) and Barb Twite (28), both 80 net and Merrissa Cosson (13), 81 net.

The nine-hole competition was won by Barb Walker (35) with a nice 16 pts.

NTPs were Johanna (Kelly's Bakery award) on the first, Merrissa was second shot on seventh, and Kerri was closest on both the 10th and 13th greens (One Stop Discount Shop and Burra Garden Supplies and Nursery vouchers).

It was awesome the club had

two teams, including some newer members, participate in Woorayl's four-person Ambrose Pink Day on Friday.

Although there were no golf wins, all enjoyed the day. There was perfect weather for the 15 women lucky enough to be able to be out on the course on Saturday.

A Grade was won by Lynette McIvor (23) 36 pts and Merrissa Cosson (13) was runner-up 32 pts.

Trudy Olden (33) won B Grade with a fantastic 39 pts and next best was Deb Wrigley (32) 34 pts.

BDTL went to Lyn Leppin (47) 33 pts and Aliesha Wrigley (25) 31 pts after a four-way c/b.

NTPs went to Julie Hillberg 10th, Merrissa 13th and Lynette second shot on the seventh.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, October 8: Stableford.

Tuesday's Stableford round had 65 members/guests take to the course. Players again were able to choose to tee off from either blue or yellow markers.

A Grade winner: Peter Clingin (13) with the high score of the day of 36 pts. A Grade runner up: Colin Bear (12) with a score of 35 pts.

B Grade winner: Dave Egan (20) from the Cowes Golf Club with a score of 33 pts. B Grade runner up: Ashleigh Hutton (17) with a score of 32 pts.

C Grade winner: Phil Nicholson (29) from the Cowes Golf Club with a score of 32 pts. C Grade runner up: Michael Wrigley (22) with a score of 31 pts on a count-back.

NTP fifth second shot: Nath Wardle at 1.63m. NTP 14th: David Forbes at .58m. NTP 16th: Colin Martin at .54m.

Thursday, October 10: Wonthaggi Toyota Stableford event.

This Stableford round was again generously sponsored by Wonthaggi Toyota with 73 members/guests taking to the course in excellent golfing conditions.

A Grade winner: Steve Foster (14) with a score of 37 pts.

A Grade runner up: Rod MacKenzie (11) with a score of 35 pts.

B Grade winner: Paul Luck (21) with a score of 37 pts on a count-back. B Grade runner up: John Moor (19) with a score of 37 pts.

C Grade winner: Michael Street (30) with the high score of the day of 38 pts. C Grade runner up: Lyndon Thompson (27) with a score of 36 pts.

NTP fifth second shot: Rod MacKenzie at 1.95m. NTP 14th: John Moor at .76m. NTP 16th: Neale Gillin at 2.20m. Saturday, October 12: Stableford.

This Stableford round was held in sublime spring conditions with 74 members/guests taking to the course.

A Grade winner: Craig Hams (11) with a score of 35 pts. A Grade runner up: Tony Morganti (10) with a score of 34 pts. B Grade winner: Bruce Christison (17) with the high score of the day of 39 pts. B Grade runner up: Simon Deery (15) with a score of 37 pts on a countback. C Grade winner: Dot Stubbs (24) with of 38 pts. C Grade runner up: Gerry Carcour (22) with a score of 36 pts.

NTP fifth second shot: Craig Hams. NTP 14th: Winton Knop. NTP 16th: Tony Morganti.

Ladies

A LARGE mixed field competed in the Spring Fiesta Choose Your Own Adventure Stableford event.

Players could elect to play from the red, blue, pink, yellow or

black tees.

Depending on which tee was selected, the handicaps were adjusted accordingly.

Nineteen players elected to play from the red tees, 21 from the yellow tees (the second shortest course), two from the pink tees (the shortest course) and one from the blue tees (the second longest course).

In the absence of both the new captain and new vice-captain, Cheryl Borg handled proceedings admirably.

Life member Pat West has sponsored this event for the last two years along with many other generously sponsored events in previous years. Pat also provided the raffle prizes.

A Grade was won by Trish Owen.

Trish played from the pink tees, with a quite severe handicap reduction of eight shots off her normal handicap.

Some lucky putts put her one shot ahead of Colin Bear, the runner-up with 34 pts.

Colin played the yellow course.

B Grade was won by Jo McNaughton, also on 35 pts.

Jo elected to play the red course.

The runner-up, Jan Brownlie, on 34 pts chose to play the yellow course.

Balls down the line were won by Dot Stubbs 34, Bert Borg, Pat Pease and Lyn Shaw 32, Peter Brownlie 31, and Delia Perry, Josh de Groot and Bev Reinhard on 30 pts.

Nearest the pin on the 14th was won by Trish Owen and Colin Bear on the 16th.

MEENIYAN

OVER the past month, numbers are slowly improving as players return from holidays.

On September 11, Tanya Thorson won with 34 pts with Dot Christie the runner-up with 33 pts.

On September 18, Dot Christie won with 32 pts and Heather Pulletti the runner-up with 31 pts.

October 2 saw Irene Holm win with 30 pts and Jan Trease the runner-up with 26.

The golfers played the October medal last week and Dot Christie won her fourth medal for 2024 with 73 net.

The club would like to thank all the volunteers who have been working hard around the course.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, October 8: Stableford.

A Grade: M. Payne (13) 39 pts. B Grade: W. Roberts (21) 34 pts. DTL: S. Woodall, J. Webster, 37 and T. Bradshaw 36 c/b. NTP: fourth N. Whichello, sixth P. Cummaudo, 13th W. Roberts and 16th T. Bradshaw.

Saturday, October 12: Stableford.

A Grade: E. Woodall (4) 40 pts. B Grade: G. Shandley (15) 38 pts. C Grade: A. Woodall (29) 43 pts.

DTL: T. Baker 39, S. Hill-Smith, T. Bradshaw, P. Cummaudo, 38 and N. Whichello 36 c/b. NTP: fourth P. Kearns, sixth G. Renwick, 13th N. Lugton and 16th P. Draper.

Birdies: fourth R. Jenkins, D. Woodall, sixth G. Renwick and 16th N. Rutledge.

Eagles: P. Draper 12th.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: October 10, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Ball sweep to 32. Winner: Roger Kilpatrick 35. Runner up: Bruce Betts 35. Ball sweep: Jonathon

Wade 34, Ian Murrells 33 and Martin Cox 32.

Results: October 10, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford nine hole 10 to 18.

Ball sweep to 15. Winner: Ray Hender 19. Runner up: Paul Cornelis 19. Ball sweep: Ian Murrells 16, Bill Howard 15 and Secondo Tiziani 15.

Results: October 12, S.R 71. Competition: Par.

A Grade: Allan McLean +5.

B Grade: Inoke Baudromo +1.

C Grade: Joshua Kilgour +3.

BDTL to 0.

Ball sweep: Hamish Burns +3, Bryan Cole +3, Stephen Judd +2, Bruce Betts +2, Steve Terrill +1, Andrew Hooton-Shandley +1, Garry Bates +1, Kevin Loughran 0, Keith Ridout 0 and Andrew Cox 0.

NTPs: Andrew Cox second, not claimed fourth, Andrew Cox pro pin eighth, Ross Lovett 13th and Phillip Studham money hole 17th.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was a lovely warm still day, a great golf day.

There were 25 players competing in the second round of stroke for the Lorna Jeeves Rose Bowl.

The grade winners were A Grade Catherine Bolding 93(18) 75 net, B Grade winner with a fabulous 97(28)69 net was Kaylene Hodgetts and C Grade winner Donna Brosnan 112(33)79 net.

BDL 77 went to M. Johnson, P. Britt, 78 S. Lindsay, 79 K. Sheerin, 80 I. Walsh and W. Cross.

The only NTP claimed was the 17th with Merryn Dear, converting the birdie putt.

The Lorna Jeeves winner was Kaylene Hodgetts with a total of 146 pts over the two rounds.

WOORAYL

TEN ladies entered Wednesday's 4BBB's Stableford.

Some of the ladies are still away enjoying the sunshine.

The club were lucky with the weather, although the course was a bit soggy in places.

Winners were Joan Smith and Kath Davis with 37 pts.

BDL went to Lyn Delaney and Janet Thompson with 35 pts.

Nearest the pins were Heather Sullivan on eighth, 11th Pauline Lancaster and 17th Kath Davis.

Thank you to Trish Berryman for sponsoring the day.

MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS Wonthaggi Golf Club

SUNDAY saw 19 pairs compete for the Mixed Foursomes Championships at Wonthaggi generously sponsored by The Clubhouse of the Wonthaggi Club.

It was a glorious warm day for a change for this event this year.

The handicap J and P Martin 2024 Champions were Keith Ridout (16) and Dawn Judkins (33) with a fabulous 91(24.5) 66.5 net.

Runners-up in this event were Alex Geyer (9) and Karen Sheerin (40) 95(24.5) 70.5 net.

The Wonthaggi Mixed Champions Scratch event was won by Ian Baker (4) and Catherine Bolding (18) with a great 82. Runners up were Mat (3) and Marg (15) Johnson with 83.

NTP on second was Jan Beaumont, 13th Mat Johnson and 17th Michael Scott.

BDL went to Ian Baker and Catherine Bolding 71, Jim and Wendy Jordan 71, John and Irene Walsh 73.5, Mat and Marg Johnson 74, and Steve Kane and Kaylene Hodgetts 74.



POOWONG LOCH BULLS' JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB PRESENTATIONS



Poowong Loch's U10 award winners were Best and Fairest Taj Harland, runner-up Best and Fairest Harry Greenwood, Most Consistent Xavier Sorrell, Most Improved Roy Cottrell, Coach's Award Taj Kimmer and Best First Year Player Nate Cowan. Absent: Caleb Anderson (Most Determined).



The U12 award winners for Poowong Loch were runner-up Best and Fairest Kye Fisher, Most Improved Max Greenwood, Coach's Award Lockie Martin, Best Team Player Will Uren, Most Determined Hunter Cottrell, Most Consistent Olivia Maddocks, and Best and Fairest Bridget West.



Poowong Loch's U14s award winners were Coach's Award recipient Charlie Soumilas, Most Improved Hudson Hance, Best Team Player Kye Cecil, Most Determined Brodie Drury, Most Consistent Nick Maddocks, runner-up Best and Fairest Lockie Huston, and Best and Fairest Dylan Canavan.



Poowong Loch Bulls' Junior Football Club U10s Best and Fairest Taj Harland and runner-up Best and Fairest Harry Greenwood.



Poowong Loch Bulls congratulated U14s runner-up Best and Fairest Lockie Huston, and Best and Fairest Dylan Canavan.



Runner-up Best and Fairest Kye Fisher with Best and Fairest Bridget West for the Poowong Loch Bulls' U12s.

LEONGATHA SMALL BORE RIFLE RESULTS

GIPPSLAND Sheild - 50 metres:
Held at Leongatha on October 6:
Leongatha won the round with 1599.7194 with Traralgon very close behind on 1598.7396.
Sale came third on 1598.3980.
Best shooters (scratch) on the day were David Garrett (Traralgon) scoring a 196.011 in Bench Rest and Daniel Croat-to (Leongatha) scoring 190.007 in Prone.
Best handicap winners on the day were Richard Andrew (Sale) scoring 200.3043 in Bench Rest and Jack Sargant (Leongatha) scoring 200.1511 in Prone.
The next round will be held at Sale Small Bore Rifle Club on Sunday, December 1, 10am.

20m Bench Pennant - Section D:

Round 1: Leongatha A 596.016 defeated Mildura A 595.020.
200.005: Christopher Sargant, 198.006: Bradley Halll, 198.005: Jack Sargant, 197.004: Kenneth Hart.
Round 2: Leongatha A 595.014 defeated Brunswick 589.011.
200.009: Kenneth Hart, 199.003: Christopher Sargant, 196.002: Jack Sargant, 195.005: Bradley Hall.
Round 3: Horsham B 595.017 defeated Leongatha A 594.021.
200.008: Christopher Sargant, 199.007: Kenneth Hart, 195.006: Bradley Hall, 195.004: Jack Sargant.
Ladder: Horsham 12, Camberwell A 8, Leongatha A 8, Mildura A 8, Brunswick 0

20m Bench Pennant - Section G:

Round 1: Frankston C 594.024 defeated Leongatha B 589.014.
197.008: Peter Gallus, 196.003: Robert Spratt, 196.003: Michael Ryan, 193.004: Lucy Bradbury-Ryan.
Round 2: Leongatha B 584.008 (bye).
196.003: Robert Spratt, 195.002: Peter Gallus, 193.003: Michael Ryan, 190.001: Lucy Bradbury-Ryan.
Round 3: Leongatha B 587.013 defeated Oakleigh C 581.009.

196.006: Peter Gallus, 196.002: Michael Ryan, 195.005: Robert Spratt, 192.004: Lucy Bradbury-Ryan.
Ladder: Frankston C 12, Sale C 12, Leongatha B 8, Mildura B 4, Oakleigh C 0

20m Bench Pennant - Section I:

Round 1: Leongatha C 575.007 (bye).
192.002: Mathew Eldridge, 192.001: Cameron Davidson, 191.004: Allan Ross, 190.006: William Ross.
Round 2: Leongatha C 583.008 defeated Portland 580.018.
196.003: Allan Ross, 194.002: William Ross, 193.003: Mathew Eldridge, 183.002: Cameron Davidson.
Round 3: Kyneton 584.012 defeated Leongatha C 570.009.
192.004: Allan Ross, 190.001: William Ross, 188.004: Cameron Davidson, 184.000: Mathew Eldridge.
Ladder: Benalla B 12, Kyneton 8, Leongatha C 8, Camberwell B 8, Portland 0
The club shoots Friday nights at 8pm at the rifle club on the Leongatha Recreation Reserve.
Any inquiries, please call R. Spratt 5664 2358.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND BRIDGE RESULTS

OCTOBER 8 at Wonthaggi RSL:
Winning master points: First: Nev and Phillip Chapman 65.12, Second: Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 59.38, Third: Penny Loughran and Ruth Stevenson 54.13, Fourth: Anne Somerville and Denise Allitt 52.48, Fifth: Monica Poole and Phil Rinder, Sixth: Bronwyn Sund and Faye Rowlands 51.04.
October 11 at Inverloch Angling Club:
North South Pairs: First: Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson 54.93, Second: Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 54.64, Third: Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 52.60, Fourth: Ruth Harvey and Sue Edwards 52.36.
East/West Pairs: First: Phillip and Nev Chapman 64.99, Second: Faye Rowlands and John Currier 55.94, Third: Moya Crowley and Michael Dooley 52.60.

Qatar Airways Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2024

18-20 October, Phillip Island



This weekend, Phillip Island will host the 2024 Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix.

Delays are likely heading to and from the island for the three-day event, running from Friday 18 to Sunday 20 October.

On Thursday 17 October, hundreds of motorcyclists will travel from San Remo to the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit for the Homecoming Ride.

Traffic restrictions and delays will apply on several roads during the event. Please observe signage and drive to the conditions.

To ensure vehicles leave Phillip Island safely and efficiently on Sunday 20 October, the blue line road marking system will be in place.

The blue line adds an additional lane of traffic for vehicles exiting Phillip Island by utilising the emergency lane.

Drivers and riders have a shared responsibility in ensuring each other's safety. If you're travelling to the event, keep an eye out for changed traffic conditions, plan ahead and allow extra travel time.



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Over 60s begin another exciting season

By Graham Wightman

THE RAMPAGING South Gippy Kookas Over 60s are back for another titanic season, the 'Golden Oldies' having headed to Frankston on Sunday to take on the Mornington Marauders in what proved a competitive affair. South Gippsland skipper Robbie Francis won the toss and batted, Victorian Country captain Peter Miller compiled a Quickfire 35 not out, well supported by Peter 'Pulviser' Petro (13).

Peter 'Perfect' Litte made a perfect 16 not out and Joey 'Flat to the Floor' Burke smashed 29 not out, keeping the hammer down! President White (7), Mitchy Mitch (7 not out), Ol Wighty (13) and Skipa White (20 not out) saw the Kookas record an Impressive 7/171. Then it was ball time.

The cagey Kookas kept it tighter than the current local council election battles, bringing the Marauders to their knees at 7/87.

Behind the pegs, Dave Tessari was glowing superbly. But like some elections, upsets can occur and the Marauders marauded their way to 9/178. Still, there is no doubt cricket was the winner. Despite the Kookas being narrowly outscored, the side had some commendable bowling figures.

'Master Blaster' Pieter Loos captured a brilliant 2/15, Geoff 'Lazor Beam' Birnie 2/21, Robbie 'Flight Merchant' Francis 2/30 and the evergreen Keith Haughton 1/11, while Ol Wighty was expensive in taking 2/35, being fortunate to be named Man of the Match.

A huge shout out to wonderful 'Waza' Hayes and 'Tiger' Trevor Wilson for umpiring and scoring, and for just being bloody great blokes.

One thing is for certain, the mighty Kookas will bounce back harder than a Leigh Matthews' shirtfront and as we know, cricket, fun and friendship will follow!



Wonthaggi Club's Alan Babu faces a ball delivered by OMK bowler Toby Nicholas. Tk15_4224

Sharks overpower the Cobras

C GRADE, DIVISION 1

KILCUNDA Bass was too strong for Korumburra in round two of the C1 competition on Saturday.

Playing at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve, Korumburra won the toss and chose to bat first.

Vice-captain James Dunn opened the batting for Korumburra and top-scored with 19 runs.

Paul Dixon matched this score later in the innings and captain Tim Morrison contributed 18 runs.

However, a fill-in for Kilcunda-Bass overpowered the Korumburra batsman and claimed 4/6.

Korumburra was bowled out 10/94 in the 35th over.

Kilcunda-Bass' opening partnership of Joel Hackett and Gregory Miller made short work of the situation, winning the game with 24 and 70 runs respectively.

After 13 overs, the game was over with Kilcunda-Bass claiming victory with 0/97.

Club outfoxes OMK

OMK and Club played a competitive match with Club



OMK's Jordan Myors and Toby Nicholas celebrate a catch taken by Robert Quaife. Tk17_4224

ultimately winning the day.

Club travelled out to Digger Park, where the home team won the toss and chose to bowl.

Captain Sean Roche and Bailey Harvey opened the batting well for Club with

21 and 25 runs respectively.

When Roche was dismissed by Owen Fitzpatrick at 1/42, Matrix Chisholm stepped in and made a further 16 runs.

Fitzpatrick was OMK's best bowler, taking 3/21.

Captain Jordan Myors and Toby Nicholas were also multiple wicket takers.

Club finished its innings with 8/136.

OMK had a slow start, but Fitzpatrick continued his form and kept OMK in it with 29 runs.

Michael Whiteside finished off the innings with a top score of 41 not out.

Alan Babu was Club's top bowler, claiming 3/31, with Matt Sharp the only other multiple-wicket taker.

OMK finished its allotted overs just short with 6/129.

Leongatha Town forfeited its match against Phillip Island.

Nerrena had the bye.

C2 Forfeits

KORUMBURRA, MDU, Koonwarra/LRSL and Inverloch forfeited their matches in C2 against Nyora, Glen Alvie, OMK and Phillip Island respectively due to numbers.

Numbers have become an issue across the board and a league meeting will likely take place this week to discuss how C2 will proceed moving forward.

Under 18s topple Sale Maffra in Gippsland Cricket League

THE LDCA Under 18 team travelled down to Yarram for the first GCL game of the season under the leadership of new co-captains Tadgh Gannon and Aydan Williams, taking on Sale Maffra.

Winning the toss and batting, the boys compiled a handy score with Riley Harris the anchor of the innings making a well-compiled 59, Mitch Croatto (19), Clayton Quaife (16) Aydan Williams (15) and Harry West (13) all getting starts but unable to kick on.

The boys were disappointed with the final 10 overs of the innings when the chance to push the score past 200 wasn't taken.

LDCA's opportunity to bowl saw a great start, with Isaac Bolge (3/19) and Tim Niven (1/17) ripping through the top order.

There was no respite for the batters with the introduction of Rhett Hume (3/19) and Aydan Williams



LDCA Under 18 players had a successful start to the season in GCL competition.

(1/4) maintaining the pressure.

Ethan Smith bowled a good spell of leg spin to claim the other wicket in what was an impressive effort from the bowling group, backed up by good catching to restrict

Sale Maffra to 9/96.

It's an excellent start to the season for the LDCA side, with appreciation expressed for the efforts of team manager Brian Gannon, and Yarram Cricket Club praised for its great facilities and

hospitality.

The boys looked terrific in their new shirts, with those in charge of the LDCA team thanking Evans Petroleum for its sponsorship.

LDCA 164 all out def Sale Maffra 9/ 96

C GRADE

DIVISION 1

Club 8/136 d OMK 6/129

Club – 1st INNINGS: S Roche 21, B Harvey 25, M Chisholm 16, C Prosser 4, A Babu 12, C Fraser 1, L Borne 17, L Ton 7*, M Sharp 15, B Ton 1*
Bowling: R White 0/9, M Whiteside 0/33, O Fitzpatrick 3/21, J Myors 2/25, R Quaife 1/13, T Nicholas 2/11, R Wyatt 0/4, M Whiteside 0/12
OMK – 1st INNINGS: R Quaife 12, R White 11, P Harper 16, Fill-in 2, O Fitzpatrick 29, J Myors 0, T Nicholas 7*, M Whiteside 41*
Bowling: S Roche 0/16, M Sharp 2/19, L Borne 1/19, A Babu 3/31, C Fraser 0/24, C Prosser 0/9, M Chisholm 0/9

Kilcunda-Bass 0/97 d Korumburra 10/94

Korumburra – 1st INNINGS: J Dunn 19, Fill-in 0, P Edwards 4, T Morrison 18, P Dixon 19, Fill-in 2, R Gallagher 2, R Butler 0, M Foote 9, L Gallagher 0, Fill-in 9*
Bowling: Fill-in 0/28, Fill-in 4/6, Fill-in 2/25, V Kumar Gopal 1/21, C Bettles 2/8, N Miller 1/6
Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS: Joel Hackett 24*, G Miller 70*
Bowling: P Dixon 0/19, Fill-in 0/30, Fill-in 0/9, M Foote 0/38

Phillip Island d Town

Phillip Island won on forfeit

Nerrena - BYE



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Colin Bruce gave a strong performance for Leongatha Town. Tk51_4224

Convincing wins for Nerrena and OMK

B GRADE, DIVISION 1

ROUND two of the B1 competition saw a shaky start for some with others taking home comfortable wins.

Nerrena claimed a swift victory over Korumburra.

Playing at the Leongatha Velodrome, Nerrena won the toss and sent Korumburra in to bat first.

The opening partnership of Trevor Allen and Caleb Turton set the pace, making 26 and 12 runs respectively.

However, these turned out to be the best score of the day.

Turton was bowled by Ryan Clark at 1/22, and Philip Richards stepped up to contribute a further 10 runs.

Charlie Dougherty was Nerrena's best bowler of the day, claiming 3/4.

William and Mitchell Croatto claimed two wickets each.

Korumburra was bowled 10/69 in the 38th over.

Billy Trotman and Eamon Berryman opened the batting for Nerrena.

The batsmen surpassed Korumburra's total with 37 and 26 not out respectively.

The winning score was 0/70, reached in the 20th over.

OMK dominates Inverloch with Kerr's 4-wicket haul

OMK also secured a comfortable win over Inverloch.

The Diggers hosted the Stingrays at the Outtrim Recreation Reserve, with Inverloch winning the toss.

Inverloch's opening batsman Warren Stewart top top-scored with 36 runs.

Jay Mottram Carter, Nic Dobbie and Cameron Butler were the only other batsmen to hit double digits, making 14, 10 and 12 respectively.

Butler was not out.

OMK captain Kris Kerr led by example and took control of the match, claiming 4/9.

Mitchell Andrew and Trevor McGeachin were also multiple wicket takers.

Inverloch was bowled out with 10/105.

McGeachin and Mitchell Sawyers opened the batting for OMK.

McGeachin put OMK in a comfortable position with 46 runs and Sawyers made 13 runs before their wickets were taken by Butler and Dobbie.

Mitchell Andrew and Brock Furness polished off the match with 27 and 10 not out respectively.

OMK won a final score of 2/108.



Cooper Rickard claimed 1/17 for the Imperials. Tk50_4224

Sharks triumph over MDU despite Bright's brilliant century

PHILLIP Island and MDU battled it out at the Rhyll Recreation Reserve.

Phillip Island won the toss and elected to bat first.

A slow start to the innings allowed Kurt Lane to step up and top score with 70 runs before he was bowled by MDU captain Jai Bright.

Captain Andrew Finlayson contributed 43 runs and Timothy Niven made 29 not out.

Bright and Craig Hooper took two wickets each.

Phillip Island set the target for MDU with a respectable 6/211 at the end of its allotted overs.

MDU was off to a rough start with opening batsman Clayton Fisher dismissed for a duck by Niven.

However, Bright kept MDU in contention with an impressive 104 not out.

Dylan Zuidema and Dale Thomas contributed 25 and 36 runs respectively, but a few more ducks to end the innings saw MDU fall short.

Harry Arceo was Phillip Island's top bowler, taking 3/37.

MDU managed to reach 10/187, surrendering the win to Phillip Island.

Wonthaggi Club had the bye this round.

B GRADE, DIVISION 2

Imperials outclass Town

THREE wickets shared between Imperial's bowlers Cameron Bruce and James Jeffery decimated Leongatha Town's batting order on Saturday.

Playing at Leongatha's East Campus, Town won the toss and chose to bat.

Opening batsman Steve Fixter made eight runs before he was bowled by Bruce.

However, Bruce and Jeffery were then responsible for a slew of ducks, quickly dismissing the Town batsmen.

Colin Bruce top-scored for Town with 35 runs and Alex Aeschlimann later added 28 runs.

For the Imperials, Cooper Rickard, Kristian Gray and Noah McLennan were also wicket takers.

Town was bowled out 10/95.

Kane Maskell and Alan Curnow opened the batting, leading the Imperials to victory.

Maskell made 35 runs before he was bowled by Lachlan Gill and Curnow made 40 not out.

Samuel Vagg contributed eight runs and Francois Botha made one not out.

Gill was responsible for both wickets.

After 27 overs, the Imperials won with 2/96.

Foster fails to deliver

FOSTER failed to defend its score against Koonwarra L/RSL.

Foster won the toss at its home ground and chose to bat.

Captain Brandon Busutill made a strong start with 42 runs, along with Tim Garvey with 24 runs.

However, these were the best efforts of the day with Jarryd Guganovic the only other batsman to crack double digits.

Koonwarra L/RSL bowler Matthew Boswell performed well, taking 3/11.

Glenn Boxall and Tom Collins were also multiple wicket takers.

Foster was in a vulnerable spot with a score of 7/99 at the end of its allotted overs.

Lance Moon made a statement by bowling Boxall out for a duck after facing six balls.

However, Nigel Grimes put his team back on the right track with 50 runs.

Ashley Boxall and Glenn Matthies also made 13 and 11 runs respectively.

Foster bowlers Moon and Archer Gibson took two wickets each.

The game went to Koonwarra L/RSL with 5/101.

Knox unstoppable for Nyora

NYORA successfully chased down Kilcunda-Bass score to claim the victory.

Playing at the Nyora Recreation Reserve, the home team elected to bowl first.

Kilcunda-Bass captain Ray Gardiner opened well with 39 runs and Zac Crow later top-scored with 41 runs.

Nyora's Jaylen Waixel took the most wickets, claiming 3/14.

Benn Hayes and Sam Henry took two wickets each.

Kilcunda-Bass was ready to defend 10/145.

Fifty-one runs from opening batsman Colin Knox proved defending the score would not be an easy feat.

Knox was unstoppable and was not out by the time Nyora had won the match.

Opening batsman Jordan Knox contributed 41 runs.

The Kilcunda-Bass bowlers picked up the pace and Crow wiped out Nyora's order with 5/27.

Single wickets were claimed by Rohan Duff and Shaun Tapscott.

However, Nyora had done enough and won with a score of 8/146.

B GRADE DIVISION 1

Nerrena 0/70 d
Korumburra 10/69
Korumburra – 1st INNINGS:
T Allen 26, C Turton 12, P Richards 10, N Belvedere 0, P Beadel 1, N Belvedere 3*, A Damon 1, B Riddell 0, G Edwards 0, O Maskell 8, H Jefferis 0
Bowling: W Croatto 2/25, R Clark 1/8, J Checkley 0/15, C Dougherty 3/4, M Croatto 2/13, J Donohue 1/1
Nerrena – 1st INNINGS:
B Trotman 37*, E Berryman 26*
Bowling: B Riddell 0/14, A Damon 0/11, N Belvedere 0/9, G Edwards 0/17, H Jefferis 0/12, O Maskell 0/7

OMK 2/108 d Inverloch 10/105
Inverloch – 1st INNINGS:
W Stewart 36, S Hayes 3, J Mottram Carter 14, L Jacobs 0, J Richardson 0, J Foote 3, N Dobbie 10, M Woods 9, C Butler 12*, M Mackay 4, I Richardson 3
Bowling: B Maguire 1/9, T Walker 0/28, M Andrew 2/13, T McGeachin 2/14, K Kerr 4/9, M Sawyers 1/27, M Nicholas 0/5
OMK – 1st INNINGS: T McGeachin 46, M Sawyer 13, M Andrew 27*, B Furness 10*
Bowling: J Richardson 0/41, N Dobbie 1/24, C Butler 1/10, J Mottram Carter 0/28

P-Island 6/211 d MDU 10/187
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS:
T Asurumuni 5, M Arceo 14, C Epifano 13, K Lane 70, T Niven 29*, A Finlayson 43, S Angelo 20, T Hornsby 1*
Bowling: Fill-in 1/35, D Zuidema 1/37, C Fisher 0/49, J Bright 2/35, C Schwennesen 0/10, C Hooper 2/40
MDU – 1st INNINGS: C Fisher 0, G Webster 1, W Prosser 6, C Hooper 2, J Bright 104*, Fill-in 0, D Zuidema 25, D Thomas 36, R Henry 0, R Prosser 0, C Schwennesen 0
Bowling: T Niven 2/21, H Arceo 3/37, A Brayley 0/16, J Tran 0/19, K Lane 1/55, T Allan 1/35

Club - BYE

B GRADE DIVISION 2

Imperials 2/96 d Town 10/95
Town - 1st INNINGS: S Fixter 8, T Cashin 0, Fill-in 0, L Bowman 0, C Bruce 35, D Goss 0, T Strybosch 4, L Gill 2, A Aeschlimann 28, F Livingstone 4, C Dowling 4*
Bowling: C Bruce 3/10, J Jeffery 3/21, C Rickard 1/17, A Meyer 0/11, K Gray 1/19, N McLennan 1/14
Imperials - 1st INNINGS:
K Maskell 35, A Curnow 40*, S Vagg 8, F Botha 1*
Bowling: Lachlan Gill 2/19, T Strybosch 0/13, C Bruce 0/8, F Livingstone 0/32, C Dowling 0/8, Fill-in 0/10

Koon L/RSL 5/101 d Foster 7/99
Foster - 1st INNINGS: B Busutill 42, T Garvey 24, B Gay 0, J Guganovic 10, S Embuldeniya 2, L Welsh 1, A Gibson 0*, G Singh 0, L Moon 0*
Bowling: L Read 0/13, G Boxall 2/9, M Boswell 3/11, A Piksons 0/25, T Collins 2/24, B Thomas 0/15
Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS:
G Boxall 0, A Boxall 13, G Matthies 11, N Grimes 50, L Read 5, B Anderson 6*, A Drury 4*
Bowling: L Moon 2/11, J Guganovic 0/3, B Cripps 0/20, B Gay 0/19, S Embuldeniya 0/11, A Gibson 2/28, G Singh 0/4

Nyora 8/146 d K-Bass 10/145
Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNINGS:
B Joseph 6, R Gardiner 39, D Ferguson 14, Z Crow 41, A Bedford 0, R Elava 6, S Tapscott 13, J Matser 4, R Duff 2*, R Brown 0, J Papworth 0
Bowling: R White 0/37, B Hayes 2/14, L Brock 0/10, V Peiris 1/25, S Henry 2/28, N Thatcher 1/14, J Waixel 3/14
Nyora - 1st INNINGS: C Knox 51*, J Knox 41, K Linford 0, Fill-in 14, B Hayes 4, V Peiris 0, T Bernaldo 5, S Henry 9, R White 4*, N Thatcher 2
Bowling: R Duff 1/7, S Tapscott 1/27, A Bedford 0/23, R Brown 0/19, R Elava 1/33, Z Crow 5/27

Glen Alvie - BYE

LADDERS

RD 2

Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
A GRADE, Division 1			A GRADE, Division 2		
Nerrena	18	3.832	MDU	18	1.924
Phillip Island	18	2.571	Inverloch	18	1.660
Town	18	1.581	Nyora	18	1.246
Club	18	1.489	Foster	6	1.031
Imperials	6	0.802	Kilcunda-Bass	6	0.396
OMK	6	0.420	Glen Alvie	6	0.338
Korumburra	6	0.329			
Koonwarra L/RSL	6	0.281			
B GRADE, Division 1			B GRADE, Division 2		
Phillip Island	18	1.789	Imperials	18	4.021
Nerrena	18	0.000	Nyora	18	1.033
OMK	12	5.142	Koonwarra L/RSL	6	0.000
MDU	6	0.442	Kilcunda-Bass	6	0.732
Inverloch	6	0.264	Foster	6	0.000
Korumburra	6	0.151	Glen Alvie	6	0.000
Club	6	0.000	Town	0	0.197

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Team	Points	%
C GRADE, Division 1		
Club	18	0.790
Kilcunda-Bass	18	0.000
Phillip Island	12	0.000
OMK	6	1.264
Town	6	0.000
Nerrena	6	0.000
Korumburra	6	0.000

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& UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

RND 3 - SATURDAY
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A GRADE, Division 1

Imperials v P-Island	Leongatha Turf	Warren Williams
Korumburra v Club	Korumburra Rec.	Ashleigh Stride
Nerrena v OMK	Nerrena	Ken Scrimshaw
Town v Koon L/RSL	Scorpion Park 1	Shane Moore

A Grade, Division 2

MDU v Nyora	Meeniyen	Ian Salmon
Kil-Bass v Inverloch	Bass 1	Glenn Plymin
Glen Alvie v Foster	Wonthaggi Turf	Brad Phillips

B GRADE, Division 1

Inverloch v K'burra	Inverloch Turf	Michael Thomas
OMK v Nerrena	Outtrim	Steven Williamson
Phillip Island v Club	Cowes	Les White
MDU - BYE		

B GRADE, Division 2

Glen Alvie v K-Bass	Glen Alvie	Neil Grabham
Koon L/RSL v Town	Koonwarra	Michael Ryan
Foster v Imperials	Foster GC	Geoff Parkinson
Nyora - BYE		

C GRADE, Division 1

K-Bass v Phillip Island	Bass 2	TBA
Club v Korumburra	McMahon	Michael Heenan
Nerrena v OMK	Leongatha Vel.	Tyson Tootell
Town - BYE		

C GRADE, Division 2

K'burra v Koon L/RSL	Poowong	TBA
P-Island v Glen Alvie	Rhyll	TBA
MDU v Nyora	Dumbalk	TBA
OMK v Inverloch	Digger Park	TBA

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Phillip Island's Brodie Johnston was in form on Saturday. Tk12_4224

Town hold on to victory

A GRADE, DIVISION 1

A CLOSE battle was waged between Leongatha Town and the Imperials in round two of the A1 competition. Ultimately, two runs crowned Town the winners.

Playing at Scorpion Park, Town won the toss and chose to bat first. Imperial's bowler Isaac Bolge claimed the wicket of Ron Abeysinghe early, but the partnership of captain Jesse Giardina and Buwaneka Wakishta went on to make 25 and 32 runs respectively, making an impact on the scoreboard.

Jack Hume later contributed 25 runs, but low scores kept the hopes alive for the Imperials.

Timothy Sauvarin was the top bowler for the Imperials, taking 3/16. Bolge, vice-captain Lachie Wright and Aydan Williams were also multiple wicket-takers.

Town had a challenge ahead with a final score of 10/152.

Imperials captain Jack Ginnane had his team on par with Town's efforts, making 23 runs before he was bowled by Wakishta.

Williams later top-scored with 43 runs before he was bowled by Rhett Hume.

Gary Sauvarin and Klayton McGrath tried to make up the difference late in the innings but were stopped with 19 and 17 runs respectively.

Jack Hume took the most wickets for Town with 3/31.

Rhett Hume, Wakishta, and Ethan Smith claimed two each.

The Imperials were bowled out just shy of their target with 10/150.

Korumburra concedes to Nerrena

NERRENA'S efforts against Korumburra saw the Red Caps head to the top of the ladder early.

The teams travelled out to the Poowong Recreation Reserve, where Korumburra won the toss and chose to bowl first.

Nerrena made a strong start with the opening partnership of Jack Curtis and Loc Roberts making 71 and 43 runs respectively.

Captain Tom Cameron and Timothy Wightman added to the victory with 33 and 51 runs.

Wightman was not out at the end of the innings.

Single wickets were taken by Steve Hamill, Andy Millar, Jason Richards and Tom Crocker.

Nerrena set the target at 4/221 for Korumburra.

Korumburra had a gradual start to the innings, with Rumesh Rangana top-scoring with 51 runs midway through the innings.

Richards and Matthew Allen contributed 21 and 34 runs respectively.

Nerrena bowlers Archie Gannon and Wightman claimed two wickets each.

Korumburra conceded defeat with a score of 9/148.

Sharks defeat Cougars

A TON to Phillip Island's Daniel Mock assisted the Sharks on its way to defeating Koonwarra L/RSL at the Koonwarra Recreation Reserve.

Phillip Island began its winning way with the toss, choosing to bat first.

The opening partnership of Brodie Johnston and Lachlan Cleeland had Phillip Island off to a solid start, making 20 and 37 runs respectively.

Johnston's wicket was taken by Blake Smith at 1/43, sending Mock in.

Mock made 115 runs and was not out at the end of the innings.

Thomas Niven and Kohen Beaumont followed on with 27 and 26 runs.

Singles wickets were claimed by Koonwarra L/RSL bowlers Smith, Callum Buckland, Jason Kennedy and James Rushton.

Phillip Island made 4/234 before swapping over with the Cougars.

Opening batsman Anthony Hunt kept Koonwarra L/RSL in it with 21 runs, but Rushton and Buckland were dismissed for one run and a golden duck respectively.

Amad Mujtaba stepped in and top-scored with 50 runs before he was dismissed by Zac Brown.

Kennedy contributed 49 runs later in the innings.

Brown was the best bowler of the day, taking 3/24.

George McCausland and Jobe Williams took two wickets each.

Phillip Island claimed victory as Koonwarra L/RSL finished its allotted overs with 8/156.

Geyer's 107 triumphs for Club

A 107-run effort from Wonthaggi Club's Alex Geyer saw Club sail past OMK's score to take the win.

OMK travelled out to Wonthaggi's McMahon Reserve and won the toss.

The swift dismissal of OMK's opening partnership saw captain Koby Brann and Ryan Williams step up.

They made 76 and 71 runs respectively, allowing OMK to reach a competitive score of 6/190.

Club's Fraser West claimed 3/23 and captain Joel Brann took 2/37.

Geyer opened the batting for Club with Mitch Thomas, who made 71 runs before he was bowled by Ethan Lamers.

Lamers claimed two wickets, with Jake Cochrane being the one to dismiss Geyer.

Club won the day with 3/192 in the 30th over.

A GRADE DIVISION 1

Phillip Island 4/234 d Koon L/RSL 8/156	
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
Brodie Johnston c: H Scrimshaw b: B Smith	20
Lachlan Cleeland st: H Scrimshaw b: C Buckland	37
Daniel Mock not out	115*
Thomas Niven c: C Harwood b: J Kennedy	27
Kohen Beaumont c&b: J Rushton	26
Adam Miller not out	2*
Extras (4wd, 1nd, 2lb)	7
Total 4 / 234 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: N Arnup 6-0-42-0, B Smith 8-1-27-1 (1w), C Buckland 8-0-41-1 (3w), J Kennedy 6-0-60-1, J Rushton 7-0-40-1 (1nb), W Cashin 5-0-22-0	
Koonwarra – 1st INNINGS	
Anthony Hunt st: J Black b: Z Brown	21
James Rushton b: G McCausland	1
Callum Buckland b: G McCausland	0
Amad Mujtaba c&b: Z Brown	50
Harry Scrimshaw b: Z Brown	1
Jordan Pickersgill b: J Williams	3
Jason Kennedy c: D Mock b: M Royal	49
Cameron Harwood c: J Black b: J Williams	1
Nick Arnup not out	18*
William Cashin not out	0*
Extras (6w, 4nb, 2lb)	12
Total 8 / 156 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: G McCausland 7-1-21-2 (1w, 3nb), T Niven 8-0-45-0 (2w, 1nb), M Royal 8-0-41-1, Z Brown 8-2-24-3, J Williams 5-1-13-2, D Mock 4-1-10-0	

Club 3/192 d OMK 6/190	
OMK – 1st INNINGS	
Jake Cochrane b: J Brann	0
Ethan Lamers c: M Thomas b: F West	2
Koby Brann c: J Brann b: F West	76
Ryan Williams b: J Brann	71
Noel Creed b: R Thomas	10
Peter Dell not out	9*
Jacob Lamers b: F West	6
Extras (11w, 5lb)	16
Total 6 / 190 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: J Brann 8-1-37-2 (8w), F West 8-1-23-3 (2w), M McCall 8-0-26-0, M Thomas 8-0-56-0, R Thomas 8-0-43-1	
Club – 1st INNINGS	
Mitch Thomas c: K Brann b: E Lamers	71
Alexander Geyer c: K Brann b: J Cochrane	107
Ryan Thomas c: K Brann b: E Lamers	5
Fraser West not out	0*
Jakeb Thomas not out	4*
Extras (5w)	5
Total 3 / 192 (29.4 Overs)	
Bowling: P Dell 6-1-18-0, R Williams 5-0-49-0 (1w), J Lamers 5-0-27-0 (2w), J Cochrane 4.4-0-30-1 (1w), Z Lamers 2-0-19-0 (1w), E Lamers 6-0-41-2, K Brann 1-0-8-0	

Town 152 d Imperials 150	
Town – 1st INNINGS	
Ron Abeyesinghe c: A Williams b: I Bolge	8
Jesse Giardina b: T Sauvarin	25
Buwaneka Wakishta c: C Reid b: I Bolge	32
Max Carter lbw: A Williams	1
Jack Hume c: K McGrath b: T Sauvarin	25
P Jayasinghe c: C Reid b: A Williams	7
Archie Fixter b: T Sauvarin	4
Luke Ashton b: L Wright	18
Ethan Smith c: C Reid b: L Wright	7
Samuel Clark b: N Eddy	4
Rhett Hume not out	3*
Extras (12w, 2nb, 3lb, 1b)	18
Total 10 / 152 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: L Wright 8-2-39-2 (7w), I Bolge 8-3-18-2 (2nb), J Ginnane 2-0-15-0, A Williams 8-1-31-2, T Sauvarin 8-2-16-3 (2w), K McGrath 2-0-6-0, N Eddy 4-0-23-1 (3w)	
Imperials – 1st INNINGS	
Nick Eddy b: R Hume	13
Jack Ginnane b: B Wakishta	23
Timothy Sauvarin b: B Wakishta	8
Aydan Williams b: R Hume	43
Rowen McLennan lbw: S Clark	6
Troy Williams c: J Giardina b: J Hume	7
Lachie Wright c: J Hume b: E Smith	1
Campbell Reid lbw: E Smith	2
Gary Sauvarin b: J Hume	19
Klayton McGrath c: E Smith b: J Hume	17
Isaac Bolge not out	1*
Extras (6w, 2nb, 3lb)	10
Total 10 / 150 (39.4 Overs)	
Bowling: R Abeyesinghe 2-0-13-0, R Hume 8-1-31-2 (2w, 2nb), J Hume 6.4-0-31-3 (1w), B Wakishta 7-1-17-2, P Jayasinghe 3-0-10-0 (1w), S Clark 4-0-13-1, L Ashton 3-0-16-0 (1w), E Smith 6-0-17-2 (1w)	

Nerrena 4/221 d Korumburra 9/138	
Nerrena – 1st INNINGS	
Jack Curtis c: Z Barrett b: J Richards	71
Loc Roberts c: M Young b: A Millar	43
Thomas Cameron b: T Crocker	33
Timothy Wightman not out	51*
Jarrold Hoy c: M Allen b: S Hamill	2
Hayden Funnell not out	9*
Extras (8w, 2nb, 2lb)	12
Total 4 / 221 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: S Hamill 8-1-36-1, M Young 4-0-32-0 (1nb), B Spicer 6-0-32-0 (1w), A Millar 7-0-43-1 (3w), J Richards 8-0-30-1, T Crocker 4-0-25-1, Fill-in 3-0-21-0 (4w, 1nb)	
Korumburra – 1st INNINGS	
Tom Crocker c: T Cameron b: J Trease	2
Andy Millar lbw: J Hoy	4
Ben Spicer c: T Cameron b: T Wightman	12
Jason Richards lbw: A Gannon	21
Rumesh Rangana c: D Berryman b: J Curtis	51
Zachary Barrett lbw: T Wightman	0
Steve Hamill c: T Wightman b: A Gannon	3
Matthew Allen c: J Trease b: T Gannon	34
Mitch Young run out: J Curtis	0
Jakeb Jorgensen not out	1*
Fill-in not out	2*
Extras (5w, 2nb, 1lb)	8
Total 9 / 138 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: J Trease 8-2-16-1, J Hoy 8-2-27-1 (3w, 2nb), A Gannon 7-1-28-2, T Wightman 8-1-18-2, D Berryman 5-0-28-0, J Curtis 3-1-13-1 (2w), T Gannon 1-0-7-1	



Foster's Mitchell Jones has his eye on the ball. Tk22_4224

MDU flex their muscles

A GRADE, DIVISION 2

MDU enjoyed a convincing win over Glen Alvie, which saw it take the early lead on the ladder on Saturday.

Glen Alvie made the trip out to the Meeniyau Recreation Reserve, where the home team won the toss and chose to bat.

Opening batsman Paul Le Page set the tone of the match with 63 runs.

Vice-captain Mitch McGrath made 23 runs before he was dismissed by Glen Alvie captain Ben McRae.

Sembakuttige Chathura Laksan was sent in and contributed a further 51 runs.

McRae gave Glen Alvie's best bowling performance, taking 3/56, with Zack Scholz claiming 2/34.

MDU reached 7/220 after 40 overs.

Glen Alvie could not match MDU's pace.

McRae continued to lead his team by top scoring with 19 runs.

Matthew Dakin and Scholz contributed 14 and 15 runs respectively.

Andrew Richardson was MDU's top bowler, taking 3/11.

Single wickets were shared between seven bowlers.

Glen Alvie was bowled out with 10/88.

61 not out for Hull as Nyora claims win

KILCUNDA-BASS put up a fight, but it was no match for the might of Nyora.

Nyora made its way to the Bass Recreation Reserve and started its winning way with a successful toss, sending Kilcunda-Bass in to bat first.

The opening partnership of Aaron Conron and Cameron Davidson made a solid start with 31 and 33 runs respectively.

However, the wickets began to fall at a quick rate until Todd Smith made 24



Foster captain Josh Toner sends one down to Inverloch batsman Archie Terlich. Tk20_4224

runs late in the innings.

Smith was not out, but Kilcunda-Bass finished its innings with 10/149 in the 37th over.

For Nyora, Mitch Rowe claimed the most wickets with 3/19.

Aaron Kaddatz and Aaron Thompson were also multiple wicket takers.

Nyora's opening batsman Bailey Henderson started well with 42 runs.

However, it was Jy Hull who won the match with 61 not out.

Kilcunda-Bass bowler Chris Peckett took 2/31, and single wickets were taken by Smith and Davidson.

Nyora won with a score of 4/151.

Thrilling contest as Inverloch nudges Foster

INVERLOCH successfully defended its score and recorded a win against Foster.

Playing at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve, the Stingrays started the day winning the toss.

Inverloch's Riley Harris

and Brett Debono opened well with 21 and 25 runs respectively.

Ty Debono and Jesse Dugard followed on with 22 and 24 runs later in the innings.

Ty was not out when Inverloch's allotted overs had been played and the Stingrays challenged Foster with a score of 7/147.

Foster captain Josh Toner was his team's top bowler, claiming 3/23.

Wickets also fell to Ollie Rook, Jake Pilkington and Eddie Smith.

Toner was then bowled for a duck by Inverloch's Jesse Dugard after facing four balls.

Vice-captain Jake Best was in next and made up some ground with 59 runs.

Tex Tyson later added 21 runs.

Dugard played an impressive game and took four Foster wickets.

Lewis Rankin, Cooper Newman and Ty Debono took two wickets each.

Foster came close but surrendered the win to Inverloch when it was bowled out 10/144.

A GRADE DIVISION 2

MDU 7/220 d Glen Alvie 80	
MDU – 1st INNINGS	
Paul Le Page c: Z Scholz b: B McRae	63
Mitch McGrath c&b: B McRae	23
SC Lakshan run out: R Sinclair	51
Tharindu Nuwan c: A Hamilton b: B McRae	2
Joel Sinclair c: H Smith b: M Dakin	38
Zak Bright lbw: Z Scholz	3
Sam Bright b: Z Scholz	0
Scott Browne not out	15*
Mark Cantwell not out	9*
Extras (9w, 2nb, 5lb)	16
Total 7 / 220 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: M Dakin 7-0-26-1 (4w), R Sinclair 7-0-34-0 (2w), Z Scholz 7-0-34-2 (1w, 1nb), J Brown 3-0-19-0 (1w, 1nb), B McRae 8-1-56-3, D Williams 4-1-28-0, W Luke 4-0-18-0 (1w)	
Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS	
Alex Hamilton b: S Browne	4
Archie Moore c&b: S Bright	3
Matthew Dakin c: S Browne b: M McGrath	14
Fill-in b: J Palmer	5
Ben McRae c: SC Lakshan b: A Richardson	19
Ryan Sinclair lbw: A Richardson	4
Jack Brown c: P Le Page b: SC Lakshan	4
Wayne Luke c: J Palmer b: A Richardson	0
Harvey Smith b: T Nuwan	4
Zack Scholz c: S Browne b: Z Bright	15
Dean Williams not out	0*
Extras (8w)	8
Total 10 / 80 (33.4 Overs)	
Bowling: S Bright 4-2-3-1, S Browne 5-0-19-1 (1w), J Palmer 4-1-15-1, M McGrath 6-4-6-1, A Richardson 4-1-11-3, SC Lakshan 3-0-7-1 (2w), M Cantwell 3-2-1-0, Z Bright 2.4-0-16-1 (2w)	

Nyora 4/151 d Kilcunda-Bass 149	
Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS	
Aaron Conron c: M Lynch b: A Kaddatz	31
Cameron Davidson	
c: A Kaddatz b: A Thompson	33
Ash Larcombe c: A Simmons b: M Rowe	12
Matthew Grayson c: R Cordeux b: A Thompson ..	15
Jaydan Tregear b: A Kaddatz	8
Robert Wallace lbw: M Rowe	0
Bradley Elmore-Jeffries	
c: B Henderson b: M Rowe	5
Shaun Lucas c: B Henderson b: J Hull	0
Todd Smith not out	24*
Harrison Berry run out: R Cordeux, A Kaddatz	1
Chris Peckett c: B Henderson b: R Cordeux	0
Extras (7w, 6nb, 7lb)	20
Total 10 / 149 (36.4 Overs)	
Bowling: A Simmons 8-0-38-0 (1w, 1nb), R Cordeux 6.4-0-34-1 (3nb), A Kaddatz 5-1-14-2, A Thompson 6-0-28-2 (3w), M Rowe 8-2-19-3 (3w, 1nb), J Hull 3-0-9-1 (1nb)	
Nyora – 1st INNINGS	
Daniel Esler c: A Larcombe b: C Peckett	10
Bailey Henderson hit wicket b: C Davidson	42
Jake Henry c: C Davidson b: T Smith	2
Jy Hull not out	61*
Aaron Kaddatz b: C Peckett	12
Michael Lynch not out	7*
Extras (12w, 4nb, 1nb)	17
Total 4 / 151 (30.1 Overs)	
Bowling: T Smith 8-1-50-1 (9w, 1nb), H Berry 8-1-36-0 (2w, 3nb), C Peckett 8-3-31-2 (1w), M Grayson 1-0-7-0, C Davidson 4-0-13-1, B Elmore-Jeffries 1-0-11-0, R Wallace 0.1-0-2-0	

Inverloch 7/147 d Foster 144	
Inverloch – 1st INNINGS	
Riley Harris c: J Pilkington b: E Smith	21
Brett Debono c&b: J Toner	25
Lewis Rankin b: O Rook	7
Jack Butcher c: A Pattie b: J Pilkington	18
Rhys Newman run out: J Pilkington	1
Ty Debono not out	22*
Jesse Dugard c&b: J Toner	24
David Newman c&b: J Toner	2
Archie Terlich not out	3*
Extras (18w, 2nb, 2lb, 2b)	24
Total 7 / 147 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: J Gay 8-1-14-0 (2w, 1nb), A Pattie 4-0-20-0 (2w), O Rook 8-1-17-1 (3w), J Toner 8-1-23-3 (1w), J Pilkington 4-0-26-1 (1w, 1nb), E Smith 6-0-31-1 (2w), T Dyson 2-0-12-0 (7w)	
Foster – 1st INNINGS	
Josh Toner b: J Dugard	0
Mitchell Jones c: L Rankin b: J Dugard	7
Jake Best c: J Butcher b: L Rankin	59
Ollie Rook c: A Terlich b: C Newman	5
Tex Dyson b: T Debono	21
Jack Gay c: L Rankin b: T Debono	5
Andrew Pattie b: L Rankin	3
Mitchell Allott b: J Dugard	0
Jake Pilkington lbw: J Dugard	15
Eddie Smith c: R Newman b: C Newman	0
Max Johnston not out	0*
Extras (12w, 6nb, 1lb, 1b)	20
Total 10 / 144 (37.3 Overs)	
Bowling: L Rankin 8-1-27-2 (5w, 2nb), J Dugard 7.3-1-20-4 (1w), C Newman 7-2-27-2, R Newman 5-0-14-0 (1w, 4nb), W Rankin 2-0-20-0 (1w), T Debono 6-1-21-2 (4w), A Terlich 2-0-13-0	



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THIS WEEKEND

Marc Marquez has had a more competitive season since leaving Honda for Ducati and he will be looking to score maximum points at the Island circuit. Photo: Peter Cleeland



U17s claim gold in junior volleyball tournament

By Emmy-Lou Mills,
South Gippsland Volleyball Club

OVER the AFL grand final weekend, from September 27 to 29, our South Gippsland juniors, coaches, managers, and parents hit the highway, heading up North-West for the Volleyball Victoria Junior Country Championships in Horsham.

For many, both young and old, it was their first time visiting this agricultural hub, known as the Cosmopolitan Capital of the Wimmera, nestled along the banks of the Wimmera River with the stunning Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park just a stone's throw away – definitely one for the bucket list.

The weekend was jam-packed with action, stretching from dawn to way beyond dusk.

Our club entered two teams into the tournament:

The U19 boys:

Coach: Liselott Webster.

Assistant coach: David Fuller.

Manager: Shelley Churchill.

Team: captain Jeffrin Mathew, Vice-Captain Jacob Churchill, Erik Webster, Sebastian Laugh-ton, Cabram Chilver, Joshua Clarke, Callum Niven, and Mat-thew Churchill.

Despite limited experience playing together in tournaments, the boys grew in confidence and strength over the weekend. They found their



The U17s champions from South Gippsland was the team of, back from left, Amelia Hams, Ayoshe Herbert, Casey Slater, captain Natalie Churchill, vice-captain Georgia Mills, front from left, Jessica Churchill, Georgia Scarce and Yasmin Gloria.

rhythm, finishing on a high with a thrilling five-set final match against the home team, Horsham, holding their heads high after such a stellar performance.

The U17 girls:

Our Golden Girls came home wearing gold, and we couldn't be prouder.

Determined to bring home victory from the very beginning, they did not disappoint.

Coach: Tamara Miller.

Team manager: Anna Gloria.

Statistics: Jessica Sanders.

Team: captain Natalie Churchill, vice-captain Georgia

Mills, Casey Slater, Ayoshe Herbert, Jessica Churchill, Yasmin Gloria, Amelia Hams, and Georgia Scarce.

The girls faced a tough competition, playing both early and late games to secure their place in the gold medal match on Sunday against Horsham.

With incredible support from club members, parents, and spectators who travelled to Horsham for the long weekend, the girls stayed laser-focused.

Friday saw the girls clinch two straight-set victories, first against Wimmera (25:4, 25:11,

25:13) and then Geelong (25:15, 25:6, 26:24).

On Saturday, they faced the host team, Horsham, securing a 3-1 win (25:12, 18:25, 25:17, 25:23).

The final group match against Mildura Academy was another solid 3-0 win (25:19, 25:18, 25:3).

Their semi-final, which started late at 9.45 pm, did nothing to dampen their spirits.

The team, along with coaches and supporters, was just as determined as ever, pulling off a semi-final win in a record time

of 36.3min (25:6, 25:9, 25:6) to guarantee their spot in the gold medal match.

On Sunday, our girls went head-to-head with Horsham for the title.

Focused and relentless, they raced to a spectacular 3-0 win (25:4, 25:19, 25:14), bringing home the trophy and gold medallions for the South Gippsland team.

Congratulations to our junior players named in the prestigious All Star 7's teams, at the conclusion of the tournament: Natalie Churchill, Yasmin Gloria and Jeffrin Mathew and special mention to Yasmin Gloria for an All Star 7, best setter accolade.

Special mention needs to go to two of our junior players who managed to secure gold at both the Open (Div 3) and Junior Country Championships, in the same year – a rare and outstanding achievement – congratulations Natalie Churchill and Georgia Mills.

With songs of victory echoing through the journey back home, the team celebrated their triumphant weekend.

A huge congratulations to everyone involved – from the hosts in Horsham, to Volleyball Victoria, to all the players, coaches, statisticians, team managers, parents, and supporters.

What a moment to cherish! Yeah, Souths!



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