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NEW MILK THREATS

IF UNION demands for pay and conditions are not met at meetings with the four major processors today (October 24) the strike action that saw hundreds of thousands of litres of milk lost in South Gippsland alone last week could be back on as early as Wednesday.

That's the word from the United Workers Union this week who say dairy workers at milk processing sites across Victoria are prepared to launch indefinite strikes immediately.

The looming strike action follows a vote by all 1400 workers, endorsing further

industrial action, after they returned to work from a 48-hour stoppage last week.

The threat of indefinite stoppages, on top of last week's strike, adds pressure to already-stretched dairy supply chains which has included milk rationing imposed in some supermarkets after the massive loss of supply.

"Dairy workers have shown they are serious about winning a pay rise that goes some way to address their soaring cost of living," said Tim Kennedy, the National Secretary of United Workers Union.

"They are sick of the mushroom

treatment from these multinationals after more than six months of talks.

"In meetings with the four major processors this week workers expect fair offers to their reasonable demands of a five per cent pay increase each year for three years, and they will not put up with being short-changed," he said.

He said 320 workers at Fonterra sites in Cobden, Stanhope and Darnum had endorsed taking six days of strike action, in rolling 24-hour stoppages from Wednesday and Thursday this week.

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New milk threats

From page 1

"The 560 workers at Saputo sites Cobram, Leongatha, Kiewa and Laverton have endorsed further industrial action if talks with the company fail on Tuesday..."

"The unity shown by dairy workers has been extraordinary as they campaign for a cost-of-living wage rise and secure jobs in their communities," Mr Kennedy said. "These workers and their jobs are the backbone of regional communities, and workers are taking this action so those jobs can continue into the future."

Mulgrave dairy worker Dave Chapman said workers were committed to further action if no satisfactory outcome could be reached.

"For a long time we have been feeling left behind, neglected, not recognised by the company with what we have been offered," he said. "This is the most united we have ever been. The message should get through to management that we're not being unreasonable and that we are united in what we are after."

The unions have claimed this could lead to shortages of consumer staples including Cheer and Cracker Barrel cheese from Warrnambool, Devondale long life milk and butter from Leongatha, Danone yoghurt, Western Star butter and milk to supply McDonalds Restaurants.

And while local milk producers were happy to see collections resume last Thursday,



Dairy farmer representative Ben Vagg was one of a large number of local milk suppliers who lost milk last week, tipping out 3000 litres last Wednesday.

the fact that strike action is still hanging over their heads was as much a concern.

"If they continue on with this, it ultimately comes out of the milk price affecting the local community and the whole industry," said Leongatha South milk producer and farmer representative, Ben Vagg.

"If they want to do something about the future of the industry and about attracting new and younger people into dairy farming, they should stop taking industrial action during peak flow."

Mr Vagg lost 3000 litres of milk on Wednesday, half of his daily production, when it couldn't be picked up by the time the cows were due to be milked again.

"They fitted us in on the first day, but couldn't get to us on Wednesday," said Ben.

"We saved some of the milk for calf feed but lost the rest. It's disappointing," he said.

Mr Vagg had 7000 litres of milk cooling in a brimful vat late last Thursday afternoon but was fortunate enough to have it picked up prior to the start of a

delayed evening milking.

Dozens of other dairy farmers across the region lost more.

Ashley Zuidema at Yanakie tipped out 5500 litres on Tuesday.

"They've said we're going to get paid for it, but it's pretty hard to watch all your hard work going down the drain, into the effluent pond, which presents another problem," he said.

Mr Zuidema praised the efforts taken by the processors to scramble extra drivers to combat the crisis, but unions say they'll stop that next time.

You can't grow grass and animal food must be rodent proof

YOU know there's problems with a new council initiative when one of the councillors points out its shortcomings.

And that's exactly what Cr Scott Rae did at the South Gippsland Shire Council meeting last week, saying there appeared to be a lack of understanding about the needs of the shire's biggest employer and wealth creator, the farming sector, in the shire's proposed new 'General Local Law 2024'.

If these local laws go ahead, he claimed, it would become illegal for farmers to grow grass over 300mm in height (or one foot in the old measure).

"Cows eat grass and sheep eat grass, (also) silage, fodder production," he said, referring

to Section 33 'Unsightly and Dangerous Properties', specifically 33(2)d where it states: Any structure on private land may be made unsightly or detrimental to the amenity by the presence of "excessive vegetation, including grass exceeding 300mm in height".

Noting that he had a range of other concerns, he also claimed that farmers would be in breach of the new Local Laws if they controlled weeds on council's roadside.

Cr Rae said he expected there to be quite a few other concerns for the shire's agricultural committee to deal with, also reminding the community afterwards that they had only until Thursday, November 2 to object.

Among the new local laws

causing angst are:

- No "unsightly" structures on private property including farms, such as a disused dairy or shed
- Must not allow a building located on the private property (including farms) to become dilapidated. For the purposes of this clause, a building includes an out-building, fence and any other capital improvement on the land.
- All animal food for consumption must be stored in a vermin and fly-proof receptacle (appears to include hay and silage).
- The owners and occupiers of private property, including farms, must ensure that animal waste is not offensive and does not cause a

nuisance to any other person.

- Must ensure that any animal odour emanating from private property does not interfere with the immediate amenity of the area.
- Can't move cattle between paddocks, across or down a roadway without a permit.
- Can't park a truck in a residential areas.
- No busking without a permit.
- No political signs on a road or in a municipal place.

Any comment, concern or objection to the new Local Laws must be received by the South Gippsland Shire Council by Thursday, November 2.

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2024 Meenyan Garlic Festival cancelled

ORGANISERS of the Meenyan Garlic Festival on Thursday announced the cancellation of the 2024 event, citing a lack of local volunteers.

That comes as a shock after the Sentinel-Times recently reported the festival would be going ahead with further backing from the Victorian Government's Regional Events Fund.

"Visit Victoria and South Gippsland Shire in conjunction with the Gippsland Events Acquisition Fund have provided the financial backing required," organisers said in a statement detailing the festival's cancellation, noting that local volunteerism has dropped substantially in recent years.

That is attributed to the COVID period, with the 2021 and 2022 Garlic Festivals unable to proceed.

"In the early years of the event, we had about three busloads of local volunteers but that has now dwindled to little more than a handful," current president of Meenyan Festivals and Events, Laurie Martin said.

While the entry fee for the Garlic Festival rose for the first time in the event's history this year, it was still just \$15 for adults, with children under 16 admitted free.

"To deliver such a complex event at that price requires two main things, good financial backing and solid local volunteer support," Laurie said.

The Meenyan Garlic Festival began in 2017, with the family-friendly day providing a chance to learn about growing garlic as well as using it in cooking and remedies, and a range of varieties of garlic bulbs available to buy.

Fun activities for kids and music were further attractions of the festival.

The Garlic Festival quickly evolved into a significant affair, using garlic to showcase the fine food, produce, wines, cheeses and artisans of the Gippsland region.

While organisers employed a South Gippsland based professional event manager to run this year's festival, also paying community organisations on a fee-for-service basis in order to cope with reduced volunteer numbers, the approach is deemed to be not economically viable.

However, as recently mentioned in this newspaper, organisers see potential for the festival in other parts of South Gippsland Shire.

"We believe the Garlic Festival model is still viable and represents an excellent opportunity for a South Gippsland town to capitalise on all the development work that has gone into the event and the recognition the concept has amongst thousands of people from Melbourne and outside the shire," Laurie said.

However, the current organising committee, being Meenyan Festivals and Events, doesn't have a mandate to operate in other towns.

"I'm sure any town which decides to have a crack at running the event can count on intellectual input from those of us with history in it," Laurie said, making his hopes of a future for the Garlic Festival clear.

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Wind AM: N-NE 15-25km/h
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WED | Oct 25

Showers. Windy

Wind AM: W 30-45km/h
Wind PM: SW 25-35km/h

7° **14°**



THUR | Oct 26

Shower or two.

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

7° **15°**



FRI | Oct 27

Partly cloudy.

Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: E-SE 15-20km/h

7° **17°**



SAT | Oct 28

Partly cloudy.

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

8° **21°**



SUN | Oct 29

Showers. Windy

Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

10° **20°**

IN BRIEF

Committed to our region's future

BURRA Foods and South Gippsland Water have signed a 15-year agreement that will bring multiple benefits to our region.

South Gippsland Water Managing Director Robert Murphy said the trade waste agreement would assist one of our region's major employers to grow into the future.

Burra Foods CEO Stewart Carson said the agreement provided security to the business.

"Gippsland is the source of one quarter of Australia's milk. Our partnerships with our farmers and suppliers such as South Gippsland Water are integral to us."

"This agreement will enable us to continue to deliver these products into the future and meet any changes to the marketplace."

Invitation from Friends of Agnes Falls

If you live in the local area, the Friends of Agnes Falls cordially invite you to attend the forthcoming annual general meeting.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, at the Exchange Hotel in Foster at 7.15pm, following dinner at 6pm (optional – own expense).

All interested persons will be made most welcome, particularly if you may be thinking of joining the small group of volunteers who help to promote the Falls, and to look after the picturesque Agnes Fall Scenic Reserve.

For further information, please contact friendsofagnesfalls@gmail.com or call Kathy on 0419 344 867.

More land taxes

LEGISLATION passed in the Legislative Assembly of State Parliament by the State Government this week will see many Gippsland home and landowners hit with new or increased land taxes.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny

O'Brien said that the Government's decision to expand the Vacant Residential Land Tax to regional Victoria will no doubt hit many local families and retirees hard. The Nationals and Liberals opposed the Bill.

"As Victorian's stare down the barrel of the 51st and 52nd new or increased tax under the State Government, it is clear that we are being punished for the ongoing financial mismanagement of our state," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Vacant Residential Land Tax will see regional landholders who have owned a block of land for more than five years or who own a home that is vacant for more than six months of the year hit with an annual tax of one per cent of the capital improvement value from January 2025.

"Based on the average block price across Gippsland, this will represent thousands of dollars annually for a family that is likely to also be paying rent or an existing mortgage elsewhere while trying to save up to build on their dream location."

The Government claims the decision to extend the tax was made in an effort to address the growing housing crisis.

Bear Gully still closed

CONCERN continues to be expressed locally about the ongoing closure of the Bear Gully Camping Ground in South Gippsland.

"Parks Victoria is working with First Peoples State Relations to investigate and assess potential impacts to cultural heritage at this site."

Parks Victoria say they will notify visitors as soon as possible of any updates.

Landslip restoration

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council anticipates restoration works on Main South Road, Poowong being completed by mid-2024 following a landslip that has caused the road to remain closed.

However, the timeframe for repairs is subject to confirmation

of Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, resourcing limitations and environmental conditions, a council spokesperson said.

Emergency Management Victoria is considering the proposed repair treatments and estimated costs of the Main South Road landslip and others.

The landslip on Main South Road is one of eight major landslips that occurred in various parts of South Gippsland Shire due to severe weather conditions between June 2021 and October 2022.

Other affected roads are open but with restricted access.

The other seven landslips are located at:

- Sanders Road, Ranceby
- Grand Ridge Road, Trida
- Grand Ridge Road, Mount Eccles
- Nippards Track, Foster North
- Popes Road, Wonga
- Clarkes Road, Hallston (two landslips)

Council has received tenders for the repair of the eight landslips.

Join the garage sale trail

CASH in or bag a bargain when the Garage Sale Trail, Australia's festival of pre-loved stuff, comes to South Gippsland this Spring.

Boasting garage sales across Australia on November 11-12 and 18-19, the event is a great chance to turn your stash into cash and shop epic stuff at retro prices.

Mayor Nathan Hersey said selling or shopping at garage sales is a fun and simple action we can take to reduce our carbon footprint.

"Garage Sale Trail helps neighbours connect, make some money and keep their good stuff out of landfill. With free registration, how-to guides, promotional resources and even touch-free PayPal QR code payments, its garage sales made easy for sellers over two big weekends."

"We hope to have 100 garage sales happen locally in South Gippsland and another 10,000 around the nation."

Participation in the Garage Sale Trail program is free. Register your sale and find the Trail Tutorial schedule garagesaletrail.com.au/South-Gippsland

Pedestrian struck

A PEDESTRIAN was struck by a tow truck at 6.45pm on October 18 on Phillip Island Road at the school crossing in Sunset Strip after running across the road. Paramedics attended the scene with a 37-year-old man from overseas sustaining minor injuries and taken to Wonthaggi Hospital. The driver attempted to avoid a collision, immediately stopped and rendered assistance at the scene. The crossing was unmanned and unflagged at the time.

Drill recovered in Leongatha

A RYOBI drill and battery have been recovered in Leongatha by police. Leading Senior Constable Bowman is keen to reunite the missing items with their owner which are suspected to have been initially stolen. If you suspect the items are yours please head to Leongatha Police Station or call 5662 2285 with the serial number.

Vandals target vehicles

TWO cars have been graffitied with yellow paint overnight (October 18-19) in North Wonthaggi by vandals.

The vandalism occurred on Wentworth Road and Apple Berry Rise. So far only two vehicles have been reported but police have said more vehicles could have been targeted.

Anyone with information including CCTV or dashcam footage that could assist investigations are urged to contact Wonthaggi Police Station.

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'A shared pathway too far'

IT WAS déjà vu for Inverloch as the ongoing saga for a shared pathway on Surf Parade sees no end in sight.

The issue, which has dragged on for years, came to another head with dozens of residents from Inverloch and surrounds attending a community meeting on Saturday, October 21.

With most of the shared path now complete, the final stage (3b) remains a point of contention.

Bass Coast Shire recently revealed two new options for stage 3b, which is planned to continue from Ozone Street and finish at Goroke Street near the Surf Lifesaving Club.

The community was again asked to provide feedback on the proposals which saw two options put forward:

- Option 1 – Parking and one-way vehicle traffic on Surf Parade between Ozone Street and Goroke Street (road traffic to travel west-bound, away from Inverloch)

- Option 2 – No parking provision. Retain two-way vehicle traffic on Surf Parade.

According to the shire's Engage website, due to the extensive erosion impacting the Inverloch coast and state government led work to manage erosion in this area, 'it is no longer an option to remove vegetation'.

'As we are unable to remove any further vegetation outside of the road reserve there is not enough space to allow for a path, parking and two-way traffic,' the site states.

The decision is now expected to be voted on at the November council meeting.

Stage 3b was also postponed at a council meeting earlier this year in March, to ensure 'all options were exhausted and the coastal vegetation was preserved'.

The initial plan, endorsed by council in 2019, involved 'significant' native coastal vegetation removal, which the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change (DEECA) did not support.

It was previously reported that a major consideration in DEECA rejecting the original plan tied to the challenges within the findings of the Cape-to-Cape Resilience Project, which highlighted among other things the



Kim White and Fiona McMahon-Hughes along with dozen of Inverloch community members, are bitterly disappointed about the options put forward by the shire for the shared pathway at Surf Parade. Ns27_4323



Fiona McMahon-Hughes helped lead the community session often referring to previous council plans put forward for the shared pathway. Ns29_4323

significant erosion and forecasted sea level rising, making the 'provision of parking ill-advised' in such an environmentally sensitive area.

for a footpath, parking and two-way traffic.

Kim White and Fiona McMahon-Hughes led the session with attendees given the opportunity to discuss concerns or aspects of the proposals.

Mr White said the community had been waiting for "two decades" for a footpath to be completed.

"We've just got 500 metres left to go, just 500m, but we would really like to see it done properly," he said.

"From a personal perspective, am I going to in 20 years' time drive down to Surf Parade and think to myself, we didn't act properly or quick

Proposal angst

However, the latest options for the shared path have outraged some Inverloch community members, with a petition put forward for the path to be built with parking and two-way traffic, given the extensive consultation and proposals put forward in 2019.

The Inverloch RSL hall was packed full of community members who met to discuss the plans and demonstrate to council the strong support

for a footpath, parking and two-way traffic.

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enough to try and get the best possible result."

He highlighted the frustrations of the options changing despite the community strongly voting for the preferred pathway in 2019.

Fiona added there had been 'nowhere near' the amount of consultation compared to previous years, and that it was being pushed through before the November meeting.

During the session, it was stated that the removal of vegetation would only affect the 500-metre strip, and that much of the vegetation had grown back in previously completed sections of the path.

One attendee highlighted that according to their own research, almost 27,000 square metres had been lost to erosion in the past decade, which 'no one had bat an eyelid to'.

It was stated that all councillors had been invited to the meeting, but Cr Letitia Laing was the only one in attendance, who bravely fronted the crowds' tough questions.

Cr Laing explained council's decision to defer the pathway in March this year, highlighting it is a very complex issue.

"In 2019, there was incredible amounts of support for the two-way option with parking," she said.

"Now since that time, we've had an extensive amount of work undertaken on the Inverloch coastline from Cape Paterson to Cape Liptrap through the Cape-to-Cape Resilience Project.

"I do want to highlight that portion of land is not council land, so we have to go to DECCA to get permission to undertake the project.

"And since then, we've had an extensive amount of funding and budgets and coastal erosion projects and dune nourishment to understand what's happening on the dynamic Inverloch coastline."

It was also highlighted that the state government is exploring whether they will develop infrastructure on coastlines due to the 'inevitable inundation'.

To view the council plans for stage 3b, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surfpe

Korumburra anticipates a happy Halloween and the Hub

THERE'S a lot going on in Korumburra and the Korumburra Round Table group is on top of it.

Here's what they discussed at their October meeting. Here's their report:

At this month's meeting we had a special presentation from teacher Nicole Creaser and two students from the secondary college representing the school's Diversity Group, which is working on a project on inclusion and how to promote it in Korumburra.

April Reeves, Rhys Pether and their group have now developed a decal which you will shortly see in the windows of many businesses around town. The colourful design incorporates the school's logo, and states that everyone is welcome in our town. Keep an

• October meeting of the Korumburra Round Table

eye out for it.

Last night (October 19) we also had a great discussion with our Lions' rep, Roger Powell, as he filled us in on the upcoming Halloween event for Korumburra. Coal Creek and the Lions are holding this massive event for children 2-10 years on the actual evening of Hallows Eve - Tuesday the 31st - down at Coal Creek.

Children will follow the trail within the park to different buildings (including the train!) which will be open and decked out spookily, with costumed community groups bestowing treats on the children at every stop. The event is ticketed, with all adults and

children having to register online for a free ticket.

Amazingly, within days the event was sold out, with 800 children's tickets and 500 adult tickets being purchased! But for those who have missed out, the Coal Creek Facebook page has a link to a waitlist so you may still be lucky!

And finally, our magnificent Community Hub is almost there. After years of planning and pain, information and misinformation, exasperation and jubilation, the official opening has been set for Friday, November 10. As you read this, librarians are flat out stacking the bookshelves, and Milpara and the Historical Society are working around the clock to move in all of their resources.

Having been shown through

just this week, I was blown away particularly by the views from the library upstairs. I think I can safely say you would be hard pressed to find another library anywhere in Victoria with views like ours from its windows.

After the official opening on the 10th, there is a week of special attractions going on at the Hub, and already the local primary schools are booked in to take their classes down for a tour.

So, parents, expect to see your kids come home during that week, raving about the new Hub and begging to be taken back on another day. And why wouldn't they! This facility belongs to all of us. Let's make the very most of it.

Until next time, Pee-Wee Lewis, President.



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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



LAST Thursday I led a joint delegation of representatives of Bass Coast Council and the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) of which I am the Chairperson. Advocacy is a critical part of the job of Council and that's why a group of us found ourselves walking the halls of power and meeting MPs and Advisors at Parliament House in Canberra last Thursday.

Our priorities were:

1. Increased investment and policy change for climate change.
2. Funding support for the Bass Coast tourism projects, with a particular focus on the Dinosaurs Trail.
3. Funding support for the road and infrastructure projects.

We met with the Hon Kristy McBain MP the Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories who is a very active Minister in the Local Government space and who has a strong background in disaster recovery. We also met with Ministerial Advisors to the Hon Catherine King MP, the Hon Murray Watt, and Hon Jenny McAllister.

We have identified the need for further investment in climate resilient infrastructure. For example, improvements to housing stocks, roads, council buildings and storm water systems. This was based on work in the Asset Vulnerability Assessment developed by SECCCA and partners. Bass Coast Shire Council is the first to have implemented this tool that investigated the vulnerability of council roads, drains and buildings to the impacts of climate change.

The coastline at Inverloch has experienced significant erosion in recent years and public assets, values and infrastructure are now at risk of damage and loss. We have been seeking strong State leadership to implement a State Planning Scheme amendment and improved data to

allow the modelling of inundation impacts. We took the opportunity to also raise this with the federal Government Ministers who in many cases lead meetings of all of the relevant State Ministers, we are seeking funding targeted to financial and advisory services to vulnerable communities to respond to climate change impacts and assistance for housing upgrades.

In discussing these issues at the Federal level, there is a clear appreciation of the challenges facing local government and there are plans underway to consult with key stakeholders through the National Urban Policy. We also discussed investment to fund the Supporting Vulnerable Communities Pilot and funding support for the Cape-to-Cape Resilience Project to deliver recommendations.

We are finding that everyone is interested in dinosaurs and our briefing on the Dinosaur Trail was received with interest. Specifically, we briefed the Government on our \$20 million Dinosaur Trail project including the Gondwana Garden, Wonthaggi, Dinosaur Hunters Adventure Playground, Inverloch, Creative art installations at San Remo, Kilcunda; and Eagles Nest and The Caves.

The tourism project will traverse 40 km from San Remo to Inverloch and increase visitation to the regions by up to 20 per cent, increase length of stay, add \$9.5 million per annum to the visitor economy, support 94 jobs in the region each year; and during construction add \$23.2 million to the economy and support 134 new and exciting jobs.

Tourism was a focus of the talks as it is such a critical part of our economy, one that we want to continue to grow. We asked to partner with the Federal Government seeking support to progress our tracks and trails strategy.

Council will keep you updated on the outcomes of our advocacy.

National design award for Guide Park

THE Wonthaggi Guide Park Playspace has won a 2023 National Landscape Architecture Award.

The prestigious award was announced on Thursday night, October 19 at the Adelaide Festival Centre, as part of the 2023 AILA Festival of Landscape Architecture, a week-long event in Adelaide from October 19-22, 2023.

The Wonthaggi project, which graduated from the regional Victorian awards to the national event, took out the Landscape Architecture Award for Play Spaces

Here's what the judges said:

"Guide Park Playspace demonstrates the impact of high-quality play space design for regional locations. Designed for a diverse user demographic and including integration with the nearby aged-care facility, it is an exemplar of how play landscapes can cater to a broad cross-section of the community."

"The project shows how play can connect communities to past stories as well as to potential futures. In response to community desires, the area's coalmining history is recognised throughout the design, with alternative industrial futures also included."

"In this landscape, storytelling intertwines with play, with a minimal and sensitively selected material palette that allows for many imaginative uses."

"Guide Park Playspace is built



Wonthaggi's Guide Park Playspace has been universally praised, not least by the children who play there every day.

in Wonthaggi, Victoria on the land of the Bunurong people."

Project credits are awarded to: Landscape architects - Orchard Design and SBLA Studio, Structural and civil engineers - Deery Consulting, Landscape contractor - Planned Constructions and Photographer - Copper Door Studio.

Bass Coast Shire Council also deserves credit for awarding the contracts for the \$1.77 million

project, supported by the Victorian Government with a \$700,000 grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria and \$350,000 from the Growing Suburbs Fund. The new playground opened in February this year and hardly an hour goes by that there isn't someone playing there.

Local MP Jordan Crugnale supported the application and advocated for the funding.

Shire needs to listen, says Deputy Mayor

YOUR attitude to the Bass Coast Shire Council's annual report could depend on whether you're a "glass half-full or half-empty" kind of person.

But, according to the Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead, "like him or not" you can't doubt the stewardship of the Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan.

"He is knowledgeable in the climate emergency space, and we should be proud of the progress our city has made here. With the adoption of the urban forest strategy, investment in electric vehicles and sustainable infrastructure and continued education in how our community can contribute to the target of achieving net zero emissions, there has been significant progress made, thank you Mr Mayor."

Speaking at last week's council meeting, Cr Halstead said the annual report reflected on a huge year for the shire.

She went on to list some of the council's other achievements during the financial year 2022-23, including the Bass Coast Business Awards, the new Community Awards, and the Community Grants Program which delivered more than \$100,000 in grants to her own ward of Westernport.

Cr Halstead congratulated the shire's officers, "many who are local and others who live close by... not just a voice on the other end of the phone," for what had been achieved.

"Bass Coast should also be proud of the record-breaking capital works delivery, that has seen, for example, the new Guide Park Playspace, Guys Road Path-

way, Berninnett Cultural Centre, PICAL's new home and new Wonthaggi Tennis Pavilion delivered just to name a few."

But Cr Hallstead acknowledged the council wasn't perfect.

"There's always more work to do. Did we get it 100 per cent right? I don't believe we did. The results of our Community Satisfaction Survey tell us that. So, how do we improve these results? I would suggest by continuing listening, not only to those who have the loudest voices.

Over the next 12 months we need to put our heads down and do our best to improve in those areas where our community feels we have let them down," said Cr Halstead.

She encouraged locals to read the annual report, available on the shire's website.

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Big weekend at Bernie's

THE new Cowes Cultural Centre, set to be officially opened ahead of the Melbourne Cup Weekend, may have a new nickname – Bernie's.

Exactly who dubbed the \$35 million Berninnett centre with the nickname is not known but it's almost certain to stick, at least until locals and visitors get their teeth around the Boon Wurrung language name (pronounced burn-eh-neet).

The 'Wedge' at Sale, 'GPAC' at Geelong, 'The Capital' at Bendigo and many other regional art centres already have a local name, and whether it's 'the Cowes Cultural Centre', 'Berninnett' or simply 'what's on at Bernie's'; you'll know what they're talking about.

And it seems that the centre is set to be opened with a bang, or three bangs as it turns out:

* On Saturday, October 28, Victorian Senator Jess Walsh, State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale and Bass Coast Coast Shire Mayor Cr Michael Whelan will preside over an "official opening". As revealed in Question Time at council this week, the exclusive opening event will be for 40 invite-only guests.

* On Wednesday, November 1, there will be a ticketed "sneak preview" event and program launch for up to 300 people who entered the ballot for tickets, to be notified by Tuesday, October 24.

* On Thursday, November 2, the Berninnett facility will be open to the public with the new theatre, cinema and community spaces activated over the following few days with



Beethoven's Enchanted Forest Presented by Inventi Ensemble will be one of the first events in the new Berninnett Cultural Centre at Cowes.

art exhibitions, literary events, music events and community activities.

Regular opening hours are: Monday 9.30am-5pm, Tuesday 9.30am-5pm, Wednesday 9.30am-5pm, Thursday 9.30am-5pm, Friday 9.30am-5pm, Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 10am-4pm.

Cost of hire

It's interesting to note that Berninnett theatre costs \$1340 to hire (seat capacity 250) while the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre theatre costs

\$1580 to hire (seat capacity 416).

These 'full day' costs do not include the cost of duty technicians, tech staff, duty manager and front of house staff (between \$50 and \$40 per hour) and 10 per cent net box office levy. As well as gallery space hire of \$100 per day, arts exhibitions have to contribute 30 per cent from commissioned sales.

Council provides some explanation about the various costs and comparison between Wonthaggi WUCAC and Berninnett:

"Council acknowledges that venues with less seating capacity offer a reduced opportunity for hirers to generate revenue, depending on the event type.

"Staffing and facility costs for operating cultural facilities are comparable, regardless of size and seating capacity.

"Accordingly, based on a combination of reduced seating capacity but comparable operational costs, Cowes Cultural and Community Centre auditorium is proportionally cheaper than the Wonthaggi auditorium."

Grants to improve access and inclusion

BASS Coast Shire Council is offering grants of up to \$2000 for business and community groups to improve accessibility and inclusion.

Applications are now open under the Accessible Bass Coast grants program for initiatives and projects that aim to increase the number of people with disabilities accessing businesses or community organisations as customers, visitors, members and employees.

Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said projects could include physical improvements like ramps and accessible toilets, alternative information formats such as large print menus for people with vision impairment, or hosting disability awareness training for members or staff.

"Equity, diversity and inclusion are key priorities in Bass Coast," Cr Whelan said.

"We hope this grants program will continue to progress improvements in access and inclusion in our community, by creating welcoming environments so people with disabilities feel greater connection local businesses and organisations.

To be eligible for funding, a business or community organisation must:

- Be located in Bass Coast.
- Have discussed the application with council's access and healthy ageing officer Teresa Davison.
- Provide written quotes to support the amount requested in the application.
- Only one application per business or community organisation is permitted, and funding is limited.

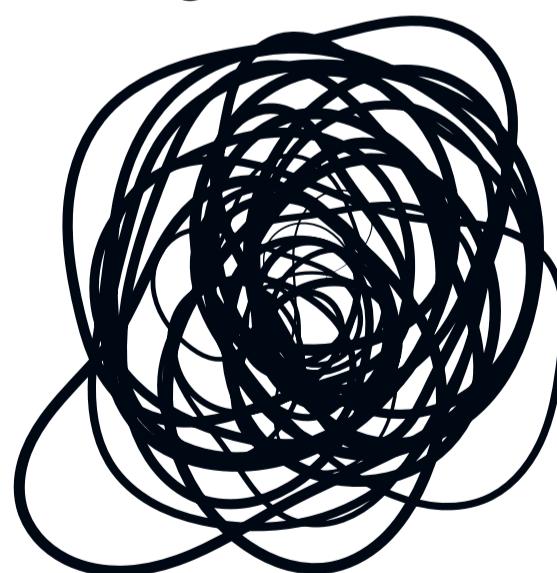
Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate a genuine and ongoing commitment to improving access and inclusion for people with disabilities.

Applications must be submitted through the SmartyGrants portal, accessible via the Access for All webpage, and close at 5pm on Monday, December 4.

Successful applicants will be notified on December 14.

For more information, contact Teresa Davison on 0436 281 878 (Tuesday to

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Renewable energy sessions are being held at PICAL with Werner Theinert discussing the past, present and future of power and green energy. ob18_4323

Electrifying Bass Coast

FOLLOWING the successful installation of Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System (PICESS), locals are interested to find out about the future of renewable energy.

Werner Theinert has a wealth of knowledge and experience within the industry, having worked in power generation his entire career.

Starting at the power stations in the Latrobe Valley, Werner then pursued a career at aluminium plants in Bahrain and Qatar before the Gove in Northeast Arnhem Land and back to Yallourn and Loy Yang power stations where he finished up.

Werner's interest in power hasn't waned and he's offering Renewable Energy classes over seven sessions at the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL).

He has presented to U3A and BCAL in Wonthaggi and following classes at Phillip Island he will be offering information sessions along the Waterline.

"It's all about getting the information out there," he said, "Electrify everything."

Werner gives a complete overview of how the electricity grid works, how power is stored and used.

He talks about the history of power, where we've been,

where we are now with aging coal plants, and where we are going, including solar, wind turbines, greening aluminium and steel plants and the wealth of technology being developed in the industry.

With the Victorian Government's policy that forbids people to connect gas supply lines to new houses to decrease fossil fuel use, Werner believes electricity generated in its various forms is the best and only way forward.

Attendees at the second session at PICAL were interested to know how they could use technology at home to store and use power, what the options were with solar and

wind and using technology to tap into and out of the grid to save money and create a greener future.

Ideas about the decentralisation of power, EV charging, hot water systems, induction cooktops and allocating power for various uses and charging when needed was also discussed in the class.

Werner commented that the range of technology being developed is extensive and is the way to a more renewable future and he would ultimately like to see the Bass Coast electrified.

For more information go to thecap.com.au/electrify-bass-coast.

Help returns to Wonthaggi Hospital

THE Wonthaggi community will now see Ambulance Victoria's helicopter return to landing on the Wonthaggi Hospital site.

The helicopter is primarily used to transfer patients that require more complex care in larger tertiary hospitals.

Air Ambulances will now land in the lower gravel carpark that was developed for use by builders as part of the recent Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion project - off West Area Road.

The carpark had until now been used by Bass Coast Health (BCH) staff to make more parking available for the public closer to the hospital.

BCH CEO Jan Child said the gravel carpark had been used by staff to ease carpark pressures at the hospital, but the decision was made to close the carpark and allow the area to be used by Ambulance Victoria from Friday October 13 so that it could be used by Ambulance Victoria as a temporary helipad.

"Ambulance Victoria used to land at the old helipad out the back of the hospital but have been unable to do that for a few years because we had a series of sinkholes appear close by," Ms Child said.

"The helicopter has been landing at McMahons Reserve in Wonthaggi and other areas since that time, but these sites have not been ideal and are particularly difficult during winter months when the rain makes the surface for landing very, very wet."

The longer-term option for the helipad will be considered in the planning for Stage 2 of the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion. BCH staff will now park on-site and in surrounding streets.

"We are advocating that Stage 2 bring extra carparking sooner rather than later. We're aware that we need more parking at the hospital, and we encourage everyone to allow a little extra time to find a park when they come to the hospital," Ms Child said.

Bath bats for Bass Coast public housing

MORE public housing is needed to address rising homelessness and alleviate rent stress in Bass Coast.

The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath said the rising cost of living was seriously impacting low-income earners and the disadvantaged.

"Rents in the region have risen on average by 43 per cent and tenants experiencing rental stress is at 34 per cent, significantly higher than the regional average."

"Local housing advocates maintain that homelessness and housing waitlists on the Bass Coast are under reported."

"They identify low-income earners, women over 55, women experiencing domestic violence, single parents and the disadvantaged are unable to access secure housing."

The Victorian Housing Register (as at June 30, 2023) lists 1180 applications for public housing in the Bass Coast, with 664 listed as a priority. Cowes has 266 applications, Inverloch 302 and Wonthaggi 612.

On behalf of local advocacy group, Housing Matters, Ms Bath has called for Labor to prioritise 374 public houses for the region in State Parliament.



The Community connects at Inverloch

IT WAS another hugely successful Community Connects event at Bendigo Bank's Community Bank Inverloch & District on Thursday evening with the branch jam packed and delicious food provided. The boys from the Shitbox Rally - Nathan and Danial, Sharon from the Inverloch CWA, Gerry from the Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary, Inverloch Bike Hires Danny, Judith from South Gippsland Chiropractic and Terry Hall all sharing their connection to our community. Pictured, Kasey, Rachael, Penelope, Melinda, Max and Dianne.

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Australia Day Awards

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their valuable contribution to South Gippsland?

Would you like to shine a spotlight on a local hero in your town?

Are you a member of a community group that has given outstanding service to our region?

If so, nominations for the 2024 South Gippsland Australia Day Awards are now open. These awards pay tribute to the unsung heroes in our community who go above and beyond to help others, and leave a positive imprint on our region.

This year Council will be awarding a Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, and a Community Event of the Year award.

Nominations are open to all South Gippsland residents who have made a contribution to our community throughout the year. To nominate someone for Citizen of the Year or

Young Citizen of the Year, simply complete a nomination form online, outlining how the nominee has contributed to our region and what makes them a worthy award recipient.

Similarly, to make a nomination for Community Event of the Year, complete the online nomination form and outline the purpose of the event, the key outcomes and its benefit to the community.

If you have been to a community event or know of someone who has made a difference to life in the South Gippsland region, don't miss out on the opportunity to make a nomination for the Australia Day Awards.

Time is ticking to make your nomination!

Nominations for the Australia Day Awards close 8 November 2023.

For more information and to submit a nomination, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday

Reconnect Concert



South Gippsland Shire Council and The Hills Are Alive present to you the Reconnect All-Ages Concert. The concert will be held at the Leongatha Memorial Hall and feature musical talent from The Dreggs, Matilda Pearl, No Longer Kids and many more local acts.

Celebrating some amazing musicians, Reconnect is an opportunity for music-lovers of all ages to come together and celebrate good times.

For tickets and more information, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/reconnect

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 15 November 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/
meeting-dates](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates)

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

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DRAFT GENERAL LOCAL LAW

At last week's Council Meeting, Council endorsed a proposed General Local Law for community consultation.

The draft was developed based on previous community feedback collected earlier in the year.

The initial consultation heard from 261 people and showed that most people did not have any significant concerns with the current General Local Law.

To help our community understand the changes made to the new Draft General Local Law, an old versus new comparison document has been completed. You can view this document and provide your feedback at the link below:

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Feedback closes on Thursday 2 November.

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

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

Tenders close 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 31 October 2023

RFT/378 – Korumburra Commercial Street Streetscape – Civil Construction

Tenders close at 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 21 November 2023

RFT/387 – Leongatha Municipal Redevelopment – Exterior Cladding Refurbishment

Tenders close at 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 31 October 2023

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

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South Gippsland Shire councillors enthusiastic about Annual Report

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council has adopted its Annual Report for the 2022/23 financial year, providing a detailed account of its achievements, challenges and performance during that period.

The Annual Report details council's largest ever capital works program, with approximately \$34 million of projects delivered during the last financial year.

In her message outlining the report, council CEO Kerryn Ellis highlighted key projects during that period.

These were the completion of the Leongatha Early Learning Centre, the soon-to-be-completed Korumburra Community Hub, a reconfigured and sealed boat ramp in Port Welshpool, a drainage and irrigation project at the Foster Showgrounds, a new pontoon for the Toora Jetty and a new skate park and half basketball court in Venus Bay.

Ms Ellis noted the challenges faced in completing projects, with difficulties in sourcing building materials, labour and competitive quotations.

She expressed council's appreciation for the financial support provided by the Victorian and Federal Governments, noting such funding is crucial to achieve many desired projects.

Council's CEO also spoke of the importance of retaining



Mayor Nathan Hersey expressed his delight with the contents of South Gippsland Shire Council's Annual Report for the 2022/23 financial year.

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skilled staff, saying the latest Annual Report reflects improving staff retention, but efforts are continuing to do even better in that area.

Mayor Nathan Hersey stressed that council's financial position remains sound, saying income has risen from \$89.7 million in the 2021/22 financial year, to \$96.7 million in 2022/23, with expenditure down from \$80.7 million to \$76.3 million.

Cr Hersey also noted council's improved Community Satisfaction Survey results, highlighting the satisfaction score reflecting

council's overall direction rose to 61 points in the most recent financial year, compared to 51 points the previous financial year.

He added that the latest figure is significantly above the average for comparably sized rural councils and the statewide average.

The mayor highlighted the completion of 52 out of 65 projects planned for last financial year, adding that a review of council's activity against the Council Plan reveals that 36 out of 48 major initiatives were achieved with others significantly progressed.

Cr Sarah Gilligan observed a significant change in the latest Annual Report compared to its predecessor.

"Everything has shifted to support our Council Plan, whereas in the first year there's a transition period," she said.

She observed that while South Gippsland Shire Council isn't tremendously wealthy, its liquidity is good, something Cr Gilligan says demonstrates that council is managing its money well, enabling it to plan for the future.

Cr Mick Felton pointed out that a little over \$300,000 was distributed through council's community grants program during the past financial year.

"We should be proud of that," he said, given the assistance provided to community organisations and volunteers.

'Sexy' reports in South Gippsland Shire

'SEXY' mightn't be the first word springing to mind when describing end-of-year financial reports, but Cr Adrian Darakai is adamant that is an apt description.

It's one he happily used during South Gippsland Shire Council's October meeting, shortly before councillors voted to note an accounting surplus of \$20.348 million and endorse the carry forward of \$6.089 million of capital items and \$2.467 million of operating funds.

"I consider it an excellent outcome for South Gippsland Shire," Cr Darakai said of the contents of the 2022/2023 End of Year Financials report.

"Based on these results, I would like to see South Gippsland Shire regarded as the Brad Pitt of municipalities in Gippsland, if not beyond," he declared.

He added that he looks forward to council kicking more financial goals, expressing his delight at it being in a healthy financial position.

Cr Sarah Gilligan was also pleased to put the financial report forward for adoption, albeit she took a more pragmatic approach by outlining specific accomplishments over the last financial year.

She also praised council's financial position.

Council's breadth of assets caught Cr Gilligan's eye, with the Coastal Promontory Ward representative highlighting that out of \$34.1 million of capital works, \$27.9 million was in renewals.

"I think we have successfully negotiated the financial pressures, along with (providing) the community infrastructure that needed replacement and renewal," Cr Gilligan said.

Cr Jenni Keerie noted that the report enables councillors to know exactly what they have got to work with in the coming 12 months.

She stressed that the more than \$20 million operating surplus is primarily due to the early receipt of 2023/24 government financial assistance.

"It's not like the money we've got on hand is available to be spent anywhere we decide or people would like us to do; it has to be planned and managed," Cr Keerie said, explaining that funding received must be expended on the projects it is intended for.

She also highlighted council's \$4.9 million cash surplus for the 2022/23 financial year.

While saying he wouldn't go quite so far as Cr Darakai, mayor Nathan Hersey described council's financial situation as an "exciting outcome".

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Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



October Council Meeting

At this month's Council Meeting the 2022/23 Annual Report was presented and adopted by Council. The report highlights the work and achievements over the last 12 months.

Of notable importance is the delivery of an impressive \$34 million capital works program – one of the largest ever undertaken by Council and includes buildings that will have long-lasting community benefits such as the Leongatha Early Learning Centre and Korumburra Community Hub. In total, Council completed or progressed 96 per cent of the major initiatives in the Council Plan and 80 per cent of capital works projects.

Draft General Local Law

The Draft General Local Law was endorsed by Council to be available for community input and engagement. This follows on from the first round of engagement conducted in May and June 2023. To view the draft and provide any feedback, please visit: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Council Advocacy Priorities

Council's 2023/24 Advocacy Priorities were also adopted at this month's Council Meeting. We achieved great success last financial year, with a number of our priorities being delivered or significantly progressed, including a commitment from the Victorian Government for a new mental health hub in Leongatha, and some extensive work in coastal protection. Our work alongside groups such as One Gippsland and the Municipal Association of Victoria is vital and allows us to show a united front on issues that affect our region and councils across the state.

To watch the meeting, you can visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Korumburra Hub Opening

The Korumburra Community Hub will be officially opened at a ceremony on Friday, November 10 at 12pm.

Members of the community are welcome to attend and celebrate the opening.

Starting 11 November, Mylly – My Community Library, Milpara Community House and the Korumburra and District Historical Society will be hosting a number of events to keep the celebrations rolling and get the community in to enjoy this space. Further details on these will be provided shortly.

MAV State Council

Along with Acting Chief Executive Officer Allison Jones, I attended the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council meeting. South Gippsland Shire Council put forward a Motion to "fund and implement a state-led process" to modify the Victorian Planning Scheme and strengthen the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay with the goal of managing risks in coastal areas.

The Motion was unanimously endorsed which shows how our challenges are often shared with others across the State and how advocating together can improve our effectiveness.

Congratulations to Councillor Mohya Davies, who was given a 10 Years of Service Award by the MAV. Councillor Davies has served on Council for a total of 10 years so far and demonstrates a strong commitment to the people of South Gippsland.

Local Events

As the weather warms up, South Gippsland gets a buzz of local events. The community steps out from the cooler and wetter weather to connect once more.

There is plenty happening over the coming months, including an exhibition at Coal Creek on until December 4 and Remembrance Day services across our region to name a few.

To view the events coming up, or to organise a listing for your event, please visit: <https://visit-southgippsland.com.au/events>

Poowong Pioneer Chapel revamped for 150 year town celebration

BUILT in 1878, the Pioneer Chapel in Poowong was the first building to be erected in town and is the oldest public building in South Gippsland Shire.

It operated as a Wesleyan Methodist Church for 99 years and was home to the first school in the area.

With a weather board exterior and interior panelling made from Blue Gums felled opposite the building, the chapel retains its charm with arched, tinted glass windows and original hardwood pews.

Founded by Caleb and Amy Burchett, the chapel was constructed by Lawrence C Holmes using public money.

A transept was added in 1890, a choir gallery in 1905, and front and side fences were erected in 1950.

The chapel became the property of the Uniting Church in 1977, until it came up for sale in 1982 and The Poowong Historical Society bought it, to ensure the preservation of the building and its historical significance.

Weddings, baptisms and other special functions are still held in the chapel today, and it serves as a quaint reminder of the lives and history of the first settlers to the area.

The building and surrounds have recently undergone some upgrades, in anticipation of the towns 150th anniversary, to be celebrated next year.



Stephen Halliday Secretary/Treasurer of the Poowong Historical Society at the historic Poowong Pioneer Chapel, South Gippsland's oldest public building, has recently undergone restoration works. ob12_4323

The Poowong Historical Society were benefactors of South Gippsland Shire Council grants of \$1900, and \$20,000 from the State Government's Stronger Communities Program; they also won an online Haymes Paint competition with all exterior paint supplied.

Windows have been repaired, the chapel has been repainted, the toilets have

been upgraded and landscaping has been carried out, including removal of trees and the installation of a new perimeter fence.

And, for the first time in 150 years the hard, rustic pews now have cushions.

The majority of work was completed by local Poowong business South Gippsland Timber and Trading.

There are plans set in

motion for the towns 150 anniversary celebrations to be held on April 20 and 21 next year.

This includes a ball on the Friday night held at the Town Hall, a home football match on the Saturday followed by a community dinner on the Saturday night, a church service on Sunday, and a Poowong Primary School reunion will also be held.



Cr Sarah Gilligan makes her feelings known on the recent rejection of the Voice to Parliament. A04_4323

Cr Gilligan makes her voice heard

THOSE who rejected the Voice to Parliament in the recent referendum appeared to be in the firing line at Wednesday's South Gippsland Shire Council meeting, with Cr Sarah Gilligan taking the opportunity to deliver a speech on the subject.

Requested to provide the standard acknowledgement of traditional custodians, always recited early in council meetings, she declared she would "go a little off script".

"I would like to acknowledge the oldest continuous culture on our planet, the 100-odd nations and 13 language groups, for their generous act of years of consultation and debate in creating the proposal that was recently rejected," Cr Gilligan said.

"I would like us all to reflect on our individual responsibility in this decision and to hold empathy for those who put their heart and soul into this path of voice, treaty, and truth as the way forward."

Cr Gilligan said that instead of pointing fingers at others and blaming politicians for this decision, people need to accept it was a decision made by individuals.

Mayor Nathan Hersey then prompted Cr Gilligan to deliver the traditional words of acknowledgement, a request she was happy to fulfil.

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Celebration of expanded Carinya Lodge

THE WEATHER played its part in Korumburra on Thursday as a large turnout of residents, staff and community members celebrated the 'Grand Opening' of an expanded Carinya Lodge.

Improvements included a 20-bed extension, new kitchen, laundry and maintenance services area.

Among other additions were two new dining rooms, serverys, a staff room, multipurpose room, hairdressing salon, boardroom and a couple of nurses' stations.

The latest nurse call system has been installed to better support residents.

President of Carinya's committee of management, Rod Abbott, delivered a speech, touching on the Lodge's history, including its inception in 1969 and construction of its first two units in 1972. He then highlighted the recent improvements that began in 2019.

"With Federal grant assistance of \$1.3 million we've had the privilege to refurbish all the existing rooms, create a new car park, and enhance the front entrance," Rod said.

Resident in one of Carinya's 52 independent living units, Lorraine Kirk, hadn't yet had a tour of the Lodge when she spoke to the Sentinel-Times but was pleased with what she'd seen.

"The new entrance and reception is very impressive," she said.

Carinya Lodge now boasts a capacity of 60 beds, which includes dedicated space for dementia care and respite services.



A large gathering enjoys the Grand Opening of Carinya Lodge's completed improvements.
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Rod thanked the many community organisations and individuals who have contributed to improvements at the Lodge.

Construction was initially intended to be completed in two years, with an extra six months allowed for.

"Staff and patients demonstrated unwavering patience and resilience," Rod said of the way people handled a range of delays.

The grand celebration of the new works was held back for many months after extensive damage to Carinya's brand new front canopy when it was accidentally hit by a truck.

Carinya Lodge CEO Cindy

Nicholas was delighted with the success of Thursday's opening celebration and the big turnout, saying there were more people than expected.

"We're so relieved we've got to today, the fact that it's opened," she said.

"When we embarked on this journey, discussing whether we should do an extension, what our budget was and what we needed, to where we are now is worlds apart."

She said the idea to add some beds sparked a massive construction project.

All up it cost just under \$10 million, including landscaping and car parks.

Remarkably, the project was achieved with only the aforementioned \$1.3 million grant through the Department of Infrastructure, Carinya's savings, fundraising, and community contributions.

After Rods' speech and the cutting of the ribbon, people enjoyed a bite to eat and the opportunity to join one of the tours of the Lodge, checking out its many improvements.

This scribe was part of a tour group led by resident liaison officer Lyn Mayo. Her pride in the Lodge and the improvements made was clear to see.

The new courtyard area was at its best in the glorious sunshine.

Leaving bins out will be an offence in South Gippsland

CHANGES to camping, recreational vehicles, unsightly and dangerous properties or dilapidated buildings, waste removal, open air burning and smoke-free areas are proposed in the South Gippsland Shire Council draft plan for Local Laws.

Final submissions from the community regarding changes made to these laws will be open from Wednesday October 19 until Thursday November 2.

The definition of camping will be expanded, while people will be allowed to camp on private property for up to three months, without the need to obtain a permit, subject to conditions.

The definition of recreational vehicles will also be expanded and use of these will be allowed for private use on property with no less than two hectares.

Unsightly and Dangerous Properties/Dilapidated Buildings will extend now to include machinery and vehicle parts, incomplete buildings, dangerous structures, excessive vegetation and shipping containers. A new clause will also require a person to secure a site.

Clarity on the types of material that can and cannot be burnt on private land has been made, including additional safety and amenity obligations for people burning off.

An amended clause will now make it an offence to leave residential bins in areas that obstruct pedestrian traffic flow, or for extended periods beyond waste collection days.

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Aged Care

- What you need to know

By David Caporale,
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

First and foremost aged care is complex and can seem overwhelming. It is therefore important to seek financial advice if you are considering aged care for yourself, a parent, partner or loved one. This editorial is written to provide a high level understanding as simply as possible.

To begin if you are 65 years or older you may be eligible for government-funded aged care. The services available can be categorised as follows; help at home, aged care homes, short-term care and respite care, with the first two being explored further below. In order to determine the care services that you are eligible to receive you will be required to undertake an assessment prior to accessing these services. Following this you will receive an assessment result and, if eligible for services, a support plan.

The next step involves finding a provider that suits your care needs. The Australian Government's MyAged Care website (<https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/service-finder>) is a great tool to explore and compare providers in your area. In addition to researching the providers it is also essential to understand the fee structure of aged care services as there are various costs involved, such as accommodation fees, basic daily fees, and means-tested care fees. Your income and assets determine how much financial assistance is subsidised by the government.

If you have been assessed for a Home Care Package (care whilst at home) you and, if applicable, your partner's income will determine your income-tested care fee. Income is calculated in accordance with Centrelink income tests, including your pension entitlements. Depending on whether you are over or under the income threshold, you could pay anywhere between \$17.97 and \$35.95 per day.

In addition to this a Basic Daily Fee is payable and is calculated up to 17.50% of the age pension equating to \$12.53 per day as at the time of writing.

Therefore the maximum single age pension payment would reduce from \$78.12 per day (\$1,096.70 per fortnight) to as low as \$27.31 per day

(\$383.39 per fortnight).

If you have been assessed for an aged care home then the fees and charges consist of accommodation costs plus a basic daily fee and means-tested care fee (if applicable) as well as any extra/additional services.

The upfront cost of accommodation (which is refunded after leaving) for entry into an aged care facility can be paid as a lump sum (known as a Refundable Accommodation Deposit or RAD), a daily payment (known as a Daily Accommodation Payment or DAP) or a combination of the two.

Age care facilities publish the price of their RAD on their website and the MyAged Care website noted earlier. According to Rachel Lane, principal of Aged Care Gurus, the average cost of a RAD in Australia is currently \$470,000.

The DAP is calculated on any amount of unpaid RAD at a government set interest rate, currently 8.15% as at 1 October 2023.

Any amount of RAD you pay will be an exempt asset for the calculation of your age pension entitlement. However, your RAD will be included in the calculation of assets for your means-tested care fee.

A Basic Daily Fee also applies and is calculated at 85% of the Age Pension, currently \$60.86 per day. For some an extra contribution known as a means tested care fee, as determined through a means test (assets and income above thresholds), also applies. The means test care fee can be between \$0 and \$400.08 per day.

In summary when deciding what is the right choice you need to consider a range of factors; the ability to access the care you want, whether or not care will be affordable, different aged care costs, the impact on pension entitlement, potential tax consequences and the effect on estate planning. As you can now appreciate aged care is complex and seeking quality financial advice from an aged care specialist is highly suggested to navigate the complexities.

The information above does not constitute financial or other professional advice and is general in nature. It does not take into account your specific circumstances and should not be acted on without a full understanding of your current situation and future goals and objectives by a fully qualified financial advisor. Before you make any decision about whether to acquire a certain financial product, you should obtain and read the relevant product disclosure statement.



South Gippsland Hospital director of nursing Claire Kent, Foster Secondary College VCE coordinator Richard Johnston, clinical nurse specialist in the Emergency Department for Latrobe Regional Health Janet May, critical care nurse at Latrobe Regional Health Sarah McKie, and Latrobe Regional Health Emergency Department associate unit manager Andrew Simmons. A07_4323

Confronting lessons for Foster Secondary College students

THE POTENTIAL irreparable impacts of poor decisions on the road and in other life situations were abundantly clear to Foster Secondary College students during a hard-hitting Friday session at South Gippsland Hospital.

PARTY stands for 'Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth', with the program developed by medical professionals in Canada tired of seeing young lives needlessly lost or destroyed.

The Year 11 Foster Secondary College students, on the cusp of getting their P plates, heard from medical professionals, police and those who have personally experienced the serious consequences of poor decisions.

Student Alby said he'd been told the session would be confronting but underestimated its impact.

Gaining an understanding of potential consequences made the biggest impression on him.

"I didn't realise they'd be so severe," Alby said.

"It's a bit surreal seeing how realistic they make the situations," fellow student Tiarna said.

Another member of the 25-strong student contingent, Luca, described the session as confronting,

elaborating that "it was more full-on than I expected."

Locally, the PARTY program is run by coordinators Andrew Simmons and Janet May, medical professionals keen to reduce future unnecessary trauma, something they have too often seen affect young people.

Andrew is the Latrobe Regional Health associate unit manager, while Janet is a clinical nurse specialist in the Emergency Department, also at Latrobe Regional Health.

The PARTY program is available to students from the age of 15, with Loy Yang B Power Station's operator providing sponsorship to run it for three years.

"It's about trying to get kids to take a bit of responsibility and look after their mates," Andrew said.

He first came across the PARTY initiative at the Alfred Hospital in 2011, immediately seeing its value.

Andrew explained that students aren't lectured to not have fun or to abstain from alcohol.

He and Janet said a key message students get is to not be afraid to seek help if risk taking behaviour goes wrong, such as somebody having a bad reaction to taking a drug.

Janet said young people have died because their friends feared the consequences of calling triple zero, erroneously believing police may act against them because illegal substances were involved.

As well as learning what could happen to them and their friends, the young program participants are made aware of the severe impact of traumatic incidents on parents, emergency service personnel and hospital staff.

Andrew and Janet agree that one of the toughest parts of their job is having to share devastating news with the parents of young people.

VCE coordinator at Foster Secondary College, Richard Johnston, outlined the significance of the school's students being able to participate in such an important program locally.

"We're lucky to have a good connection with the hospital," he said, adding that often such programs would be booked out or involve extensive travel.

"It is impactful," Richard said, adding that it is important for students to hear from others in addition to teachers and be exposed to real scenarios by first responders and medical professionals.

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Korumburra Staying Strong members (from left) Lissa Board - coordinator, Sarah Mott, Nicole Creaser, Terry Waycott, Noelene Cosson, Steve Roberts, Grace Couchman, Nigel Hutchinson-Brooks and Cr Jenni Keerie. Ns31_4323

Giving a helping hand in Korumburra

THE spirit of volunteering is alive and well in Korumburra with the Helpings Hands event a huge success over the weekend.

A project initiated by the Korumburra Staying Strong team, the event was held at the Italian Social Club rooms on Saturday, October 21, with a range of organisations and community clubs showcasing how locals can get involved by volunteering.

Member Noelene Cosson explained that the event and korumburra3950 website were all resources to make the community more resilient and connected.

"The website has all the community groups on it and an events page, we want to make it the go to for Korumburra information," she said.

"We want to be 'everything Korumburra'."

The idea originally started in 2020, and thanks to funding



Korumburra Women's Shed's Annie Attenborough, president Cheryl Byrne and founding members Gayle Revill and Jo Timms. Ns33_4323

from the Foundation of Rural and Regional Renewal it was made into a reality.

Noelene highlighted that Saturday's event had been a fantastic success, with plenty of locals popping in and out throughout the day.

"It was really about chatting to people and seeing what

roles they could have within their community," she said.

"We're not talking about the big roles such as treasurer, secretary or president, we're talking about driving elderly people such as what the Gippsland Southern Health Service are doing.

"Just little things that people

can give back to the community without being committed to meetings all the time."

While unfortunately many organisations statewide are still struggling to gain volunteers following lockdowns, Noelene highlighted that local ones such as the Korumburra Lions continue to grow.

"They have gone from four members to 40 because of their approach and enthusiasm and things they've done," she said.

The event also featured a table where locals could contribute ideas and projects, as well as another table showcasing ideas that were eventually developed.

As for what's next, Noelene said they will be distributing a community service guide, which is being developed by Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires, that details what services are available.



Helen Davey, owner of Mirboo North Home Hardware, was awarded Store of the Year in Gippsland for the third time in a row and in Victoria for the second year in a row. ob20_4323

Awards are piling up for Mirboo North Home Hardware

MIRBOO North Home Hardware have won the Gippsland Hardware Store of the Year for the third year in a row and the Victorian state award for the second time.

Helen Davey initially bought the store with her son-in-law seven years ago but bought him out three years ago, so is now the sole and very driven owner of the award-winning store.

"When we first purchased the store, we were what they call a 'one paint brush' and now we're a 'five paint brush,' which is the highest you can get," Helen said.

Over the past few years Helen has made major improvements within the store, including changing the range and suppliers, adding more popular items, revamping shelving and displays and streamlining labelling across all hardware and rural supplies items.

Helen commented that trade picked up significantly during COVID when people could no longer travel outside the town to buy hardware items.

"People learned that we actually have everything that they want and in some cases at a much cheaper rate, rather than having to travel to Moe or Leongatha."

Helen is proud of what she has achieved in a few short years and is also proud to be able to supply customers locally and employ local staff.

"It's been a bit of hard work but it's also really encouraging to know that we've improved and that they acknowledge the fact that we've improved," Helen said.

The competition is run by Home Hardware who assess stores once a year and look at elements such as adherence to industry rules and regulations, having training modules up to date and organised, having staff who are well presented and knowledgeable, and having a store that is well presented, with clear, consistent labelling.

Helen will represent the state of Victoria in the National Awards, which will be held on the Gold Coast in February next year.



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Hospital supports breast cancer patients locally

BASS Coast Health is helping breast cancer patients through the challenge by offering a comprehensive care service.

Patients can receive a full suite of medical care locally, from consultations through to surgery and chemotherapy.

This convenient service enables patients, and their families and carers, to focus on recovery and wellbeing, rather than the stress, exhaustion and cost of having to travel further afield for medical consultations and treatment.

Bass Coast Health's (BCH) partnership with Alfred Health enables patients to see leading oncologists from Alfred Health at Wonthaggi Hospital and undergo surgery in the new state-of-the-art hospital.

Patients can also receive chemotherapy at the L Rigby Centre, a dedicated cancer and infusion facility at Wonthaggi Hospital that is full of natural light and wonderful staff.

With October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it's timely to highlight that breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia for women, with approximately 50 breast cancer cases in Bass Coast shire each year.

It's estimated 57 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer every day this year.

BCH CEO Jan Child highlights that more than 20,000 people are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia this year, including more than 200 men.

"As the sub-regional health service for Bass Coast and South Gippsland shires, Bass Coast Health takes pride in being able to deliver as many services as possible to our community," she said.

"We've grown our breast cancer surgical team to include Dr Chandika Wewewala, who now complements our existing surgeon Dr Sarah Birks in offering specialised breast cancer surgery at Wonthaggi Hospital."

BCH is also fortunate to have the services of McGrath Breast Care Nurse Taryn Robinson, funded by the McGrath Foundation.

She provides free physical, psychological and emotional support to her clients affected by breast cancer and their families.

Taryn has more than 20 years of experience working in oncology, has specialist breast care nurse training, a Post Graduate Diploma in Cancer Care and a Masters in Advanced Nursing Practice.

"As a McGrath Breast Care Nurse, I am able to advocate for patients during what is an incredibly stressful and overwhelming period in their lives," she said.

The team at BCH includes breast surgeons Dr Sarah Birks and Dr Chandika Wewewala, medical oncologists, a radiation oncologist, Lymphedema Physiotherapist Michelle McMahon, other Allied Health professionals and the L Rigby team.

Wonthaggi Hospital also has breast screening by Breast Screen Victoria onsite.

Taryn's services are free and can be accessed through self-referral – without a doctor's referral.

Taryn can be contacted on taryn.robinson@basscoasthealth.org.au or 0417 552 327. For more information, see mcgrath-foundation.com.au.

Hospital fete celebrates community



Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary member Wendy Martin sells plants to Angela Favretto.

ALL the fun of the fair came to Wonthaggi Hospital when Bass Coast Ladies Auxiliary held its annual fete on Saturday, October 14.

The event transformed Stirton Room into a hub of festivity, with people of all ages lured by the promise of being able to buy all their fete goodies while supporting Bass Coast Health (BCH), their sub-regional health service.

The fete included Devonshire teas, jams, baked goods, a sausage sizzle, white elephant stall, raffles, knitted goods, a coffee van, hot potatoes and a plant stall.

BCH CEO Jan Child was grateful for the hard-working volunteers of the BCH Ladies Auxiliary, whose extensive preparations and efforts on the day resulted in a successful event.

"This fete raised much needed funds for the community's sub-regional health service and helped us to continue to provide a greater range of healthcare to our community close to their homes," she said.

Plan for Inverloch independent living skills program gathers steam

By Sarah Patterson

BEING the parent of a special needs child can sometimes feel like you've got your face pressed up against a glass partition, always on the outside looking in.

There can be a sense of wonder, envy and yes - sometimes despair - as other kids hit their milestones, score part time jobs at Maccas, get their L Plates, then their P Plates, then venture out into the big wide world.

Enter Marlene Hoff.

Marlene believes young people with a disability should be given as many opportunities as possible to live independently in their community.

With that goal in mind, the chef, hospitality trainer, cooking school owner and teacher is keen to set up a program teaching Independent Living Skills (ILS) in Inverloch. And she's hoping that local businesses and residents will get on board.

"I know there are many people who live with a disability within the Bass Coast and South Gippsland shires," says Marlene.

"I think Inverloch being a tourist location and also its



Marlene Hoff believes young people with a disability should be given as many opportunities as possible to live independently in their community.

proximity to Wonthaggi might encourage both locals and tourists to get involved."

Marlene herself has no lived experience of having a family member with a disability. But she thinks that's probably why she came to work in the sector with no preconceived ideas or expectations.

And in her experience, they are some of the best and most dedicated workers you'll find.

When chatting to Marlene over a coffee in the main street of



Chef, hospitality trainer, cooking school owner and teacher, Marlene Hoff is keen to set up a program teaching Independent Living Skills (ILS) in Inverloch.

Inverloch, her enthusiasm and determination to make meaningful change shines through.

Put simply, she gets it.

In 2013, Marlene's passion to set up her own business and spread the word about local, sustainable and ethical food and wine led her to establish 100 Mile Foodie.

The Somerville-based café, catering business and cooking school is an NDIS provider, supporting and encouraging people living with a disability

to develop independent living skills.

Participants take part in food preparation and meal planning, all whilst experiencing new flavours, new recipes – and the sheer enjoyment of food.

The positive outcomes are endless: social participation, meeting new people, improving communication skills, trying new things – all in a fun and supported environment.

Now, Marlene's vision is to run a similar program in the local area.

"Inverloch has many locations which I can approach to run the ILS program in and maybe even engage locals to work or volunteer in the program, which would be great.

"The collaborations that could be made with local business could mean the participants have more opportunities over the summer period for supported employment, which would be wonderful."

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From back, Nicky Chung, Rochelle Halstead, Andrea Evans-McCall, Rebecca Prowd, Ray McCurry, Don Paproth, front, Amia Titimaru, Vivienne Hallam, Asha Carter, Lily Thomas, Hannah Lucas, Georgia Kesterton, Miranda Howlett and Euan Horsburgh.

Young voices shine at public speaking competition

EIGHT talented students from across Bass Coast were a mixture of excitement and nervousness as they prepared to deliver their speeches for the Annual Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition.

Arriving at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre on Thursday, October 12, the students' speeches covered three thought-provoking topics.

'What is Peace and Why is it Important,' 'Plans to Save the Planet,' and 'My Dream Career in Bass Coast.'

These topics were carefully selected to encourage students to think critically and creatively, fostering their

ability to express their ideas and opinions.

They did just that! Each student brought their own unique voice and vision to these topics, inspiring the audience to leave the Arts Centre energised to make a change and contribute to a better tomorrow.

It was a difficult task for the judging panel to decide which students would walk away with a shield commemorating a podium finish.

Georgia Kesterton of Inverloch Primary School won first place for conveying a memorable and dynamic speech about 'peace' that was a testament to the power of personal

preparation and language.

Second place went to Miranda Howlett from Cowes Primary School for a speech thoughtfully considering the concept of 'peace', showing the purposeful confidence that comes from a well-researched presentation.

While Euan Horsburgh of Wonthaggi Primary School received third place for a captivating plan on how to save the planet, presented with delightful personality from an engaging speaker.

Their performances were an incredible showcase of the talent growing in Bass Coast; with audience members agreeing that if this is the

future of our community, then we are in safe hands.

The Rotary Club of Wonthaggi has made this event a mainstay in the community, with this year's competition being the 23rd iteration of the event.

This year, Rotary also partnered with the Country Universities Centre in Bass Coast to support the organisation and delivery of the event.

The partnership between these two community organisations is built upon a common aim: "to empower young people with confidence and ignite a passion for lifelong learning and personal growth."



Organising committee members Jedd McDonough and Tina McConnachie were delighted with the turnout for the 40th Arawata Farmer's Breakfast. Ns21_4323

A record year for famed farmer's breakfast

It was all hands on deck, and knives and forks, as the Arawata hall was filled to the brim for the 40th Arawata Farmer's Breakfast on Saturday, October 21.

Not only was the weather fantastic for the occasion, but the choice of food and items for sale was outstanding this year.

Patrons were treated to a vast array of breakfast favourites, with the highlight of the event being the auction with donated items including vouchers, wines, cakes, tools and much more.

Jedd McDonough, who is part of the organising committee for the hall, said it was a record year in regard to the number of items donated for auction.

"We've had huge support from local businesses this year," she said.

"All of the funds go towards the hall, it's our biggest fundraiser for the year."

"We've just repainted the foyer and we're looking at upgrading the ladies toilets."

Jedd explained they were expecting to serve more than 80 customers for the breakfast, which was almost double compared to last year's event.

And fortunately, the event was even able to run throughout the pandemic lockdowns as the association cleverly innovated it into a 'drive-up and park' service.



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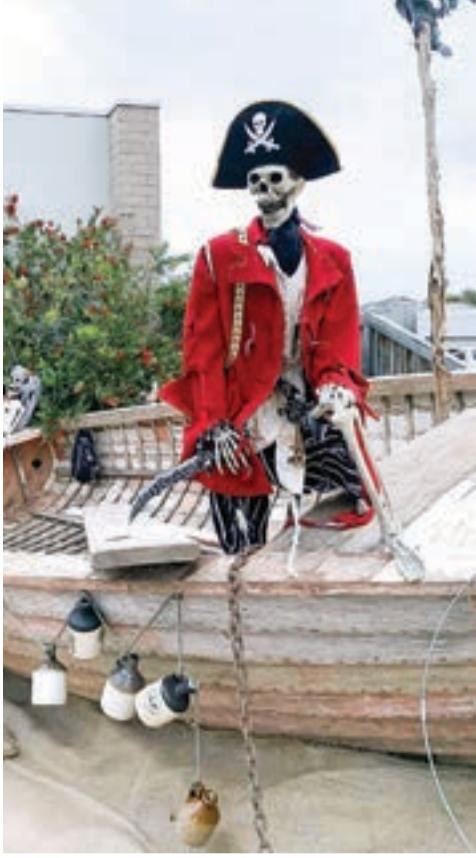
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The pirate theme is returning to Tamara Crescent for Halloween 2023.

Halloween heads to Tamara Crescent

THE spooky season is once again returning to Inverloch's Tamara Crescent.

The Bruce family will be pulling out all the stops to engage the community in the fun of Halloween with a pirate theme, children will be enchanted by pirate ships and surfing skeletons.

Carrie Bruce brought her American heritage to the town when she began carving pumpkins with her daughter nearly 10 years ago, but it's her Australian husband Dan who has taken their one night only event to the next level.

"We started with a hay bale and a carved pumpkin back in 2014, and it's continued to grow since then," Carrie said.

"Pre-COVID, we would have a walking tour with different rooms set up. Since COVID, we've kept it outdoors.

"We do it for the community. We love seeing everyone come along with a smile."

Each year, Carrie and Dan decorate their home for the night, featuring interactive displays and elaborate constructions.

"It's quite the process. Dan is a builder by trade, and he doesn't do things by halves," Carrie said.

"We have a life-size wave for our Halloween surfboard and surfing skeleton, and our pirate ship is an old 1800s boat. We've added more and more each year, from the things we construct to things we order online. We also get a lot of our Halloween decorations and costumes second-hand from Facebook marketplace or op-shops, or from the local Party Planet Leongatha Hire and Supplies. Party Planet has an awesome selection.

"(Our Halloween night) has certainly evolved over the years."

Rain or shine, they are met with trick or treaters – some years attracting around 500 children.

"I usually count the attendance by the number of lollies I have left. We can't believe the turn out," Carrie said.

"It's our contribution to the community and we love doing it. It's always fun to see everyone's creativity when they come out in their costumes. It's a bit of a break from the monotony."

Carrie and Dan will be welcoming trick or treaters from 4pm to 7pm on Halloween (Tuesday, October 31).

Updates about the event can also be found on the Facebook page Trick or Treat on Tamara – Inverloch.

Other local Halloween updates can be found on the Halloween Trick or Treating Wonthaggi and Surrounding Areas Facebook page. You can also visit the visitinverloch.com website to find the addresses for Inverloch's Halloween Trail.

THERE is an air of enchantment at Koonwarra Recreation Reserve, with faeries, elves and gnomes taking up residence in a new shared house that sits on solid foundations in the form of a tree stump.

The faeries' apartment occupies the bottom floor of the home, with the elves on the next level up and the gnomes in the attic.

Koonwarra Recreation Reserve's then committee put the idea forward earlier this year, requesting Leongatha Men's Shed to work its magic.

That initiative was supported by the Shed's vice president David Brereton.

Paul Hendry, known at Leongatha Men's Shed as 'Jim', took on the task of building the house, well qualified to do so due to his background as an architect and artist.

"David handballed this to me," Jim said, clearly happy he accepted the job.

Now former Koonwarra Recreation Reserve committee member Andrew Brick explained that the splendid, purple-roofed residence was created to tie in with the faerie theme along the Great Southern Rail Trail, with many faerie doors now seen by those using the path.

People often park their cars at the Recreation Reserve before heading off to explore the trail.

Jim started creating the house's components four weeks ago, making them off-site, and put the house together on Friday at its tree

stump site.

"I brought the roof and all the fittings and screwed and glued it together," Jim said of his handy day's work at the Recreation Reserve.

David helped install the windows and doors, proving he is not just a delegator.

The curved nature of the stump presented challenges for Jim during the construction phase, with everything having to be made to fit the curve, including windows, doors and the entrance area.

While the house is made from good reclaimed hardwood, there were some mishaps, with splitting occurring and the staircase having to be remade.

David said the new residence is helping address the housing crisis, which is apparently not confined to people, and Jim anticipates the faeries, elves and gnomes will happily co-exist.

He encourages parents to bring their kids to enjoy the enchanted house and look for its occupants.

Youngsters Lucy and Angus Wright, grandchildren of Carol Stephenson, wasted no time coming to do so, visiting the new residence on Friday afternoon.

"I like the roof because it has a letter for the start of my name," Lucy said.

Angus' eye was also drawn to the roof, with its colour appealing to him.

Being an artist, Jim couldn't resist signing his work, leaving his mark on that popular roof.



Angus and Lucy Wright enjoy the enchanted house in Koonwarra Recreation Reserve. A09_4323



Former Koonwarra Recreation Reserve committee member Andrew Brick is delighted with the creativity of Jim Hendry of Leongatha Men's Shed, with the Shed's David Brereton looking on. A10_4323

All set for summer with Fixit Café Wonthaggi

A SMALL, but friendly bunch enjoyed Fixit Café Wonthaggi on October 15 with Pete going flat out to keep up with electrical repairs as COVID had struck our other fixers.

It was one of the rare occasions when repairs had to be postponed. If this happened to you, do not hesitate to re-book a spot at our last Fixit Café for the year on November 19 by ringing Mitchell House on 5672 3731. We hope to have a full complement of fixers available for that session, including sewing experts. Other services are knife and tool sharpening, and small

carpentry jobs – thanks to the Wonthaggi Men's Shed.

We will also have Ken available to have a look at two and four stroke mowers with stopping and starting problems and other issues. Sometimes there are too many issues to be dealt with in a repair session, but our fixers will do their best in the time available. Fixit Café Wonthaggi can be found at the Harvest Shed, accessible through the rear of Big W car park and bookings of one item you can carry should be made through Mitchell House.

We look forward to sharing a coffee and a yarn with you!



Graeme, Sue and Aletta making connections at the recent Fixit Café.



Southern Business Women's Network honours and celebrates inspiring women

INLET Hotel was filled with laughter and joy on Thursday night as inspirational speaker Stacey Currey enthralled guests at the Southern Business Women's Network AGM in Inverloch. New women were welcomed to the group with committee nominations also taking place. From left, Robyn, Jessica, Gabe, Penni, Amanda, Nicole, Sam, Cindy, Sue and Sarah. Z18_4323

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211,815kms, 6 speed sports auto
4x4 double cab SN: W101581



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AVAILABLE

2018 Holden Trax LTZ TJ
20,990 DRIVE AWAY

75,351kms, 6 speed auto SUV
SN: W101629



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2017 Hyundai Accent Sport
19,990 DRIVE AWAY

77,790kms, 6 speed sports auto hatch
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2017 Mazda 2 Maxx DL Series
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105,376kms, 6 speed sports auto
sedan SN: W101607



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2016 Hyundai Veloster SR Turbo
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124,316kms, 7 speed sports auto
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2018 Volkswagen Passat
132TSI Comfortline
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2010 Holden SS V VE
16,990 DRIVE AWAY

186,224kms, 6 speed sports auto
sedan SN: W101633



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17,990 DRIVE AWAY

200,555kms, 6 speed sports auto ute
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2022 Mitsubishi Triton GLS MR
52,990 DRIVE AWAY

668kms, 6 speed CVT auto 4x4 ute
CID 613



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2022 Ford Escape ST-Line ZH
39,990 DRIVE AWAY

12,822kms, 8 speed CVT auto SUV
CDS 329



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2022 Ford Mustang GT FN
76,990 DRIVE AWAY

12,023kms, 10 speed auto hatch
CID 662



FINANCE
AVAILABLE

2021 Isuzu D-Max X-Terrain
59,990 DRIVE AWAY

30,541kms, 6 speed CVT auto 4x4
ute SN: L101085



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AVAILABLE

2021 Toyota Rav4 Edge
54,990 DRIVE AWAY

28,862kms, 8 speed CVT auto AWD
SUV SN: L101027



FINANCE
AVAILABLE

2018 Ford Ranger
Wildtrak PX MkII
46,990 DRIVE AWAY

93,438kms, 6 speed CVT auto 4x4
double cab SN: L101019



FINANCE
AVAILABLE

2023 Ford Raptor
108,990 DRIVE AWAY

16,721kms, 10 speed CVT auto 4x4
ute CID 688



FINANCE
AVAILABLE

2022 Ford Transit Custom 340S VN
52,990 DRIVE AWAY

19,338kms, 6 speed manual CVT
van SN: 101070

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OH WHAT A FEELING

Sentinel-Times

COMMENT

Come on, we're better than this!

TWO people have written to the Sentinel-Times in the past week to make a complaint about a 'Letter to the Editor' we published during the lead up to the 'Voice to Parliament' referendum.

The letter provided a commentary on racial issues but was it racist? That may be a matter of opinion but clearly, we didn't think it was or we wouldn't have published it.

However, it was almost inevitable, over such a long campaign, where one specific racial group was the focus of attention, that there would be a difference of opinion about the narrative and even some people prepared to take advantage of the situation to push an unwanted agenda.

But, by and large, people in Australia aren't racist and we resent being characterised as racist.

The same goes for politicians picking sides in the Israeli and Palestinian war. The NSW Government, for example, should not have raised the blue and white flag of Israel on the Opera House sails, thereby inviting protests by the Palestinian and Islamic communities.

What they should have done was condemn heinous acts by whoever perpetrated them and offered whatever humanitarian support they were able to offer while encouraging restraint from within our own community.

Both Issues, the Voice to Parliament referendum, and the response to the Israeli and Palestinian conflict, highlights exactly the sort of division we don't want to see in this country.

While celebrating our cultural diversity, we want everyone who chooses Australia as their home to commit to Australia; one people, one flag, one country – everyone equal under the law.

And, wherever disadvantage or injustice exists, it should be addressed regardless of race, creed or social status.

And on that score, it's time we changed our flag, became a republic and embraced our unique heritage and if that involved recognition on the flag of the importance most people ascribe to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as the First Peoples of Australia, all the better.

Congratulations to our 12 students

AS OUR local Year 12 students begin their final exams, I wanted to take a moment to address our future leaders and wish them the very best of luck.

The next few weeks will undoubtedly be challenging, but I urge you to remember that these exams are just one part of your journey.

While they are undoubtedly important, they do not define you or your worth. Whatever happens, you should be proud of all that you have achieved so far and excited about what the future holds.

Once again, I wish you the best of luck. You've got this!

I also want to congratulate and acknowledge those who have recently competed VCAL or chosen to complete unscored VCE and those who have already entered the workforce.

Whether you will be commencing a traineeship, apprenticeship, first year of university or even a gap year, I wish you well!

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



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Backslapping hides loss

AT THE October 18, 2023 South Gippsland Shire Council meeting, all Councillors voted that Council adopts the proposed 2023 Annual Report.

This was accompanied by glowing speeches from Councillors amidst much of the usual backslapping and self-congratulations which I find difficult to listen to.

One Councillor spoke in glowing terms about the reported \$20.3 million dollar profit the Council managed to produce that financial year. Unfortunately, she did not mention that in reality Council did not produce a profit at all but a loss of millions of dollars because the adjustments to produce the real net Loss, referred to by professional accountants as the Underlying Net Loss, was omitted in the 2023 report.

Adjustments required include the Capital Grants Income in the amount of \$14.831 million, the \$3.175 million in Found Assets, Cash and Non-Cash Contributions Received of \$2.466 million, and Prepayments related to the 2024 Financial Year.

I question the reasons for these omissions and why Councillors have no idea these adjustments would show a Net Loss which may well run into many millions of dollars.

There is much more in this report that I find unacceptable and I hope to submit more Letters to the Editor in the coming weeks.

Gus Blaauw, Secretary South Gippsland Action Group, Venus Bay

Listen to the people

NOW that the concept of the Voice has been decisively rejected and emphatically defeated by the people of Australia, can we ask the five Bass Coast councillors, namely those shown in Council minutes as Michael Whelan, Leticia Laing, Geoff Ellis, David Rooks and Clare Le Serve, to apologise to its ratepayers for failing in their council duties and wasting council time, in moving a motion, that clearly was a federal and not a local council issue "That Council support a constitutionally enshrined voice to parliament for First Nation people."

Obviously, the ratepayers of this shire were not consulted as shown by the resounding 60 per cent No to 40 per cent Yes vote in the whole Bass Coast Shire, and 65 per cent No to 35 per cent Yes in Westernport Ward. Effectively we have not been properly represented by these five councillors as required by Council regulations. As David Littleproud says "You do not represent the moral compass of this country. You should have stayed

out of it and stuck to your knitting".

I also so agree with the Sentinel Times comment 17/10/23: "Instead of wasting our time on grandstanding over The Voice the council needs to stay in its lane and get their own job done first. This disaster needs to signal a major change in the approach of this council to more collegiate government and effective, outcome-driven community consultation".

Maybe Councillors should actually start listening to the people, rather than promote their own ideology which then appears to permeate council, and start looking after the real wants of the ratepayers.

Now let's see how many of you are big enough to admit that you were wrong ... but I am not holding my breath.

Rob Parsons, The Gurdies

Editors Note: The 'disaster' does not refer to the Voice, but to the failure of the \$35 million Special Charge Scheme.

Overcoming the city country divide

WHAT is undeniable from the Referendum result is that the inner cities voted differently from remote rural communities.

Traditionally this has resulted in people from the bush saying that the cities don't get the country.

But it is also important to realise that city people live very different lives which people in the bush need to consider.

Our cities are much more multicultural than our country areas and the imperative to negotiate differences in cultures is much more real.

Our tendency to dismiss people from the cities as latte sipping socialists should be reconsidered.

Kevin Walsh RFD, Co-Captain, Bass Coast for Yes

Habitat removal or just bad luck

WE LIVE in Deep Creek Street opposite the sand mine. Last year the state government approved the expansion of the mine, allowing the equivalent of eight MCG's of Westernport Woodlands to be cleared. Has the start of this additional clearing been the cause of four wombats, two wallabies and a huge kangaroo being killed on the highway in front of the mine. A young wombat and wallaby actually killed in front of the mine gates or is it just a coincidence.

G. J. Smith, Grantville

Vox Pop

How are the conditions of the roads in Gippsland?



Adrian Hyland

Mornington

"There's some bone jarring bumps and potholes. It gets tiring riding in Gippsland even with the straight roads."



Tony Petersen

Woodend

"They're a lot better than up where I'm from. There's still a lot of road works though."



Ash Grange

Longwarry

"They're a bit hit and miss. Not so good."



Josh Smith

Garfield

"It depends where you are. There's a lot of potholes between Garfield and San Remo."

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.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THE Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group is currently working towards welcoming a second refugee family into the local community. Their first sponsored family arrived almost 12 months ago and thanks to the generous support of the community and the Group's heartfelt commitment to the cause, this family of parents and four children are now feeling well settled and very welcome. The children are enjoying school and kinder while their parents have been learning English, seeking employment and generally embracing the opportunity to make a new start. The Group continues to be encouraged by the generosity of the Wonthaggi community and the inclusive welcome the family and the Group's requests for assistance have been received.

Financial or material donations for this worthy cause are always sought and make a genuine difference to the families and the cause generally. Interested persons are encouraged to subscribe to the BCRSG mailing list to receive their newsletter and other updates. Email contact to subscribe and/or make a donation is bcrsg202122@gmail.com.

A reminder that Mitchell House offers a limited supply of grocery items through the week for individuals and families who are doing it tough. Items are available adjacent to the front entrance of the House at 6 Murray Street. Donations of non-perishable items are always very welcome and help to augment our supply and ability to assist those in need. Donated goods can be dropped into Mitchell House during office hours.

In addition to the community pantry the Centre also maintains a supply of ready to eat, frozen meals – once passing through a microwave of course! Our brilliant cooks who weekly prepare the community lunch work hard to keep our freezer full. These frozen meals are available on request from the reception desk during office hours.

The monthly Fixit Café out of the Men's Shed was another success last Sunday. The next and final opportunity for the year will be on November 19 between 11am and 1pm. In addition to the usual services, electrical items, tool sharpening and clock repair, there will be a gentleman present with knowledge of lawn mowers – if yours is causing you grief you might like to drop in for a check-up! Bookings are essential – phone Mitchell House reception (5672 3731) to reserve a time for your repair.

Full details of the programs offered through Mitchell House can be accessed through the website (wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com) – follow the link through the 'Programs' tab on the homepage to download the recently released Spring edition of the Grapevine. Here you will find details of all the various programs with relevant dates, times and costs. Regarding costs, if an activity is designated a Learnshare program the cost to members is a mere \$4 (\$6 for non-members). Hardcopies of the Grapevine are readily available at the Mitchell House reception desk.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

NEXT week, BCAL's Hospitality short courses will be visiting Cowes at the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL).

The Responsible Service of Alcohol and Safe Food Handling courses will run at PICAL on Monday October 30, allowing people to get qualified right beside where they will need the skills.

Completing a Responsible Service of Alcohol course is a requirement for anyone wishing to work in a licenced venue, whether it's a hotel, bottle shop, restaurant, or supermarket. The Food Safety course is essential for people working in food services from cafés to canteens to markets.

This follows the Renewable Energy course being delivered at PICAL, which has grown to a record number of participants.

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

THANKS to good neighbours (and a garden volunteer's ingenuity), helpers, last week, installed a long, narrow ex-farm trough close to the community garden's entrance, creating the perfect raised growing bed.

BCAL's horticulture trainers kindly donated the metal tank, volunteer Kevin, moved it from BCAL's on-campus training garden to the nearby community garden, while other volunteers cleared and weeded a suitable space.

Next, he cut out the tin base and interior braces, sanded and prepped it for painting.

Volunteers will fill it with a layer of woody and green waste at ground level, then add soil, compost and well-rotted manure, to encourage worms to move in.

It should be up and growing in about four weeks. Thanks all round, folks!

To learn more about the garden, to get involved or visit contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or drop in on Thursdays between 10 and noon.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

THERE was a full house in the carving group this week, with a focus on segmented carving.

Segmented carving involves gluing several small blocks together in order to have a larger starting piece to carve. The glued pieces could be in a regular pattern or completely random depending on the crafter's preference.

As with the segmented turning group, segmented carving is an ideal way to use small offcuts. It also gives novices a no-pressure starting point to practice.

As one member described it, "it's the no-waste craft."

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



MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

IT'S happening... Milpara is starting our big move to the fabulous new Korumburra Community Hub located at 15 Little Commercial Street, Korumburra. The Hub spaces and grounds are looking spectacular and we are looking forward to taking our next steps in the coming weeks.

As we move through this time, there may be some changes to our regular opening hours so please stay tuned by checking our website, Facebook page or phoning before you arrive – you will be pleased to know that Milpara's phone number remains the same...

In the meantime, make sure Friday November 10 at 12pm is in your calendars. This will be the official opening of the Korumburra Community Hub, with a week of activities to get to know the Hub spaces from Monday November 13 to Friday November 17.

A number of short courses are starting soon. Bookings are still open and essential. If you are wanting to explore your creative side, consider Pencil and Charcoal Portraits, The Craft of Story Writing or Explore Alcohol Ink. Need to improve your computer skills? Enrol in Computers for Beginners or Computers Next Step.

We are also planning our 2024 calendar. If you have something you would like to learn, a skill to share, a community event or ideas of your own, feel free to contact us to help make it happen.

The House is open 9.30am-4pm (closing at 3pm Tuesdays) and continues to provide friendly assistance with accessing community services and resources, problem solving and networking. Our Centrelink Agent is available Tuesdays 10am-2pm, and Wednesdays and Thursdays 10-1pm. Food bank hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 10am-3pm. Please remember to bring your own bags.

The Korumburra Community Meal runs on the first Friday of each month. On offer is a hearty meal and dessert, often with music and a chance to meet some new faces. The next Community Meal is Friday November 3, 5.30pm at the Anglican Parish Hall on Bridge Street, Korumburra.

We'll hope to see you soon.



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LIFE Moments



ZOE Ann England was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on October 2, weighing 3.1kg. She is the first child for David England and Lauren Cox.

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

• FAITH FACTOR

Finding Hope

By John Williams,
Wonthaggi Christian Life Centre

RECENTLY I found myself listening to an interview with the Soweto Gospel choir as they talked about the tour of Hope they were bringing to Australia later this year.

For me the interview was a great reminder about the need for hope in our lives. There is a vast amount of evidence that speaks about the connection between hope and wellbeing.

The unfolding news events in the Middle East reminds us that we live in frightening and uncertain times, it's hard to feel hopeful. Politically we have lost perspective of how to respect one another, there is concern for climate change, increased cost of living, a housing crisis, gender confusion and family breakdown. Is it little wonder why we lack hope and feel confused?

The lack of hope can leave us anxious, confused and depressed. Kids today will escape into the virtual world of their smart phones. But there is no escape. There is evidence that reveals a correlation between anxiety and depression with excessive phone usage.

Studies show that having hope for the future helps build our resilience, helping us to ward off or reduce anxiety trauma, and depression.

But how and where do we find such hope?

Hope and have faith are very much connected.

From a Christian perspective, Jesus Christ was well aware of our need for hope and connectedness. The bible says that those who trust in God will not be disappointed.

Jesus said Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Because I am humble and gentle at heart, and in me you will find rest for your souls.

Psalm 16 reads You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy of your presence'.

During Jesus' first life on earth, he challenged many social norms having to do with religious observance, women's roles in society, and association with the marginalised.

He came not to change politics, or as an advocate for one group over another group, but to initiate hope and give us relationship with our Creator.

Rose wins poster competition

ROSE, a grade two student from Mirboo North Primary School, won third place for her poster in this year's National Water Week poster competition run by Gippsland Water.

The competition was held to help the community to become educated, engaged and informed about water. Students from all over Victoria submitted their posters, with 3500 entries in total.

"I'm really blown away by the skill and creativity of these incredible posters," said Minister for Water, Hon Harriet Shing MP, who announced the winners last week.

The students at Mirboo North Primary waited in anticipation to hear the announcement, all excited to be part of something outside their own school and to be connected with a competition taking place in the wider community.

It was with great delight that they heard it was one of their very own peers who had won third place in the competition.

"I was very happy" Rose said, who was confident her poster had a special quality, claiming "I thought I was going to win."

Drawing is one of Rose's favourite things and it took a couple of art lessons to complete the poster, using a range of mediums to first draw the elements and then fill them in using watercolour pencils.

Rose said, "I learnt to blend colours," during the art exercise.

The poster is indeed a wonderful blend of blues and greens of the land, water, sky and trees with colourful creatures dotted within the landscape.

Rose is very pragmatic, insightful and straight forward about her views on water stating, "If there was no water we would die."

RIGHT: Rose, from Mirboo North Primary School won third place for her poster in this year's National Water Week poster competition out of 3500 entries. ob24_4323



Board change up for Gippsland Water

GIPPSLAND Water has a new board chair and two new directors following an announcement by Minister for Water Harriet Shing.

Tom Mollenkopf AO was appointed board chair, with Jenny Selway and Katie Wyatt appointed as directors.

Managing Director Sarah Cumming extended a warm welcome to the three appointees and expressed her anticipation of collaborating with the incoming Board Chair and Directors.

"We feel very fortunate to have three new members with such impressive experience and diverse viewpoints joining us at Gippsland Water," she said.

"The new board chair Tom Mollenkopf's extensive experience includes executive and CEO roles in the water and environment sector, as well as advising government, NGO and private sector clients within Australia and internationally."

"We also welcome Jenny Selway as a director. She has a passion for decarbonisation with more than 20 years of



Gippsland Water managing director Sarah Cumming welcomed new board chair Tom Mollenkopf AO.

experience as an engineer and non-executive director, primarily in the energy sector.

"Also joining us is Katie Wyatt, who is the current head of diversity and inclusion at the Coles group and has more than 20 years of leadership and business experience. She is a proud Noongar Yamatje woman from Whadjuk Noongar country."

Mr Mollenkopf said he felt privileged and excited to be appointed to the role.

"Gippsland Water is an

organisation with an enviable reputation in the community and among its peers in the water sector," he said.

"Water plays such a critical role in the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of our communities, and I am pleased to have the chance to continue to contribute."

"Ensuring we can efficiently and effectively deliver services is a key enabler in our region. I look forward to working with the team at Gippsland Water and the community to make it

happen."

Ms Cumming acknowledged the work of the outgoing board chair Therese Ryan and her legacy.

"Therese helped steer the organisation to reach some extraordinary achievements, particularly her commitment to safety, which has seen us exceed the ambitious safety targets she strongly pushed for," Ms Cumming said.

"The impressive legacy she leaves includes an increased focus on customers, safety, long term financial sustainability, innovation and investment in our people."

"Her trust in our organisation saw key strategic priorities being realised like the recent bulk water entitlement from the Tarago Reservoir for Drouin and Warragul."

"Outgoing deputy chair Greg Hale and director Jane Oakley helped shaped good governance and the strategic direction of the organisation, and we thank them for their commitment and passion."

The new board chair and directors appointments began on October 1.

Regional water customers to have their say

REGIONAL water corporations are committed to ensuring the highest level of customer satisfaction with customers having an opportunity to share their feedback as part of an annual Customer Satisfaction Survey.

In an effort to continually enhance water and sewerage services provided to the community, a sample of customers will receive an email and be asked to complete a short survey to share their thoughts

on satisfaction with water and sewerage services.

Organisations aim to gather feedback from more than 2000 customers across the seven participating water corporations, which include Westernport, South Gippsland and Gippsland.

To encourage participation, each corporation is offering customers the chance to win one of 10 \$100 bill credits for those who complete the survey

before 6pm on Tuesday, October 31.

Winners will be announced by each water corporation after the survey closes in early November.

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

Personal information collected for competition entry will be

used solely for the purposes of the competition.

Your information will not be linked to feedback.

"We know that keeping your personal data private is more than ever. The survey is anonymous," Mr Murphy said.

"We won't ask for any sensitive billing information. You may choose to provide your details so we can contact you again in the future for further feedback on our projects and services."

2023 NWW Poster Competition

WESTERNPORT WATER

Top three posters in each category

4-Year-Old Kinder

- 1st Place – Gemma McKenzie, Phillip Island Early Learning Centre (only one entry received).

**Gemma also came equal second in the State competition.*

Prep

- 1st Place – Isla McKenzie, Cowes Primary School
- 2nd Place – Savannah, Newhaven Primary School
- Equal 3rd Place – Stevie, Newhaven Primary School
- Equal 3rd Place – Travis, Newhaven Primary School

Grade 1-2

- 1st Place – Venus Herath Mudiyanseilage, Newhaven College
- 2nd Place – Taya Thompson, San Remo Primary School
- Equal 3rd Place – Tillie James, Newhaven College
- Equal 3rd Place – Finn, San Remo Primary School

**Venus also came equal first in the State competition, and first in the National competition for her age group!*

Grade 3-4

- 1st Place – Zeally, San Remo Primary School
- Equal 2nd Place – Oskar James, Newhaven College
- Equal 2nd Place – Nkechi Okoli, Newhaven Primary School
- 3rd Place – Isabell, San Remo Primary School

Grade 5-6

- 1st Place – Jack Rooney, Cowes Primary School
- 2nd Place – Mac, San Remo Primary School
- Equal 3rd Place – Summer, Newhaven Primary School
- Equal 3rd Place – Harvey Oats, San Remo Primary School

SOUTH GIPPSLAND WATER

Top three posters in each category

4-Year-Old Kinder

- 1st Place – Steele Dobson, Foster Early Learning (only one entry received).

Prep

- 1st Place – Evelyn, Toora Primary School
- 2nd Place - Indigo Pearson, Alberton Primary School
- 3rd Place - Indi Smith, Alberton Primary School

Grade 1-2

- 1st Place – Carys, Toora Primary School
- 2nd Place – Camden Macauley, Alberton Primary School
- 3rd Place – Emi, Toora Primary School

Grade 3-4

- 1st Place – Bodhi, Fish Creek Primary School
- 2nd Place – Brylie, Fish Creek Primary School
- 3rd Place – Macey, Poowong Consolidated School

Grade 5-6

- 1st Place – Harry Warren, Alberton Primary School
- 2nd place – Scarlett, Toora Primary School
- 3rd Place – Mya, Fish Creek Primary School



United by water for National Water Week

EACH year, Australia's National Water Week encourages people, communities, and organisations to come together and raise awareness about water issues.

Once again, Westernport Water and South Gippsland Water teamed up with other water corporations from the state to celebrate National Water Week (NWW) with a poster competition for primary school students, and for the first year ever, four-year-old kindergarten students participated.

Students were invited to design posters based on this year's theme, 'United by Water'. The event saw a great response with over 500 colourful posters from kids of all ages across the region.

"Teaching our kids about water is vital. We need them to understand the importance of looking after our environment and using water wisely, as we really are all 'United by Water', said South Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Robert Murphy.

"I'm really impressed by the creativity and awareness shown by the students. A big thanks to the schools and teachers for their support.

"The posters show how much the students care about water, from beautiful landscapes to environmental protection and the importance of staying hydrated."

"Well done to all participants and a big congratulations to Toora Primary School for winning South Gippsland Water's sustainability prize."

"Water education is essential for everyone, but above all, we must teach the leaders of tomorrow how to protect water by caring for the environment and using water wisely." Westernport Water's Managing Director, Dona Tantirimudalige added.

"Through their art, students shared how we are all united by water. They expressed their individual connection to water by drawing and painting their favourite water activities, the challenges with pollution and how water supports life."

"Congratulations to all the participants, finalists and San Remo Primary School who was the lucky winner of Westernport Water's \$1000 school participation prize."

"Well done also to Gemma who came equal second in the state level competition for kindergarten students, and Venus who came equal first in the State and first in the National competition for all Grade 1-2 entries! A fantastic achievement."

Westernport Water and South Gippsland Water recognised the top three posters from each age group. The best posters also competed at the state level against other regional winners.



Allora Kindergarten (Leongatha) also joined in on the National Water Week fun by celebrating winning the Dental Health Week colouring competition.



Newhaven Primary School, from left, Travis, Savannah, Summer and Stevie.



Toora Primary School, from left, Emi, Carys and Scarlett with Principal Luke Haustorfer.



Alberton Primary School, from left, Camden, Indi, Harry, Indigo and from South Gippsland Water Janika Murray.



San Remo Primary School, from left, Isabell, Zeally, Finn, Taya with Principal Karen Bowker.



Cowes Primary School, from left, Jack, Gemma, Isla and Bree Rutherford.



Fish Creek Primary School, from left, Miranda (South Gippsland Water), Brylie, Bodhi and Mya and Fish Creek PS teacher Barry Farrell.



Newhaven College, from left, Isla, Oskar, Venus and Tillie.



Newhaven College student Venus won the Westernport Water local comp for Grade 1-2 entries, the Victorian State comp, and then the National comp.



Thank you to all of the local children who participated in the Poster Competition.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

UNITED BY WATER



Bass Coast College's celebration day



Angus Chisholm, Billy Soumias and Luke Dosiak donned Teletubbies gear for Bass Coast College's celebration day.



Aaliyah Henwood and Ahlee Penry dressed as Smurfs for celebration day.



Olivia Murphy, Lucy Peterson and Laetitia Pugh provided a splash of colour.



Year 12 students Frankie Murray-White and Nicola Hales celebrated their final at Bass Coast College last Thursday.



Tahlia Gallyot and Charlotte Howe farewelled Bass Coast College.



Students from Leongatha Secondary School dressed up in an array of weird and wonderful costumes in celebration of their very last day on Wednesday, October 18.

Leongatha students celebrate last day

SEVENTY-five VCE and VM students from Leongatha Secondary School dressed up in an array of weird and wonderful costumes and paraded from McDonalds to the school in celebration of their very last day on Wednesday, October 18.

The students walked through a guard of honour formed by the Leongatha

Primary School students who congratulated the older students, and they enjoyed a cooked breakfast.

Lots of cheering then went on at an assembly the year 12 students put together, which offered awards to some and photos of others who had left early to start apprenticeships.

The students were excited to go on and rock the night away

at their formal, before study leave began the following day and preparation for final exams commenced.

"It's been a really great year, obviously they've had some gaps because of COVID but they've really come back strong this year," said David McGillivray, Year 12 Coordinator.

"They've done really well, and I think they should be

really proud."

Most of the VCE students are planning to go onto further education with some already receiving offers from universities.

The school has organised study spaces and access to teachers for the week leading up to exams so students can come and go with support for their final exams.



Korumburra Secondary College Year 12 students put on a show as their time at the school comes to an end. A16_4323

Korumburra Secondary students dance their way out

KORUMBURRA Secondary College students put on a show to celebrate the end of their school days with a Thursday dancing performance for other students, staff and parents.

Some are preparing for VCE exams, while others undertook a Vocational Major (VM).

Principal John Wilson spoke about the significance of the occasion after the performance, with the Year 12 students having completed their classes the day before.

"It's a significant moment in anyone's life to reach the end of secondary school, and I'm sure all the staff here can remember their final day,"

he said.

John added it is a time for the pupils to celebrate and reflect on what they've achieved during their time at school but also to look forward to what is coming next for them.

The principal mentioned the unusual circumstances the current Year 12 group

faced during their time at the school.

"They did Years 9 and 10 in a pandemic, in lockdown, which had incredible challenges, so to get through that, then do their senior certificate, either VM or VCE, is a great effort and every one of them has been a privilege to work with," John said.

School's out at Bass Coast College

YEAR 12 students farewelled Bass Coast College with the annual celebration day on Thursday.

Wearing some fantastic costumes, the students enjoyed their final school day ahead of their exam preparation.

The school congratulated the students on a fantastic year and wished them all the best for their exams in the coming weeks.

RIGHT: Bass Coast College Year 12 students Grace Humphris, Scout O'Neill, Lucy Peterson, Laetitia Pugh, Codah Paynter, Emily Percoco and Ryan Muir got into the spirit of celebration day with senior campus principal Ross Bramley.





Newhaven College's Year 12 Students Celebrate their Graduation

NEWHAVEN College's Class of 2023 bid a fond farewell to their school life this week in a flurry of festive activities. The three-day celebration commenced with a playful twist as students donned 'White Lie' t-shirts on Friday which included bringing books to school in anything other than a bag, such as a shopping trolley, a safe, a mop bucket and a pram.

This was just the beginning, as the days that followed were filled with Celebration Day dress-ups and competitive House commando games, at the Year 9 Environmental Centre. These activities provided an opportunity for the students to let off some steam before they embarked on the more sombre formalities of their final all-school assembly and emotional goodbyes.

The pinnacle of the memorable last day was the release of 51 white doves, each symbolising one of the 51 students who embarked on their journey at Newhaven College during its inaugural year. To round off this momentous occasion, a Valedictory dinner was held at Silverwater Resort, where the students had the chance to spend their final moments together as the close-knit Year 12 cohort, surrounded by their dedicated teachers and proud parents.

Addressing the gathered Class of 2023 at the final all-school assembly, Principal Tony Corr took a moment to reflect on how each student has their own unique skills and talents that will help them forge their own path. He reminded students to never compromise on their values.

"If you continue to live by the values instilled here at Newhaven: respect, honesty, responsibility, empathy and excellence – you will never go too far wrong."

Tony continued, "As Principals, we are often asked the question – what type of students do we want to send off into the world? My response - I want caring, happy, loyal, kind young people who are good to their parents, their loved

ones and their friends. Who are prepared to work hard in the area they are passionate about. Who want to go into the world and make a positive difference. For some that may be head on, for others a gentler and quieter approach. As you have so often been reminded "In Quietness and Confidence Shall Be Your Strength".

The final assembly included the presentation of awards, shining a spotlight on the incredible talent that Newhaven College fosters. Awards were given to students in each Year 12 subject who had achieved the highest grades and made significant contributions to the development of their subjects for the benefit of all students.

Tony Corr, Newhaven College Principal presented the prestigious Principal's Prize to Gabriel Pascoe.

The Papworth Prize was awarded to Tess Papas who was also the recipient of both the ADF Future Innovators Award and academic awards for each of her five subjects.

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) also recognised Max Brown with the Long Tan Leadership Award.

Additionally, awards were bestowed upon those who exemplified the school's House values, excelled in sports, and who earned the prestigious Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

As Newhaven College's Year 12 students embark on their future endeavours, they do so with fond memories, cherished experiences and a bright outlook on the road ahead. Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

Congratulations to our major award winners:

- Principal's Prize – Gabriel Pascoe
- Papworth Prize – Tess Papas
- ADF Long Tan Leadership Award – Max Brown
- ADF Future Innovators Award – Tess Papas

Students who received one Academic Award

- Accounting - Thomas Johnstone
- History Revolutions - Gabriel Pascoe
- Mathematics General - Leigh Pouw
- Music Performance - Contemporary - Saffi Campbell Walker
- Outdoor and Environmental Studies - Christopher Eastwood
- Physics - Oscar Healey
- Product Design and Technology (Wood) - Niamh Moore
- Systems Engineering - Lucas White
- Theatre Studies - Art Oakley

Students who received two Academic Awards

- English and English Literature - Willamina Donohue

Students who received three Academic Awards

- Food Studies, Health and Human Development and Legal Studies - Sienna McFarlane

- Geography, Visual Communication and Design, and Environmental Science - Abbey Dwyer

- Business Management, Media and Psychology - Max Brown

Students who received five Academic Awards

- Chemistry, English, Health and Human Development, Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics - Tess Papas

Sport Awards

- Athletics - Dylan Shone
- Swimming - Ebony Donohue, Lucas White and Kai McMahon
- Cross Country - Max Brown
- SEISA Sports Certificate - Charley Donohue and Lucas Chihotski
- Major Sports Award - Ruby Bond and Hunter van der Zwart

Values Awards

- Bass House - Abbey Dwyer and Max Brown
- Clarke House - Finn Cashman and Saffi Campbell Walker
- McHaffie House - Marli Carter and Henry Peppard
- Sambell House - Ella Grummisch and Tyra Trappett

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

- Hamish Scothern



Chair of Newhaven College Board David Jobe with college vice-captains Gabe Pascoe and Niamh Moore, college captains Brinn Hamley and Oscar Healey, and principal Tony Corr releasing the doves at the Newhaven College graduation day.



Rebecca and Ruby with Coco and Rachel celebrating the class of 2023 at Newhaven College. Z06_4323



End of an era for parents Michael and Carly as they celebrate their youngest son Hunter's final day of year 12 at Newhaven College. Z04_4323



Rochelle and Craig praise Blake on graduating Year 12 at Newhaven College. Z05_4323



The Papas Family - Kelly, Abby, Jack, and Vic, together with Chair of Newhaven College Board David Jobe, recognise Year 12 student Tess Papas for her academic excellence. Z03_4323

Painters and Dockers live at Archies Creek

A WEEK out from the start of their summer season at the Archies Creek Hotel, the team at Caravan Music have clinched a stellar line up of artists that reads like the who's who of the Australian music.

Mark Seymour, Ross Wilson, Painters and Dockers, You Am I, Nick Barker, The Black Sorrows, Models and more.

They're all coming to Archies Creek and after they've just laid down a new dancefloor, you've simply got to be part of the action.

"I got a text from East Timor the other day: 'Hey big Pete, we gotta get The Dockers to the Creek!' Yes, it was the one and only prophet of joy, that is, the Painters & Dockers front man Mr Paulie Stewart!" said impresario Peter Foley in a message to 'Caravaners' recently.

"Hell yeah," was the response, the only problem being finding them a date in a packed program that runs through from Friday of the Melbourne Cup Weekend, to Christmas and beyond.

A great date was found, of course, and tickets are already selling fast for their one-off appearance on Saturday afternoon, December 2.

The Dockers released six albums between 1984 and 1994, which featured a selection of sarcastic and amusing singles, including "Die Yippie Die" from 1988's Kiss My Art and the



Iconic 80s and 90s band, Painters and Dockers will do a big, two-set show at the Archies Creek Hotel on Saturday, December 2 as part of a huge line-up of summer season music, starting over the Melbourne Cup Weekend.

pro-queer and anti-monarchy "I Know Better Queens Than That" from 1994's The Things That Matter. And who could forget their greatest chart success, "Nude School" in 1985.

The Painters and Dockers will play two big sets in the revamped beer garden so book now to join the party.

The summer season at the Archies Creek Hotel officially kicks off on Friday night, November 3 but you might also join them this Friday, October 27 from 12 noon when Woroni's Hottest 100, live on ANU's Kambri Lawns all afternoon and evening long.

Haven't voted? Vote here until midnight October 26.

Here's the line up at the Archies Creek Hotel:

- Friday, November 3: Learning To Fly - A Celebration Of Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers
- Saturday, November 4: Archies Creekfest (You Am I, Sweet Talk, Stepmother)
- Sunday, November 5: Dog Trumpet 'Shadowland Tour Part 2' with special guest Jonny Goes To Church
- Saturday, November 11: Harry James Angus 'The New Bright Century Tour'
- Sunday, November 12: Rebecca

Barnard, Tanya-Lee Davies & Alison Ferrier

- Friday, November 17: Alex Lloyd
- Saturday, November 18: Kingswood
- Sunday, November 19: Mick Harvey & Amanda Acevedo
- Friday November 24: Darren 'DC' Cross. Free entry
- Saturday, November 25: Nigel Wearne. Doors Open 8pm, Showtime 8.30pm
- Friday, December 1: Gareth Liddiard (Solo) with special guest Jess Ribeiro
- Saturday, December 2: Painters and Dockers. Doors Open

- 2.30pm Showtime 3pm.
- Sunday, December 3: Ross Wilson & The Peaceniks
- Friday, December 8: M. Ward & The Undertakers with special guests Folk Bitch Trio
- Saturday, December 9: Courtney Marie Andrews & Robert Ellis
- Friday, December 15 Sunshine Tip - Free Entry!
- Saturday, December 16: Mark Seymour & The Undertow (Selling fast)
- Sunday, December 31: New Years Eve Ball featuring Kylie Auldist and 7-piece soul band
- Monday, January 1: Mick Thomas & The Roving Commission - New Years Day Show with Blackbirds FC and Misty Harlowe Band
- Sunday, January 7: The Black Sorrows
- Sunday, February 4: Frank Yamma with special guest David Bridie
- Sunday, February 18: Models. Doors Open 2.30pm, Showtime 3pm

The Archies Creek Hotel has been nominated for Best Regional Venue or Presenter (Over 50 Gigs) in the 2023 Music Victoria Awards to be announced on Tuesday, October 31.

The 2023 Music Victoria Awards ceremony will take place at The Edge, Federation Square.

For a link to Archies Creek Hotel bookings go to: caravanmusic.com.au/



Get local at Radius Restaurant

Showcasing local, regional produce, Radius Restaurant is a light-filled space with floor-to-ceiling windows and stunning views of the coastline.

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SUN 5 NOV			DOG TRUMPET + JONNY GOES TO CHURCH
SAT 11 NOV			HARRY JAMES ANGUS & FRIENDS
SUN 12 NOV			REBECCA BARNARD, TANYA LEE DAVIES & ALISON FERRIER
FRI 17 NOV			ALEX LLOYD
SAT 18 NOV			KINGSWOOD
SUN 19 NOV			MICK HARVEY & AMANDA ACEVEDO WITH J P SHILO
FRI 24 NOV			DARREN 'DC' CROSS
SAT 25 NOV			NIGEL WEARNE
FRI 1 DEC			GARETH LIDIARD
SAT 2 DEC			PAINTERS AND DOCKERS
SUN 3 DEC			ROSS WILSON & THE PEACENIKS
FRI 8 DEC			M WARD + FOLK BITCH TRIO
SAT 9 DEC			COURTNEY MARIE ANDREWS + ROBERT ELLIS
SUN 10 DEC			CAR WHEELS ON A GRAVEL ROAD - 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
FRI 15 DEC			SUNSHINE TIP BAND - ALICE GARNER, DEE HANNAN & DAVE BOWERS
SAT 16 DEC			MARK SEYMOUR & THE UNDERTOW
SUN 31 DEC			NYE BALL FEATURING KYLIE AULDIST & 7 PIECE BAND
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Playwright offers 'huge praise' for Offshore Theatre's new show

AUTHOR of the new Offshore Theatre play, 2:20AM, Rebecca Lister gets around, which is hardly surprising for someone born at Mount Isa in far western Queensland.

Last Friday night, the award-winning playwright, arts producer and social worker was at Newhaven College's Blackbox Theatre to witness the latest production of her confronting play about the circumstances surrounding and impact of suicide.

It's not all black, of course, but there's challenging material for the four local actors: Chris White, Lauren White, Mel Beynon and Annie Khoury, making her stage debut, and their director Melissa McMillan.

But they all did superbly, across three performances last weekend, and with three to go this coming weekend: Thursday and Friday night October October 26 and 27 at 7.30pm and a matinee on Saturday, October 28 at 2pm.

And if you take the word of the person who should know, the writer Rebecca Lister, it's a must see.

"Thank you to Offshore Theatre for the fabulous night! Was such an honour to see my work produced by such an astute director, cast and crew. Thank you for the very warm welcome to your theatre and for the dedication given to the work. It was such a pleasure to attend your production of



Members of the cast of Offshore Theatre's new play 2.20am meet with playwright Rebecca Lister (fourth left), including, from left, Mel Beynon, director Melissa McMillan, Chris White, Lauren White and Annie Khoury.

2:20AM. Enjoy the rest of your season... you all deserve huge praise and applause."

What a thrill!

And Melissa McMillan said as much: "It was such a pleasure to meet you, Rebecca. Thank you for travelling down to see our show. What a thrill!"

The praise went beyond that with the audience spilling out of the theatre full of praise for the cast and how they dealt with the difficult subject matter.

The experienced Chris White was superb as 'Dave' the construction worker and

reluctant participant who has shut down since the suicide death of his teenage daughter.

Several people said the portrayal of middle aged Trish, who lost her partner, by Lauren White, the Head of Drama and Theatre at Newhaven College, is some of her best work.

Mel Benyon as pain-in-the-arse Stella, desperate for someone to blame after the death of her father and Annie Khoury as the writers' group workshop facilitation, just as desperate to save everyone.

These are themes we're told we have to deal with,

understand and be prepared to intervene in if we are to impact the rate of suicides, mostly affecting specific age groups and sectors within the community.

If discussion of these issues are of concern to you, please contact the national 24/7 crisis service Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Performances Thursday Friday and Saturday, October 26, 27 and 28 at the Newhaven College Blackbox Theatre, 1770 Phillip Island Road, Rhyll. Tickets at the door or book at trybooking.com/events/landing/1114407

Coal Creek to celebrate National Children's Week

IT'S National Children's Week. From October 21 to 29, celebrate the talents, skills, achievements and – most importantly – the rights of the youngest residents.

The theme for Children's Week 2023 is "children have the right to relax, play and take part in activities they enjoy".

This year, South Gippsland Shire Council, in partnership with Myli – My Community Library, will be hosting a Children's Week event.

It will be a celebration of childhood and aims to showcase the greatness of the littlest locals.

The free event will take place on Thursday, October 26, from 10am to 1pm at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum – at the Pig and Whistle Café.

The event is open to all families and children – zero to six years old – and will include activities such as face painting, a petting zoo, sausage sizzle

and story time with Myli – My Community Library, as well as arts and crafts.

"Children's Week is a time to celebrate the children of our region and their right to play, be creative and, most importantly, be themselves," acting South Gippsland Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Alison Jones said.

"Council's upcoming Children's Week event will be a great way to connect with other local families and nurture

the talents and diversities of our youngest members of the community. I encourage everyone with young children to head over to Coal Creek for a day of fun."

For more information, visit southgippsland.vic.gov.au/childrens-week.

Any questions or queries about the event can be directed to supported playgroup facilitator Michelle Donohue on 5662 9220 or michelle.donohue@southgippsland.vic.gov.au.

Victoria's Pride to be celebrated in Gippsland

VICTORIA'S Pride is a landmark program of pride events and projects to be held across Victoria this summer as part of a statewide celebration of LGBTQIA+ communities.

It is presented by Midsumma, in partnership with the State Government.

The regional program of Victoria's Pride is made up of 13 events that will paint the state rainbow and culminate in a one-day free arts and cultural street party in Melbourne's iconic Gertrude and Smith Street precinct on Sunday, February 11.

"I'm delighted to see such diversity in activities put forward by an ever-increasing number of passionate and dedicated LGBTQIA+ community groups and organisations who are working hard towards a more inclusive Victoria," Minister for Equality Harriet Shing said.

"Our regional and rural LGBTQIA+ communities are strong and thriving, and along with providing more opportunities for rainbow communities across the state to connect and express pride in who they are, events like these give all Victorians the chance to show support for LGBTQIA+ people."

The extensive program covers Yes Youth Hub presenting The Bass Coast Youth Pride Prom.

Held on February 10, this is a celebration event for LGBTQIA+ young people and their allies, aged between 12 and 25.

Designed by young people for young people, every aspect of the celebration is determined by the Pride Tribe.

The program also includes the Gippsland Pride Festival.

Gippsland Pride Festival is a series of Pride celebrations all over the Gippsland region happening between November and February.

Locations of the Gippsland Pride Festival include the Poowong outdoor pool, Churchill Island and Yarram outdoor swimming pool.

"We are excited once again to see the diversity of statewide representation for LGBTQIA+ arts and cultural projects, which will showcase regionally based LGBTQIA+ artists and highlight diverse LGBTQIA+ voices, their creativity and their stories from all across Victoria," Midsumma CEO Karen Bryant said.

Gippsland Pride Festival

- Wellington

Saturday December 2, 4pm–8pm
Yarram Outdoor Pool,
340 Commercial Road Yarram

Gippsland Pride Festival

- Bass Coast

Saturday December 9, 10am–2pm
Churchill Island

Gippsland Pride Festival

- South Gippsland

Saturday January 13, 4pm–8pm
Poowong Outdoor Pool,
Loch-Poowong Road, Poowong

Gippsland Pride Festival

- Baw Baw

Saturday 13 January 2024,
4pm–8pm
Trafalgar Outdoor Pool,
McGregor Park Lane, Trafalgar

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Joanne and Russel Ginnane from Foster enjoyed riding their motorbikes on a beautiful day. ob06_4323



Damien Patterson and Steven Effield decorated their helmets for the Grand Prix ride. ob07_4323



Kev and Kaye Frisky normally ride down from Queensland for the MotoGP and were excited to be at the event. ob08_4323



Nikki Furneaux and Julie McManus were looking forward to getting to ride on the Phillip Island track. ob09_4323



Ivan Dru, Aaron Fabrikant and Nathan Flook came to the MotoGP from SouthBank, Melbourne. ob10_4323



Graeme and Andrew visit Phillip Island for the locals day at the MotoGP. Z26_4323



Penelope, Dean and Caitlyn hosted the Community Connect at Inverloch Bendigo Bank on Thursday evening. Z12_4323



Sharon and Lesley of Country Women's Association shared their volunteer work at the community connect evening. Z13_4323



Danny and Meika started Inverloch bike hire after seeing the demand in the coastal town. Z14_4323

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at The Homecoming Ride from San Remo, Community Connect at Inverloch Bendigo Bank, Southern Women's Support Network (SWBN) AGM, Wonthaggi North Primary School's Art Show and MotoGP Day 1.



The Leary family attended the MotoGP locals day to witness the practice runs. Z24_4323



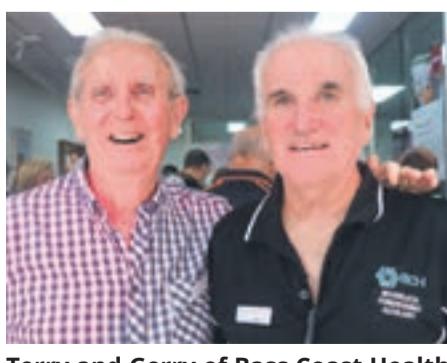
Lachlan and Ethan with some of the amazing artworks displayed at Wonthaggi North Primary School's art show. tk07_4323



Events team Andy Ellt, Kerry McGennisken and Michelle Inness brought together Wonthaggi North Primary School's first art show on Thursday night. tk08_4323



Nikki Bell and Kaye Ellery-Burke at The Inlet in Inverloch for the SWBN AGM. Z21_4323



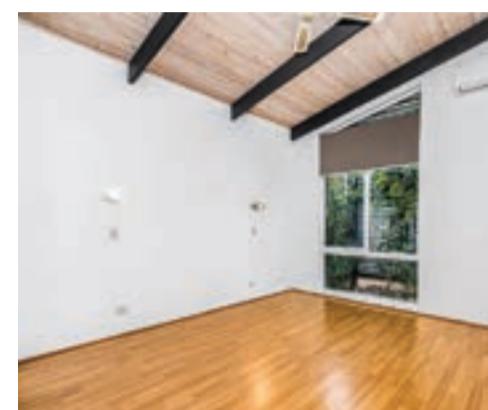
Terry and Gerry of Bass Coast Health Inverloch Auxiliary spoke at the Community Connect night at Bendigo Bank. Z16_4323



President of the Southern Business Women's Network Penni with guest speaker Stacey Currie. Z19_4323



Yvonne Evans, Belinda Slinger, and Lisa Ashton at the Southern Women's Business Network AGM. Z20_4323



Discover your dream oasis at 37 Powlett Street

ARE you in search of the perfect space to make your own? Look no further! 37 Powlett Street, Inverloch is a haven for small business owners, artists, therapists, gardeners, and anyone seeking their own tranquil retreat.

As you approach, a charming stone driveway lined with graceful palm trees sets the stage for your new adventure. With ample parking on-site, the possibilities are endless for what you can achieve in this versatile space – an abode for your ambitions and dreams to come to life.

Stepping into this delightful property you're greeted by a spacious three-bedroom home that offers a world of possibilities. The master bedroom, complete with a walk-in robe and ensuite, is thoughtfully positioned at the front of the house, providing a serene escape.

The open-plan living area seamlessly flows from the master bedroom through to the kitchen, dining, and lounge spaces with a central glass-enclosed alfresco area overlooking the pool and entertainment area. Towards the rear of the property two additional bedrooms, a laundry and bathroom with separate toilet make this a versatile and comfortable living environment.

Discover the stunning timberline and black-truss ceiling and a modern kitchen with stone benchtops and white cabinetry that overlooks the spectacular glass alfresco, where one can enjoy Gippsland's wild winter weather without feeling the chill and bask in the summer sun without the scorch. A wood fireplace, reverse cycle air conditioners and ceiling fans have all your heating and cooling needs covered no matter what mother nature throws your way.

For eco-conscious enthusiasts, the

backyard is a paradise with citrus trees, veggie gardens, a hot house, and water tanks at the ready. Plus, a brick barbecue and fire pit make it perfect for entertaining.

With spacious garden beds, it's designed for all types of green thumbs – whether you love to grow fruits and veggies or have a passion for climbing plants. Even the youngest family members will find the apple green lawn provides ample space to run and play.

Aside from the 13m x 5.8m garage space with additional storeroom and a hot house, a garden shed with deck, gated carport and courtyard are also scattered around the property.

A large parcel, 37 Powlett Street, Inverloch is not just a property; it's a canvas where you can paint the life you desire in a high-profile position that is also quiet and serene. This versatile space with fantastic amenities is ready to transform into your dream home with studio, gallery or health centre, to name but a few possibilities.

The 1793 m² plot holds the prospect for future subdivision opportunities (STCA).

A deceased estate the vendors must sell and are open to all reasonable offers.

Don't miss your chance to make this unique property your own. Contact us today and step into your own tranquility – a world of possibilities awaits.

3 | 2 | 3 1793m²

37 Powlett Street, Inverloch
EOI Closing Sat, Dec. 9
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Marni Redmond 0403 525 413

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FOR SALE

37 Powlett Street, Inverloch
Expressions of Interest Closing December 9.
ALL OFFERS WILL BE CONSIDERED



DECEASED ESTATE - EXECUTORS ASKING FOR OFFERS

Huge allotment with extensive infrastructure including solid 3 bdrm home with multiple living indoor and outdoor living spaces, extensive shedding and ample parking at the front and on-site. Would suit a range of home business operations including studio, gallery, health or sporting facility (STCA) House: 173sqm Garage 85sqm (plus sheds, pergolas & hot house) Land: 1794sqm. 3 bed, 2 bath, 3 car.

CONTACT INVERLOCH:
Marni Redmond 0403 525 413

INVERLOCH OFFICE 7 a'Beckett Street 5674 1111



Multipurpose property in Mirboo North

ELDERS Real Estate is pleased to present 8 Stubbers Lane, Mirboo North for sale. The property offers a unique opportunity to secure 77 acres of quality land that you can build on with a multitude of agricultural pursuits. The possibilities are boundless, spanning horticulture, viticulture, fodder production, or a great dairy turnout block.

The 77-acres consists of very gently undulating and undulating land with an excellent blend of red and grey soil. The property includes a history of successful cultivation of past crops such as garlic, snow peas, sugar snap, saffron, sweet corn, and various grass pastures. There is an existing and current planning permit to build your dream home on this fantastic property.

Water is by six dams (some spring fed) supported by a reliable 40-inch annual rainfall, plus there is rainwater tanks for clean drinking water. Ample shedding exists for machinery, equipment and hay storage. Timber stockyards and steel cattle crush for cattle handling and include excellent access for trucks. Superb location, Mirboo North 6km, Leongatha 20km, Latrobe Valley 30 mins and SE Suburbs 1 1/2 hours.

Properties of this nature with all the lifestyle attributes plus opportunities for additional income streams are extremely rare. Inspection is highly recommended and strictly via appointment with selling agents.

For further information contact Don Olden 0417 805 312 or Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083.

Land 77 acres with planning permit

8 Stubbers Lane, **Mirboo North**

EOI Closing Thurs, Nov. 30 at 4pm

Agent Elders

Don Olden 0417 805 312

Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083



Real Estate

'MOORONG HOUSE' KORUMBURRA



- Charming & renovated 3-bedroom Californian bungalow
- Well-appointed spacious & stylish kitchen
- Heating & cooling via gas heating & split system
- Established & picturesque garden
- Huge flat 956m² block located close to main street
- Great AirBnB opportunity or keep it all to yourself

Price \$595,000 - \$630,000

Elders Web ID: 300P17273

'THE RIDGE' POOWONG DISTRICT POOWONG



- 7.6-acre allotment with current planning permit to build
- Build your dream home & create a rural lifestyle
- Superb block is north facing with gently undulating land
- Surrounded by farming land with sealed road access
- Local tourism within Sth Gippsland & Bass Coast Shire
- Close proximity to Poowong, Korumburra & Warragul

Expressions of Interest

Elders Web ID: 300P129765

'SUNRISE' - EMBRACE RURAL VISTAS KORUMBURRA



- Exceptional quality-built 3/4-bedroom home on 2 acres
- Open plan living with stunning views of rolling hills
- Wood heating, split system rev. cycle for all year comfort
- Established gardens, with dam and paddock
- Double garage with storage and 20 x 40ft lock up shed
- 6 mins Korumburra, 30 mins Inverloch, 1hr Melbourne

Price \$1,199,000

Elders Web ID: 300P67801

'KITLAKE FARM' PERMACULTURE RETREAT OUTTRIM



- North facing country style 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom home
- Thriving orchards housing a diverse range of fruits
- Veggie patches & a greenhouse with an irrigation system
- Water is supplied by numerous tanks and a large dam
- Well maintained sheds offer ample amount of storage
- 8 paddocks for livestock with stockyards & loading race

Price \$1,100,000 - \$1,150,000

Elders Web ID: 300P106368

Elders Korumburra - 11 Commercial St - Ph 5658 1894

Don Olden 0417 805 312

Sharon Turton (Property Manager)

0439 383 091

Elders Leongatha - 37 Bair St - Ph 5662 3523

Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083



Town and country living!

THIS much loved 100-year-old farmhouse in the heart of the peaceful rural village of Dumbalk offers town living and a backyard with the most gorgeous rural views across the paddocks to the hills beyond.

All the big-ticket foundations of a home are in place here, having been re-stumped, re-wired, fully insulated, new roof, new septic, and a 7.2KW Solar system, to mention a few.

Internally there is plenty of scope for the next custodian to put their personal touch on this charming home.

Featuring:

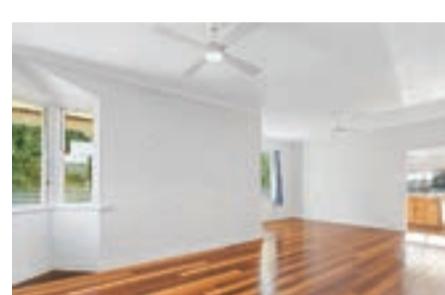
- Family and dining with feature box bay window and polished bamboo floors.
- Galley style kitchen positioned to take in the rural farmland views with Stanley Waterford Range (wood burner with wet back) in addition to a 900mm Bosch pyrolytic electric oven, Bosch dishwasher and pine cabinetry.
- Three bedrooms with the master complete with ensuite and walk-in robe.
- The family bathroom has a separate shower, spa bath and vanity and separate toilet.
- Storage is excellent with floor to ceiling pine built in pantry and linen press.
- Daiken reverse cycle air conditioner, ceiling fans and the wood heater keep the home warm and cool all year round.

Externally:

- Spacious 935m² block, fully fenced with new fencing and charming front fenced yard.
- An excellent 10m x 4m garage providing car and workshop space.
- Large concrete off-street parking area.
- The garden is low maintenance neat lawns providing a blank canvas for those who love to create their own gardens, all the while enjoying the backdrop across the farmland.

This home has so much to offer the first home buyer, retiree, or investor. Located eight minutes' drive from the thriving village of Meenyan, 16 minutes to South Gippsland's major township of Leongatha and centrally based to the Latrobe Valley or to the coastal beaches of Inverloch or Waratah Bay.

For further information and to arrange a personal inspection, please call Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate 0429 045 632.



3 | 2 | 2 | 935m²

34 Farmers Road, **Dumbalk**
For Sale \$495,000
Agent SEJ Real Estate
Irene Walker 0429 045 632



YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE
& LIVESTOCK SPECIALISTS

TARWIN



- 326 acre (132ha) dairy enterprise
- 20 double up H/B dairy
- 2 excellent homes, 3 bed, 2 bath
- 45 paddocks, all weather lanes
- Water security with Tarwin river
- Good balance of flats to rising

\$15,200 PER ACRE

MARDAN



- 'Nampara' Est 1908 Edwardian Home in the Dumbalk Valley
- 2.01HA/5AC approx. gorgeous gardens and (2) paddocks
- 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 carport with shedding and small studio
- 12ft ceilings, timber floors and bay windows & french doors
- Country kitchen and dining, cosy & charming with garden views
- Spacious living and formal dining rooms and sweeping veranda

\$1,180,000

KARDELLA SOUTH



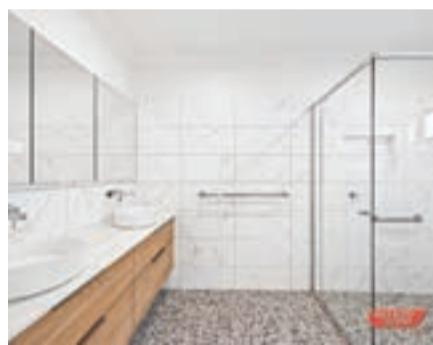
- Magnificent views & 1.97 acres
- B/V, open plan kitchen & dining
- Sep. living & study, 3 bed, 2 bath
- Spacious sunroom, exc storage
- Shedding, garden & hen house!
- 7 km Leongatha, 6 km Korumburra

CONTACT AGENT





As new home – quality local builder



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6 Harding Lane, **Leongatha**
For Sale \$849,900
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
 Leongatha 5662 0922

LOCATED within easy walking distance to Leongatha cafes and shops, this as new home is on a level low maintenance block and is ready for quick settlement.

This home is barely one year old and has been built with no expense spared and all factors of low maintenance comfortable living have been considered.

As you arrive at this home, you are greeted with exposed aggregate driveways, feature brickwork and a stunning large timber front door.

On offer is three bedrooms, master with ensuite, including stone benchtop, double vanities, large shower, toilet with hidden cistern and feature tiles, as well as a large walk-in robe. Bedrooms two and three with built-in robes and serviced by a second bathroom which includes stone benchtop, deep freestanding bath and shower. All bedrooms also include timber feature ceiling fans. Also adjacent to the bathroom is a second toilet with hidden cistern and also adjacent the large laundry with an abundance of storage.

There are two living areas, the first with open plan lounge, kitchen,

and dining. The kitchen features stunning Asko appliances, including induction cooktop, double oven (Asko Pro Series) and dishwasher, a walk-in pantry, beautiful stone benchtops and loads of cupboard storage. The living room opens to the northeast facing undercover outdoor area, which is super private and protected from the south westerly winds. The second living space is a separate lounge/TV room which is also adjacent to the study nook in the hallway.

Throughout the home you will be warmed and cooled with the ducted reverse cycle heating and cooling, which is helped along with full insulation and double-glazed windows.

Secure your cars and goods away safely in the under-roof line garage, which also boasts secure direct access into the home.

This home features beautiful fittings throughout, has been constructed to first class quality and really needs to be inspected to really appreciate all the hidden extras.

Contact Andrew, Peter, Tony or Emily today to arrange an inspection, we'd love to show it to you.

Much more than a unit

This three-bedroom unit is perfectly designed for low maintenance living and is more than suitable as a permanent residence or investment property and especially appealing to the first home buyers in this tough property market.

The single level unit is very accessible and comprises of three bedrooms, two bathrooms, open plan kitchen living and dining with a lovely outdoor alfresco area.

The open plan living area features a modern kitchen with laminate benchtops, gas cooktop and electric oven, walk-in pantry and dishwasher, and features views over the town and beyond.

The master bedroom is generous with a walk-in robe and ensuite with your own toilet and shower. The remaining two bedrooms are a good size, both with built-in robes. The central bathroom is light and bright with a bath, separate shower, and separate toilet.

Other features include gas ducted heating, split system heating and cooling, double car garage with remote door, 2300L water tank and a low maintenance yard with a combination of hedges and grass with room for a small garden shed.

This property has been extremely well maintained and presents perfectly. Your private inspection by appointment is welcome with a minimum 24 hours' notice.

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345m²

18/31 Jumbunna Rd, **Korumburra**
For Sale \$468,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
 Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898



WOOREEN

OPEN SAT. OCT 28, 11-11.45AM



585 Yarragon Leongatha Rd

- Stunning home on 20 acres
- Plus 2 B&B cottages
- Vineyards, orchard, shedding and more

\$1,700,000 - \$1,800,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA

NEW LISTING

18/31 Jumbunna Road

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Double garage
- Low maintenance

\$468,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

ALMURTA



295 Almurga-Glen Forbes Road

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- Plus fully self-contained granny flat
- Approx 2.3 Acres

\$1,100,000

Contact: Grantville Office

WONTHAGGI



53 Turner Street

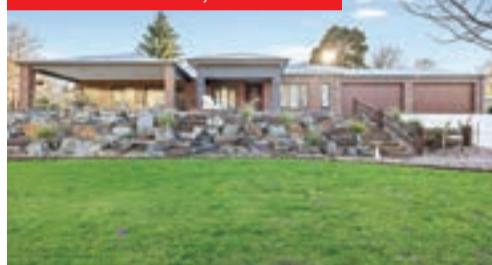
- 3 bedroom on 708m², large living zone
- 3 car garage with extra high roof
- Great outdoor living

\$549,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA

OPEN SAT. OCT 28, 12.30-1PM



NEW LISTING

KORUMBURRA



10 Bent Street

- 4 bedroom plus study
- Massive family home on large block
- Opposite McIndoe Park

\$1,195,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

18 William Street

- Cottage charm
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Views

\$615,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

GRANTVILLE



25 Brazier Street

- Affordable brick family home
- Walk to town, shops and bus
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, LU garage

\$640,000

Contact: Grantville Office

WONTHAGGI



26 Gordon Street

- Cute cottage on 601m²
- Completely renovated
- Great outdoor area, corner allotment

\$509,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

MEENIYAN



KORUMBURRA



KILCUNDA



WONTHAGGI



75 Whitelaw Street

- Birchwood Cottage
- Fully renovated & extended
- Magnificent 3 bedroom home

\$895,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

11 Goad Court

- Immaculate presentation
- Two story
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom

\$670,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

27 Kilcunda Ridge Road

- Classic 3 bed beach house
- Fully fenced 767sqm (approx.) block
- Easy walk to beach, café and rail trail

\$670,000

Contact: Grantville Office

100 White Road

- 2 bedroom original cottage
- 803m² corner block with bonus bungalow
- Fantastic position near schools

\$449,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



JUMBUNNA

NEW LISTING

WOOLAMAI



WONTHAGGI



25 Roughead Street

- 2 bedroom Cottage
- Long block with rear access
- Great location close to CBD

\$499,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

Lot 1, Lynn Street

- Approx. 75 acres
- Disused dairy, stockyards
- Views

Contact Agent

Contact: Korumburra Office

772 Turnbull Woolamai Road

- Lifestyle retreat in beautiful rural setting
- ¾ acre (approx.) with 4 brm, 2 bath home
- 12m x 8m shed with roller doors

\$1,080,000 - \$1,150,000

Contact: Grantville Office

12 Gordon Street

- 3 bedroom home on 637m²
- Great project home to update
- Good investment

\$449,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA

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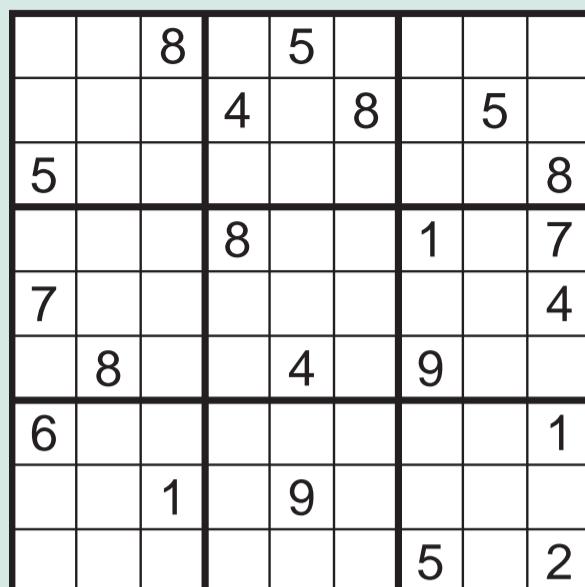
QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

AUSTRIAN NATIONAL DAY (OCT 26) QUIZ

- [\$100] What is the capital city of Austria? A. Vienna. B. Salzburg. C. Innsbruck. D. Graz.
- [\$200] Which famous composer was born in Austria? A. Ludwig van Beethoven. B. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. C. Johann Sebastian Bach. D. Frédéric Chopin.
- [\$300] What is the official language of Austria? A. Austrian. B. German. C. Italian. D. French.
- [\$500] Which river flows through Vienna? A. Danube. B. Rhine. C. Drava. D. Salzach.
- [\$1000] What traditional Austrian dish consists of egg noodle, cheese and onion? A. Gulasch. B. Käsespätzle. C. Apfelstrudel. D. Wiener Schnitzel.
- [\$2000] Which Austrian city is known for its Christmas markets? A. Vienna. B. Salzburg. C. Linz. D. Graz.
- [\$4000] What is the name of the famous palace in Vienna? A. St Stephen's Palace. B. Schönbrunn Palace. C. Hofburg Palace. D. Belvedere Palace.
- [\$8000] Which famous psychologist was born in Vienna? A. Sigmund Freud. B. Carl Jung. C. Ivan Pavlov. D. Leon Festinger.
- [\$16,000] Which musical instrument did Franz Schubert primarily compose for? A. Flute. B. Piano. C. Violin. D. String ensemble.
- [\$32,000] Who performed the role of Brigitta von Trapp in the Sound of Music (hint also played Penny Robinson in TV's Lost in Space)? A. Charmian Carr. B. Kym Karath. C. Heather Menzies. D. Angela Cartwright.
- [\$64,000] Which Austrian artist was a prominent figure in the Art Nouveau movement? A. Gustav Klimt. B. Koloman Moser. C. Carl Moll. D. Oskar Kokoschka.
- [\$125,000] Which of these Austrian Formula 1 Grand Prix drivers was not killed in a motor racing accident. A. Gerhard Berger. B. Jochen Rindt. C. Roland Ratzenberger. D. Helmut Koinigg.
- [\$250,000] What is the highest mountain in Austria? A. Mount Zugspitze. B. Mount Grossglockner. C. Mount Wildspitze. D. Mount Dachstein.
- [\$500,000] Who is the President of Austria? A. Norbert Hofer. B. Alexander Van der Bellen. C. Karlheinz Kopf. D. Doris Bures.
- [\$1,000,000] In which year did Austria become a member of the European Union? A. 1981. B. 1995. C. 2004. D. 2011.

SUDOKU

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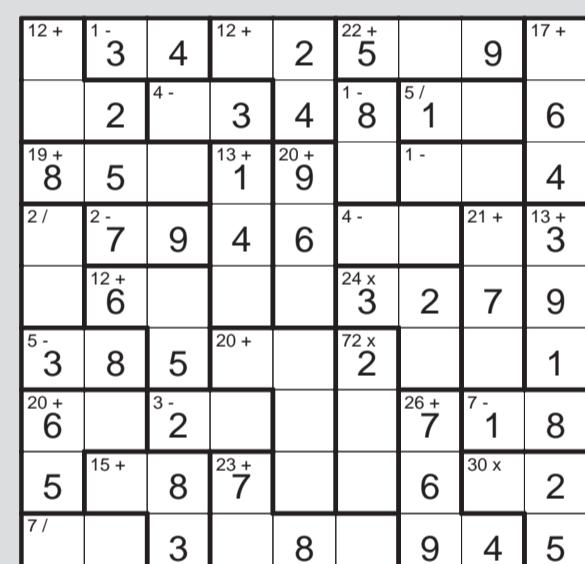


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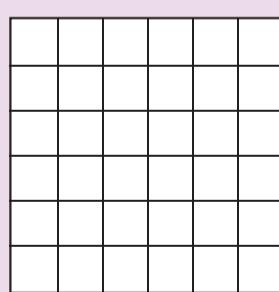
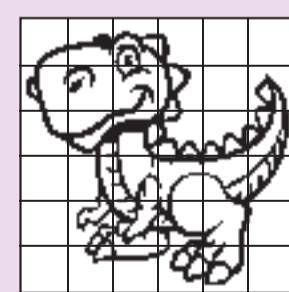


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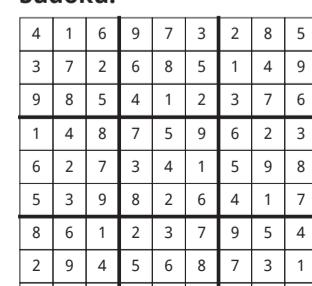


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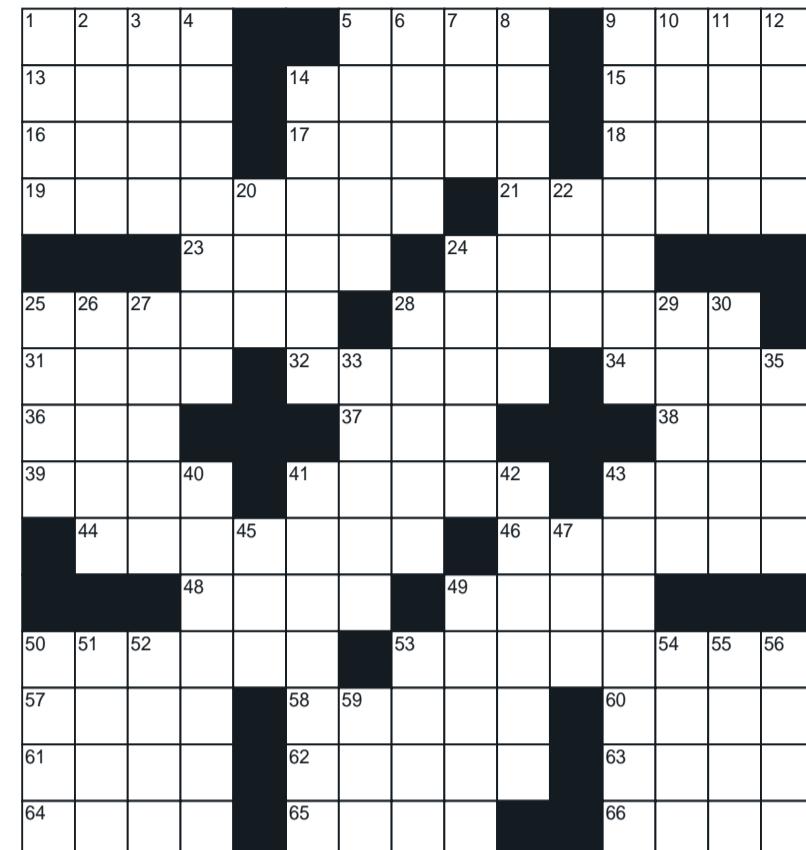
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Sudoku:



CROSSWORD



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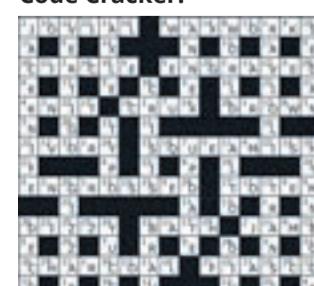
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Create as many words of 4 letters or more, using the letters once only and always including the letter in the middle of the wheel.



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VFF combat new tax

THE Victorian Farmers Federation has voiced concerns regarding a new vacant residential tax.

The State Government announced it would extend the vacancy tax to houses in regional Victoria that have been vacant for more than six months.

Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) president Emma Germano wrote to Treasurer Tim Pallas, outlining the VFF's concerns toward the policy announcement, which could unfairly impact farmers who are unable to keep farmhouses occupied throughout the year.

"There are many farmhouses in rural Victoria that often remain vacant due to the inherent challenges of attracting and retaining a workforce in these areas," she said.

"Farm businesses rely heavily on seasonal and transient labour, making it difficult to maintain continuous occupancy in farmhouses throughout the year."

"If this tax was extended to farmhouses, farmers will be unfairly punished for factors that are totally beyond their control."

Ms Germano said she wrote to Mr Pallas to provide clarity about how the policy extension will be implemented in rural areas and how it will account for the circumstances of farmhouses.

She also sought assurances the government will consider the potential adverse effects on farm businesses before the policy is finalised and implemented.

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Lynton and Lisa Broad of Broadlin Jerseys are joined by Rod Derksen - Genetics Australia, Glen Barrett - Jersey Australia, Nathan Kline and Dennis Kline - Golden Dreams Jerseys and Brad Gavenlock - AgriGene at the recent World Dairy Expo.

Australian genetics to boom after World Dairy Expo

AUSTRALIAN Jersey genetics are on the cusp of a dramatic sales boom after a successful trade mission to the world's largest dairy expo.

Jersey Australia led a joint trade site at World Dairy Expo in Madison Wisconsin, USA, that also included Genetics Australia and AgriGene.

Jersey Australia general manager Glen Barrett said the increase in product recognition after the 2022 was impressive.

"It was an extraordinarily positive outcome for what we are trying to achieve," Mr Barrett said.

"There was strong interest from farmers and resellers looking to stock products, which was really pleasing, and there were more people coming through the site and much greater interest from

people wanting to know more about Australian product."

The interest came not just from North America but also from South America, Africa, and Europe, and there was strong interest in heifers going into Sri Lanka and China.

"There is recognition of what the Australian Jersey offers," Mr Barrett said.

"We see it as the best Jersey in the world and that is starting to resonate with other markets. People are impressed with the strength and efficiency of the Australian Jersey cow and her capacity to produce in all farming conditions."

The site was presented to show the quality of Australian cows in the paddock and Mr Barrett said the delegation plans to return next year to build on the momentum.

The delegation also got to see Australian genetics in action in the US market, including Bontino and ASKN daughters in the Expo show, a Bontino daughter which came third in her class and an ASKN embryo sell in the Top of the World Jersey Sale at the Expo, and an ASKN son is being sold in the USA and Canada.

Agri-Gene general manager Chris McIlroy was pleased to see the daughters of one of Agri-Gene's sires, Bontino, come third in her class.

"That was great to see and in the senior two-year-old in milk class, there were three Bontino daughters in the one class,

which was the result of the first bull we sent over there," Mr McIlroy said.

"It was really pleasing to see Australian-sired progeny competing in the ring and doing well and now we're selling more on the back of Bontino's success."

Mr McIlroy said interest in Australian Jerseys continues to grow.

"The joint Jersey Australia booth is good because we can all push in the same direction to promote Australian Jerseys," he said.

"There's good global interest for Australian Jerseys at the moment."

Genetics Australia export manager Rob Derksen said awareness of Australian product was very good in the US and international markets and the Expo site was helping to grow that reputation.

"I spoke to people from Costa Rica, Guatemala, Ecuador and other countries as well as from the US and Canada and the interest in very high," Mr Derksen said.

"There will definitely be more semen product going overseas."

"Australian genetics have a good reputation and the Expo is the place to show that to the world."

Mr Derksen also met with representatives from global herd improvement leader URUS Group LP, including the GENEX co-operative which joined Genetics Australia in a joint venture this year.

Revolutionising finance for agriculture

A NEW online personal finance tool has been launched to assist primary producers and students interested in a career in agriculture.

The tool has been developed by AgCard - a centralised online farm safety induction platform - with the support of Rabobank's Southern Victoria and Tasmania Rabo Client Council.

The personal finance tool will be the sixth unit to be housed on the free, simple-to-use, AgCard platform.

An initiative of Primary Employers Tasmania, AgCard was founded in 2020 as a preparatory farm employment resource designed to assist farm employers and employees with the basic knowledge to ensure they create healthier and safer workplaces. The other five units provided on the platform are safe farming, human resources, wool harvesting, managing livestock for red meat production

and biosecurity.

AgCard project officer Clare Peltzer said more than 3600 people have enrolled to access the platform since it was launched, sharing positive feedback about the benefits of the online portal.

"Almost 50 per cent of users are students," Ms Peltzer said, "many of whom aspire to work in agricultural careers. Farmers, teachers and industry representatives believe AgCard will be instrumental in reducing the number of injuries and fatalities in the rural sector, as AgCard-certified employees identify, call out and manage potential risks".

Ms Peltzer said with support from Rabobank, the new personal finance tool in the "AgCard toolbox" covers wages, benefits and entitlements, starting a new job, personal taxes, superannuation,

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Protecting against emergency animal diseases

AGRICULTURE Victoria's Significant Disease Investigation program is playing a critical role in protecting Victorian livestock from emergency animal diseases, with subsidies provided to vets for nearly 370 investigations last financial year (2022-23).

First introduced in 2005, the program is a proactive measure that has boosted Victoria's capacity to detect emergency animal diseases early, with subsidies provided to support private veterinary investigations.

Biosecurity Victoria executive director Katherine Clift said the program increases the likelihood of early reporting and helps to encourage ongoing surveillance by animal health professionals.

"Victoria's livestock industries are fortunate to be free of most of the serious diseases that affect animals in other parts of the world," she said.

"Despite this, the threat of many serious diseases entering Australia is increasing. Ongoing surveillance for new or exotic disease is important to protect our livestock and reassure our trading partners of Victoria's favourable disease status."

"It also helps to ensure the early detection of diseases that might impact on trade, public health, biodiversity and farm or regional productivity."

Early detection of emerging or exotic disease is the key to effective management and this relies on farmers, vets and government working together.

While doing farm visits and treating livestock, veterinarians must remain vigilant and consider the possibility of new, unusual or exotic diseases.

The Significant Disease Investigation program allows veterinarians who investigate and report on outbreaks of unusual or significant animal disease to be paid a subsidy to help cover the cost of the investigation and laboratory fees.

In 2022-23, Agriculture Victoria subsidised 366 significant disease investigations, including 202 for sheep and goats, 163 for cattle and one pig.

Of these investigations, 89 excluded at least one emergency animal disease – such as anthrax, foot and mouth disease, lumpy skin disease or African swine fever.

The subsidies are paid in part from the Victorian livestock compensation funds through the Livestock Biosecurity Grants Fund Program, which funds programs that prevent, monitor and control diseases.

For more information about Victoria's significant animal disease program, including eligibility, visit the Agriculture Victoria website.

Take care of your mental wellbeing

By Gippsland Jersey

JOE Meggetto farms in Warraugul and for the last 26 years worked alongside his father Mario, until his sudden death last year.

Throughout those years they have taken every opportunity to purchase land and expand the business, working with the very simple farming philosophy - to make milk as cheaply as possible concentrating on animal welfare, soil health and the environment and waiting to upgrade infrastructure, to do it right the first time.

But he hasn't always loved dairy, he openly shared how he would regularly cry in the tractor and quietly struggled for a long time, sharing his thoughts of suicide and the struggles he has had with his mental health.

Joe Meggetto's powerful story of his journey is a poignant reminder that mental health issues can affect anyone, regardless of their life circumstances. It's also a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of seeking help, speaking



Gippsland farmer Joe Meggetto shared his story to reduce the stigma around mental health.

out, and breaking the silence around mental health.

Joe's honesty and willingness to talk about his struggles with depression are incredibly important. By sharing his experiences, he helps to normalise mental health discussions and can inspire others who may be dealing with similar issues to

seek help.

Stigma and misunderstanding often prevent people from getting the help they need. But by sharing stories like Joe's, we can help to reduce this stigma. We can make it clear that it's okay to talk about mental health, it's okay to ask for help, and it's okay to take care

of our mental wellbeing.

On World Mental Health Day, the community were invited to take a moment to recognise the courage of individuals like Joe who have opened up about their mental health struggles. Let's also remind ourselves and each other that mental health is just as important as physical health, and that everyone deserves support, understanding, and care.

Reach out to someone if you're struggling, and don't hesitate to seek professional help if you need it. Mental illness is not a sign of weakness; it's a part of the human condition. And just as Joe's story illustrates, with the right help and support, it's possible to manage these conditions and lead a fulfilling life.

If you or someone you know is struggling with feelings of depression or suicidal thoughts, there are resources available. In Australia, Lifeline is a 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention service. They can be reached at 13 11 14. You're never alone, and help is always available.

CFA issues important burn off warning

CFA is asking Victorians to take extreme care when burning off, following 115 out of control burn offs across the state last month.

To avoid a further spike, CFA is urging residents who have recently undertaken burn offs, or who are preparing to, to take extra precautions over the coming weeks as weather conditions become warmer and drier with challenging gusty winds.

The recent out of control private burn offs causing some of the fire in East Gippsland and Berringa served as a timely reminder for residents to ensure they are aware of burn off safety measures and are prepared before ignition.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said he encourages Victorians to take advantage of the window of opportunity to clean up their properties before the bushfire season,

but to make safety a priority when doing so.

"It is imperative that residents register their burn off and check the local conditions on the day, as well as coming days," he said.

"Conditions can change quickly, and fires can get out of control within minutes in hot and windy conditions. As we saw recently with the East Gippsland fires, the effects of an out-of-control fire can be devastating."

"Burn offs can flare up a couple of days after the burn off, which highlights the importance of making sure your burn off is fully extinguished."

CO Heffernan said there are some simple steps Victorians can take to keep their burn offs safe ahead of the high-risk fire season.

"The quickest and easiest way to safeguard yourself

and the rest of the community is to register your burn off using the Fire Permits Victoria website," he said.

"Let your neighbours know you're planning a burn off as smoke and fire will be visible to them, and make sure you have enough people to monitor and extinguish the burn safely – don't leave it unattended."

"It is also essential you have enough water on hand to put out a fire, and we recommend establishing a fire break of no less than three metres cleared of any flammable materials."

Victorians can learn more about how to prepare their property at cfa.vic.gov.au/prepare.

Keep your burn safe and legal:

- Follow regulations or laws by CFA and council.
- Check and monitor weather

conditions – particularly wind.

- Postpone your activity if high risk conditions develop.
- Notify your neighbours if the burn will generate fire and smoke.
- Leave a three-metre fire break, free from flammable materials around the burn.
- Never leave the burn off unattended – stay for its entire duration.
- Ensure there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn effectively.
- The quickest way to register your burn off is online at firepermits.vic.gov.au. The burn off registration line is available on 1800 688 511.
- Make sure your household has a Bushfire Survival Plan. Find out how at cfa.vic.gov.au/bushfireplan.

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Look out for a Lace Monitor

LACE Monitors are listed as a threatened species in Victoria and are particularly rare on the Bass Coast – usually found in Messmate Stringybark trees in woodlands or bathing in the sun.

The Gippsland Threatened Species Action Group (GTSAG) and Bass Coast Land Network (BCLN) are working on a biolink project to protect the goannas, and if sighted – they would love to know where.

The project is being undertaken in three stages, with the first stage mapping existing vegetation on the Bass Coast, using a combination of BCLN data, general knowledge the landscape and aerial imagery.

The second component is mapping existing threatened and vulnerable species using anecdotal evidence of local residents and groups, and data from fauna monitoring programs.

The third component is using ecological knowledge from local experts like ecologist Alison Oates to add a layer of key ecological sites within the corridors which may be useful as 'core' habitat.

"I will be working on developing ideas for landscape-scale biolinks, based off threatened species locations and connectivity, along with existing remnant and revegetation sites," explained Jye Andersen, Threatened Species and Biolinks Officer for GTSAG.

Initial sites identified for biolinks include large, scattered patches of remnant woodlands between Inverloch and Wonthaggi.

"Although we are waiting on further data on threatened species in the area, the two that have been observed are Lace Monitor and Koalas."

These two creatures will be used as the 'flagship' species for consideration of the initial biolink – and what their needs entail.

"In this case, I would recommend protecting and expanding out from existing



Data collected on where Lace Monitors live will help map out biolinks and creation of corridors in an effort to preserve their numbers in the Bass Coast region. Photo: Marg Scott.

vegetation as opposed to solely prioritising creation of linear corridors."

A list of priorities for biolinks will be created with three to five key landscape areas selected to be prioritised for future works and to attract funding based off threatened species requirements.

If funding becomes available the next step will then be to complete on-ground assessments of 'core' vegetation within the given biolink, via vegetation assessments and fauna monitoring.

Members of the community can help by sharing local sightings of Lace Monitors, including photos, year, address, description of location on property with a screenshot of the location on map and send it to jye.andersen@basscoastlandcare.org.au.

Farmers encouraged to feed test

FEED is more than just hay or grain – it's the energy and protein content that's most important.

It's critical to purchase feed that's appropriate for your stock and meet their nutritional requirements.

By doing a 'feed test', you take the guess-work out of feed supplementation and can accurately calculate the suitability of your feed.

A feed test will provide an analysis of the nutritional composition of your feed – be it hay, silage, grain or pasture.

Metabolisable Energy (ME) is a critical component by livestock and is one of the primary determinants of feed quality.

Different feeds are likely to have variations in energy content, for example hay tends to contain less ME than grains.

The energy content between two samples of the same type of feed can also vary.

While the difference can appear small on paper, doing some simple calculations

suggests otherwise.

It is important to note these calculations do not include wastage.

Wastage of hay fed on the ground is 30 per cent to 50 per cent, while using hay feeders can reduce wastage to about 15 per cent.

It's also important to note that nutritional requirements vary between animals and is influenced by a variety of factors including stock class, size, milk production and growth stage.

For example, a late pregnant heifer will have a higher energy requirement compared to when she is in early pregnancy, in turn differs from her nutritional needs during lactation.

So, next time you are buying feed, consider a feed test, crunch the numbers and see for yourself which option will best meet your animal requirements and is more cost effective in the longer term.

For more information on feed testing, visit feedinglivestock.vic.gov.au.

Field naturalists ask burning questions

PRESIDENT of Sale and District Field Naturalists Club Mitch Smith will soon discuss the impact of prescribed burns on biodiversity and habitat.

The talk will take place on October 27 from 7.30pm at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club meeting, held at the Moe Library.

This will be followed by the monthly meeting.

For the excursion on October 28, the club will visit the Swallow Lagoon Nature Conservation Reserve near Munro.

Those attending are asked to meet in Stratford at the Soldiers Memorial Park at 10am.

Mitch will guide the excursion to see the effect of prescribed burns on different types of vegetation at Swallow Lagoon.

Visitors are most welcome, both to the meeting and the excursion.

For more information, contact the secretary on 0410 237 292.

Visit the website lvfieldnats.org to register if you wish to use Zoom to join the meeting.



A banksia after a prescribed burn.

Game population survey underway

THE Game Management Authority began its annual aerial survey of Victoria's game duck population on Monday, October 16.

The survey will be conducted by experienced wildlife biologists, who will record the presence, species and number of game ducks at more than 870 waterbodies across Victoria, including wetlands, farm dams, sewerage treatment plants, streams and rivers.

Satellite imaging will then be used to determine the amount of wetland habitat available and, together with abundance estimates, will inform an estimate of the total abundance of Victoria's game duck species.

The Game Management Authority (GMA) is

continuing this research in 2023, in line with existing government policy, as part of the Victorian Government's Sustainable Hunting Action Plan 2021-24 and commitment to introducing adaptive harvest management.

GMA CEO Graeme Ford said regularly collecting data is critical to understanding what drives the abundance and productivity of game duck populations.

"Victoria's approach to adaptive harvest depends on abundance and habitat data being collected consistently and regularly, so we can accurately predict future abundance, based on environmental conditions are the time," he said.

"This research benefits wildlife conservation

by increasing our understanding of the ecology of Victoria's game duck populations and the health of their habitats."

The 2023 survey is scheduled to take place from October 16 to November 2.

The flight schedule may change from day to day, depending on weather conditions and other factors.

Residents in surveyed areas may see a helicopter flying at low levels for a short time for no longer than is necessary.

The safety of people and livestock is a priority.

The results of the survey will be published on the GMA website in 2024, following analysis of the survey data.

For more information, visit gma.vic.gov.au/research/duck-research.

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20 Angus steers, 16-17 mths, NE Accred

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A/c R & C Jackson, Strzelecki (ELDERS)

12 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, Battersby blood, VB, GF & ABF

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6 Angus heifers, 17-18 mths, Battersby blood, VB, GF & ABF

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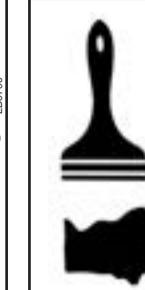
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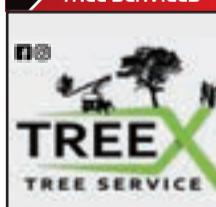
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**COX (nee Firth),
Marilyn (Maz):**

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April 2024 and must be replaced.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the
provisions of Section 73 of the Local
Government Act 2020 that at its meeting on
18 October 2023, South Gippsland Shire
Council resolved to release the proposed
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submissions.

The objectives of this Local Law are:

- Provide for the peace order and good
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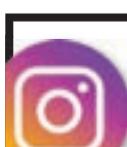
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Gippsland Carers 4 Gippsland Kids project

A FILM to raise awareness and increase the numbers of foster carers across the region is a creation being born from five members undertaking the Gippsland Community Leadership Program.

Foster caring and keeping children in their own communities is an issue close to the heart of all the group's members, but one in particular.

Adrian Darakai is a councillor at South Gippsland Shire who has worked in children's services and is a foster carer with his wife.

"There have been children who have left our care, and then not known where they're going that night, and then after that, not known where they're going the next night. This is three- and four-year-old children," said Adrian.

The issue resonated with other members of the group, which includes Alisha Gilliland who works for Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault, Brooke from DECCA, Jamey Mullin who was at the Bass Coast Shire and Gene Parini from GippS.

"I think it was an area that we all saw the importance of, and the need for, and there's a desperate need," Adrian explained.

There are not enough foster carers to meet the demands of the number of children requiring care across the region.

This means children are travelling for hours, sometimes across the state,



Brooke, Adrian and Gene (back) and Alisha and Jamey (front) are creating a film to get more foster carers for kids in South Gippsland and the Bass Coast as part of the Gippsland Community Leadership Program.

to access care, leading to them being separated from friends, family members, schools, their community groups and sporting clubs.

After consulting with a number of foster care agencies, the group decided to work with an animator to produce a short film, paired with a song written and produced by Adrian.

The film conveys the experience of what it's like to need care and find a supportive foster environment and dispels myths.

"We only need to be able to influence a small number of people to have an impact that would be really far reaching and really positive for this area," said Adrian.

Misconceptions about foster caring are common which impacts on whether people become carers or not. It is often believed

that it is for a long period of time whereas it can be a few days or a night in some cases.

The team are hoping for the film with its universally important message will have longevity and create lasting impact and change, with the capacity to be picked up by groups and organisations both locally and beyond Gippsland.

"Across the two Shires, South Gippsland and Bass Coast, there's tens of thousands of households, and there would be tens of thousands of spare rooms... that would be able to provide the level of care that would be required for children to be able to stay local," said Adrian.

The film will be released on World Children's Day which falls on Monday, November 20.

Join the Candlelight Walk in San Remo

DESPITE the cold, wet and windy weather on Friday and Saturday nights, organisers of the Candlelight Walk Lorraine and Geoff Rodda gathered a small group, holding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in their hearts.

The next walk will begin at 2pm on November 18.

The fourth annual Candlelight Walk will begin at 8.30pm on New Year's Eve.

These walks will con-

template matters impacting the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the Yoorrook Justice Commission to the Victorian State Government.

The Commission is seeking submissions on Land, Sky and Waters as the next part of the truth telling process in Victoria.

Applications close on November 17 via yoorrookjusticecommission.org.au.

To get to the walk, drive

along Back Beach Road in San Remo and continue along the unmade road past the Lions Children's Park and Picnic Ground.

The Labyrinth is on the right alongside a row of Cypress trees.

Bass Coast Shire Council maintains the Labyrinth.

For more information, contact members of the Australian Labyrinth Network Inc at lgroddha@gmail.com or 0400 045 397.

Volunteers needed to enrich the lives of seniors

THE U3A Wonthaggi, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to lifelong learning, is seeking enthusiastic and passionate volunteers to facilitate talks and activities for seniors in the Bass Coast region.

Currently making plans for 2024, U3A Wonthaggi are looking for people, volunteers who can share their knowledge and passion by leading discussions, workshops, and activities on various subjects. Whether you are an art aficionado, a history buff, an environmentalist, or a fitness enthusiast, your expertise and passion can enrich the

lives of our seniors. U3A Wonthaggi can help with resources as well as offer practical advice on how you can achieve this.

"For me, being part of the U3A is a win-win," U3A volunteer Mary noted.

"It connects me with people in the local community and allows me to develop long held interests such as discovering Australian women artists and then share this knowledge with like-minded souls. It keeps my skills from getting rusty. Facilitating a Tai Chi group also helps with my personal fitness."

In 2023 U3A Wonthaggi program delivered more than 30 courses and activities to 252 active members.

To express your interest in volunteering as a facilitator/tutor, please contact president@u3awonthaggi.org.au or call 0493 471 254 or check out our website u3awonthaggi.org.au.

Your commitment and enthusiasm can help us create a thriving environment for lifelong learning and social engagement in the Bass Coast. Be a part of a rewarding experience that bridges generations and enhances the quality of life for our seniors.

CONVERSATION with Claire



Respect and accountability

By author Claire Chitty

RESPECT and accountability go hand in hand.

These two aspects are the foundation to a harmonious functioning society.

Our parents lived in an era where manners were the norm. They raised us to say 'please', 'thank you' and 'excuse me', taught us how to hold our cutlery 'correctly', to keep elbows off the dinner table, give up our seats on public transport for the elderly or pregnant women, walk on the left-hand side of the footpath, and other ways of behaving. Alas, much of these niceties are disappearing as this generation pass away.

Recently, whilst standing in a supermarket queue with only a few items a man asked if I wanted to go in front of him. I gratefully accepted and we started a conversation how standards were slipping. He shared how he'd open doors to women but had been snapped at numerous times that he was now hesitant to do this for fear of further abuse.

We need to question why have standards slipped and eroded over time? Are people too busy chasing the mighty dollar, over-extended themselves, family separation, lack of role models or social media influences instead of connection, integration and thoughtfulness in community?

We all share the planet and no one culture, nation or person is more superior than another, despite outward appearances. And whether living in an affluent or rising economy country, until we learn to take personal responsibility for our thoughts, actions and words and get along with one another, conflict will continue.

So how do we rectify this? I believe change starts with real-life education, positive role models and encouraging mentors from the moment of birth. Children thrive with love and quickly learn to copy the behaviour of those around them. The first seven years is the most important time in a child's life where the foundations are laid, therefore it is essential to establish positive communication, boundaries, respect and consequences in healthy doses, without over-indulging or discounting inappropriate behaviour.

Children grow into adults and the world can be a tough place, but that's no excuse for inflicting pain, anger or frustration onto others. Words and actions hurt and harm others and often leave a lasting impact. I recall working in a travel centre, where we had 19 lovely customers, but the twentieth client was so rude and demanding that it upset the staff for days afterwards.

Consequently, it taught me that no one, particularly teachers, retail and the service industries don't deserve abuse whilst at work. It's tragic that signs need to be installed in prominent public places, "Aggressive and abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. Our team are here to help."

We all get tired and cranky, and we also need to understand that we never know what someone is experiencing in their personal life. I endeavour to make an individual's day a little brighter through gratitude and appreciation, when interacting with businesses. Treat others how you wish to be treated; with compassion, courtesy and respect. Simple.

Many of us are frustrated with the 'dysfunctional childhood' or playing the 'mental health victim mentality' excuses, especially plentiful in the legal system. It's a cop out. Everyone experiences tough times but through choice, taking positive action, determination and maybe even a wake-up call, lives can be turned around. Accountability rather than blame and projection is key, otherwise the world will continue to be in state of disarray rather than unity. So next time you interact with others, remember kindness doesn't cost a thing, yet a smile, a kind word or gesture can make the difference between a good or a challenging day for someone.

[Claire Chitty is an author on teen and children's mental health, a kinesiologist and runs Women's Sacred Circles]

Lifesavers make finals in state awards

WOOLAMAI Beach Surf Life Saving Club has been announced as a Finalist in the Regional Development Victoria Leadership and Innovation Award, part of the Community Achievement Awards for 2023.

"Hopefully we come out on top but to be selected as a finalist is pretty amazing," Life-saving Services Club Captain, Campbell Smart said.

"Showcasing the club for what it is, from nippers to our operations and community events.

"This is very much a stepping stone to what we want to achieve."

From large-scale events including the Channel Challenge and Cowes Classic to smaller scale events that involve school groups, Woolamai Beach SLSC are proud to be giving back to the local community.

"This is a credit to all the members involved – we've had some outstanding changes.

"The Club's constantly moving – always under the governance of different board directors and different patrol leaders every year, but the focus and goals of the club and the progression is the same.

"Each year we are bettering ourselves and to see some recognition for that is rewarding.

"It's the active members absolutely, but also our older members and the generations that have gone before us to set us up for this success."

Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club is championing environmental sustainability, inclusivity, and community partnerships. Their transformation is nothing short of remarkable.

With 914 active members



Woolamai Beach SLSC are finalists in the Community Achievement Awards for 2023.

and numerous rescues and preventative actions, they've saved lives and made beaches safer. Their engagement goes beyond the waves, through special patrols, they raise awareness of vital societal issues.

Water safety at local events enhances community well-being, while beach safety programs in schools educate and protect.

Their forward-thinking initiatives leave a lasting legacy, with structured leadership programs, continued diversity efforts, and ongoing growth.

"We are thrilled to be finalists," Woolamai Beach President Jason Close added.

Woolamai Beach SLSC isn't just a club; it's a diverse and passionate community committed to positive change.

The Finalists will be presented, and winners announced at an Awards Gala Presentation Dinner to be held at the Hotel Sofitel Melbourne on Collins on Friday December 1. Great prizes are up for grabs with each category winners receiving a prize package worth more than \$1500, including a complimentary membership to The Career College valued at \$594 plus a trophy.

The winners will also be featured on a congratulations TV Ad that will be aired across regional Victoria on the Seven Network.

All finalists will go into the People's Choice Award, which is run through the Community Achievement Awards for Victoria Facebook page. Members of the community can vote for their favourite

finalist. The winner in each category will be announced at the Awards Gala Presentation Dinner.

Community members including friends and colleagues of each finalist are invited to share this special occasion. Tickets are \$165 each which includes a three-course meal, beverages and the Awards Presentations. Tickets can be easily purchased online by visiting awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/vic and clicking on the "purchase tickets" icon.

For further information about our other Finalists or purchasing tickets, please contact the Awards Office on 9720 1638.

Congratulations and good luck to Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club.



Hayley, Sway, Ella and Dakota admired one of the displays at the Wonthaggi North Primary School Art Show.



Clarissa, Lexi, Ethan and Natalya showcased some of the artworks on display at Wonthaggi North Primary School's art show.

Art show wows at Wonthaggi North Primary School

WONTHAGGI North Primary School held its inaugural art show on Thursday night.

The art show showcased what the students had learned throughout the year and celebrated what they had produced.

During term one and two, the students focused on visual arts.

Their attention turned to drama and performing arts in term three and four, which resulted in fantastic displays of puppets.

"The students completed

self portraits in term one, which saw them experimenting with abstract techniques and learning different ways to draw faces," art/drama teacher Kerry McGinnisken said.

"The puppets were made this term as part of drama and performing arts. The Grade 5s and 6s made trash puppets, which focused on recycling and sustainability, the Grade 3s and 4s made alien puppets with different fabrics, the Grade 1 and 2 students made puppets using recycled cardboard, and

the Preps made troll puppets after looking at The Three Billy Goats Gruff."

Music performances by the Green Room Concept Studios students were also featured on the night.

School captains Clarissa and Lachie, Ms McGinnisken and Wonthaggi North learning specialist Caroline Blakely officially opened the show at 6pm.

Ms McGinnisken said she was extremely proud of the students and commended them on how wonderful their pieces looked on display.

"My job as a teacher in the arts is to teach the students about the elements of visual art and the theatrical skills of drama, but it's also about encouraging and enlightening students to push their boundaries of learning, to stretch their imaginations and develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills," she said.

Local sponsors, the parents and friends association, and the Wonthaggi North events team were thanked for helping to bring the show together.



Beekeeper Gary Morton at the Phillip Island Community Orchard.

Orchard to celebrate 10 years

A MAJOR event to celebrate Phillip Island's Community Orchard's 10th anniversary will be held on Sunday, October 29.

It will be held from 10am to 3pm in Wimbleton Heights.

The now well-established orchard has come a long way since its inception in 2013, with more than 100 fruit and nut trees, shrubs and vines growing organically on the one-hectare block, thriving on Class A recycled water provided by Westernport Water.

"It's amazing to see what local volunteers when we work together," founding member and current vice president Lars Olsen said.

"It was hard to imagine the orchard in its current thriving state when we first started digging holes, running irrigation and planting trees. I am so proud of all that's been achieved."

The 10th anniversary celebrations, kindly sponsored by Bass Coast Shire Council and Westernport Water, will kick off at 10am with official proceedings and welcome by the orchard's president, a Westernport Ward spokesperson and mayor Cr Michael Whelan, followed by a tree planting by founding members.

A feature of the day will be the four guest speakers including CEO of the Diggers Club Foundation Tim Sansom, edible gardens guru Craig Castree, Jude Mayall of Outback Chef fame, and local beekeeper Gary Morton, who's specialist topics will be a drawcard for many.

The talks are free to attend, but bookings are requested through Humantix to ensure a seat on the day.

The speakers will be under cover in case of rain – though not usually a problem amongst the hardy gardening fraternity.

Other highlights on the day will include performances by local musicians – Travis Thompson from 11am to 1pm and the Bass Coast Pickers from 1pm to 3pm, who keep the fun vibes rolling in the picnic area.

The Phillip Island Community Orchard (PICO) will be providing hot foods, fresh seafood, vegetarian and salad options, delicious connoisseur cordial drinks, and fresh homemade cakes and slices to eat on the day, along with Mamacita's Coffee Van for hot drinks.

PICO will also have a homemade and fresh produce stall stocking all manner of pickles, preserves, potions and potted plants – many made from the orchard's own produce.

Westernport Water will be attending with their Hydration and Information Station as well – so bring your refillable water bottles along.

Entry on the day will be by gold coin donation.

PICO encourages people to ride their bikes, but parking will be available in Hallway Drive or Ventnor Beach Road with a drop off point for the disabled just inside the PICO driveway gates.

A fundraising raffle with nine great prizes donated by local businesses will be drawn on the day.

Tickets are currently available from Anerie Store and Café in Silverleaves, Phillip Island.

For more information, please go to islandorchard.wordpress.com or visit the Facebook page at islandorchard.

To book tickets for the talks, go to events.humantix.com/tours/pico-10th-anniversary-celebration - donation are accepted.

Around the Bay

By Jims Bait and Tackle

THE RECENT weather has brought everyone back to reality, unlike September during the school holidays where the weather was so good everyone forgot what month it was.

The comments have been interesting over the last month with the usual complaints about the snapper not really coming on in good numbers and being very slow on the bite and if we were in the middle on November I would agree but it was only the middle of September and about normal for that time of the year.

The water still needs to warm up which will only come once the weather settles and we get more consistent temperatures then you will find the snapper become more interested in eating and will school up further down the bay.

You will also see more pinkies come into the bay and with these fish tending to be more of a schooling fish, when you find them or they get hungry you will naturally catch more.

We have seen some good snapper caught with most on the bigger side but inconsistent in the bite and areas caught.

Those brought in for weighing have been very healthy snapper and on the heavy side for the length.

Some of the reports have also been of smaller snapper/pinkies around the 40cm mark.

All of the reports though have told us it was hard work and although seeing plenty on their sounder only caught one or two.

It's hard to give a direction to head as it always is this time of the year with reports from shallow on the mud, to the deep in the channels, the fingers to off Cowes.

We haven't had any reports from the eastern entrance as yet and this area has been a little slow for several years now, despite the heavy bottom off Woolamai near the Pinnacles producing some good numbers, maybe they just aren't coming into the bay or just traveling through.

Baits have been pretty much standard this year with squid and pilchards accounting for everything we have been told about.

Whiting numbers are good when you can find them or can get away from the toadies and leather jackets.

The size has improved as well and increased from what was around a month ago where we were getting reports of very mixed bags and some very small fish.

We are seeing sizes around the mid 30cm but plenty into the 40cm as well and it's the same from all the usual whiting spots.

It has been nothing too unusual with where they are being caught with the area from Dickies Bay to Coronet Bay slightly better.

The only thing we are finding common to the reports is the closer to the tide change, either tide, the slower the fishing.

We have also had several reports from across the corals of whiting

being caught while chasing snapper, not big numbers but good in size.

I have a few customers chasing snapper in the bay using micro jigs or soft plastics and while the reports are of only a handful of them so far it will be interesting to see how they go when the schools of fish come in.

It's not as easy as it sounds and you do need to change your fishing ways a little bit but I do have plenty of customers that have a lot of success catching snapper offshore with these methods.

Like you would offshore drifting is the best method which in the bay takes a lot of practice to get right and hard to do with lots of other boats out but can be done.

We have seen a lot of baitfish in the bay already this year and no shortage of salmon of all sizes.

If you are fishing in the bay you need to make sure you have a rod set up with a lure ready to go because the schools of salmon just seem to be showing up anywhere.

It's the same on the jetties as well with plenty being caught. We have had salmon of up to 2kg reported but don't get tricked into thinking you need big lures for these.

The bigger fish are chasing the same as the smaller fish and that's very small baitfish so lures of around 25gm or possibly 40gm is more than big enough to land these bigger salmon.

Stock has been steadily coming in over the last month and the shelves are almost full of all that we normally carry but we have dozens of new stock items as well.

Now is the time to come in and lay-by your Christmas presents and with a hot summer maybe a new mask and snorkel could be just the present for under the tree.

Time is also running out to have rods and reels repaired before Christmas, mostly because we just can't get parts but we also get very busy in the shop and just don't have the time.

The spooling machine is fully stocked with line for your reels and the shop is now open seven days a week again with hours extended as well. Melbourne Cup weekend is just around the corner and we will have our cup sweep as usual.

Calamari have been tough this year and it hasn't really improved since the late winter. Of course we are seeing some good catches but they are very few and far between.

Many are finding the odd one or two from the boats or the land and it's a case of five hours for one or two or 10 in 10 minutes.

What we have seen though is most of the calamari are very respectable in size and not a lot of those small ones the size of the jig.

It keep changing between the artificial and the baited jigs for the best to use so probably still hedge your bets and have both to use.

SPORTS



Cr Clare Williams at the Leongatha SPLASH centre where she swam 1000 laps for Youth Live4Life's LAP it UP. A14_4323

Raising funds for youth mental health

YOUTH mental health awareness and suicide prevention provided the motivation for South Gippsland Shire councillor Clare Williams to swim 1000 laps of the pool at Leongatha's SPLASH centre, taking part in LAP it UP, an initiative of Youth Live4Life.

LAP it Up went for 15 days.

"Youth Live4Life runs programs in regional areas – it's about raising funds for them to put kids through mental health first aid and being aware of suicide and having prevention strategies around that to help youth in regional areas," Clare said.

Fundraising took place online.

Clare registered, made a donation herself and requested others to contribute \$5 to the cause if possible.

As of Sunday, she had raised

\$1542, smashing her goal of \$500, placing her second on the LAP it UP leaderboard.

She said that while the LAP it UP period has finished, fundraising remains open.

While Clare has previously swum at SPLASH, she drastically increased her distance for the two-week mental health campaign, with the extra effort leaving her exhausted.

"I leaned on my friends to come and entertain me while I was swimming," she said.

Clare mixed up her regime, sometimes swimming backstroke and other times freestyle.

Gael Rudwick was another local participant clocking up the kilometres at SPLASH during the LAP it UP period and had raised \$463 by Sunday.

Live4Life delivers Youth

Mental Health First Aid training in schools and the wider community, helps lead conversations about mental health that reduce stigma, and promotes young leaders as mental health ambassadors.

Live 4Life Bass Coast and South Gippsland launched in 2022, stretching from Phillip Island to Leongatha, past Inverloch and onto Fish Creek.

The program is delivered by engaging the whole community, including secondary schools, health provider networks, and local community organisations, with South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shire Councils the lead agencies.

If you need support, talk to a GP or health professional, or contact: Lifeline: 13 11 14. Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800. Beyond Blue 1800 512 348.



Scarlett secures second in Nationals

Scarlett Rennie placed second in Monday's U12 Girls final in the 2023 Rip Curl Gromsearch National Final at URBNSURF. Photo: Noah Clifford / Surfing Victoria.

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 24
12.13am	0.33m
7.29am	1.44m
12.47pm	0.71m
7.09pm	1.31m

WEDNESDAY	October 25
1.04am	0.41m
8.29am	1.38m
1.43pm	0.71m
8.21pm	1.27m

THURSDAY	October 26
2.07am	0.51m
9.36am	1.35m
1.43pm	0.68m
5.56pm	1.27m

FRIDAY	October 27
3.26am	0.60m
10.42am	1.35m
4.21pm	0.59m
11.23pm	1.38m

SATURDAY	October 28
4.54am	0.64m
11.42am	1.38m
5.37pm	0.45m

SUNDAY	October 29
12.34am	1.52m
6.14am	0.65m
12.37pm	1.43m
6.36pm	0.31m

MONDAY	October 30
1.36am	1.66m
7.15am	0.63m
1.27pm	1.47m
7.27pm	0.20m

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Korumburra's Billie Wrigley has already enjoyed some success with his golf and he's keen to see how far he can go.



Korumburra's Billie Wrigley has been selected for the Gippsland Sports Academy's elite golf program and the local golfing community wants to give him a help along the way.

Gotta love golf - How Korumburra's Billie Wrigley is giving it a crack

HOW was your golf game when you were 14 years old? What were you even doing about your future when you were in Year 8?

Unlike most of us, Billie Wrigley of Korumburra is on his way to getting both of those issues sorted.

And this Sunday, October 29, the local golfing fraternity can give him a bit of help along the way by playing in the 'Billie Wrigley Fundraiser 4-Person Ambrose' for members and non-members starting at 10am (shotgun start) at the spectacular Korumburra Golf Club, see link below.

Even at this stage, the weather looks like being ideal.

Billie has been selected among 10 young golfers across Gippsland to raise the level of their game, through access to the development

initiatives offered by the Gippsland Sports Academy Golf Program.

The program provides a development pathway for regionally-based athletes. As well as the opportunity to improve his game, he'll also be introduced to sports science, the psychology of sports performance, and strength and conditioning programs: all essential elements to becoming an elite athlete.

"I'm in Year 8 at Korumburra Secondary College. And I've already got a coach. This is something extra around that," said Billie this week.

"I'll be going to Gippsland Sports Academy events on the weekends, there's fitness sessions over at Leongatha during the week with other sports in the academy and we have meetings on Zoom and that sort of thing.

"It's extra support to help improve your game."

At 14 years of age, Billie's game is already good, with his handicap sitting at 8 and a best score of 76 off the stick around the testing par 70 Korumburra Golf Course.

But he's happy to acknowledge, it's still very much a work in progress.

"My short game is the best part. I really love my short game. I can see where I want to put it."

And the rest?

"I get about 230 with the driver," he said.

Billie has already played in a number of junior golf events, with some success, and he filled in for the top Korumburra pennant team during the year, but he'll be looking to enter more under-age events over the next few years.

And then who knows - LIV Golf, the PGA? Australia is one of the best proving grounds in the world for elite golfers, so the opportunity is definitely there.

The main thing at this stage is Billie really enjoys the game, he's got potential and he's interested to find out where it might take him.

And by being selected in the Gippsland Sports Academy squad, he'll get some of the support he needs to take it to the next level.

So, golfers, what are you doing next Sunday?

If you would like to play, go to the Korumburra Golf Club website or click the link below to register: bit.ly/3FuuiVY

For anyone who can't attend but wish to make a donation this can be done to account: BSB: 063 515 Acc: 1015 1956

Long course success for our swimmers

IT WAS a hectic day in the pool as 82 SGB swimmers raced in the 50m pool for the first time since last summer.

A full schedule had some swimmers attempting to get times for countries, national and state championships, while others got to race in the 50m pool for the first time - a daunting experience for them as they look all the way down to the other end of a much longer pool than they are used to.

Racing for the squad varied from 400m races to 50m races, with a variety of events being one of the themes of the meet.

Coaches Sam and Dylan were on hand to help guide the swimmers through the day and give feedback on their performances.

They were very pleased with their swimmers' efforts with the work they have been putting in at training showing



Emily, Jedda, Andi, Emma and Heidi are happy with their days efforts.

the new kids who haven't swum in a 50m pool before, who took on the challenge and did really well. It's really good to see kids doing a variety of races," Sam said.

Dylan was pleased to see the older swimmers giving their best towards qualifying

championship times.

"This is their first time back in a 50m pool for many and they have done much better than they often do at the first long course meet this year. Over the next eight week block before states, I think there will be a huge number who qualify for

states and hopefully nationals."

It was smiles by the end of the day as the swimmers went home with many qualifying times achieved for the championships in coming months, as well as the juniors who were proud to have made it to the other end.

Historian seeks footy knowledge

GIPPSLAND Football Historian Laurie Williams is seeking information on the disbanded Bass Valley-Wonthaggi FL with scores and information on officials, best and fairest and goalkicking awards, noting 'there must be a wealth of information hidden away in old boxes, trunks, note-books, scrapbooks and newspaper articles.'

Laurie is writing a series of Gippsland football encyclopedias with details of all football matches played in the Gippsland region from 1877.

He has released the first three volumes (1877-1920, 1921-1944 and 1945-63) with the fourth instalment running from 1964-1990 and.

"Any information on the Bass Valley-Wonthaggi FL would be appreciated and greatly assist in the completion of volume four."

Any information and photos can be e-mailed to lauriefooty@hotmail.com. If anyone has newspapers and other printed materials or photos Laurie can arrange a pick-up service contact: Laurie Williams 0403 030 379.

Bridge Club news

SOUTH GIPPSLAND

OCTOBER 17 at Wonthaggi: seven tables.

N/S winners were Bronwyn Sund and John Farr with 58.43 per cent, followed by Alan Johnston and John Sutton with 55.19

and in 3rd place Faye Rowlands and Richard Poole on 54.71.

E/W winners were John French and Deb Anglim with 59.92, second Maureen Stiles and Hannah Martin 56.17 and third Anne Gibson and Julie Perriam on 53.67.

Week two, October 20: Spring Pairs Championship at Inverloch.

First: Alan Johnston and Clive Hope a very healthy 68.06.

Second: Deb Anglim and John French with 57.81.

Third: Philip and Nev Chapman 56.25.

Overall Spring Champions appear to be Clive Hope and Alan Johnston just from Deb Anglim and John French with judges still conferring at time of press.

PHILLIP ISLAND

THE winners were Greg Nicholson and Deb Anglim on 64.81 per cent on Monday, October 16.

Following up on 54.17 per cent were Ann Green and Ruth Harvey.

New partnership Marnie Myall and Paul Waylen finished third with 52.78 per cent.

Interestingly none of the 15 that went to Rutherglen the previous week placed on the day - perhaps they were in recovery mode after all those winery visits.

Paul Waylen and Karen Klym took out first place on 55.36 per cent on Wednesday, October 18.

Another new partnership, Leng Haggith and Judy O'Connell, came second on 54.76 per cent.

In third place were Trish and Don Stuart-Uden on 51.19 per cent.

The previous week, there was no bridge at the club as 15 players went to Rutherglen for the week.

A wonderful time was had by all.

The group played bridge every morning and visited the wineries in the afternoons - that order of activity was considered best for the bridge games.

On the Thursday, the Albury Bridge Club welcomed the group, and a lovely day was had by all.

The Albury Club look forward to visiting Philip Island Bridge Club in the future.

The week was a big success, and it is planned to do something similar next year.



Brian Newman, Helen Rook, Wilma Marshall and John Everson were the Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls Club's winners on Friday.

INVERLOCH

CLUB Championships:

A number of matches have been played so far with a high standard of bowling taking place.

Draws are posted in the clubroom.

Bowlers are reminded to read the conditions of play carefully.

If players cannot complete their match by the due date, they need to contact the match committee as per conditions of play.

Social bowls:

Thursday's social bowls saw bowlers enjoying themselves on a sunny day.

Teams of fours and triples fought hard over two ends.

Runners up for the day were the team of Bill Selby (skip), George Scott and Jeff Curwood finishing with two wins and 32 points.

The winners on the day finishing on two wins and 34 points was the team of Keith Cousins (skip), David Turnbull, Veronica Muir and Peter Gentsch.

A reminder for club members that Thursday's social bowls times have changed from the winter schedule.

Names now need to be in by 11am with play starting at 12.30pm.

Monthly triples:

Twenty-two teams of three players played four games on Wednesday.

The first two games were 12 ends and the second two games of 10 ends.

The winners on the day with four wins were Kevin Jones, Arthur Newsome and John Hutt.

Runners up with three wins and a draw was the team of John Newcombe, Peter Forrest and Graeme Cornell.

Best first game with +10 was the team of B. Dicker, A. Jordan and Stan Noad.

Best second game with +18 was the team of Alan Hanks, Greg Hogan and Bob Graeme.

Best third game with +14 was the team of Andy Robertson, K. Marsh and K. Cecil.

Best fourth game with +29 was the team of Martin Hannaford, Doug Archer and John Duscher.

Pennant results:

Saturday Pennant Division 1: Inverloch 55 defeated Corinella 50.

Division 2: Inverloch 54 defeated by Loch 59.

Division 3: Inverloch 61 defeated Phillip Island 53.

Division 4 had a bye.

KORUMBURRA

AFTER a long winter and confusion over draws, pennant finally began on the weekend.

Division 1 hosted Leongatha with all rinks winning.

Rob Cosson won 25 shots to 12, Peter Spark got up 23 shots to 15 and Shane O'Loughlin won 18

shots to 12 – an overall great way to start the season.

Division 2 hosted San Remo with mixed results.

Rob Sund got up 24 shots to 16 and Peter Hearn won 24 shots to 22.

Unfortunately, Jim Garnham, after fighting back, went down by one shot in a thriller 19 shots to 20 – still a good result. Hopefully the club can continue on next week.

LEONGATHA

THE weather was ideal for playing bowls and 23 bowlers nominated for the scheduled event, social bowls, last Wednesday. The winning team was Noelene Houghton, Alan Moxey and Bruce Fidler with a score of two wins + 18 shots.

Runners up were G. Haywood, Ewen Coulter and Sue Wakefield with a score of one win and one draw + 4 shots.

On Saturday, the Saturday Pennant Competition began and Leongatha Bowls Club registered three sides in the program – Division 1, Division 2 and Division 4.

Both Division 1 and Division 2 sides were defeated and the Division 4 side had a bye.

The club have introduced a Bankers event as a product of its recent revue.

The game is played by bowlers who aren't selected for the pennant sides of the day.

On Saturday, with Division 4 having the bye, a surplus of 13 players made themselves available to enjoy the moment.

Bruce Douglas, Scott Witchell and Lyn Robertson had a very convincing win with a score of two wins +23 shots.

The contribution by Carol Harry, Bruce Douglas and Jeff Pendegast to run the event on Saturday's is most appreciated.

The Division 1 side travelled to Korumburra and returned with very little to show for their game against a quality opposition. All three teams were defeated and the scores were as follows:

The overall score was Korumburra 66 shots 16 points defeated Leongatha 39 shots 0 points.

Individual team scores were as follows:

Team 1: Neil Green (Korumburra) Lead V Dot Shandley (Leongatha); Keith March (Korumburra) second V Russell Trotman (Leongatha); Robin Provan (Korumburra) third V Vito Serafino (Leongatha); Shane O'Loughlin (Korumburra) Skip V John Hall (Leongatha). 18/12 shots

Team 2: Kevin Watson (Korumburra) Lead V Susan Symmons (Leongatha); Haydon Rees (Korumburra) second V Ken Lester (Leongatha); Andrew Robertson (Korumburra) third V Alan Eastbrook (Leongatha); Peter Spark



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's winners Steve Bruynen, Heather Blanch and Rod Beech.



Inverloch Bowling Club's social bowls winners Peter Gentsch, David Turnbull, Keith Cousins (skip) and Veronica Muir.

Two rinks had tight matches but were still able to record wins.

The other rink was able to outlast Toora to record a solid victory.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 64 defeated Toora 44.

Division 2 travelled to Leongatha to do battle on a green, which also is a little different, but once again good to bowl on.

Two teams found the going a little tough against good opposition to just go down.

It was the other rink that stepped up to have a very good win to secure victory for the club.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 54 defeated Leongatha 45.

Division 3 played host to Foster at Wonthaggi and was looking for a win to start the season off on the front foot.

Once again, two rinks found Foster to be strong opponents, as this is the top team, going down in two close matches.

The other rink had a win with all three rinks decided by a margin of four shots.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 53 defeated by Foster 57.

Wonthaggi bowlers would like to thank Ian Kirby, a visitor from Woodgate Queensland, for putting his hand up to be umpire as there was no umpire available from the two teams.

Ian is in Victoria visiting Colin and Sheila Ormerod.

Bowls this week: Tuesday, Mid-week Pennant Division 1 play at Toora and Division 2 have a bye, Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday Pennant.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

FINALLY, after two weeks of not being able to bowl, bowlers returned on Tuesday, October 17, to a fantastic and fun week.

It was great to be together and enjoy each other's company.

Fifty-one players competed – 23 on Tuesday, 28 on Friday.

Tuesday's winners with a plus 16 were Fred Demenech, Phyllis Peterson, Jenny Bakker and Mary Spooner.

Runners up on plus 12 were Thelma Kavanagh, Linda Newman, Judy Sweetnam and Pam Russell.

Both teams won two games each.

Friday saw some really good scores.

In the first game, the winners with a plus 24 winning two games were Helen Rook, Brian Newman, Wilma Marshall and John Everson.

Coming second with a win and a draw on plus five were Linda Newman, Marg Hender and Mary Spooner.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

WHAT a day it was.

Spring – bordering on summer – weather welcomed the bowlers to Lang Lang to once again fight it out for team of the week.

It was a fabulous turnout with 39 players – it seems last week's cancellation gave a few withdrawal symptoms.

Also a few players returned after being away or missing for quite a while and it was a pleasure to see them return.

A lot of fun and laughter across

the rinks, one or two wrong bias bowls, but it was a day for some excellent bowling from virtually everyone.

A big thank you to Lang Lang for a very well presented green, the green keeper should feel proud.

A big thank you this week also went to all the players.

This week's winners on 35 points were Mark Andreatta (S), Michael Saunders (3), Jim Noonan (2) and Elaine Williams (L).

Runners up on 34 points were John Nicholson (S), Rob Jeffrey (3), Gwen Jeffery (2) and Peter Stansfield (L).

Best one game winners on 26 points were Peter Gratton (S), Frank D'Univille (3), Bev Elliott (2) and Max Williams (L).

It was good to have Marianne and Colin on site to look after all our bowlers, always great to see them.

Congratulations to Tony and Michael on their recent win.

Next week, the bowlers will be attending Corinella Bowls Club to, once again, fight it out for team of the week.

The club hopes to see as many players as possible.

If everyone could be on site by 10am to try to make Peter's life a bit easier when arranging teams.

Meanwhile, stay safe and see you next week.

WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER week at the club with good news and sad news.

The good news is Wednesday was a perfect day for bowls with fine warm weather.

The sad news is the passing of Maz Cox.

Maz was an active member on and off the greens, and will be remembered as not only a good bowler, but a good person. Wednesday saw 29 bowlers grace the greens which is still a good number, with another event to be played at another local club. There were three teams who two game winners, with one of the unlucky teams being Bryan Donohue, Peter Morgan and Wally Leijen.

Also unlucky were the team of Chris Graham, Bob Powell and Aldo Sartori to lose on count-back to Steve Bruynen, Heather Blanch and Rod Beech with a score of two wins and 34 points and 18 shots up.

Thursday saw good number of bowlers enjoying the warm sunny conditions for a game of bowls and lunch.

Saturday saw the start of Pennant. Division 1 travelled to Toora with a few new names in the squad.

The greens at Toora are a little different to what the Wonthaggi bowlers are used to, but still good to bowl on.

FOSTER

ONCE again, golfers were lucky to have a fine Wednesday for the Stableford round, though the course was still showing effects of the recent rain.

Congratulations to winner Di Walker with (27) 36 points.

BDTL went to Jan Best (26) and Beth Curram (22) both 31 points on a count back from Josie Parisi.

NTP on the sixth was Josie Parisi.

The nine-hole competition was won by Anne Heywood (26) 11 points.

This was a club Trophy Day.

Raffle winner was Alayne.

Well done to the Foster ladies who travelled to Bendigo for the Victorian Women's Spring Tournament.

The golfers must also thank everyone from the club including the bar staff, who helped make the Go Girls Golf Charity Day on Sunday, October 15, such a success.

These include Judy Bacon, Frances McGlead, and Beth Curram who organised morning and afternoon tea.

Thank you to all the ladies that brought in slices and cakes.

The men on the barbecue John Warren and Geoff Prue did a wonderful job as usual, and Kiwi also, on the drinks cart.

Next week, November 1, is the Star Medal play off, medal Day and first round of the Championships.

Go Girls Charity Golf Day:

Sunday, October 15: Foster Golf Club.

Four Person Ambrose: 21 teams – 84 players.

Men's winner: 1. Malcolm Jones. 2. Ken Wood. 3. Luke Gilliam. 4. Phil Bentick. Score: 66/53 1/2.

Ladies' winners: 1. Elisa Nudelman. 2. Barb Britten. 3. Jenny Alexander. 4. Karen Saunders. Score: 82 / 66 3/4.

Mixed winners: 1. Graeme Watkins. 2. Joel Sinclair. 3. Hayley Watkins. 4. Ros Griggs. Score: 70 / 56 7/8.

Best dressed male: Graeme Watkins. Best dressed female: Ros Griggs.

NTP men:

Fourth: Peter Dight. Sixth: Brad Coates. 13th: Joel Poole. 15th: Michael Thomas. 17th: Chris Buckland.

Straightest drive: Lloyd McKenzie.

BDL: 1. Leigh Roberts, 2. Brad Coates, 3. Chris Buckland, 4. Michael Thomas. Score: 54 1/2.

BDL: 1. Joel Poole, 2. Max Mathews, 3. Tod Malone, 4. Chris King. Score: 59 7/8.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS:

Tuesday, October 17: Stableford: 14 players.

Winner: Chris McConnell (23) 39 points.

NTPs: first Steve Duffield, seventh Steve Duffield and 13th Athol Worthy.

Thursday, October 19: Winner: Peter Van Agtmaal (18) 40 points.

NTPs: first Steve Duffield, seventh Brian Clasby and 13th Peter Van Agtmaal.

Saturday, October 21: Stableford: 38 players.

Sponsor: Brian and Marg Clasby. A Grade: Craig Kerr (13) 36 points.

B Grade: Chris (Stooge) Muir (38) 38 C/B.

NTPs: first Donald Van Rooye, seventh Brian Pope, 10th Bob Newton and 13th Peter Johnson.



Life members Harry Maxwell and Margaret McDonald cutting Lang Lang Golf Club's 60th birthday cake.

Ladies

MERRISSA Cosson (12) won the Wednesday competition with 32 points and was also the NTP on the first and 13th greens. Lynette McIvor (22) was a close second, 31 points and Barb Twite (23) won a BDTL, 29 points, after a c/b with Julie Brannagan.

Lynne Schwennesen (54) was the nine-hole competition winner, with 10 points.

Last week, Lynette McIvor and Aliesha Wrigley were our representatives in the Golf Vic Doris Chambers Foursomes and a group from the club went to Wodonga to support their tournament.

On Saturday, Aliesha Wrigley (24) won with 37 points and Merrissa Cosson (12) was the runner up, 33 points.

BDTL went to Shelley Snooks (18), 33 points.

Merrissa was NTP on the first (Kelly's Bakery voucher) and Shelley was closest on the 13th green.

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RESULTS:

Tuesday: Stableford – field of 65. Winner: Mike Sullivan 40 points. R/U: Graham Kofoed 39 points.

Ball rundown to 31 points.

Nearest the pins: Fifth: John Johnson. Ninth: Noel Welsh. 12th: John Lynch. 15th: Graham Kofoed.

Wednesday: Ladies' Stableford. Winner: Anne Schellekens 36 points. R/U: Maureen Nankervis.

Ball rundown to 21 points.

Thursday: Stableford/2BBB – field of 65.

Stableford:

Winner: Russell Swan with 42 points. R/U: Rob Volk with 40 points.

2BBB:

Winners: Noel Bradford and David Wylie with 47 points by countback. R/U: Steve Clark and Russell Swan.

Ball rundown to 35 points.

Nearest the pin: Fifth: Noel Boyd. Ninth: Patrick Farrell. 12th: James Hedrick. 15th: Michael Herman.

Saturday: Stableford – 146 players.

Division 1: Winner: Laurie Burgess with 38 points by countback. R/U: Jack Ingram. 37 points.

Division 2: Winner: Mark Owen with 39 points. R/U: Rob Bradshaw with 38 points by c/b.

Division 3: Winner: Vern Hall with 39 points. R/U: Andrew Poxon with 37 points by countback.

Ball rundown to 34 points.

Nearest the pins: Fifth: Stephen Rawlings. Ninth: Joe Kelly. 12th: Michael Bushe. 15th: Brenton Adams.

Third hole second shot (0-18):

Ben Hall, Third hole second shot (19+): Tim Winter.

Lang Lang Golf Club is celebrating its 60th year and, to mark this special day, a lunch and golf day took place on Sunday with current members, past members and life members all getting together.

Although the weather was not fantastic, a great day was still had by all that attended.

Congratulations to Cheryl Stockdale and Lee Andrews for winning the Joy Kitchen Foursomes event with a gross score of 102, and congratulations to Anne Schellekens and Betty Robertson for being the net winners with a score of 73.

Well played to you all.

The Men's 4BBB Championships was recently played and a playoff is needed to determine the winners.

Good luck to Bart McDonald and Levi Maxwell, and Gary Sosenko and Wayne Kennedy with the playoff.

Just a reminder that our Club Championships will be starting shortly with Saturday, November 11, being the first of three rounds.

Remember to book in quickly, as this is always a very popular event.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, October 17: Stableford.

Forty-one members/guests played in Tuesday's Stableford round.

A Grade winner: Craig Hutchinson (7) with 34 points on a countback. R/U: Christopher Leaver (9) with 34 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Timothy McCarthy (22) with 36 points. R/U: Neil MacKenzie (31) with 33 points.

NTP 14th: Michael Delaney at .84m. 16th: Patrick McDonald at 1.56m.

Extra balls comp prizes went to Dean Kellett and Winton Knop.

Thursday, October 19: Evans Petroleum Stableford.

Fine spring weather and very much improved course conditions made for excellent scoring for the 85 members/guests who played in Thursday's Evans Petroleum Stableford event.

Thanks again to the valued sponsorship of the day by Evans Petroleum.

A Grade winner: Craig Hutchinson (7) with 39 points. R/U: Anthony Gedye (11) with 38 points.

B Grade winner: John Housey (18) with 34 points. R/U: Bert Borg (20) with 33 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Mel Miles (23) with 37 points. R/U: Conor

Hosking (23) with 36 points.

D Grade winner: Peter Dodgson (36) with 34 points. R/U: Jim Haydon (30) with 32 points.

NTP 14th: Antony Gedye at 2.84m. 16th: Philippe Du Plessis at 1.08m.

Extra balls comp prizes went to Norman Hughes, Rod MacKenzie and Winton Knop.

Special mention to Craig Hutchinson for consecutive A Grade wins for the week.

Saturday, October 21: Vern Pease Ambrose Fours Event.

Saturday saw an excellent field of 86 members/guests play in the Vern Pease Ambrose Fours event.

Thank you to the Pease family for their support of the day.

Overall winners: 1: Lou Fuatauga, Michael O'Rafferty, Chad Clasby and Alan Starkey with a score of 57.25 points.

2: Martin Fuller, Stuart Harry, Steve Fisher and William Fuller with a score of 57.5 points.

3: Pat Pease, Kate Dwyer, Jasper Cousins and Paddy Dwyer with a score of 57.75 points.

NTP 14th: Paul Ross at 1.26m. 16th: Gary McGrath at 3.19m.

Ladies

IT was perfect weather for the rescheduled October Monthly Medal last week.

Mel Willder handled the heavier than normal conditions very well, with a 97 off the stick, finishing with a 77 net.

Club captain Rebecca Thomas (9) won A Grade with 80 net.

Runner up was Nan Meagher (37) with an 81 net.

Down the line balls were won by Kay Dumbleton, Colleen Touzel, Maxine Eabry, Lianne Adamson, Joc Howson and Fay Quilford.

Rebecca Thomas won the closest to the flag on the 16th and Nan Meagher on the 14th.

Twelve women played in the nine-hole competition.

Bronwyn Debenham won the day with 16 points and Marianne Leaver and Paula Cross earned a ball down the line with 15 points.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

OVER the winter months, there has been little golf at home due to the constant wet weather, mainly on a Wednesday.

Some played a couple of Wednesdays at Leongatha Golf Club, which they are grateful for.

Thanks to Woorayl Golf Club's ladies for having some golfers play with them for five weeks.

The Leongatha area did not get as much rain as Meeniyana.

However, the golfers have now been able to play some golf at home of late.

Visitor from Oodnadatta, South Australia, Pattie Bryen won the nine-hole comp with a great 21 points from Irene Holm on 17 points on Wednesday, October 11.

After play, the ladies' annual general meeting was held, where Faye LePage has once again taken on the roll as president, with Tanya Thorson her vice president, Irene Holm as captain, and Susan Straw her vice-captain.

On Wednesday, October 18, eight played nine holes with Faye LePage winning with 16 points and Irene Holm runner up on 15 points.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, October 19: Stableford.

A Grade: J. Hughes (18) 36 points c/b.

B Grade: R. Robbins (22) 34

C Grade: C-1 Rowan

Worthy.

DTL: R. Matthews 36, T. Bradshaw 34 and N. Rutledge 33.

NTP: fourth R. Matthews, sixth T. Whitelaw, 13th R. Matthews and 16th T. Whitelaw.

Birdies: sixth R. Pentland.

Saturday, October 21: Pat Aggregate, Heiberg Family Cup.

Day winner: M. Payne and D. Taylor tied with N. Rutledge and Cayden Gunn 2up.

DTL: D. Evans and A. Leibe square c/b.

NTP: fourth N. Baker, sixth R. Jenkins, 13th S. McKenzie and 16th T. Bradshaw.

Birdies: fourth M. Payne, S. McKenzie and N. Baker.

PHILLIP ISLAND

RESULTS:

Tuesday, October 17: Men's Stroke Midweek Monthly Medal 18H Competition.

Overall winner: Warren Hahnel (20) net 67.

A Grade winner: A-1 Peter Ablett (12) net 71 and A-2 Geoff Daff (15) net 72.

B Grade winners: B-1 Warren Hahnel (20) net 67 and B-2 Peter Wilson (18) net 69.

C Grade winners: C-1 John Mahoney (34) net 72 and C-2 Rick Connell (24) net 73.

BDL: net 75 C/B.

NTPs: fifth Geoff Daff, seventh Rob Haydon, 10th Peter Wilson and 17th Brady Ross.

Men's Stableford 9H:

Winners: Malcolm MacArthur (29) 22 points and Brian Baker (21) 19 points.

BDL: 16 points C/B.

Wednesday, October 18: Ladies' Stableford 18H Competition.

A Grade winner: Pam Rothfield (24) 39 points.

B Grade winner: Robyn Cornell

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Ladies' 18-hole Stableford:
A Grade winners: A-1 Rhonda Boyd (20) 37 points C/B and A-2 Jillian Chandler (31) 37 points. BDL to 32 points.

NTP: seventh Dawn Andrews, 10th Rhonda Boyd and 17th Dawn Andrews.

Saturday open nine-hole Stableford:

Overall winner: Reg Browne (37) 18 points.

BDL to 15 points C/B.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: October 19, SR. 71. Competition type: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Gary Youlten 36. R/U: Keith Ridout 35.

BDL to 34.

Ball sweep: Glen Turner 35, Stephen Kane 35 and Rod Walker 34.

Results: October 19, SR. 34.5.

Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.

Winner: Norm Burne 21.

BDL to 14.

Ball sweep: Graham Ryan 20, Willy Williams 15 and Secondo Tiziani 14.

Results: October 21.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: A: Allan McLean 34. B: Stephen Kane 42. C: Alan Jones 40.

BDL to 33 C/B.

Ball sweep: Miles Foster 40, Stephen Judd 36, Frank Loughran 35, Kevin Bayley 35, Eric Van Agtmael 34, Jim Jordan 34, Darren Brown 34, Stephen Laing 34, Kevin Jamieison 34 and Inoke Baudromo 33 C/B.

NTP: I. Baudromo second, E. Van Agtmael fourth, R. Lovett propin eighth, B. Andrew 13th and D. Ricardo 17th money hole.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the second round of stroke to decide the winner of The Lorna Jeeves Memorial Bowl.

The daily winners were A Grade Merryn Dear 93(16)77, B Grade Robyn Wilkinson 108(26)82 and C Grade Sharon Patullo 118(33)85.

Catherine Bolding had been pipped last week and this week from winning A Grade but congratulations on her perseverance with two rounds of 78 net for total of 156 and was presented as the 2023 Lorna Jeeves Bowl winner.

NTP on 17th was Anne Walker. BDL went to C. Bolding 78, M. Johnson 78, Y. Everitt 80, G. Prentice 82 and J. Beaumont 83.

Anne Tschiderer won the nine-hole event.

WOORAYL

Ladies

THE ever-popular Captain and President's Day was sponsored by captain Elly and president Jenny.

The day started with a lucky dip for a P or C badge telling each golfer which team they were on and who they needed to support.

Everyone was trying their hardest and, despite president Jenny being a little jetlagged, she coached her team to win the trophy. Well done, Jenny.

The A Grade winner was Sharyn Rayson (16) with 31 points.

B Grade winner Dianne O'Connor came in with a good score of 34 points.

The A Grade runner up was Ann Poole (25) 31 points and Jo Fennell (34) 32 points was runner up in B Grade.

BDL was Anne Grist 30 points and Elly Berryman 29 points.

Best nine out went to Pauline Lancaster 13 points on a countback from Kath Davis.

NTPs were eighth Ann Poole, 11th Jenny Riseley and 17th Jean Hayes.



Jai Newcombe celebrates with a Hawthorn fan.

Poowong's Jai Newcombe excels at Hawthorn

FORMER Poowong footballer Jai Newcombe continues to capitalise on his mid-season drafting to Hawthorn in 2021, with the inside midfielder putting together an even stronger campaign than last year.

His 2023 season earned him impressive recognition in both the Brownlow Medal count and the club Best and Fairest.

Newcombe polled 18 Brownlow votes, seven better than in 2022, and finished a narrow second in the Hawks' Peter Crimmins Medal count in which he racked up 123 votes, just a couple behind winner Will Day, giving Newcombe consecutive runner-up placings in the club Best and Fairest.

"It's nice to get that recognition; I wasn't expecting to poll that well in the Brownlow," Newcombe said.

He added it was pleasing to build on the base he established in 2022 and take a few steps forward, with

the aim being to continue his improvement in 2024.

Specifically, he is working on furthering his connection with other midfielders such as James Worrel and Conor Nash.

"We're gelling well together as a group," he said.

Newcombe last played for Poowong in 2019.

He still tries to get back to the town every couple of weeks but hasn't managed to see the local Magpies in action for some time.

With the hard work of preseason ahead, Newcombe has taken the chance to enjoy a couple of holiday adventures with his partner.

The young Hawk is also an avid golfer, continuing to hone his game and currently playing off a handicap of 11.

He enjoys the mental challenge of golf and the opportunity to spend time outdoors with mates, having previously played a lot on the Korumburra course with his dad Clint.

Neil runs second in Rich River



Christina Eldridge (Terang) with Wonthaggi Croquet Club's Kathy Ross, Sue Cartwright, Neil Warburton, Gerry Kool and Virginia Wheeler, and referee Tom Lacey at Warragul.

This was Kathy's first external tournament and well played.

Tom Lacey came along not just to make up the numbers, but to referee over the two days – never an easy task and well done Tom.

After six rounds of pennant the standings are now as follows: Wonthaggi Maroon, Wonthaggi White, Phillip Island Blue, Drouin, Leongatha, Korumburra and Phillip Island White.

The club held an open day on Friday, October 20, in conjunction with Seniors' week.

Warm weather was in its favour and nine interested members of the public came along and had a great few hours learning the rudiments of the game.

The club hopes to see them again.

The club days are Monday 4pm – dark (during daylight saving), and Wednesday and Saturday from 10am.

ALLAMBEE MIRBOO AND DISTRICT

RESULTS: round three.

Section 1: Korumburra 8.48 defeated Leongatha 0.13; Westernport v Inverloch – forfeit; Koonwarra bye.

Ladder: Westernport 25, Inverloch 18, Korumburra 15, Koonwarra 12, Leongatha 5

Section 2: Outtrim 5.58 defeated Leongatha 4.49; Baromi 7.66 defeated Korumburra 2.41.

Ladder: Outtrim 26, Baromi 18, Leongatha 13.5, Korumburra 8.5

Inverloch was unable to find fill-ins this week, so it forfeited to Westernport.

Korumburra was the big winner against the young Leongatha team.

Matt Pocklington out with COVID left a younger team, but well done to all the players who enjoyed their afternoon of tennis.

Baromi was the winner at Korumburra.

Welcome to Belinda Snell, the Australian basketball player, who filled in for Baromi.

Korumburra won a ladies' and a mixed set, but that was all they could get.

Outtrim was the winner against Leongatha, but only just. The Outtrim men won all their sets and one ladies' set. The mixed sets were well played by both teams with a tiebreaker in the second mix.

MIRBOO NORTH AND DISTRICT JUNIORS

RESULTS from round two – October 14.

A Grade results: Leongatha Lions 5 sets and 34 games defeated Leongatha Parrots 1 set and 21 games; Baromi 5 sets and 33 games defeated Fish Creek Kangaroos 1 set and 10 games.

B Grade results: Baromi 6 sets and 36 games defeated Mardan All Stars 0 sets and 12 games; Mardan Bull Ants 2 sets 16 games defeated Dumbalk North Phoenix 0 sets 2 games before rain; Fish Creek Fire vs Leongatha Dynamite was declared a wash out.

C Grade: Baromi 5 sets 22 games defeated Mardan Thunder 1 set 13 games; Leongatha Meteors 5 sets 23 games defeated Leongatha Crushers 1 set 11 games.

Round 3 results and ladders.

A Grade results: Leongatha Lions 6 sets and 37 games defeated Mardan Smokin' Aces 0 sets and 15 games.

Leongatha Parrots 5 sets and 34 games defeated Fish Creek Kangaroos 1 set and 26 games.

A Grade ladder: Leongatha Lions 16.5, Baromi 13, Fish Creek Kangaroos 9, Leongatha Parrots 7, Mardan Smokin' Aces 3.5

B Grade results: Leongatha Lions 6 sets and 37 games defeated Mardan Bull Ants 0 sets 15 games. Baromi 6 sets 36 games defeated Dumbalk North Phoenix 0 sets 16 games. Fish Creek Fire forfeited their games against Mardan All Stars due to a shortage of players.

B Grade ladder: Leongatha Dynamite 16.5, Mardan Bull Ants 13, Baromi 10.5, Dumbalk Nth Phoenix 7.5, Leongatha Conquerers 6.5, Mardan All Stars 0

C Grade results: Baromi 4 sets 19 games defeated Leongatha Crushers 2 sets 11 games. Leongatha Meteors 4 sets 20 games defeated Mardan Thunder 2 sets 12 games.

C Grade ladder: Baromi 15, Leongatha Meteors 14, Mardan Thunder 6.5, Leongatha Crushers 6.5.

RIVERSIDE

ROUND three results:

Section 1/2 doubles: Warragul 5-46 defeated Trafalgar 4-32; Drouin Maroon 9-54 defeated Poowong 0-9; Moe 8-52 defeated Hallora 1-21; Neerim District 8-53 defeated Drouin Gold 1-29.

Team Points: Drouin Maroon 29, Neerim District 22, Warragul 19, Moe 15.5, Trafalgar 15

Poowong 13.5, Hallora 12, Drouin Gold 6

Section 1 singles: Moe White 4-8-45 defeated Drouin 0-1-15; Moe Blue 2-4-30 defeated by Moe Red 2-5-39; Trafalgar had the bye.

Team Points: Moe White 12.5, Moe Blue 11, Moe Red 10.5, Trafalgar 2.5, Drouin 1

Section 2 singles: Warragul 1-23 defeated by Moe 5-47; Drouin Gold 1-25 defeated by Drouin Maroon 5-42; Trafalgar 3-34 defeated by Pax Hill 3-36.

Team Points: Pax Hill 20, Trafalgar 19, Drouin Maroon 16, Moe 13, Drouin Gold 3, Warragul 1

Trio hold on to South East Zone Teams Shield

KORUMBURRA Gun Club was thrilled when their juniors bought home the South East Zone Teams Shield for the first time last year.

However, the excitement has increased tenfold, with Kaelem McCurdy, Alicia McGrath and Kira Waldron going back-to-back – an amazing achievement for the club.

Alicia and Kaelem started the series, with Kaelem taking a step back to focus on his studies.

Kira stepped in to compete alongside Alicia, and the girls formed an awesome team.

Just prior to the final, Alicia had an accident that resulted in a neck fracture.

Kaelem came out of retirement to help Kira retain the shield, in a show of wonderful teamwork between some incredibly talented juniors.

They competed against other two person teams at competition over four rounds and a carnival throughout the year.

All shot extremely well against tough competition from metropolitan and rural clay target clubs.

The current shield has been contested annually since 1991 and this is only the second time Korumburra Gun Club has won the award.

Kira is now setting her sights on the South Australian State Titles, Alicia will continue her recovery and Kaelem will return to his studies.



Alicia McGrath, Kira Waldron and Kaelem McCurdy brought home the South East Zone Teams Shield for the second year in a row for the Korumburra Gun Club



An incredible 76 Supergroms and their families braved the cold at Smiths Beach for the Phillip Island Boardriders 2023/2024 season.

Phillip Island Boardriders Club season takes off

WITH the roar from the MotoGP in the background and a serious chill in the air, Phillip Island Boardriders Club began their 2023/2024 Season with a bang on Saturday October 21.

An incredible 76 Supergroms and their families braved the cold at Smiths Beach. There were lots of new faces, lots of improvement from returning Supergroms, and bucketloads of good vibes.

The team spirit was also strong over at Cape Woolamai, where PIBC's first Aggregate Comp of the Season kicked off.

In Club Captain, Ash Easton's absence, the PIBC committee were stoked with the awesome leadership shown by Andy McHenry, Carl Wright and Harry de Roth who all stepped up and ran the competition.

The whole team was primed to do well and absolutely smashed it. There was lots of great surfing talent coming through all divisions.



There were lots of improvement from returning Supergroms, with award winners pictured.

Each competitor also chipped in to help the day run smoothly, showing off their judging skills and scoring heats for their teammates.

Both events wrapped up at the clubrooms in typical PIBC style, with a BBQ, raffle, a few drinks, and awards.

Everyone chipped in which saw the event run smoothly and the whole club celebrated together for the first time this season.

The next Aggregate Competition and Supergroms Event will be held on November 25, 2023, but stay tuned for the first Longboard Comp on Saturday October 28.

The competition can be watched on YouTube, thanks to Carve Media: youtube.com/watch?v=fxks7IZsU-g

AGGREGATE RESULTS

Cadet Females (U16)

1st Lillian Bassed, 2nd Scarlett Rennie, 3rd Evie Lutz

Cadet Males (U16)

1st Angus Kennedy, 2nd Hamish Farman, 3rd Sunny Steiner

Junior Females (U18)

1st Sarah Seuren, 2nd Abby Clarke, 3rd Zoe Scott

Junior Males (U18)

1st Tate Russell, 2nd Jarrah Cicero, 3rd Sam Patterson

Senior Women's (35+)

1st Dannielle Baylis, 2nd Emily Scott, 3rd Hannah Eisen

Senior Mens (28-45)

1st Adrian Maier, 2nd Adam Vyva, 3rd Matt Krumins

Masters (45-60)

1st Adrian Maier, 2nd Dumpy, 3rd Mark Patterson

Legends (60+)

1st Brian Tancheff, 2nd Boots, 3rd Robert Michael Hosking

Open Women

1st Lillian Bassed, 2nd Sarah Seuren, 3rd Zoe Adams

Open Men

1st Carl Wright, 2nd Tate Russell, 3rd Dylan Thomas James

Leongatha Table Tennis

RESULTS: October 17.

A Grade results: Thunderstruck 6-20 defeated Like A Virgin 5-19; Thriller 9-27 defeated Telegraph Road 2-11; Summer of 69 6-20 defeated Smashing Pumpkins 5-20; Devo 8-24 defeated We are the Champions 3-13.

Ladder: Devo 32/118/408, We are the Champions 22/98/347, Thunderstruck 22/92/309, Thriller 20/107/363, Smashing Pumpkins 20/103/365, Summer of 69 14/88/315, Like a Virgin 8/71/268, Telegraph Road 4/62/253.

Leading players: Braden A 42, Michael C 40, Michael G 39, Phil M 38, Dirk H 37, Ben H 35

A Reserve results: October 18.

Shaun the Sheep 6-19 defeated Outback Truckers 5-19; Thunderbirds 7-23 defeated Ben 10 4-15; Bye: Bonanza.

Ladder: Bonanza 20/75/246, Thunderbirds 20/74/268, Shaun the Sheep 16/77/282, Outback Truckers 10/65/227, Ben 10 6/63/241.

Leading players: Aiden H 34, Ian T 33, Ian R 23, Danny R 20, Sam H 17

Wonthaggi Table Tennis

A RESERVE Monday night results:

Backhand defeated Super Smash 5 to 4; Lucky Edge defeated Flippers 5 to 4; Bats defeated Chop 6 to 3.

Preliminary rounds have concluded and the finals on.

What a scintillating season – full of sub plots, side plots and jeepers, what was that plot?

Bats have come from the clouds to secure top peg.

Their semi-final foe will be the dangerous Chop.

The other semi-final will be the crafty Backhand v Super Smash and their rocket balls.

These finals are so evenly matched that when Nostradamus was asked for a tip, he replied, "yeah, nah".

The two winners will square off in the grand final.

Thanks aplenty to all participants this season for making it so thoroughly enjoyable. Well done all.

Fred Debono: leading player.

A Grade Wednesday night results:

BYD defeated Defenders 4 to 1.

This ends the Defenders gallant season and will pit undefeated BYD against Merota in the grand final on Monday, October 30.

Best of luck to all finalists.

Trophy and cash prizes up for grabs for good sports clubs

NOMINATIONS are now open for the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's Good Sports Awards, giving community sporting clubs across Victoria the chance to shine in the national spotlight and win cash prizes.

The Alcohol and Drug Foundation's Good Sports Program Manager, Sallee Cook said the annual awards celebrate the clubs and volunteers that are dedicated to making their clubs the very best they can be.

"The Good Sports Awards recognise the community sporting clubs that go above and beyond to make their clubs healthy and inclusive environments," Ms Cook said.

"The Awards are the ultimate trophy for any Good Sports club. They shine the spotlight on success, celebrate the volunteers who are the backbone of Good Sports clubs and provide winning clubs with the recognition they deserve."

Good Sports clubs are encouraged to nominate before November 12, for their chance to be crowned a winner at the awards ceremony at Parliament House early next year and win a share of over \$13,000 in prize money.

Entering this year's Awards is quick and easy – visit Goodsports.com.au/awards.

Good Sports clubs can enter multiple categories, which include Club of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Safe Transport Award, Mental Health Excellence Award, Junior Club of the Year, New Club of the Year and Community Club of the Year.



Turn 4 action on lap one. Di Giannantonio (49), Pecco Bagnaia (1), Johann Zarco (5), Marc Marquez (obscured) and Aussie Jack Miller 43 in pursuit of Jorge Martin. Photos Peter Cleeland



Moto2 rider in a very dicey predicament as he high sided out of turn four on Sunday.



Aussie Jack Miller cresting Lukey Heights on the way to seventh position in the Australian Grand Prix.



Jubilant Australian Grand Prix winner Johann Zarco sharing his victory celebrations with an appreciative crowd at turn five.

Exhilarating Zarco wins Island GP

By Peter Cleeland

RIDERS and ensuing MotoGP entourage made their way from the Indonesian Grand Prix to the famous seaside circuit for round 16 over the weekend. The Australian round promised intense and thrilling racing with the leading two riders, Francesco Bagnaia and Jorge Martin desperate for maximum points for the overall championship title; with only 18 points apiece separating the 2022 champion and Pramac Ducati rider.

The program commenced with free practice for MotoGP, Moto2 and Moto3 category bikes on Friday which was followed by a close round of qualifying for each class on Saturday.

Frantic Friday in the premier class saw KTM riders Brad Binder and Aussie Jack Miller go first and second on the time sheets and straight into Qualifying Two (Q2) while Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati) and the highly popular Marc Marquez (Honda) had to come through qualifying one (Q1) as they occupied lowly 11th and 16th respectively in the washup. Championship contender, Jorge Martin had slotted himself nicely into fourth position with an eye to improving his times during the Q2 session.

In a moment of sheer genius the race organising committee looked at the weather predictions over the weekend and in their wisdom decided to shift Sunday's 28 lap event to Saturday. The Tissot 12 lap sprint race was then switched to Sunday.

A large crowd had assembled in warm conditions to witness the goings on of Frantic Friday which gave way to Super Saturday. The word had obviously got around the motorcycle community about the switch in program as a belter of a crowd turned up to witness some stunning action.

In qualifying one Bagnaia and Marquez topped the charts to go into Q2 and as they say the cream rises to the top. In Q2 Ducati rider Jorge Martin nailed pole position with a new lap record of 1.27.767 while Friday's champ Brad Binder held onto second with Championship leader Bagnaia slotted into third on the front row. For Aussie Jack Miller a now familiar pattern had formed where he dropped back to seventh position on the grid as the pace warmed up.

Yes, the organisers had pulled a masterstroke re-arranging the program of events as Saturday was perfect for racing. A dry track with overcast conditions, little wind to speak of and moderate temperatures of 20 degrees. As the punters filled the stands and stood up to 10 deep around the fabulous Island circuit all was in readiness for some stunning competition.

When the lights went out Jorge Martin dropped the clutch and careered off into

Johann Zarco.

A special mention to Aussie Jack Miller who had ridden the absolute sprockets off the KTM coming in seventh in a very creditable performance.

Soggy Sunday, lived up to the weather forecasters predictions. With the accuracy of an arrow from William Tell's bow the meteorologists were spot on with gale force winds and sweeping showers rolling across the Island circuit. However, not to be deterred thousands of spectators dressed in a whole lot more than they were yesterday fronted for another dose of upscaled adrenaline and excitement.

Motorcycle racers cannot pick and choose their lot so the Moto 3 lads bravely fronted perilous conditions which saw four riders go down on the sighting lap. In an exciting race Deniz Oncu snatched victory from Ayumu Sasaki on the final turns of a soaking Australian Moto3 Grand Prix. Oncu's late pass also prevented Sasaki from taking the world championship lead, but he has now closed to within four points of a subdued Jaume Masia. The leading trio were reduced to two when home star Joel Kelso lost touch with Sasaki and Oncu in the final laps. Kelso settling for a safe debut podium. Australian rider, Joel Kelso had ridden out of his skin in an exhibition combining bravery and skill.

The Moto2 600cc machines were next to front the atrocious conditions as showers intensified and track conditions worsened. Infact, the wake left behind the bikes completing the sighting and warm up laps would have had Aussie surfer Mick Fanning waxing his surfboard. Tony Arbolino on his Kalex was a runaway leader when common-sense prevailed and the event was red flagged on lap 10 of 23.

As the race was not two thirds complete in distance Arbolino had to settle for half points. Championship leader Pedro Acosta was one of many riders went down in a screaming heap in the treacherous melee.

The MotoGP riders and team managers had a meeting to discuss the merits of running the Tissot 12 lap Sprint race as conditions worsened. It was decided to call off this event due to rider safety concerns which was the only possible rational decision that could be reached.

The highly successful Australian MotoGP would not be possible without the countless volunteer track marshall's who freely give of their time and expertise which is greatly appreciated by all spectators and race organisers. Similarly, the first responders namely police, ambulance and paramedics who provide a safe environment for both public and competitors.



Some of motorsports best, accompanied fans for the Homecoming Ride to the Phillip Island track including Marc Marquez, Pedro Acosta, Joel Kelso and Wayne Gardner. ob15_4323

MotoGP Fans flock to San Remo

OVER 400 MotoGP fans lined up their bikes in San Remo last Wednesday to ride alongside six-time world champion Marc Marquez for the Homecoming Ride to the iconic Phillip Island circuit.

The midday sun was shining as fans lined up for autographs from Marquez, who secured his 100th MotoGP podium at Phillip Island last year and will be looking to finish the 2023 season in similar form.

A question-and-answer session was held on the

foreshore before the riders took off, with Marquez talking about moving to the Ducati satellite team, Gresini Racing for the 2024 season, after eleven years with Honda.

The question that was on everyone's lips though came from a six-year-old boy in the crowd who asked Marquez, "How fast does your bike go?"

Australian Moto3 rider Joel Kelso joined Pedro Acosta, current leader of Moto2 class on stage to talk about their careers and answer questions before making their way

to the circuit where they met fans for a lap.

Acosta has secured a seat in MotoGP for 2023 with the KTM team and holds a comfortable lead in the Moto2 championship after seven wins this season.

Kelso's best result in his two seasons in Moto3 was a Phillip Island in 2022 with an eighth place finish, and after a challenging 2023 so far, he is hoping to maintain his position.

Australian motorcycling legend and former world

champion Wayne Gardner also took to the stage and joined the Homecoming Ride.

Gardner commented that he had been to the Phillip Island MotoGP every year except five years ago when he was in a Japanese Prison, reportedly due to a misunderstanding.

The MotoGP by Gryfyn Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix began on Friday October 20 with the three-day track schedule including a new MotoGP sprint race held on Saturday for the first time in Australia.



Powering on too early led to a catapulting highside in the greasy conditions at the Island circuit during the Moto2 race on Sunday. Photos: Peter Cleeland



Zarco completes his celebration with a perfectly executed backflip enthraling the crowd.



Zarco completes his magical last lap move heading for his first victory in 120 starts with delirious fans in the background.

World Superbikes Return to Phillip Island in 2024

PHILLIP Island Grand Prix Circuit are excited to announce they will again host the season opener of the 2024 MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship, the Grand Ridge Brewery Australian Round from 23 – 25 February 2024.

Next year will mark 33 years of WorldSBK racing at the iconic Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, setting the scene for what fans, spectators and motorsport enthusiasts can expect for the upcoming season.

Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit General Manager David Bennett said he is excited to have the circuit host the season opening round, which also includes hosting the final pre-season test on February 19 and 20.

"Phillip Island is the perfect place to start the year. With some major shake-ups on the grid the fast-flowing nature of The Island is a great place to put both rider and machine to the test," Mr Bennett said.

While there are still several teams set to announce their riders for next year, the Australian spirit ran high when it was announced Remy Gardner will be lining up for his second season in World Superbikes.

"Remy has done a tremendous job in his Rookie season, and there is no doubt his strong potential to put on a good show in front of his home crowd - his results have consistently been improving each round, so it would certainly be a real treat having the 25-year-old battling up the front next year," Mr Bennett said.

The opening round at The Island will see two of the biggest names in World Superbike, six-time World Champion Jonathan Rea and 2021 World Champion Toprak Razgatlioglu, embark on a journey with different manufacturers for the very first time, making this one of the most highly anticipated rounds yet.

WorldSBK Executive Director Gregorio Lavilla said that WorldSBK's return to Phillip Island in 2024 will mark the beginning of a momentous new chapter for WorldSBK.

"We are delighted to return to the historic Phillip Island Circuit for the opening round of the 2024 WorldSBK season. Phillip Island has been a cornerstone in WorldSBK's storied history, and we anticipate that this event will mark the beginning of a momentous new chapter following significant changes to the grid."

Providing Aussie fans with ultimate viewing pleasure, the event will again feature the opening round of the Australian Superbike Championship, running in front of a world-class crowd.

Motorcycling Australia CEO, Peter Doyle said the much-anticipated February round is a highlight of the year ahead for the mi-bike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship, presented by Motul.

"There's no better way than to start the year than in front of a huge crowd, passionate superbike fans, and a world-class circuit," Mr Doyle said.

"We look forward to once again showcase Australia's fastest riders competing in the ASBK championship. It is a unique opportunity to race in front of the WorldSBK paddock; with the ASBK Superbike, ASBK Supersport, and ASBK Supersport 300 classes, as they battle it out for victory," added Mr Doyle.

Tickets for the 2024 event will go on sale soon. You can register your interest and keep up to date via our website at worldsbk.com.au

Wash out for the Goannas

UNFORTUNATELY, the weather and other factors have led to no cricket for the Gippsland veterans this week.

The first cancellation was the Over-70 game against the Yarra Valley Over-70's on Tuesday, October 17.

This game was to be played at Morwell, but the rain on Monday had made the available grounds unplayable.

The Over-60 game that was to be played on Sunday at Pakenham, against the Pakenham and District over-60 team was called off as the home team could not field a side.

The Goannas had enough players available, so it was strange to the club that P and D could not field a team.

Hopefully the weather and other factors will combine favourably for the coming games.

There is a trial match for the Over-70's at Endeavour Hills on Tuesday, October 24, with teams for the National Championships in Bunbury area, November 22 to 29, to be selected.

Several of the Goannas will be going to Bunbury.

The next scheduled game for the Goannas Over-50 team is an away game this Sunday, October 29, against the SE Vets at Caulfield.

The Over-70 team is scheduled to play the West Gippsland Wombats, also on Sunday at Iona, while the next Over-60 game is scheduled for November 5 at Endeavour Hills.

There will be an Over-60 National Championships played in Perth soon, but at the moment there are no details of Goannas playing trial matches.

Rusty Cricket starts again

LOCH'S Rusty Cricket enters its 10th year when it starts next Monday night, October 30.

It's been described as a men's shed in the nets, as "a bat and a chat", and a weekly hit of cricket without the running catching or throwing.

Over the past nine years, every Monday night throughout the cricket season a small group of locals, caravanners, non-cricketers and cricket tragic have come together for an hour of cricket and good-natured banter (gossip).

Everyone is welcome and it's free.

Every Monday night (weather permitting), 6pm in the nets at the Loch Memorial Reserve.

For further details, contact Garry Knox on 0419 207 594.



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Peter Cleary derails Club

• B GRADE, DIVISION 2

A HAT trick is the highlight of the B grade division two opening round, with Phillip Island's Peter Cleary (4/18 from 8) tearing through Wonthaggi's middle order to swing the game in the Sharks favour.

In a game that had stand out performances everywhere you looked Tharidu Asuru-muni (74 off 30) and Tony Hornsby (40 off 65) ensured the Islanders pushed through the fine spell of Lucas McRae (4/47 from 6) and posted a strong total of 7/198 after 40.

Then, it was Heath Dobbie (73 off 95) and Jayden Burns (42 off 54) doing damage in the chase, but Cleary's hat trick in the 18th over derailed Club's efforts, despite a 68-run stand between Dobbie and Jayden Burns (42 off 54).

The Sharks ended up holding their hosts to 9/174, running out of time and batting power in their chase to fall 24-runs short.

Kilcunda-Bass v Foster

KILCUNDA-Bass have recorded an emphatic win at the Bass Recreation Reserve, defeating Foster by seven-wickets with 16 overs to spare.

The Sharks won the toss and chose to field first, and it paid off, dismissing the Tigers for 98 despite a promising 0/32 start behind Richard Johnston's (20 off 35) efforts at the top.

The hosts had three different bowlers each claim two scalps, which set up a simple



Kade Berryman sends it down the pitch. Ns19_4323

chase of 99-runs, which they completed with ease despite losing two wickets early in the peace.

Stephen Leman (56* off 67) was excellent in guiding Killy Bass home.

Nerrena v Korumburra

KORUMBURRA just didn't put enough on the board in their clash with Nerrena who completed the chase with four wickets to spare at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

The hosts surpassed the Cobras 146-run total inside 30 overs after losing the toss

and being asked to field first, which they did brilliantly, taking all 10 Korumburra wickets, including that of Peter Churchill (39) who top scored for his side.

In reply, Nerrena, headed by Brian Gannon (62) were good enough to clinch their first win of the season with a successful chase.

OMK v Glen Alvie

OMK has roared to their first win of the season on Saturday, accounting for Glen Alvie to the tune of seven-wickets in a dominant all round

team display.

The Alvie won the toss and chose to bat first, but it was all bad news, a start from Andrew Brown (25 off 45) the only positive, as his side fell 10/80 after all seven Digger bowlers all chipped in with at least one wicket.

In reply, OMK lost Thomas Walker without scoring, but it didn't bother them, getting behind Walker's opening partner Bradley Hayes (44 off 42) and Russ White (30 off 35) to see themselves to the win in just 16 overs, with more than half the innnings to spare!

Lightning triumphs at 'Burra tournament



Rejected! Korumburra spoils what would have been a solid point. Ns40_4323



Willem Duursma was on fire for Leongatha and kept the scoreboard ticking over. Ns38_4323

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Leongatha Town's Colin Bruce showcases his masterful batting against Koonwarra L/RSL in the B1 division. Ns14_4323

Four huge games bat off B grade

B GRADE, DIVISION 1

ON A tough and sandy surface at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve, both teams found it hard scoring quickly, but the hometown Stingrays adjusted best, coming away with the eight-wicket win.

The Imps won the toss and chose to bat first, and after some early trouble at 2/17, they recovered and looked like they were back on their way to a strong total, after a 44-run partnership between Gary Sauvarin (28 off 64) and Dallas McLennan (30 off 67).

Although after losing McLennan, the score read 4/93 and from there it was all downhill, the Imps only furthering the score another 27-runs and losing their final six wickets to finish 10/120.

In reply, the hosts changed tempo beautifully in the chase, starting slow and methodically, and then accelerating after the drinks break to reach the total, thanks to some inspired play from young opener Riley Harris (60* off 118).

Young leg spinner Andot Mankhong (17* off 39 & 4/22 from 7) also stood out in his club debut for Inverloch.

OMK v Korumburra

ANOTHER club who took home the points courtesy of an inspired bowling performance was OMK, in their local clash with Korumburra at the Outtrim Recreation Reserve.

The Diggers won the toss and chose to post a total to defend first and did just that, building off of opener Adam Busana's (51 off 32) strong foundation, the lower order got involved to push their score to 141 at the conclusion of their 40.

Matthew Olden (2/24 from 8) was admirable with the ball for the Cobras, who ultimately fell short in the chase, which never really got off the start line, losing their first wicket prior to getting off the mark and finally their last just after



Alex Aeschlimann performed well for Leongatha Town. Ns16_4323

topping the century mark.

The 'Burra XI could only muster 10/106, falling 35-runs shy of the win thanks to a fierce Diggers attack led by Hayden James (3/16 from 8).

Koonwarra L/RSL v Leongatha

KOONWARRA L/RSL proved too much for Leongatha Town, completing the five-wicket win with an over to spare at Scorpion Park 2.

Brad Anderson won the toss and elected to send Town in to bat first, and it proved to be an outstanding decision, as Paris Buckley (3/14 from 8) led the Cougars attack beautifully.

Despite decent digs from Luke Ashton (35 off 54) and Colin Bruce (40 off 49), Buckley

and Koonwarra held 'Gatha to 7/155 after their 40 overs.

In reply, Anderson's squad thought their way through the chase exceptionally, despite being halted at 2/18, they found contributors in Nigel Grimes (44 off 65) and Kayden Scrimshaw (55* off 98).

Anderson (35 off 33) also pitched in with the bat to help see his side home, Rhett Hume (3/21 from 8) was Town's best with the ball.

MDU v Phillip Island

PHILLIP Island travelled well on the weekend, heading over to the Meeniyan Recreation Reserve to face MDU, where they too completed a successful chase to win by five-wickets.

The Demons won the toss and elected to bat first, reaching 83 before the loss of their first wicket, which ended up being a perfect building block for their solid 6/184 score.

Matt Martin (69 off 50) went about his job at the top tremendously, while Mitchell Hoober (50* off 57) executed his role at number five to perfection, although the Dees' pair didn't find too many going along with them as Kurt Lane (3/31 from 8) found his groove with the ball.

In reply, the Sharks top three each got themselves off to great starts but couldn't convert, but it didn't matter, as Lane (71* off 33) made it his day, smashing a half century and guiding his side to the win in a true captain's knock.

B GRADE

DIVISION 1

Inverloch 2/121 d Imperials 10/120

Imperials - 1st INNINGS: G Sauvarin 28, C Reid 6, F Botha 3, D McLennan 30, R Higgins 24, C Bruceb 0, C Honeysett 10, F Materia 2, J Jeffery 4, K Gray 5*, K McGrath 0
Bowling: J Richardson 0/6, I Seuren 2/8, C O'Flynn 0/10, T Debono 0/11, N Dobbie 1/15, K Joske 0/16, A Mankhong 4/22, C Newman 1/19

Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: R Harris 60*, B Debono 26, K Joske 7, A Mankhong 17
Bowling: I Bolge 0/27, K McGrath 0/9, J Jeffery 2/18, F Botha 09/26, K Gray 0/29, C Bruce 0/9

OMK 9/141 d Korumburra 10/106

OMK - 1st INNINGS: A Busana 51, K Kerr 6, C Quaife 1, B Furness 7, S Matthews 2, R Quaife 30, S Taylor 22, B Maguire 13, H James 3, M Nicholas 2*
Bowling: S Head 1/22, B Riddell 0/28, S Dole 2/11, M Olden 2/24, L Gooch 2/33, A Damon 2/17, T Dole 0/4.

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: T Allen 0, D Whelan 5, M Allen 26, L Gooch 0, S Dole 22, B Riddell 6, P Richards 7, T Dole 14, M Olden 0, S Head 13, A Damon 8

Bowling: H James 3/16, S Taylor 0/16, A Busana 1/18, B Maguire 1/15, K Kerr 2/16, B Furness 2/23

Koonwarra L/RSL 5/158 d Town 7/155

Town - 1st INNINGS: M Hardy 2, R Edwards 14, L Ashton 35, Y Ratnaike 6, C Bruce 40, L May 22*, W Dawson 16, R Hume 0*
Bowling: W Cashin 0/38, P Buckley 3/14, B Smith 0/7, T Collins 2/32, M Thomas 1/35, R King 1/23
Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS: M Thomas 4, N Grimes 44, A Boxall 0, K Scrimshaw 55*, A Drury 11, B Anderson 35, P Buckley 1*
Bowling: R Hume 3/21, L Ashton 0/31, Y Ratnaike 0/28, C Bruce 0/27, E Smith 2/23, L May 0/26

Phillip Island 5/188 d MDU 6/184

MDU - 1st INNINGS: G Webster 13, M Martin 69, T Zukovskis 4, W Prosser 16, M Hoober 50*, J Bright 23, C Fisher 2, A Dyke 1*
Bowling: T Niven 1/33, H Arceo 1/38, D Womersley 1/32, J Williams 0/25, K Lane 3/31, A Brayley 0/23
Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: C Epifano 25, K Beaumont 22, H Peppard 30, D Womersley 8, K Lane 71*, A Finlayson 16, M Arceo 6*
Bowling: J Bright 0/3, C Fisher 0/29, M Hoober 3/33, M Martin 1/39, J Palmer 0/20, A Richardson 1/37, C Schwennesen 0/23

B GRADE

DIVISION 2

Kilcunda Bass 3/99 d Foster 10/98

Foster - 1st INNINGS: M Allott 10, R Johnston 20, D Clearahan 0, B Gay 18, R East 16*, A Gibson 0, E Smith 14, Fill-in 6, L Moon 7, B Cripps 0, Fill-in 0
Bowling: S Tapscott 2/20, S Leman 2/26, B Waldron 2/11, R Duff 0/18, A Bedford 0/17, P Cornelis 1/6

Kilcunda Bass - 1st INNINGS: B Joseph 7, S Williams 0, S Leman 56*, G Miller 8, R Blackney 15*

Bowling: R Johnston 1/8, D Clearahan 2/10, R East 0/18, M Allott 0/25, A Gibson 0/20, L Moon 0/12

Nerrena 6/161 d Korumburra 10/145

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: T Morrison 3, G Barrett 24, P Beadel 11, R Butler 8, P Churchill 39, J Douglas 0, J Dunn 0, M Foote 4, D Scott 10, T Sorrell 17
Bowling: K Berryman 0/38, R Checkley 1/10, Fill-in 5/10, J Donohue 1/17, C Dougherty 1/29, D Grigg 1/10, P Johnston 1/27

Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: B Gannon 62, R Jefferis 0, Fill-in 29, C Baudinette 3, K Berryman 15, R Checkley 9, B Croatto 33*, C Dougherty 3*
Bowling: T Sorrell 1/17, S McKinnon 0/28, D Scott 2/27, P Churchill 1/27, P Beadel 2/38, J Douglas 0/19

Phillip Island 7/198 d Club 9/174

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: T Asurumi 74, O Duggan 13, T Hornsby 40, S Angelo 17, D Fusinato 11, A Tolley 14, M Parsons 9*, P Cleary 1, T Allan 3*
Bowling: L Anstey 0/34, A Babu 0/27, L McRae 4/47, C Fraser 0/31, H Dobbie 1/14, J Burns 1/17, J Lici 1/19

Club - 1st INNINGS: W Speed 1, J Sheerin 36, H Dobbie 73, J Lici 0, L Sibley 0, A Babu 0, L Anstey 0, J Burns 42, C Prosser 4, L McRae 6*, C Fraser 7*

Bowling: M Parsons 1/24, T Allan 1/34, P Francis 3/27, P Cleary 4/18, A Williams 0/30, A Tolley 0/36

OMK 3/81 d Glen Alvie 10/80

Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: Z Scholz 3, A Brown 25, D Hale 17, J Tiziani 0, H Smith 6, A Donohue 3, N Thatcher 6, J Brown 1, G Hynes 0*, L McRae 3

Bowling: H Sorensen 2/26, T Walker 2/15, R White 1/15, M Whiteside 1/2, M Whiteside 2/14, R Wyatt 1/2, D Wylie 1/3

OMK - 1st INNINGS: B Hayes 44, T Walker 0, R White 30, B Walker 1*, P Harper 1*

Bowling: L McRae 1/32, J Brown 0/16, G Hynes 0/14, Z Scholz 0/8, A Brown 1/7, N Thatcher 1/4

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A2: Joel Sinclair (MDU) 71* ; Jaydan Tregear (Kilcunda-Bass) 4/27

B1: Kurt Lane (Phillip Island) 71* ; Andot Mankhong (Inverloch) 4/22

B2: Tharidu Asurumuni (Phillip Island) 74 ; Fill-in (Nerrena) 5/10

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A GRADE, Division 1					
Korumburra	24	2.912	MDU	24	3.551
Phillip Island	24	2.796	Foster	24	2.410
Town	24	1.353	Nyora	24	1.235
Imperials	24	1.240	Nerrena	24	1.012
Inverloch	12	0.806	Club	12	0.988
Club	12	0.738	Koonwarra L/RSL	12	0.809
Nerrena	12	0.357	Kilcunda-Bass	12	0.414
OMK	12	0.343	Glen Alvie	12	0.281
B GRADE, Division 1					
Inverloch	24	5.041	OMK	24	3.375
OMK	24	1.477	Kilcunda-Bass	24	3.367
Koonwarra L/RSL	24	1.427	Nerrena	24	1.850
Phillip Island	24	1.226	Phillip Island	24	0.000
MDU	12	0.815	Club	12	0.000
Town	12	0.700	Korumburra	12	0.540
Korumburra	12	0.676	Foster	12	0.296
Imperials	12	0.198	Glen Alvie	12	0.296

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES
& UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

RND 4 - SATURDAY
OCTOBER 28

A GRADE, Division 1

OMK v Town	Outtrim	Ashley Stride
Nerrena v Inverloch	Nerrena	Ken Scrimshaw
Club v Korumburra	Wonthaggi Turf	Glenn Plymin
Imperials v P-Island	Leongatha Turf	John Schelling

A Grade, Division 2

Nyora v Nerrena	Nyora	Les White
MDU v Foster	Meeniyani	Terry Rogers
Club v Koon L/RSL	Dalyston	Ian Salmon
K-Bass v Glen Alvie	Bass 1	Graham Wightman

B GRADE, Division 1

Inverloch v MDU	Inverloch Turf	Garry Quilty
Town v Outtrim	Scorpion 1	Geoff Parkinson
P-Island v Imperials	Newhaven	Brad Phillips
K'burra v Koon L/RSL	Korumburra	Neil Grabham

B GRADE, Division 2

Foster v OMK	Foster	Michel Ryan
P-Island v Nerrena	Rhyll	TBA
Glen Alvie v K-Bass	Glen Alvie	TBA
Korumburra v Club	Poowong	TBA

C GRADE

Korumburra v Nyora	Korumburra SC	TBA
Club v Town	McMahons	TBA
Phillip Island v MDU	Bass 2	TBA
Inverloch v OMK	Inverloch FG	Michael Heenan
Koon L/RSL v G-Alvie	Koonwarra	TBA
Kilcunda-Bass	BYE	

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Dilshan put on a clinic for Korumburra. Ns04_4323

Dilshan steals the show in LDCA opener

A GRADE, DIVISION 1

AFTER the first two rounds of the Leongatha District Cricket Association's (LDCA) season were stolen away and abandoned due to rain impacting ground conditions, we finally saw some action on the weekend and the wait was certainly worth it!

Korumburra v OMK

There's no beating around the bush here, this game was all about one man, a man who sparked conversations league wide when he was signed, a man with all the tools and a remarkable resume, a man by the name of Thilakaratne Dilshan.

Sporting the Cobras blue, the former Sri Lankan international was brought into the action early after Korumburra won the toss on their home deck.

With over 17,500 runs across all three international formats for Sri Lanka, including over 10,000 in the One Day format, it was no surprise Dilshan adjusted to the Gippsland conditions straight away.

Coming in at number three, the boom recruit reeled off a smooth and almost unbothered century (119) in 85 balls, as wickets fell around him.

The 47-year-old then decided it was 'go time', providing some thrilling entertainment as he went all or nothing trying to hit boundary after boundary until he was caught on the rope by Jacob Lamers, off a Jake Cochrane delivery. Cochrane (4/55 from 7) fought back brilliantly, finishing with four wickets and effecting a run out to hold 'Burra to 8/240 after their 40 overs.

In reply, the Diggers looked steady reaching the thirties without loss, but the wicket of Thomas Wyatt (23 from 20) was all the spark the hosts needed, tearing through the visiting Diggers XI to dismiss them for just 103.

Harry McNeil did the damage at the top, claiming the huge scalps of Ethan Lamers (26 off 49 balls) and Koby Brann (13 off 45 balls) before Dilshan did the rest.

The former Sri Lankan captain ensured he made a huge splash in his

finishing with 6/17, as OMK lost their final eight wickets for just 41 runs gifting the Cobras the 137-run win.

Phillip Island v Nerrena

Almost as though it was an attempt to steal the spotlight back from the Sri Lankan superstar, Daniel Mock and the Phillip Island XI made an early statement of their own on Saturday, with an impressive 107-run win over last season's semi finalists, Nerrena.

Mock won the toss and chose to bat first at the Newhaven Recreation Reserve and although they lost Heath Womersley without scoring, it absolutely paid off.

In a true captain's knock, the LDCA's premier batsman was back to his best after an up and down 2022/23 season, blasting the visiting bowlers to all parts, with an outstanding (and round high) 149 not out, coming off just 104 balls.

Mock's huge knock, and mammoth 132-run partnership with Shiran Ratnayake (62 from 48) saw the Sharks post 4/286 at the conclusion of their 40 overs, four Nerrena bowlers each took a wicket.

Chasing 287 for victory, the visitors got straight to work and were doing it well, passing the half century mark before losing their first wicket at 66.

Unfortunately, they were unable to find that same groove their opening pair of Loc Roberts (31 from 42) and Mitch Clark (44 from 52) shared to begin the innings, as they lost 7/113 and fell short of the win.

Ratnayake (2/27 from 7) picked up a pair of wickets to go with his crucial half century, but Mock was clearly the best afield.

Town v Club

A brilliant team bowling effort from Leongatha Town has seen them pull back a fast-starting Wonthaggi Club and secure an early win.

After losing the toss, Town were asked to field first and surrendered 90 runs before taking their first scalp, going the way of Darcy Hume (2/45 from 8) who removed Mitch Thomas

(54 from 54) after he passed 50.

The hometown 'Gatha attack then truly found their straps, halting Wonthaggi's run as they lost 8/104 to finish 8/188 after their 40 overs, setting up an interesting chase at Scorpion Park.

Just as the visitors had done to open the match, Leongatha's openers almost reached the 100 mark before losing a wicket, when Ron Abeysinghe (56 from 74) fell with the score on 94.

His running mate and skipper Jesse Giardina (69 from 84) continued on though, despite an irregular poor showing from Amila Ratnayake (13), leading his team home with one over and four wickets to spare.

James Sheerin (3/34 from 8) was solid with the ball in the loss.

Imperials v Inverloch

Inverloch brought an exciting line up over to East Campus Oval, with several young and returning guns, but it wasn't enough to take the chocolates from Jack Ginnane and his Imps squad.

Ginnane won the toss and elected to bat first and his side was in trouble almost immediately as Stingrays spearhead Lewis Rankin (3/29 from 8) had his tail up early.

The Imperials skipper was able to keep the ship afloat though, alongside from Mark Lafferty (65 from 72), the pair advancing the score 105-runs and saving the day for the hosts who were at a crossroads at 4/35.

The 105-run stand meant the Imps were able to post a defendable 8/191 after their 40 overs after some interesting fielding efforts from Inverloch.

In reply, the travelling Stingrays looked solid at the top before Jack Butcher (6) faintly edged one through to the keeper.

Walter Taberner (24 from 72) and his captain Andrew Donohue (30 from 40) attempted to steady the ship, but both fell after getting starts. Rankin did his best to reel his side back into the game with a gallant 40 from 29 balls, but it wasn't enough as Ginnane backed up his performance with the bat with two wickets and a run out in the field to see his side home to a 37-run win.

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A GRADE

DIVISION 1

Korumburra 8/240 d OMK 103

Korumburra – 1st INNINGS	
Tom Crocker st: K Brann b: E Lamers	0
Jason Richards c: P Dell b: E Lamers	9
Thilakarathna Dilshan c: J Lamers b: J Cochrane	119
Jacob Whiteside c: P Dell b: T Wyatt	38
Rumesh Rangana c: J Hayes b: J Cochrane	32
Hemal Ratnayake c: J Lamers b: J Cochrane	22
Steven Hamill b: J Cochrane	0
Noah Christensen not out	1
Mitch Young run out: N Creed	4
Zachary Barrett not out	0
Extras	15
Total 8 / 240 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: P Dell 8-2-17-0 (1w), E Lamers 8-1-32-2, A Trotto 2-0-21-0 (4w), T Wyatt 5-0-36-1 (1nb), J Lamers 8-0-56-0 (3w), J Cochrane 7-0-55-4 (1w, 1nb), N Auddino 2-0-19-0	

OMK – 1st INNINGS

Thomas Wyatt lbw: S Hamill	23
Ethan Lamers c: H Ratnayake b: H McNeil	26
Koby Brann (c) c: T Dilshan b: H McNeil	13
Jake Cochrane c: R Rangana b: T Dilshan	6
Noel Creed c&b: H McNeil	0
Jacob Lamers c: T Crocker b: T Dilshan	2
Jaxon Hayes c: N Christensen b: T Dilshan	5
Mitchell Sawyers c: Z Barrett b: T Dilshan	6
Adam Trotto c&b: T Dilshan	5
Peter Dell not out	6
Nicholas Auddino b: T Dilshan	0
Extras	11
Total 10 / 103 (34 Overs)	
Bowling: S Hamill 5-2-16-1, J Whiteside 5-1-19-0 (2w), H McNeil 8-0-16-3 (1w), H Ratnayake 8-0-31-0 (2w), T Dilshan 7-1-17-6 (2w), T Crocker 1-1-0-0	

Imperials 8/191 d Inverloch 8/154

Imperials – 1st INNINGS	
Luke Rogers c: W Taberner b: L Rankin	0
Damon Ginnane b: L Rankin	9
Alan Curnow c: K Rothier b: J Dugard	5
Jack Ginnane c: L Rankin b: R Newman	56
DW Arachchige c: R Newman b: J Dugard	0
Mark Lafferty c&b: L Rankin	65
Timothy Sauvarin st: J Butcher b: A Donohue	25
Samuel Vagg c: L Rankin b: A Donohue	6
Aydan Williams not out	4
Lachie Wright not out	5
Extras	16
Total 8 / 191 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: L Rankin 8-1-29-3 (3w), H Butcher 4-0-16-0 (1w), R Newman 8-0-36-1 (2w, 2nb), J Dugard 4-1-19-2 (3w), J Donohue 5-0-35-0, A Donohue 8-0-33-2 (4w), D Clark 3-0-22-0	

Inverloch – 1st INNINGS

Jack Butcher c: DW Arachchige b: L Wright	6
Walter Taberner c: T Sauvarin b: A Williams	24
Andrew Donohue b: M Reidy	30
Dylan Clark c: DW Arachchige b: J Ginnane	1
Jake Dennerley c: T Sauvarin b: D Ginnane	8
Rhys Newman run out: J Ginnane	16
Jack Donohue c: J Ginnane b: A Williams	0
Lewis Rankin lbw: J Ginnane	40
Jesse Dugard not out	6
Harry Butcher not out	9
Extras	14
Total 8 / 154 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: L Wright 7-0-35-1 (3w), M Reidy 8-1-19-1 (3w, 1nb), J Ginnane 7-1-28-2 (2w), A Williams 8-1-28-2, D Ginnane 8-1-25-1 (1w), T Sauvarin 2-0-16-0 (1w)	

Phillip Island 4/286 d Nerrena 7/179

Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
Lachlan Cleeland b: M Clark	34
Heath Womersley c&b: W Croatto	0
Daniel Mock not out	149*
Shiran Rathnayake c: M Clark b: R Clark	62
Eli Richards b: T Wightman	17
Thomas Niven not out	4
Extras	20
Total 4 / 286 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: W Croatto 5-0-20-1 (5w, 2nb), R Clark 8-0-51-1 (1nb), D Berryman 6-0-60-0 (6w), M Clark 8-1-33-1, T Harris 3-0-26-0, T Wightman 7-0-62-1 (1w), T Gannon 3-0-29-0	

Nerrena – 1st INNINGS

Mitchell Clark c: B Johnston b: Z Brown	44
Loc Roberts c: D Mock b: Z Brown	31
Hayden Funnell b: S Rathnayake	14
Timothy Wightman c: H Womersley b: T Niven	41
James Kelly c: D Mock b: T Niven	0
Tadhg Gannon c: E Richards b: S Rathnayake	15
Darcy Berryman not out	21
Ryan Clark c: L Cleeland b: M Royal	9
Extras	4
Total 7 / 179 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: S Kirtos 6-0-17-0 (1w), G McCausland 4-0-34-0, M Royal 8-1-32-1 (1w), Z Brown 8-0-38-2, T Niven 7-0-31-2 (1w, 1nb), S Rathnayake 7-1-27-2	

Town 6/197 d Club 8/194

Club – 1st INNINGS	
Mitch Thomas c: P Jayasinghe b: D Hume	54
Stewart Beaumont st: J Giardina b: R Abeysinghe	19
Ben Walsh c: F McLennan	28
Josh Andriguetto c: A Fixter b: D Hume	11
Ryan Thomas c: S Clark b: F McLennan	26
Joel Brann not out	21
Emmet Dempsey c: L Hickey b: PG Rajapakshage	7
James Sheerin c: J Giardina b: PG Rajapakshage	0
Ryan Birkett c: R Abeysinghe b: A Ratnaike	0
Mark McCall not out	1
Extras	27
Total 8 / 194 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: PG Rajapakshage 8-0-31-2 (3w, 1nb), A Ratnaike 8-1-21-1 (2w), R Abeysinghe 8-2-33-1, S Clark 2-0-25-0 (4w), DLM Polwattha Gallage 3-1-12-0 (4w), D Hume 8-0-45-2 (3w), F McLennan 3-0-20-2 (2w, 1nb)	

Town – 1st INNINGS

Ron Abeysinghe c: R Birkett b: F West	56
Jesse Giardina c: R Birkett b: J Sheerin	69
Amila Ratnaike c: R Birkett b: F West	13
Archie Fixter b: J Sheerin	0
Darcy Hume run out: R Birkett	6
DLM Polwattha Gallage not out	18
P Jayasinghe c: R Thomas b: J Sheerin	17
Samuel Clark not out	3
Extras	15
Total 6 / 197 (39 Overs)	
Bowling: J Brann 7-0-39-0 (3w), R Thomas 4-0-15-0 (3w, 1nb), M McCall 8-0-33-0 (1w), M Thomas 3-0-22-0 (1w), F West 6-0-35-2 (1w), J Sheerin 8-0-34-3 (1w), R Birkett 3-0-17-0 (1w, 1nb)	



Koonwarra L/RSL's Nathan Trotto delivered some superb balls against Nyora. Ns07_4323

A2 kicks off with some big showings

• A GRADE, DIVISION 2

Koonwarra L/RSL**v Nyora**

THE LDCA's second A grade division also got underway on the weekend with a number of dominant showings across the four games, including an impressive 18-run win to Nyora on the road in Koonwarra.

The Cougars won the toss and sent their opponents in to bat first and although they lost wickets with some regularity throughout their innings, the visitors were able to pass the double century mark.

Nyora finished their 40 overs with 202 runs on the board, losing eight wickets along the way, getting strong contributions from Aaron Kaddatz (68 from 55) and Jake Hackett (35 from 54).

Azhar Mehmood (3/36 from 6) was excellent with the ball.

In reply, the hosts got off to a shaky start, when 1/4 turned into 2/28, before an innings reviving 68-run stand between Mehmood (49 from 57) and his skipper James Rushton (36 from 54) got them back on track.

Unfortunately for Koony' though, they didn't get enough contributors down the order as the visitors kept the heat on, seeing the Cougars finish 18-runs short at 9/184.

Kaddatz (2/31 from 8) was easily best on, performing with bat and ball.

Foster v Kilcunda-Bass

FOSTER has completed a resounding win to open their season, easily taking care of Kilcunda Bass on Saturday to the tune of 79-runs.

The Tigers won the toss and elected to bat first, seeing several of their top order players get solid starts at the crease, they just couldn't seem to stay around long



Nyora's Jake Hackett scores a couple of runs with this well timed cover drive. Ns09_4323

enough, eventually losing all ten wickets for 135.

It was a brilliant bowling performance from the visitors, led by their skipper Jaydan Tregear (4/27 from 6), setting up a relatively basic 136 run chase for victory.

It wasn't to be though, thanks to a spirited bowling effort from the hosts skittling the Sharks for just 56, with Tregear (10) the only one to hit double figures.

Josh Toner (29 off 82 & 3/2 from four overs) was sensational all round in the win.

Glen Alvie v MDU

GLEN Alvie were on the wrong end of a dominant showing themselves as the travelling MDU got the better of them on the back of a tremendous batting display which sealed the eight-wicket win.

The Dees' skipper Joel Sinclair (71* from 72) led from the front with an unbeaten half century in the win.



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Leongatha's Hamish Gill dives in to reject the shot. Ns39_4323

Lightning triumphs at 'Burra tournament

KORUMBURRA Basketball Association's 38th annual tournament was a great success, attracting 139 teams representing towns stretching from Bairnsdale to Phillip Island.

Over 1500 players, coaches and team managers were part of the action, with matches ranging from Under 10s through to Under 19s.

In addition to its hosting responsibilities, Korumburra was well represented on court, with the Wildcats winning the Under 19 girls Grand Final against the Traralgon T-Birds and the Under 14 girls A Grade decider against Traralgon Maroon.

Korumburra was runner-up in Under 12 girls A Grade and Under 16 girls competitions.

Wonthaggi Coasters came out on top in the Under 16 girls decider.

Foster Breakers triumphed in Under 10 boys B Grade action, seeing off Traralgon Maroon in the Grand Final, and finished runner-up to Phillip Island Rips in the Under 12 girls B Grade decider.

Leongatha Lightning accounted for Warragul Warriors in the Under 19 boys Grand Final, finishing runner-up to Maffra Eagles in Under 14 girls B Grade.

Poowong Panthers were defeated by Maffra Eagles in the Under 14 boys B Grade Grand Final.

Saturday's matches were held in six locations, with more than 130 games played, while about 95 games took place on Sunday shared between four locations.

As well as matches at Korumburra Indoor Recreation Centre, Wonthaggi North Primary School, Bass Coast Community Stadium, Meeniyian Basketball Stadium, Poowong and District Sports Centre, and Korumburra Secondary College hosted games.

Korumburra Basketball Association secretary Jean Hill expressed the organisation's appreciation of all the participating associations, referees, teams and basketball communities, acknowledging the ongoing support the tournament receives.

She thanked those in charge of

all the stadiums involved in the tournament for their contributions and noted that a number of parents continue to sacrifice their time to make it a great event even long after their children have finished participating.

Grand Final Results

U10 Boys B – Foster Breakers defeated Traralgon Maroon

U12 Girls A – Warragul Warriors defeated Korumburra Wildcats

U12 Girls B – Phillip Island Rips defeated Foster Breakers

U14 Boys B – Maffra Eagles defeated Poowong Panthers

U14 Girls A – Korumburra Wildcats defeated Traralgon Maroon

U14 Girls B – Maffra Eagles defeated Leongatha Lightning

U16 Girls – Wonthaggi Coasters defeated Korumburra Wildcats

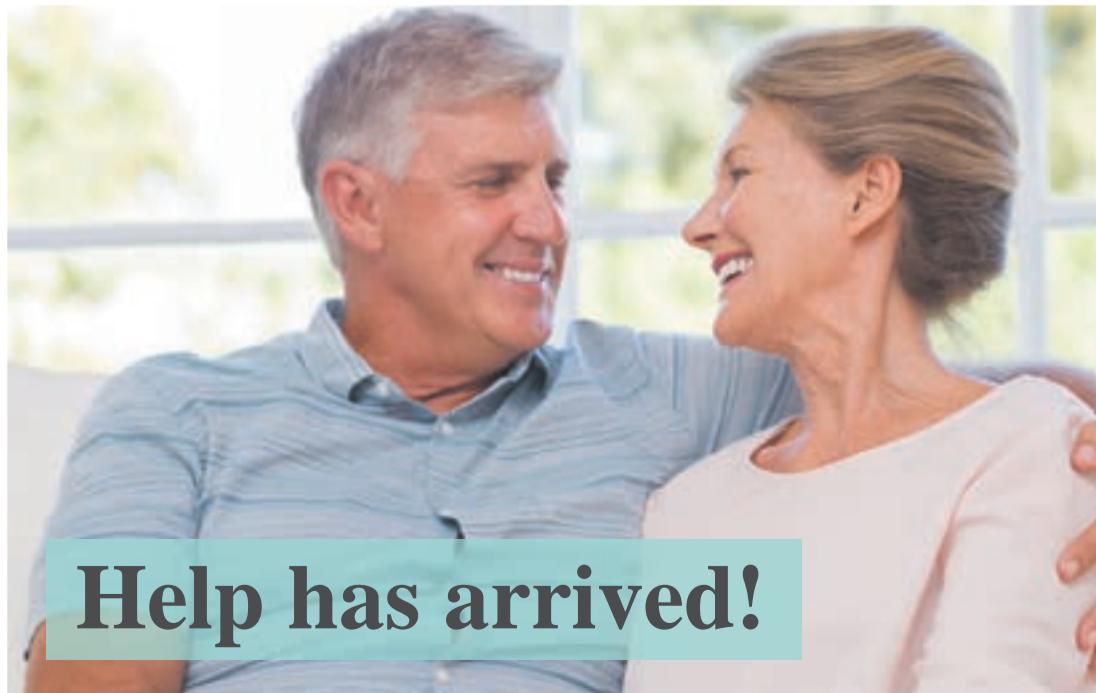
U19 Boys – Leongatha Lightning defeated Warragul Warriors

U19 Girls – Korumburra Wildcats defeated Traralgon T-Birds

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Korumburra's Ky Gow pulls off a tricky shot. Ns35_4323



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