



DOGS TAKE THE LEAD

DOG lovers and their pooches have unexpectedly taken centre stage in the Bass Coast Shire Council elections with voting still in full swing ahead of the close to voting this Friday, October 25.

Just 29.52 per cent of Island voters had returned their ballots by close of business last Friday so what transpired at last Wednesday's council could prove telling in the way people vote.

And it was a question by Cr David Rooks, about a statement in the shire's fourth-quarter report and annual report, that the shire's Dog Park Strategy was "100% complete" by the end of

June 2024 that set the hounds running.

The problem being that few if any councillors, other than Cr Rooks, knew the strategy had been completed without consultation, and certainly not local stakeholder groups who fear the course has been set for a rolling back of dog owners' rights to exercise their pets, especially on selected local beaches.

In fact, one of the key community groups, the Bass Coast Phillip Island Dog Owners Association had been told by "one of the council's big wigs" the exact opposite only two weeks earlier.

General Manager Business Transfor-

mation at the Bass Coast Shire Council, Robyn Borley, had just finished providing her preamble to the presentation of the Quarterly Community Report, for the period ending June 30, 2024, at last Wednesday's council meeting, where 'develop a dog park strategy' was described as "achieved, no further action required" when Cr Rooks posed his question.

"I would like to talk to one item in the annual action plan, which is the development of the dog park strategy," said Cr Rooks.

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THRILLS FOR THE KIDS, SPILLS FOR THE RIDERS

SOME spectacular spills for the riders at a sometimes-wet Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, and some memorable thrills for the kids of the San Remo Primary School characterised the latest running of the Australian MotoGP at Phillip Island, round 17 of 20 in the 2024 world championship, at the weekend.

But, in the end, the sun came out and the famous track witnessed a fantastic race with Spaniard Marc Marquez putting a starting line mishap behind him to catch race leader Jorge Martin in the shadows of the post.

Francesco Bagnaia was third in a race dominated by Ducati.

Local hope Jack Miller finished 11th behind a pack of six Ducatis taking the first six places.

The local kids got the chance to take photos and have autographs signed prior to the Home Coming Ride led by Aussie legend Mick Doohan, under the San Remo Bridge, in the sunshine last Thursday before the clouds rolled in and dumped their customary GP-inspired deluge overnight and into the first race day on Friday.

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After building a legacy, hospital CEO departs

BASS Coast Health's Board of Directors has accepted the resignation of its longstanding CEO Jan Child.

In a statement last Friday, the board paid tribute to Jan's eight-year tenure, saying she has been "instrumental in driving the growth and success of Bass Coast Health as a sub-regional health service".

Ms Child has overseen major milestones, including significant infrastructure projects such as the redevelopment of Wonthaggi Hospital, establishing an urgent care centre at Cowes, the building of the L. Rigby Cancer Centre at Wonthaggi, and the construction of the forthcoming Phillip Island Community Hospital.

"Under Jan's leadership, BCH's community have been able to access more health services closer to home," said BCH Board Chair Ian Thompson.

"Informed by patient and community needs, Jan has secured important clinical



Out-going CEO of Bass Coast Health, Jan Child, was instrumental in driving the growth and success of Bass Coast Health during her eight-year tenure.

partnerships, introduced a range of new services and improved pathways of care," he said.

"BCH is a vibrant sub-regional health service and has experienced growth in its staff and volunteers, increased its activity levels and actively engaged and

connected with its community. "On behalf of the board, I want to thank Jan for her dedication and drive to improving health outcomes for our community. She leaves BCH with all our best wishes for her future."

As well as the development of the new hospital at

Wonthaggi and other services across the Bass Coast subregion, Jan Child was synonymous with this region's response to the COVID pandemic, often making arrangements well into the night, and early morning, as local health services shifted gear to set up testing and vaccination stations, or extend hours in response to need and changes in government requirements.

The health service has moved quickly to maintain business as usual.

"In the short term, Bass Coast Health Board has appointed long-serving executive Shaun Brooks to the acting CEO role. We thank Shaun for stepping into the role, effective immediately, to provide our staff and patients with continuity ahead of a formal recruitment process," said Mr Thompson.

Read the full story including Local Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale's tribute to Ms Child online at sgst.com.au.

Dogs take the lead on election this October

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"I was wondering if I could put a question forward first, just with regard to what are the components that are within the dog park strategy that's been developed?" asked Cr Rooks.

Ms Borley explained that the dog park strategy was made up of a number of components.

"It talks about a framework for decision-making. So, where would we locate them? What site could they be? What are the requirements for different types of dog parks? So, we obviously don't want them all to be the same. It's basically a framework for decision-making so that when we get outside (and hear) we'd like a dog park in our community, then there's some criteria with which to assess that, so there's consistency of approach that's been developed and we'll obviously engage with the community in the future on that strategy."

Cr Rooks continued, claiming it was only the "research component" that had been completed.

"I just wanted to reiterate that second part, which it says we've completed the 'develop a dog park strategy 100%' in the annual action plan. What's been developed, effectively, is the research component, which has been undertaken by the council officers and with other external consultants, I'm assuming, or experts. And so, we've got to a point now where it's ready to go out to the community and that consultation."

But it was unclear to Cr Rochelle Halstead how far down the road the shire's administration had gone in developing the strategy and whether or not the community will be locked out of negotiations around what is a potentially divisive issue of dogs on beaches.

"So, did we have consultants as part of the process or was it just council officers that have put this together?" asked Cr Halstead.

"It was done by council officers, but in consultation with a number of other councils that have already implemented similar strategies. So, we

looked at what others have done, what's working, what's not working, and we've built that into our process, and also consistent to similar locations as Bass Coast," said Ms Borley.

News that the dog park strategy has been listed as 100% completed has both disappointed and confused representatives of the Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Owners Association.

"We circulated the candidates, as I'm sure plenty of other groups did, to ask them about their attitude to the establishment of more dog parks, extending beach hours and other things we'd like to see," said Cheryl Owens, president of the shire's largest dog owners' group.

"When we got a response from Cr Rooks, noting that council had started its dog strategy, we contacted the shire, two weeks ago to find out what was going on.

"They told us that it was only a plan to talk about how to move forward with the dog park strategy, not that they'd

actually completed it.

"We certainly haven't been consulted."

Mrs Owens said she understood the pushback from some people about overcrowding at the Ventnor Dog Beach when there were few other options at certain times of the year.

More options, both on the beach and inland, are urgently needed, she said.

"We'd like to see a change at Cape Woolamai, between the Grollo Estate and the bridge, restricting dogs only between December 15 and the end of January, not through to the end of April when hardly anyone is around."

The group has its own wish list for additional places to walk their dogs safely, including the development of a new dog park at the Hilton Chadwick Reserve.

Several of the candidates in the election have expressed their views about dog parks, some reluctant to support ongoing access by dogs and their owners on Bass Coast beaches, others in favour of expanding present hours and locations.

POLICE BRIEFS

Human remains found in bushland

MISSING Persons Squad detectives have located what appear to be human remains as part of their ongoing investigation into the suspicious disappearance of Rosebud man Jake Bradford.

The yet to be formally identified remains were found about 10.30am in remote bushland off Dollar-Woorarra West Road in Dollar on Tuesday (October 15).

Detectives from the Missing Persons Squad, Major Crime Scene Unit and Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine specialists travelled to the site Wednesday morning.

The coroner was been advised and a postmortem will occur in due course.

21-year-old Jake was reported missing by his mother on January 29, 2023.

Investigators believe Jake was last seen when he became involved in an altercation in the Dollar area on or around January 24, 2023.

In March 2023, a 25-year-old Korumburra man was charged with murder.

He was remanded to appear at the Supreme Court of Victoria on February 24, 2025.

Fatal motorcycle crash

POLICE are investigating a fatal crash in Cape Paterson on Sunday morning, October 20. It is understood a motorcyclist crashed into a road sign on Cape Paterson Road about 8am.

The rider, a 21-year-old Werribee man, was taken to hospital where he later died.

Anyone who witnessed the incident, has dashcam/CCTV footage or information is urged to contact Bass Coast Highway Patrol (5671 4100), Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or crimestoppersvic.com.au.

Road policing nabs drunk driver

A DALYSTON man was found to be more than five times over the limit when he was picked up drink driving in Wonthaggi on Saturday. Officers from the Road Policing Drug and Alcohol Section were operating a random breath testing site on Bass Highway, when the man pulled into the site, about 4.37pm.

The 36-year-old driver returned a positive breath test before he furnished an evidentiary breath test result of 0.285. Police immediately suspended the man's licence and impounded the car for 30 days at a cost of \$1275.

MotoGP marred by accidents

A 37-YEAR-OLD male motorcyclist from NSW was airlifted to hospital after colliding with a parked car in Ventnor on Monday, October 21 around midday.

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Showers.
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9° **16°**



FRI | Oct 25

Shower or two.
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9° **18°**



SUN | Oct 27

Shower or two.
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Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h

8° **22°**

IN BRIEF

Milpara's management of Hub extended

MILPARA Community House will continue to manage the Korumburra Community Hub, with a one-year management contract extension signed by South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis, and an option for a further extension next year.

The original management contract ran for one year from October 23, 2023.

Milpara manager Belinda Nicholls is pleased the Community House will continue to manage the Hub.

"It aligns nicely with our community strengthening philosophy that we run under," she said of the facility management role for the Hub.

New meeting for Toastmasters

THE South Gippsland Toastmasters Club will reconvene at the Korumburra Italian Club on Tuesday, November 19.

Prospective Toastmasters are asked to connect with organiser Jan Hutton before the event to exchange contact details.

This will keep everyone up to date if there are any changes to the event.

Jan can be contacted on 0403 313 451 or janmhutton@gmail.com.

A big apology is issued following the confusion around the last meeting, which was to be held on last Tuesday, October 15.

Stamp duty concessions for new home buyers

IN A move sure to be popular with cash strapped unit buyers the Allan Labor Government is slashing stamp duty on off-the-plan apartments, units and townhouses.

Premier Jacinta Allan plans to cut upfront costs for medium to high density units, speed up building and make home ownership more affordable for off-the-plan buyers.

Currently, first home buyers and owner-occupiers can access a stamp duty concession when they buy off-the-plan, allowing construction costs to be deducted from the sale price.

The concession is currently capped to a threshold of seven-hundred and fifty thousand dollars for first home buyers, and five-hundred and fifty thousand dollars for owner occupiers. Thresholds will be removed so the concession is available for apartments, units and townhouses of any value.

To learn more information about the range of concessions available to buyers and how they are calculated, visit sro.vic.gov.au/offtheplan

Marty Gras at Meeniyian

THE Meeniyian Marty Gras 'Celebrating Our Diverse Community' is back on Saturday, October 26 at the Meeniyian Town Hall at 7.30pm supporting the Gippsland Pride Initiative. Trybooking for tickets

Cruising in again

THE 2670 passenger cruise ship, the Diamond Princes, returned to the waters of Western Port on Sunday morning, October 20 just in time for visitors to attend race day for the 2024 Australian MotoGP at the famous Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit. Others had time to visit the Penguin Parade before the ship sailed out at 11pm.

Rotary dinner auction soon

THE Rotary Club of Wonthaggi annual dinner auction, its major annual fundraiser for the year will be held on Friday, November 8, from 6pm, at the Wonthaggi Golf Club.

Proceeds from the auction go

to fund and support community needs and projects. Join them for a fun evening and snap up a bargain leading into the Christmas period.

Don't forget to vote

VOTING closes this week for Victorian local council elections. Voters who have not yet voted are urged to do so before it's too late.

Completed ballot papers must be in the mail or delivered to the election office by 6pm Friday, October 25. Locally electorate offices are in the Old Post Office at Wonthaggi and the former Carino's building in Smith Street Leongatha (opposite the SGSC offices).

Workshops to shape Dairy Industry Strategy

THE Gippsland Dairy Industry Leadership Group is inviting all stakeholders to complete a key survey and attend consultation workshops that will help frame the development of the Gippsland Dairy Industry Strategy.

All feedback collected on Gippsland priorities will also be available to Dairy Australia to inform the development of the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan.

Events will be in Maffra on October 23 from 10.30am to 1.30pm, Warragul on October 24 from 10.30am to 1.30pm, and Leongatha on October 25 from 10.30am to 1.30pm.

Alternatively, online events will be held on October 29 from 7pm to 8.30pm and October 31 from 1.30pm to 3pm.

Nutrien Ag Solutions delivers \$250,000 locally

NUTRIEN Ag Solutions and FRRR (Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal) last week announced the 59 recipients of the 2024 Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants Program. Loch Community Development Association will receive \$5000 towards a generator to combat power outages, whilst

South Gippsland Seed Bank Incorporated were successful in their bid for \$4565 for restoring the Heart of Mirboo North - support conservation and biodiversity through the purchase of seeds to restore the native landscape following devastating storm damage on local flora. If your group could benefit from an FRRR grant, head to www.frrr.org.au/find-funding-now to explore the programs currently open.

No conspiracy just a glitch

SOMETIME overnight on Wednesday-Thursday this week, October 16-17 the South Gippsland Council's archive of meeting agendas, attachments and reports went offline.

Before the shire could respond to a request for an explanation from the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times, conspiracy theories were gaining a head of steam as voting continued at-a-pace in the council elections.

Was the council responding to an online probe into the Korumburra Senior Citizens centre debacle?

Were there details to be uncovered about allegations that the shire council was secretly planning to resurrect the 'Taj Mahal' shire office project?

Was there something buried in the shire's financial documents that might impact the re-election prospect of councillors?

None of that, it was simply a computer glitch.

Here's what the shire had to say:

"Council has experienced a website malfunction which has resulted in a problem with the minutes/agenda section of the website. A manual fix is being explored this morning whilst a rollback of the website to recover the minutes is undertaken," said a spokesperson for the shire.

"We apologise for the glitch and hope to have it rectified very soon."

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TAFE turmoil - Chisholm's future in Wonthaggi a political football

THE State Opposition has accused the State Government of failing Wonthaggi and district when it comes to TAFE training opportunities over the abandonment of the Chisholm facility in the town.

Eastern Victoria MP Melina Bath raised the issue in State Parliament last Thursday.

"My question is to the Minister for Skills and TAFE Minister, is Chisholm TAFE in Wonthaggi going to close on your watch?"

The Minister Gayle Tierney offered no commitment to face-to-face skills training.

"The fact of the matter is that there are ongoing discussions going on with Chisholm on the delivery of courses. We do have a number of areas in which vocational education and training can be undertaken at Wonthaggi. There are also arrangements with Chisholm and TAFE Gippsland to undertake a range of courses that will ensure that those that live at Wonthaggi do have access. There are also discussions with TAFE Gippsland in relation to them being able to further or extend their delivery into the community of Wonthaggi."

Ms Bath had a supplementary question: "Thank you, Minister, for your answer. Chisholm TAFE Wonthaggi campus does not offer face-to-face learning. Why are students in Wonthaggi being refused access to the same standard of training that other Victorians have?"

Minister Tierney rejected Ms Bath's assessment as an overstatement.

"There are discussions occurring, as I said, with Chisholm and TAFE Gippsland to ensure that the people of Wonthaggi can continue to have the services that they deserve in their community."

The Minister's assurances have not played well locally.

"Where? These are online courses which is exactly the problem," said former local TAFE teacher, Malcolm Beasley.



No TAFE, no future. Wonthaggi's TAFE facility got kicked around in State Parliament last week without a commitment being made to its future.

who is championing the cause of a properly resourced, face-to-face TAFE in Bass Coast.

"Gippsland TAFE with bases in Bairnsdale and the Latrobe Valley is not a solution for us. We're falling through the cracks again (between city and country).

"What we need here is an in-person TAFE and someone to drive its success," he said.

"Chisholm used to offer a Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care and Diploma Early Childhood Education and Care onsite at Wonthaggi. Now it's all online.

"The likes of Bass Coast Adult Learning and Bass Coast CUC do a great job supporting students but they're not a TAFE.

"There's a real shortage of childcare staff in this area which is hardly surprising because there's nowhere to do a course between the Cardinia Shire and Morwell."

Mr Beasley said there were a number of key workplace training gaps in what was a growing area and he's proposing a training forum, bringing together the shire, Bass Coast Health, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bass Coast Adult Learning and the CUC, industry and employers to address the issue.

"The solution might be to access federal funding and set up our own RTO (Registered Training Organisation) but there's a massive gap in training here and it's got to be addressed," he said.

Eastern Victoria MP Melina Bath said the situation as it exists now is not good enough.

"The Bass Coast community deserves surely that it will have access to quality face-to-face vocational learning opportunities," Ms Bath said this week.

"As it stands, locals can only undertake training online while a vocational training centre with a purpose built computer lab, allied health and early childhood education facilities all sit empty.

"The lack of skills training in the Bass Coast is disadvantaging locals.

"It is unreasonable and financially draining for people who want to upskill and undertake a course to travel long distances to attend physical classes in other regions."

Ms Bath said the State Government had been caught kicking the can down the road on Wonthaggi's Chisholm TAFE.

"The local economy and job market in Bass Coast must be better supported by their local TAFE - we need skilled

childcare, allied health, disability and aged care workers, trades and skilled hospitality staff," said Ms Bath.

"It is unacceptable for a municipality of 42,000 residents to have no proper TAFE presence."

The Shadow Minister for Skills and Training, Bridget Valence, has also weighed in, saying the situation at Wonthaggi was emblematic of what was going on elsewhere in the TAFE sector.

"After a decade in office, more than half of Victoria's TAFEs face financial uncertainty having required comfort payments from the Treasurer to continue their annual operations.

"This comes after data released by the National Centre for Vocational Education and Research revealed that in 2023 Victorian student enrolment numbers in TAFE fell again and have been in decline since 2019.

"The potential closure of TAFE campuses will result in job losses and leave students in limbo, particularly in regional Victoria.

"The Labor Government is creating significant uncertainty with the prospect of closing down TAFE campuses across Victoria, at a time our state is facing widespread skills shortages."

Dog act at Loch leaves frustrated Lions roaring

IMAGINE their disappointment and dismay when community volunteers from the Strzelecki Lions Club turned up on the morning of their first Loch Summer Market of the season, on Sunday morning, October 13, and found the five locks to the railway reserve superglued shut.

They've acknowledged disputes with some local dog owners, over limiting access to the carpark paddock, while still leaving the market site open, as a result of problems with dog poo and suspect it's a disgruntled dog owner whose done the dirty deed.

But they can't be sure.

Either way, according to the chair of the market committee, Frank Hirst, the volunteers have taken the slight on their volunteering efforts in support of the community pretty hard.

"Fortunately, one of our members carries a tool kit so we were able to cut them off and open the market, but it was a pretty nasty act," said Mr Hirst last week.

"Our maintenance guy got sick of running over dog poo in

the carpark when he was cutting the grass, so we put locks on the gate there but left the market area open for dog walking.

"People think it's a public reserve but we lease it from Victrack and it's our responsibility to maintain it and keep it clean. It doesn't help when people don't pick up after their dogs."

"I understand that dog owners want an off-leash area for their dogs but we're trying to run a market here and it's not very nice for volunteers to have to clean up after other people's dogs."

Mr Hirst said a few local dog owners had verbalised some of the Lions' members over the issue, so he strongly suspected one of their number had vandalised the locks.

"We're not going to lock the gates anymore and we're trying to get some bins for the dog poo but we're just appealing to the community to keep the area clean and for dog owners in particular, to pick up after their dogs."

The next market at Loch will be on Sunday, November 9.



Chair of the Loch Market organising committee, Strzelecki Lion Frank Hirst, is bitterly disappointed about an act of vandalism that he believes is the fault of a disgruntled dog owner.



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Spring Street to debate Newhaven jetty

THE SAVE Newhaven Jetty Petition has been tabled in State Parliament by Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Public Land Use and Nationals' MP Melina Bath on behalf of the Bass Coast community.

The petition signed by three-thousand-five-hundred-and-eighty residents meets the criteria to trigger a future debate in the upper house.

Ms Bath congratulated Bass Coast locals for their determination to save the jetty after it was closed without consultation on May 1 this year.

"Labor will now be called on to explain why it decided to abandon the community and barricade a well-used public asset and popular accessible recreational fishing platform," said Ms Bath.

Reported costs to repair the Newhaven Jetty vary wildly according to Ms Bath with FOI documents quoting one-hundred-and-twenty-thousand dollars, five-hundred and thirty thousand dollars, two-point-two million dollars and three million dollars plus.

Mussell Rocks West to be upgraded in time for the sun

BASS Coast Shire Council's Infrastructure Delivery team started works on Monday, October 21 to upgrade the Mussel Rocks West beach stairs, Cowes.

These works were scheduled to start after the busy Moto GP weekend and be ready in plenty of time for the sun and beach season.

Works include a new handrail and part of the stairs will be removed and replaced. The stairs are well used and for the safety of residents and visitors are in need of an upgrade.

For safety reasons, the stairs and immediate surrounding areas will be fenced off for the duration of the work. The project is expected to take between one and two weeks.

An alternate beach access point is Cowes Yacht Club Beach Access Point.

Project details can be viewed on Engage Bass Coast – engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au.

As with all construction projects, work is subject to weather.

Ex-mayor Whelan tagged as body language 'bully'

IT TOOK the Bass Coast Shire Council four years, but they finally got there last Wednesday, at their last meeting of the present regime.

There was some genuine discussion about the shire's finances, suggestions on how the shire might improve next time, and even some revealing comments on where the eagerly anticipated dog park strategy is at.

But oh dear, one of their number, former mayor Cr Michael Whelan, has been savaged on social media for what has been variously described as "appalling, ignorant, outrageous, disgraceful, disrespectful, dismissive" and just plain "rude" behaviour during a final address by his former deputy mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead.

You can watch the "video livestream" of last week's meeting on the Bass Coast Shire website to make up your own mind whether Cr Whelan was simply looking for another pair of glasses or being "a bully plain and simple" as one contributor claimed on the Sentinel-Times' Facebook page.

While Cr Halstead was reporting on a "mixed bag" of experiences during her four years on council, where some councillors, she claimed, pursued their own political agendas because they had the numbers, or sought funding for environmental initiatives at the expense of more traditional projects, Cr Whelan shifted in his seat, noisily turned pages on a report he was reading, banged down a pair of glasses, swung right around in his seat and rummaged through his briefcase.



Cr Rochelle Halstead claimed councillors used their position in the past four years "to further the political agenda of those issues better left to other levels of government".

At one stage during the meeting, Cr Whelan even attempted to give a direction to the chair, to the effect that Cr Halstead had cut off his colleague, Cr David Rooks, when he "had the call".

In fact, as revealed by Cr Rooks himself, he followed up a question about the status of the dog park strategy, with comment that "the research component" of the strategy "has been undertaken by the council officers and with other external consultants, I'm assuming, or experts".

He said he had completed his remarks (see also story on the status of the dog park strategy).

To date there have been 42 comments about the online video excerpt of Cr Whelan's antics including:

- SGST, the man was looking for his glasses. His ears were still on.
- How many pairs do you need to listen to someone else speaking?
- I think you are being tough on

Cr Whelan. He was just looking for the Passivhaus certificate.

But Cr Halstead's husband Tony made the most telling remarks:

"I have sat back and tried not to comment on this, but I feel too strongly to just let this one go. My wife Rochelle spent days writing her final speech for this term and agonising over each word to get a very professional message across," said Tony Halstead on social media.

"I thank all the positive comments in support of Rochelle as I believe no one deserves the disrespect she has received not only in this clip (video excerpt from meeting) but during her whole term from the same clowns.

"Anyone who doubts the deliberate distractions simply watch the whole meeting and zoom in on the culprit. The page turning, the glasses hunt and the coughing only occurs when Rochelle had the floor. This is not political for me,



Cr Michael Whelan has been hotly criticised for his behaviour at last Wednesday's council meeting, his last after eight years as a councillor and mayor.

it's personal and it's about respect."

All councillors, with the exception of Cr Les Larke, who said he had nothing to add after others had spoken, and Cr Tessari, who was an apology, also summed up their time on council.

Cr Ron Bauer lamented what "could have been the best of times became the worst of times".

Former mayor Cr Whelan and outgoing mayor Cr Clare Le Serve offered a list of thank yous to staff, councillors, their families and the community.

See a full transcript of Cr Halstead's address (supplied) and Cr Ron Bauer's comments (supplied) at sgst.com.au with a summary of what other councillors had to say at their last meeting.

A farewell reception for councillors followed last Wednesday's meeting at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club.

'Taj Mahal' shire office claims at candidates' forum

CLAIMS that the South Gippsland Shire Council plans to build itself a new 'Taj Mahal' office complex in Leongatha in the next term "probably costing over \$25 million" were raised again on Tuesday night, October 15 when the candidates in the Tarwin Valley ward faced the voters in an online forum.

Turns out there were precious few voters online watching the event convened by local lawyer and independent candidate for Monash, Deb Leonard, maybe because it was staged around dinner time.

Maybe people simply didn't know it was on.

One of the issues that was central to a presentation by former

South Gippsland Mayor, Don Hill, was claims the shire is secretly planning to reinstate plans to build new shire offices in Leongatha, allegations that have been addressed in a "misinformation" page on the shire's website.

Another Tarwin Valley candidate, Kathleen Murray of Mirboo North, also referred to the 'Taj Mahal' saying the new offices should not be built and the money committed to rate relief instead.

"The building they have is adequate. It's ratepayers' money and should be used for ratepayers' benefit," Ms Murray said.

Here's what Mr Hill had to say in his opening remarks:

"There's aspects of the capital

works program that are going to be built in the next four years, which I believe the ratepayers don't know anything about, and I believe they've been scheduled so that it falls between elections and when it gets built next year," Mr Hill said.

"I think the municipal office project, which was initially coming in 2016, we threw that out in 2017, I think that's coming back next year, and is probably going to cost over \$25 million and it's not required."

Here is what the council said on its misleading information page:

"Council is committed to correcting inaccuracies that arise in our community during the election period. This is to ensure commu-

nity members are provided with factual information to help make an informed voting decision.

"Municipal Office Project: Council recently completed a refurbishment of its main municipal office located in Leongatha. The refurbishment was required to modernise the office space and improve accessibility. External cladding works were also undertaken to remove asbestos-containing materials and update the façade. The total project cost was approximately \$4M. There is no other Municipal Office Project either planned or occurring."

All Tarwin Valley ward candidates attended by video link on the night.

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New fountain and \$10k for Fish Creek community

THE FISH Creek community celebrated the official opening of the long-awaited drinking fountain in Central Park last Tuesday with the community also awarded a \$10,000 grant from South Gippsland Water.

The fountain features two pieces of artwork from Fish Creek Primary school students Holly and Ruby, who were past winners of the South Gippsland Water poster competition.

Managing Director of SGW Rob Murphy announced the \$10,000 Community Resilience Grant for the Fish Creek community.

Rob said SGW would like to make it up to the community after a contractor damaged water mains in July this year, contaminating the town's water supply with residents required to boil their water for a number of days to ensure it was safe.

"We feel like we have let the community down, we haven't done what we expect to do, which is provide clean, healthy drinking water," said Rob.

The funding is to be used to support community members especially those vulnerable and financially or socially disadvantaged and build capacity in the instance of future incidents.

Rob is hopeful that the grant will provide for projects that deliver lasting benefits to the community and he looks forward to seeing interesting and value-adding applications for the funding.



Miranda Schooneveldt (SGW), Marge Arnup (FCCDG), John Manicaro (SGSC), Rob Murphy (SGW) Nicola Hepenstall (SGW), Nadia Stefani (FCCDG), with Ruby and Holly celebrating Fish Creek's new water fountain and the announcement of \$10k funding from South Gippsland Water. ob01_4324

The new water fountain, which was installed in August, is the result of several organisations collaborating, since 2022 when the idea for the project was born.

Marge Arnup, Secretary of the Fish Creek Community Development Group (FCCDG) explained that the group received \$4600 from The Tea Cosy Festival Committee to be used for local projects and they brainstormed a water fountain for the rail trail.

They discussed the idea that

having fresh clean water available would improve liveability in Fish Creek and would be beneficial for all those using the rail trail and would improve tourism and having water for public events would also be more convenient.

An application to the South Gippsland Shire Council proved successful for the fountain as they have an agreement with the South Gippsland Water Partnership, to provide clean, refillable tap water to assist in providing a cleaner,

greener and clearer waterways across the shire and to improve health outcomes for communities.

"It's the circular economy in action," said Rob.

While there were a few delays in the installation, it is now available and flowing freely.

The celebration was topped off with a large chocolate cake which the grade five and six students from Fish Creek Primary School heartily enjoyed and which was personally baked by Marge, herself.

Vale
Bruce
Campbell
OAM



IT WAS one of the last acts of Cr Clare Le Serve as Bass Coast Mayor last week to deliver a heartfelt eulogy for former Bass Shire President Bruce Campbell OAM who died on September 16, 2024, aged 94.

Born April 22, 1930, Bruce is survived by his wife Sheila of 63 years and his children, extended family and friends.

Bruce was a wonderful Rotarian, an outstanding Community leader, great family man and one of the finest people you would ever meet. A great statesman, Bruce was certainly well-known, so well-respected and well-loved throughout the district, especially in the Kurnot area.

He made a huge contribution to the community in so many ways and has left an enormous legacy. Bruce was a shire councillor for the Bass Shire from 1970-1988, he was the shire president for three years and he only faced one election in all that time.

He was on many committees including Weights and Measures and Library committee, Captain of Kurnot Fire Brigade, the establishment of the Bass Valley Primary School, long-serving member of the Kurnot Hall Committee, Woodleigh Vale Red Cross Unit, Wonthaggi Combined Probus Group, Grantville Cemetery Trust and was always ready to put up his hand to help someone else in the community.

Bruce was always great company, a humble man with a remarkable long and proud history of community service. He was proudly appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia for his wonderful work in the community over his lifetime which was worthy recognition. Above all Bruce was a true gentleman. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. (Obituary written by Cr Clare Le Serve and John Duscher).

Read the full obituary online at sgst.com.au



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Productive candidate session for Coastal Prom Ward

THREE of Coastal Promontory Ward's five candidates participated in Wednesday night's online Meet the Candidates session, incumbents Sarah Gilligan and Scott Rae joined by newcomer Emma McKay.

The session, hosted by Deb Leonard, ran smoothly with the trio feeding off each other's ideas and demonstrating how they could work together successfully if elected to the South Gippsland Shire Council.

Emma and Sarah found common ground in their love of the arts, while all three candidates are staunch advocates of the need to protect agricultural land.

They share a desire to help ensure South Gippsland Shire communities benefit from future renewable energy projects in the area and a commitment to listening to locals, and advocating to higher levels of government to help secure funding to meet community needs.

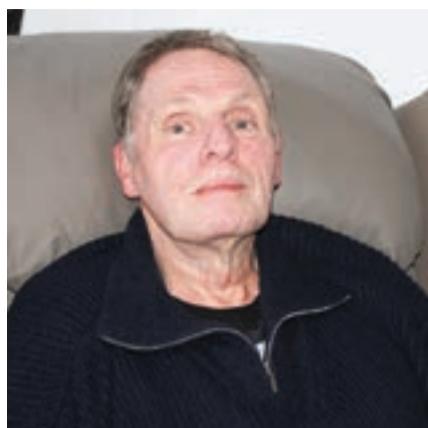
While Emma is less familiar with the workings of council, having not previously served as a councillor, she displayed a keenness to learn and was an effective contributor to the discussion.

Having served their first term on council, Scott and Sarah were happy to share their experiences and offer encouragement.

Audience members submitted a broad range of questions, making for an interesting session, the candidates addressing the issues raised in detail.

Host Deb noted the other candidates, Steve Finlay and Michael Poore were unable to take part in the session.

Wheelchair access at Maher's Landing below standard



Peter Cording is disappointed with below-standard wheelchair access at Maher's Landing. B13_4324



Maher's Landing fails to meet minimum standards for wheelchair access. B10_4224

DIAGNOSED with motor neurone disease (MND) Peter Cording is less than happy with the new \$5 million boat ramp and jetty at Maher's Landing.

"It doesn't meet Australian standards for wheelchair access," stated Mr Cording.

Although motor neurone disease is relatively rare in Bass Coast and South Gippsland, MND damages the nervous system, and nerve cells start to die.

Currently, there is no cure for the life-limiting disease which causes muscles to weaken and waste away, leading to difficulties with breathing.

"I was so disappointed when Maher's Landing opened," explained Peter.

According to Mr Cording the ramp leading to the jetty and the jetty do not meet the minimum standards for wheelchairs.

Once a keen scuba diver and fisherman, Peter's outings to points of interest such as Maher's Landing, Inverloch, Cape Paterson and Kilcunda are rare opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

The Australian standard for jetty access to wheelchairs is a width of 880mm, with 180-degree turning areas 1500mm wide every six metres.

"At Maher's Landing there is no passing area at all," said Peter.

By Bruce Wardley

"I need to be able to back onto the jetty and turn around."

Peter is now waiting for a solution so he can use the Maher's Landing jetty.

"It was closed for twelve months and fenced off."

When Maher's landing reopened Peter took one look at the jetty and turned back disappointed.

"I had been waiting to use it."

"I read with high excitement that the Maher's Landing boat ramp and fishing platform was finished and as I have Motor Neurone Disease, a friend from Inverloch came and picked me up to have a look with the view to a fishing trip."

"Can you imagine my disappointment when I saw the walkway/ramp was only 1500mm in width from the start to the end of the fishing platform which allows only one wheelchair and one person to pass one another at a time?"

"How do they expect a wheelchair-bound person to be in an environment with multiple people fishing, with a seat, bucket and rods and not enough space to pass them?"

The Australian standard specifies turning areas for wheelchairs allowing them to manoeuvre, along with kickboards and railings to stop wheelchairs from going over

the edge.

"Are wheelchair-disabled people who love to fish been excluded from Maher's Landing?" asked Peter.

Peter is now hoping Bass Coast Council can rectify the problem.

The old Inverloch jetty meets the Australian standards but on learning the Inverloch jetty is to be rebuilt on the west side of the current boat ramp, Peter is worried.

"The Inverloch jetty is one-point-eight to two metres wide."

On the rare occasions Peter can venture outdoors the disabled parking area facing the Cape Paterson beach is much appreciated.

Mr Cording remembers launching a tinnie at Cape Paterson, "a reef protects you from the ocean swell."

A long-time resident of Gippsland, having lived in Yanakie, Toora, Newborough, Churchill and Morwell, Peter says wheelchair access to Eagles Nest would be something.

"I once hired a boat from Port Franklin with a friend to go to Flinders Island," said Peter.

The crusty shell of a very large rock lobster is a treasured memento from that diving trip.

"Access to the area's coastal features adds to the enjoyment of your life," said Peter.

"I miss boating."



GIPPSLAND SOUTHERN HEALTH SERVICE

INVITATION TO ATTEND COMMUNITY MEETING

The Gippsland Southern Health Service invites members of the community to connect with our Executive and Board at a community meeting on 24 October 2024

The meeting will provide members of the South Gippsland community with an opportunity to understand more about the Victorian Health Services Reform and how it shapes your Health Service into the future.

All South Gippsland community is welcome to attend.

Please feel free to submit any questions you may have prior to the meeting to the details below.



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South Gippsland Shire Council News

2023/24 Annual Report

At last week's Council Meeting, the South Gippsland Shire Council Annual Report 2023/2024 was formally endorsed.

The Report provides detail about Council's activities, financial performance and governance over the previous financial year.

Key achievements highlighted in the report include the successful completion of road maintenance programs, the execution of a capital works program exceeding \$27 million, the allocation of \$293,281 in community grants and the facilitation of 18 community engagement initiatives.

The 2023/2024 Annual Report not only sheds light on what has been achieved over the past year, but it also gives Council the opportunity to evaluate performance and to identify areas for improvement to better serve our community.

This Report ensures that Council is operating in a transparent manner, providing our community with insight into how funds are being used and what has been achieved with them.

To view the South Gippsland Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24, please visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/annualreport



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 20 November 2.00pm (Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates

To watch the 'open' part of the meeting live or when it suits you, visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

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South Gippsland Shire Council is thrilled to be supporting the Australian Wide Garage Sale Trail campaign.

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Registrations for the garage sale trail are officially open. So why not sift through the backs of your dusty cupboards and make a few bucks selling off those forgotten goods.

You can look for sales across the country using the interactive map and get first dibs of the sales taking place this November.

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Lightning finish to council term

WITH South Gippsland Shire Council in caretaker mode during the election period, Tuesday's public meeting whizzed by in the blink of an eye, seven minutes to be exact, with the endorsement of council's annual report for 2023/24 the main agenda item.

That endorsement was unanimous, with all councillors other than Mick Felton present for the final meeting of this council term, Cr Felton having been previously granted leave.

In the lead-up to the vote, Mayor Clare Williams gave a brief speech on council's financial situation and achievements made.

"As I read through this Annual Report I can't help but be proud of how much work has been accomplished by council on behalf of our local community," she said.

"We have delivered numerous projects and programs, provided critical support and implemented strategies to strengthen and grow our region, and importantly we have maintained three fiscally balanced budgets, ensuring the next council is off to a great start."

Cr Williams highlighted the success of council's advocacy efforts, noting an increase in road funding of just over \$3 million, and Disaster Recovery Infrastructure Funding of \$200,000.

She also expressed pride in early years infrastructure improvements.



Councillors John Schelling, Mohya Davies, Nathan Hersey, Sarah Gilligan, Jenni Keerie, Clare Williams (Mayor), Scott Rae and Adrian Darakai after the final meeting of the current council term. Cr Mick Felton was on leave. A07_4324

"Our lobbying efforts helped Meenyan get a kindergarten, expected to be open in 2026 to accommodate the increased demand from extended three-year-old kinder and prep programs."

Securing \$200,000 towards resilient coastal communities through the Victorian Government's Resilient Coast grants program was also noted.

Cr Williams said it is an honour to represent the South Gippsland community.

"I speak on behalf of the

entire councillor group when I say that we have approached this role with dedication and commitment," she declared.

Council CEO Kerryn Ellis described the Annual Report for the 2023/24 financial year as "a satisfying conclusion to a successful council term", with the completion of many projects.

Key achievements included delivering a \$27.6 million capital works program, including completion of the Korumburra Community Hub and road improvements such as the sealing

of Ross Street in Meenyan.

Collaborating with other councils to achieve benefits for South Gippsland Shire communities, progress with ongoing infrastructure projects and working with the community after major storm events were other council accomplishments over the past financial year that the CEO is proud of.

As for the meeting, it was a little too short for regular council critic John McCombe who arrived to find proceedings had concluded.

Strzelecki Ward candidates identify potential council cost savings

A TRIO of Strzelecki Ward candidates tackled the tricky question of how South Gippsland Shire Council might achieve cost savings following this month's elections.

During an online Meet the Candidates session hosted by Deb Leonard, who will run as a candidate in the next Federal election, former councillor Nigel Hutchinson-Brooks highlighted the challenges faced by council due to issues such as rate capping.

Acknowledging services will need to be cut, he asked the candidates where they would suggest these cuts be made.

Nathan Hersey, who has served as Mayor and Deputy Mayor during his first term as a councillor, said council has already begun taking steps to achieve savings, providing the example of putting caravan parks out to tender for private operators to run instead of council.

Looking at removing council responsibility for State Parks is another way savings might be made.

Nathan also broached the issue of council's substantial building portfolio, numbering over 400, some of which are used rarely or not at all, saying the number needs to be reduced in consultation with community.

Swimming pools are a cost area he believes needs to be assessed.

"I've never seen another municipality that has so many public swimming pools," he said, putting the cost to the ratepayer at \$80 for each visit to the pool, describing that as "outrageous".

Nathan was emphatic about where savings shouldn't be made, such as funding for roads and footpaths.

While acknowledging the need for savings, he emphasised the

importance of ongoing advocacy to higher levels of government to achieve greater funding support.

Current councillor and candidate Jenni Keerie responded by saying it would be necessary to seek community feedback on what services are identified as essential.

"When it comes to cutting services, that would be a very difficult thing to do without consultation," he said.

Jenni noted the need to determine whether compatible services are provided by other levels of government.

"Looking at some of the homecare services, we haven't been able to continue those because there have been other agencies able to pick that up," she said by way of example from her first term as a councillor.

She also referred to a recent staff restructure at council designed to achieve greater efficiency.

Candidate Jim Forbes, who has previous experience as a councillor, identified the Community Leadership Program as something that could be cut to achieve savings.

"There are at least 25 other leadership programs on offer in Victoria that people could choose to do," he said.

He identified issues such as roads, footpaths, and playgrounds as the kind of core services council provides that are frequently raised in community surveys, appearing to suggest those are areas in which cuts shouldn't be made.

Jim stressed the importance of councillors being in touch with their community to understand people's priorities.

Strzelecki Ward candidate Bron Beach was unable to take part in the session due to a dental emergency, with John Kennedy also invited.



CEO Message



Kerryn Ellis

HELLO South Gippsland. Happy National Water Week! In celebration of National Water Week (October 21 to 27), South Gippsland Water is hosting their annual poster competition. South Gippsland Shire Council is happy to be exhibiting these works in the Mechanics Hall at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum. Local primary school students were encouraged to create a poster reflective of the theme "Water for all, inspiring action". As we all know, water is a vital part of life and this year's theme highlights the importance of this valuable asset and makes us think of how we can use water more sustainably now and into the future. I encourage everyone to make their way over to Coal Creek to enjoy the exhibition and see how our next generation depicts the value of water.

Free Camping at Tidal River, Wilsons Promontory

The Victorian Government is helping families this summer by making camping free in every national park and state forest in Victoria. I'm pleased to confirm that this includes our very own Tidal River campground at Wilsons Promontory. Camping will be free until June 30, 2025, meaning locals and visitors have ample time to take up this offer.

Community Markets

As the days get longer and the weather gets warmer, it's fantastic to see so many community markets taking place throughout our region. Over the weekend, we were spoilt for choice with markets in Toora, Foster, Korumburra and Leongatha. If you haven't already made plans this coming weekend, there are markets happening in Mirboo North and Kongwak.

Don't forget to vote in your 2024 Local Council Election

Please make sure you have sent your ballot pack via mail or delivered it in person to the election office at Carinos, 6-12 Smith Street Leongatha, before 6pm on Friday, October 25. Ballots cannot be accepted at Council.

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Antique and vintage furniture and bric-a-brac at Wonthaggi's Murray Street Bazaar. B21_4324



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Crunch time for Bass Coast housing

APARTMENTS and units under construction or about to be built in Cowes, San Remo and Inverloch have significantly pushed up housing density in Bass Coast Shire.

Two in five approvals for residential buildings in Bass Coast are now classified as medium to high density according to demographic consultants .id Australia.

Bass Coast Shire approved a total of six-hundred and seventy residential homes last financial year a jump of two hundred households on the year before.

Two hundred seventy-seven residences were classified as medium to high density with many still under construction or yet to be constructed.

The latest housing approval figures signal a major change in the density of housing.

Medium to high-density housing traditionally accounted for a fraction of new building approvals in Bass Coast ranging from a low of one per cent, three to four years ago to sixteen per cent most recently.

The Shire says whilst it is true Bass Coast has been developing more medium-density housing Council is still mainly approving individual residences.

"This is consistent with both the housing needs and the diversity of living now required," said a spokesperson for Bass Coast Shire.

"Bass Coast is well on the way to meeting required housing targets."

Apartments and units in Bass Coast accounted for forty-one per cent of all residential building approvals for the financial



Residential apartment approvals rise markedly for Bass Coast. B63_4224

year 2023/2024.

According to Bass Coast's own planning documents medium to high density housing development has been designated for the high growth areas of Cowes, San Remo and Inverloch.

Gippsland's Regional Growth Plan recognises Cowes, San Remo and Inverloch as towns that can support growth, and Cape Paterson as a small town that can support growth.

To ensure forecasted population growth is managed sustainably while preserving the unique character and landscape of the region, Bass Coast has adopted several key strategies including the Neighbourhood Character Study, Housing Strategy, and Residential Canopy Cover Improvement Strategy.

"We are also progressing with the development of the Residential Development Framework and the implementation of planning controls," said Bass Coast Shire.

The average household size

in Bass Coast is currently just over two people for each home reflecting a high proportion of single and adult couple households, but within ten years single-occupied homes are predicted to account for nearly half of all new households.

Cowes, Wonthaggi and Inverloch are all likely to experience the highest population growth over the next ten years with Phillip Island accounting for forty-three per cent of all dwellings in Bass Coast Shire.

Visitor housing or short-term rental is expected to account for one in five homes.

More than six hundred, or four per cent of, households in Bass Coast Shire require affordable housing according to .id Australia with singles or lone person households accounting for a third of those in need.

In South Gippsland Shire three per cent of households currently require affordable housing.

The average weekly rent for

houses for Bass Coast is \$450 a week compared to South Gippsland Shire where house rentals average \$400 a week.

Rent for apartments and units in Bass Coast average \$400 a week compared to \$330 a week for South Gippsland.

Three-bedroom houses account for just over forty per cent of all homes in Bass Coast and South Gippsland but in recent years both Shires have seen a marked increase in the number of four-bedroom homes being built.

At the end of last year, the cost of a home in Bass Coast averaged \$750,000, compared to \$615,000 for South Gippsland, and \$600,000 across the rest of regional Victoria. The price of a unit in Bass Coast Shire averages \$570,000, \$150,000 higher than South Gippsland.

For more information on building approvals in Bass Coast Shire go to profile.id.com.au/bass-coast/building-approvals

Jumbunna Hall improvements an ongoing project

JUMBUNNA Hall fills an important role for locals, and the Hall Committee continues to lead fundraising efforts and improvements to ensure the venue's future.

"It's the only social place in Jumbunna for people to come to," Jumbunna Hall Committee president Brian Enbom said.

While restumping was completed just after last Christmas, another major project lies ahead with the need to replace weatherboards.

A \$10,000 grant through the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal helped make the much-needed restumping possible.

However, the cost of that project was around \$27,000, highlighting the importance of fundraising efforts.

"We're quite proud of what we've done ourselves," Brian said.

Stall-holder fees at the Jumbunna Market, held on the first Sunday each month, along with sales of scones, cakes and other treats contribute to the cause.

The Jumbunna Hall Committee also runs a stall at the Coal Creek Farmers Market on the second Saturday each month.

The markets bring in around \$300-\$400 each.

A Father's Day raffle contributed an impressive \$800, with Korumburra IGA donating a \$100 voucher as the prize.

Recently, the hall's toilets and kitchen have been repainted.

Once weatherboard replacement is complete, attention is likely to turn to upgrading the kitchen.

However, the weatherboard project is not yet costed and sufficient funding will need to be organised before work can be carried out.

Jumbunna Hall, built in 1891, continues to host a variety of events, including social days, funerals, craft days, morning and afternoon teas, with Probus and historical groups sometimes using the venue.



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Probus milestone celebrated in Leongatha

PROBUS Club members celebrated the organisation's 40 years in Victoria with a delicious High Tea at Leongatha's Space 47 on Monday morning (October 14).

The gathering arranged by Leongatha Probus Club was part of Probus Month, attracting members of other Probus Clubs in the area.

President of Leongatha Probus Club, Cherry Anderson said the organisation's milestone in Victoria reflects its popularity.

"It's well organised, well-liked and it achieves things," she said.

Barbara Hosking of Coal Creek Probus Club spoke about its appeal.

"We're a very active group, with bus trips every month."

The club has 81 members and welcomes anyone to join its trips, whether day adventures or longer journeys such as a planned visit to Mount Gambier in March.

Wonthaggi & District Combined Probus Club and Wooyayl Probus Club also joined Leongatha members for Monday's celebration, catered for by Brent Sinclair.

No High Tea would be complete without scones and there was a selection of sweet treats and sandwiches.



Leongatha Probus Club members enjoy Monday's High Tea, with Jenny Draper (secretary), Cherry Anderson (president), Alan Hoy (vice president) and Anne Larking (treasurer). A23_4224

Those wanting to experience what Leongatha Probus Club has to offer can visit three times before deciding whether to become a member, with the friendly social vibe likely to convince new arrivals to stick around.

Members gather on the third Monday of the month at the

Dakers Centre, with all welcome.

General meetings keep the focus on the social side, with many reports included in the newsletter to avoid bogging people down in mundane details during gatherings.

Attendees can look forward to a 'Behind the Badge' presentation, with a member sharing

something interesting about themselves, and there are also guest speakers and morning tea.

The amusing 'Dunny Man', John Gardner, who wrote a book on the subject, and South Gippsland Shire Mayor Clare Williams have spoken recently, with local artist Melanie Caple locked in this month.

A new journey for Kerri Ray at Sunray Shiatsu & Oriental Therapies

KERRI Ray is beginning a new chapter, stepping away from her role at Sunray Gardens to open Sunray Shiatsu & Oriental Therapies. With her partner Fred taking over the gardening, Kerri is focusing on a more spiritual and intuitive approach to therapy, one she believes will deeply resonate with her clients.

At 60, Kerri feels it's time for a change of pace. She's shifting to offering holistic therapies including Shiatsu, Cupping, Gua Sha, Moxibustion and energy healing methods such as Pellowah and Reiki. Her background is solid: she earned a Diploma in Shiatsu and Oriental Therapies in 2021 and has completed all three levels of Reiki training.

"My career has come full circle," Kerri said. "Gardening is still my therapy, but it was putting too much strain on my body."

Her experience forms her holistic approach, especially in treating chronic pain and mental health challenges. Many of her clients, she says, have struggled to find relief through traditional treatments.

"Shiatsu works on the body's

meridians," Kerri explained.

She combines her intuition with her training to link physical discomfort to specific organs or elements, helping her find the root cause of an issue. Her approach also emphasises the importance of reducing stress and quieting the mind.

Kerri also uses Reiki, which she finds effective for chronic conditions like Frozen Shoulder or Tennis Elbow. While she admits Reiki isn't for everyone, she has seen it help many people. She also practices Pellowah, an energy movement that doesn't require physical contact, offering clients a different kind of experience.

In her new venture, Kerri is committed to making her services accessible to a wider community, including NDIS participants. She believes strongly in the power of holistic therapies and wants to bring their benefits to more people.

As Kerri enters this new phase, she's slowing down but is excited for what lies ahead. Through her unique blend of therapies, she hopes to help her clients find balance and well-being.



Kerri Ray of Sunray Shiatsu & Oriental Therapies in Wonthaggi provides a variety of holistic therapies, including Shiatsu and Oriental Therapy, Cupping, Gua Sha, Moxibustion, Pellowah and Reiki. Z14_4324



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Concern about vanishing railway

THE ONGOING loss of Korumburra's railway heritage is distressing for Bob Newton, the devoted local historian upset by the removal of the 'Freight Centre' framework.

South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis said the removal of the structure is a small part of the overall Korumburra Railway Precinct Revitalisation Project, opening up the site and improving access and amenity.

Korumburra's turntable and some other railway infrastructure has previously been taken away. Bob declaring it has "ruined the place".

"It's another sad day for Korumburra; we've got hardly anything left," he said, adding that council has made the decision to go down that path.

The final role the Freight Centre served was sheltering the former tourist railway's two Red Hen locomotives before they were transported elsewhere. After that, the roof was removed, with council having made it clear the framework would also come down, eliminating an unsightly structure and opening up the view of Korumburra Railway Station.

"It was a regional freight centre for the whole of South Gippsland and they used to cart everything to Korumburra and unload it, and deliver it to towns like Inverloch and Wonthaggi," Bob said.

The president of the Korumburra & District Historical Society is pleased the town's grand railway station has been refurbished but is concerned it is sitting idle.

Bob expressed his fear the station building will remain vacant despite a lot of money having been spent on it.

There is more work to be done in the Korumburra railway precinct.

"The installation of a new toilet block, which will replace the one currently located next to the railway site, is the next phase of the project and is expected to be completed next month," Kerryn said.

BATHURST racing on TV set the scene for a social gathering of car lovers in Leongatha with a contingent from Bendigo adding to the occasion.

The South Gippsland Branch of the Gippsland Historical Automobile Club threw a Sunday lunch for its members and visitors from Bendigo's Veteran, Vintage and Classic Club.

Twenty-four members of the Bendigo group explored Gippsland on a 10-day adventure.

That included visiting the private properties of some South Gippsland Branch members, such as John and Ann Denbrok who own an extensive collection of cars, tractors and a 1966 International truck.

The visitors enjoyed the Holden Museum in Traralgon, a river cruise in Sale, the handiwork of chainsaw carver John Brady near Fulham, Maffra's Sugar Beet Museum, and Old Gippstown in Moe.

They also took in Port Albert, Toora and Yarram.

South Gippsland Branch president Tony Moon was delighted to welcome the visiting contingent, he and his members enjoying their own road trips and the hospitality of other car clubs.

Peggy Bennett, captain of the Veteran, Vintage and Classic Club, is in charge of organising all its 'runs' and ensured the members would have plenty to keep them occupied in Gippsland.



Members of the South Gippsland Branch of the Gippsland Historical Automobile Club, Ann and John Denbrok with Ann's 1965 Mustang GT. A02_4324

While she and husband Clive intended to bring their 1963 Chevrolet Impala and tow their caravan, a major issue with the caravan prompted them to come in their four-wheel drive instead.

The distance involved discouraged others from bringing their classic cars.

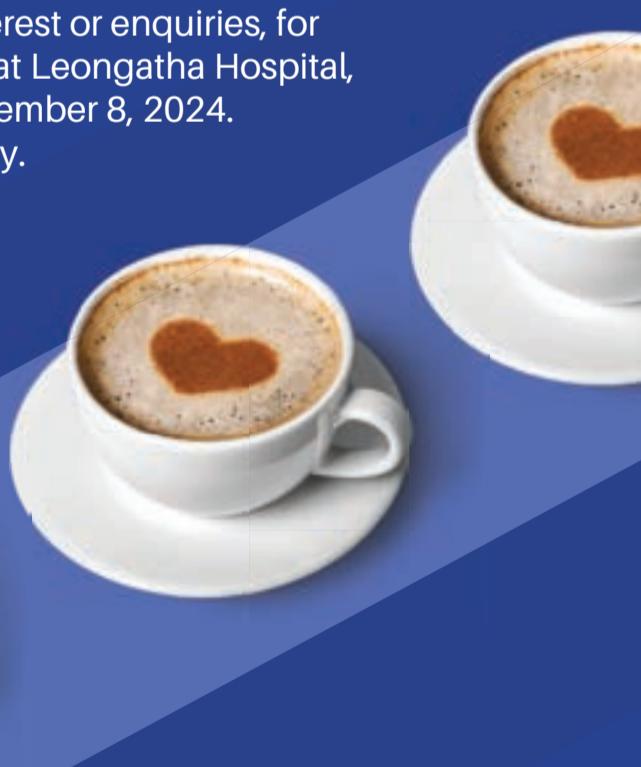
However, the Bendigo club's assistant secretary and treasurer, and newsletter editor Valda Webb brought back memories of the 1980s with her Nissan Bluebird.



Valda Webb of the Veteran, Vintage & Classic Club in Bendigo stands alongside her Nissan Bluebird. A03_4324

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Building a healthier community in Korumburra

Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) is helping to build a healthier community in Korumburra.

The GSHS Korumburra campus offers a range of services including a multifunction ward which consists of acute and palliative care beds plus residential aged care facilities.

GSHS is renowned for its exceptional aged care and community services, placing a strong emphasis on meaningful relationships and collaboration with community, friends and family.

The campus also offers District Nursing Service, Allied Health, Cardiac Rehabilitation and Breath program and Primary Health.

Multifunction Ward

The Multifunction Ward is an important facet of healthcare providing acute medical services for the Korumburra community. Serviced by Korumburra Medical Group doctors, people using the facility are treated to wonderful views of the local hills while receiving high-quality health care. The ward is also used by people recovering and returning from larger hospitals.

Community Health Centre

The Community Health Centre plays a significant role in keeping local people healthy. The Centre is home to various community and allied health programs, home care packages, District Nursing and counselling. An on-site Planned Activity Group is very popular, helping people to better connect with their local community.

Residential Aged Care

The Korumburra campus is home to two well-respected residential aged care facilities.

Alchera House has 20 nursing home beds and cultivates a welcoming atmosphere and strong bonds with residents.

Hillside Lodge has 30 hostel beds and always strives for excellence in residential care.

BREATHE

BREATHE is a pulmonary rehabilitation program designed to help people to understand their lung condition and improve their breathing function. The integrated hospital-based program runs over eight weeks and consists of education, exercise and relaxation sessions.

District Nursing

District nursing is a community-based service offered to residents across South Gippsland Shire. A written referral is required to access the service, which includes acute nursing care via Hospital in the Home and Post Acute Care programs.

Urgent Care Centre

At Korumburra, nursing staff from the multifunction room provide urgent care services. Anyone presenting at the Urgent Care Centre will be assessed by nursing staff who will contact the doctor on call for advice or treatment. Telehealth is available for after-hours medical support of non-urgent presentations.

Bladder Cancer Clinic

The campus is home to the region's only inpatient weekly treatment for non-muscle invasive bladder cancer. People are referred to the service by urologists. The clinic is run on Tuesdays under the direction of the urology continence nurse practitioner in collaboration with the referring urologist.



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Cup Weekend start for free green waste

IT'S fee-free green waste time again at your local tip, either Bass Coast or South Gippsland, ahead of the bushfire danger period which will be on us soon enough, notwithstanding the welcome rain we've had in the past week.

At Bass Coast, the annual fee-free green waste disposal period runs from Saturday, November 2 to Sunday, November 24 2024 so don't waste time getting started on your annual clean-up.

At South Gippsland, you get a little longer, also starting on the Saturday prior to the Melbourne Cup and running through until the end of December, so plenty of time there.

But, there's no time like the present to prune, cut and rake and generally reduce rambling overgrowth or simply tidy up ahead of summer.

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

"Now is the perfect time for property owners and residents to clear their land of bushfire hazards before summer. Bushfire hazards include fuel like leaf litter, plants, and other debris. If left to build up, these materials can feed a fire and make it more dangerous," said the Bass Coast Shire in a statement this week.

At South Gippsland, they want to remind you that certain weeds aren't welcome.

"To improve the quality of the mulch produced, there are several plant species that are not accepted as green waste, including blackberry, ragwort; broom, mirror



It's been a huge year for green waste and there's still plenty of fallen trees and debris around in Bass Coast and South Gippsland but now's the time to clear it away ahead of bushfire season... get to it!

bush; kikuyu grass; hawthorn; cape weed; gorse; agapanthus; blue butterfly bush; and pampas grass. Plant species that are difficult to mulch properly are also not included in the amnesty such as palm fronds, cordylines, yuccas and related species."

At Bass Coast tips and transfer stations there are extended hours. With the first weekend of the disposal period coinciding with the Melbourne Cup weekend and Council's waste facilities are remaining open on Melbourne Cup Day. High demand may lead to queues and delays, particularly on this first weekend. Disposing of your green waste in the middle of the fee-free period may help you avoid delays.

To ensure the safety of our staff and community during this busy period, Cowes Recycling Bank will be introducing a booking system for the first time. Those dropping off green waste must book a free 15-minute time slot.

Bookings are not required for Grantville, Wonthaggi or Inverloch.

Those visiting Cowes Recycling Bank should also note:

- Large trucks and trailers (over 8' x 5') are not accepted and will be redirected to Grantville Transfer Station during the fee-free green waste period.
- Cowes Recycling Bank has a new entry point. Please follow the 'Entry' and 'Exit' signs.
- Entry for fee-free green waste disposal is via The Concourse end of Dunsmore Road, not the Settlement Road end, to help manage traffic.
- Bass Coast also excludes weed species including blackberry, English ivy, agapanthus, mirror bush and plants that cannot be mulched such as palm fronds are not accepted as green waste at any of their locations, however, these can go in your kerbside Organics (green lid) bin at any time.

To book your drop-off time at Cowes Recycling Bank or learn what's accepted, locations, and hours of Council's Waste Facilities, visit basscoast.vic.gov.au/greenwaste

Fee-Free Green Waste



2 November to 24 November 2024

Council offers a fee-free green waste disposal period each year to encourage preparation for the fire season.

Residents and ratepayers can dispose of green waste free of charge at any of Council's Waste Facilities in Cowes, Grantville, Inverloch and Wonthaggi.

Please note: weeds and species that are difficult to mulch such as palm fronds and yuccas are not accepted. Large tree limbs and stumps only accepted at Grantville.

Bookings required for Cowes Recycling Bank

To minimise queues and waiting times, this year Cowes Recycling Bank is introducing an online booking system. Scan the QR code or visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/greenwaste to book.



Trucks or trailers larger than 8'x5' not accepted at Cowes

Large vehicles will be redirected to Grantville.



Visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/greenwaste for more information or contact Council on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211.



The Hoodwinkers Team who raised over \$26,000 for MND recently are South Gippsland local Josh Dunlop, with Jack Dunlop, Paul Dunlop and Shane Dunlop.

Over \$26,000 raised for MND by Hoodwinkers

ALONGSIDE three family members Josh Dunlop recently took part in Daniher's Drive, travelling through regional Victoria to raise awareness and funds for motor neurone disease and raising a huge total of \$26,140.

The team, named The Hoodwinkers is made up of Josh, his dad Paul Dunlop, uncle Jack Dunlop and cousin Shane Dunlop.

Jack first began participating in the event in 2017 when his good mate Bruce was diagnosed with MND. Sadly, Bruce passed away in 2018, but Jack has continued fundraising and Josh joined his uncle in the drive team in 2019.

Daniher's Drive is a fundraising effort for the FightMND charity that seeks to find effective treatments and ultimately a cure for motor neurone disease (MND).

"Uncle Jack, he's sort of the head of the team. He runs a lot of the fundraising, the raffles, and that. We kind of leave it to him to decide each year, because it's a lot of work to do," explains Josh.

Over the past seven years, the family have raised over \$130,000 for FightMND.

They receive a lot of support from Alex Scott and Staff Korumburra, who Josh works for, as well as the Dandenong Club, due to family ties there and Westpoint Ford who Jack works for, and who

supplies the vehicle for the four-day drive.

The team also hold fundraising events, such as a barefoot bowls competition at the Dandenong Club and this year held a Big Freeze event in the Dalyston Football Club, raising over \$6000 from that event alone.

"We've been pretty lucky with the sponsors," said Josh.

"We're pretty fortunate that we've got some good businesses that get around us as well."

This year Daniher's Drive kicked off with a launch event at Williamstown and 48 teams consisting of about 200 people drove to Bendigo for the first night, followed by Warrnambool and Lorne.

Community events were held along the way and teams were encouraged to stop into the smaller towns cafes and pubs and give their economies a bit of a boost.

"It's a humbling experience, to be honest, you hear a lot of stories and everyone's got some tie to MND and it brings into perspective what we're raising money for. It's sort of a celebration of all the work everyone does throughout the year to raise that money," explained Josh.

"I try and do my bit by being designated driver so the others can have a few beers and get home safely each night. I like to just make sure that they can have a good time at the events."

Grow a Mo to help improve men's mental health

**The following story discusses mental health and suicide. If you or someone you know needs support contact details are at the bottom.*

"Men are great dads and husbands, and do a lot for us as a family."

"Suicide leaves you very raw."

During November you can raise awareness of men's health by growing a moustache to show the world you stand for healthier men and a healthier world.

'Move' is another way to remember the sixty men lost to suicide globally, every hour.

To take part in 'Move' all you have to do is run or walk sixty kilometres in one go, or over the month of November.

The money raised during November helps fund men's health projects including mental health, suicide, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

"Turn your facial hair into a force for good," said Karen.

Start conversations and help fund life-changing men's health projects simply by growing a moustache.

Gather your favourite people around for a good time and a good cause for 'Host a Mo-Ment' or fundraise your way with 'Mo Your Own Way'.

Karen Hams' son Will is now an ambassador for 'Movember'.

To learn more about 'Movember' and men's health go to au.movember.com

If you, or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed or in need of support you can contact Lifeline any time of the day or night on 13 11 14, MensLine Australia on 1300 789 978 or mensline.org.au, or SANE Australia on 1800 18 SANE (7263) or sane.org.

Homeward bound: Michael beats the odds

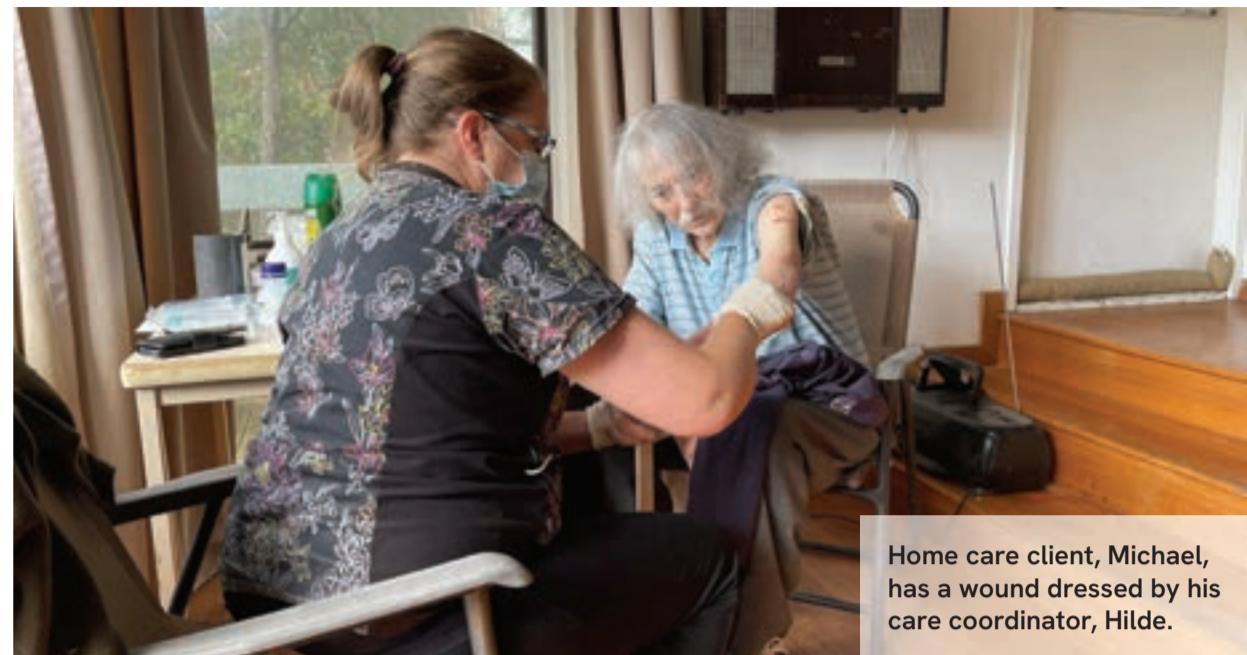
Living at home is the preferred choice of many older people who don't wish to move to a care facility.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

For Michael, Mark & Sylvie's care has been life-changing. "He just wanted to be home," says Hilde. "It's the best feeling to help people live well."

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Gippsland learns to restart a heart

ON Restart a Heart Day, Ambulance Victoria and the Heart Foundation celebrated Gippsland's graduating Heart Safe Communities and unveiled the towns taking on the life-saving challenge over the next 12 months.

The Heart Safe Community program aims to improve survival rates for cardiac arrest by working with communities to raise awareness, teach residents how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use an automated external defibrillator (AED), promote GoodSAM, and install new publicly accessible AEDs.

GoodSAM is a life-saving smartphone app that connects Victorians in cardiac arrest with members of the community who are willing to start CPR in the critical minutes before paramedics arrive.

Meenyan and Metung are now better equipped to save lives after undertaking the Heart Safe Communities Initiative in 2023-24.

In Meenyan, Ambulance Victoria (AV) trained 66 community members, installed four new AEDs – two of which are 24/7 publicly assessable – and signed up two new active GoodSAM responders.

AV director regional and clinical operations Gippsland Ross Salathiel congratulated everyone involved in raising awareness across Meenyan and Metung over the last year and announced Churchill and Toongabbie will be taking on the program for 2024-25.

"Minutes matter in a cardiac arrest and I'm so pleased these communities are now in a better position to save more lives, understanding the importance of bystander intervention and calling 000 immediately," he said.

"Cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere and at any time."

"We're eager to work with Churchill and Toongabbie residents to empower them to action in someone's time of need."

The Heart Safe Community program was launched in 2019 and is a joint initiative between AV and Heart Foundation.

This month, AV is promoting Shocktober, which is a month-long campaign to highlight the importance of learning CPR and how to use an AED.

Every day, around 21 Victorians have a cardiac arrest and only one in 10 survive.

By bystander CPR and the use of an AED more than doubles a patient's chance of survival.

Restart a Heart Day, held annually on October 16, is a global initiative to encourage people to learn CPR and how to use an AED.

Celebrating Headspace Day in Wonthaggi

TAKE a moment to pause, reflect and reconnect, that's the message from Headspace South Gippsland and Bass Coast for young people wanting a simple but effective way to look after their mental health.

Service organisations from Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires gathered in Wonthaggi to celebrate Headspace Day, a national day of support held annually to promote the mental health and wellbeing of all young Australians.

Headspace is Australia's National Youth Mental Health Foundation providing early intervention mental health services for twelve to twenty-five-year-olds.

Each year headspace helps thousands of young people access counselling and vocational support online, by phone or at school.

Headspace provides a point of contact for young people seeking support for mental, physical and sexual health, work and study advice and access to drug and alcohol services.

Showbags of tips and tricks for young people were provided all week at Headspace.

Community Engagement Officer for Bass Coast and South Gippsland Headspace, Ben Cavender explained that local service organisations promoting social, physical and mental wellbeing were invited to come together to reconnect for Headspace Day.

"Headspace also conducts youth awareness clinics at local schools and colleges," said Ben.

"We have a focus on early intervention, we work with young people to provide support at a crucial time in their lives, to help get them back on track and strengthen their



Jez, Alice, Cassie, Trent, Dermot and Kuku from Anglicare celebrating Headspace Day. B03_4224

ability to manage their mental health in the future.

"We support young people to be mentally healthy in their own communities."

Simple but powerful tips for young people include connecting to country and culture, spending time outside, trying something new like cooking with a new recipe, reading or learning a new language.

Helpful skills for tough times include getting creative and trying art as a way to express how you feel.

"Build a routine so you can plan each day," said Ben.

Find a balance between the things you'd like to achieve and the activities you enjoy.

Find someone you trust that you can talk to about your feelings.

Game online, take a yoga class or create a shared playlist with a friend, family member or your mob.

Noting it doesn't matter, as long as you enjoy it.

Stay active Ben advises.

"Eat well by planning ahead or make a nutritious meal with a friend.

Move your body by adding physical activity to your daily commute or routine.

Have some fun, turn up the music and dance around your room."

Screen time before bed can have a big impact on sleep.

For teenagers try putting

the phone down thirty minutes before bed.

Cut back on alcohol and other drugs by staying busy at times you find it hard to say no.

Make plans for early the next morning to help keep you on track.

Whatever you're going through you can chat online to eheadspace or make a free call to 1800 650 890.

If you, or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed or in need of support you can contact Lifeline anytime of the day or night on 13 11 14 or Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

To learn more about Headspace go to headspace.org.au



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OH WHAT A FEELING

Sentinel-Times

COMMENT

How Bass Coast has been dogged by secrecy

IF YOU were to count the number of times the Bass Coast Shire Council has featured in this column over the past four years, the local shire would easily be the clubhouse leader.

And there's one reoccurring feature of these fiascos – lack of transparency.

Who could forget the misplaced bid to do away with community question time at council meetings?

The failure to release the full 'Bass Coast Shire Coastal Risk Assessment' report about our hazardous surf beaches until after a catastrophic spate of drownings along the coast last summer.

Or the failure to keep affected property owners in Wonthaggi informed about the Victorian Planning Authority's insistence that wholesale Environmental Audit Overlays be introduced on more than 600 homes and private building blocks in the town.

There was also the outrageous indulgence of allegedly spending an extra \$2 million on a failed ego trip to get Passivhaus accreditation for the already ridiculously expensive Berninnett cultural centre.

Putting pressure on people to vote 'yes' at the referendum, the setting up of an external Environment Fund when local Landcare groups could do with more support, the messy transition to a new mayor, the political hijacking of citizenship ceremonies, unwillingness to consult directly with residents over the failed \$35 million Surf Beach-Sunderland Bay scheme, the mystery of the mayoral chains, the focus on ideology including in the council's key Vision document, at the expense of traditional projects and services...

The list, regrettably, is almost endless.

But sadly, it's not over with yet.

At last week's council meeting, one of the very few where there has been genuine discussion and debate during the present regime, we received an insight into what really goes on when the council's administration is developing a new policy and needing to go out for community consultation.

Despite revealing in its fourth Quarter Report and now adopted annual report last Wednesday that council had already 100 per cent completed developing its Dog Park Strategy, it has been reported by the Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Owners Association that a high-ranking official of the shire told them just two weeks earlier that nothing had happened, and they would be the first to know.

In fact, in order to get into the 2023-24 Annual Report as 100 per cent complete, a document that now goes to the Victorian Auditor General for high-level approval, the Dog Park Strategy would have had to be completed by June 30, 2024 – three and a half months ago.

But who knew? And why not? Not the bulk of the councillors, we're told, and not the dog owners' association who had already demonstrated a willingness to make dogs on beaches and dog parks a political issue during the Bass Coast Shire election campaign.

So, what's in that "completed" strategy that the shire doesn't want the Island's dog owners and other dog owners around the shire to know? Are they going to cut back on the opportunities for dogs to run, swim and exercise on local beaches? Are they going to take the need for more dog parks across the shire seriously? What?

The thing about not being open and transparent is that it almost always comes back to bite you on the butt. As much as being amoral, it's just not the percentage play in the long run.

Even if nothing else changes, the Bass Coast Shire Council's administration needs to rule a line off when the next council is installed next month, make a commitment to keeping people better informed and trust that the collective knowledge of the councillors and the community will lead to a better outcome all round.

If they do that, and the new councillors insist on it, we'll look for other targets for our weekly rant.

Vox Pop

Have we lost the art of conversation?



Maree McKiernan

San Remo

"I think there is a generational change. I don't think it's an issue with my generation, but it is somewhat a sign of our time; people should be putting down their phones and simply communicating with one another."



Claire Sheers

San Remo

"I can only speak for myself here, but I do think that the pandemic created this shift. We simply lost things to talk about and it's taken some time for some of us to connect again and feel like we are relevant in a conversation."



Delia Cave

San Remo

"I think the younger generation may have a little because of social media, but I don't believe we have in my generation, especially as you retire and join social groups to connect and enjoy each other's conversation."



John Morgan

San Remo

"I think it's important to join social groups so you can enjoy each other's company and learn from one another. Social activities are important because they help start conversation and help people communicate."

A very special thank you

I TAKE this opportunity to thank the community of Bass Coast. It's been a wonderful and fulfilling time in my life to be able to represent my community and to be your Councillor and your Mayor.

It's been incredibly rewarding to be a part of the many special projects and events that make our communities amazing places.

You are the remarkable people that make up our communities and that make Bass Coast a special place to live and work and play. You are the ones that truly need to be thanked because you are the 'volunteer army' that supports our communities. I thank you all whole-heartedly.

We have had many durations of Mayors and Councillors over my 12 years in Council and I thank you all as well, for your stewardship, guidance and support.

To the outgoing Council, we know that it can feel frustrating at times to be a Councillor. I believe we have created a better Bass Coast during our term. I feel blessed that I've had this experience, to meet and work with so many amazing Councillors who have been very dedicated to their communities. It's extremely difficult to keep everyone happy and to those Council Watch people, I look forward to when you put up your hand and stand for Council, as it takes more courage to take action, than just words of criticism.

Thank you to all the current Councillors for stepping in when I needed you. I thank you for your support. It's not always easy having different points of view, but it's how you deal with things in a professional manner that makes the difference.

I wish the new team of Councillors all the very best in building a vibrant and bright future for Bass Coast.

Cr Clare Le Serve, Mayor Bass Coast Shire Council.

Farmers risk too much for nuclear

YOUR article, "Nuclear energy discussion" (Sentinel Times October 15) provided comments to the local Rotary Club, made by energy expert Patrick Gibbons. I am interested to note the concerns that were not discussed (or at least reported on).

South Gippsland relies on farming for the basis of the economy. In other countries, land within an 80-kilometre radius of a nuclear reactor is classified as an "ingestion exposure pathway", under international standards. This means that people may be exposed to radiation if they eat, or drink, food produced within the 80-kilometre radius of the reactor. Internationally, farms within such a radius routinely test produce

for radiation. Despite best intentions, leaks occur. Forty of the fifty-seven nuclear power stations in the US have leaked at some stage. In Australia, where farming is not subsidised, the cost of the testing would presumably be borne by farmers.

The Liberal and National Parties recognise the need to cut carbon emissions by 2050 and have a policy which includes generation of electricity through the building of small modular reactors (SMR), a type of nuclear reactor. According to the International Atomic Energy Agency, there are no small modular reactors currently in operation anywhere in the world.

Gippsland farms produce significant quantities of Australia's food. Unfortunately, many of these farms are within 80-kilometre of the planned site (Loy Yang) for the untested, small modular reactors.

Do we really want to risk large scale contamination of our dairy, beef, vegetables and water for the sake of nuclear reactors, which may leak and have not been tested anywhere in the world?

People in Gippsland have too much to lose to vote for nuclear power.

Deborah O'Connor, Berrys Creek

Sticky situation at Loch

Strzelecki Lions arrived early on Sunday morning October 10 at our market site in Loch, full of anticipation of a wonderful season of friendly markets for our community and visitors. Our enthusiasm was quickly soured, however, when we discovered that someone had super-glued five gate locks!

Clearly this vandalism had been timed (just before our market) to cause us maximum distress.

Let's go back a bit. Strzelecki Lions leases the market site from VicTrack and as such has no more obligation to provide public access than any private landholder does. However, we're happy to provide public access to the beautiful facility that our members have voluntarily created and maintain, on just one condition – that they pick up after themselves and their dogs!

Unfortunately, not everyone has been doing this and the problem of dog faeces spattering, making our volunteer mower's job unpleasant, has worsened recently.

Thus, we decided to lock the gates to our carpark paddock, still leaving the market site available for public access.

Some local dog owners were clearly affronted by this action. They chose to snipe at a couple of our members and complain to the Council (who have no role in this site) rather than engaging with the Lions Club formally and respectfully, which we would have appreciated.

Then came the vandalism and more harassment of our members at the market.

Obviously, we're extremely disappointed that members of the community which we go out of our way to serve, should treat us and the facility we provide in this way.

The way people act when they know they won't be held to account is a true test of their character, and some, as in this instance, are found sorely wanting.

We won't be locking the gates again – it didn't keep the dogs out anyway. Although bins are currently within easy walking distance, we'll be providing extra facilities for proper disposal of dog faeces at our site, and can only ask once again that dog owners respect the privilege, they have in using this lovely site, and pick up after their dogs.

Frank Hirst, Chair, Market Committee, Lions Club of Strzelecki.

Let us get on with it, they say

THE consistent message I'm getting from individuals and community groups is essentially (people use different words) "let us get on and do things with council's support for implementation. We don't need council to "plan and do" everything for us, we need support (a concierge so to speak) to implement it when it comes to funding and compliance".

Some of the examples I've had are everything from strategic streetscape, bike trails and youth services.

In contrast, at last week's council meeting the item of Community Asset Committees (Section 86 hall committees) was raised as one where, due to the ever-increasing burden of compliance, retaining volunteers is increasingly difficult and some of these could fall potentially under council direct control if things don't change.

Community Asset Committees and community-led projects are grassroots-driven, include goodwill, require less ratepayer money and deliver. By supporting them over time is how we rewind council scope creep and drive value: enabling more available resources to be used on implementing what residents and ratepayers actually want, rather than internally through the delivery chain of a top-down approach.

Yes, there needs to be overall strategic direction from a whole of shire perspective, yet let's look for ways to wind back the red tape and where it is unavoidable, provide administrative support on compliance and loosen the reins to enable more community-led projects and support the CACs in place.

Meg Edwards, Inverloch, Candidate Bunurong Ward



The Wonthaggi Dancing Circle met the cast of the Get Rhythm – The Johnny Cash and June Carter Show at Berninneit on October 15. Z09_4324

Get Rhythm – A tribute to Johnny Cash and June Carter sell out at Berninneit

ON Tuesday, October 15, music lovers gathered at Berninneit for a sold-out performance of "Get Rhythm," a heartfelt tribute to the legendary duo Johnny Cash and June Carter.

Attendee Lisa Kelly thoroughly enjoyed the show, describing it as a "fun experience with a beautiful energy." The audience noted how the

performance took the audience on a nostalgic journey, kicking off with a step back to 1957.

The show featured Mark and Joanne, both of whom have impressive musical backgrounds. Mark, a seasoned guitarist, has played in various well-known bands throughout the '80s and '90s and launched a successful

Elvis tribute show in 1996. Joanne's musical journey began at just 14, playing guitar for her church band before becoming the lead vocalist in a Rockabilly group.

Following the performance, the sold-out audience enjoyed a delightful afternoon tea at Berninneit, reflecting on the vibrant atmosphere and the talent showcased

on stage.

Mark and Joanne wandered through the crowd for a meet and greet post-performance.

"It was a memorable afternoon," said Wendy Cleeland, echoing the sentiments of many in attendance who celebrated the enduring legacy of Cash and Carter through music.

Seventy years of dancing, love and understanding

NORRIS and Elsie Gresham celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at Mario's Restaurant in San Remo with family recently.

The happy couple met at the Lido Ballroom Dance Studio in Collins Street Melbourne, where Norry danced and taught five to six days per week – in addition to his day job. Norry was immediately interested, but Elsie thought he was a bit loud and over enthusiastic. Clearly persistence pays off as they married on October 9, 1954 at the Methodist Church in Richmond.

The young newlyweds moved around, but eventually bought land and built a house

at Wonga Park, later moving to Wandin North, Ringwood and finally settling at Phillip Island nearly 40 years ago. Elsie worked at Rose Lodge, then Griffiths Point Lodge for 12 years prior to retiring. Norry worked at Rodane Hardware in Wonthaggi for a few years after the move, whilst renovating the family home.

Retirement is full of activity, with Norry assisting with the initial set up of the Men's Shed in Cowes, sourcing equipment donations and keeping an eye on the actual setup. Norry continues his association with the RSL, but with the more social aspects

of the monthly servicemen's morning get together and as a venue for the Probus Aviation Group.

Elsie loved the line dancing that she did for 15 years and was an active member of the local Country Women's Association, initially at Grantville then for 12 years at the Cowes Branch. Elsie and Norry were foundation members of the Cowes Probus Club and continue to enjoy many of the associated activities, such as the Wine Appreciation Group outings.

When asked about the secret to this longevity, the response is support, understanding and love.



Local residents Elsie and Norris celebrated 70 years of marriage.

Newhaven College Celebrates VCE Art and Design Exhibition 2024

NEWHAVEN College is thrilled to announce its annual VCE Art and Design Exhibition for 2024, a celebration of creativity and innovation, currently on display in the College's Performing Arts Wing foyer. The exhibition showcases the exceptional achievements of the College's talented VCE students, who have worked diligently throughout the year to produce an impressive array of works in a variety of media.

The exhibition highlights the outstanding Unit 3 and 4 works from the following subjects:

- Art Making and Exhibiting
- Visual Communication Design
- Media
- Product Design and Technologies
- Systems Engineering

This year's exhibition is a true reflection of the students' dedication, creativity and hard work. Each piece tells a unique

story, demonstrating the range of artistic, technical and design skills honed by students during their VCE journey. From intricate design concepts to thought-provoking art and media projects, the display offers something for everyone to enjoy.

The proceedings were presented by Visual Art Captains Chloe Harris and Pip Thompson-Lord. Art teacher Rebecca Power announced the prizes awarded to Issey Goss for 'Best in Show' and Claire Miron for her hard-working and committed attitude. There was no doubt these two students represented all of the outstanding talent in the VCE cohort.

Newhaven College welcomes all interested future students and their families to contact Bec Anderson, Admissions Officer, at admissions@newhavencol.vic.edu.au or 5956 7505.



Product Design and Technologies VCE student Nate Anderson was proud to display his bedside table, made with reclaimed hardwood.

Reconnect, reflect, and recharge after the storms

WOMEN from the Mirboo North and district community are invited to come together for an evening of self-care, reflection, and connection, following the February 2024 storms. Long-term local resident and professional coach, trainer, and facilitator Jeanette White from Rise Coaching and Development will lead a women's wellbeing workshop on Friday, November 8, 6.30-9pm, at the Baromi Centre, Mirboo North.

This 2.5-hour session, hosted by BooFIT, the local volunteer-run exercise program, and proudly funded by the Mirboo North and District Community Bank, will lead individuals on an adventurous journey of self-discovery, helping identify personal wellbeing needs and how to better meet them.

Individuals will explore what happens when their needs aren't being met, create a "not to do" list, whilst reflecting on what has worked well for in the past and finding ways to bring more of that into the future.

Designed to be practical and fun, this event is all about gaining new insights, sharing ideas in small groups or with a friend, and developing a personalised plan to support your ongoing wellbeing. Finger food will be provided, so bring a friend or neighbour, register, and enjoy an evening of connection and care.

For participants wanting to dive deeper, Jeanette will also offer an optional Vision Board Workshop on Sunday, November 24, 10am-1pm. This creative session will guide participants in crafting a vision board and developing a 90-day plan to make their vision a reality. With light morning tea provided, this workshop offers a reflective and supportive environment for deeper connection and inspiration.

Sign up today and bring a friend along for an evening of fun, reflection, and personal growth. Don't miss this opportunity to take a break and set the course for your wellbeing and future!

For more information or to register, head to mirboonorth.com/boofit-events

Treasure to be found at Fishy Stories!

THE 2024 Fishy Stories festival is packed with your old favorite activities and going to be better as we introduce a whole range of new activities and authors!

We are welcoming to the one-day event, a treasure hunt organised by the students from Fish Creek Primary School. Participants will have to put their skills to the test as they navigate various trails around the town, solving puzzles and riddles designed to crack a final code in a secret chamber!

This interactive experience has six different courses that revolve around unique themes such as history, food, art and culture, music, and Aboriginal culture. The trail showcases the festival footprint and stops at notable Fish Creek local businesses and landmarks such as the memorial hall, and sculpture park.

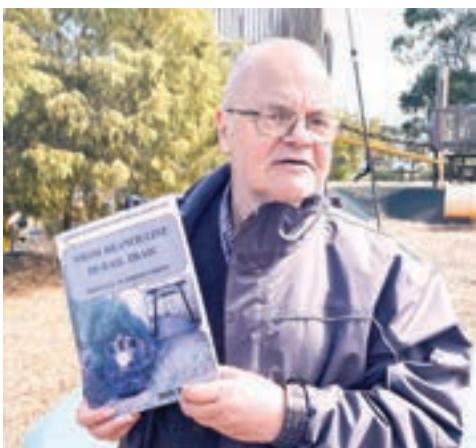
Starting from the festival's central area, participants collect clues to gather information along the trails using a UV torch to decipher the final code. Be prepared, all your skills will be tested with this family activity.

Free workshops will be running all day, along with storytelling sessions and roaming entertainment. This year we are introducing three new authors and illustrators to the mix, Jane Godwin, Anna Walker and Jess Rackley.

Jane and Anna are bringing a world of fun and creativity with their interactive 'Wishing Tree Workshop'. The authors of award-winning books such as *A Life Song* are sure to be a hit with participants of all ages.

Jess will be sharing tips on how to draw nocturnal animals; participants can bring their own designs to life and create a bookmark to take home.

Fishy Stories Festival is a day dedicated to celebrating storytellers of all ages, mark November 17 on your calendar and head to fishystories.org to view the complete program and further information.



Rob Wyatt has written a refreshed, detailed and nuanced history of the Morwell to Mirboo North branch line which historians and train lovers in particular will enjoy.

Train line to rail trail, a new historical account

MIRBOO North local for forty years, Rob Wyatt has written a book called 'From Branch Line to Rail Trail - Morwell to Mirboo North' which will officially be launched on Wednesday, October 30.

Rob's maternal grandparents left for their honeymoon from the Foster Railway Station in 1923 and his paternal grandmother's body was brought back to Koroomburra on the train in 1944.

These deep personal ties to the railways and connection to the historical stories of people and events surrounding the railway line and its development from the 1800s to the present day rail trail is what Rob found fascinating.

"I've got to say I'm not a nerdy railway person. I'm really not into types of trains and whatnot. It was the world that it created that's of interest, even to such an extent as I think, the standardisation of time had everything to do with railways," said Rob.

"The railways were really, really significant. They were the sort of NBN of the 19th century."

Rob explains that this work is underpinned by a great depth and breadth of research because of the number of online sources now available, that haven't necessarily been accessible to past historians.

Because of that he has been able to write a highly nuanced and detailed history which introduces a host of characters that were hard living and hard-working, as well as highlighting the role women played.

"There was an editorial in the Sydney Morning Herald about the branch line. There was a long editorial in the weekly times and one of the more, I think, interesting periods was when nothing happened. The contract was cancelled for six months from May 1883, why that's interesting is that these workers, these working-class people in this place, were stuck out in the bush, and a number of them wrote letters to the editor of various newspapers."

Rob's book details how the train station was eventually named Mirboo North, from Mirboo initially. It tells of the first casualty of the railway – a railway worker's wife, how hundreds of school children boarded the train to Morwell in 1887 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, and the visit of American Sailors to Mirboo North in 1908, as part of Teddy Roosevelt's Great White Fleet.

"It made possible stuff that could never happen," said Rob.

'From Branch Line to Rail Trail - Morwell to Mirboo North,' was made possible by a grant from the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation to the Mirboo District Historical Society Inc. who funded the publication of the book.

The official book launch will be held on Wednesday, October 30 at 4pm at the rooms of the Mirboo and District Historical Society Inc, at 30 Ridgway Mirboo North.

Book sales will be cash only at the launch and copies can be posted on request.



The Addams Family and ancestors in the Sydney musical. Photo: Jeff Busby.

Join the Addams family for a night of twisted fun

GET ready for a night of laughter, love, and all things strange as Wonthaggi Theatrical Group presents The Addams Family, a delightfully dark new musical that explores the complexities of family and acceptance. Directed by Rafal Pyka, with music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa, this show promises an unforgettable evening filled with catchy tunes, punchy choreography, and iconic characters; and they're looking for a cast!

At the heart of the story is Wednesday Addams, no longer the brooding child we remember but a young woman in love with a "normal" boy, Lucas Beineke. As Wednesday invites Lucas and his parents to dinner, chaos ensues. Her father, Gomez Addams, is stuck between keeping Wednesday's love a secret and facing the wrath of his

ever-suspicious wife, Morticia. Played by a suave man, Gomez adores his family but finds himself trapped in a comedic battle of truth and deception. Meanwhile, Morticia – confident, mysterious, and with a sharp wit – feels unnerved as she senses something is amiss. Both roles demand strong chemistry, with tango skills a plus!

Pugsley, Wednesday's younger brother, is equally thrown by the changes in family dynamics. The charming and mischievous Pugsley misses the sibling rivalry that once defined his relationship with his sister. His love for being tortured by her now feels like a thing of the past.

Uncle Fester, the show's narrator, brings warmth and a dash of eccentricity. Lovable and childlike, Fester's devotion to the family shines, and his ukulele-playing adds

a whimsical touch to the performance. The ever-quirky Grandma, wise beyond her years yet wildly unpredictable, brings comic relief with her feisty personality and zany antics.

Then there's Lurch, the towering, grave butler, whose grunts and moans are as iconic as his slow, deliberate movements. Though he speaks little, his physicality and non-verbal cues tell a story all their own.

On the other side of the dinner table are Lucas and his parents, Alice and Mal Beineke. Lucas, the hopeless romantic, is torn between his love for Wednesday and his "normal" upbringing. His mother, Alice, is a reserved woman who suddenly unleashes her wild side at dinner. Mal, Lucas's skeptical father, finds the Addams far too bizarre and struggles to

accept the idea of becoming part of their world.

The show's ensemble of Ancestors, summoned from the family crypt, add an ethereal presence as they sing and dance throughout the performance. With a focus on both vocals and dance, the ensemble plays a vital role in bringing the Addams Family's unique story to life.

This twisted, upside-down world, where death and suffering are celebrated, is set to captivate audiences. Don't miss out on a night filled with laughter, romance, and unexpected surprises!

Auditions must be pre-booked with current dates for ensemble Wednesday, November 6 and leads Thursday, November 7, and Saturday, November 9.

For inquiries and audition information visit sites.google.com/wtg.org.au/Addams.

Wonthaggi Historical Society joins Seniors Festival for spectacular event

THE Wonthaggi and District Historical Society is eager to participate in Wonthaggi's Festival for Seniors over the coming couple of weeks, and would be delighted to have Seniors join them for what they hope and trust will be a memorable day out.

Residents from across the area are invited to join in one of three sessions, with each session having the same format, and running for 90 minutes.

"Each session will commence with a welcome and short video presentation of Wonthaggi History," Carolyn Landon explained.

"We will then provide information and a demonstration of the Society's archival system and documents. This will be followed with a session looking at some interesting artifacts from the collection.

"The final stage will be a



Wonthaggi Railway Station, 1925.

guided tour of the museum and the new glassed-in platform area which has not only enhanced our display area but has improved accessibility to view the exhibits.

"And we will finish with a morning or afternoon tea and time for a chat."

The Historical Society's

collections are housed in the beautiful and original Wonthaggi Railway Station, which the Society has transformed into a place of treasures with an extensive archive that would amaze the most serious historian.

"Recently, due to renovations extending the space for

further displays, the museum is now highly confident that everyone who comes to visit will greatly enjoy the priceless collection, which will undoubtedly bring many memories flooding back for all Wonthaggians."

"We are offering the same session on three occasions. Two in the morning and one in the afternoon to provide options for attendees and care facilities."

Sessions will be held on:

Tuesday, October 22 from 10am to 11.30am

Friday, October 25 from 1.30 pm to 3pm

Tuesday, October 29 from 10am to 11.30 am

"We are very keen to put our collections on show for our community and have focused the day on items and memories that will bring joy and trigger wonderful memories for those participating."



Audition workshop participants prepare to try out for Leongatha Lyric Theatre's production of *Footloose*.

Budding performers ready to cut footloose in Leongatha

THE CHANCE to be involved in next July's energetic Leongatha Lyric Theatre production of *Footloose* has proved irresistible, over 100 people auditioning over the weekend following a large turnout for the recent audition workshop.

Brad Beach has stepped into the director's role following the retirement of Colin Mitchell OAM and will be

supported by assistant director Jonah van Stekelenburg.

Emily Laughlin is the choreographer, and Sam Shenberg the musical director.

Lyric Theatre president Bron Beach is excited about the opportunities *Footloose* will provide for young people.

"The core focus of this show is to get as many youth

involved as possible and that includes having young people shadowing those in production roles, so there'll be a shadow director and hopefully a shadow musical director," she said.

"In wardrobe, costuming and set building, we're hoping to have young people who want to be mentored by an industry person to be part of the show."

Rehearsals will commence around March, with the production to be staged at Leongatha Memorial Hall.

While there's still a long time to wait for those keen to attend *Footloose*, Bron is already looking forward to the audience engagement it will generate.

"It's such a fun show and it will get people dancing," she said.

Explore Florence Crighton's painting and inspiration on the Art Trail

STUDENTS of Leongatha watercolour artist Florence Crighton are featuring their works as part of Art Connect South Gippsland's Open Studio Art Trail.

You can view the variety of watercolours at Leongatha Guide Hall and chat with some of the keen artists involved.

Along with landscapes, portraiture, and striking floral images, there is a remarkable work completed by 20 different artists, not knowing what they were painting.

An A4 photo was cut into 20 even squares.

A full sheet of watercolour paper was ruled into 20 equal squares, which were two and a half times bigger than the A4 pieces.

After each square was completed it was covered with a sheet of paper with 1 centimetre exposed around the



Lynne Horton and Josie Dobson have individual paintings on show in Leongatha and contributed to this impressive group work involving 20 watercolour artists. A01_4324

edge so the next artist could match their colours and lines.

"You could peel it back a bit to match the neighbouring colours on your border," contributor Lynne Horton said.

Seeing the outcome of the combined effort, you wouldn't

realise so many hands were involved or that the artists didn't have an overall vision of what the painting would be.

Visitors to the watercolour exhibition can buy the framed works on show, with cards featuring the students' art and unframed paintings

also available.

The show is open throughout this weekend and next and on Melbourne Cup Day and Eve between 10am and 4pm, with this Year's Art Trail ending on Cup Day, November 5.

Florence Crighton is opening her studio at 5 Arcadia Crescent, Leongatha during the same days and times.

It's a chance to see what has inspired her students, who started with no knowledge of painting and are now proud to display their works.

One of those students, Josie Dobson explained the appeal of Florence's classes.

"It's her patience, and she's created a lovely social atmosphere, and everyone works at their own pace," Josie said.

Florence runs classes on Tuesday nights and Wednesday and Thursday mornings.



Entry submissions are now open for artists for the Leongatha Art and Photography Show.

Entries open for the 48th Leongatha Art and Photography Show

ARTISTS have just over six weeks to get their entries in for the 48th annual Leongatha Art and Photography Show, being held across three weeks in January and February.

Last year, 640 entries were hung in the Leongatha Memorial Hall and David Panther, Chair of the show's committee is anticipating it will be just as big this year.

"We're expecting that it's going to be that or more, so make sure if you are going to enter, to do it sooner rather than later."

Nearly 100 pieces of art were sold last year, with many sales coming from locals, people travelling in the holidays from wider Gippsland and Melbourne and some pieces were even sent to NSW buyers.

"It's an amazing phenomenon really. It's just grown and grown this particular show, because a lot of paintings and pieces of art are sold. So that creates success, which breeds success, doesn't it?" said David.

"There are thousands of people that go through and that's part of the reason why it's been more successful from the sales point of view."

There are also some great prizes for artists from \$150 up to \$5000 to be awarded across a number of sections, such as, but not limited to, watercolours, acrylics, drawings, mixed media and youth entries.

"We're so lucky to have so many gifted people that live in our community and other parts of South Gippsland and this sort of thing showcases that," said David.

The hardworking Rotary Club puts the show together which takes months of preparation with support from the arts community and Rotary partners, particularly with volunteering during the show.

"We'll be looking again for help as well, being open for three and a half weeks, we've got a couple of shifts per day, seven days a week," said David.

"It's terrific to be part of because it is a great community event."

For more information go to leonartshow.com.au.

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Mabel Richardson supporting little sister Poppy Richardson at the CUC and Rotary 2024 Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition. Poppy proudly spoke of her sister as her Bass Coast hero. Z17_4324



Brodie with mum Sheree supporting Taylah McMillan, who represented Bass Valley Primary School at the 2024 Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition. Confidently speaking on her passion of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA). Z18_4324



Jennifer Paproth with Ray McCurry of Rotary Club of Wonthaggi at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre for the 2024 Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition. Z19_4324



Sophie, Jade and Kasey enjoying Headspace Day in Wonthaggi. B50_4324



Roz and Peter Cleland, and Eric and Anne Whittaker attended Berninneit on Tuesday afternoon for the Get Rhythm - The Johnny Cash and June Carter Show followed by an afternoon tea. Z10_4324



Rob, Wendy, Lisa and Jessica enjoyed an afternoon tea at Berninneit after watching Get Rhythm - The Johnny Cash and June Carter Show, describing the performance as a 'fun show with beautiful energy.' Z11_4324

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the CUC and Rotary 2024 Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition, Get Rhythm - The Johnny Cash and June Carter Show at Berninneit, Watercolour exhibition at Leongatha, Carers gratitude lunch Leongatha and Headspace Day.



Janet Snashall-Woodhams and Kerrie Anderson had an afternoon of music at Berninneit for the Get Rhythm, sharing it was 'an entertaining performance.' Z12_4324



Winner of the 2024 Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition, Tasmin Watson with her dad Russell, mum Annette, and little sister Kelsey. Tasmin spoke of what success means to her. Z20_4324



Performers of Get Rhythm - The Johnny Cash and June Carter Show made an appearance post show - a meet and greet with the audience for an afternoon tea at Berninneit. Z13_4324



Neil Hasse and Chris Olsen of Willunga South Australia enjoy the Open Studio Art Trail, checking out the watercolour exhibition at Leongatha Guide Hall. A05_4324



Zoe and Richard Baillie enjoyed the luxury of not having to cook for themselves at the Carers Gratitude Lunch at Leongatha Community House. ob10_4324



David and Kerry Baggallay said it was a treat to have a roast with all the trimmings at the Carers Gratitude Lunch at Leongatha Community House. ob11_4324



Brandon from APM Employment Services with Emma from GippSport for Headspace Day. B56_4324



Sarah Burke from the Country University Centre joining Rhett McLennan for Headspace Day in Wonthaggi. B57_4324



Denise from Latrobe Regional Health with Ellica from Wonthaggi Headspace. B55_4324

MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

CLASSES have begun again at Milpara. We will be running our basic computer course again so if you want to build your confidence in navigating your computer – join our Easy Steps to computers class!

We have some great one-day workshops coming up – Introduction to Tarot and Oracle cards on Saturday, October 26 and Introduction to Canva graphic design on Sunday, November 17.

Are you interested in Oil Painting? We are gathering numbers so that we can put classes in place. Please call us on 5655 2524 for more details or to enrol.

We would like to extend an apology to those who came to an advertised Toastmasters group last week unaware of the late cancellation.

We will be hosting our regular Let's Share Lunch! on November 4.

Please go to our website and have a look through the program - milparacommunityhouse.org.au/term-program/

We have our Centrelink agent at the house Monday to Thursday; and the Emergency Food Bank is available Monday, Tuesday and Friday.



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YES YOUTH HUB

THIS week the YES Youth Hub saw a plethora of amazing young people come through our doors to join us at the Hub, and it was awesome to see everyone's smiling faces after the school holidays!

Monday Meals saw a tremendously cheesy pasta served up to hungry mouths along with a mountain of garlic bread that was very much appreciated. We saw a spontaneous karaoke session appear in the music shed, belting out tunes for hours to a very receptive audience, as well as some silly board game afternoons that had everyone smiling and laughing! Healthy snacks were always on offer, with fruit and vegie snack plates, and toasted sandwiches available throughout the week.

We've noticed that Tuesday arvo's at the Hub tend to be pretty cruisy – it's definitely our quietest day of the week – so the staff are amping it up with a number of activities planned for each Tuesday designed to get your creativity flowing. Jerrie and Tracey will be setting up a new fun – slightly silly – creative endeavour each week for attendees.

True to form, the YES Youth Hub is super busy finalising all the incredible activities and programs that the team will deliver throughout Term 4 (and the Summer School Holidays!) after a much-needed break. Between the legends at the YES Youth Hub and FReeZA, you will see us everywhere this coming term! We have Halloween events planned, as well as music gigs, movies, and more in the works! Be sure to head in and see what we're up to next, and watch our socials for more info! (search YES Youth Hub and Bass Coast FReeZA on Instagram and FB)

The YES Youth Hub provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive space for young people aged 12 to 25 living, working, studying and playing in the Bass Coast. Our space is open to young people of the community Monday to Thursday between 2.30pm – 5.30pm. Young people are always welcome to come down and check out the space during Drop-In and spend time with the YYH team.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

LAST Friday, Introduction to Health Services class took an excursion to Wonthaggi Hospital to see some of their course topics in action.

They were taken on a tour from the reception area at the main entrance through to the kitchen areas, onto the linen rooms and then into cleaning and waste areas.

The students were able to see lots of different areas within areas and the attention to detail with processes and systems that are needed for such a large hospital to operate successfully.

The hospital staff expressed several times that the students are all very welcome to apply. Some of the participants have lower-level English skills but they were reassured this would not be a problem. Roles such as scanning and filing patient files in preparation for their visits, day surgery details and some other back of scene roles do not require high communication skills.

It was extremely comforting for the students and afterwards they said how great it felt that the staff sincerely wanted them to be there for this session and how kind they were.

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

WARM season planting got underway at the garden, last week, thanks to BCAL's horticulture teacher, Francis, and her students.

They grew a terrific crop of tomato plant varieties, which needed planting out, and garden volunteers scored a lovely lot of healthy young plants ready to go into a new plot.

There were roma, beefheart and a few unknown varieties. But all were very welcome.

Meanwhile the spring harvest is going strong, with plenty of broccoli, broad beans, spinach, fennel, carrots and lettuce to share.

For more information about the garden contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or BCAL on 5672 3115. Volunteers also welcome visitors every Thursday between 10am and noon.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

THE scroll saw group has started up again after a six-month break.

A scroll saw is like an electric coping saw, allowing the user to create incredibly intricate cuts less than 1mm wide.

This can be used for precise outlines or delicate internal decoration. On display in the workshop at the moment is a set of bookends featuring scroll saw decoration. The work is so fine and precise, if you didn't know better, you'd think it was done with a laser.

For more information, visit wonthaggigardens.com or visit the workshop.



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LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

HOW lovely to have a glimpse of warmer weather this week! We had a lovely Carer's Gratitude Lunch on Friday, October 18. If any Carer's were unable to attend, please contact us as we move forward with a Carer's Support Group to meet monthly on the third Friday of the month from 11am – 1pm and facilitated by Latrobe Community Health Service. Caring for a loved one can be both rewarding and challenging. Our Carers Support Group will offer a compassionate community where you can share your experiences, receive emotional support, and connect with others who understand the unique demands of being a caregiver. Whether you need advice, resources, or simply a listening ear, we're here to help you navigate the caregiving journey.

We are currently planning our 2025 year and are really hoping to hear from you, our community, about any courses, information sessions, workshops or bus trips they have ideas for. It would also be great to hear from anyone who has skills they would like to share or ideas for a program they may like to run. As your Community House we want to provide programs that will benefit you and allow some meaningful social connection, education, and most importantly fun! Call in, phone, or email us and we look forward to your feedback.

How do you hear about our programs and events? We would love to know the best ways to connect with, and keep our community up to date, about all the things we are doing here at Leongatha Community House. Effective communication is important to us so let us know if social media, print media, term programs, our website, or regular email updates are what would suit you best.

Don't forget to visit our website at leongatha.communityhouse.org.au to keep up with what is coming up. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram and spread the word.

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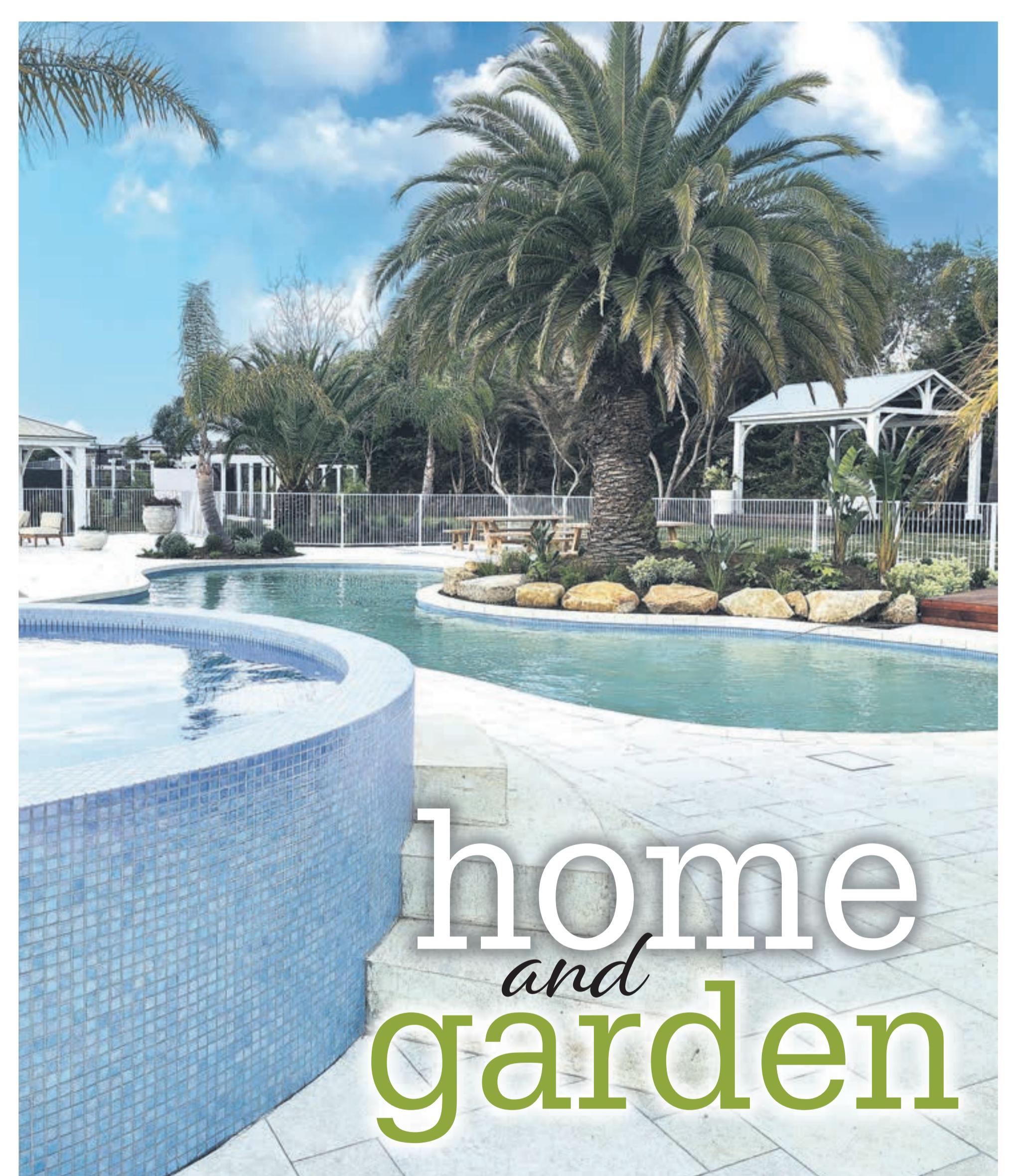
Coming up on Wednesday (or that is to say, every Wednesday, except for the school hols) is our Free Community Lunch from 12.30pm (book it in today, Tuesday, to get a seat at a table this week). Booking in is important so we know how many to cater for. It is lovely food cooked up by our wonderful Emma and her team in our kitchen. The lunch is a great way to spend time with friends known and yet to know. A gold coin donation would be much appreciated, if you can manage it, to help offset costs.

Please also note that we have frozen bread and meals made in-house here at Mitchell House for those in need. Simply call-in during office hours and our friendly staff and volunteers at the front counter will be happy to assist. As well as that there is our free food shelf/Community Pantry at Mitchell House for those doing it tough and need a little helping hand. If you would like to donate with unopened, non-perishable items that would be great. We have many individuals and groups who have shown their generosity in donating week by week.

We have lots going on at the WNC during term time so consider becoming a member of the WNC and get discounts to many of our activities and receive our monthly newsletter Connections plus The Grapevine program which lists groups, dates, days and times for the term. Both can be delivered online or by post your choice.



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SB Interiors a new name for Southern Bazaar

ESTABLISHED in 2006 SB Interiors is a local family unique furniture and home decor store with two locations, 13 A'Beckett Street, Inverloch and 24 Bear Street, Inverloch.

SB Interiors specialises in Australian timber furniture from Messmate, Marri and Wormy Chestnut timbers, some locally made in Inverloch, as well as furniture and home decor sourced from all over the world.

Stocking a large range of occasional armchairs, coffee tables, dining tables, chairs and sofas SB Interiors have something for every room in the home. Their unique embroidered lamp shades with matching cushions bring a pop of colour to any space.

A diverse range of prints and soft furnishings can also be found at both the main street shop and warehouse.

The warehouse now also offers a great range of quality brand-name recycled clothing and footwear.

Look to SB Interiors for furniture and homewares for the very best in modern coastal design.

For friendly service and advice on making the right styling choice for your home, the service and advice you do not get from online shopping, coast to country, SB Interiors is the place to shop. Delivery service is available.

The A'Beckett Street store is open seven days a week and the warehouse in Bear Street Thursday to Sunday.

You can follow SB Interiors on Instagram to keep with the latest stock available and Southern Bazaar or on Facebook.

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From large commercial jobs to smaller backyard decks, the team supply all the materials to create beautiful and hardwearing outdoor spaces that can be enjoyed this summer.

Van Steensel Timbers also have a range of timber species in stock with varying structural grades and treatments

catering to most building jobs. From treated and dressed Pine, to KD F17 hardwood that is kiln dried and dressed, typically Tasmanian Oak or Vic Ash as well as KD select and OB hardwood.

They also stock Cypress, Oregon, Glulam, Karri, and laminated veneer lumber and joints and trusses are available on order.

For indoor projects there are a range of standard sizes available for arches, skirting, jambs, sills and window and doors or these components can be machined to specification.

For those looking for a special heritage edge to their home there are also a range of decorative timber options on offer.

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With recent conferences including Decorex International and Paris Design Week, we asked AI what 2025 design trends are predicted... Hold your hat 2024, 2025 is looking pretty suave.

THE Australian design landscape is poised for a transformative shift in 2025, with a confluence of trends emerging from recent design conferences like Decorex.

Sustainability will remain a paramount concern, with eco-conscious materials like recycled plastics, reclaimed wood, and natural fibres taking centre stage. Biophilic design, which integrates nature into indoor spaces, will also gain prominence, fostering a sense of tranquility and connection to the natural world.

Minimalism will continue its reign, but with a twist. Expect to see a resurgence of geometric shapes and bold colors, adding a touch of dynamism to clean lines and uncluttered spaces. Maximalism, on the other hand, will also make a comeback, embracing eclecticism and layering patterns for a visually stimulating aesthetic.

Retro influences from the '70s and '80s are another key trend. Curved furniture, funky colour palettes, and materials like rattan, velvet, and brass are being revived.

Technology will play an increasingly pivotal role in design, with smart home integration becoming more seamless and accessible. Voice-activated control systems, automated lighting, and advanced security features will redefine the way we interact with our living spaces.

Artisanal craftsmanship will also experience a revival, as consumers seek unique and personalised pieces. Locally made furniture, handcrafted textiles, and bespoke designs will be highly valued, adding a touch of soul and authenticity to interiors.

In terms of colour palettes, earthy tones like terracotta, olive green, rust, ochre and mustard yellow will continue to be popular, reflecting a desire for warmth and connection to nature. Contrasting accents of deep blues, emerald greens, and vibrant pinks will add a touch of sophistication and energy.

Ultimately, the design trends predicted for 2025 reflect a growing emphasis on sustainability, technology, and personalisation. As consumers become more discerning and conscious of their impact on the environment, designers are responding with innovative and sustainable solutions that enhance both aesthetics and functionality.

... Oh and don't forget the indoor swing, just ask Brigitte Romanek.



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Biophilic design will highlight 2025. Photo: Tiff Ng.

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"Ensure you check the weather forecast to prevent any issues."

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Whether on the floor or walls it's never been a better time to bring life back into your decking.



A stunning display of blooming proteas is now available at Townsend Nursery – perfect for adding vibrant colour to your garden this spring.



With three generations of gardening expertise, Lois, Vicki (pictured), Pearl, and the Townsend Nursery team are here to answer all your plant and garden care questions.

Help your garden bloom with Townsend's Nursery

AS SPRING takes hold, it's time to get your garden ready for the vibrant season ahead, and the team at Townsend's Nursery, with over 50 years of experience and three generations of Townsend family knowledge – Lois, Vicki, and Pearl – are here to guide you through.

Locally owned and operated, Townsend's Nursery grows 80 per cent of its plants on-site, ensuring they are already acclimatised to the local climate. With a new range of pots, soil, and mulch, plus expert advice, you'll find everything you need to create the garden of your dreams.

Vicki said now is the time to start thinking about where you would like to plant your tomatoes. A good companion plant is the marigold, which deters pests and diseases.

"The first step is to prepare your ground by adding compost, manure or blood and bone – this

will prepare the soil, then plant the marigolds and you'll be ready to plant the tomatoes over cup weekend," said Vicki.

"Remember that tomatoes can be planted anywhere from a pot to a large garden bed."

Spring is also the best time to prune your trees and plants, including daisies and stone fruits like apricots, peaches, and nectarines.

"A light prune throughout the garden will encourage new growth; they can be cut back to a third now," Vicki notes. "It's also a good time to feed your citrus."

For those getting ready for Christmas, Townsend's Nursery will be stocking several living Christmas tree options in the month ahead.

Looking to spruce up your garden décor for the holiday season? Townsend's Nursery has a variety of gifts, including chairs and tables, along with children's picnic benches made by

the local Inverloch Men's Shed (with all profits going back to the Shed), as well as water features, birdbaths, and garden ornaments.

Vicki also suggests that now is a great time to plant vegetables like cucumbers, corn, peas, and zucchini.

"Always plant from seed rather than punnets," she recommends, "and layer your garden bed with damp cardboard or newspaper before adding mulch to prevent weeds naturally."

If you're thinking about fruit, make sure your blueberry and strawberry plants are in the ground – they should start fruiting soon.

Townsend's Nursery is offering some fantastic deals to kick off the spring season with 50 per cent off a range of pots, and a free lucky dip gift when you show this editorial.

For Christmas shopping, the nursery has you covered with a wide range of plants, pots, and

giftware, plus gift vouchers for the green thumbs in your life.

As for what's hot this season – proteas and in particular, leucadendrons. And whilst you're at Townsend's don't miss the stunning Leucospermum Red Phantom and Carnival Peach that are absolutely blooming at the moment, and attracting an array of birds.

Whether looking for a garden makeover, or a couple of new additions the vast range at Townsend's has you covered, from companion plants to bird-attracting Australian natives, indoor, outdoor, edible, flowering and ferns, it's all at your fingertips.

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RESIDENTS of Phillip Island now have easier access to expert mortgage advice, with a new Yellow Brick Road branch opening in Phillip Island. Branch Principal Joe Reilly officially opened doors to the newly renovated office at 8 Vista Place in Cape Woolamai, a fortnight ago, where he was joined by Yellow Brick Road CEO Mark Bouris, local clients, friends, and family.

The new branch offers a range of services designed to help locals navigate the complexities of homeownership and obtaining finance. Whether it's buying your first home or securing a personal loan, Yellow Brick Road aims to be a one-stop shop for affordable lending solutions.

"Our mortgage brokers are small business owners with a vested interest in their local community," said Yellow Brick Road CEO, Mark Bouris.

"They understand the hopes and dreams of the people who live in their patch."

Joe Reilly, who has over 25 years of experience in banking and mortgage broking, is excited to bring Yellow Brick Road's services to Cape Woolamai.

"We've decided to go out on our own with Yellow Brick



Allie and Joe Reilly (Branch Principal Yellow Brick Road Cape Woolamai) with son Callan. B12_4224

Road," said Joe.

"My wife (Allie) is the brains of the business, and together we're committed to helping the local community find the best deal."

The Reilly's have lived on Phillip Island for over 10 years, with their son Callan attending school and playing cricket, tennis, and soccer in local teams. Their deep ties to the area ensure that they understand the unique needs

of local residents, whether they're first-time buyers or seasoned property investors.

"We can provide loans and assist with finance," Joe explained, noting he prides himself on keeping his valued clients informed every step of the way, working with them to achieve their goals.

Yellow Brick Road Phillip Island offers a wide range of services, including home loans, investment property

loans, loans for the self-employed, and commercial loans. They also help with refinancing and restructuring existing loans.

"We have access to 35 different lenders, so we can shop around to find the best deal for our clients," Joe explained.

The new Cape Woolamai office is part of Yellow Brick Road's mission to provide personalised financial services to everyday Australians. Joe and his team aim to make the process of securing finance as straightforward and stress-free as possible.

The office is located at 8 Vista Place, Cape Woolamai, and is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, with weekend appointments available by request.

For more information or to book an appointment, locals can visit the Yellow Brick Road website at ybr.com.au, call 03 5956 6892, or email Joe directly at joe.reilly@ybr.com.au.

With strong community connections, expert financial advice, and a commitment to helping locals achieve their property goals, Yellow Brick Road Phillip Island is there to help you with your next big move in the property market.



Member of Loch Village Garden Club Howard Booth opened his garden 'Lochchester' to the community last year.

Open gardens and art across three villages

LOCH, Nyora and Poowong will feature a wide array of open gardens and art for the perusal and pleasure of the public on Saturday, November 2.

This year's Loch Open Garden Festival will showcase nine beautiful gardens in Loch Village, two private gardens in Poowong, the All Saints Poowong Community Garden, the Pioneer Chapel Poowong and two park-like country gardens in Loch and Nyora.

High Tea will also be available this year at a newly featured country garden in Loch at 2pm, with proceeds going towards The Royal Children's Hospital Renal Unit.

People are also invited to take a walk around the three villages of Loch, Nyora and Poowong to discover the parks, garden art and sculptures and sample fresh local produce from the village stores which offer visitors food and wine from the local region.

"Previous festivals have attracted many visitors, and we hope to see more of the same exploring our beautiful gardens. We like to bring folks together for a relaxing and informative outing leading up to the festive season," said Howard Booth, member of the Loch Village Garden Club.

"It's always a nice day. I think we only had showers one year, but it doesn't deter people. They don't mind. We just have to take the weather as it is and it's always a nice day regardless of the weather."

Also, on offer in Loch village this year is the 'Beyond the Secret Garden Exhibition' an art exhibition at On Clarence and the Poowong Flower and Photo Show at the Poowong Public Hall.

For those who are interested in the history of the charming villages, a step back in time can be taken with the self-directed history walks in Loch and Poowong.

Loch Village Open Gardens is presented by Loch Village Garden Club in conjunction with the Poowong Garden Club.

Garden Maps will be on sale on the day at the Loch Village Post Office and Poowong Public Hall, adults \$10, children free.

The event will be held on Saturday, November 2 with gardens open from 10am to 4pm.

Poowong open gardens to shine this Spring



Paul and Christine Robinson's Poowong property features a variety of lovely sections including cottage, native, tiered succulent and vegetable gardens, together with a young orchard, a pond and lush green lawns. ob06_4324



Fay Beverly together with her husband has created a garden full of quirky, fun and surprising objects, with lots of pigs, a meerkat garden, a blue garden, abstract metal sculptures and mosaic underwear on red legs being just a few of the things that will bring smiles from this Poowong garden. ob07_4324



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Members of the Poowong Garden Club Veronica Cam, Linda Harvey, Paul Robinson, Fay Beverly and Chrisitna Robinson will be hosting the Flower and Photo show in conjunction with Loch Village Open Garden Festival. ob05_4324

Flowers and photos in Poowong

THE POOWONG Flower and Photo Show will be held for the third year running in conjunction with the Loch Open Garden Festival this November. After celebrating their 50th anniversary two years ago with a Flower and Photo Show the Poowong Garden Club has decided to make it an annual event.

"It was quite popular, and everybody sort of said we could do this more often. So that's why we're doing it and being springtime, all the flowers are out and they're beautiful," said Garden Club member Linda Harvey. "You've got to be in it to win it. The flower show is not a flower show without entries, so we're really appealing to the public to enter. They mightn't think they're good enough, but it's not always about winning. People have always got something a little bit different from the neighbours."

The Garden Club will be taking all

flower and photo entries, with a special category for children, on Friday, November 1, between 3.30pm and 6.30 pm.

Entry categories include cut flowers, trees and shrubs, pot-grown plants, floral art and ikebana. Photo entries can include colours in the sky, animals/pets, rustic country, people, water and flowers with additional categories for children.

Four gardens will also be open in Poowong, with the All Saints Community Garden and the Pioneer Chapel featuring old relics, as well as two private gardens. Eleven gardens will also be open in Loch and Nyora.

"We're hoping that people that go and visit the gardens will come on up to the show as well," said Linda.

The Flower and Photo Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 2-3 from 10am to 4pm at the Poowong Public Hall.

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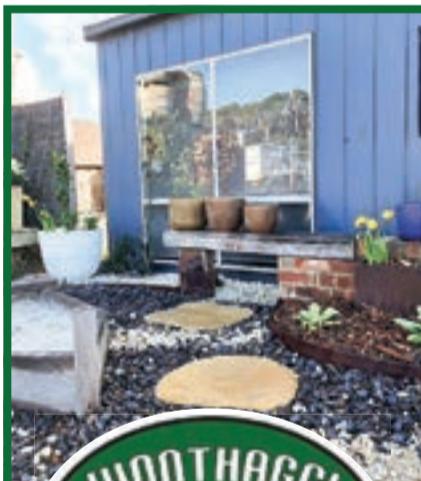
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Considering the importance



Property Lawyer Angela Wallis, Principal Anthony Murdoch and Tanya Dods-Cumming from Coast to Coast Conveyancing. B07_4324

of property, it is important to use Coast to Coast Conveyancing's professional conveyancing services to ensure everything runs smoothly.

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Perfect window coverings inside and out

WITH warmer weather approaching, it's a great time to think about how you can enhance both the inside and outside of your home.

One of the key trends this season is the use of aluminium plantation shutters and zip screens to enclose outdoor living areas like patios and alfresco spaces. These treatments are ideal for transforming your outdoor space into an extra room, making it usable all year round. Aluminium shutters, available in various forms including bifold and sliding options, are not only durable but also create a sleek, modern look. Zip screens, another popular choice, are highly effective at protecting against wind and sun while providing privacy, making them perfect for Australian homes.

Internally, wave-fold sheers and curtains are very much in vogue. These soft, flowing fabrics add a light and airy feel to any room, particularly in coastal areas where natural colours like whites, creams, and earthy tones are in high demand. These natural hues are timeless and blend seamlessly with most interiors, helping to create a relaxing and inviting atmosphere without overpowering the room.

And, whether you're looking to make sure the kids are awake on time, remotely manage your outdoor blinds during windy days or

simply to integrate into your smart home, automated window coverings are becoming increasingly popular, and the convenience and practicality are undeniable.

Plus, many automated systems now feature rechargeable battery-operated motors, eliminating the need for complex wiring.

And, whilst you're at it, support a locally owned business that supports Australian-made and owned, Dollar Curtains and Blinds Wonthaggi.

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Stage 9 at Wonthaggi's Parklands Estate now selling

THE rapid expansion of Wonthaggi's residential area continues to gain momentum with Parklea Developments and its Parklands Estate at Wonthaggi North a major player in providing sustainable housing for the growing region.

With the backing of one of the most highly regarded residential land developers in Melbourne's south-east and neighbouring municipalities behind it, the 600-lot development off Korumburra Road and McGibbons Road is now going ahead in leaps and bounds. With Stage 9 now selling, the 'Parkside' release at Parklands Estate offers a great opportunity to build your dream home in a well-resourced town, still close enough to the magnificent Bass Coast to enjoy everything that a coastal lifestyle has to offer.

This release features 13 premium allotments, across the road from the estates one hectare park which is currently under construction. Each of these lots offers a unique size to suit your needs. Across the whole estate of 161 acres, lot sizes vary from 450sqm to 1200sqm while there is also 14 acres of parkland as part of the project.

If you're looking to move in sooner, Stage 7 has limited lots remaining and has recently titled.

"Parklea's purpose has always



Stage 9 of the Wonthaggi Parklands Estate is now selling, with 13 allotments available across from the one-hectare park.

been to create thriving, beautiful, safe and sustainable communities that offer our residents the very best amenities available. We are passionate about innovation, environmental sustainability and quality through design, engineering, construction and delivery," said a Parklea spokesperson recently. "Our projects are renowned and highly sought after.

These include completed projects such as Heritage Springs (Pakenham), Timbertop (Officer) and Kaduna Park (Officer South).

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

generations.

"2024 has been a milestone year for Parklea with works on our newest master-planned community Ridgelea (Pakenham East) moving forward well, as well as land at Stage 1 at Lillifield (Warragul) titling with Stage 2 works well underway.

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NICK Williams, a trusted local trader from Wonthaggi, is helping homeowners keep cool this summer with Bass Coast HVAC.

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At Bass Coast HVAC, Nick works with leading manufacturers to offer high-quality options such as Mitsubishi Electric, a trusted name known for its reliability and performance. Additionally, for customers looking for a more budget-friendly alternative, Nick stocks the Hisense range, which combines quality and affordability, making it a great option for those who want reliable cooling without stretching the budget. Whether you're looking to cool a small residential space or manage temperature control in a commercial



Nick specialises in installing, maintaining, servicing and replacing reverse cycle air conditioning units for homes and businesses. Pictured with apprentice Marvin Sellars.

building, Bass Coast HVAC has a solution that fits your needs.

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saving systems, homeowners can cut their annual energy bills by up to \$600, all while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The VEU program has helped over 2.2 million Victorian households save on energy costs, and it's a great way to improve home efficiency while also contributing to environmental sustainability.

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"Colour is coming back," said Barbara Muller.

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This three-bedroom home provides ample space and comfort for you and your family.

The open plan living, kitchen and dining area create a warm

and inviting atmosphere, with a wood fired heater for those chilly winter nights, and split system air-conditioning for all year round comfort, perfect for entertaining guests or relaxing with loved ones.

The light-filled kitchen is the heart of the home, with a long kitchen benchtop and cupboards, electric hot plates and oven and large pantry. The three generous bedrooms are located off the hallway, and all have built-in robes. The bathroom has a shower over the bath and there is a separate toilet near the laundry/mudroom which is conveniently positioned at the rear of the home.

Outside, the property offers a

range of amenities to enhance your lifestyle. A spacious outdoor entertaining area provides the ideal space for hosting barbecues or enjoying alfresco dining while taking in the stunning views. The expansive grounds offer plenty of room for children to play, pets to roam, or for those with a green thumb to create their dream garden. Why not raise some chooks for fresh eggs or pick fresh fruit from your own fruit orchard. There is access to plenty of water from the two large water tanks holding approx. 54,000 litres as well as seven dams located throughout the acreage.

There is an abundance of parking available for all your

vehicles, with covered parking at the front of the house, carports and shedding and a spacious open area for large vehicles and farm equipment. Let's not forget the mancave with a woodfire heater, and built-in bar, lighting and power as well as a fourth bedroom/workshop at the rear.

Extra outdoor features include five dog pens, seven dams, paddocks and stock yards with cattle crush, deer fencing and boundary farm fencing. There is plenty of wildlife to be seen and the large dam has a variety of fish, turtles, yabbies and birdlife.

Located in the sought-after Strzelecki region, this property offers a peaceful and private

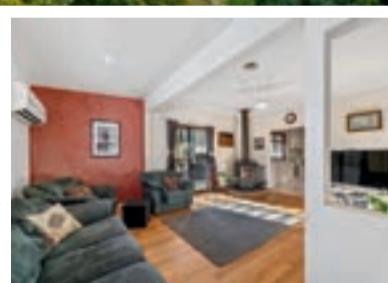
nature retreat while still being conveniently close to local amenities. The nearby town of Leongatha is around a 17-minute drive and provides access to schools, shops, and other essential services, ensuring you have everything you need within easy reach.

Don't miss your chance to own this incredible mixed farming lifestyle property. The price guide for this property is available upon application. Contact us today to arrange a private viewing and experience the beauty and potential of 1720 Wild Dog Valley Road Strzelecki for yourself.

Please contact Teresa on 0429 398 730.

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It's community first for award-winning SJD Homes

WINNING industry building awards is great for team morale. It's due recognition for your in-house designers and draftsmen, the workmanship of the trades and provides a boost for marketing and sales.

And 2024 has been a particularly good year on that score for SJD Homes.

Last week, at a glittering gala dinner for 962 guests at Melbourne's Crown Palladium, SJD Homes took out one of the most coveted prizes at the 2024 MBV Excellence in Housing Awards – Winner of the Best Display Home in the most affordable category (\$250,000-\$300,000) with their 'Savanna 223' display home.

You can see a variance of that home right now at the new SJD Display Homes Super Centre at 330 White Road, North Wonthaggi (Bass Highway entrance to town).

The Savanna 223 display home, was described by judges as "a charming four-bedroom home, thoughtfully designed to maximise space and comfort, featuring two distinct living areas that cater to the diverse needs of modern families."

Aimed at first-home buyers and investors wanting to crack into the property market, judges praised the "intelligent use of space" in the Haven range.

saying that the builder is "demonstrating that affordability does not have to compromise quality."

Last month, at the prestigious HIA Eastern Victoria Housing Awards, SJD Homes won two awards. The Portsea 376 at Wonthaggi took home the award for Best Display Home in the \$500,000-\$600,000 category, while the Morrison 282 in Ferntree Ridge triumphed in the \$300,000-\$400,000 category.

In addition to these wins, SJD also received finalist nominations for three more display homes: the Patterson 332, the Caversham 314, and the Daintree 289.

"These awards are a true reflection of the dedication, craftsmanship, and passion our team puts into every home we build," said construction manager at Wonthaggi Kim O'Connor.

"Getting the industry recognition is great, especially where it supports our main focus which is making good housing affordable and getting more people into their own home. And the award-winning Haven range, of which the Savanna 223 is just one example, are specially designed with first-home buyers in mind."

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At SJD Homes it's all about the people, getting people into great affordable homes and supporting the local community and leading the way at Wonthaggi are new home building consultant Michelle Eckhardt, construction manager Kim O'Connor and site supervisors Brendan Passey and Daniel Salmon.



Thoughtfully designed to maximise space and comfort, the award-winning Savanna 223 from SJD Homes is aimed at first-home buyers and getting more people into their own homes.

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It's community first for award-winning SJD Homes

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But being an entry-level home doesn't mean you don't have choices.

"We understand that navigating the homebuying process can be daunting, especially for first-time buyers and investors. That's why we have streamlined every step to make it as straightforward as possible, without compromising on the quality of construction and customer service," said new home building consultant at Wonthaggi, Michelle Eckhardt.

"We have four beautiful pre-selected colour palettes put together by our interior designers, so you can breeze through your home buying journey without the stress. We also have 10 different floorplan variations, each in different sizes to cater to everyone's needs, and five different façade options to choose from, not to mention our extensive list of unbeatable inclusions."

As well as upgrades and special offers including such things as a free Colorbond roof upgrade on all homes, SJD Homes has introduced HomePay to take the financial hassles out of, especially that first year, while you might be juggling rental payments and the expenses around getting into your first home.

"HomePay offers you the convenience of a 'build now, pay later' option, providing a flexible finance solution to support you into homeownership. With HomePay, you can pause mortgage repayments while your home or investment property is being built, easing the stress during that all-important transition," said Kim.

At SJD Homes you can choose from single-storey, double-storey or ranch-style designs, ranging from functional 14sq homes right through to 47 squares of spacious and luxurious living across three ranges; the entry-level Haven, the most popular of all, the Signature range and at the top the Evolution range.

There's also the full-custom option. "Energy efficiency is also a priority right across our designs with roof-top solar, battery storage, EV chargers, efficient heat pumps and all-electric homes an option," said Kim.

"However, while getting the design and building standards right, and customer satisfaction is a given, one of our big priorities at SJD Homes is community, which is why the owners set up their community foundation, which sets aside a percentage of every build for community purposes.

"Where possible we employ local trades and get our supplies locally, putting millions back into the local economy annually, and that's just the coffee," said Kim O'Connor with a laugh.

"Seriously though, we're very committed to engaging with the local community at all levels, which is why we have invested heavily in this Display Homes Super Centre here in Wonthaggi and committed to a buy local, employ local policy."

Founded in Melbourne's burgeoning outer south-eastern suburbs in 2007, SJD Homes has expanded to serve the Drouin-Warragul growth corridor in Baw Baw, growing parts of South Gippsland and also Bass Coast where it has progressively increased its building footprint over the past five years.

And a great place to start your home-building journey is the SJD Display Homes Super Centre at 330 White Road, North Wonthaggi open Monday to Sunday, 12 noon to 5pm.



The award-winning kitchen stands as the heart of Kylie and Brad's home, on Block Island showcasing the timeless elegance of Dekton Laurent stone and innovative design throughout.

It's all about The Block as auction day looms

COWES real estate agent, Greg Price of Alex Scott and Staff, reckons he's got the best house to sell on The Block on auction day, Super Saturday, November 9.

Of course, he would say that, but he makes a compelling argument.

"Kylie and Brad, with their trades, have done a really great job on House Number 4," said Greg Price during an open day and cocktail evening for prospective buyers last week.

"This central living area, with its award-winning kitchen and loungeroom, has a fantastic feel about it and, it leads off to outdoor living spaces on both sides, a secluded pool area on one side, and of course, a private gate into the tennis court on the other.

"It was a masterstroke by Kylie and Brad to get that gate put on the body corporate and it's going to be a real selling point.

"But you know the best thing about House 4 is it's right at the end of the site, offering the most privacy of all the houses. You won't have people driving or walking past," he said.

"Something else I really like, in what is a wonderfully proportioned home here, is the retreat area in the mezzanine-loft area upstairs with a study, really comfortable lounge-TV room, good-sized bedroom and big bathroom."

Another unique and attractive aspect of the development, located at 113 Justice Road, according to Greg, is the beautifully appointed clubhouse, next to the venue's common swimming pool, with

its day spa-style facilities, bar, cinema room, generous outdoor entertainment area with barbecue and more.

It's a recreation area common to all The Block houses.

One of the best things to see when you visit The Block site on Phillip Island, with its five re-imagined, holiday homes, is the chance to see some great new design features in action.

Take the Japanese-inspired Shou Sugi Ban charred timber cladding used strategically by Kylie and Brad in their master bedroom and also one of the bathrooms.

But right across the property, there are new, different and recently released materials using The Block as a platform to go to market.

Certainly, the Blockheads were encouraged to excite and inspire with design

features that would stand out on TV, and some of their choices might not please all, but there's still hundreds of surfaces, colours and interior design choices to delight those looking to renovate, build or improve.

It's worth a visit to domain.com.au just to get a few ideas if you are renovating, building or looking to improve.

Of course, you can also get some ideas about what not to do as well.

Auction day at 'Block Island' is on Saturday, November 9 and if the line-up of luxury cars at a recent open day for prospective buyers is anything to go by, including 'Lamborghini Guy' Adrian Portelli's 'Gee Up' Lamborghini, the skies the limit, either for someone to buy the whole resort or individual houses.



You can get some great ideas from 'The Block' house renovations at Phillip Island including the use of new and different products like the Japanese-inspired Shou Sugi Ban charred timber cladding used by Kylie and Brad in House 4.



An open day at The Block last week for prospective buyers showcased some incredible tradesmanship, design and innovation.



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Charming beef cattle farm in Strzelecki



WELCOME to your dream retreat on Wild Dog Road, a stunning 137-acre beef cattle farm nestled in the picturesque Strzelecki region. This property perfectly blends rural charm with modern comfort, featuring a country style 1980s brick veneer house, transformed just 12 years ago, this home boasts a spacious layout with four bedrooms and two bathrooms, ideal for family living and entertaining.

Surrounded by maintained ornamental gardens, the house offers a tranquil escape, showcasing a delightful mix of native and deciduous plants. Imagine strolling through vibrant blooms and enjoying the fragrance of your very own fruit trees, which provide a delightful harvest season after season.

There are all weather tracks that lead to 18 paddocks over the 137 acres. The property is fertilised annually. Multiple dams over the property with the main dam gravity fed through to the troughs.

Shedding consists of five bay hay sheds, lock up garage, machinery shed, undercover yards, crush, and weigh station.

This expansive property is well-suited for cattle farming, with ample pastureland for grazing, complemented by reliable water sources. Whether you're a seasoned farmer or looking to embrace a new lifestyle, the land offers abundant opportunities.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to own a piece of Strzelecki paradise. Whether you envision raising cattle or simply enjoying the natural beauty that surrounds you, this property has it all. Come and explore the possibilities today. For further information or to inspect the property, please contact Ben Townsend on 0400 594 487 or Don Olden on 0417 805 312.

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Luxury lifestyle property with picturesque rural views

DISCOVER the perfect blend of luxury and nature with this exceptional architect-designed and craftsman-constructed home. Surrounded by approximately 9.7 meticulously manicured acres, immaculately maintained both inside and out, this residence is the ideal escape for those who appreciate the very best a country lifestyle has to offer.

Just minutes away from the state forest, the renowned Great Southern Rail Trail, and pristine waterways, this property offers an unbeatable base for outdoor recreation. Whether you're an equestrian, cyclist, or boating enthusiast, you'll have everything you need at your doorstep.

Positioned to capture breathtaking rural views and an abundance of natural light, flooding the stunning interior with warmth and brightness. The soaring ceilings and expansive glass create a seamless connection between the indoors and the surrounding landscape for a wonderful sense of openness and space.

Designed with flexibility and comfort in mind, the home's floorplan is perfect for both intimate family gatherings and grand-scale entertaining. The spacious living room, spectacular dining room, and separate family room offer multiple options for relaxation and socialising. The central kitchen, featuring gleaming white cabinetry and quality appliances, overlooks a beautifully paved alfresco courtyard, making it

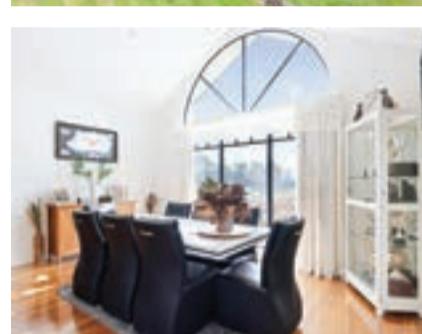
the heart of the home for culinary creations and casual dining.

The property boasts four beautifully appointed bedrooms, the master suite a true sanctuary with luxurious ensuite with spa bath, perfect for unwinding after a long day. The additional bedrooms are equally spacious, providing ample room for family and guests. A dedicated study area, complete with NBN connectivity, ensures you can stay productive while enjoying the peace and quiet of your rural retreat.

A double automatic garage with direct access to the home, an attic storage area, and a large four-bay shed with lights, power, and a concrete area provide extensive storage and parking options. The covered annexe could easily be converted into stables, making it ideal for equestrians.

The entire property is fully fenced, ensuring your furry friends can enjoy the expansive grounds without worry. With both bore and tank water, you can rest assured that your water supply is sustainable and secure.

This luxury lifestyle property is a rare gem that offers the best of both worlds - sophisticated living in a stunning rural setting. Whether you're looking to escape the hustle and bustle of city life or seeking a spacious and elegant home for your family, this property is sure to exceed your expectations.



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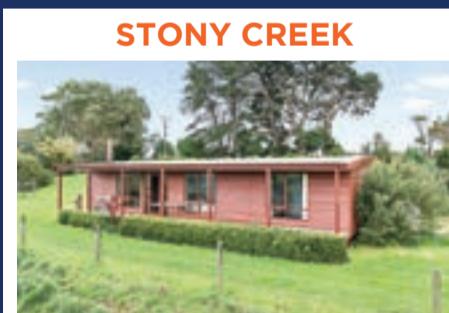
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Contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801



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- Generous home on 2 acres
- 5 bed, 2 bath, 2 car
- 12m x 12m barn shed
- Low maint. Garden & 3 paddocks

SOLD

Contact Irene Walker 0429 045 632



17B ECCLES WAY, LEONGATHA



Modern low maintenance living

WELCOME to 17A Eccles Way, a stunning residential house that represents comfort and modern living. This well-designed home features three spacious bedrooms, including a master suite with an ensuite and walk in robe, ensuring privacy and convenience for the whole family.

The open-plan living area is perfect for entertaining, seamlessly connecting to the outdoor entertainment space. Filled with natural light, and large enough to fit a family dining table and large lounge suite. The modern kitchen is equipped with a dishwasher, wall oven, gas cooktop and pantry with plenty of overhead cabinetry for storage. Completing the home is the family bathroom, separate toilet, laundry, reverse cycle air conditioner and gas ducted heating.

Completing this property are two secure garage spaces, with the garage featuring a roller door to the front and the rear, allowing access into the backyard. Low maintenance yard with clothesline and garden beds.

Easy access off the street into a secure garage big enough for two cars. The fully fenced yard offers adequate space for pets or children as well as plenty of garden beds for your choice of plants.

Live in or Invest

Welcome to 17B Eccles Way, a well-maintained property that perfectly blends comfort and convenience. Located up a concrete driveway, this modern home features three spacious bedrooms, providing ample room for family and guests alike. With

two well-appointed bathrooms, mornings will be a breeze, ensuring everyone can get ready without the hassle.

The open-plan living area includes enough space for a dining table as well as a lounge suite and it opens up to a private undercover patio ideal for alfresco dining. The modern kitchen is equipped with quality appliances and offers overhead cabinetry for plenty of storage. The home also features a carpeted second living area upon entry in the house, great as a formal living room. Inside, you also find a great sized laundry opposite the separate toilet and family bathroom, reverse cycle air conditioner and gas ducted heating.

Completing this property are two secure garage spaces, with the garage featuring a roller door to the front and the rear, allowing access into the backyard. Low maintenance yard with clothesline and garden beds.

These homes are located within the 'Shinglers Ridge' Estate just on the edge of Leongatha and is just a couple of minutes' drive from the town centre, you are also a short walk to the local kids' playground.

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17A ECCLES WAY, LEONGATHA



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17A Eccles Way, Leongatha
For Sale \$595,000
 17B Eccles Way, Leongatha
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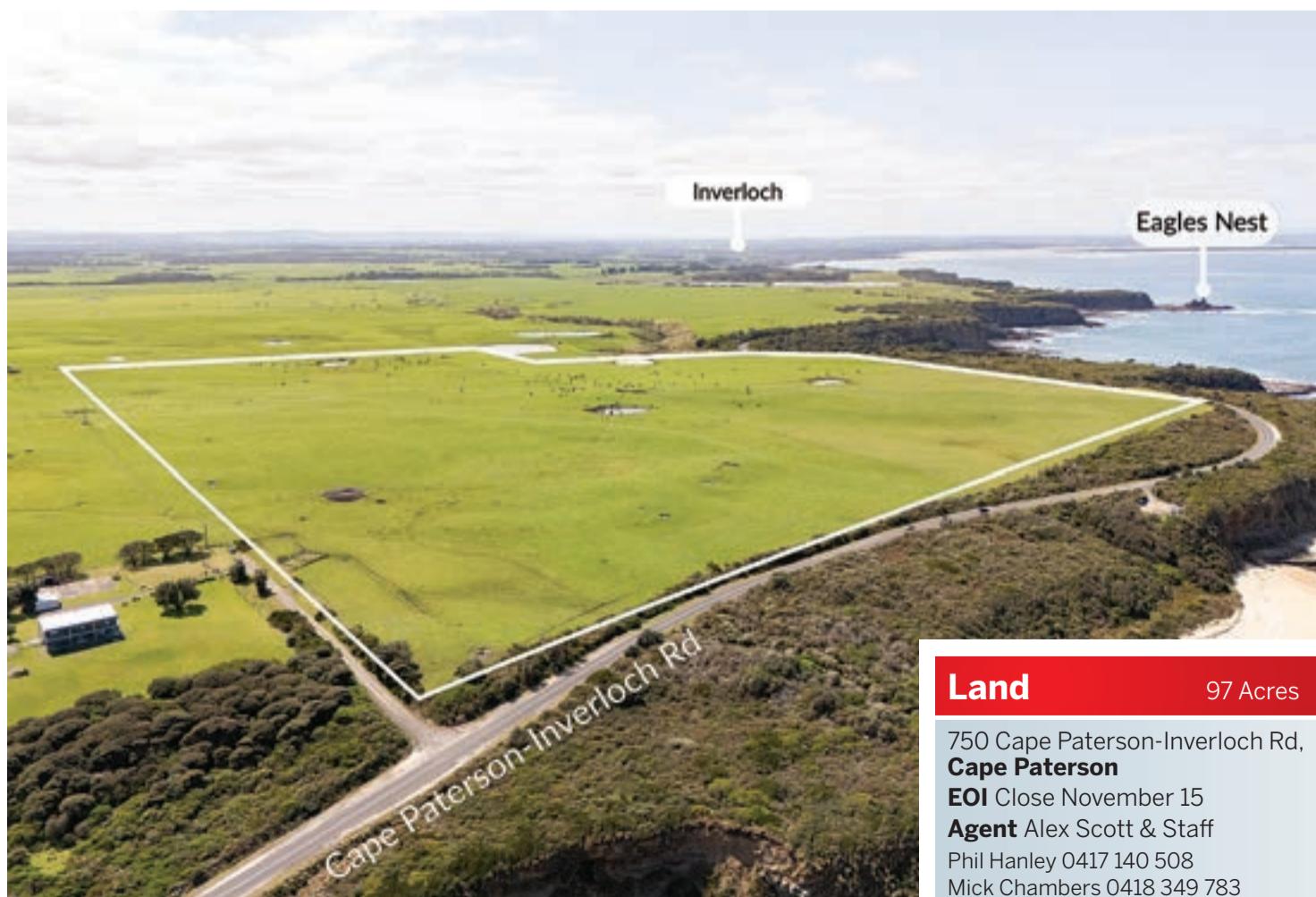
Unmatched coastal acreage with planning approval

DISCOVER the ultimate rural lifestyle at 750 Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road, where approximately 97 acres of pristine land await your vision. Expressions of interest are closing on November 15, 2024 at 5pm, presenting a rare opportunity to secure a slice of paradise nestled between Inverloch and Cape Paterson.

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- 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom

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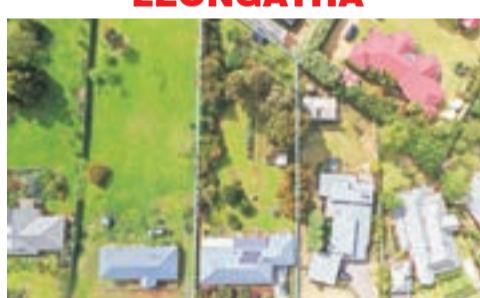
75 Nelson Street

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Large shed
- Fully fenced yard

\$595,000

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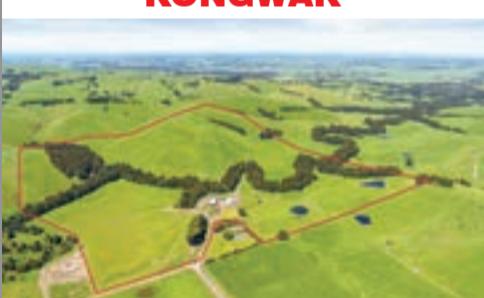
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- Various shedding
- Heavy carrying cattle country

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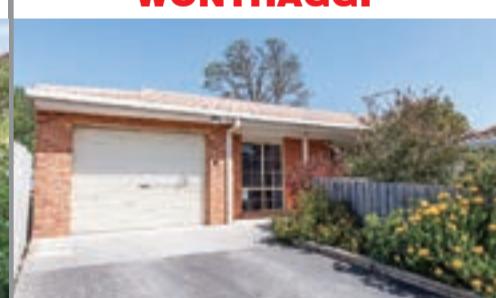
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- Close to hospital and CBD
- Perfect for retirement

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LEONGATHA



16 Eden Crescent

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- Approx. 813 sqm elevated block
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1/2-4 Warley Avenue

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- 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom

\$620,000

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Australian grazing genetics set to launch into Latin America

AUSTRALIAN genetics are set to launch into Latin America with a new campaign to highlight the success of the country's grazing systems.

The 'Best Mate' campaign launched by GENEX and URUS on October 4 at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin USA will target a number of Latin American countries including Uruguay, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Ecuador and, with particular emphasis on, Argentina.

The new campaign is a successful outcome of the joint venture between URUS, GENEX and Genetics Australia that was formalised in 2023.

Speaking at the launch in Madison, Genetics Australia export manager Rob Derksen said Latin American countries mostly graze their cattle in a similar system to Australia but didn't know a lot about the success of Australian genetics.

"The only grazing systems many know about is New Zealand but we feel our product is better suited to these regions as farmers use similar systems to Australia and rely on pastures plus supplements as the main source of feed," he said.

Genetics Australia has started the push with recent exports to Chile and upcoming sales to Peru and Ecuador.

"This is our first international exposure of our Australian genetics as part of the joint venture," Mr Derksen said.

"We believe there is a good market there with substantial room for expansion, particularly through the networks that have been

created through the joint venture with URUS.

"Getting the most productivity from grazing systems starts with the right genetics and Genetics Australia is uniquely placed to help farmers in Latin America to breed a better grazing herd."

Speaking at the launch, URUS Chief Operations Officer Kevin Muxlow said the world needs a cow to do more with less to feed a growing population.

"We believe genetics are a key part of making a better cow and that better cows contribute to a better world," he said.

Genetics Australia has joined Jersey Australia and other Australian companies on a joint site at World Dairy Expo over the past three years.

Alta Genetics was also part of the URUS company and were part of the launch at World Dairy Expo.

This was the first presentation of its type conducted by Genetics Australia at World Dairy Expo and featured video of Brookbora, White Star, Ravens Hill Australian Reds and Tesbury Holsteins.

Mr Derksen said the event created a lot of interest from multiple countries.

"We want the world to know that we achieve high productivity cows suited to diverse grazing systems that can go the distance with strong feet and legs, have excellent feed efficiency and are reproductively sound," he said.

"Australian Genetics has a lot to offer and I'm sure as more countries experience how our genetics perform, we can expect growing demand."

Young Leongatha stock agent finalist in auctioneers comp

LOCAL stock agent James Robbins earned his place as a finalist to compete at the Southern Young Auctioneers Competition, an inaugural event hosted by the Australian Livestock & Property Agents Association (ALPA).

Held at the Western Victoria Livestock Exchange at Mortlake last Monday, the competition aims to shine a spotlight on the exceptional talent and skill of the top young auctioneers from the southern states.

James was up against six of his rural Victorian counterparts and while he unfortunately didn't place in the competition, he was proud of his efforts.

"I went well. I didn't come first or second, but it was a good experience. It was my first time being a finalist, so it's good to get one under my belt. I was happy with the result," said James.

"I took away a lot from the winner, the way he sold and you work out what the judge is looking for, for the future."

James grew up on his family farm and returned after going away to study agriculture.

He has been working as a stock



James Robbins from Nutrien Ag Solutions Leongatha was a finalist in the ALPA Southern Young Auctioneers Competition held last Monday night.

agent for the last 18 months, and he's been selling full-time at Leongatha for Nutrien Ag Solutions for the last six months.

Dealing with clients and achieving the best results for them as well as interacting with the buyers are what James emphasised as the most enjoyable parts of his work.

"It's a good industry to be involved in," he said.

James believes that he earned his place in the finals because of his good clear voice as an auctioneer, coupled with knowing his values.

"When you stand up in front of a pen of cattle, knowing the right price to ask the buyers to achieve

the best result, not asking too little or not asking too much, has a big effect on the outcome," said James.

With a bit more experience and knowledge of the competition process, James is keen to try again next year.

The Victoria winners of this year's competition were Will Holt, McKean McGregor Bendigo and runner-up Declan Haines, Elders Rural Services Ballarat.

ALPA chief executive officer Peter Baldwin said these competitions are important in nurturing young talent.

"The philosophy behind the competitions is to elevate young auctioneers, equipping them with the skills to succeed in this vital profession," he said.

Famous Kernaghan signed ute visits Leongatha Saleyards

COUNTRY music lovers at a recent Leongatha Store Sale may have spotted the 'official ute of Lee Kernaghan', which has featured at many events including the Gippsland Country Music Festival, and Kernaghan concerts, its duos signed by the performer.

Owner Sam Matthews worked industriously to transform his stock standard ute into one that impressed at a Kernaghan concert in Traralgon.

The 2003 VY Holden one-tonner received a new timber tray, stainless steel headboards and mudguards, a bullbar, and signage.

Over 50 country music singers have signed its interior, with Kernaghan labelling the black V8-powered ma-

chine his official ute.

"Lee loves the thing" Sam said.

"It's the first ute Lee's wife Robby, who sings with him, has signed and her comment at Geelong was, 'Lee, bugger your Landcruiser, I want to take this home.'"

Despite the vehicle's musical fame, it is still put to work, towing a trailer on the day in case Sam bought cattle.

His previous ute, a red one-tonner, circles in the video clip of Kernaghan's hit 'Dirt Music' and in the background when Lee was interviewed on 'Sunrise'.

As for Sam's current vehicle, it has been booked for appearances in Tamworth and Wangaratta.



Sam Matthews loves his Holden ute just as much as country singer Lee Kernaghan does. A22_4224

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Prices ease for stores

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AGENTS yarded 3300 cattle at last Thursdays VLE Leongatha store sale in a good yarding.

There were fewer heavy cattle penned with more mid and lighter weights and an increased offering of Xbreds types and 300 cows, calves and joined females yarded.

Prices generally eased overall by another 10 cents and more on plainer types but there were a couple of better-quality pens making near recent rates.

Less feedlot competition was seen with a good field of graziers taking a larger share of the offering.

A larger offering of cows and calves created a lot of interest with a few more onlookers with the better end attracting the most competition and secondary types harder to move with the recent 40 cent fall in the cow kill price a contributing factor.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024

Steers

D.Moon & J.Grice 14 S/Park	602kg	\$3.15	\$1900
P.Holmes 14 Angus	573kg	\$3.66	\$2100
H Parth Nom 15 Hereford	554kg	\$3.61	\$2000
J.Howell 11 Angus	538kg	\$3.73	\$2010
J Gibson 18 Angus	532kg	\$3.71	\$1940
B Henshall 18 Angus	529kg	\$3.62	\$1920
M & M Baxter 12 S/Park	517kg	\$3.28	\$1700
P.Cammis 19 Angus	514kg	\$3.61	\$1860
JA Commins & Co 16 Angus	507kg	\$3.72	\$1890
MS & AR Attenborough 15 Ang	506kg	\$3.46	\$1750
Tarago River Estate 10 Angus	495kg	\$3.79	\$1880
JA Commins & Co 18 Angus	484kg	\$3.64	\$1760
Lyroat Nominees 13 Angus	483kg	\$3.45	\$1670
L Flanagan 20 Angus	474kg	\$3.95	\$1870
JA Commins & Co 15 Angus	472kg	\$3.72	\$1760
H Parth Nom 12 Hereford	466kg	\$3.76	\$1750
EG & KM Triantafyllou 12 Ang	458kg	\$3.23	\$1480
B Henshall 18 Angus	456kg	\$3.92	\$1790
Fawlin Downs 14 Angus x	453kg	\$2.96	\$1340
S Johnstone 14 Angus	441kg	\$3.83	\$1690
Y Q Australia PL 14 MG	430kg	\$3.76	\$1620
Fawlin Downs 14 Angus x	403kg	\$2.70	\$1090
L Bond 14 Angus	400kg	\$3.80	\$1520
Gippsland Beef 18 Angus	398kg	\$3.69	\$1470
S Johnstone 15 Angus	390kg	\$3.97	\$1550
B Gardiner 13 Shorthorn	389kg	\$3.55	\$1380
D & K Dunstan 11 Angus	385kg	\$3.86	\$1490
Gippsland Beef 20 Angus	380kg	\$3.36	\$1280
R Bennett 17 Angus	378kg	\$3.70	\$1400
Gippsland Beef 24 Angus	354kg	\$3.44	\$1220
R & C Barnacle 15 Angus	339kg	\$3.13	\$1060
Teana Farms 12 Angus	338kg	\$4.01	\$1360
McDonnell Agri 18 Angus	335kg	\$3.59	\$1200
Three Springs Rural 18 Angus	335kg	\$2.99	\$1000
G.Walter 10 Angus	292kg	\$4.17	\$1220
G.Davine 24 Angus	274kg	\$4.26	\$1170
Wine Valley Investments 13 Ang	255kg	\$3.72	\$950

Heifers

R & C Jackson 10 Angus	486kg	\$3.04	\$1480
IK & DC Ricardo 15 Angus	404kg	\$3.31	\$1340
K.M Breen 10 Angus	374kg	\$2.75	\$1030
J & M Hume 12 Hereford	351kg	\$3.19	\$1120
Telegraph Past 11 Angus	325kg	\$3.23	\$1050
GL & S Davis 12 Angus	315kg	\$3.24	\$1020
Anderson Property Specialist			
16 Angus	294kg	\$3.03	\$890
Three Springs Rural 25 Angus	290kg	\$2.93	\$850
EG & KM Triantafyllou 12 MG	278kg	\$3.23	\$1220
G.Davine 25 Angus	260kg	\$3.07	\$800
Gippsland Beef 18 Angus	246kg	\$3.17	\$780

Xbreds & Dairy

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Kostos Livestock 11 FRIES	440kg	\$2.56	\$1130
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B.Birmingham 18 Charo X	366kg	\$2.50	\$920
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Tandivale 16x16 Blonde		\$1500	
Tandivale 17x17 S/Park		\$1500	
N&L Gregg 10 Angus Springer		\$1850	

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, October 14, 2024

Jersey & Jersey x	.....	\$18 to \$36
Friesian Bulls	.....	\$24 to \$220
Friesian Heifers	.....	\$30 to \$60
Beef Bulls	.....	\$30 to \$250
Beef Heifers	.....	\$30 to \$125

Number of Calves: **272**

Number purchased to rear: **86**



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Race to renewables not at any cost

THE VICTORIAN Farmers Federation (VFF) is urging the Victorian Government to safeguard the state's most strategically significant agricultural land from renewable energy development.

VFF President Emma Germano said the transition to renewable energy can't come at the cost of losing the state's most valuable farmland.

"Victorian food and fibre production must be acknowledged for the value it provides the state," said Ms Germano.

"Victoria needs to take a balanced approach to renewable energy development.

"The state produces thirty per cent of the nation's food from just one-and-a-half per cent of Australia's land mass.

"Any reduction in that area will have a drastic impact on the quantity and variety of food available to the community.

"The first step is identifying and protecting our most strategically significant farmland that underpins jobs and food security.

"The Paris Agreement requires that responses to climate change must not threaten food production.

"Racing to roll out renewable energy development on farmland to meet the Paris targets flies in the face of the balanced approach that is needed," Ms Germano said.

As part of its recent submission to the Victorian government's state-wide transmission plan, the VFF has identified key farming regions that are critical to the state's food security, exports and jobs in the food processing and manufacturing sectors.

These regions include Southern and Central Gippsland, the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District, the Ballarat district, the Kiewa and Mitta Valleys, and the south-west of the state.

The VFF's full submission to the government's state-wide transmission plan can be found at vff.org.au.

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A/c R, B, P & C Carmichael, Kilcunda (NUTRIEN)

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DEATHS**HOROBIN, Frank:**

The Nyora Football Netball Club would like to pass on their deepest sympathies to Jackie, Lee, Craig, Heath, Tara and the extended Horobin family after the recent passing of Frank.

Frank was a valued life member of the club.

He will be sadly missed.

KING, Leon Desmond:

Passed away peacefully at Korumburra Hospital.

Dearly loved son of George and Joan (both dec.).

Loved brother of Ann.

Will be Sadly Missed.

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LAMERS, Mary:

Passed away on October 12, 2024.

Sister-in-law to Tony (dec.) and Rita.

Aunty to Martin, Luke, Jacinta, Clare, and Christopher.

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Position: Apprentice Carpenter

Type: Full-Time

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Key Responsibilities:

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- Learn to read and interpret plans and structural drawings.
- Operate hand and power tools safely and efficiently.
- Maintain a clean and organised work environment.
- Follow safety protocols and regulations on-site.
- Contribute to team efforts to ensure projects are completed on time and to high standards.

Qualifications:

- Year 11 or equivalent.
- Strong interest in carpentry and construction.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Basic knowledge of hand and power tools is a plus, but not required.
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- Strong attention to detail and a commitment to quality work.
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What We Offer:

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How to Apply:

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8.5 hours per week
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Responsibilities will include implementation of new and innovative programs and activities while supporting current programs, producing, printing and distributing the quarterly program and newsletters.

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We are looking for someone with 2-3 years experience in a small office environment and must be familiar with Microsoft Office programs. Experience with volunteers a bonus.

For further information about this role and to request a position description please contact the President – Corinella and District Community Centre on president@cdcc.asn.au using the subject line: Community Engagement Coordinator.

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FUNERAL CONSULTANT

Location: Leongatha Branch, South Gippsland Region
Reports to: Branch Manager gary@handleyfs.com.au

About Us:

For over 50 years, Handley Funerals has had the privilege of serving families in the South Gippsland region. We take pride in being part of this close-knit community, supporting individuals and families through some of the most difficult times in their lives. Our dedication to compassionate care and professional service remains unwavering, and we look forward to continuing to serve and grow with our community well into the future.

Position Overview:

Handley Funerals is seeking a caring, thoughtful, and dedicated Funeral Consultant to join our team. This role is vital in guiding and supporting families through the funeral planning process, ensuring that their wishes are honoured with the utmost respect and attention to detail. You will be responsible for coordinating funeral services, assisting families with important decisions, and managing arrangements to deliver a seamless and compassionate experience. The successful candidate will demonstrate sensitivity, professionalism, and a sincere desire to make a positive difference during difficult times.

Key Responsibilities:

- Funeral Planning & Coordination:** Meet with families to discuss their loved one's funeral arrangements, ensuring all details are carefully considered and planned. This includes completing necessary contractual and administrative tasks.
- Service Management:** Assist in the coordination and execution of funeral services, working alongside Ministers or Celebrants to ensure a respectful and smooth-running service.
- Family Support:** Provide sensitive guidance and care to families during viewings, ensuring they feel supported during this deeply emotional time.
- Liaison & Coordination:** Communicate with hospitals, aged care facilities, medical practitioners, and families regarding the first call and transfer of the deceased into our care.
- Venue Preparation:** Set up venues, such as churches, chapels, or other locations, for funeral services, ensuring all arrangements reflect the family's wishes.
- Pre-Need Consultations:** Meet with clients to discuss and plan future funeral arrangements, offering them peace of mind through careful pre-planning.
- Maintenance & Administration:** Assist in maintaining the cleanliness and presentation of our facilities and vehicles, and provide general administrative support, including answering phones and handling inquiries.

What We Are Looking For:

We seek someone who brings a natural sense of empathy and professionalism, with the ability to guide families through a challenging process with grace and care. The ideal candidate will have strong organisational skills, the ability to manage multiple tasks, and a desire to support both our families and fellow team members.

Skills & Qualifications:

- Strong interpersonal skills, with a natural ability to build meaningful connections with families and the community.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, along with a professional and polished presentation.
- Ability to prioritise tasks, work calmly under pressure, and manage time effectively.
- Attention to detail with strong administrative and IT skills.
- A commitment to providing exceptional customer service and a genuine desire to assist people in difficult times.
- Self-motivated, with the ability to work both independently and collaboratively within a supportive team environment.

Requirements:

- A current unrestricted driver's licence.
- Willingness to undergo a police check.
- Successful completion of a pre-employment medical.

Working Conditions:

This position involves participation in weekend and evening rosters to ensure we remain available to assist families whenever they need us. Handley Funerals offers an industry-leading salary and provides a full corporate uniform to reflect the professionalism of our service.

Why Join Handley Funerals?

Becoming a Funeral Consultant with Handley Funerals means becoming part of a trusted, compassionate team that is dedicated to supporting the community. If you are looking for a role where you can truly make a difference and be part of a team that values care, respect, and service, we invite you to apply.

Job Applications will close on Thursday, October 24, 2024.

Email applications to the Branch Manager - Gary Drinken at gary@handleyfs.com.au

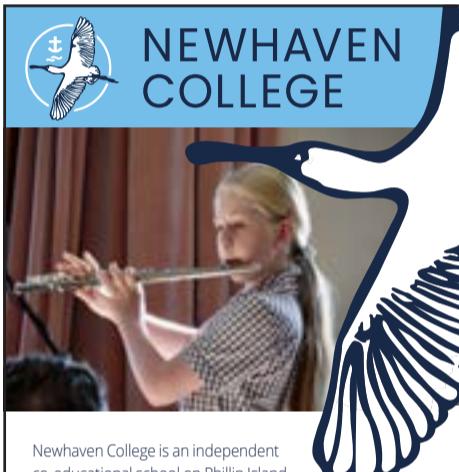


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Leongatha Secondary College is seeking two motivated and enthusiastic employees to join our Student Support (SSP) team. Our SSP staff are employed to provide support to students and teachers, specifically to support students with disabilities in general education classes. Qualifications are not a requirement for these roles; we are primarily looking for the right personality and a strong fit for our team. These positions will be working 4 days per week. Both student support positions will commence 28/01/2025.

All applications (including covering letter and response to selection criteria) are to be uploaded to the Departments Recruitment Online Platform where you will find full details on these Job Vacancy IDs: 1443438 and 1443439.

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• FAITH FACTOR

Let the little children come to me

By Janet Snashall-Woodhams,
 Ministry Team: Uniting Church
 Wonthaggi-Inverloch

AT THE moment my head is full of babies. I recently became a Grandmother for the first time. WOW!! And to be there supporting my daughter give birth to a daughter – absolutely awesome.

Little August is a blessing and a delight. Though only five weeks old she already has me wrapped around her little figure. I could sit cuddling her for hours.

My daughter-in-law loved the video we sent her of Augie splashing about in the bath. She said it was so relaxing, a balm for her very stressful workday.

You would all have your own delightful stories to tell of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And plenty of pictures too to share!

Back in Jesus' day children held a very lowly place in society. Yes, they may have been loved by their family, but they certainly weren't thought to have any rights or status. In fact, children were very dispensable. Ancient stories tell of rulers killing young male children because of the fear of who they may grow up to be.

In Mark's Gospel Jesus says Let the children come to me, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as they. The gospel writer uses language of the time and here the kingdom being referred to is a life here and now based on the Good News Jesus came to share. A life full of treating all people and the world around us with love, mercy and justice.

So, what does it mean that I need to be like a child to fully realise and embrace this God place, this Kingdom, here on earth?

Maybe I need to have an innocence and a spirit of joy. A willingness to dive head long into it with arms wide open. A sense of enquiry that has me asking questions. Maybe to hold back on cynicism and prejudice about what I think the God story is all about.

Children come at you with a spirit of love, wonder, joyful playfulness, blindness to prejudice, openness to new experiences and lots of smiles and laughter. Sounds a great way to approach life. And to that I say – Amen (So be it!)



Office Administrator/ Assistant

We're looking for an organised and efficient person to join our small family ran business.

The role will be varied, including everything from day-to-day admin tasks, general bookkeeping, data entry, client/supplier liaisons and assisting other staff members.

Applicants will need to have excellent written and verbal communication skills, be self-motivated to work independently and as a team.

Experience in a similar role within the Earthmoving or Agricultural industry would be an advantage.

The role will be approx..12-16 hours per week with flexible hours. All applicant's information will be kept strictly confidential.

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Fire training at Pound Creek

CFA District 9 sharpened its firefighting skills at Pound Creek over the weekend in preparation for a predicted hot summer ahead.

A pole fire, hazardous material spill and runaway grassfire were all part of a day's work for the fifty skilled CFA firefighters in attendance and local volunteers.

A blazing car was no match for the big IVECO four thousand litre CFA heavy tankers which quickly doused the flames in minutes.

Eight crews from CFA District 9 attended the training day including tankers and ultralights from Foster, Toora, Inverloch, Tarwin Lower and Milford.

A seven metre Field Operations Vehicle (FOV) was provided by the District 9 HQ Darnum/Ellinbank brigade.

The Mercedes Sprinter FOV (Forward Operational Vehicle) facilitates group communications by accessing satellite technology to coordinate external and internal communications channels.

For training purposes at Pound Creek eight separate units were spread over four locations.

Boat fires are not unusual for District 9 CFA which works with the SES to cover a number of popular launch ramps including Mahers Landing and Inverloch.

New members are always welcome aged from seventeen to seventy.

The training day ended with a general debriefing and much appreciated barbecue.

CFA District 9 can be found on Facebook or cfa.vic.gov.au



Car ablaze exercise for Michael Plant and Adrian Stafferton from Tarwin Lower CFA at District 9 training day in Pound Creek. B86_4324



Toora and Milford CFA tanker crews undergoing pole fire training with Group Officer Rob Higgins of Inverloch for CFA District 9 training day. B72_4324

Carers celebrated with gratitude lunch by Community Health

Carers and their partners were treated to a gratitude lunch at Leongatha Community House last Friday in acknowledgment for all the hard they work do – and to celebrate Carers Week. National Carers Week is an opportunity to raise community awareness about the diversity of carers and their caring roles. Carers are people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental health condition, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or drug issue or who are frail and aged.

The local carers were treated to a full roast lunch, sweet treats, ice cream and some take-home slices, hosted by the Leongatha Community House in conjunction with La Trobe Community Health Service.



Local carers and their spouses enjoyed a roast lunch for Carers Week hosted by Leongatha Community House and La Trobe Community Health Service. ob12_4324

Thrilling matches entertain all at Wonthaggi Table Tennis

WHITE defeated Black 7- 4: When the power of sport is unleashed, good happens.

When Phar Lap entered the 1931 Melbourne Cup carrying a staggering gloopy 68 kilos and the hopes of poverty-stricken, post-depression punters, optimism abounded.

When Phil Manassa had near on 100,000 rabid 1977 VFL grand final fans electrified with every bounce before slotting a mercurial goal, trembling stands triggered the Richter.

When USA table tennis star Glenn Cowan missed the

team bus at the 1971 Tokyo Table Tennis World Cup, he thumbed a ride with the Chinese team, then paved the way for US President Nixon and Chinese Premier Zhou to restore diplomatic relations.

So, when Team Blue number 2 Beau, with a smart mix of attack and defence, had Team White number 1 Funcle Mark on the ropes with a two-nil lead, a hush permeated the hall expecting a seismic moment.

However, Mark, as punch-drunk as an Ali speed ball, rose from the canvas to win the next three sets, hence the game.

It's a reminder to everyone, especially Beau, that Phar Lap, Manassa and Cowan were all beaten too, but remain fondly remembered.

Green defeated Blue 6 to 5: Green's Sven v Blue's Boss Croc Justin was to be the headline act of the night but with so much else going on it was buried in the classifieds.

This match was such a fun game.

Justin put undefeated Sven in a death roll and reclaimed his patch.

Sven's teammate Andy death rolled Lee Lee and

Cameron to carry Green to the win.

Cameron's headband was worthy of a point.

Yellow defeated Brown 7 - 4:

Team Yellow had a solid win over a very competitive Team Brown, providing Yellow with a rails run home.

There are only two rounds to go before the semifinals.

Ladder: Green 28, Yellow 20, White 20, Black 12, Blue 8, Brown 8

Leading players: Sven 22, Justin 20, Mark 19, David 18 and Brad 16.

CONVERSATION with Claire



Our home is what we make it

By author Claire Chitty

AS TRAFFIC becomes progressively more congested on city roads and the urban sprawl extends into rural areas, the Bass Coast, too is undergoing a change. Some say that lockdowns, and the hype surrounding the TV production of 'The Block,' better suited to the peninsula than the Island, initiated a lifestyle change for many.

Whether it's retirement living, a rental, sustainable housing at The Cape, an inherited family home, a tiny house, a portable building, an old fibro shack, a renovator's delight, a new build, or an Air BnB, a home is where we reside.

A home is a place of safety and belonging, and something that we can uniquely make our own. Not enticed by flimsy mass-production, I'm an advocate for recycling and repurposing. It's incredibly rewarding stripping the shellac from pine furniture and antiques to expose the beautiful timber grain. And dare I say it, occasionally repainting in black, white or pale blue for a modern twist.

Hence, the majority of our décor has been attained from being in the right place at the right time. It never ceases to amaze me the what people throw out on hard rubbish and Facebook freebies as people clutter clear. 'One person's trash is another person's treasure'.

Some of the tips I've learnt on the budget conscious journey is minimal cost is achievable. White walls make a room appear larger, along with neutral toned furniture and clean lines. Blues, white, cream and beige, with a splash of green foliage, creates a welcoming environment to relax. I love timber look floors, in light tones that are durable and can handle sand and foot traffic.

Minimal décor and mirrors make a space look bigger. Scourer garage sales, op shops and second-hand places for textiles, blankets, throw rugs, cushions and floor mats where proceeds benefit charities. Linen, bamboo and cotton sheets can look expensive; no one needs to know they were purchased on sale.

It's also about clever use of maximising space. Multipurpose furniture such as fold out sofa beds, TVs mounted on the wall and slide out pantry shelving are clever hints. When buying new furniture, ensure it fits the space; a showroom size can be deceptive. Storage baskets, hooks to hang towels and hats, a gallery wall of mismatched artwork in black frames and a vase of seashells can look stylish whilst adding character.

Replacing old fixtures with new cupboard knobs, door handles and lighting doesn't need to be expensive. Refresh rooms with paint, or create a feature wall using paneling from recycled timber. Adequate storage is essential with flat packs a good budget friendly option. Always use a qualified plumber and electrician where needed.

We are fortunate we have a north facing outlook and take advantage of floor to ceiling windows to heat the home in winter. The afternoon sea breeze provides air flow and cooling in summer.

A home is a person's castle so maybe consider additional extras; do you work from home or is it a beachside escape? Do you need an outdoor entertainment area, a backyard retreat, storage shed or even an outdoor shower?

Another area of focus is the garden. Eighty percent of the plants in our garden were initially propagated from cuttings, rehomed pots or self-seeded. Free mulch, horse manure, compost, scavenged bricks, off-cuts of timber and seaweed accumulated on the boat ramp, have kept gardening costs down. Our intention was to create a thriving food forest and eco-friendly community for birds, bees, butterflies, beneficial insects and frogs, which we continue to nurture. Also consider making simple weatherproof tables and chairs, and vertical herb gardens from wooden pallets at no cost.

Living in the digital era, there's plenty of ideas online for inspiration, so whether it's warm and cosy, rustic, character laden, beach inspired, elegant or modern, there's no place like home as you relax and soak up the sea, sand and sky.

And please, for every new build, plant at least one suitable tree.

'It takes a wise man a lifetime to grow a tree, and a fool, five minutes to kill one.'

Championing environmental stewardship



A bandicoot joey was rehabilitated by Phillip Island Nature Parks after being found abandoned in Cape Woolamai back in August.

Second chance for bandicoot joey

A TINY Eastern barred bandicoot found abandoned in a Cape Woolamai backyard has received a clean bill of health and been released back into its colony.

The female joey was rescued by a Phillip Island resident back in August.

They attempted to reunite the joey with her mother, but the next day the bandicoot, just weeks old, was still alone.

Phillip Island Nature Parks' Wildlife Rehabilitation Rangers determined the joey had no injuries, but was still dependent on her mother for food and milk.

The joey was housed in a small enclosure and provided and heat and hydration. A specialised milk was introduced as well as kibble, vegetables and live insects.

In the wild, Eastern barred bandicoots rely heavily on insects for nutrition, and rangers want to replicate that, not only for nutrition, but to teach young bandicoots how to forage for their food.

As the bandicoot joey grew, she was transferred to a bigger pen to encourage movement and exercise.

When she reached a milestone weight of 200g, the joey was moved to a specially built outdoor pen.

There she learnt all the skills needed to survive in the wild, including building nests out of vegetation and digging for food.

With a final health check, weighing in at 300g, the joey was be considered big enough to survive on her own and released within 50m of where she was originally found.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Ranger Kim Noy said bandicoots were curious creatures, and drawn to light where they find insects to eat.

"At Phillip Island we are used to living with wildlife, and it's not unusual to see little visitors around our homes," she said.

"But just like our Good Samaritan did here, we always ask people to call Wildlife Victoria if they find a sick, injured or abandoned native animal, so it can be taken into care and hopefully nursed back to health.

"We want to keep our wild animals wild, and the best outcome is when we can release these animals back into their home to thrive."

Nature Parks researchers, as part of a multi-agency recovery effort, helped save the Eastern barred bandicoot from extinction, reintroducing the species to the fox-free safe haven of Phillip Island in 2017.

Eastern barred bandicoots have now been on Phillip Island for more than six years and since then have bred and grown in numbers, expanding to several parts of the Island.

THE South Gippsland Conservation Society (SGCS) has made significant strides in environmental protection and community engagement since its inception nearly 50 years ago. One of its flagship initiatives, the Screw Creek-Townsend Bluff Estuary project, began in 1995. This project – with the help of lifelong member John Cuttriss aimed to enhance the local ecosystem and provide sustainable tourism access.

A key feature of this initiative was the creation of a gravel pathway, designed to protect sensitive areas from damage while allowing the public to enjoy the natural beauty of the reserve. This pathway not only facilitates access but also serves as a model for balancing development with environmental conservation, tourism and business.

"Some in the community think we're anti-development but that's not the case – we all live in a housing estate, it's about having that balance, about how they're planned, with solar passive street layouts and water sensitive design in our open spaces," said John.

"So, what do we do as a conservation group, and what have we done over the years? This Screw Creek-Townsend Bluff Estuary project was completed with the help of 15 unemployed youths – the area was pretty battered from the camping ground, lots of tracks, and bikes, it was all being shattered, so the Conservation Society worked with Parks Victoria and the Bass Coast Shire and created this premier walk – there were two six-month employment training programs, involving conservation concepts, weed control and building the tracks and boardwalks."

"By developing this trail we've provided public access – it's a win-win for tourism and for the environment," John explained.



South Gippsland Conservation Society Ed Thexton and John Cuttriss walking the 1995 Screw Creek-Townsend Bluff Estuary Walk. Z01_4224

John has been with the resident's association since 1991, and was intrigued to work with like-minded people, joining the SGCS in 1994. "Together we never stop learning and that's why we need to work with developers to ensure we are looking after our surroundings," said John.

Since this development, John and the SGCS have been working on the extension of the Screw Creek-Townsend Bluff Estuary project, with a focus on the Northern Section – building an interpretive trail.

"It's been our focus for the past 10 years. Parks Victoria wouldn't take it on, there was no funding. The SGCS worked with the Department

of Environment for five years looking after the place until the Bass Coast Shire Council were appointed land manager, so now we're working with Dave Martin and we're slowly getting this natural trail established," said John.

This 15-hectare space will be more of a Wildlife Refuge area similar to a National Park, the only such place at Inverloch for bushwalking, bird watching and fishing.

"Basically, providing public access into environmental areas but keeping people to paths means that everything stays protected".

The interpretive trail is due to be opened at the end of this year, an educational trail for locals and visitors alike.

"Without the perseverance

there would have been another 20 one acre lots through here. The community came together with 136 submissions to the Independent Panel hearing and said we should be excluding this bushland from housing and saving it for our future generations."

Ed Thexton of the SGCS shared that John's passion and persistence over the past 10 years has helped save this bushland. The SGCS team has worked hard to form the public access trail and will now be able to deliver it to the community.

"There are 36 bollards way pointing through here, 14 are installed with QR codes for that interactive experience – providing an insight into the history and ecology of the area."

In addition to habitat restoration, the society has been actively involved in community education. They have run training programs for unemployed youths, focusing on conservation and construction skills. This initiative not only provides valuable experience for participants but also fosters a sense of stewardship towards the environment.

Funding for these initiatives has come from various sources, including Coast Action grants, the Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation and generous contributions from the community. The society emphasises the importance of public access and environmental protection, striving to create a harmonious relationship between development and conservation efforts.

The Society also operates the Bunurong Environment Centre and runs educational tours during school holidays including the "Coast Care" summer holiday program.

Through its initiatives, the South Gippsland Conservation Society continues to be a vital force in promoting sustainability and environmental awareness in the region.

There's more to just counting birds at Kongwak Primary

WANT to know how to tell the difference between a magpie, a magpie lark and a willy wagtail? Just ask the students at Kongwak Primary School!

Kongwak Primary School students enjoyed a birdwatching bonanza last week, participating in Bird Life's Aussie Bird Count. Each day, all 25 students from Prep- Grade 6 put down their schoolwork and headed outside with clipboards in hand to observe the local birdlife for 20 minutes. They took with them their teachers and education support staff, but also anybody else in the school at the time; over the week this included IKPS Assistant Principal Mel McRae and a handful of visiting Inverloch PS Grade 6 students.

The data collected then was uploaded to Bird Life, where it is compiled with the data of almost 100,000 other bird watchers around Australia. Students also stretched their mathematical skills by choosing an efficient way to record their data, tallying, and discussing data patterns at different times of the day and in different conditions.

"I liked being quiet and peaceful while we were doing the Bird Count. It was exciting to see a fantail near the Pioneer Reserve." – Heidi, Grade 2

"I liked seeing different types of birds. We saw rosellas in the trees near the basketball courts and ravens in the oak trees." - Jai, Grade 2

"Whilst we were looking for birds under the Kongwak oak trees, we saw a ringtail possum fighting off two ravens!" – Cody, Grade 5

"I have enjoyed focusing on birds and exploring different types of birds in our local area as well as learning more about them. We went to different places in Kongwak and at different times to see what different birds were there. Bird Count is a highlight of the term!" – Isobel, Grade 5

Kongwak Primary School welcomes enquiries from families with primary school aged students at all levels, as well as potential Foundation students for 2025, 2026 and beyond. Please contact the Inverloch PS office on 5674 1253 if you would like to organise a tour – we'd love to see you out at Kongwak!



Students were busy counting birds last week in Kongwak as part of the great Aussie Bird Count.

Corner Inlet crucial for migratory birds

WITH International Migratory Bird Day just behind us, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is celebrating the catchments, such as Corner Inlet, that support migratory birds and are protected through international conventions and programs run by the CMA and partners.

This year's theme of 'Protect Insects Protect Birds' focussed on the importance of insects for migratory birds, and highlighted concerns related to decreasing populations of insects.

"Protecting and improving habitat is an important way we can protect insects and overall biodiversity for migratory birds and all wildlife," said Tanya Cowell, Waterways Project Officer for West Gippsland CMA.

Corner Inlet became an internationally renowned wetland through the Ramsar convention in 1982. The inlet's extensive intertidal mudflats provide food for migratory species.

"Rewards of a consistent and sustained effort to protect and enhance Corner Inlet by the CMA, Landcare, Greening Australia, GLaWAC Traditional Owners and partners Parks Victoria, Trust for Nature and BirdLife Australia are definitely paying off."

Working to enhance and protect world renowned Corner Inlet has been a team effort led by West Gippsland CMA that has so far spanned decades. Works begin in the upper reaches of the rivers that flow into the inlet and follow their course down to the coast – home to extraordinary wildlife, fragile saltmarsh and mudflats.

"Everyone plays their part – like along the flagship Agnes River where we are extremely



The critically endangered Far Eastern Curlew are one of the migratory birds that call Corner Inlet home during the year.

proud of the dedicated landholders and passionate Landcare volunteers who have largely driven the works."

In 2023-24, 11 landholder management agreements were signed to complete 45 hectares of weed control, put 53,300 plants in the ground across 91 hectares and fence 16 kilometres of the river in partnership with Corner Inlet Landcare Group and Greening Australia.

Down at the inlet, the first of a five-year Corner Inlet Connections project is being delivered in partnership with Parks Victoria, GLaWAC, Trust for Nature and BirdLife Australia.

Across this first year, the focus has been to protect the Ramsar values of the area including treating spartina, controlling foxes to protect shorebirds, improving water quality, and safeguarding 136 hectares of saltmarsh including a 25-hectare Trust for Nature covenant.

In total, weed control has

covered over the entire Corner Inlet Ramsar Site of 67,000 hectares with 530 hectares of pest animal control and water monitoring equipment will help us measure the results of our efforts across the catchment."

"Corner Inlet is an important haven for migratory shorebirds that travel incredible distances each year. A favourite of mine is the Red-necked Stint which feeds in Corner Inlet. They are just the size and weight of a matchbox, yet fly thousands of kilometres to nest in the Siberian tundra, before turning around six months later to migrate south once again," said Tanya.

Summer and winter shorebird counts provided crucial information to ensure the Ramsar values and levels of acceptable change for key species are maintained based on international Ramsar guidelines.

BirdLife Australia teams undertook seasonal bird counts

of resident and migratory birds and also monitored the breeding success and health of key resident species of beach nesting birds such as Hooded Plovers, Pied Oystercatchers and Crested, Caspian and Fairy terns.

The team noted migratory species including Bar-tailed Godwits, Double-banded Plovers, Red-necked Stints, Red Knots, Red-capped Plovers, Pacific Golden Plover, Great Knot and Grey Plovers and the Critically Endangered Far Eastern Curlews – all returning to Corner Inlet and relying on this landscape for survival.

This ongoing monitoring is crucial to understanding the bird populations and threats they face. This can then guide effective fox and weed control and assist in community education about the effects of off leash dogs and nest disturbance.

"Ongoing bird monitoring will also help to raise community awareness of the birds' plight so we can work together as a community to protect these special species," Tanya said.

Community event

Agnes River Shorts, a free community celebration of the works achieved along the Agnes River is being held at Toora Hall on Wednesday, October 30 at 7pm – 9 pm.

The event will feature live music, refreshments and presentations from West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority about the works and future works in the catchment and short films made by the community will also be shown. More info visit wgcmaw.vic.gov.au



Geoff Trease, Manager of the South Gippsland Seed Bank, collects about 150 kilograms of seed each year from about 120 different species. ob08_4324

Seed collectors gearing up for summer

SUPPLYING nurseries, conservation and Landcare groups with a plethora of native seeds each year, the South Gippsland Seed Bank (SGSB) is gearing up for the summer, their busiest time for seed collection.

Volunteers and contractors collect, process and store as many different species of seeds as possible from across the South Gippsland region.

"This is so we can help provide a greater diversity of species for the nurseries to grow, with the idea to help increase the level of diversity of plants that are going out into the landscape within South Gippsland and the broader region," explained Geoff Trease, Manager of SGSB.

About 120 different species are kept within the seed bank and refrigerated to maintain their longevity with about 150 kilograms of seed collected each year.

While volunteers do collect seed throughout the year, summertime is their busiest season.

"That's when quite a few of your species are only available. So, things like wattles are only available through the summertime. A lot of your pea flowers as well, they're only available in that sort of December, January period," explains Geoff.

"A lot of other daisy bush-type seeds and all your, fruiting berries are actually collected in that summertime period."

Those rarer species that are difficult to access and get seed from because they're in much smaller numbers, such as grassy lilies, are grown in a more controlled setting.

"We try our best, but it's not always easy, because sometimes you've got to be at that spot right at the right time. Otherwise, there are quite a few that are really hard and we've got to be lucky."

Tree Project is one of the agencies that the SGSB, a community, not-for-profit, sells their seeds to and who are currently looking for volunteers to grow native seedlings in their backyards.

TreeProject works with urban and rural communities to put over 1000,000 trees back on the land each year.

"We've had an association with TreeProject going back at least 10 years, I reckon, over quite a lengthy period of time, supplying seeds for their growers to grow plants for others," said Geoff.

They also check where TreeProject are planting to try and match seeds from as close to the area and their provenance as possible, and Geoff does this by keeping track of where all their seeds are collected from.

The seedlings are then used for varying projects such as gully erosion control, waterways and wind protection for stock and wildlife corridors.

All of this is made possible through the hard and dedicated work of volunteers.

The South Gippsland Seed Bank is based in Leongatha and they are open to the public on Thursdays, for anyone who is interested in buying seeds to grow themselves.

Researchers study local seal behaviour in response to noise

A NEW study has identified that airborne vessel noise can affect the behaviour of Australian fur seals at their largest colony near Phillip Island and recommended better protections.

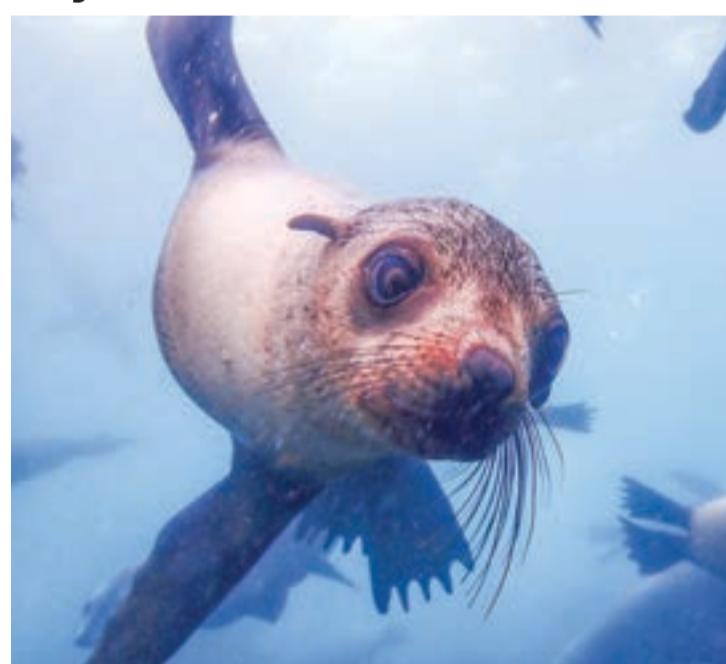
For the first time, a team of researchers, led by University of Sydney PhD candidate Jessalyn Taylor, has examined seasonal differences in the behavioural responses of seals near Seal Rocks when exposed to loud marine watercraft noise.

Seal Rocks is home to the country's largest colony of Australian fur seals, with an estimated 20,000 seals and around 25 per cent of the species' population.

Yet, the area has a small vessel exclusion zone during the pupping and breeding season when vessel traffic is at its peak.

The study – Behavioural response of Australian fur seals to vessel noise during peak and off-peak human visitation – found exposure to boat engine noise about 75 decibels resulted in short-term behavioural disturbances amongst the seals, such as decreased nursing and increased vigilance, including paying attention to the visitors rather than resting.

The report, which is available online in the Marine Pollution Bulletin and will be published in print in November, found while behavioural responses were limited to the period of noise exposure,



Seals have been found to be more vigilant and less restful when exposed to vessel noise, disrupting the breeding season.

frequent disturbances could lead to fur seals suffering more population-wide consequences.

Researchers conducted surveys over four fieldwork seasons between January 2022 and August 2023 using pre-recorded vessel noise from an operating outboard motor typical of vessels visiting Seal Rocks.

They assessed seal responses to low (64-70 decibels), medium (71-75 decibels), and high (76-80 decibels) levels of the noise.

"Findings of our study shows that behavioural changes in

seals exposed to loud motor vessel noise were limited to the period of noise exposure but created increased vigilance amongst the seals and reductions in nursing and rest during those times," Ms Taylor said.

"We also found that high-level noise exposure was more likely to cause seals to move away from the focal area compared to low and medium level noise, likely because they didn't like it or perceived it as a threat."

Ms Taylor said it was important that the impacts of human visitation at sensitive

marine sites were well understood to ensure the adequate protection of seals and effective management of the area.

"This study is one of very few to evaluate the impacts of airborne vessel noise in pinnipeds and is the first to examine seasonal differences in behavioural responses," Ms Taylor said.

"Through this study, we have been able to make comparisons between colony sites and species that will hopefully lead to better protection for Australian fur seals at Seal Rocks and other marine areas with high human traffic and interaction."

"Human activity is changing the environment faster than many species can adapt, if they can even adapt at all, so it is vital that regulations to protect wildlife are frequently reviewed to ensure they are effective."

The project was supported by an international and multidisciplinary team, including Phillip Island Nature Parks senior scientist Dr Rebecca McIntosh, associate professor Rachael Gray from the Sydney School of Veterinary Science, and Paris Sarclay Institute of Neuroscience senior researcher Dr Isabelle Charrier.

Funding for the research project was provided by the Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species (FAME), the Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment, the Ecological Society of Australia, and CNRS (IRP SocNetMM).

Tightlines

Around the bay

WHAT a busy week the Island has had – and not just for the fishing.

The Moto GP really does bring a lot of people to the Island from all across Australia and a lot of visitors from all over the world.

Most visitors arrived early to mid-last week to spend some time here or even teams setting up out at the track.

The two things they all have in common is their love of motorbikes and their love for fishing.

We have had a good week talking to all of our international visitors about what style of fishing they do and the different species of fish they target, some even showing off some photos.

It is always nice to speak to other anglers from different circumstances to our own to see and gather ideas on how they fish and the rigs and bait they use, you just never know what you may learn from a conversation.

The teams for the Moto GP always arrive to the Island a day or two before they can get to the track so most of them come in every year to buy some bait and head out for a fish, so our land reports increase a bit with the influx.

We are hot in the middle of the snapper season, and it has been firing from all directions.

We are receiving plenty of reports from all areas across the top of the bay and in the channels still.

Rhyll has most definitely been better for our customers who have tried there early in the morning or late in the afternoon until evening.

There is one thing that we have heard on repetition this week from those who have targeted the snapper and it's almost how lazy they are being.

Plenty of people are reporting hooking up, fighting the snapper for a bit then once it gets boatside almost masking as a gummy shark and just spitting out the hook and swimming away.

Is our bay so healthy with food that even the fish don't need our bait anymore?

If we could understand the minds of the sea creatures we have here, Jim's Bait and Tackle would be a world-renowned name, and you would see us on the water a lot more.

For us, snapper isn't an attractive species.

We catch one or two and then we don't target them for the next year and the hooks are changed out for the whiting and gummy sharks.

Those who don't want to chase the reds have had a much slower week with reports very minimal or the quality of the fish has depleted.

The water is still cold for this time of the year, generally we can expect 17 degrees but from a few people we have been recording 13-14 degrees max.

Whiting reports have been scattered from during the day, most still coming from early morning till midway when they have been

By Jim's Bait & Tackle

dropping off.

It has been possible to get a bag of whiting, but it's been requiring some work and a bit of movement with more than one mark required.

Cleeland Bight has almost become void of fish this week, reports of actual catches have stopped, reports of no catches have increased.

Land, boat, kayak, blow-up mattress, the method may change but it hasn't made much of a difference, bait, lures, all the same.

Of the many people who have been fishing that area the last week or two, we have only had about 10 per cent of those getting fish, most of the catches being small to very small calamari.

The smaller calamari are nothing to sniff at though.

There are still plenty of schools of salmon in the bay – not a huge amount of catches but they are there.

Gummy sharks have also been a targeted species this last week.

The majority are all the same size, just over that one metre mark.

Our old friends the 3m+ Bronzies are back patrolling the bay causing a bit of havoc, with lots of people losing gear.

They have been hooked plenty of times but have been snapped off around the prop or just bitten through the lighter snapper gear.

If you're finding this, either run a heavier leader, or use a light gauge wire leader this can also help with those beak teeth of the snapper.

We are now on the run to Christmas, so don't forget to get your order in for presents if there is something in particular you are after we can source it for you.

It is also time to place your laybys.

The boat ramps are busy, the jetties are busy, the roads are busy, and the beaches will only increase in popularity as the weather warms up.

Execute patience and, if you want to avoid the crowds, plan your day a little better. Be on the water 30 minutes earlier and stay later.

Yes, they may not live on the Island or locally, they may just be "tourist", but they are also out to catch fish just like you. They are also our customers just like you.

Due to the money they bring, it means we can be open to service you over winter.

If someone at the ramp is reversing their boat wrong, or if they are casting on the jetty wrong and it's upsetting your fishing experience, offer to help.

They may be a river fisherman, they may be new to fishing – too many times we see and hear of people abusing each other on the water.

Some people just need some education and that doesn't need to come with a negative annotation either – yes, we are talking to everyone.

Fishing is a great sport, don't let it ruin your day.

SPORTS



Archie and Aidan get ready to compete against siblings Lara and Darby in the relay.

Family rivalry lifts the roof at Leongatha swim meet

South Gippsland's Splash aquatic centre in Leongatha echoed to the deafening roar of cheering family, friends and supporters at Meet 4 of the Gippsland summer swimming series.

One hundred and ten swimmers from throughout the region competed at Splash with keen family rivalry amongst the Leongatha squad.

"It was great to see our young swimmers here having a go in the twenty-five-metre races," said Coach Dylan.

There were plenty of smiles amongst local families especially in the mixed relay event which saw siblings competing against other families.

The Smyth family narrowly defeated the Croatto family in a thrilling finish almost lifting the roof off the swim centre.

Full of cheering swimmers the Splash bleachers reverberated with the excitement.

The relay was won by half of one family, swimming with the other half of the same family.

"It was a chance for the younger swimmers to compete in a number of races, at the one local event," said Dylan.

"Being able to get over their nerves and become familiar with the process of competing in a pool they know well, will enable them to have a lot more confidence going to another pool in coming weeks."

Several older swimmers had a go at events they do not normally get to do in the busy short course season giving them a chance to see what sort of time they could achieve.

The over twenty-five men's race was fiercely contested

with some very close times.

The South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club is now looking forward to having competitive relays in the Gippsland Championships.

Meet 4 was also the last chance for juniors to swim a time to be considered for the district 21 team which competes at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre in Albert Park against other regional teams.

The South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club can be found on Facebook and sgbswimclub.com.au

South Gippsland Splash is open seven days a week from 6am to 8.30pm Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm Saturday and 10am to 4pm Sunday.

Splash is also on Facebook or at sgsplash.ymca.org.au



Inverloch parkrun run director Julie Jacobs with Graham Facey, Ina Kelly and Margaret Facey.

Graham celebrates 250 parkrun milestone

INVERLOCH parkrun regular Graham Facey hit a magnificent milestone on Saturday, reaching 250 parkruns in total.

Graham was at the third Inverloch parkrun in 2014 and hit this milestone after 10 years.

He was introduced to parkrun by his unstoppable cousin Ina Kelly.

Graham is in the 85-89 age group, and has a personal best time of 40.50, which he has achieved twice, in both 2016 and 2017.

Graham has also volunteered

17 times.

He joined 139 others on Saturday who completed parkrun in drizzly conditions, with several visitors in the area for the Moto GP.

Inverloch parkrun welcomed parkrunners from Newcastle, Adelaide and various other parkruns across Melbourne and Gippsland.

There were 10 attendees doing their very first parkrun, and 14 finishers achieved a personal best.

This included Greg Dell, a

favourite of the parkrun family.

Greg was doing his 306th parkrun and has achieved personal bests in his last two parkruns.

His last personal best was on December 23, 2017.

Greg attributes his quickened pace to his wife and trainer Shirley.

Everyone is welcome to join parkrun.

You only need register once and you can join parkrun every Saturday morning, around the world.

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 22
4.18am	1.83m
9.45am	0.58m
3.56pm	1.56m
10.00pm	0.10m

WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 23
5.03am	1.77m
10.27am	0.59m
4.38pm	1.53m
10.45pm	0.17m

THURSDAY	OCTOBER 24
5.48am	1.67m
11.09am	0.61m
5.21pm	1.47m
11.30pm	0.26m

FRIDAY	OCTOBER 25
6.35am	1.56m
11.51am	0.64m
6.07pm	1.39m

SATURDAY	OCTOBER 26
12.14am	0.37m
7.25am	1.46m
12.36pm	0.68m
6.59pm	1.30m

SUNDAY	OCTOBER 27
12.59am	0.48m
8.19am	1.37m
1.27pm	0.72m
8.04pm	1.22m

MONDAY	OCTOBER 28
1.48am	0.59m
9.15am	1.31m
2.31pm	0.74m
9.30pm	1.18m





Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) committee including award winners Treasurer Joanna O'Reilly Stubbs, Club Captain Ash Easton, Clubhouse Manager Natalie Van Der Heyden and Media Keith Vincent.

PIBC presents their 23/24 season awards

ON SATURDAY, October 12 Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) celebrated their 23/24 season with their trophy presentation night.

PIBC thanked their entire committee of this season and last, who contributed to making the season and organising the celebration night (and return bus trip) to the Phillip Island Winery such a success.

On the night PIBC also inducted a new Life Member to the club - David (Dumpy) Thompson.

The trophies and awards for the 23/24 season PIBC's exemplars were.

Perpetual Trophies

Open Women Club Champion - Sarah Seuren, Open Men Club Champion - Carl Wright, Junior Female Club Champion - Sarah Seuren, Junior Male Club Champion - Tate Russell, Senior Men - Adrian Maier, Masters - Adrian Maier, Longboard Champion Woman - Ebony Maier, Longboard Champion Man

By PIBC Treasurer, Joanna O'Reilly Stubbs

- Andrew Burgan, Junior Club Woman - Zoe Scott, Junior Club Man - Lachie Eastwood, Most Improved Aggregate - Jai McDonald, Most Improved Longboard - Timmi Ungar, Gung Ho - Keith Richards, Dumb Bell - Tyler Duell, President Choice - Natalie Van Der Heyden, Club Person of the Year - Joanna O'Reilly Stubbs

Aggregate

Cadet Females - 1st Lillian Bassed, 2nd Scarlett Rennie, 3rd Evie Lutz, Cadet Males - Equal 1st Angus Kennedy & Hamish Farman, 2nd Sunny Steiner, Junior Females - 1st Sarah Seuren, 2nd Abbey Clarke, 3rd Zoe Scott, Junior Males - 1st Tate Russell, 2nd Oscar Dean, 3rd Sam Patterson, Open Womens - 1st Sarah Seuren, 2nd Lillian Bassed, 3rd Zoe Adams, Open Mens - 1st Carl Wright, 2nd Ash Easton, 3rd Harry De Roth,

Senior Womens (35+) - 1st Danielle Baylis, 2nd Michelle Fincher, 3rd Natalie Van Der Heyden, Senior Mens (28-45) - 1st Adrian Maier, 2nd Sam Fullarton, 3rd Adam Vyva, Masters (45-60) - 1st Adrian Maier, 2nd Dumpy Thompson, 3rd Drew Johnson, Legends (60+) - 1st Mal Gregson, 2nd Brian Tancheff, 3rd William Yusko

Longboard

Mixed Junior (U18) - 1st Hamish Farman, 2nd Scarlett Rennie, 3rd Sonia Seuren, Open Women - 1st Ebony Maier, 2nd Nala Taylor, 3rd Natalie Van Der Heyden, Open Men - 1st Andrew Burgan, 2nd Andrew McHenry, 3rd Luke Johnson, Mixed Style Masters (45+) - 1st Andrew Lidsey, 2nd Natalie Van Der Heyden, 3rd Mark Letts

Notable mentions were Sarah Seuren and Adrian Maier taking home two trophies each but trumped by Natalie Van Der Heyden -



Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) Life Member - David "Dumpy" Thompson.

who took home four trophies of third in Aggregate Senior Womens (35+), third in Longboard Open Women, 2nd in Mixed Style Masters (45+) and a most esteemed perpetual trophy of the President's Choice. A possible new record for a PIBC member from a single season, as well as serving the role of the Clubhouse Manager of the PIBC committee of both 23/24 and 24/25 seasons.



Winning Team McHenry Motors with President Jake Eisen (far right). Photo: Jo O'Reilly Stubbs

First comp goes off with a bang for Phillip Island Boardriders Club

ON SATURDAY, October 12, Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) kicked off their 24/25 Season with their first comp, a tag teams' event the Bang Bang Shootout.

With five teams, each made up of 11 surfers, surfers of all ages hit the lineup to show their skills.

Each team had 120 minutes to make their mark, led by their captains and co-captains - and for a bit of fun, all captains hit the waves in their signature captain's hats for a bonus scoring point.

By Jo O'Reilly Stubbs, Phillip Island Boardriders Club

The groms truly impressed everyone, showing tremendous leadership and courage throughout the day. Special shoutouts to Max Agonostou, Lennox Archibald, Scarlett Rennie, Sarah Seuren and Eddie Maier (who also took home Grom of the Day).

The day's Courage Award went to the fearless Dylan

James, while Codie Jeffrey earned Wave of the Day with an impressive 9.33 ride that left everyone in awe. Both Dylan and Codie were awarded Narval wetsuits for their exceptional performances.

The big overall team win went to McHenry Motors, whose teamwork and skill stood out across the heats.

"It was amazing to see the spirit of competition and camaraderie on full display," said club president Jake Eisen.

"Our younger surfers really stepped up, and the atmosphere of fun, teamwork, and community was felt by everyone. Days like these remind us why we love being part of this club."

"Overall, it was a fantastic event, and we're already looking forward to the next comp. Big thanks to everyone who participated and supported!"

The tag team event was sponsored by Bang Bang Restaurant, Woolamai Pizza and Narval wetsuits.

PIBC 23/24 season awards



PIBC Longboard Open Women: Ebony Maier 1st, Nala Taylor 2nd, and Natalie Van Der Heyden 3rd at the 23/24 season awards.



PIBC Aggregate Junior Female: Sarah Seuren 1st, Abbey Clarke 2nd, and Zoe Scott 3rd celebrate at the 23/24 season awards.



PIBC Aggregate Junior Male: Sam Patterson 3rd, Tate Russell 1st, and 2nd Oscar Dean at the 23/24 season awards.



PIBC Aggregate Open Men: Ash Easton 2nd, Carl Wright 1st, and Harry De Roth 3rd (not pictured) at the 23/24 season awards.



PIBC Aggregate Open Women: Sarah Seuren 1st, Lillian Bassed 2nd, Zoe Adams 3rd (not pictured) at the 23/24 season awards.

PIBC Aggregate Senior Women (35+): Danielle Baylis 1st, Michelle Fincher 2nd, and Natalie Van Der Heyden 3rd at the 23/24 season awards.



PIBC Aggregate Men (28-40): Adrian Maier 1st, Adam Vyva 2nd, and Sam Fullarton 3rd at the 23/24 season awards.



Aggregate Masters (60+): Mal Gregson 1st, Brian Tancheff 2nd, and William Yusko 3rd at the 23/24 season awards.

ALLAMBE MIRBOO AND DISTRICT TENNIS

GREAT matches in both sections this week such as Westernport White and Leongatha.

Just three games separated the two teams, well-done Westernport White on the win.

Koonwarra were also narrow winners by seven games over Korumburra.

Inverloch had a convincing win over Westernport Red.

The Westernport club has managed to field two teams this year which is great for the association and welcoming new people in.

In Section two both matches had a margin of under ten games.

Korumburra won by three games over Outtrim.

Outtrim won more sets but games are what counts first.

Leongatha v Baromi was also a close match.

Gristy was back playing, which was great to see with mixed emotions no doubt playing as a coach against, and with people you have coached.

Jemima filled in for Leongatha this week which was her first time playing senior tennis.

Playing extremely well, Jemima helped Leongatha walk away with the win.

Baromi have great support from the Fraser family again this year, with Matt, Natalie and Sean all playing.

This section is always extremely competitive.

AM&DTA Results

Section 1: Inverloch 7-47 def Westernport Red 1-20, Westernport White 4-31 def Leongatha 4-28, Koonwarra 5-40 def Korumburra 3-33.

Ladder: Inverloch 24, Westernport White 20, Koonwarra 18, Leongatha 16, Korumburra 8, Westernport Red 4

Section 2: Korumburra 4-54 def Outtrim 5-51, Leongatha 5-56 def Baromi 4-53.

Ladder: Korumburra 21.5, Baromi 16.5, Leongatha 14.5, Outtrim 13.5

RIVERSIDE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

ROUND 3

Section 1/2 Doubles: Warragul Blue 2-24 def by Drouin Maroon 7-49, Warragul White 7-49 def Poowong 2-30, Trafalgar 2-36 def by Hallora 7-50, Drouin Gold 0-0 washout Neerim District 0-0, Moe-Bye.

Ladder: Drouin Maroon 23.5, Moe 22, Hallora 21.5, Warragul White 16, Warragul Blue 16, Neerim District 14.5, Drouin Gold 14.5, Trafalgar 12, Poowong 8.5

Section 1 Singles: Drouin Gold 0-0-0 washout Moe Red 0-0-0, Drouin White 0-0-19 def by Moe Blue 3-6-36, Trafalgar 0-0-19 def by Moe White 3-6-37, Drouin Maroon-Bye

Ladder: Moe White 12, Moe Red 10.5, Moe Blue 8.5, Drouin Gold 8.5, Drouin Maroon 4.5, Drouin White 4.5, Trafalgar 4

Section 2 Singles: (ladder subject to change as one result unknown). Neerim District 5-45 def Moe 1-17, Warragul vs Drouin Maroon (result unknown), Drouin Gold 2-21 def by Trafalgar 4-40.

Ladder: Neerim District 18, Trafalgar 16, Warragul 11.5, Moe 7, Drouin Gold 6.5, Drouin Maroon 5



Fred Demenech, Faye McKenzie, Mario Toffolon and Helen Rook were the Friday winners at the Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners Bryan Donohue, Toney Toler and Ken Gage.



Michael Dady (S), Margaret Hoy (3), David Talbot (2) and Phil Wright (L) enjoyed a win with the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group.



Runners up for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were David Smith (S), Jenny Smith (L), Mick Sheers (3) and Ron Hughes (2).



Michael Saunders (3), Margaret McConville (L), Vern Elliott (S) and Robyn Dall (2) (inset) were the best one game winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

IT was a beautiful sunny day on Monday, but the bowlers having fun inside.

The winners were Jan Clark, Peter Morgan and Sue Rose with +12.

Well done to all who took part.

Friday was a great day at Cape Paterson bowls – a great afternoon with friends.

Winners were Brian Newman and Peter Morgan with +23.

See you next week at the Cape Paterson Community Centre.

INVERLOCH

THE Inverloch Triples Day held last Wednesday consisted of 24 teams.

The winners on the day with four wins, 68 points and 29 shots up were the team of Brian Humphris, Rob Dowling and Graeme Turton.

Runners up also with four wins, 68 points but with 17 shots up were Stan Node, Allan Jordan and John Mig.

Best first game winners with 11 shots up were Jim Haydon, Jenny Haydon and John Hallas.

Best second game winners with 14 shots up were Graeme Cornell, Peter Forest and John Newcombe.

The best third game winners with eight shots up were Joy, Denise and Julio.

Best fourth game winners with eight shots up were John Duscher, Marty Hannaford and Doug Archer.

It was a perfect day in Inverloch for the 38 players who played social bowls on Thursday.

Runners up on the day with two wins and 31 points was the team of Jon Justin, Karen Orford, Chris Nevill and Robert Jeffries.

The winners for the day also with two wins but with 33 points was the team of Bill Selby, Yvonne Kee and Carol Waters.

KORUMBURRA

THIS week saw the beginning of Midweek Pennant with not so good results for the club.

Division 1 travelled to Inverloch, all to no avail.

Joanna Lomagno was the only bright light, winning 24 to 23.

Jenny McVeigh lost 12 to 23 while Katrina Evans lost 12 to 27.

Division 2 hosted Inverloch and the results were all bad.

Phil Ashton went down 18 shots to 23, Lena Harfield lost 14 to 20 and Judith Nicholl went down 13 to 22 – not a good day.

Saturday saw Korumburra host Phillip Island in Division 1 with all three rinks getting up.

Kevin Beecroft won 26 shots to 15, Charlie Edgerton won 19 shots to 12 and Robin Provan won 26 shots to 22 – a good win all round.

Division 3 travelled to Corinella with Les Davis the only shining light.

He had a 16 all draw, Jenny McVeigh went down 20 shots to 11 and Ken Cecil lost 33 shots to 14.

Division 4 hosted Port Welshpool and ended up with an overall win.

Ross Lomagno won 25 shots to 11, Rob Sund had a 21 all tie, while Jo Lomagno went down 14 shots to 22 – an overall six shot win.

Members are reminded to get their club games completed by the due dates.

LEONGATHA

ROUND one of the midweek competition started on Tuesday, October 15, and Leongatha's Division 2 side welcomed a composite side from Lang Lang.

Ray McGannon, who has been confined to the comforts of home, came out of retirement to lead a Leongatha team and was able to display his class and experience that was obtained during his time on the green.

The Leongatha side had a very convincing win with an overall score of 77/34 shots.

Individual rink scores were as follows: Rosa James skip (Leongatha) defeated Beverley Kitchin skip (Lang Lang) 20/13 shots.

Ken Lester skip (Leongatha) defeated Gillian Abbott skip (Lang Lang) 29/8 shots.

Karen Fidler skip (Leongatha) defeated Vernon Elliot skip (Lang Lang) 28/13 shots.

Round two of the weekend Pennant competition was played on Saturday, October 19, and Leongatha was the home club for the three games in which they were represented in Division 1, Division 2 and Division 4.

The Division 4 side played Phillip Island, which was on its game despite the crosswind and won two of the three rinks.

Alan Moxey went home with a smile on his face as he also won his bet in the Million Dollar horse race.

Individual rink scores were as follows: Alan Moxey skip (Leongatha) defeated Gwenda Arnold skip (Phillip Island) 21/19 shots.

Janice Sing skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Michael Haack skip (Phillip Island) 13/21 shots.

Susan Wakefield skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Greg Dixon skip (Phillip Island) 18/35 shots.

In Division 2, Leongatha lined up against Tarwin Lower, which was too good on the day.

Les Wilson's rink was 20 shots down but managed to reduce the margin to 10 shots at the close of play which saved their bacon.

Individual rink scores were as follows: Ray McGannon skip (Leongatha) drew with Kevin Jones skip (Tarwin Lower) 16/16 shots.

Ron Symmons skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Arthur Newsome skip (Tarwin Lower) 11/26 shots.

Les Wilson skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Michael Bowman skip (Tarwin Lower) 16/26 shots.

The Division 1 game between Leongatha and Wonthaggi was played at Leongatha and a very close contest developed with resulting excitement over the final ends.

Wonthaggi withstood the pressure and won overall with a final score of 56/53 shots.

Individual rink scores were as follows:

Anthony Collier skip (Leongatha) defeated Frank Seaton skip (Wonthaggi) 25/10 shots.

John Hall skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Bryan Donohoe skip (Wonthaggi) 17/20 shots.

Brenton Hackett skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Fred Kellock skip (Wonthaggi) 11/26 shots.

Business Bowls starts on November 12 and 30 teams have nominated.

Social bowls is not being patronised as well as could be expected with only eight bowlers reporting for duty last Wednesday.

Consequently, a report for publication has not been produced.



The Breakaway Bowls winners were Jan Clark, Peter Morgan and Sue Rose with +12 on Monday.



Brian Newman and Peter Morgan shared a win at Breakaway Bowls on Friday.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

SUMMER came early on Thursday as 48 of the family of bowlers turned up at San Remo to compete in the weekly challenge.

Pauline and John signed everyone in while Peter once again arranged the teams.

Once the teams were prepared, John reminded everyone to use sunscreen and keep out of the immediate sun, and out they went.

What a fun day they had, and a lot of excellent bowling was observed around all the rinks.

As usual, there was plenty of laughter as well as some fun banter from all corners.

When lunch came, many players could be seen to be quite tired because of the sun, but they all headed back out after the lunch break to continue the fun.

Over the course of the day, there were a few charitable players leave a donation to the Royal Children's Hospital.

The club is always grateful for their selfless acts.

As always, there were winners and the others.

The winners on a score of 36 were Michael Dady (S), Margaret Hoy (3), David Talbot (2) and Phil Wright (L).

Runners up on a close 35 points were David Smith (S), Jenny Smith (L), Mick Sheers (3) and Ron Hughes (2).

Best one game winners on 19 points were Michael Saunders (3), Margaret McConville (L), Vern Elliott (S) and Robyn Dall (2).

As always, the club thanks the volunteers who keep the Thursday games going – people like Mark and Mick who look after the bar, as well as Clair, Gwen and a few others in the kitchen for all their help.

Next week, the bowlers will be meeting at Loch and the club looks forward to seeing all members turn up.

Please remember to be on site by 10am or maybe miss out on a great day's play.

Till next week, stay safe and have fun.

WONTHAGGI

IT was a good start to the week with Midweek playing on Tuesday.

Division 1 travelled to

Phillip Island on a fine day – perfect for bowls.

All rinks played well, to record a good win to start the season off.

The final scores Wonthaggi 77 Phillip Island 46.

Division 2 played host to Phillip Island at Wonthaggi, looking for a win to start the season off.

All rinks played well to record a solid win.

The final scores Wonthaggi 65 Phillip Island 56.

Division 3 travelled to Phillip Island, also looking to start their season off with a win.

All rinks once again played well to record a solid win.

The final scores Wonthaggi 85 Phillip Island 51.

Wednesday social bowls saw 26 bowlers take to the greens on a fine day with a slight breeze.

There was only one team that was a two-game winner with that team being Bryan Donohue, Toney Toler and Ken Gage with a score of two wins and 33 points.

It was still a good number of bowlers with the Inverloch Triples on as well.

Thursday saw a good number of bowlers enjoy a game of social bowls in fine warm weather.

Friday coaching was cut short with rain starting during the morning.

Saturday saw Division 1 travel to Leongatha, wanting to back up last week with another win.

The weather was not the best, with a cold wind on an overcast day.

Leongatha, coming off a win last week, was looking for another win.

Two rinks recorded wins with the other having a narrow loss.

The final scores Wonthaggi 56 Leongatha 53.

Division 2 played host to Inverloch at Wonthaggi looking for a win after a loss last week.

On a cold windy day, the conditions were not easy, with Inverloch looking to back up a win last week.

Two rinks had good wins with the other having a battle all day.

The final scores Wonthaggi 62 Inverloch 60.

Division 4 played host to Tarwin at Wonthaggi looking for a second win.

All rinks played well with two rinks having good wins with the other a narrow loss.

The final scores Wont-

haggi 66 Tarwin 57.

Division 5 travelled to Loch looking to continue on from a win last week.

Once again, all rinks played well to record a good victory.

The final scores Wonthaggi 71 Loch 42.

It was a good result for the club with all Pennant teams winning this week.

Bowls this week: Tuesday Midweek Pennant, Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday Pennant.

Don't forget the Basket Cabaret on Saturday, November 9, at 7pm.

The cost is \$10 per head and remember to bring your own nibbles.

There will be a live band with good music, so make sure you book your table.

Friday night once again went off well, with the members draw being \$80 next week.

Steve Babb and Trevor Teer both won a meat tray each.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

IT was another fun-filled week of bowling with a total of 46 players.

Tuesday's winners with a plus 11 were Phyllis Peterson, Carol Thorpe and Jim Rodhi.

Runners up on plus nine were Teresa Ireland, Judy Sweetnam and Jean Wylde.

Friday's winners on plus 10 were Helen Rook, Faye McKenzie, Mario Toffolon and Fred Demenech.

Runners up on plus seven were Thelma Kavanagh, Betty Huitema and Jenny Bakker.

The club would like to welcome new members Theo Sholley and Faye McKenzie.

The members are sure they will enjoy their time with the club.

On Wednesday night, the United Club had its competition against Mardan.

This is the 66th year the clubs have been competing against one another.

A great night was had by all – good bowling and an incredible supper.

The winner on the night was the only team to win three games – Judy Sweetnam, Jeannie Slocombe, Ian Hastie and Charlie Tumino.



Inverloch Bowling Club announces the 2024/25 Summer Season!

Inverloch Bowling Club is delighted to announce the launch of the 2024/2025 Summer Season. Following the successful introduction of new outdoor lights in May 2024, which enabled a highly popular night series, the club is excited to continue enhancing its facilities. The development of the upstairs facility is ongoing, with an opening date to be announced in the new year. This refurbishment promises to be a valuable asset to the Inverloch and surrounding communities for many years.

Corporate Community Bowls: Starting October 23rd and running until December 11th, the Corporate Community Bowls will resume on February 5th and continue until February 26th, 2025. Teams will compete for the title of 2024/25 champion. Participants can look forward to many BBQs and exciting prizes throughout the season.

Summer Barefoot Bowls: From December 27 to January 7, 2025, enjoy a relaxed and social version of traditional bowls. Open to all ages and abilities, no special equipment or attire is needed—just come and have fun! For booking times and costs, visit our new website.

Explore Our New Website: Inverloch Bowling Club is excited to unveil a user-friendly website for members, the community, and tourists. Discover all our amenities at www.invybowls.org.au

Become a member and enjoy the benefits:

- Participation in club competitions and events
- FREE Coaching and Training
- Opportunities to socialise with like-minded people
- Enjoy our club facilities and functions

President's Note:

We are delighted with the ongoing development of the Inverloch Bowls Club," said Club President Terry. "It's a fantastic way to enjoy the outdoors, meet new people, and experience the joy of bowling. We warmly welcome all tourists visiting over the Christmas and New Year period and invite them to experience the family enjoyment of playing this amazing game in a relaxed atmosphere, making their holiday memorable. Our new website makes it easier than ever to book a game and learn more about our club."

"I would also like to thank all of our sponsors for their ongoing presence at the club. These businesses support our local community, and we greatly appreciate their support. We look forward to seeing you down at the Inverloch bowling club.

For more information, please visit our website or contact us directly. Inverloch Bowling Club Website www.invybowls.org.au Phone Number 5674 1655

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Aussie Moto2 rider Senna Agius took his first Moto podium.



Aussie five-time World Champion Mick Doohan had the fans on their feet with a parade lap marking the 30-year celebration of his 1994 championship win.



Marc Marquez on his way to the chequered flag. All class MM.

Marquez

By Peter Cleeland

THOUSANDS of euphoric spectators poured onto the main straight at the Phillip Island Grand Prix circuit post-race to celebrate an unbelievable victory by Marc Marquez in the Australian Grand Prix. Marquez has the X factor, and he demonstrated his class in the main Australian Grand Prix race on Sunday. Despite fluffing his second start for the weekend and ending up tenth by Doohan Corner Marquez stormed back through the field to record a meritorious victory that had the crowd enthralled.

From the start, Championship leader Jorge Martin set up an early lead from arch-championship rival Pecco Bagnaia who couldn't get near the leader as much as he tried. Enter Marquez who after six laps had made up an amazing amount of ground coming from tenth to second. However, the Gresini Ducati rider took some time to close in on Martin who was setting a cracking pace.

One always felt that Marquez would leave his run until late in the race for an attack on Martin. In a duel that lasted three laps, both riders exhilarated the crowd with daring manoeuvres before Marquez created a buffer that would see him take the chequered flag by 0.997 seconds from Jorge Martin with Bagnaia a further 10 seconds back.

Ducatis filled the first six places with KTM's Brad Binder finishing seventh and Aussie Jack Miller a solid eleventh. Jack thrilled the crowd post-race when he pulled up at turn 11 and came over to the fence and threw first, his gloves into the crowd and then he presented a young boy with his riding boot before tossing the second boot into the crowd. In socks and bare hands, he mounted his KTM which took some time to restart before riding back to the pits to the tumultuous applause of his adoring fans. Miller had captured the spirit of MotoGP!

With three rounds to go in the Championship battle, Martin leads Bagnaia by 20 points but in motorcycle racing, there are no sure things in terms of outcomes. For Marquez, the win at Phillip Island was particularly sweet considering he has had four major operations to repair his battered body. What a prospect it will be to have Marquez riding for the factory team Ducati Lenovo in 2025! He may well be unstoppable in winning a seventh title.

Moto2 Mayhem

In the main Moto2 race pole sitter Fermin Aldegeur and Aron Canet staged a battle royale in a wheel-to-wheel contest that had the fans up and about. Coming into turn 11 on the last lap Canet tried to go around Aldegeur as the riders were shoulder to shoulder. With Canet running out of tarmac Aldegeur gained the upper hand to record an amazing victory by the slimmest of margins, 0.194 seconds.

For the home crowd excitement was at fever pitch when local rider Senna Agius claimed a well-deserved third placing, his first podium in his Moto racing career. Jubilant Japanese rider, Ai Ogura sewed up the 2024 Moto2 Championship by earning 13 points for his fourth placing.

Moto3 dynamic David Alonso

Columbian, Daniel Alonso demonstrated why he is the 2024 Moto3 champion with a dominating 2.9-second win over Daniel Holgado and Adrian Fernandez. The round 17 win at the Island circuit was never in doubt as Alonso simply skipped away from the pursuing pack to equal Valentino Rossi's record of 11 wins in one season.

Friday's gloom

In grey overcast conditions on a wet track the brothers, Marquez, dominated free practice 2 after weather dominated free practice 1 on Friday morning. Spectators could have more fun watching one-wheeled chariot racing such was the persistent downpour.

masterclass at MotoGP

Leaden skies greeted the MotoGP riders in the afternoon session with a drying track Marc Marquez was able to weave his magical talents to get down into the 1m.27s pace with brother Alex close behind. In fact, seven out of the first 10 positions were filled by Ducati such was the dominance of the Italian manufacturer.

Australian rider, Jack Miller had an inauspicious practice session running off at turn 4 on his second circuit and then trashing the bike at turn 6 nearing the end of the hour session. A middle-of-the-pack 12th placing on the timesheets placed him in qualifying one for Saturday's shootout.

Diehard spectators were both patient and philosophical about the torrential downpour that suspended Friday's program attributing the uncooperative weather to an unpredictable spring. Treacherous conditions brought about some turn 4 carnage during the Moto2 free practice session with a number of well-credentialled riders getting closer to the tarmac than they would have liked. Championship contenders Fermin Aldeguer and Aaron Canet lead Alonso Lopez on the timesheets for Moto2.

Daniel Alonso was pipped for the quickest in Moto3 by Angel Piqueras, with Adrian Fernandez filling third spot. Australians Joel Kelso placed 10th in free practice 2 while Jacob Roulstone placed 22nd. Both would be looking to get up the qualifying sheets on Saturday.

Marvelous Martin dominates Tissot Sprint (13 Laps)

Jorge Martin threw down the gauntlet to his main rival Pecco Bagnaia on a cloudy cold Saturday at the Island circuit. Martin qualified at the front of the grid with a blistering lap in the low 1m 27s with only Marquez half a second behind and Maverick Vinales further tenth back in third place.

When the lights went out to start the 13-lap Tissot Sprint Martin's superior speed was evident as he built an early lead. Marquez went wide at the start and was in 10th place by the first corner. Bagnaia who occupied second for much of the race could not close the gap on Martin.

A huge crowd witnessed high drama with many riders including Alex Marquez, Brad Binder, Pedro Acosta, Jack Miller and John Zarco all having spills of varying degrees of disaster. Aussie rider Miller was hampered early on in the race when he collided with a seagull that got stuck under his brake lever.

However, Maverick Vinales, (Aprilla) who had just passed Marco Bezzecchi's Ducati going into turn one was a victim of a horrific coming together at high speed. Bezzecchi's bike got caught in Vinales slipstream and when Marco applied the brakes his Ducati locked up crashing into the tail of the Aprilia. Flames burst from Bezzecchi's bike as both riders were catapulted into the kitty litter at 140mph plus. Emerging from the carnage Vinales hobbled away rightly disgruntled while Bezzecchi was stretchered off to seek medical attention. For his trouble, Bezzecchi received a long lap penalty from the stewards who were less than impressed with his failure to control the bike going into turn one.

While these shenanigans were going on Martin had established a 1.5-second lead to take him to victory from Marquez who demonstrated all his skills and class in fighting his way back through the field to take second spot. Bagnaia had faded to fourth while his teammate Enea Bastianini had made up a lot of ground to take third spot on the podium.



The Hot Wheels demo cars and motorbike team turned on the action with some hot drifting and burnouts between races.



Marc Marquez celebrating his momentous victory.



Eighty-year-old Giacomo Agostini, the former 15-time World Champion, thrilled the large crowd on Saturday with two parade laps.



Big weekend at the Island

THE sight of these monster trucks, making their way across the San Remo Bridge last Wednesday, and not the big 'Home Coming Ride' led by Aussie legend Mick Doohan on Thursday signalled the start of festivities around Phillip Island's hosting of the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix.

The trucks put on two shows on each of the three GP days as part of the spectacle of motorsports at the famous Phillip Island GP Circuit.

PHILLIP ISLAND TENPIN

Phantom: 1st place on 172.5pts HSB, 2nd place on 164.5pts Filthy Frank and 3rd place on 163pts Ghan.

2s Company: 1st place on 22pts King Pins, 2nd place on 20pts Jail and 3rd place on 18.5pts Pimpushers.

ABL: 1st place on 140pts Dreamers, 2nd place on 137pts Storm and 3rd place on 128.5pts The rollers.

Business Early: 1st place on 6pts Happy hour, 2nd place on 5pts Old Timers, 3rd place on 3pts Turkey Slappers and 4th place on 3pts Wooly Balls.

Business Late: 1st place on 5pts The Big Ds, 2nd place on 5pts Holy Splits, 3rd place on 4pts City Lights and 4th place on 3pts Team Rich.

Top scorers:

Men: Les Peters and Justin Porthouse 221, Steve R Clarke 199, Glenn Martin 188.

Woman: Shannon Felmingham 165, Penny Wolswinkel 151, Bec Bertram 149.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND BRIDGE CLUB

OCTOBER 15 at Wonthaggi RSL:

First: Alan Johnston and Lois Dwyer 63.43, Second: Phillip and Nev Chapman 60.65, Third: John Quayle and Matti Shub 59.72, Fourth: John French and Deb Anglim 59.26, Fifth: Faye Rowlands and Bruce Higgs 55.09.

October 18 at Inverloch Angling Club:

First: Bronwyn Sund and Marie Sands 56.67, Second: Chris Hall and Doug McIntosh 56.00, Second: John Quayle and Matti Shub 56.00, Fourth: Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 55.33, Fifth: Julie McPhee and Phillip Chapman 54.67.

LEONGATHA SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB

20m Bench Pennant - Section D:

ROUND four: Leongatha A 597.015 defeated Camberwell A 595.019.

200.007: Christopher Sargent, 199.003: Kenneth Hart, 198.005: Jack Sargent, 97.005: Bradley Hall.

Ladder: Horsham 16, Leongatha A 12, Camberwell A 8, Mildura A 8, Brunswick 4

20m Bench Pennant - Section G:

Round four: Leongatha B 584.011 defeated Sale C 584.009.

197.001: Robert Spratt, 196.005: Peter Gallus, 191.005: Lucy Bradbury-Ryan, 190.005: Michael Ryan.

Ladder: Frankston C 16, Leongatha B 12, Sale C 12, Mildura B 4, Oakleigh C 4

20m Bench Pennant - Section I:

Round four: Benalla B 595.021 defeated Leongatha C 573.006.

193.003: William Ross, 192.003: Alan Ross, 188.000: Cameron Davidson, 187.004: Mathew Eldridge.

Ladder: Benalla B 16, Kyneton 12, Leongatha C 8, Camberwell B 8, Portland 4

The club shoots on Friday nights at 8pm at the rifle club on the Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

Any inquiries, please call R. Spratt 5664 2358.



Beth Curram and Jenny Alexander were the winners on medal day at the Foster Golf Club.

FOSTER

ON Wednesday, Beth Curram (23) turned back the clock and fired off an awesome round of 85 scratch, 62 net, to win this month's ladies' medal.

Beth had a day for the ages that saw her win the putting with a very impressive 24 putts as well as winning the A Grade net and scratch awards.

Sharing it between the captains, Jenny Alexander (36) won the B Grade net and scratch awards with 108 off the stick, 72 net. There were 13 players on the day that was sponsored by Elisa Nudelman.

Barb Britten (23) won a ball down the line with 73 net, as well as nearest to pin on the sixth.

Likewise, Kylie Collins (14) won nearest to pin on the 17th and a ball down the line with 76 net.

Saturday saw the biggest field for the week.

Scott Rathjen (6) won the day on a countback with 37 points and picked up the A Grade trophy that was donated by Garry Buckland.

B Grade's winner was Owen Kindellan (18) with 35 points.

Owen was also nearest to pin on the 13th.

Balls down the line went to Graeme Watkins with 37 points, Jye Kruyer (+2) with 36 points and Aaron Morris (1) with 34 points.

The remainder of the nearest to pins were spread around –Aaron Morris fourth, Simon Barwick sixth, Bernie Esser 15th and Jye Kruyer 17th.

This week's chicken run was won by Graeme Watkins with a superb 22 points.

For the week, there were 18 players that played the back nine.

Gary Phelan (25) had 20 and 18 points to win two balls down the line.

Meanwhile, John Pruyne (19) had 19 points to win the third ball.

This coming week, chicken run will be played across the front nine with hopefully another good field.

Also this week, there will be the usual Stableford competitions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Next Saturday, Johnny Danckert will be donating the trophies for a Fourball Stableford event.

On Tuesday, there were 23 players who played a round of Stableford.

Randy Reusch (18) won the day with a beautifully crafted 37 points.

Robin Smith (18) and David Blake (21) both had 35 points and received the first two balls down the line.

Kevin Flett (12) had 34 points and James Marks (21) had 33 points to win themselves the remaining balls down the line. Peter Dight was nearest to pin on the fourth and Peter Jordan was nearest on the 17th.

On Thursday, 14 players witnessed Larry Giddy (17) win with 39 points.

Larry found himself nearest to pin on the sixth as well.

David Hutchinson won the second nearest to pin when he was closest on the difficult par three, 15th.

Graeme Watkins received a ball down the line with 36 points as well as Peter Riedel (22) with 34 points.

There was a full house on Friday night in the clubrooms, everyone was there trying to claim the member's draw.

Alas, the unlucky member wasn't there, so now the members draw is up to \$1200. Who will win it? Could it be you?

Remember, you must be in the rooms for your chance to win.

Until next week, play for the heart of the green.

The Caddy.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, October 15. Stableford: 28 players.

A Grade: Mick Belvedere (20) 33 points.

B Grade: Allan Twite (37) 32 points.

NTPs: first Brian Clasby, 10th Allan Twite and 13th Wayne Knights.

Thursday, October 17: Stableford: 10 players.

Winner: Mark Marotti (34) 37 points.

NTPs: first Wayne Knights.

Saturday, October 19: Stableford: 37 players.

Sponsor: Brian and Marg Clasby.

A Grade: Grant Williams (17) 42 points.

B Grade: Peter Hornibrook (23) 32 points.

NTPs: first Brian Pope, seventh Jason King, 10th Donald Van Rooye and 13th Peter Hornibrook.

Ladies

THERE was lovely weather for golf last Wednesday.

Many members played in the first round of the Singles knockout with a number of close matches – one going to the 20th hole.

For those who weren't involved in the knock-out or had a bye, there was a Stableford event, with some great scores recorded.

Lyn Perks (34) had a lovely round to finish with 38 points and Deb Wrigley (32) was not far behind with a nice 37 points. BDTL went to Barb Twite (28), 36 points and Johanna van den Heiligenberg (14), 35 points on a c/b from Kerri Besley (18).

Barb Walker (36) won the nine-hole competition with a terrific 19 points.

NTPs went to Kerri first, Trudy Olden second shot on the seventh, Lyn 10th and Deb 13th.

The rain deterred many who had planned to play golf on Saturday.

NTP fifth second shot: Craig Hams at .05m. NTP 14th: Simon



Woorayl Golf Club's Pink Day grade winners Linda Forrester, Kath Davis and Heather Sullivan with sponsor Inge Giliam.

Deb Wrigley (32) had a win with an impressive 35 points given the conditions.

NTPs were Trudy Olden, again with the second shot on the seventh, and Trudi Mantell was closest on the 13th green.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, October 15: Stableford.

Tuesday's Stableford round had 62 members/guests take to the course.

Players again were able to choose tee off from either blue or yellow markers.

A Grade winner: Albert Hayes (10) with a score of 37 points.

A Grade runner up: Josh De Groot (14) with a score of 36 points.

B Grade winner: Norman Hughes (16) with the high score of the day of 38 points.

B Grade runner up: Peter Waters (20) with a score of 37 points.

C Grade winner: Hans Hoefer (30) with a score of 32 points.

C Grade runner up: Michael Snoxell (25) with a score of 31 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: Paul Kennedy. NTP 14th: Craig Hutchinson. NTP 16th: Ian Barlow.

Thursday, October 17: Shotgun Stableford.

This Stableford round was a shotgun start with 71 members/guests taking to the course in the warmest spring conditions so far for the year.

A Grade winner: Rod MacKenzie (11) with a score of 38 points.

A Grade runner up: Norman Hughes (15) with a score of 36 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Malcolm Legge (18) with a score of 39 points.

B Grade runner up: Jeffrey Brewer (19) with a score of 38 points.

C Grade winner: Alan Sperling (29) with a score of 39 points.

C Grade runner up: Anthony Seabrook (30) with a score of 37 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: Steve Foster. NTP 14th: Craig Hutchinson. NTP 16th: John French.

Saturday, October 19: Vern Pease Ambrose event.

The Vern Pease Ambrose event is a highlight Leongatha Golf Club board event for the club, with appreciation to the Pease family for their generous sponsorship.

Ninety-one members/guests taking to the course.

Overall winners:

1: Nicole Whiteside, Chris Indian, Kay Dumbleton and Brendan Simon with a score of 57.5.

2: Stuart Harry, Daniel Jolley, Jason Dennerley and Steven Pisasente with a score of 58.75 on a countback.

3: Mark Wilson, Dave Brownnett, Mick Reinhard and Rod MacKenzie with a score of 59.625.

NTP fifth second shot: Craig Hams at .05m. NTP 14th: Simon

Kaiserman at 1.91m. NTP 16th: Kate Rowe at 3.60m.

Ladies

THERE were two competitions running concurrently last week.

Six women were playing match play in the first round of the annual Cashin Cup match play event.

The remainder were enjoying a relaxing Stableford event.

Of the 18 women in the Stableford event, Karen de Groot amassed 40 points to win well ahead of the remainder of the field.

Balls down the line went to Janet Monk, Wendy Brown, Neryl Hopcraft Cheryl Borg, Marianne Leaver, Shirley Welsford, Teresa Bennett and Jenny Fraser.

Nearest the pin on the 16th was won by Neryl Hopcraft.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, October 15: Stableford.

A Grade: N. Bickerton (10) 40 points.

B Grade: D. Taylor (27) 34 points.

DTL: N. Whichello 33, T. Tomada and J. Kus 32 c/b.

NTP: fourth C. Gardener, sixth N. Thompson and 16th D. Taylor.

Birdies: fourth N. Whichello and 16th D. Taylor.

Saturday, October 19: two-person Aggregate Par.

Winners: S. Mills (10) and R. Scurlock (10) four up.

DTL: Tim Traill and N. Bickerton -2, and J. Kus and W. Reynolds -2.

NTP: sixth Tim Traill, 13th B. Bradshaw and 16th B. Bradshaw.

Birdies: sixth Tim Traill, 13th R. Scurlock and B. Bradshaw.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: October 17, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Bruce Betts 40.

Runner up: Jonathon Wade 39. Ball sweep: Ian Murrells 37, Chris Wilkinson 37, Graeme Crawford 36 and Keith Ridout 36.

Results: October 17, SR. 34.5. Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.

Winner: Ray Hender 19.

Ball sweep: Norm Burne 18 and Keith Ridout 18.

Results: October 19, S.R. 71. Competition: Stableford.

A Grade: Brad Andrew 38.

B Grade: Garry Bates 36.

C Grade: Steve Terrill 37.

BDTL to 33 C/B.

Ball sweep: Kevin Jamieson 37, Hamish Burns 36, Aaron Yann 36, Bruce Betts 35, Graeme Crawford 35, Peter Brewster 34, Phillip Dynes 34, Sam Horvath 34, Stephen Kane 33 and Eric Van Agtmael 33 C/B.

NTPs: Kevin Jamieson second, Hamish Burns Propin eighth, Stephen Judd 13th and Ian Baker money hole 17th.



A Grade winner Grant Williams at Korumburra Golf Club on Saturday.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's grade winners were Donna Brosnan and Kaylene Hodgetts. Absent: Geraldine Prentice.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY saw 23 ladies play a par round of golf.

The day was perfect for some great scores.

The round of the day was B Grade winner Kaylene Hodgetts (27) +6.

A Grade's winner was Geraldine Prentice (25)-3, and the C Grade winner was Donna Brosnan (33) +1.

BDL to -5.

The only NTP was claimed by Geraldine Prentice.

At the same time, the final of the 4BBB Board Event was played and the pair of Layla Robertson (33) and Karen Sheerin (40) took the early lead and defeated Marg Johnson (15) and Merryn Dear (18) 4/2.

WOORAYL

Ladies

SO much fun was had on Flag Day.

The game was Stroke and 13 players enjoyed a great day, sponsored by Inge Giliam.

The morning started off overcast, but soon became warm and the conditions were very pleasant.

It was nice to see some in shorts and skirts.

The A Grade winner was Heather Sullivan 78 net, B Grade Linda Forrester 82 net and C Grade Kath Davis 72 net.

BDL went to Sherrill Winkler 75 net, Joan Smith 76 net and Elly Berryman 80 net.

NTP on eighth was Kath Davis, 11th Heather Sullivan and 17th Sherrill Winkler.

Gobblers to Ann Poole eighth and Pauline Lancaster second. Birdie to Sherrill Winkler 17th.

Woorayl Ladies donated \$1000 to Breast Cancer from the Pink Day.

Wombats go down to Warrandyte

ON Tuesday, October 15, the West Gippsland Wombats over 70s played the undefeated Warrandyte.

The Warrandyte ground was in excellent condition, and it appeared that 200 runs would be a par score. Warrandyte won the toss and sent the Wombats in to bat.

The Wombats opened with the captain Fred Debono and Carl Muscat. They both retired by the 10th over with a score of 43. Keith Houghton retired after a well-compiled 31 off 30 balls.

The score had progressed to 132 by the 27th when the Wombats lost four wickets for four runs, as Neil White 24 (27) was caught by Ian Coutts off the bowling of Bob White. Basil Kehayas 0 (3) caught by Ian Coutts off the bowling of Bob White, Russell Ferguson 16 (29) was LBW to Noel Sharpe.

Mike Newton 5 (7) became Ian Coutts' third victim when he was stumped off the bowling of Paul Denton.

Jim Gregory 2 (9) was bowled by Bob White and White claimed his fourth wicket when he bowled Jon Martindale 14 (23). The score was 168 when the Wombats lost their ninth wicket, as Jim Armstrong 5 (17) was run out by Noel Sharpe. Fred Debono 28 (34) and Carl Muscat 27 (43) returned and batted until the end of the 40th over to take the score to nine for 184. John Ryan and Norm Barnfield opened the batting for Warrandyte, and they both retired by the 10th over with the score on 46 – Ryan 24 (30) and Barnfield 18 (30). Gary Charman 4 (5) was the first wicket to fall when he was brilliantly run out by a return from Basil Kehayas to Russell Ferguson.

Kehayas ran out the next batsman Bob Rogers 12 (19) with a throw to Neil White. The score was three for 98 in the 19th over. John Ryan 25 (31) and Norm Barnfield 27 (33) were not out, and Warrandyte were eight for 185.

Gippsland Goannas over 60s

IT WAS a cool morning at the Duncan Cameron Oval in Traralgon on Sunday as the captain of the Gippsland Goannas over-60s cricket team won the toss and elected to bat against Pakenham over 60's.

Ray Floyd and Mark Brown took the score to 36 in the ninth over when Floyd was caught for 20. Brown retired for 30, from 44 balls, and Rob Taylor and Ian Southall took the score along quickly, putting on 64 runs in eight overs. At the twenty-over drinks break the score was 1/118.

Taylor retired for 41 from 34 balls, while Southy retired for 35 from 26 balls. Rob Bacchetti, 33 retired from 28, Derek Morris 10, Peter Anton, 7, Neil Meredith 26 from 29, Bernie Symons 8 and Chris DeVent 22 not out, all helping to take the total to a formidable 5/245 after forty overs.

The breeze was a consistent westerly keeping the conditions cool but the sun/windburn factor came in as Pakenham started their innings with Symons and Gordon Cowling taking the new ball.

After bowling four tidy overs and taking 2/8, Symons was replaced by Barrie Nunn with his left-arm swingers ensuring the batsmen were watching carefully.

Carl Muscat was well caught by Bacchetti from Nunn's bowling as the score reached 3/25 in the eleventh over. Cowling's eight overs, 1/13 had the Pakenham captain lbw and the score at 4/50 when drinks were taken at the twenty-over mark. Anton's six overs, 1/12 and Kel Bond, six overs 1/25 continued to keep the pressure on the Pakenham batsmen.

Bacchetti, five overs, 3/14 and Meredith, three overs 1/7 kept the pressure up as the Pakenham innings concluded in the fortieth over for 123 runs.

The Goannas had been very good in the field with keeper DeVent taking three catches, two absolute 'classics', Cowling held two and Bacchetti and Meredith one each.

Dyson Heppell joins Borough

WHILE many hoped to see Dyson Heppell pulling on a Parrots jumper next season after his retirement from Essendon, he's not ready for a shift back to Leongatha yet, signing on for two years as a playing assistant coach at Port Melbourne.

Heppell is keen to learn from former Western Bulldogs Senior coach Brendan McCartney who has taken on the role at Port Melbourne, and is also thrilled to reunite with champion Bomber James Hird, the Borough's director of coaching.

Having just left the AFL system, Heppell is impressed with what stand-alone VFL side Port Melbourne offers.

"The deck and facilities are incredible here," he said in an interview shared on Facebook by Port Melbourne.

After a season in which the Borough finished 16th in a 21-team competition, Heppell's experience is sure to prove valuable, especially for the younger players on the list, and he is confident he is in the right shape to contribute strongly onfield.

"My body's still fit and healthy and I'm excited to still play at a pretty good level of footy and see what we can do down here at the Borough, and it should be



Dyson Heppell visits Leongatha during his Essendon days and is now set for a new challenge with Port Melbourne. A07_1822

a fun year," he said.

The new recruit enjoyed watching VFL footy during his time as a Bomber, attending plenty of games at Port Melbourne's home ground, North Port Oval.

He knows a few of the Borough players and is looking forward to bonding with the rest of the squad.

Heppell is determined to help the club build towards success and wants to be part of ensuring it provides a great family environment and strong culture.

He described Hird as "an incredible mentor in the early stages of my career and a great friend", having also enjoyed McCartney

guidance as an assistant coach at Essendon.

Heppell expects the Borough to be fiercely competitive onfield and is determined to see the club push for finals success.

Fingers crossed he can be a part of Port Melbourne's 18th Senior men's premiership, adding to VFL flags in 2011 and 2017 after the Borough was a powerhouse club in the VFA era.

Leongatha fans may have to wait a little longer to see Heppell in the green and yellow, but the Parrots have worked hard over the past month to retain players against recruiting pressure from neighbouring clubs.

Weather calls off LDCA Cricket

ALL cricket matches were once again cancelled due to inclement weather.

Friday's wet weather event eliminated the possibility of all juniors, C Grade and B Grade getting a game come Saturday.

Leongatha and District Cricket Association (LDCA) held onto the hope that enough grounds would be in suitable condition for A Grade to go ahead as usual.

Unfortunately, A Grade was cancelled around 8am Saturday morning.

The cancelled round will have no impact on the draws for A and B Grade, or the juniors, moving forward.

However, C Grade is yet to play a full round with a shortage of C Grade cricketers due to footy trips and other reasons prompting the LDCA to delay the commencement of C1 and C2 competition until Saturday November 16.

Kookaburra over 60's bounce back

TAKING on Research Raiders last Sunday the Kookas were keen to get back on the winners list.

Skipper Francis lost the toss leaving the Kookas champing at the bit with the new ball.

'Ol Wighty' and 'Wony Lej Mitch' kept it tighter than the approaching local council elections.

With fewer runs than the average councillor's expense list, in the end the Kookas held the game Research Raiders to a very gettable 10/120.

Best of the trundlers included master blaster Peiter Loos with a match-winning 4/20, President White with a devastating 3/15, Geoff Sunderland forever Birnie 1/7 and Robbie reliable Francis, 1/19.

Behind the pegs, Birnie and Mitchell were superb with the gloves.

After a sumptuous lunch the dynamic duo of Peter punisher Petro, 19 and Vic skipper Peter Millsy, 28 got the Kookas off like a rocket.

Enter man of the match, master blaster Loos who hit 29 from 25 balls with valuable support from Mitchy Mitch 6no, Keith evergreen Houghton 7no and Geoff Mr Reliable Birnie 3no, the Kookas cruised to a very pleasant victory at 5/121.

A special welcome to Victorian rep. Col Knox and equal number one supporters Trevor Tiga Wilson and wonderful Waza Hayes.

Special mention to the OMK Cricket Club for one of the most delightful grounds there is in Australia.

So, the Kookas are back and looking for more fun, great cricket, and having our mates, supporters and of course our wonderful partners and families at our backs.

Track cycling up and running

TRACK cycling commenced last night at the Leongatha Velodrome under the auspices of the Leongatha Cycling Club.

But for those youngsters still interested in enjoying the thrill of the track under adult supervision and coaching there's still time to join in.

Track is on again this and every Monday; arrive between 5.45pm-6pm and you'll be given the opportunity to have a ride around the track. Parents are certainly welcome to come along and ask questions, etc.

The Leongatha Cycling Club is hoping to purchase a few more bikes in the coming months if demand exceeds supply of bikes.

The club is soon to have its annual meeting; this takes place on Tuesday, November 19 at 7.30pm, all welcome at the Leongatha RSL Club. Prior to this, at 6.30pm, members are welcome to come along and have a meal before the meeting.

COME AND TRY TRACK CYCLING

Join the Leongatha Cycling Club at the Velodrome to try Track Cycling

Free to come and try, for all ages 8yo +

All you need is a helmet and a drink bottle, the club can supply a bike



5:45PM - 7PM
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For more information, contact Steve on 0413 884 130

C Grade delayed

A SHORTAGE of C Grade cricketers due to footy trips and other reasons has prompted the Leongatha & District Cricket Association (LDCA) to delay the commencement of C1 and C2 competition until Saturday November 16.

All C Grade matches will be one day games, with the season running for 14 weeks and teams playing each other twice.

LDCA president John Schelling said the fixture will be redone.

While C Grade competition was originally scheduled to begin on October 5, wet grounds caused the cancellation of the opening round and Round 3.

Two C1 matches were completed in Round 2 on October 12, with Wonthaggi Club beating OMK and Kilcunda Bass defeating Korumburra, while C2 players are yet to take to the field.

The results of the C1 matches already played will count, with the competing teams to be given a bye.

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

ROUND 4 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

A GRADE, Division 1

Phillip Island v Town

COWES

Glenn Plymin

OMK v Korumburra

OUTTRIM

Shane Moore

Koonwarra L/RSL v Imperials

LEONGATHA TURF

Ashley Stride

Club v Nerrena

WONTHAGGI TURF

Ken Scrimshaw

A Grade, Division 2

Inverloch v MDU

Inverloch Turf

Ian Salmon

Nyora v Glen Alvie

Nyora

Brad Phillips

Foster v Kilcunda-Bass

Foster GC

Ozzie Williams

B GRADE, Division 1

Korumburra v OMK

Korumburra

Michael Thomas

Club v MDU

McMahon Res.

Steve Williamson

Nerrena v Inverloch

Nerrena

Neil Graham

Phillip Island - BYE

B GRADE, Division 2

Glen Alvie v Nyora

Glen Alvie

Geoff Parkinson

Town v Foster

Scorpion Park 1

Michael Ryan

Imperials v Koonwarra L/RSL

East Campus

Les White

Kilcunda-Bass - BYE

Subject to Confirmation.

Any prospective umpires can contact
Geoff Wyatt 0413 081 136
or Doug Pell 0404 301 333



KORUMBURRA-BENA
FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
GIANTS

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, November 13

7.00pm at Korumburra

Showgrounds Amenities Complex

Nomination forms are available from
the secretary by emailing
secretary@kbfngiants.com.au
for 2025 Committee

Any queries phone Nadine
on 0409 189 150

KORUMBURRA-BENA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB PRESENTATION NIGHT



The 2024 Seniors award winners for Korumburra-Bena were Most Consistent Tyler Newton, Most Improved Byron Walker, Fred Holland Memorial Best and Fairest Josh Hopkins, Best Team Person Kodie Walker and runner-up Best and Fairest Kye Benson. Absent: Evan Allaway (Coaches award) and Joel Cuman (Most Promising U21 Player Ian Hillberg Memorial).



Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club life member inductee Graham Brooks.



The Giants' U18s award winners were Best and Fairest Bruce Paterson Memorial Jake Fowles, runner-up Best and Fairest Tanner Walker, Most Improved Bailey Fowles, Most Dedicated Jack Crocker and Coach's award Charlie Carew. Absent: Christian Swell (coach).



Best and Fairest U18s player Jake Fowles was presented with the Bruce Paterson Memorial trophy.



The Giants' U13 award winners were Best and Fairest Anika Edwards, runner-up Best and Fairest Zeannah Harland and Most Improved Sophia Belvedere. Their coaches were Sienna Cruickshank and Jemayar Graham.



Mick and Caz Graham were the Robyn Connell Memorial Best Club Person Award winners. The Giants thanked them for working tirelessly around the club.



Korumburra-Bena's U11 winners were Best and Fairest Myka Fawcett, runner-up Best and Fairest Sianna Coote and Most Consistent Pipper Le Serve. They are pictured with coach Tara Dixon



The Best and Fairest Fred Holland Memorial trophy was awarded to Josh Hopkins. Joffa Holland presented the trophy on behalf of the family.

KORUMBURRA-BENA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB PRESENTATION NIGHT



Korumburra-Bena's Youth Girls award winners were Best and Fairest Melissa Diggerman, runner-up Best and Fairest Hannah McCraw, Coach's Award Molly Boulter, Most Determined Jada Burggraaff, Best Team Person Bella Harland, Most Improved Jazmin Lowe, X Factor Chloe Brown and Leading Goal Kicker Hannah Thomas. They are pictured with coach Tyson Findlay.



Korumburra-Bena's Reserves award winners were Best and Fairest Jesse Harris, runner-up Best and Fairest Jasper Macri, Most Consistent Blake Walker, Most Improved Jack Donohue, Best Team Person Curtis Morley, and Coach's Award Jed Harris. Macri was the coach.



Korumburra-Bena's U16s award winners were Best and Fairest Max Fowles, runner-up Best and Fairest Indie Cameron and Most Consistent Chase De Grandi. They are pictured with coach Jordy Graham. Absent: Hamish Withall (Most Determined) and Jesse Gollop (Best Team Person).



The U15s award winners for the Giants were Best and Fairest Amelia Le Serve, runner-up Best and Fairest Isabelle Egan and Most Improved Isabelle Elford. Their coaches were Belinda and Mackenna Whiteside.



The 2024 Korumburra-Bena A Grade winners were Best and Fairest Gemma Dixon and Most Consistent Elisha Nicholas. The coaches were Gemma Dixon and Kate Attenborough. Absent: Ashlee Cuff (runner-up Best and Fairest).



The B Grade award winners for the Giants were runner-up Best and Fairest Sienna Cruickshank and Best Team Player Caitlin MacDonald. They are pictured with coach Kate Attenborough. Absent: Millie Enbom (Best and Fairest).



Korumburra-Bena's Most Promising juniors were Max Fowles and Mackenna Whiteside.



Korumburra-Bena's U17s award winners were Best and Fairest Mackenna Whiteside and runner-up Best and Fairest Chelsea Fox. They are pictured with coach Ange Williams. Absent: Alyssa Edwards (Most Determined).



The D Grade award winners for Korumburra-Bena were Best and Fairest Belinda Whiteside, and runner-up Best and Fairest Britt Kilpatrick. They are pictured with coach Emma Fowles. Absent: Zoe Patterson (Most Consistent).



Coach Ange Williams with the Giants' C Grade award winners Best and Fairest Claire Brown, runner-up Best and Fairest Sophie Walker and Most Determined Charlee Walker. Absent: Emma Graham (coach).



The U12B awards for the Leongatha Knights went to coach's award winner Bodhi Prosser, runner up best and fairest Joseph Watt, and best and fairest Albert Sammonds, pictured with coach Andrew Watt.



U17s runner up best and fairest Lisse Bath with her brother Senior Men's best and fairest Ethan Bath.



Brandy Clifford won the U17s coach's award.



The Knights' U17s best and fairest winner was captain Patch Wilson.



The Miniroos enjoyed a great season with the Leongatha Knights.

Knights celebrate season's achievements



Leongatha Knights' U12A award winners were runner up best and fairest Chayce Vivian, best and fairest Louie Thomas and coach's award recipient Henry Boyd. They are pictured with coach Gerry Austin.



Leongatha Knights' U13 girls coaches Ana and Lisse presented awards to runner up best and fairest Hannah Matthews, coach's award recipient Jess Pedlow, and best and fairest Caitlyn Jacobs.



Leongatha Knights' Reserves coach's award recipient Colin Devenish, best and fairest winner River Thomas, and runner up best and fairest Brian Gannon.



The Knights celebrated Women's captain and runner up best and fairest Bernie Fitzgerald, coach and 100 game recipient Peter Milkins, best and fairest recipient Naomi Eaton and coach's award recipient Val Langlet.



The 2024 Leongatha Knights Senior award winners were coach's award recipient Nick Bongers, best and fairest Ethan Bath and runner up best and fairest Aidan Hall.



The award winners for the Leongatha Knights U14s were best and fairest Noah Bowman, runner up best and fairest Sebastian Merino and coach's award recipient Dylan Cowell.

THE Leongatha Knights Football Club held its presentation night following a successful season.

It was a great night, celebrating the stars of the season and those who achieved exciting milestones.

The award winners were:

U12A: Best and fairest: Louie Thomas, Best and fairest runners up: Lachlan Christensen and Chayce Vivian, Coach's award: Henry Boyd.

U12B: Best and fairest: Albert Sammonds, Best and fairest runners up: Joseph Watt, Coach's award: Bodhi Prosser.

U13 Girls: Best and fairest: Caitlyn Jacobs, Best and fairest runner up: Hannah Matthews, Coach's award: Jessica Pedlow.

U14: Best and fairest: Noah Bowman, Best and fairest runner up: Sebastian Merino, Coach's award: Dylan Cowell.

Senior Women: Best and fairest: Naomi Eaton, Best and fairest runner up: Bernadette Fitzgerald, Coach's award: Valentine Langlet.

Reserve Men: Best and fairest: River Thomas, Best and fairest runner up: Brian Gannon, Coach's award: Colin Devenish.

Senior Men: Best and fairest: Ethan Bath, Best and fairest runner up: Aidan Hall, Coach's award: Nicholas Bongers.

U17s: Best and fairest: Patch Wilson, Best and fairest runner up: Melisse Bath, Coach's award: Brandy Clifford.



Wonthaggi Under 14 Boys A won their match by 35 points against Korumburra on Saturday. ob15_4324



Heinrich Nellen puts up a good defence against Wonthaggi's Cruz Hill but ultimately were no match for them on the day in the U14s Boys A. ob16_4324

Teams gather for successful Korumburra junior tournament



Phillip Island had a close win of 6 points against Traralgon on Saturday at the Korumburra Wildcats Junior Tournaments. ob19_4324



William Sargent and Max Mortimore jump up to take the rebound. ob26_4324



Wonthaggi Under 14 Boys B Navy won by eight points against Sale on Saturday in the Korumburra Wildcats Junior Tournament. ob23_4324



Leilani Lightowler for Korumburra dominates the play over Wonthaggi. ob61_4324



The Under 18s for Poowong Panthers had a 13 point win over the Phillip Island Rips on Sunday. ob65_4324



Nathan Bohenzky for Poowong gets some air before going for the shot. ob67_4324

Wonthaggi Coasters

@Nikarealestate Wonthaggi Coasters Womens & Mens CBL teams kicked off the 2024 season with a home game against Pakenham on October 12.

A big home crowd turnout for the opening round saw two hotly contested matches, and the littlest Coasters in Under 10 Girls enjoyed a game day experience with the Women's team.

Unfortunately, neither team came away with a win, but there were plenty of positives to work with for the season ahead.

Women's: Pakenham Warriors def NIKA Real Estate Wonthaggi Coasters 77 to 72.

The team got off to a strong start, leading 19-14 at the end of the first quarter. Amy Scott played a key role, using her size effectively to secure good positioning on both ends of the court. On defence, Gemma Thomas and Kelly O'Neill created several turnovers, disrupting the opposing team's flow. Eva Garnham's impressive shooting kept the team competitive throughout the game. However, in the final moments, game conditioning led to the team losing steam, narrowly falling 72-77 despite their hard-fought efforts.

Eva Garnham 22 points. Amy Scott 21 points.

Deery Consulting Player of the game: Amy Scott

Men's: Pakenham Warriors def NIKA Real Estate Wonthaggi Coasters 78 to 71

It was the first game for juniors Rob Hullick and Alex Coppa, along with former junior Max Scott, and newcomers Vin Monaghan, Trent Westaway, and Angus Kemper. Facing off against a big, athletic Pakenham team, the Coasters started to gel quickly, moving the ball well and finding open shots. Defensive pressure was solid, and all players contributed in the first half, with the Coasters trailing by just one point at halftime.

However, in the second half, foul trouble and Pakenham's size began to take its toll. Despite great shooting from Jett Garnham, who led with 27 points, and Vin Monaghan with 25 points, the team couldn't quite close the gap, ultimately losing a hard-fought battle 71 to 78.

Deery Consulting Player of the game: Vin Monaghan

This week Coasters take on Traralgon at 5.30pm at Bass Coast Community City Stadium.

Newcombe awarded Peter Crimmins Medal

MIDFIELDER Jai Newcombe recently won Hawthorn's highest individual honour, claiming his maiden Peter Crimmins Medal following an excellent 2024 campaign.

After consecutive runner-up finishes in the last two seasons, the 23-year-old finally broke through to claim the coveted title in a thrilling vote count on Saturday night.

Newcombe (155 votes) finished just nine votes ahead of runner-up Dylan Moore (146), followed by Jarman Impey (119) in third place.

Newcombe's first Peter Crimmins Medal caps off a sharp rise to stardom for the former mid-season draftee.

The Poowong product has barely put a foot wrong in his first three full seasons to date, finishing on the Peter Crimmins Medal podium for a third-straight year.

Season 2024 saw Newcombe take his game to new heights, ranking above average in disposals (24.8), clearances (5.9) and tackles (4.4).

In addition to cementing himself as a key cog in the Hawks engine room, Newcombe's growing leadership has been pivotal in propelling the next generation of brown and gold stars.

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The Under 19 Girls for Korumburra defeated Wonthaggi in their final at the Korumburra Wildcats Junior Tournament on Sunday. ob60_4324

Teams gather for successful tournament

KORUMBURRA Basketball Association ran another successful junior tournament last weekend.

The annual tournament attracted 140 teams to the area – an increase on last year's numbers – with around 1500 registrations.

Teams travelled from as far as Bairnsdale all the way through to Phillip Island.

The games were played across seven venues – the Korumburra Basketball Stadium, Korumburra Secondary College, the Bass Coast Community Stadium, the Meenyan Basketball Stadium, Poowong

Basketball Stadium, the Warragul Leisure Centre Stadium and the Bellbird Park Indoor Centre in Drouin.

The tournament was completely run by volunteers over a massive two days.

Different age groups played across the two days, giving families a one-day format that was greatly appreciated.

"We've had a lot of positive feedback," tournament director Jean Hill said.

"We'd like to thank everyone who helped us out. Thank you to

all the volunteers, the people who let us use these venues, and our referees."

The grand final results were as follows:

U10A boys: Warragul Warriors defeated Traralgon T-Birds 21-20.

U10B boys: Meenyan Wolves defeated Foster Breakers 17-8.

U10A girls: Maffra Eagles defeated Traralgon T-Birds 25-4.

U10B girls: Sale Sonics defeated Warragul Warriors 14-11.

U12A boys: Maffra Eagles defeated Warragul Warriors 35-22.

U12B boys: Bairnsdale Bullets

defeated Traralgon Maroon 27-22.

U12A girls: Traralgon T-Birds defeated Warragul Warriors 45-27.

U12B girls: Wonthaggi Coasters (Sky) defeated Phillip Island Rips 19-11.

U14A boys: Warragul Warriors defeated Wonthaggi Coasters (Sky) 39-28.

U14B boys: Maffra Eagles defeated Warragul Warriors (Black) 26-25.

U14A girls: Warragul Warriors defeated Maffra Eagles 26-14.

U14B girls: Phillip Island Rips defeated Traralgon Maroons 26-23.

U16A boys: Warragul Warriors defeated Sale Sonics 63-34.

U16B boys: Warragul Warriors (Black) defeated Warragul Warriors (Red) 41-34.

U16 girls: Korumburra Wildcats defeated Warragul Warriors (Black) 33-16.

U19 boys: Maffra Eagles defeated Moe Meteors 44-18.

U19 girls: Korumburra Wildcats defeated Wonthaggi Coasters 50-16.

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